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BANDITRY OR COLLAPSE?

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The following quotation is from an editorial entitled,
"Eventual Ruination Is Inevitable," appearing in the current
issue of *Crow's Pacific Coast Lumber Digest*:

It has long since been proved that the best platform
upon which to stand and build a socialist state is national
bankruptcy. This must be preceded and accompanied by a
surreptitious schooling designed to destroy all ambition to
be thrifty and self-supporting while at the same time making
use of paternalism and spreading the philosophy that a
politically-directed economy with the people accountable to
the government is preferable to one where the politicians
are accountable to the people.

History records numerous instances where the greatest
governments the world has ever known, Rome outstanding,
collapsed and disappeared when self-seeking politicians took
from the "haves" and gave to the have-nots to gain a follow-
ing amongst the unthinking masses until—all inducement
to work and build up a competence having been killed—
there eventually became more tax eaters than taxpayers.
This was followed in quick succession by bankruptcy and
rebellion by those who had been led to believe that a benevo-
lent government would somehow, some way, never cease to
provide all of the necessities and luxuries of life.

Many writers are voicing warnings such as that above, but
they go unheeded by people who still believe in the myth of
a federal Santa Claus. Or do they? Do people actually believe
we can go on taxing and taxing and spending and spending,
or are they selfishly looking out for themselves—heedless of
others and of the future?

Although we claim to be a Christian people, our present
ideologies are based on principles of gross materialism, ap-
pealing to the base human instincts of greed, avarice, selfish-
ness, prejudice. Great masses of people are held in political
allegiance by promises they will be benefitted through seiz-
ures and diversions of tax money from minority groups. The
glittering baubles of farm price supports, public housing,
socialized medicine, educational aids, public power, public
works, labor privileges, etc., are dangled before our people
who stretch out eager hands as, with eyes fixed upon political
treasure, they follow blindly along the trail of paternalism.

Every totalitarian government has had its beginning in
benevolent paternalism.

Hitler's Nazi regime accomplished many fine things for
the German people before it led the nation to disaster. Mus-
solini's benefactions for the Italian people won high praise
in the early days of Fascism.

But there comes a time in the history of a welfare state
when minority groups are taxed out of existence. Revenue
no longer is available to support demands of party followers
for more and more benefits. The totalitarian government
must impose stricter economic controls as time goes on until
its policies become oppressive.

Eventually, because its assets are gone, it either must re-
pudiate debts, or find some other source of wealth. Hitler
stole the property of Germany's Jewish minority and, after
he had expended the loot gained through racial pogroms,
stepped out to enslave neighboring nations by force. Mus-
solini seized Ethiopia and reached out for Albania and Greece,
Russia, seeking wealth through production, has appropriated
industrial installations from all conquered countries and ter-
ritory taken under her control following World War II. Now
she has seized the rich industrial facilities originally installed
by the Japanese in North China.

Our own political trend is leading us toward the same
international criminality. American people in their present
frame of mind would tolerate no such course. But we are
well committed to the program of the welfare state. The next
step is beneficent totalitarianism. Following comes stern
economic controls and the police state. At last we face either
economic revolution, repudiation of debts and complete fi-
nancial collapse, or, as the only alternative, a program of
banditry upon weaker powers. We shrink from the thought
of armed robbery, but desperation and enslavement could
conceivably change our thinking.

Before we travel too far upon the dangerous political path
upon which we have set our feet, we should examine care-
fully into the history of materialistic theories of government.

Unemployment in Douglas County Continues Climb During January

Unemployment in Douglas
County continued to climb during
the month of January. It was es-
timated at the end of the month
that 3500 persons were out of
work, of which 1375 were vet-
erans and 250 were women. This
figure represents an increase of
more than 400 percent over Janu-
ary of 1948.

The extreme weather which
has frozen mill ponds and closed
county roads, coupled with a fall-
off in lumber prices and annual
seasonal curtailment of activities,
is largely responsible for the pres-
ent condition. The recent heavy
snows have shut down logging
operations, that heretofore, have
operated continuously through the
winter months. There have been
a few attempts to get started
again, but these have been fore-
stalled by additional sieges of
adverse weather.

The outlook for the future can
be expected to be reasonably good
as soon as there are signs that the
weather conditions are going to
take a turn for the better. With
the return of workers in the lum-
ber industry, the major industry
in the county, more opportunities
will open in all fields.

Agricultural work is not ex-
pected to show much activity un-
til some time after April or May,
with hay crops to be the first
harvest. This generally begins in
June and continues through July.

Bill Ups Age for Girls Sent to Hillcrest School

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—
The maximum age for girls com-
mitted to the state Hillcrest
School for Girls would be re-
duced from 25 to 18 under a bill
passed by the House and sent to
the Senate.

ROUGH ROMANCE
LONDON.—(AP)—Parting may
be a sweet sorrow but reunion can
be a big pain.
Dr. James T. Harold writes in
the British Medical Journal of a
case in which a girl had a pain in her chest.
An X-ray showed a broken rib.
Doctors and patient were mysti-
fied as to the cause.
Then the girl remembered. She
had been strangled from her boy
friend for months.
The pain began after she met
him again and "was lovingly em-
braced."

"I Haven't Given Up Hope, Mr. Lincoln"



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

A hundred and forty years ago
this February 12, a baby boy was
born in a log cabin. There are
as many Lincolns as there are
people who think about him. I
was studying a pictured statue of
him, trying to find out what
there was in the face or the pos-
ture that meant so much to the
small boy who cut it out of a
newspaper and pinned it up on
the wall by his books. "I'd like
to keep it," he said. What was
there in the picture that filled a
need in a growing boy's heart?

(I remember reading of a child
who said he wanted to climb up
on the man's knee. "He looks so
lonely." There is a brooding
tenderness in the rugged lines
of the face; in the thoughtful
posture of the seated figure.)

"I do the very best I can," Lin-
coln said, "and I mean to keep
on doing so until the end. If the
end brings me out right, what is
said against me won't amount
to anything. If the end brings
me out wrong, 10 angels swear-
ing I was right would make no
difference."

Lincoln said, too: "I shall pre-
pare myself, and perhaps my
time will come." He did prepare
himself, day by day, year by year,
overcoming grief, suffering, for-
giving slander and cruel injus-
tice, bearing the heaviest of loads
upon his shoulders with enduring
patience, walking with his God.

He could laugh, too, and how
this world needs laughter—laugh-

In the Day's News

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HITLER WAS GOING TO AT-
TACK RUSSIA.

THIS Dr. Sorge is described by
"informed German sources
still in Japan" as a "gallant ladies
man." They said his record of
feminine conquests astonished
even the blasé foreign colony in
Tokyo at the time.

He worked so secretly, from
sources so high up, that even Rus-
sian officials in the Soviet em-
bassy in Tokyo didn't know who
he was or who gave him his or-
ders and were scared pink for a
while that HE HAD BEEN SPY-
ING ON THEM (perhaps on the
orders of the Kremlin itself).

THE point to the army's "warn-
ing" (much of it based on re-
ports from General MacArthur)
is that a lot of these spies were
never apprehended, but scattered
out over the world. The implica-
tion is that they are still at work
—probably a lot of them in
America.

(Sorge got what was coming to
him. He was arrested, tried by the
Germans and hanged as a spy. An
interesting point is that he was a
GERMAN COMMUNIST. That is to
say, although he was a Ger-
man, his loyalty was a COMMU-
NIST was to Russia).

LET'S keep our shirts on. Let's
not go off on any wild spy
hunts. Let's not suspect any of
our neighbors. Let's blast no rep-
utations on hearsay.

BUT—
Let's realize seriously that our
way of life is at grips with a way
of life that goes contrary to
EVERYTHING we believe in and
STOPS AT NOTHING TO
ACHIEVE ITS PURPOSE.

And let's draw from this scare
story the important lesson that
this communist way of life that
is gunning for our skulls was
smart enough clear back at the
beginning of World War II to
plant its spies so advantageously
that it was able to get from them
IN ADVANCE the word that Hit-
ler was going to change sides in
the twinkling of an eye and at-
tack Moscow, which was then his
ally.

IT'S a little unfortunate that for
the past two or three years we
have been hunting spies with a
brass band and a press agent
crew. We'd better quit that. These
press-agent methods have shaken
even our own confidence in our
own methods of protecting our-
selves against spies.

But we'd better learn the all-
important lesson that spying has
to be guarded against. OR WE
MAY BE SUNK. If you were in a
big deal with an unscrupulous
competitor and somebody in your
own organization was tipping
your opponent off every day to
everything you were doing, you'd
go broke pretty quick.

The same principles apply in
international matters.

Weekly Work Limit For Oregon Firemen Sought

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—
A bill providing that no fire-
man in Oregon shall work more
than 72 hours a week was passed
by the Senate and sent to the
House.

3 Charged With Illegal Broadcast Of Race Results

SEATTLE, Feb. 11.—(AP)—U.
S. marshal's deputies arrested
three men last night on charges
growing out of the reported il-
legal broadcast of race results
from the Santa Anita track.

They were identified before U.
S. Commissioner John A. Burns
as Eddie Piasa, a former jockey,
Seattle; George La Clair and
Ralph Casey, both recently from
New York city.

Arrested on warrants sworn
out by Federal Communications
Commission and charged formal-
ly with operating a radio trans-
mitter without a license, they
waived hearing and were released
on \$1,500 bond each.

The FCC gave this account of
the case:
The men had been receiving
telephoned results from the track
then broadcasting them to asso-
ciates who placed bets with
bookies over the Pacific North-
west at the last possible moment.

An Everett bookie reportedly
lost \$2,300 in the past week.
Using portable transmitters,
FCC men said they traced the
broadcast to the hotel room
where the men were arrested.

Aid Room Donations To Dillard School Asked

Mothers of Dillard School chil-
dren are appealing to all par-
ents in the Dillard-Winston areas
for donations of needed articles
to supply the school's first aid
room.

Needed are three or four army
or navy blankets, six or more
cot sheets, three or more pairs
of pillow cases and a set of pil-
lows. A small electric heater
could also be used advantageously.

Articles need not be new but in
good condition and clean.

Parents who cannot deliver the
donations are asked to contact
Principal Harry H. Krug, and the
items will be picked up.

Rent Control Assailed By Portland Landlords

PORTLAND, Feb. 11.—(AP)—
Rent control again was under at-
tack by landlords here last night.
A spokesman, Fred E. Arnold,
president of the Oregon Ap-
artment House Association, asked
the mayor to appoint an impar-
tial committee for "a full inves-
tigation of our rent control."

He said landlords needed relief
from "oppressive rent regula-
tions."

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Mechanical Fido 'Bites' Fog to Protect Planes

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—A sort of
watchdog that bites and chases off
fog—is now unleashed at the Los
Angeles airport, the first such in-
stallation in a civilian airport.
Fido gets its name from its Brit-
ish catalogue item "fog, intensive
dispersal of."

Fido is, in fact, a gigantic kitch-
en range, the burning open jets
of which spout 12-foot flames,
and make enough heat to drive
off fog for safe landing of planes.
It was used extensively at British
airfields during the war.

The airport, the federal gov-
ernment and five major airlines
are spending \$542,000 to install
the 352 oil-burning nozzles along
runways. It will burn 800 gallons
of fuel a minute at 11 cents a
gallon.
But the airlines say it will save
them money—and maybe lives.
Planes often 'land at Palmdale in
the desert when Los Angeles air-
port is fogbound. It costs the air-
lines nearly \$400 a plane-load to
transport passengers into Los
Angeles.

Fido will permit an airliner to
land for less than \$100, not to
mention the effect on passengers
who bought tickets to Los Angeles
not Palmdale.

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PINK DIAMONDS FOR PRINCESSES

... the diamond dealer heamed, "Aren't they beautiful?" Holding the diamonds
to the light, he turned the stones about with his gem tweezers, "You like colored di-
amonds, don't you?"

I admit that I was very fond of them. These were two of the most beautiful
yellow diamonds I had ever seen. One was strong yellow-orange, the other a bright
lemon yellow. "How expensive are they?" I asked.

"Of course, these are not for sale, they're part of my collection, but were they, they
would sell for about twice that of the top grade fine white."

RAREST OF ALL
Yes, colored diamonds are rare and extremely brilliant in color, as well as extremely
expensive. They are the "orchids" of the "gem kingdom." Blues, reds, pinks and
greens are the most highly prized; followed by yellow-orange, bright yellows and
chiarreuse. After these come the various grades of white to thin yellow brown.

One of the most prized gifts received by Princess Elizabeth upon the event of her
marriage was a thirteen carat pink diamond; a gift from Dr. Williamson, owner and
discoverer of the large, new South African diamond mine.

ONE IN A MILLION!
Most of the diamonds mined are of no value as gems at all. These are used for in-
dustrial purposes. Perhaps 5% are of gem quality; of these about 4½% are light
yellow, muddy or grey. The rest are fine white and a negligible fraction are fancy
colored.

The point is, more common colors of diamonds are just as wonderful as the fancies
or fine whites; they only are less valuable. Diamonds are not lucky stones; it is the
owner who is lucky. So if you have a diamond of more common color, very slightly
yellow or brown, it may be more beautiful, yes, more expensive than a fine white
stone of improper cut or proportion.

TOOLS FOR THE EXPERT
We use a series of diamonds of differing nuances of color varying from fine white
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cutting.

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