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LABOR IN THE SADDLE

We overheard a representative of organized labor, rejoicing in Truman's sensational victory at Tuesday's election, make the bold assertion: "Labor will run the government for the next four years." Only a few moments later a very perturbed Republican visited us to complain that "extremists will be in control of the new administration and will commit many excesses."

Both of these men were partially, but not entirely, right, in our opinion.

Labor, beyond all doubt, will exercise much influence in federal policies during the next four years. We will be surprised if labor does not continue to increase its importance in administration during years to come. We also anticipate many extremist excesses. Political precedents will be violated if future events fail to follow the established pattern.

Our early government was controlled by the aristocracy. Our first presidents were elected by and from that class. Policies of government largely favored the aristocracy.

But gradually the "white collar" class began to infiltrate administration. Election of Abraham Lincoln roughly marked the end of rule by the aristocracy and the transfer of power to the "white collar" class. As this power shifted into new hands, untrained in government, laws tended more and more to benefit the particular group holding the reins. Big and little business and industry in general, enjoyed the "Golden Age"; recipients of government tolerance and subsidy. Many political excesses marked the early days of the period, but, gradually, becoming more familiar with administrative processes, the middle class policies moved to the conservative and less spectacular side.

During the early part of that period, labor and agriculture were generally content to join with the middle class in political policies, but after the turn of the century became increasingly dissatisfied with the conservative trend and the lack of attention to their own particular problems.

Farm and labor organizations began taking more active interest in politics. They exerted more and more pressure. Administrations began passing new laws to benefit both labor and agriculture, but, as the working class became better organized and farmers developed cooperation through their unions, granges, etc., making concerted action possible, they took an increasingly important place until, with 1932 as the approximate date of transfer, power shifted from the "white collar" class to the so-called "laboring" class.

During the past 16 years we have seen the new "ruling" class do as have the other groups before them—enact legislation to their own advantage. Just as the "white collar" class freed the slaves, liberalized land laws, promoted industry, subsidized railroads, etc., while ignoring for many years the sweat shops, low working standards, agricultural poverty, and other social problems, the new "ruling" class is attacking profits, socializing national economics, and legislating for self-interest.

We will be surprised if the 1948 election was not the last effort of the "white collar" class to regain the helm of government.

We believe the trend is obvious. We are drifting more and more toward a separation to the "right" and "left." Class distinctions, we hope, are breaking down.

We anticipate some very interesting political developments during the next four years.

The radical leadership in labor organizations will be dissatisfied because it will not be able to obtain everything it seeks. Yet, there doubtless will be a strong tide toward the left—public housing, socialized medicine, tax benefits in the lower brackets, etc. But there will be sufficient conservative opinion to prevent these swings from going too far. As one group grows dissatisfied and belligerent because the pendulum fails to swing as rapidly as desired, another group will grow more conservative, frightened by the socialized shift, and will build up more and more resistance. These opposing policies will become the division between the two major parties.

The "working" class, we believe, is in the saddle for keeps. The sense of power will result in excesses. But, over the years, there will build up a conservative resistance, as more of the leadership becomes familiar with government and the responsibility of representing ALL the people instead of those holding the reins. The process will take time, but it will be interesting to watch.

Red Cross Needs Chairman For Supply Service

The Douglas County Chapter, American Red Cross, is looking for a chairman to organize and administer the production and supply service of the organization, reports Russell Stephens, local executive secretary.

Any person willing to take over the work is asked to contact Mrs. Edward Tietz, telephone 671-R, Mrs. L. K. Cornwell, phone 1085-R, or the Red Cross office, phone 832, in the Armory.

Stephens reported the Pacific Area office, San Francisco, has issued a request for bed jackets, bath robes, jayettes, wash cloths, and other hospital equipment for use of hospitalized veterans and their dependents in veterans hospitals. Also needed are such articles as afghans and "beanies" (baby caps).

Some of the articles would be

used at Madigan General Hospital at Fort Lewis, said Stephens. A 150-bed ward has been set up there for maternity cases and over 200 births have been reported from that hospital.

Women interested in knitting particularly in their own home are asked to contact Mrs. T. W. Suckling, chairman of the knitting division.

The ladies of the production and supply service are scheduled to meet Monday, Nov. 8, at 1 p. m. in the production room, second floor of the Armory.

JAYWALKERS' PARADISE
MANILA, Nov. 6.—(AP)—Police started an all-out offensive against jaywalking.

Quickly they rounded up nine jaywalkers and marched them into court.

The judge immediately freed them—there is no law against jaywalking in Manila.

The larvae of the clothes moth eat wool, fur, feathers, hair and other animal fibers, but will not touch cotton, linen, silk, rayon or nylon.

"What Do I Do Now, Sam?"



Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viachett S. Martin

Four of us were sitting around the fire, just visiting. The conversation drifted around to hymns. We had read an article about the Kenny Bakers and their children. It happens that I know his mother very well, and at the time Kenny lived in Long Beach, of course I knew him. I told how his mother had kept up his courage in the days when recognition seemed difficult to obtain. Now Kenny has just made an album of favorite hymns.

Then Martha told about the time, years ago, when she helped with a group of tableaux vivants. She was posed in "The Rock of Ages."

"There I was," she said, and Martha can make anything funny in the telling, "clinging to the Cross—only I wasn't clinging. I was holding it up. Nobody thought it necessary to make a support for the cross for that half minute of the pose, so I steadied it as I 'clung.' I was garbed in long, flowing draperies, of course, and my hair was very long, hanging about my shoulders. The curtains opened . . . With the lighting and the softly played hymn, it was all very effective until—the curtains failed to close. Something was wrong. They just wouldn't work."

"There I was, 'clinging' to the Cross . . . well I couldn't go on that way, could I? If I let go of the cross it would fall flat. So I rose, picked up the cross in

both arms and carried it off the platform. What else could I do? That was one time when 'Rock of Ages' ended with applause and a good hearty laugh!"

EJ told about the time two lovely young girls, good singers, were out in a boat with a young man. Somehow the boat got in to the current and was being rapidly carried towards the brink of the Austin dam . . . The rower tried desperately to get the boat to safety . . . It was nip and tuck whether he would make it. Suddenly he cried out, "Sing, girls, sing!" The girls began instantly to sing "Nearer My God to Thee." The anxious watchers on the bank saw the boat gradually rowed to safety as the lovely young voices rang out over the water.

I remember a story of the writing of the verses of what was later set to music for a much-loved hymn sung all over the world now. Yet when the words came to the writer she was on her knees, scrubbing a kitchen floor—another woman's floor. She had been penniless, with four young children to support, and had turned to the only talent she had, housekeeping. This day she was burdened, weary and then as she lifted her heart in prayer the words began to come.

Someone said: "Two men looked out from prison bars. One saw mud, the other saw stars."

In the Day's News

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something else—we must face again the problem of DEFENDING OURSELVES AGAINST POSSIBLE ATTACK FROM WITHOUT. If you have read your history carefully, you must realize that since human life began that has been one of the fundamental problems.

ON that point, there is an ominous little tale in the news. A dispatch from Tehran (capital of Iran, which is the current modern name for Persia) says:

"A usually reliable source said today that Iran has protested to Russia that SOVIET SOLDIERS INVADDED IRANIAN TERRITORY LAST WEEK . . . A government spokesman said 200 Russian troops, with armament including a tank, crossed the frontier of Soviet Azerbaijan and fought a four-hour battle with Iranian frontier guards."

If you will brush up your memory a little, you will recall that some two years ago Russia made a grab at Iranian Azerbaijan in this exact manner—that is to say, she sent troops over her border in an attempt to take over Iranian territory. We then were strong enough to bluff her out of it, and she called off her dogs.

She seems to be at it again.

THESE is another little tale in the news along the same line. After a brief attempt to CONTROL IT BY LAW, Chinese in-

flation breaks loose again. Prices (especially in Shanghai) soar skyward.

That writes on the wall for us this warning: In order to check inflation, you've got to do more than PASS A LAW. In China, there are too few things and too much money. No mere law will handle that. If the kind of inflation that China has is to be stopped, people must get to work and make enough things to go around.

Basically, that is as true in America as in China.

WHAT we're driving at here is that after the interlude of a Presidential campaign we're back face to face again with the old job. If we're to DO the job successfully, we must work together. We can't stand around snarling and biting each other in the leg. In that direction lies failure and chaos.

A lot of people thought we needed a change of leadership. That was their right. They did their best to get it. They failed. They failed because MORE PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT A CHANGE.

That's all past. The thing to do now is to get back to work.

HERE is an interesting thought:

When President Truman got up the morning after election and shaved, HE SHAVED HARRY TRUMAN. In the past, he has been shaving the accidental successor to Franklin D. Roosevelt. What realization of that fact will do to him, nobody knows. Time will tell.

Top Officers of O.N.G. to Attend Co. D Banquet

Two general officers of the Oregon National Guard are to attend the first anniversary banquet of Co. D, 188th Infantry, at 7 p. m. Monday in the Roseburg Armory.

They are Brig. Gen. Harold Mason, commander of the 41st Division in Oregon and director of the Oregon State Police, and Brig. Gen. Raymond E. Olson, executive officer to the adjutant general.

Resume of the activities of Roseburg's National Guard company will be given since its activation a year ago. Ordnance and quartermaster equipment will also be displayed in the Armory.



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SCENE ABOUT TOWN

By "Stoop"

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Memories o' WPA. Gopco crew holdin' up power line work 8 minutes to retrieve blown off fedora o' pole sitter and hoist same to him via rope and pulley.

Fruitful materials here for aspirin' mag. writers, both amateur and prof., in yarns on Martin box plant at Oakland, world-renowned Adair gun barrels on Dixonville Road, Claude & Thel Wilson pottery place at Myrtle Creek, and prize-winnin' works o' Arts & Crafts members.

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Officers Elected By Employees Assn. Unit

At the November meeting of the Roseburg Chapter of the Oregon State Employees Association Thursday in the K. P. Hall, reports were heard concerning the work of the Retirement Committee, the work of the Committee on Law and Legislation, and the Civil Service Commission hearing on the proposed pay plan. A resolution pertaining to appointment of members of the Civil Service Commission was authorized for presentation at the general council meeting to be held in Portland, Nov. 19-21.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were Ross Newcomb, president; Pat Gregory, vice president; Barbara Weisz, secretary; and Ray Ashbury, treasurer. The next meeting, Dec. 9, will include a pot-luck dinner, installation of officers, and an evening of entertainment for members and their families. Arrangements are in charge of Nadya Ramp.

ATTENDS CONFERENCE
Mrs. Jean Cowan of Yoncalla went to Medford Wednesday for a district conference of the American Cancer Society. Mrs.

Cowan is captain for the group on education for Yoncalla, of which Mrs. Vernon Keel of Roseburg is commander. Dr. Frank Queen of the Oregon Medical School, with Mrs. V. M. Kietzer and Mrs. Selig of the American Cancer Association, conducted the Medford meeting.

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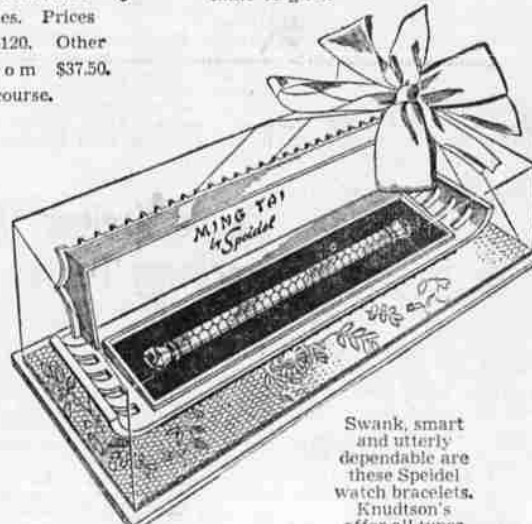


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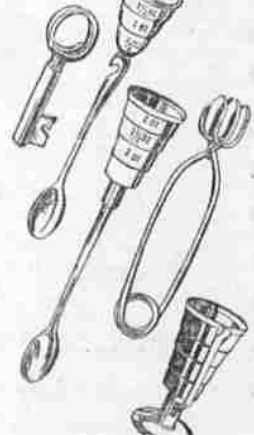


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