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WISHFUL THINKING?

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The continuing threat of war doubtless will be foremost in the minds of our people during the early part of the new year. The cold war, or war-of-nerves, may, in fact, continue throughout the year permeating our thinking and interfering with production and national economy.

The longer we continue to escape war, however, the better are our chances for avoiding armed conflict entirely. Time is on our side and, while the expense is heavy, our cold war is far less costly than would be a fighting war and we can well afford to exercise patience.

There are two schools of thought in the leadership of our international relations.

One group would issue ultimatums to Russia and halt immediately the insolent defiance of peace-loving nations, backing up the threat with the atomic bomb. The purpose would be to put Russia in her place before she, too, has an atomic weapon.

On the other side, however, is the predominant policy of watchful waiting and political competition between democratic governments and Communist ideologies. While patience is sorely tried by the deliberate flouting of international etiquette and the recurring needling "incidents" by a nation which refuses to abide by the customs of civilized conduct, the waiting policy appears to be winning ground.

The waiting theory is based on the premise that we can outlast Russia in a cold war.

We have tremendous national wealth and huge productive capacity. Russia is limited both in wealth and production. Russia, of course, has in her favor the fact that her people do not demand a high standard of living, wages paid to workers are low, manpower is utilized under government dictation, and much work is performed by "slave" labor. On the other hand, this type of production is not nearly as efficient as under our system, for workers do not produce as well under compulsion as for personal profit.

We are betting that our dollars will permit us to outlast Russia's capacity for production and the willingness of her population, even under the spur of nationalistic propaganda, to continue sacrifices over lengthening time.

Russia has had millions of men and women under arms for many years. Each expansion of territory means that her military force must be increased. Russia is pillaging and looting the satellite countries she absorbs, and, in doing so, is engendering hatred and motives of revenge. But she must, if she is to long continue her world conquest motive, seize all production facilities and utilize them to the utmost.

How much longer can Russia afford to keep her armies in the field, losing the labor of her soldiers in productive operations, while keeping them supplied with arms, ammunition, ordnance, material and food, all of which is a drain upon the homeland? How long will Russian women, even under the spur of flaming propaganda, continue to tolerate the absence of their men? How long can Russia's limited capital, even though she absorbs the resources of conquered lands, stand the financial drain? How long will it be before the people subjected by force to Communism complete organized plans for resistance? These are questions which may be answered in 1949.

Recent events in Europe show that nations which still have ability to make their own political choice are increasingly antagonistic to Communism. There has been some evidence of trouble behind the Iron Curtain. Tito's severance of dictation from Moscow is a straw in the wind. Russia, having apparently reached the limit of expansion in Europe, is driving in China and Korea, with current success. But will the expansion there eventually be contained within definite bounds as now appears to be the case in Europe?

It is certain that resistance groups eventually will be organized in conquered countries. They will wage underground war against the occupying forces. This in turn will force Russia to expand her military forces. She will need many thousands of soldiers to police her gains in China and Korea. Thus the drain upon her productive capacity will increase. Forced to utilize production for military and political purposes, she will have little manufactured goods with which to support her international economy, and Russia has not yet reached the point where she is a self-sufficient nation.

Consequently every day of elapsed time in the existing cold war brings nearer a Russian collapse.

Or is it wishful thinking?

Maybe we'll learn the answer next year.

Phony Money Bobs Up At Police Headquarters

DETROIT, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A counterfeit \$10 bill bobbed up in exactly the right place for police to snatch it.

An innocent citizen offered it in payment for his automobile driver's license. The cashier's cage at police headquarters handles those items.

Police said the fake bill was of a type recently reported circulating in New York and Chicago.

Oregon Housing Survey May be Requested

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Funds to finance a state-wide housing survey may be asked of the legislature next month.

A Legislative Committee of the Portland housing authority's advisory board has voted to push the proposal. A fact-finding com-

mittee was named yesterday to study housing laws of other states.

Chesapeake & Ohio To Lay Off More Workers

CLEVELAND, Dec. 30.—(AP)—About 3,000 additional workers of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad will be laid off by Jan. 1, the company announced yesterday.

Nearly 2,800 men have been laid off by the railroad in the last several months.

"Because of a decline in freight business greater than the usual seasonal slump, the number of employees at work now is considerably below what it was earlier this month," a company spokesman said.

He said the reduction will affect employees in shops, offices, and maintenance as well as train operators.

Never Underestimate the Power of Paternal Love



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

"The Four Chaplains" stamp on a letter the other day set me thinking about the beautiful memorial, a stained glass window, in the tower of the Washington Memorial at Valley Forge, given by the community of York, Pa., in honor of Rabbi Goode, one of the four chaplains, a resident of York at the time of his enlistment. The motif of the window will be the brotherhood the chaplains so beautifully demonstrated.

"The Washington Memorial at Valley Forge when completed will be one of the greatest memorials in the world," says the interesting leaflet published by The Daughters of the American Revolution received the other day from their Washington, D. C., national headquarters. "The Memorial is open every day of the year to visitors who visit this hallowed place. The great Carillon at the chapel is world famous: The Star Spangled Banner Chime was dedicated July 4, 1926, in the presence of over 10,000 American patriots in commemoration of the 150 years of American independence. It consists of 13 State Bells ranging in weight from the Pennsylvania State Bell of 3,500 pounds to the Delaware State Bell of 225 pounds. This Peace Chime was intended only as the first step in a great musical tribute to the nation and to those who formed it. Back of the chime was the idea of a National Carillon of 49 bells, one for every

state and the National Birthday Bell. The State Bells, outside of those of the 13 Colonies, were assigned in the order of the population of the states.

"The Washington Memorial National Carillon was the first made in this country, and has been pronounced the most perfect set of bells in the world. It fills the air of Valley Forge with the music of religion and patriotism. Familiar hymns and patriotic airs are played every hour on the hour from 10 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the evening when the National Anthem fills hill and dale with its stirring strains.

"For the past 20 years the bells, 43 of which have been secured, have hung in a temporary structure behind the Chapel . . . now this building has been adjudged unsafe. The construction of the bell tower for the Carillon has begun Oct. 1, 1941, when construction of the foundation was started. In this tower will be recorded on the Memorial honor roll the names of Revolutionary ancestors, and the World War I and II veterans, both men and women. Special Memorials are also available. It is a beautiful way to honor a loved one . . . further information may be secured from Mrs. William C. Langston, 531 Roosevelt Avenue, York, Pa., who is national chairman of the D. A. R. committee for the Bell Tower, or inquire of a local D. A. R. regent.

In the Day's News

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You'd go on fighting.

SUPPOSE two men had a fist fight and after it was over the fellow who had knocked the other out tried also to send him to jail for life. About all that would accomplish would be to sow the seeds of ANOTHER fight.

It would be better all around if after having fought it out to a finish they shook hands and fixed things up. That nearly always works out better among individuals—and, after all, nations are just GROUPS of individuals.

ALONG the line of post-war "settlements," U. S. Army Secretary Royall says in Berlin that 13 MILLION persons are now held in Russian forced labor camps.

The 13,000,000 include NINE MILLION RUSSIANS, two million Germans and two million of other nationalities, such as Poles and Czechoslovaks.

That is to say, the Russians are more suspicious of their own people than of anybody else.

That might be extremely significant.

THESE forced labor camps are a modern form of slavery. Time was when after a war the

losers were ALL enslaved. War, as it is practiced, you see, is SLIPPING BACKWARD.

THE executive board of the international ladies garment workers, headed by David Dubinsky, proposes at its meeting at Miami Beach that employers as well as union heads be required to sign non-Communist affidavits.

It is a reasonable suggestion, following the principle of "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander." After all, you know, there could be Communist-minded employers.

DUBINSKY'S proposal highlights this FACT:

Communism, as it is working out in Russia, ISN'T a socially laudable movement for the improvement of the lot of the LITTLE people. It is a scheme to enable the BIG SHOTS to run the lives of the little people for the benefit of the big shots.

If Communism sweeps the world, it will be the worst thing that ever happened to the little people.

EXAMPLE:

The nine million Russians who are held as SLAVES in forced labor camps in Russia.

They are held in these camps, in mass slavery, because something they did (or refused to do) IRKED THE BIG SHOTS.

Communism, as we see it in action, is another wolf in sheep's clothing.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

THE FOURTH ESTATE

The newspaper field may have no cause to question its title "Fourth Estate," but historians for years have been knocking themselves out to determine exactly who originated the phrase. They have no trouble checking the facts about the first three estates because they were classes represented in the English Parliament and in the French States-General. The classes were the First Estate, or Lord Spiritual (Clergy), the Second Estate, or Lords Temporal (Nobility), and the Third Estate (Commoners).

According to the World Encyclopedia the lack of fact concerning the Fourth Estate has thrown a monkey wrench into the wheels of historical reporting.

One important clue, according to the encyclopedia, is Thomas Carlyle's statement in "The Hero as A Man Of Letters." Carlyle quotes Edmund Burke, the English statesman, as saying, "There are three estates in Parliament, but in the reporter's gallery yonder there sits a Fourth Estate more important by far than all the rest. This is not a figure of speech or witty saying. It is a literal fact, very momentous to us in these times." This question has led many to believe that Edmund Burke was the father of the term "Fourth Estate." Historians claim they must have more substantial proof. They point out that Carlyle did not say when or on what occasion Burke made the remarks. And no record of Burke's statement appears elsewhere. Research indicates that Carlyle himself used the phrase, "Fourth Estate" two years before he credited it to Burke.

Another paper that clouds the historical water is McCauley's reference to the Fourth Estate several years before Burke mentioned it. McCauley's Essay states, "The gallery in which the reporters sit has been the Fourth Estate of the realm." Boswell, too, got into the act with his reference in "Life of Johnson," published some 20 years before McCauley's Essays, in which he says "The stupendous Fourth Estate—whose worldwide embracing influences, what eye can take in?" Any way you look at the situation, the newspapers got all the glory and the historians all the headaches.

REVENUE BONDS FOR POWER PLANTS

(Salem Capital Journal)

At the Bonneville regional advisory committee meeting at Longview, Samuel Morris, superintendent of the Los Angeles water and light department, proposed a plan for financing western power development projects by revenue bond financing instead of uncertain appropriations from Congress.

Morris said it is possible to finance western power projects by U. S. government revenue bonds, rather than by direct appropriations by Congress. According to Morris, the secretary of the treasury was authorized to issue bonds for the Panama Canal project and the same type of financing probably could be authorized for projects in the West.

The power and irrigation projects are self liquidating and all the government would do would be to loan its credit for the revenue bonds.

The discussion pointed out that in any case a method is needed for financing which will be more adequate than the present stop-and-go method, particularly for projects which pay their own way.

Bataan Surrender Violated Orders, Historian Says

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—(AP)—An army historian reported here today that American troops on Bataan were surrendered in 1942 in violation of specific orders from Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright.

Louis Morton, chief of the Pacific section of the Department of Army's historical division, described his report as the first official disclosure of the Bataan surrender details. He said his reports were compiled from military files that were formerly labeled "top secret." Morton spoke to a historical association meeting.

Morton also described confusion resulting from refusal of many commanders to accept Wainwright's later surrender order in other Philippines islands until they were convinced that the lives of the Bataan and Corregidor prisoners hung upon their compliance. "Even then some Americans and many Filipinos fled into the hills to become guerrillas."

Morton told this story of the Bataan surrender against high command orders:

When the Japanese broke the Bataan defenses April 3, 1942, Lt. Gen. Edward P. King Jr., commander of Bataan forces, under Wainwright, asked what he should do. Wainwright, whose headquarters were on Corregidor, was under orders from Washington "not to surrender under any circumstances." He told King to counter-attack.

King's opinion was that the Bataan position was hopeless. The next day he decided to surrender despite Wainwright's orders. He surrendered April 9. Morton said King reported he didn't inform Wainwright of his intentions "to avoid embarrassing Wainwright and to avoid difficulties over orders."

Ex-Prisoner of Japs Now Preaches to Them

TOKYO, Dec. 29.—(AP)—One of the Doolittle fliers who gave Japanese their first air raid will preach from a church pulpit here Sunday.

The Rev. Jacob Deshaizer, Madras, Ore., and his wife and 13-month-old son arrived Monday to begin missionary work in an area over which he last flew in a B-25 bomber on April 18, 1942.

His church is a small one in the Sugunami ward. The Japanese flock of the Free Methodist Missionary Board of Winona Lake, Ind., completed it last week.

Deshaizer was captured in China after the Doolittle mission and was given a Bible by a sympathetic Japanese guard.

"I read it and the Lord showed me the way to become a Christian," he said. "I decided to love my fellow man and to return good for evil."

The former air force sergeant received his ministerial training and degree from the Seattle, Wash., Pacific College last summer.

SAWDUST PILE SHORT

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Sawdust, fuel is scarce in the Willamette Valley because of the shutdown of many lumber mills.

Dealers said the shortage would last from a week to a month. They said they do not keep stockpiles on hand because the sawdust gets wet.

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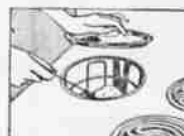
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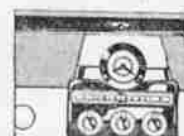
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