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THE CRY FOR A KING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Oregon Statesman, published at Salem, recently commented in its editorial column as follows:

What do the freshly painted signs for Technocracy signify? That question has bothered us as it has the California woman who wrote County Judge Murphy to learn the answer. And the judge doesn't know.

Technocracy was one of the offspring theories of depression days, another of those schemes to restore prosperity. Instead of talking about funny money it tinkered with machines and man-hours. It was somewhat too involved to become popular—the Townsend plan was easier to understand and attracted a greater following.

Recently Technocracy has had a fresh burst of life, with a convention in California and these new signs blossoming along the highways. They excite attention which is the first bid for interest. One wonders where the money is coming from to promote the enterprise; but the birthrate on suckers is not diminishing.

Technocracy is a political ideology which probably will have its day in the sun and die out as have so many other ideas and experiments. But the roots which nourish Technocracy will not die out with the withering of the flower. They will branch out again in differing form as they have throughout the centuries of civilization.

Technocracy proposes a world-wide government founded upon science. It would make government a machine, supposedly to operate with machine-like efficiency. In other words, it is totalitarianism and regimentation in a somewhat differing form than has existed in the past, but the pattern is basically the same.

Centuries before the birth of Christ as Samuel, the last of the Judges, was growing old and began considering a successor, the Elders of Israel came to Samuel and said: "Give us a king to judge us."

Here was a nation that had a divinely directed government—a government perfect in its form and marred only by the disobedience of its people. But people were not satisfied with their government, even though God had the directing hand. They saw other nations with kings, so they, too, wanted kings. They were warned then of the fruits of what we today call totalitarianism but they ignored the warning. Read the words of Samuel and then compare his description of a totalitarian government with Hitler's government in Germany, or Uncle Joe's iron hand in Russia, or Franco's Spain.

Samuel said:

This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots. And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and he will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.

And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive yards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. And he will take the tenth of your seed and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your sheep; and ye shall be his servants.

Can we find in modern language a better description of the operation of totalitarian government? Yet, despite the warning, Israel demanded—and got—a king.

People today still demand kings. If the ideology is not Nazism or Fascism or Communism, it is some other ism.

Some people want to be taken care of. They want a paternalistic government that will free them from personal responsibilities of citizenship. They hesitate to make decisions for themselves. They haven't the ambition for self-determination. So we have minority factions proposing ideologies of paternalism and regimentation in which the individual is subject to absolute authority. Technocracy purports to offer a scientific democracy based upon individual productive efficiency, but, actually, it is only an offshoot from the roots of centuries-old theories of totalitarianism.

In our own country today we are entering into a heated presidential campaign—a campaign that will determine the course of our nation for the next four years and possibly longer. Our politicians well know the staggering number of "gimmies"—people who want the government to do things FOR them. So, we will find campaigners promising Utopias and the dreamed-of but never realized something-for-nothing.

It would be well if our voters would condition themselves for the campaign by dusting off their Bibles, refreshing themselves on the political history of Israel.

Next Secretary Of Interior Western Man, Dewey States

EN ROUTE WITH DEWEY TO DENVER, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey said yesterday that if he is elected in November he will name a secretary of interior from the West who has no bias in the California-Arizona water dispute.

The Republican presidential nominee, called a train news conference for friendly discussion of the dispute over division of the Colorado River water in the lower basin area.

Dewey said if he wins in November he will appoint an interior secretary "from 11 western states who is not in the slightest,

remotest degree, related to the controversy" between California and Arizona.

He conceded this would virtually bar appointment of anyone from either state.

Earlier, Dewey told a crowd estimated at 8,000 persons at Sterling, Colo., that if he becomes president he will drive any Communists from government office.

"You won't need a congressional investigation to find how many Reds you have in your government," he declared.

At another stop, he accused the Democrats of "talking through their hats" in charging the GOP congress with cutting reclamation funds.

The Circus Maximus in which Roman games and gladiatorial contests were held is estimated to have seated 350,000 spectators.

That's Why He's Going to Be Hard to Oust



Escaped Convict's Freedom Brief

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 22.—(AP)—A 19-year-old State Prison convict made a dramatic escape yesterday, but he was caught by State Police in Albany less than an hour later. Deputy Prison Warden E. C. Halley said.

Halley said he believed a second convict accompanied the youth, but he could not be certain until he checks up.

The convict, Henry F. Brown, crawled over the roof of the cell block, climbed down to the ground, and then hurdled a 15-foot steel fence to gain freedom. It happened at 12:30 p. m. in broad daylight, without any guard seeing him.

Halley said Brown stole a truck and drove it to Albany, where State Police picked him up.

Brown entered prison four years ago from Clackamas county to serve 10 years for assault and robbery.

He escaped two years ago, but was recaptured after only three hours of freedom, Halley said.

First Navajos Enrolled At Oregon Indian School

SALEM, Ore., (AP)—The United States Indian School at Chemawa has a record enrollment of 500 pupils, including the first Navajos ever enrolled there.

The 100 Navajos came from reservations in New Mexico and Arizona. Many of the Navajos will have to be taught to speak English.

Modern Version of Carmen Differs From 'Flicker' Days

NEW YORK.—(AP)—The movies have stuck another stiletto in poor old Carmen, the greatest female knife-cushion in literature.

For more than a hundred years now this Spanish gypsy wench has been giving men's hearts a wrench—on the printed page, on the operatic stage, on film, and over the radio.

She has been killed and revived more often than vaudeville. But every time she expires—from a knife thrust through the heart by her lover—it isn't blood she's shedding. It's a profits-transfusion for the box office.

This durable girl has had quite a history. Prosper Merimee, the French writer, scribbled her story in 1845 for three reasons—to please his greatest love, his greatest friend, and because he needed to buy a pair of pants.

It was essentially the story of a beautiful Gypsy lass with the morals of a mink who changed lovers as often as she did her earrings. She lured a simple soldier from his duty, got him to join a "band of Gypsy smugglers and bandits and got her bosom ventilated by the soldier's dagger when she tried to give him the double switcheroo for a handsome bull fighter.

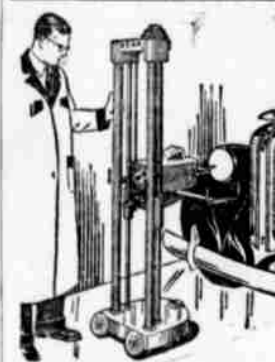
The tale hit the jackpot, and made enough for Merimee to buy a thousand pairs of trousers. And Carmen has been paying off ever since. No woman that ever lived ever paid more for her wickedness. At least none ever paid off more people.

Bizet based his famous opera on Merimee's story, and the "Toreador's Song" only added to Carmen's international renown.

But this gay little bad girl really hit her stride after Thomas Edison's invention of the flickers. Since 1910 Carmen has been in 15 films seen by American audiences and about a dozen foreign pictures made for home distribution.

Among earlier celluloid Carmens were Geraldine Farrar, Theda Bara and Dolores Del Rio—All in the silent cinema era. The latest is Rita Hayworth, starring in Columbia's glossy technicolor production, "The Loves of Carmen," and he said:

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forestall such acts as the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte in Palestine and to maintain order in disturbed areas. He wants a U. N. constabulary of from 1,000 to 5,000 men, backed by the full authority of U. N.

(Where he would get these sturdy policemen and how he would get AGREEMENT to his plan isn't stated. He is at the moment in the fix of the man who remarked that if he had some ham he'd have a ham and egg sandwich if he had an egg.)

WOULDN'T it be lovely if U. N. were made up of peace-loving, SINCERE nations whose only desire was to keep the peace forever so that the people of the world could get ahead with their No. 1 business of making a living and achieving happiness and security?

We don't have to fumble for an answer to that question. We know the answer. It would be wonderful.

WHY don't we have such an organization of the world's peoples?

The answer is a six-letter word that can be spelled either R-u-s-s-i-a or S-o-v-i-e-t.

FRANCE's new premier, Henri Queuille (whose name we might as well pronounce Henry Quill, since any effort at its French pronunciation throws us) gets at least temporary parliamentary approval of his economic program. He wants to raise taxes and cut expenses.

How long it will last you can guess as well as anybody else. Raising taxes and cutting expenses aren't popular with much

of anybody in this modern world.

TODAY's lighter-upper: A British widower advertises for a wife, giving these specifications: "I want a very stout, short partner, weight 14 stone (196 pounds) or OVER. There don't seem to be any stout ladies left, but I won't take a pound under 14 stone."

What was the old jingle something like: "When it's hot we

want it cold, when it's cold we want it hot, always wanting what we've not."

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