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THANKFUL, BUT CAUTIOUS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Newspapers and magazines are carrying many items and articles telling of efforts on the part of Europeans to reach America. Our immigration department is swamped with applications for entry into this country. The current issue of *Life* magazine features the joy of displaced persons brought to this country. *Saturday Evening Post* recently told of the thousands of aliens who have come to this country illegally—student permits, tourist visas, sailors "jumping" ship, etc. Military authorities are having difficulty controlling marriage of men in occupation forces to women who seek American husbands that they may come to the United States. From virtually every country people are scheming to get to America.

Why should so many thousands of people struggle to leave their homelands and migrate to a country where they will be faced with handicaps of employment, language, strange customs and other factors? The answer is obvious. America is a land of abundance in contrast to the balance of the world where living is precarious, hunger rampant, and abject poverty the rule rather than the exception. Few people are being fooled by the red bait of Communism. They realize that our capitalistic system has given us the highest living standards in the world; that we are the wealthiest nation in the world; that we have an abundance unequalled anywhere.

The ultimate effect of Communism is to reduce living standards to the lowest common denominator. The very principle of totalitarian rule is regressive rather than progressive. On the other hand, capitalism permits individual betterment of private fortune and welfare in proportion to capability for work, shrewdness in judgment, thrift and enterprise. Freedom of private enterprise is virtually unlimited. Is it any wonder, then, that Europeans living under the most strenuous of conditions should be striving to reach this land of plenty and of liberty?

But what are we doing to protect ourselves and preserve the advantages we enjoy? Short of war, Communism can win this country only if it succeeds in destroying our economic position, while creating chaos and confusion sufficient to permit a well organized minority to gain political and police control. Communism, to succeed in its ultimate aim, must destroy our wealth. It must reduce our living standards to the plane existing elsewhere. It must create hopelessness and despair. It must reduce our production to a level of bare existence. Is it doing these things?

We are suffering from strikes causing millions of dollars of economic waste every day. Our production, while at a high rate, is far below our capabilities because of strikes, slow-downs and unrest. We are on the verge of uncontrolled inflation, which could be worse than the most severe depression, because of inability of labor and management to settle disputes harmoniously. One wage rise after another is contributing to increasing cost-of-living in an unending cycle, with chaos, confusion and suffering as the sure outcome if the spiral is not checked in time.

We are embarked upon a dangerous policy of discouraging risk capital—a policy which in the future will result in lowering the volume of employment, thereby contributing to public works and nationalization of industries and resources. We are destroying our backlog of savings. We are wasting our natural resources at headlong pace. Our lack of land policy has brought us near the minimum of two and one-half acres per persons for adequate subsistence. We have traveled far upon the path toward which Communism has been prodding us. How much farther will we go before we recognize by the signposts that we are traveling in the wrong direction?

We still have abundance. Our production is high. We retain great wealth. We celebrate Thanksgiving with grateful hearts as we gaze out from our land of plenty upon a suffering world, facing a winter of cold and hunger.

But should not this Thanksgiving Day be a time when we stop and give pause, not only for the blessings that are ours, but also for a survey of the path down which we are so heedlessly plunging?

Advanced Course In First Aid On Red Cross Agenda

Course in advanced first aid for persons who wish to become instructors, will be given by the Douglas County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Classes will be held weekly, starting at 7 o'clock Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the Red Cross rooms in the Armory. Instructor for the 10-hour course will be Sgt. William Burke of the Roseburg Police Department, who recently completed a first aid and accident course at Astoria, Calif., under auspices of the Red Cross. Only those who have completed at least the minimum first aid training will be admitted to the class. When they complete the course, they will be used as instructors in a program to set up highway first aid stations throughout the county. Certificates and first aid sleeve emblems for policemen and firemen who take the course will be issued at the conclusion of the training period. Prospective students should make their application to Sgt. Burke, John Zeno, or George Caskey.

Bookies Get Respite From Portland Ban

PORTLAND, Nov. 24—(AP)—Bookies breathed deeper today—and went on accepting wagers on the ponies. City Council members, overriding objections of Commissioner Dorothy Lee and Mayor Earl Riley, postponed until Friday a decision on appealing to the State Supreme Court. A Circuit Court ruling okayed the wagering.

The circuit court ruled the city ordinance in violation of the state gambling law. The court held that the law authorizes bookmaking on out-of-state horse races if pari-mutuel betting is legal at the track site.

That's the Trouble With Being a Miracle Man



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

Surely one of the many reasons for gratitude to the Giver of Good at this Thanksgiving season is that each day in other lands there is, little by little, a large use of a treasure first taken to the ports of the Seven Seas by English sea captains, centuries ago. That treasure was more valuable to the world and humanity than anything loaded or unloaded on those ships!

Then came the settling of the American colonies and now there were ships carrying the same treasure from this country to all the ports of the world, first in sleek, beautiful clipper ships. Then came the steamships. Now this same treasure is taken by air everywhere!

If one could possibly think any blessing comes out of war, one might concede that in our two world wars at least the treasure about which we are thinking, received an added impetus because it was accepted by still more people.

Of course you know very well that the treasure is the language which is day by day, week by week, first slowly through the centuries, now faster and faster, becoming a world language. In how many countries now English is casually regarded as a secondary language!

Listening to Madam Chiang's earnest words in behalf of China on Sunday, I noted how threaded through her appeal were American idioms natural to her, of course, from her American school days: Well, I think? What-ever one's personal opinion might be about China, one could certainly be heartily grateful for the fact that the wife of one of the world's governing leaders could and did speak in simple English, using our own idioms, and phrases meaning much to us here because of their historical associations. And we know that daily Chiang Kai-Shek and Madam Chiang do read the English Bible. At least we can be thankful for that!

For the threat in the world today is the age-old war upon Truth, the same evil thinking that sought to crucify an idea by crucifying the One who voiced it. Is it just a coincidence that the last war ended with the downfall of men who had scorned religion? Men who had sought to set themselves up as gods for subjugated, terrified, intimidated peoples to obey? Peoples to whom the freedom to worship God, each in his own way, would be denied? Let us be grateful for our most precious heritage: the Bible and the freedom to read it publicly and in our homes!

In the Day's News

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methods. Both PERMANENTLY IMPROVED the lot of human beings.

THERE have been other kinds of revolution. That of the French people in the late 1700's is an example. They arose in their might and chopped off the heads of the aristocratic oppressors who for centuries had had the upper hand in France.

There is the Russian revolution in 1917. It, too, was an uprising by oppressed people against their oppressors. In both France and Russia, in these revolutionary periods, blood ran in rivers.

LET'S examine Henry Ford's revolution. It made him rich. For a brief period of time it made him something of a monopolist. Nobody else YET possessed the secret of making automobiles cheaply enough. But the wealth created FOR FORD by the invention and manufacture of cheap automobiles was ultimately dwarfed by the wealth created for others by the automobile. Among other things, the automobile industry created opportunities for millions of small business men in the way of garages and oil stations.

AND so it was with James Watt's engine. By cheapening production it made possible MORE THINGS FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE. It ended the feudal

system and brought on the modern factory system. Since Watt's time, millions of men have started little factories and have made good at it.

THE French revolution chopped off the heads of those who had been the oppressors and could think of nothing much else to do. It was followed shortly by Napoleon, who spilled the blood of the French all over Europe in an effort to BUILD AN EMPIRE FOR HIMSELF AND FOR HIS RELATIVES. That was about as far as he could see.

As to the Russian revolution, we need to say little more than that it was followed by the present Communist dictatorship WHICH MERELY PUT NEW FACES IN THE KREMLIN and changed very little indeed the lot of the common Russian muzhik.

WHAT is the difference? Well, it seems to this writer that the principle involved is this one: TOO MUCH POWER HELD IN TOO FEW HANDS TOO LONG tends to impoverish the masses of the people and destroy their liberties.

The power created by Ford's invention of a cheap automobile spread swiftly beyond his hands into MANY hands. The power created by the invention of the steam engine DID LIKEWISE.

But the power created by the French revolution and the Russian revolution REMAINED IN A FEW HANDS and so followed the old channels. All in all, mechanical revolutions are far better for the people than political revolutions.

Veterans Hospital Jobs Opened To Examinations

Federal Civil Service announces examinations for permanent probational appointment to the positions of housekeeper, kitchen helper, and laborer, in the Veterans Administration.

Persons who desire permanent positions will have an opportunity to file for a civil service examination leading to probational appointment with permanent classified civil service status in those positions in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Roseburg.

The entrance salaries in these positions are \$2020 and \$2152 a year.

Applicants will be graded on the basis of their experience and training. No written test is required.

Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 62, except that these age limits may be waived for veterans and under certain conditions for war service indefinite employees. Further information on these examinations and the necessary application forms for applying may be obtained from the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Veterans Administration Hospital, Roseburg, Oregon; the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at any first- or second-class post office; or from the Director, Eleventh U. S. Civil Service Region, Room 4, Central Building, Seattle 4, Washington. Applications should be filed with the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Veterans Administration Hospital, Roseburg, Oregon, immediately.

Federal Grain Buying For Export Will Be Resumed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24—(AP)—Economic Cooperation Administration announced that he will re-voke immediately his order to end government buying of grain for export.

Hoffman told reporters after a conference with President Truman that the president "made it quite clear" that he believes the Agriculture Department should continue buying wheat and corn for Europe.

Hoffman had issued an order that grain buying should be turned over to private interests on Dec. 1.

He will recall this order in view of Mr. Truman's stand.

Hoffman said Mr. Truman told him he wants him to remain in command of the Marshall plan agency. Hoffman is the only Republican now holding a major appointive office in the administration. The Commodity Credit Corporation is now and has been buying all grain for export under the Marshall plan. Hoffman announced on Sept. 1 that buying would be left to private traders after Dec. 1. He noted then that the foreign aid act directed that he use private trade

channels to the greatest extent possible.

Since the Sept. 1 announcement, millions of dollars worth of contracts for grain exports have been signed by private exporters.

Hoffman said these contracts "will be honored," but the decision will be left up to Secretary of Agriculture Brannan whether the Commodity Credit Corpora-

tion will take over the contracts and, in effect, purchase the grain from private traders for eventual resale to Europe, or whether the present contracts will be allowed to stand.

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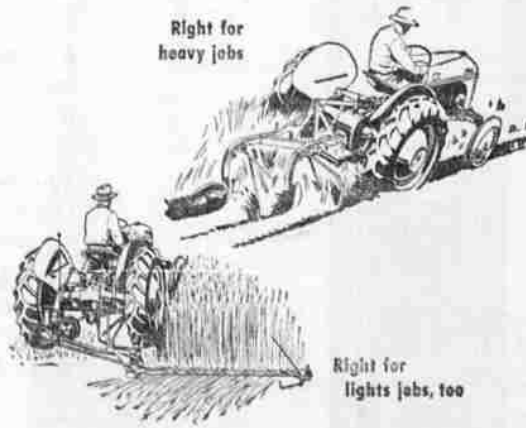
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