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BAIT FOR THE SUCKERS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Hewitt Johnson, Great Britain's troublesome "Red Dean," so titled because of his Communist leanings, is to tour the United States to champion the Communist doctrine. If he does no better than Henry Wallace, we'll have no cause for worry. Discredited in his own country, despite England's recent switch to Socialism, the Red Dean, we suppose, hopes to find more fertile fields among gullible minds in the United States.

Can you imagine a speaker endorsing the Capitalistic form of government being permitted to tour Soviet Russia? If a foreigner even succeeded in breaking through the Iron Curtain he would be promptly hustled to the nearest jail when he so much as breathed a criticism of the Soviet government. But in this country we permit an avowed Communist lecturer to "do his darndest."

The Red Dean, it is stated, was permitted to come to this country, after his application for admittance once was denied, because certain "intellectuals" remonstrated to the State Department.

We read recently in one of the popular magazines—and we can't give credit because we don't remember which it was—an article by a former Communist fifth columnist who told how the Party works to make "suckers" out of prominent people. Even some high government officials, including the President, the writer declared, were inveigled into an endorsement of a "Front" organization before they learned the true nature of the group and immediately withdrew.

One of the strongest influences in spreading Communist doctrines arises from the fact that some men and women, enjoying national prominence as leaders in the fields of education, arts and entertainment, are either Communists. Fellow Travelers or dupes.

Many of these people are sincere but impractical. We had evidence of the idealistic but impractical ideas originating in some of the country's "best minds" during the days of the "Brain Trust." The fact that a man may be a great educator, dealing in fields of theories and ideals, does not necessarily make him an authority on the subject of political science. Too frequently he has had no real contact with the cold, hard facts of life, and his approach to problems is based upon theory rather than actuality.

Then, too, we have a class of people who enjoy the spotlight—the adoration of the crowds. Feeling themselves slipping in public popularity, but amply applauded by the Red "fringe," they lend their names and reputations to Communist Front organizations to satisfy their ego.

Doubtless the Red Dean will get a hearing from a certain group of real and pseudo intellectuals, but we doubt that his impact upon the country as a whole will result in any material advancement of the Communist cause.

Will the Bears Hibernate?

This is about the time of year that bears go into hibernation. What we are wondering is what subject will those Golden Bears of California, who couldn't meet the Oregon Ducks in a championship play-off because they "had to study," pursue between now and New Year's Day. Rejection of Oregon's challenge may have been good politics but it was darned poor sportsmanship. Now will they hibernate?

And, speaking of sportsmanship, an editorial writer on the *Coos Bay Times*, tells of his own red face when, after vociferously booing officiating at a recent football game in which the home team participated, he was mildly reproved by a high school girl who told him that adults were supposed to "set examples in sportsmanship."

But, getting back to that California-Oregon controversy, we just hope we can get seats next season when the Ducks meet the Bears!

Mac Epley, editor of the *Herald and News* at Klamath Falls, who tells of his experience as one of the overflow spectators at the Oregon-Oregon State game, where he had to "watch" the game by means of a portable radio, because of the poor accommodations at Bell Stadium, comes up with the suggestion that the two major Oregon schools get together and build a really first-class stadium midway between Corvallis and Eugene with plenty of parking space.

Says Epley:

Games could be played there without losing the advantage of the campus atmosphere, which is definitely gone when the big games are played in Multnomah Field at Portland.

Corvallis and Eugene are about 40 miles apart. Twenty miles to the stadium would be nothing in these days of motorized transportation, and the parking facilities, street approaches, and lack of local traffic around such a stadium might well make up all the difference in time.

Before too many years, the Willamette Valley will have a million people in it. A big inter-school stadium might well get enough patronage to pay for it.

Additional attendance, in our opinion, would soon pay the cost of such a stadium. There must be in all Oregon towns fans like those in Roseburg who would like to attend the big games but, not having obtained tickets in advance, will not take the trip on the chance of securing admittance. If the state had a large enough stadium to seat more fans, and ticket sales were conducted in the various towns until a few days prior to a game, we'll bet our bottom dollar that additional attendance would soon pay for the construction.

Labor Commissioner Sues on Wage Claim

The State of Oregon, Ex. Rel. W. E. Kinsey, commissioner of the Oregon Bureau of Labor, has filed suit in circuit court against Earl Yates to collect

\$335.62 on one count as wages alleged due Vernon R. Smith, a former millwright at the defendant's mill at Oakland, and \$462 as penalty for non-payment of wages, when they became due, for 30 days following the due date, on a second action.

What, Only One Mourner?



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

Guess why I'm writing this by candlelight? Did your power go off, too, just about the time that hail started pelting down? I suppose somewhere out in the cold, rain, wind and dark a line-crew is hurrying to give back to us our modern conveniences which, one soon finds out, aren't much use without something beyond the little switch we snap on so casually.

EJ looked at me, peering into the skillet sizzling on top of the circulator, holding high a candle as I did so: "What's the matter with a flashlight?" I hadn't thought of it—any more than he does when we start out near evening in the car! So I finished cooking dinner with a flashlight gripped under one arm. Only dropped it once.

If I were only a touch-typist now even, a flickering candle would be superfluous. I think I shall not add any more last-minute penned in bits on the Mending Basket Scraps. When I read that "attention-building prestige" in a recent Scrap I was puzzled. Then I recalled two or three words added with a pen. I suppose Mr. Printer examined it and decided that "question" was "prestige." Then Mr. Proof-reader, shaking his head the way EJ does when he is deciphering some of my handwriting, let it go for lack of a better guess.

Well, "to err is human" so I'll just try to do better, and type in any afterthoughts! (I wish every school child had to learn touch-

typing, even if he or she never expect to use it at the time. Short-hand, too, enough to take notes in lectures, etc.)

EJ picked up a card one day hastily written by a busy library worker: he read "We have reserved Crazy Creek for you." Just like that, no quotes or anything to explain it was a book. "Hm!" said he, "they've caught up with you, have they?"

And speaking of "Crazy Creek!" it is a delightful little volume by an Oregonian, Evelyn Lampman, educational director of a Portland radio station, among other activities. She is also the mother of two little girls. I like the dedication to them. It reads:

"For my two daughters, Linda and Anne, whom I would have liked to play with when I was a little girl as much as they think they would have liked to play with me." I suspect that that wish on a child's lips gave the author her idea? For in the book Judy McCallum is rescued from her runaway boat on Crazy Creek by Andy and Will McCallum, two boys who turn out to be her own grandfather and great-uncle.

If you wonder how such a remarkable state of affairs can be, just read this little story aloud to your own children, and enjoy it with them. Mrs. Lampman lived on the Willamette Valley millrace when she was a child. It is a 1948 book by Doubleday & Co.

der the circumstances, it is fairly good, sound common sense.

In the Day's News

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we ought to get back of Chiang Kai-Shek and make it possible for him to lick the socks off the Communists. It is simple enough to say, at the dinner table or sitting back in an easy chair, that we should wade into China and knock the heads of both factions together until they were ready to forget their differences and get to work rebuilding what is left of their country.

It MIGHT be easy enough if China were the only trouble spot on earth. But it isn't. We're in trouble up to our necks in Germany. We've already committed ourselves to standing back of the Greeks and the Turks—and that job is looking tougher every day.

One of the soundest rules of national, as well as individual, conduct is never to bite off more than you can chew. Hitler disregarded that rule, and it spelled his finish. Another good rule is never to fight at the front door and the back door at the same time—if you can help it.

That gets people into bad trouble, too.

THE chances are we will do nothing in China unless and until we HAVE to. That isn't very noble or very inspiring. But, un-

der the circumstances, it is fairly good, sound common sense.

Common sense suggests that it would be a fairly good idea to dust off our hands and remark that whoever did the strangling did the rest of us a service and perhaps deserves a leather medal.

But that would never do, because, relying on the precedent, somebody might decide tomorrow or the next day to strangle YOU or ME and the deed might get a similar reaction. In the course of time, NOBODY would be safe if we let things like that go on.

Even common sense has its limitations.

DOWN in South America, there is a shrub called the coca and natives long ago learned that when they were all tired out and chewed its leaves they got over being tired and were as good as new again. Now the Republic of

Musical Program Will be Given At Methodist Church

A musical evening of unusual proportion has been scheduled for this Sunday evening at the First Methodist Church. It was announced today by the pastor, the Rev. W. A. MacArthur.

In addition to the singing of the First Methodist Church choir, the group of assisting artists promises to be the best yet presented in the series of music festivals. Among these artists are several from the Roseburg Public Schools music department staff.

Wendell Johnson, director of choral music at the Senior High School will present members of his choir in a series of three numbers. Later, Mr. Johnson and his wife will offer a violin duet. Both are musicians of rare ability on the violin, and the number chosen will be of interest to all music lovers.

Two other soloists for the evening will be Miss Fern Bruiland, teacher in the Glendale High School, who will sing the solo part of the choral number, "Give Unto The Lord" by Cadman. Final guest artist for the program will be the Rev. Paul Beckwith, visiting minister at the First Presbyterian church. A pianist as well as outstanding minister to youth, the Rev. Mr. Beckwith will present a musical selection as well as offer the meditation for the evening.

This will be a union service with the congregations of First Presbyterian and First Methodist Churches cooperating. The service will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church. The public is invited. A silver offering will be taken.

The program follows:
Organ and piano prelude, "Gloria Triumphans" by Grieg
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Choral Call to Worship, "Kreutzer"
Evening Prayer, "Netherlands Folk Song"
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Columbia bans use of the coca leaf—which, the Colombian minister says, is slowly killing off the native Indians and is becoming a dangerous habit with non-Indians.

Even the simple native, it appears, is looking for something for nothing, just like the rest of us. Instead of working hard and getting food to restore himself with when he gets tired, he wants to do the job by pulling a handful of leaves off a bush and chewing them.

Human beings, under the skin, are all pretty much alike.

THEY'RE alike in many ways. These Colombians seem to think that by merely PASSING A LAW they can keep people from going out behind the house and pulling leaves off a bush and chewing them.

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Choral Response—The Lord Bless You and Keep You—Larkin
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