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BEGINNING AND END

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The American people are extremists. Once embarked upon a course of action, they are never content with moderation but must enthusiastically pursue their objective to its most advanced and radical end. That is one reason our current political trend toward state socialism contains so much danger. Once fully launched on the path to a welfare state, we will find it increasingly difficult to turn back and, because Socialism has only one possible end—self-destruction—we are heedlessly courting national disaster.

Administration forces have succeeded in pushing a multi-billion dollar housing bill through the Senate. President Truman has submitted his program for compulsory health insurance. Coupled with aid to education, public welfare, old-age assistance, social security, farm price support, unemployment compensation and the many other social and economic benefits and crutches, we are rapidly making ourselves dependent wards of government.

It is, of course, a pleasurable thought that we can live under complete regimentation; no need to exert our minds or exercise responsibility; no need for thrift; no need to worry about old age security; that a beneficent government will take care of our every requirement and that we need do only a minimum of work. But how long can our government, under such regime, continue beneficent?

Socialistic leadership holds forth promise of perpetual benefits through a "soak the rich" program. But where do the "rich" get their riches?

Corporations, industries, big and little business, etc., include taxes as a part of operating costs. Every piece of merchandise bought through a retail store carries in its sale price the taxes of manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and retailers. Thus the consumer pays off three or four sets of taxes on every purchase. So, soaking the rich, insofar as business and industry are concerned, merely means increasing the indirect tax on the "little fellow."

The one main exception comes in the case of the high-salaried executives, professional men and women and persons in the entertainment or sports fields who have high rates of income. Continuation of the soak the rich policy eventually will succeed in taxing most of these people out of existence.

We can expound all the socialistic theories in all the books, but we must always come back to one fundamental truth—there is no wealth in the world except that produced by human hands. The more we produce, the more wealth we acquire. When we adopt political policies tending to lower standards of production, we are reducing our wealth. On the other hand, by encouraging production, by putting more people to work at gainful employment, we increase wealth.

The socialistic state tends to discourage production because it seizes capital which otherwise would go into creation of employment. It is obvious that governmental use of money captured through taxes is not expended nor managed as efficiently as under a profit-inspired, free enterprise system. Agencies, departments, authorities and administrations are cumbersome, wasteful and expensive.

Then, too, we are faced with a moral problem. What moral right has the government to take money by force from one group of people to provide benefits for another class, except in the name of charity? Naturally, we realize responsibility to provide public care for the physically handicapped, the mentally ill, the aged and infirm. But who is to define the underprivileged or draw the line where the benefits should start or stop?

The ultimate end of the welfare state is to reduce all the populace to a common level, then lower the level to a state of bare and scanty existence; for its appropriations of wealth cannot fail but destroy wealth itself, the length of time for such destruction being measured only by the beginning state of abundance. When the place has been reached where capacity for revenue through taxation has been exhausted, and the number of beneficiaries increased beyond the power of available revenue to support, government must cease to be beneficent. It becomes a police state. Then, instead of being WARDS of government, we become SLAVES of government.

It is time that we began to pause in our enthusiasm for something-for-nothing and consider the end to which our tendency toward extremes eventually will lead.

And Here We Are With A Piccolo



Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

"Oh, Algie," said Mrs. Algeron Bitwuns at breakfast, the day before she was to leave on a trip. "If only you won't smoke up the house when you fry sausage and steak! All those clean curtains! And oh, do watch that cat! She is bound and determined—she seems to have her mind set on that big wastebasket under the desk. But you never know! My grandmother found kittens in her Easter bonnet!"

Mr. Bitwuns was indignant that anyone should think he couldn't fry a piece of meat without smoking up the house! And as to that hussy—who was it, he would like to know, who didn't 'watch her' the two-out-three times she had her kittens in the house?

Mrs. Bitwuns was busier than a bee all day. Cookies . . . that big piece of bacon rind to try out so Algie wouldn't have a go at that, anyhow! The clock spun around. It was nearly time for Algie to come home . . . oh, dear, that cat! She was IN again! You Sho! Scat! That hussy looked up appealingly. Well, Mrs. B would feed her early, MAKE her see how nice that newly-sawn private entrance to the box in the workshop was! Mr. B had said the cat wouldn't use it, as he had, protestingly, sawed through inch-thick planks in the

door. Well, she would!

Mrs. B snapped on the high heat under the teakettle, so that its whistle would remind her minutes were flying, and let that hussy have a whiff of her favorite chow. It took some time to persuade that hussy to reach her chow via the private entrance . . . more time than Mrs. B realized. Funny the kettle hadn't whistled!

When she opened the kitchen door, smoke, thick, black SMOKE, rolled out. It seems she had snapped the high heat on under the skillet. The bacon grease was blazing half way to the ceiling. Mercy! Mrs. B frantically grabbed the skillet and hurried it outdoors! Then she opened doors and windows. The smoke billowed out every place it could, living room, bathroom, north, east, south and west. Mr. B came home just then. (He scoured the skillet!)

Later on Mr. B said: "Well honey, you won't have a thing to worry about on your trip. You took care of the clean curtains very nicely. And that hussy has three kittens in the wastebasket under the desk."

"Oh!" said Mrs. B—"are they white, like all the others?"

"No," said Mr. B, "they're black. Black as smoke!" And they were!

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

Oregon City Enterprise Norblad Effective on ECA Lumber Buying

The Oregon constituency of Walter Norblad, Representative in Congress from the First Oregon District, has had occasion heretofore to note the care with which he watches Pacific Northwest affairs but one such instance has come to light that is worthy of special notice and comment.

As a result of Representative Norblad's protest to the Economic Cooperation Administration that a majority of current purchases of lumber for the European countries have been made in Canadian mills, the ECA administrator has established a new policy of reviewing purchases so that Northwest mills will get a fair share of the orders.

This change in policy is of interest to the men who work in the mills and woods as well as the mill owners. United States lumber mills have been receiving only about 37 per cent of the lumber purchases for France, whereas before the war Oregon and Washington supplied about 82 per cent of the lumber sold France. Under the former ECA plan, which Mr. Norblad has vigorously protested, 63 per cent was being placed elsewhere,

largely in Canada.

In the case of ECA lumber purchases for England the neglect of Oregon and Washington mills was even greater but is more readily explained. Canadian mills have been receiving 84 per cent of lumber purchases for England paid for by U. S. funds.

As a result of Mr. Norblad's protest the ECA is now sending Mathias Nieuwenhuis, the Chief of its Lumber branch, to the Pacific Northwest to discuss the entire situation with lumbermen out here. In the meantime all new orders for foreign purchase will be subject to review before being approved with the assurance that all U. S. mills will be given full opportunity to put in bids and, more important, get complete specifications. The ECA order in other respects puts the U. S. mills in a more favorable position.

Representative Norblad has shown himself adept at catching these discriminations against the Pacific Northwest and particularly effective in getting them corrected.

Student Bodies' Heads Report On Council

Members of the 1948-49 and 1949-50 student body councils reported in an assembly yesterday at the high school on their trip to the State Council meeting at Bend.

President Durward Boyles (1948-50) told about the whole trip in general to the students and others that made the trip gave reports on the special meeting they attended.

Members of the councils who made the trip are Barbara West, 1949-50 secretary; Durward Boyles, Dale Blanck, 1948-49 sophomore vice president, and Rae Burghardt, 1948-49 treasurer.

4 Circuit Court Suits Disposed Of

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly has issued a decree in favor of Will M. Baker, Henry D. Baker and Orrin T. Baker in a suit to quiet title to property brought against Domingo Sabala, Jane Doe Sabala and others. The property consists of .55 acres adjoining donation land claim 44, in Section 7, Township 26 south, Range 5 west, Williamette Meridian.

Judgment of non-suit, based upon a stipulation for dismissal, has been granted by the judge in a suit brought by C. W. Cleveland against Edward G. Shoulder and D. E. de Armond, doing business as Fortune Branch Lumber Co.

Based upon motion of the plaintiffs, the suit brought by Fred Schulze and Helen Schulze against Clarence Reding and Ethel Reding has been dismissed by Judge Wimberly.

Judgment by default has been granted in the sum of \$334.16 in favor of Lee Roy Quinlan against Harvey and Jane Doe Drager.

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LETTERS to the Editor

Says Daylight Saving Just "Pain in Neck"

ROSEBURG—To the letter printed last week from "The Man With a Hoe," I say "amen" and, again "amen." I agree with him 100 percent.

If it was necessary during the war to have daylight saving time, that was alright. We were willing to put up with most anything the higher powers considered necessary to help win the war. But now it is a different matter.

As "The Man With a Hoe" said: If the employes of a mill or other business want to start work an hour earlier, so they can get off an hour earlier of an evening, let them go to work at 7 o'clock and call it 7 o'clock, and the rest of us can go on with our affairs as usual instead of having everything turned topsy-turvy by switching the time around."

I can't see where it gains anything for anyone. To me, and a lot of others I have talked to, it is just a big pain in the neck.

"A Woman With a Hoe." MRS. BYRON HAWKINS Melrose Rt., Roseburg, Ore.

Douglas Students Get S. O. C. E. Scholarships

Claren Blake, Roseburg, and Audrey Marier, Idlewild Park, have been granted scholarship awards for 1948-49 at Southern Oregon College of Education, announced Mrs. Mabel W. Winston, registrar. Scholarships are from the State Board.

Al Barnhart, Camas Valley, president of Future Teachers of America at the college, gave a report on his organization at an honor assembly Wednesday.

GIRLS ELECT

The Girls League of the Reedport High School elected the following officers for the coming year at a meeting held in the High School Thursday: President, Donna Bowman; vice president, Shirley Andrews; secretary, Ruth Miller; and treasurer, Pat Taylor.

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Dividend Notice

The Board of Directors of Investors Stock Fund has declared a quarterly dividend of fifteen cents per share payable on May 21, 1949 to shareholders on record as of April 30, 1949.

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Widow To Administer H. A. Canaday's Estate

Zina M. Canaday has been appointed administrator of the estate of her late husband, Harold A. Canaday, who died intestate in Roseburg April 19, 1949, at the age of 67 years. Appointment was made by County Judge D. N. Busenbark upon petition of Mrs. Canaday. Jack Dent was named appraiser.

Upon his petition, William Cyrus Garlinghouse has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mabelle M. Foss, who died at Drain May 5, 1949, at the age of 66 years.

One survey shows that there are about 1,500,000 machines vending peanuts and other bulk products in the U. S.

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