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GOOD PROPAGANDA

By CHARLES V. STANTON

President Truman in his "fighting" speech of acceptance at Philadelphia declared he was calling the 80th Congress into special session to afford the Republican majority an opportunity to enact legislation proposed in the G.O.P. platform. But in his message to Congress Tuesday, he demanded enactment of the democratic platform and a considerable part of the platform of the Henry Wallace party. His "message," rather than being a constructive suggestion to Congress, was a first-rate political campaign speech designed to attract votes from all sides.

He would, according to his pronouncement, do the impossible by cutting the cost of living while raising the wage minimum, increasing old-age assistance, and upping the pay scale for federal employes.

On the left wing, he would institute a socialized health program, repeal the Taft-Hartley act, install a long-range farm program, set up a national science foundation, strengthen anti-trust laws, and provide more federal aid to education. Vote-getting flytraps!

He wants acceptance of increased immigration of displaced persons, more money for TVA, completion of the St. Lawrence waterway, and passage of Civil Rights legislation.

Many readers and radio listeners, however, will not stop to consider the points listed above because they were prefaced by discussion of the vital problems of high prices and housing shortage. The public mind is deeply concerned with these issues, which, consequently, command the interest of readers and listeners.

Grants of Power Sought by President

"Viewing with alarm" the high cost of living, the President requested many grants of power.

He wants power to limit profits and prices. He asked power to control wages, but qualified that request with a statement that such power would be used only to "force a break in price ceilings," and immediately hastened to add that "non-inflationary wage increases can and should continue to be made by free collective bargaining." Who is to decide what wages are "non-inflationary."

He seeks power to ration scarce commodities, put curbs on credits, and control commodity speculation.

Are these requests consistent? Are they honest?

The proposed authority would give the president control over both excess and normal profits. Is a fair and equitable solution for the high cost of living to be found in taking profit out of industry and business while leaving the way open for increasing wages—the laboring man's "profit"?

Will our housing shortage be eased by passage of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill, which would clear slums and permit major profits to building contractors erecting housing projects in large cities? Should we provide housing in municipal areas, where unemployment already exists and where the unemployment load would be increased by additional housing, or should we spread our housing and population out into the smaller communities where jobs are available? The Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill is good political fodder but will it give the benefits desired?

These are some of the practical questions we should be asking.

What Are the Political Implications?

We also should be asking some questions about the political factors involved in the message.

As a start, would it be practical, in view of the fact that we are in the midst of a presidential campaign with the very distinct possibility that we may have a change in administration soon, to endow the President with the broad grant of power he desires? It is a certainty that should he be given those powers he would use them for one purpose, and one purpose only—that of getting votes. The powers would not be used for the long-range benefit of the nation, but only for short-time influence on the November election. He might, for instance, slap on price controls which would greatly disturb the national economy, but the effects would not be generally felt until after November and in the interval he would receive credit—and votes—for bringing down the cost of living, even though the aftermath might be disastrous.

He puts Congress on the spot by declaring all eight points of his cost-of-living program to be essential for "balance." Therefore, if Congress fails to grant ALL his requests, he has an "out" by shifting the blame back on Congress.

The "message" is filled with inconsistency and political trickery, but it is good campaign propaganda—for Truman.

Tot Survives Fall Of Three Stories

SAN DIEGO, Calif., July 28.—(AP)—A year-old boy fell three stories from a hotel window to the pavement below. "It is a miracle," sobbed the mother in relief yesterday, "that my baby is alive."

She had just been told by the hospital that little Anton John Dickerson was going to recover. Mrs. Robert Dickerson, 30, said he had unlocked the hook and eye catch on the screen of the low window.

Police took the unconscious child to the hospital, where he remained under observation. A bruised cheek and blackened eye were the only visible injuries.

Mrs. Dickerson said she and her husband, employed at an aircraft plant, were living in the

hotel room because they couldn't find a home they could afford to rent.

They came here three weeks ago from Vernonia, Ore., where they left two other children, Lolita, 7, and Mary Jane, two months, with friends.

HOW TO FOOL HUNTERS
BOISE, Idaho.—(AP)—An open season on cattle is suggested by an Idaho livestock grower as a means of reducing the killing of cattle during big game hunting season.

"Every year," says John J. Hightgate, "scores of cattle—to say nothing of horses, mules, sheep and other hunters—are shot by hunters who mistake them for game animals. Deer and elk are thereby saved, and continue to roam our hills in unabated numbers. All we have to do is to declare an open season on cattle and close the season on deer and elk."

OUT OUR WAY



"Our Syrian Guest" is one of those little books ideal for a gift, but if borrowed is so liked that it is delayed in returning... that's why I can't tell you the author's name. (Who has it, I wonder? I guess I'll have to get another one to lend!)

I was teaching Sunday School when I first read it years ago. I was charmed with it because it was written by one who spoke Aramaic, one who knew the Bible lands. As near as I can recall, he said that even today the sheep in the hills of Judea are shepherded exactly the same as 2,000 years ago.

There they do not drive sheep; they lead them. "The sheep know my voice" and follow the shepherd. They will not follow a stranger.

There the mountain streams are so tumultuous (as in Oregon!) making it dangerous for sheep to drink out of the rushing water; so the shepherd takes a place for the water to fill—and the sheep drink from "still waters."

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home is gone (and you can't tap the old man again for a certain length of time) you face stern realities.

The light in the dark woods turns out sometimes to be a will o' the wisp that leads you farther on into the wilderness and then GOES OUT. You're then worse lost than before.

And, lying under a tree while fruit drops into your mouth, you get TIRED of fruit. You get a yen for thick steaks broiled to a turn and maybe smothered in fried onions, with cream gravy on the side.

Such things NEVER fall off of trees.

That's the trouble with the something-for-nothing business.

"GIVE AND TAKE" peace with Russia sounds like all of these delectable things rolled into one luscious lump. The trouble with it is that it is so very, very likely to wind up with us doing all the giving and Russia doing all the taking.

As a matter of cold fact, that is what HAS happened in the case of all the little nations that have dealt with Moscow on a give-and-take basis.

IN a spirit of good, clean fun, you tackle a slot machine. Maybe the third or fourth coin you push in brings the jackpot. You wonder how long this has been going on and are irked because nobody has told you about it before. You walk on deeper into this beautiful project of give and take.

You discover eventually that you have done the bulk of the giving and the machine has done the bulk of the taking.

But by then your pockets are empty.

It must have been a thrilling emotional binge, from all we can read. But there was a specter at the feast. The specter was Communism. Now and then the stage machinery slipped and the specter became visible.

One delegate, for example, got scared by the talk of foreign

By J. R. Williams

Slaying of Union Agent Confessed By Sailor, AWOL

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 28.—(AP)—A hitchhiking sailor, AWOL from San Diego, Calif., confessed yesterday that he and a companion beat and shot a union business agent whose body was found on a highway near here, Sheriff Robert E. Brady said.

The sailor is Donald Lewis Lillard, 23, Los Angeles. The victim was William O. Fischer, 53, of Portland, Ore., business agent for the Master Mates and Pilots' Union of Portland.

Lillard named Harold Raymond Coe, 17, of Camas, Wash., as his companion.

Lillard's statement said Fischer picked the two men up from the highway late Saturday night or Sunday morning. They "rode around for awhile," Lillard said, then went to a beer tavern in Skamania County, Washington.

Afterwards, Lillard continued, they decided to rob the man.

The sailor said he hit Fischer over the head with a pistol as he was driving the car. Then, Lillard said, he fired four shots from the pistol. Two of them entered Fischer's head. Then they dumped his body out about 40 miles east of here, and drove off in the victim's car.

They were arrested in Clark County last night when a deputy sheriff noted their car had no license plates. Under questioning, Lillard confessed.

Presumably, during their ride through Skamania County, Sheriff Brady said, Fischer gave them the impression he had money. The widow later told the sheriff \$2500 in bonds were missing. Also, she said, her husband habitually carried upwards of \$100 in cash of his own funds and some union money with him. None of this was found. The sheriff said the Coe home would be searched again.

'Cowboy Jim' Again In Jail on Kidnap Charges

GEARHART, Ore., July 28.—(AP)—John Harvey "Cowboy Jim" Bugg, whose tattooed fingers were his downfall, is in jail again.

Bugg was first arrested here last spring. He was a riding academy instructor and kept his fingers taped. Youngsters, who had heard a radio crime story of a man with "L.O.V.E." tattooed on his fingers, tipped police and Bugg was taken to Tulsa, Okla., on an Oklahoma charge of kidnaping the Greenfield, Mo., sheriff and taking him to Kellyville, Okla.

Two weeks ago Bugg came back, free on bail until October.

His arrest Monday, Sheriff Paul Carney said, was on a Missouri warrant in the sheriff's kidnaping.

Eugene Municipal Band To Play at State Fair

SALEM, Ore., July 28.—(AP)—Eugene's Municipal Band has been named as the official band for the Oregon State Fair, to be held here September 6 to 12, Fair Manager Leo Spitzbart announced.

The band, directed by J. H. Stehn, will play several times daily, including performances at the afternoon horse races and

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

A GOOD IDEA

The East Oregonian, Pendleton. One of the most aggravating experiences during night driving is to meet another driver who refuses to dim his lights. Probably everyone who reads this can easily recall many times he has been forced to come almost to a stop as some "light hog" rolled by, blinding everyone in front of him. Occasionally a serious, or perhaps fatal accident occurs through just such a meeting.

Fortunately, the great percentage of night drivers keep their foot on the dimmer, ready to drop their lights whenever they approach another motorist. But a small but infuriating percentage continue to refuse to dim their lights.

Now comes a Haverhill, Mass. shoemaker, 64-year-old Earle T. Edwards, who has invented an electric eye that automatically dims headlights of an approaching automobile. He says his gadget is comparatively simple and is based on the same principle used on doors operated by an electric eye. He also adds that several insurance companies have sought to buy his invention outright for a "considerable sum," but that he is holding out for royalties.

If insurance companies, who frequently pay heavy damages because policy holders figure in accidents caused by high lights, are interested to that extent, Mr. Edwards must have a workable device. If it wasn't really good, the companies wouldn't bother with it.

Chief trouble, of course, would be to get all drivers to attach the gadget to their headlights. But, in view of the property and lives it would save, it sounds like a good idea. If state legislatures were to require all drivers to use such a gadget.

Maybe, then, a person could drive with more safety after sundown.

OFFENDERS FINED

Justice of Peace Thomas C. Hartfield reported the following fines imposed in his court Tuesday:

Aaron Dysert, drunk on a public highway, \$25; Kenneth B. Worthington, truck overload, \$15; Armand Kobs, vehicle unit overload; Ralph Gilbert, vehicle overload; Frank M. Lamborn, operating vehicle in left lane of traffic; Melvin M. Gilham, axle overload; Robert G. Smith, no vehicle operator's license, and Louis G. Beauvain, axle overload, each fined \$10.

"wells" at its Beltsville, Md. laboratories. Brown's material will be tried against a chicken disease, possibly coccidiosis.

Termination Of Parole Assailed As Political Move

LOS ANGELES, July 28.—(AP)—John Roselli, sentenced in New York to a 10-year prison term in connection with the \$1,111,000 dollar shakedown of motion picture producers several years ago, surrendered yesterday under a warrant issued by the federal parole board which terminated his parole.

Immediately after he surrendered, Roselli's attorneys filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus, charging the parole termination was arbitrary and due to political considerations.

Attorney Otto Christensen said a congressional committee demanded the termination of paroles of Roselli and four others in "hearings that were made use of in an apparent effort to discredit the Democratic administration, the parole board and the attorney general." He said the legislative committee searched for evidence of corruption and undue influence in granting Roselli's parole "but no such evidence was obtained."

Roselli was convicted with Willie Bjoft and others for threatening reprisals against movie producers in labor-management relations in the industry.

He battered the worried little guy down and the delegates approved a plank saying: "We believe with Henry A. Wallace that there is no difference that cannot be settled by powerful, HOFFE-FUL negotiations."

That pretty well told the story. When it came to the pinches, the friends of Russia rallied 'round. If you have a suspicious turn of mind, that will confirm you in the belief that Moscow's idea is to do the taking while we do the giving.

'Master Cell' To Spur Plant Life Just Cement Dud

MIDDLEBORO, Mass.—(AP)—Farmer John Brown's discovery—a "master cell" which he claims makes plants grow faster and aids in curing diseased chickens and cattle—is nothing more than cement as far as Massachusetts investigators can determine.

State Chemist Joseph T. Walker examined four of Brown's cement matrices—in which the farmer claims to have encased his discovery—and said he was unable to detect in them any property not possessed by an ordinary concrete block.

Walker soaked the four discs, roughly resembling clay pigeons, in water for several hours and analyzed the broth. But, he reported, the broth was no stronger than water.

The state chemist also x-rayed the matrices, but all he could find were the usual grains of sand. The so-called "master cell" failed to appear for its camera test.

In Washington, the Food and Drug Administration said it is going ahead with tests of the

the nightly rodeo-horse show. Spitzbart also announced that three free vaudeville performances would be given daily on a stage built on the midway.

He said livestock exhibits must be entered by August 6, earlier than usual to give fair officials a better chance to allocate exhibit space.

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