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A FOOLISH DIRECTIVE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Now that Congress appears to be giving the brush-off to President Truman's "emergency" session, and sufficient time has elapsed to fully study his "message," the recall and the presidential "directive" keep looking more and more foolish.

A special session of Congress usually denotes that some acute situation has developed. There were rumors that the Berlin situation had reached a crisis and that the President's announcement that he was calling Congress back into session simply was camouflage to hide his real intent of having Congress handy in case the European situation reached the declaration of war stage.

Such rumor was far-fetched, but was doubtless in the minds of many people, including some congressmen. In view of the fact that another war probably will start without declaration, coupled with the present-day ability to recall Congress into session within 24 to 48 hours through the medium of air transportation, even the tight Berlin situation would hardly justify a recall unless the President had secret information of an immediate change in conditions.

His "message," however, concerned issues which have been hashed and re-hashed not only by the 80th Congress but by preceding sessions as well. Nothing in his presentation, aside from high prices and housing, could possibly be construed as an emergency.

Prices and housing are two problems which cannot be solved overnight—a fact which the President, as a former senator, knew full well.

Who's Double Crossing Who?

What was Truman's real reason for recalling Congress? Was it simply to embarrass the Republican majority, or is the President double-crossing his own party?

Democratic strategy is quite obvious. With little hope of winning the presidential election, the Democrats are working to unseat Republicans in Congress and regain control of the legislative branch of government. Truman was the reluctantly accepted, fire-breathing dragon at the party's nominating convention. Placards stating, "We're just MILD about Harry," prominently displayed by some of the delegates, were indicative of feeling at the convention.

Truman, in his acceptance speech, appeared to be following party lines in heaping censure upon the 80th Congress, but his indictment involved the Democratic minority even more than the Republican majority.

Is Truman tossing the party overboard in retaliation for being thrown to the wolves by the convention?

Claude Ingalls, editor of *The Corvallis Gazette-Times*, points out that 56 percent of the Democrats in the House and 74 percent in the Senate voted to override the presidential veto on social security coverage; 27 out of 37 Democratic Senators voted to override the veto on tax reduction, being joined by 82 out of 166 Democrats in the House; that 80 percent of the Democrats in the House voted against the President's bill on offshore oil lands; 60 percent in the House and 45 percent in the Senate voted to override the veto on the Taft-Hartley labor act and more than 55 percent voted against the anti-poll tax bill.

If Truman is to paint the 80th Congress with a black brush, he is smearing his own party members as well as the majority party. That doesn't fit too well with strategy to gain control in Congress.

From the standpoint of practical politics it would seem foolish for either party to grant to Truman the power and authority for which he made request, when the uncertainty of the November election is considered.

Should the Democrats gain control of Congress they may want something altogether different than Truman proposes. Should the Republicans retain their majority, and at the same time gain the presidency, it is quite certain their program will be widely different than that offered by Truman. Any legislation to lower prices or improve housing conditions requires long-range planning and execution. It would be most impractical to place unlimited power in the hands of an executive who may be ousted from office in November, while Congress also may be slated for major changes.

The whole situation raises the suspicion that someone is getting the double-cross.

Sutherland Seeks More Funds For Recreation Center

SUTHERLIN—The Sutherland Park and Recreation Center fund has reached a total of \$1,625, gathered from the Centennial Celebration held July 3, 4 and 5. Mayor William O'Dwyer announced Secretary Edward Murnen of the Sutherland Central Planning Committee, in a meeting Friday, July 23.

To gain further funds a dance is being held each Saturday night at the Community Hall and features a six-piece orchestra, the Sutherland Trail Blazers. Sponsoring the dances are 15 organizations which include: Lions Club, Saddle Club, City Council, Rebekah Lodge, Rod and Gun Club, American Legion, CIO and AFL Unions, Fair Oaks Grange, Sutherland Grange, Legion Auxiliary, Volunteer Firemen, Parent-Teachers Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans and Associated Business Women's Club.

Exact plans for the facilities to be included in the recreation center have not yet been drawn up.

It will be located on the east side of town where the present carnival and baseball grounds are located. Chairman H. W. Chenoweth of the city Park Board stated that within three weeks the necessary plans will be presented to State Superintendent of Parks C. H. Boardman to gain state aid. The site was purchased from the county for the legal consideration of one dollar.

The Central Planning Committee extended its thanks to all who devoted time and material to make the Centennial program a success.

City Offers Gold Wedding Rings to 50-Year Wives

NEW YORK, July 30.—(AP)—The city has offered gold wedding rings to New York couples who—like the city—are celebrating their golden anniversary.

Four hundred couples already have applied.

The rings will go to those who have documents, proving they were married in one of the city's five boroughs in 1898, the year the boroughs were consolidated.

Mayor William O'Dwyer will present the rings to the brides of 50 years ago at a golden wedding exposition.

OUT OUR WAY



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Vahnett S. Martin

Two communities in Southern California were divided by "Center Street." There were two chambers of commerce, two post-offices, two everything.

For many years residents with vision had sought to combine the two communities into one. But the name was the major stumbling block. Neither group would give up its own "individuality." The editor of the local newspaper, published in the southern half, used both names in his masthead, and managed to get by that way.

Along with many a civic problem was a continual squabbling over all sorts of things; a kind of civic jealousy, neither side willing to give an inch, yet with civic-minded residents both sides of Center Street urging and wishing a combined community that would "go places" if all these little deterrents were out of the way.

A major boulevard ran through the two towns: Paramount Boulevard. Someone conceived the bright solution of naming both communities "Paramount!" The

idea caught on, slowly but—as it proved later—surely. Bit by bit opposition lessened, fears about loss of individuality, objections to expense in new names, concern lest there be confusion, all gave way in time to a willingness to "try it."

Uncle Sam was consulted; yes, the postoffice could be named Paramount. Voting proceeded in due time.

One day there came a letter postmarked "Paramount, Calif." I looked at the postmark for some minutes, thinking...

The two communities didn't have to fight it out with guns and men! Their leaders finally sat around a table and planned something that in time would please everybody. Why in the world can't two world-girdling national "es do the same thing?"

Can you imagine Canada and United States fighting things out? Nor Great Britain and our country, for that matter?

Then why not other countries? Little by little... the world does progress. Upward!

In the Day's News

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erately conservative government of France "fell." (When, under the European parliamentary system, the "government," which corresponds to what we call the "administration," fails to hold the support of parliament, corresponding to our Congress, the government "falls" and they name another one.)

The new government of France, just named, is also middle-of-the-road conservative, with no Communists and no extreme "right" followers of General de Gaulle. It is made up wholly of members of parties who favor THE CAUSE OF THE WESTERN ALLIES.

Whatever the future holds, we'll be a lot better off with France on our side. France has been weak and helpless for a long time (due to too much demagog politics) but don't rub France off your slate.

The real French are our kind of people.

In his message to the Congress he called back into a special summer session, President Truman calls (among many other things) for limited price control and an excess profits tax to help check the rising cost of living.

He wants these things (and others) to avert "another great depression." A depression in America, he says, "would scuttle the world's hope for a lasting peace." He adds that the Communists, both here and abroad, are counting on our present "prosperity" fizzling out, which would be disastrous in every way. We must KEEP IT GOING, he says.

All of which is first reader stuff. The only difference of opinion is on how to keep it going.

It seems to this writer that the trouble with "limited" price control is that it doesn't stay limited. When you limit one commodity, people turn to the production and the consumption of another commodity. (If, for example, cigarettes became too hard to get, we'd all turn to

smoking pipes.)

The great trouble with our former system of price ceilings lay in the fact that the ceiling was full of holes. Every time you leave a hole in a price ceiling (especially if you do it in the hope that it will favor some of your friends) YOU CREATE A PROFITEER.

THIS writer has an old-fashioned notion that if we're going to limit prices we'd better go it whole hog and put a flat ceiling over everything—with no holes for profiteers to wriggle through.

WISE, realistic, carefully drawn excess profits tax might be all right. But even there we'd better go carefully.

The basic, statesmanlike purpose of a sound excess profits tax is to prevent too much profit. There's a lot of moonshine about what constitutes "too much" profit. If there isn't enough profit to buy new tools as they are needed, our industrial system will bog down.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

MALCOLM EPLEY

In the Herald and News, Klamath Falls Political speeches (and editorials, too) can kick back at you like the crank of a Model T in the good old days.

For instance, there was the case of Sam Rayburn, the demagogue's permanent Philadelphia chairman, and his crack about governors.

Mr. Rayburn, burning the republicans with the hottest blasts he could emit from his leather-lined Texas throat, pointed out that the republican ticket is headed by two governors. The idea seemed to be that they had been "sheltered" by giving their public service in the states while others were in the national congress where they had to face and record their views on national issues.

There might be something to what he had to say, but it was strange, indeed, speaking to that throng of worshippers of Franklin D. Roosevelt, to imply that governorships are not good proving grounds for presidents.

The governorship of the state of New York has special significance in this connection.

By J. R. Williams

Boys Write Of Daily Routine At Camp Silver Creek

Three of the five Roseburg boys attending the Camp Silver Creek encampment near Salem, sponsored by the YMCA this week, have written letters to the News-Review, describing their outing.

Charles Andrus writes: "I am havin' a nice time here. It's lonesome sometimes and at other times it's great. We have regular rules to follow, like getting up at 7:30 and then go to flag raising, then to chapel on a hillside, and then to breakfast. We have a lovely swimming pool, but the water is freezing."

Paul Looker says: "I am enjoying the camp very much, and I am glad I came. We have chapel every morning and camp fire every night. It is a bit lonely and quiet, but fun. We have to get up every morning at 7:30 and go to bed at 9 o'clock. All the boys seem to be very nice."

Clyde Pope goes more into detail, in his letter, in which he described the daily procedure from rising at 7:30 a.m., through flag raising, chapel, breakfast and washing dishes. The morning, he said, was given over to recreation around the camp, cabin cleanup, and then dinner. After dinner came a rest period, then games, swimming, and flag lowering.

"We had a half-hour to spare between flag lowering and dinner, as dinner would be late," he said. "After dinner we went to our unit lodge, where we discussed a

few things. Then off to bed we went."

The other boys attending are Walter Monger and Bert Millard. Arbuckle's Shoe Store is sponsoring three of the boys at the camp, and paying transportation for all of them.

Special Foods Adds To Poundage Of Camp Fire Girls

Camp Fire Girls at Camp Tye have been enjoying extra-special treats during the past two weeks, according to reports from camp, although the food as a whole is hard to beat. Camp cook is Mrs. William Woods, whose reputation for putting out good food in generous portions is adding "pounds" to many girls.

One girl at camp last Sunday said "I just can't help but have seconds and thirds, the food is so good. I know I must have added six pounds because all my clothes are getting too tight."

According to Mrs. Bud Ellison and Mrs. Jack Chapman, members of the supply committee for the summer camp sessions, several families and businesses have sent treats to the camp during the past two weeks. Horn's Super Creamed store and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Springer furnished ice cream the first camp session. James E. Conn is supplying four turkeys each week for the girls and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ellison were donors for a watermelon feast this week.

Such food as this is "extra special" and any parent or group of parents who would like to furnish treats for Bluebird week,

which begins Sunday, are asked to contact Mrs. Ellison or Mrs. Chapman by telephone in order that it may be added to the menu.

Offices Designated To Handle Timber Domain

PORTLAND, July 30.—(AP)—Bureau of Land Management offices will open at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Bend, Ore., early next month to handle public domain timber lands.

Foresters now with the Portland office will be in charge—Marion Nance at Coeur d'Alene, Kenneth Burkholder at Bend. The Coeur d'Alene office will cover Idaho and Northeastern Washington; Bend, Eastern Oregon; and Portland, Western Washington and Oregon.

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Compensation For Disabled Vets To Be Increased Oct. 1

Several thousand Oregon veterans with service disabilities rated 60 per cent or more will be eligible for higher compensation Oct. 1, in the form of allowances for dependents, Clifford Fields, Veterans Administration representative for this area, said today.

About 3500 veterans in this state are rated as 60 per cent disabled, and those who have proof of dependents on file with the VA will receive added amounts ranging up to \$91, Fields pointed out.

Compensation boosts will depend on degree of disability and number of dependents. Under previous law, payments were based only on degree of disability, plus statutory awards for amputations, blindness and certain other handicaps.

For a veteran totally disabled by war service, the new law gives these dependency allowances:

Wife but no child, \$21; wife and one child, \$35; wife and two children, \$45.50; wife and three or more children, \$56; no wife but one child, \$14; no wife but two children, \$24.50; no wife but three or more children, \$35; plus \$17.50 for each dependent parent.

Comparable rates for peace-time service-connected total disability are somewhat lower.

Veterans in training under Public Law 16 or the GI bill may choose between the compensation boost and subsistence for dependents, if they are receiving the latter.

Lions Urge Strong Stand Against Red Infiltration

NEW YORK, July 30.—(AP)—Lions International has called for a strong stand against "further encroachment of the Communist way of life."

The service club issued the call in a resolution adopted yesterday at the final session of its four-day annual convention at Madison Square Garden.

The resolution said there has been an upsurge of Communist doctrines in the past three years and they "constitute a dangerous threat to the peace and tranquility of the nations affected."

The new president, Dr. Eugene S. Briggs, of Enid, Okla., appointed the retiring president, Fred W. Smith, of Ventura, Calif., to represent the Lions in September at the general assembly of the United Nations in Paris.

Other resolutions urged by the Lions included: Statehood for Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Northwest Air Service To Hawaii Assured

(By The Associated Press) Direct air service between the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii appeared assured today.

Authorization of the service by President Truman was announced last night by Governor Wallgren in Olympia and Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon in Washington, D. C.

Announcement of the president's approval climaxed a long campaign for the route. It appeared near last March when the CAB gave its approval. Presidential action was withheld then, however, because of Post Office Department opposition on grounds that the air mail subsidy cost would be excessive.

C. of C. Supplies Nickels For Overtime Parking

LA GRANDE, Ore., July 31.—(AP)—A nickel will be put in the meter to save a fine for overtime parkers—and by a cop, of all people.

The City Administration said shoppers were sometimes unavoidably delayed. So, on Adams Avenue, for the first overtime meter will put a nickel in the meter and tuck an envelope under the windshield wiper.

The tardy motorist will—the commission hopes—send a nickel back in the envelope. The Chamber of Commerce puts up the nickels.

PERPETUAL MOTION AND CLASSIC CARVINGS



Two items of unusual interest came to our mind this week—the Atmos clock and the story of carved gems. First we'd like to describe the nearest thing to perpetual motion—the dream that became a reality.

THE CLOCK THAT LIVES ON AIR

The Atmos clock was the conception of a physicist—a clock wound by the variations in the temperature of the air. The hundred year old firm of watchmakers, Le Coultre, made the dream come true. Now that the clock is perfected and we see it running we are tempted to say "here is perpetual motion."

The Atmos clock is wound by an ingenious aero-motor. The heart of this motor is a metal bellows, filled with an inert gas which expands and contracts as the temperature rises and falls. If the temperature in any day were to vary as little as two degrees, it would still be enough to keep the clock running.

The works of the Atmos are downright ingenious. A massive looking horizontal wheel suspended by a thin wire of Elinvar metal acts as the balance wheel. This wheel oscillates once every minute. Every wheel, gear, pinion and jewel is finished in the finest degree of precision. Even the hands are poised and counter balanced. The combination of slow motion and ultra precision reduces friction and insures exceptionally long life for this time-piece.

SET IT—FORGET IT

You needn't ever wind this clock nor supply it with electricity. Simply place it on a level surface, unlock the balance wheel and happily forget it. You may close your house for a season or for years and on your return you'll find the Atmos clock serenely recording the time accurately. You might imagine an instrument of this type would cost many thousands but Knudtson's retail the Atmos for three hundred fifteen dollars—not a high price for "perpetual motion."

FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS

Carved gems, cameos and intaglios are among the oldest forms of jewelry worn by man. The Greeks started carving intaglios about 310 B. C. and the art was later perfected by the Romans who remain to this day the masters of gem carving.

Cameos are carved from shells and banded sardonyx in which the different colored layers of the stone or shells are utilized to contrast the relief from the background. Intaglios are stone carvings in which the design is cut below the polished surface of the stone.

A ROMAN CRAFT

These type of carvings are very popular for men's rings—a holdover from the days of the Roman empire. Because the Romans had no efficient postal system their only assurance their letters and documents would not be opened and inspected by enemies was to impress the design of their carved ring into soft wax which sealed the letter. Every influential Roman had his own seal in the form of a carved stone intaglio. His friends depended on this individual seal as assurance the documents to which the seal was impressed was original. Most of the seals were in the form of a crest or classic facial design—many times the profile of the owner.

INVALUABLE

Good cameos and intaglios are pieces of art which, like paintings, have no absolute measurable value. The finest intaglios of the Romans have never been duplicated and collections of the fine carved gems are priceless.

Cameos are the most common form of carved stones. The finest shell cameos are carved from conch shell of Africa which have alternate bands of pink and white. Only the African shells exhibit the deeper pink stones. Italian cameo carvers do most of the carving today. Knudtson's have an extensive display of fine cameos in a gorgeous array of designs and colors. Prices for cameos start at 12.50.

S. E. P.

Have you read "Beware of Gyp Jewelers," which appears on page 25 in the July 31 issue of The Saturday Evening Post? We urge you to read this article; it points out much we've said in these series.

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