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## A GOOD STOP-GAP

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Having passed the Senate, the timber access road bill sponsored by Senator Wayne Morse is now before the House. While Senator Morse anticipates that a crowded calendar may prevent final approval before recess, he expects passage when Congress reconvenes in January.

The senator's bill would provide appropriations of \$30,000,000 annually for five years, the money to be used by the Departments of Agriculture and Interior to construct access roads into federally-owned timber.

Senator Morse overcame strong resistance to his bill, and, at the end, had support from Senators Taft and Watkins, original objectors, and Senator Cain, who, having failed in securing passage of his own bill, introduced an acceptable amendment to the Morse proposal, providing for public hearings after 10 days' notice on any access road.

The proposal by the Oregon senator is not, in our opinion, the correct nor full answer to the access road problem, but it would provide a decided improvement over existing conditions.

We believe access roads into public domain should be taken entirely out of politics, through establishment of a revolving road fund into which loan repayments would come from timber sales. We will continue to have trouble with the program as long as it savors of pork barrel.

The Morse legislation, by setting up a five-year project, will give the affected agencies an opportunity to coordinate their construction work for that specific number of years, but no advance planning will be possible.

If, on the other hand, the proposal obtains congressional approval and, prior to expiration of the five-year period, a permanent revolving fund is established, the bill can be the start of a long needed program in improved timber management.

The Oregon Statesman, Salem, published by ex-Governor Charles A. Sprague, said recently:

When Secretary Krug talks about moving some of the surplus water of the Rogue and Umpqua rivers to California, he hasn't figured on the Wildlife federation and the Izak Walton league and kindred spirits. They put up a vigorous fight against minor diversion of Rogue river water for supplemental irrigation in Jackson county. He'll have to climb over many dead bodies of sports enthusiasts (including Charlie Stanton of the Roseburg News-Review) before he taps the waters of those streams.

No truer words were ever spoken! But if the present trend of government is not checked soon, there'll be a lot of dead bodies; for few Oregon editors will escape being lined up before the nearest stone wall and shot as enemies of "enlightened liberality."

Five Oregon and Washington power companies are reported engaged in negotiations to buy electricity from British Columbia. These companies are all in areas now being supplied with public power from the Columbia river.

Public power advocates complaining about Copco's service in southern Oregon would have us believe that selling out private enterprise is the answer to our power problems.

But while these Oregon and Washington concerns are negotiating for excess power from British Columbia to serve an area still short in supply, despite both private and public efforts, Copco expects to bring its local shortage to an end before the close of this year.

## Congress Sidelights

By Harris Ellsworth  
Congressman, 4th District of Oregon

### TVA INDEX LOWEST

(The Bend Bulletin)

One of the main arguments in recent use by administration spokesmen for a Columbia valley authority has been that the northwest needs it to provide electric power, which will provide employment, which will provide prosperity. In all of these things, the valley authority boys would have us believe, the Pacific northwest is sadly deficient. They would have us believe, too, that only through a CVA can these things come to us.

They make us very weary. The Pacific northwest, it so happens, is a part of the Pacific coast, one of the most prosperous sections of the country. Federal tax figures tell the story. Here the average family payment to the U.S. treasury is \$1,047. This is an index of ability to pay, for much

of federal taxation is keyed on size of income (a sliding scale for this), on purchase of luxuries and on amusements, the volume of which is in close relation to standards of living. Only in the east north central group of states, where federal taxation averages \$1,338 a family, and in the middle Atlantic states, \$1,535, is the Pacific average exceeded. In comparison, the states which comprise the greater part of the TVA model for the Columbia valley authority, have the lowest average federal tax in the whole United States. In these TVA states the payment per family is \$525, slightly more than half the average in the Pacific states.

So that is the kind of prosperity that valley authorities bring. Not very tempting, is it? The northwest, it seems to us, can do nicely without one.

### Washington Lt. Governor Faces Income Tax Lien

SEATTLE, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Lt. Gov. Victor Meyers says a \$5,379 income tax lien now on file against him results from an interpretation of tax laws regarding profits from a Tacoma housing development.

The lien has been filed by the bureau of internal revenue.

Government agents said he owes unpaid taxes on 1943, 1944 and 1945 incomes.

Meyers said the taxes involved a 300-home building project in Tacoma when he was president

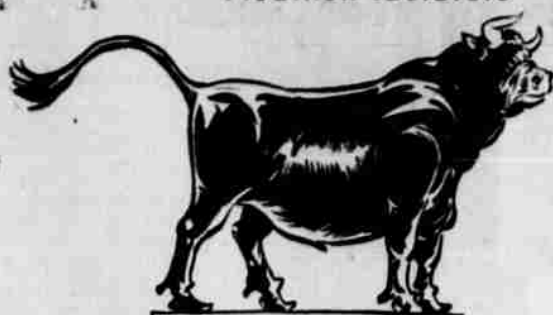
of the Western Development company, with which his brother also was associated.

"We weren't paid for that job until 1945," he said, "and then we were taxed on all our earnings in that one year."

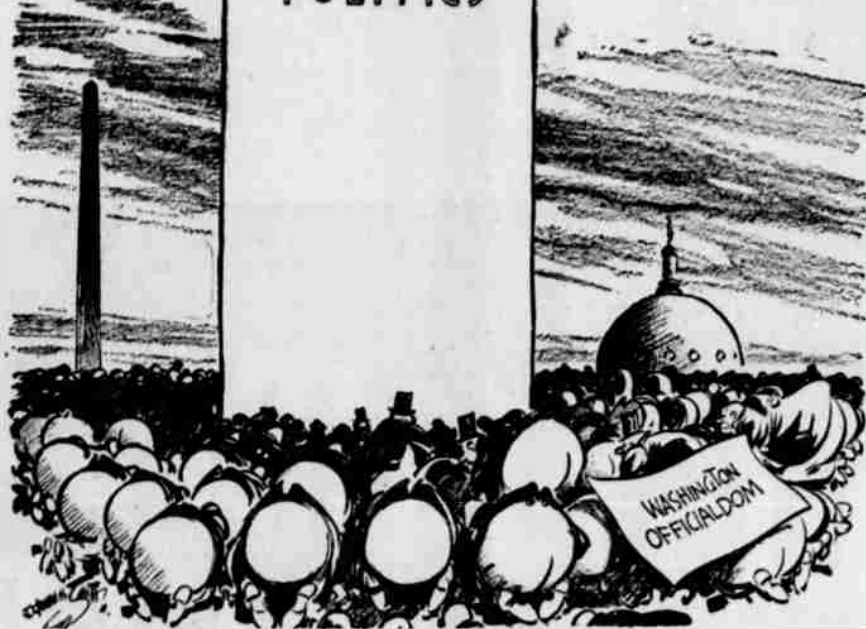
Meyers said he thought the taxes on profit should have been prorated back over previous years, but that the bureau had ruled otherwise.

"I'll have to pay it," he added. "That takes care of my profit—now I'll be taking a loss."

## Heathen Idolators



## POLITICS



## Slogans from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

One hot Sunday in June we drove along the Umpqua to the coast. It was when the heavenly blue of the wild lilac, the bright yellow of the broom, the purple of the lupine and vetch, and the snowy thimble-berry blossoms were at their loveliest.

But after we passed Reedsport we were shaded from the brilliant sun by a blanketing fog that came rolling in over the bluff where the light stands. By the time we reached the light, our objective, we couldn't see, could only hear the waves lapping at the sand. And thinly dressed for the 'hot day,' we now shivered in the chilling wet fog and wind.

George Stapp, a young seaman, was detailed to guide us. He was from Georgia. After a few questions about the light we turned our interest to Seaman Stapp. Yes, he liked the coast guard here, but he would prefer a ship. He liked ships. . . . We told him about another lad in blues who liked ships, too. We asked him to visit us, and promised to include black-eyed peas for dinner. . . .

When I reached home I wrote the coast guard for the information about the Light. Today a four-page "History of the Umpqua River Light" came—not double-spaced, either!—with a letter explaining that the "history" was written especially for you from National Archives records. By order of the commandant. (We thank S. F. Gray, captain, USCG, and also J. N. Ashbrook who wrote the letter, and, for all we know, maybe the history, too. If ever I have the opportunity I shall visit the National Archives—but that's another story.)

The first page tells of the earlier lighthouse, built in 1856, and the light first put in use in 1857. But alas, a severe storm in October, 1863, (no, of course, the USCG didn't say 'alas'), washed away part of the foundation. The lens was removed, but before the lantern could be taken down the structure began to totter, and soon fell, leaving only a landmark of ruins at the mouth of the Umpqua river. (To be continued in tomorrow's column.)

## Distorted Pictures Of American Life Appear In Russian, Czechoslovak Press

By JAMES D. WHITE  
(AP Foreign News Analyst)

Some of the giddier ideas abroad about America are being hopped up by communist propagandists.

Sample: A recent Moscow cartoon shows an American football game so violent that the referee operates in an armored car among players and fans armed with guns and clubs. A recent article in "Rude Pravo," the official communist newspaper in Prague, Czechoslovakia, depicts America as a place where sitting on flagpoles is common.

According to AP's Prague correspondent, Richard Kasischke, Rude Pravo's argument runs like this: America is so full of contradictions and frustrations that one out of thirty Americans blows his top and climbs a flagpole or does something equally odd to get away from it all.

"Apparently," says Rude Pravo, "it is really hard for an average American today to keep his mental balance. Some of them—those who are called pole-sitters—all on high poles and try to keep their perch there as long as possible. Pictures are made of them and newspapers write front page stories about them."

"Then, soap, soft-drink and soup manufacturers ask them to endorse their products. Hollywood companies offer them screen tests. Political correspondents ask their opinions on the international situation. . . . Rude Pravo shows it's abreast of developments by reporting that Chicago 'used to be' famous for its gangsters. But it says Chicago recently announced that during a single year more than 2,000 Bibles had been stolen from the luxurious Palmer House hotel."

Rude Pravo then criticizes, dead-pan, the American press for not telling the truth about Czechoslovakia.

While the American press isn't exactly troubled by an inferiority complex, at the same time it doesn't claim to be perfect. Some of it may have done wrong by Czechoslovakia, but the picture could scarcely have been as distorted as Rude Pravo's own blow-up of past or present American half-truths presented as the whole truth about America.

We have our goofy element. And I once heard a very sober economist (a loyal Republican, by the way) argue seriously that

one of the basic liberties is the freedom to make a fool of yourself if you don't hurt somebody else in the process. Maybe very few Americans can say honestly that they never swiped a towel. Very few of us even want to be supermen, much less think we are.

But the communists are working on a mean little quirk in people everywhere, including ourselves. That's their prejudice about others, their acceptance of everything that supports the prejudice, and their disinterest in anything that might unsettle the prejudice.

The great demand abroad is for the freakish in American life.

### Coos Bay Pastor Will Speak At Baptist Church

Rev. Cecil Brown, now pastor at Coos Bay and a former chaplain, will speak Sunday night at 8 at the First Baptist Church of Roseburg.

Rev. Mr. Brown had an unusual career in the army. He started what came to be known as "Brown university," while he was chaplain at Camp Adair at Corvallis. This was a work among men from the Ozarks in Arkansas, who in many instances could neither read nor write.

Mr. Brown went overseas with his men and spent more than two years in the thick of battle in the Southwest Pacific. He was cited for his outstanding work.

Mr. Brown's topic Sunday night will be "When Man Tries to Become God."

### D. OF H. ASSN. TO MEET

Degree of Honor Protection association will meet at 8 o'clock Friday evening in the Knights of Pythias hall for a regular business meeting.

## Eastern States Extend Deadline On Vets' Bonus

The State of Illinois, Michigan and Rhode Island have extended deadlines for applying for World War II veterans' bonuses, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs reported this week.

The Illinois bonus deadline, originally scheduled for June 30 of this year, has been extended to June 30, 1951. In Michigan the deadline was set ahead two years to March 18, 1951. The Rhode Island bonus expired June 30, 1947, but recent legislative action revived it to give applicants until Oct. 31, 1949, to file. Bonus payments of the three states provide:

ILLINOIS—Pays \$10 per month domestic duty, \$15 per month foreign duty, \$50 minimum payment, for 60 days or more of active duty between Sept. 16, 1940, and Sept. 2, 1945, if veteran was Illinois resident at time of entering service. If veteran died of service connected causes while on active duty between those dates, eligible survivor receives \$900. Death otherwise entitles survivor to amount veteran would receive if alive. Apply to Service Recognition Board, 321 W. Adams St., Springfield, Ill.

MICHIGAN—Pays \$10 per month domestic duty, \$15 per month foreign duty, \$500 maximum payment, for 61 days or more of active duty between Sept. 16, 1940, and June 30, 1946, if veteran was Michigan resident for at least six months immediately prior to entering service. Eligible survivors, including spouse, children, or dependent parents or dependent brothers or sisters, entitled to \$500 maximum if veteran died of service connected causes, otherwise amount veteran would receive if alive. Apply to Adjutant General, Bonus Section, Lansing 1, Mich.

RHODE ISLAND—Pays \$200 for any active service in the armed forces between Sept. 16, 1940, and Sept. 2, 1945, or for any service in the merchant marine between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945, if applicant was Rhode Island resident for at least six months immediately prior to dependents in case of death. Apply to Veterans Bonus Board, State House, Providence 2, R. I.

## In the Day's News

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Britain's national health scheme. One of his first statements to reporters was:

"I understand I can obtain health treatment free here—and spectacles, too."

He added that he has a stomach ailment and has been in poor health since away back in 1944, when he was operated on.

He was obviously interested in the fact that under the British health plan VISITORS as well as residents are entitled to medical care.

THIS is the point, as I see it:

Doctoring and medicine FOR FREE appeal to the big boss of a 56-room castle as much as to you and me. We all like the things that come without cost.

(And after we get 'em we all yell bloody murder about our taxes.)

WE keep learning new things about this British health plan. (The Scotch dentist who earns \$100,000 a year carpentering people's teeth and sending the bills to the government, for example.)

The latest thriller concerns wigs and toupees. It seems that these aids to the hairless are furnished for free, along with false teeth, spectacles (including monocles), stomach ache remedies and operations. I was reading a piece about it the other night, and what impressed me most was the staggering price of these coverings for bare domes. I can't remember the exact figure, but it ran up into the upper brackets.

### New Attack Opened On Portland Punchboards

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Mayor Dorothy Lee, whose measure to ban all punchboards in Portland was defeated in the city council Wednesday, tried a flank attack Thursday.

She introduced another anti-punchboard ordinance without the emergency clause of the first one. The ordinance will come up for final vote Aug. 25, when another city commissioner, absent yesterday, will be on hand.

Simultaneously she and Commissioner Ormand R. Bean ordered all punchboards to be inspected at the city hall. Only the strictly legal question-and-answer type will be permitted to operate.

### Navy Secretary Will Address Oregon Demos

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Navy Secretary Francis P. Matthews will address a Democratic party picnic here Sunday.

James Goodsell, secretary of the Democratic party of Oregon, said Matthews will outline the administration's view on the CVA. State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson will be master of ceremonies and State Sen. Austin F. Flegel will speak.

Matthews also will attend the national Knights of Columbus convention which opens here next Tuesday.

### Deer, Starts Woods Fire

EUGENE, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The forest patrol at Marcola reports an unusual accident which started a small forest fire Tuesday evening.

High winds had caused a length of electric wire to dangle about three feet from the ground. A deer attempted to jump the wire, was killed by the contact which also started the blaze. The fire was put out with little damage.

## Gerry Leroy Irvin, Azalea Youth, Passes

Gerry Leroy Irvin, 17, of Azalea, died of a sudden illness at the Myrtle Creek hospital Wednesday evening.

He was born in Olympia, Wash., May 22, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Irvin. His parents survive. The family had moved to Azalea about two months ago.

The body will be taken to Elma, Wash., for services and interment. Arrangements are in care of the Roseburg Funeral home.

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