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## FUZZY THINKING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

One of our good friends is presently engaged in building a new house. He is doing much of the common labor himself—carrying and piling lumber, digging ditches, and helping with some of the rough carpentry. His personal labor contribution to the job will result in a reduction by several hundred dollars of the total price of construction.

The federal government recently voted billions of dollars for public housing projects. Demand is now being made for widened benefits and more appropriations.

Does anyone think for a moment that one of these public dwelling units will be constructed as economically and efficiently as the home our friend is building?

President Hoover in his talk recently, commented on "fuzzy" thinking. His description, we believe, may be applied with especial aptness to the current trend toward paternalistic government.

The private builder to whom we referred has saved diligently to obtain money with which to build his home. By doing much of the common labor himself, he is reducing his total cost. But, when he comes to pay his taxes, he will be paying a part of the salaries of numerous administrators, clerks, supervisors, agents, and others, in addition to his share of financing the cost of public housing projects built with little regard for either economy or quality.

Nearly every doctor of our acquaintance employs a receptionist. In some cases the receptionist doubles as an office nurse. Other doctors have both a receptionist and a nurse, or, perhaps, several nurses.

We hear much demand for socialized medicine. If we get socialized medicine, each doctor will be forced to employ one or more additional assistants to handle reports, claims, records, statements, etc., demanded by the government, while, at the other end we will have an army of administrators, supervisors, clerks and inspectors.

Each patient case, therefore, will involve the labor of several more people, some of them entirely unnecessary, and the cost of each case will be much higher than at present, whether the expense is paid by the patient or the public.

The *Industrial News-Review*, Portland, points out that: According to the Brookings Institution, which makes authoritative surveys on various problems, medical care costs the average American family about four percent of its income. By comparison, taxes, direct and indirect, take 20 to 30 percent of that income.

Furthermore, the compulsory insurance scheme would cause a very heavy increase in the tax burden. No one knows how much it would cost. Government officials have estimated the annual bill at \$4,000,000,000—and estimates such as this are almost always low. Other analyses place the cost at \$6,000,000,000, and more. At best, the medical bill of the American people would be doubled, possibly tripled. And the fact that we would pay for it through payroll and other levies, instead of by writing out a check to the doctor, wouldn't make it any less burdensome.

Contrast this with the non-profit medical care plans, which now cover some 55,000,000 people, and which are growing at a healthy rate. An average plan over the nation, giving surgical, medical and hospital protection, costs \$2.50 a month for an individual and \$5.50 for a family—less than most of us spend for such non-essentials as cigars. And these voluntary plans don't put politics into the practice of medicine.

Anyone with even average intelligence knows that governmental spending is both wasteful and inefficient; that any activity or project could be more cheaply and efficiently handled by private enterprise.

Yet we find many people favoring further socialization. Many advocates of paternalistic government labor under the impression that they are getting something for nothing. Such thinking indeed is "fuzzy," as proven by the steadily mounting tax bill. Nor are the taxes paid by the rich, as some politicians would have us believe; for the rich have methods by which to include their tax cost in the processes of the businesses or industries in which they are engaged. It is the consumer who pays both directly and indirectly.

Public housing, socialized medicine, public make-work nationalization of industry, authoritative controls, and the many other innovations of the welfare state are excessively costly.

It is time we were shaking off our "fuzzy" thinking and looking at current trends realistically.

## Oregon Firms Supply Materials Worth Millions To U. S. Under Contracts Act In 6-Month Period

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Commodities worth \$7,159,744 were supplied by manufacturers and dealers of Oregon to the federal government under the Walsh-Healey public contracts act during the first six months of 1949.

This figure brought to \$14,653,257 the total value of goods bought by the government in this state during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949.

These totals were revealed here today by Madison R. Smith, investigation supervisor for the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts divisions, U. S. Department of Labor in Portland.

The commodities purchased during the first half of 1949 were: Wood products and furniture, \$1,592,175; machinery other than electrical, \$1,346,384; electrical machinery and apparatus, \$1,275,808; food and kindred products,

\$1,105,348; metals and basic metal products, \$872,030; transportation equipment, \$266,496; paper and allied products, \$177,214; stone, clay and glass products, \$106,750; coal and petroleum products, \$69,752; and miscellaneous products, \$346,789.

**Year's Totals Also Listed**

The totals for the fiscal year, he said, were: Wood products and furniture, \$4,488,526; metals and basic metal products, \$2,209,029; electrical machinery and apparatus, \$2,177,804; food and kindred products, \$2,118,518; machinery, other than electrical, \$1,634,759; transportation equipment, \$511,890; paper and allied products, \$453,188; stone, clay and glass products, \$275,974; coal and petroleum products, \$212,102; and miscellaneous products, \$281,487.

Smith pointed out that the act applies to government contracts which exceed \$10,000. It contains

## Eruption, or Just a Lot of Smoke?



## Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Have you ever baked-for-two in your deep well cooker? It 'eks me to turn on 4700 watts just to bake a small pan of biscuits, when that pan of biscuits is all I want out of the oven just then. I keep thinking I will try using the deep well for baking—then I hesitate. After all, it would be a pity to ruin the cooker.

I just came across a letter from a home economist, Lillian Warren, who was at O. S. C. then. She wrote as follows:

"It can be done. I frequently do it myself when I want just a small pan of biscuits. Leave your cooker and rack in. Elevate the rack about one inch. Turn the heat on to high. Bake for 20-30 minutes.

"Even though your cooker lid may have a vent hole, the biscuits need a little more ventilation to keep them from getting soggy. I use a kitchen paper towel folded in eighths to prop the lid open just enough.

"The biscuits will turn out fine and will be golden brown on top if rack is elevated."

When Lillian's letter came I was about to try the idea. Then a friend said: "You can't do it with every kind of deep well . . ." I

## Congress Sidelights

By Harris Ellsworth  
 Congressman, 4th District of Oregon

The House of Representatives is just about ready to adjourn for this session. Remaining legislation on which it has not acted consists mostly of very large and controversial bills such as the socialized medicine bill and the Brannan farm plan. Such proposals will require weeks of hearings and long and complete debate on the floor of both Houses of Congress. There will be plenty of time for full and complete consideration of them next year. There will always be pending before any session of Congress scores of non-controversial and minor bills. This session is no different from any other in that respect, but the House majority leadership properly takes the position that such legislation should be handled next year.

But the fact that the House has completed its work does not mean that Congress can adjourn. The House must sit around and mark time until the Senate is ready to stop talking and get its work done. Our solution to this problem will be to recess but continue in session technically until the Senate is ready to adjourn the session.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is apparently large enough for one of its bureaus to forget the existence of another. The Forest Service is charged with the task, among other things, of helping stabilize the lumber industry by stimulating new uses for wood products. The Commodity Credit Corporation, in the same department, has charge of the grain storage and sections dealing with minimum wages, overtime pay, safety and health measures, convict labor and child labor. The child labor provisions, he added, fix an assessment of \$10 per day for each day a boy under 16 or a girl under 18 is employed on government contract goods. Employers in the eight Western states paid \$25,290 for child labor violations under the act during the fiscal year, Smith said.

## In the Day's News

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gift. No one likes to incur such obligations in vast numbers. It is embarrassing.

**B**UT, assuming that you were President, what could you do about it?

You can't throw a proffered small personal gift back in the donor's face and say: "I don't want it. I won't have it around. Get it out of here!"

Such things just aren't done. They certainly aren't done by the leaders of our great political parties, who must be pictured to the people as "regular folks, just like you and me." If any President started sending these little gifts back with a letter suggesting that "you can't get around me that way" his name would be mud in no time flat.

**W**HAT about the donors of these gifts?

Oh, they include all kinds of people. Some of them are sincere and genuinely want to make a gift, often one that involves personal sacrifice, to a President whom they admire. Some of them are petty crooks at heart, and probably actually hope they can bribe the President of the United States into doing them some small favor. Most of them are publicity hunters. A gift to the President of a whopping big watermelon or a prize turkey is nearly always good for a story in the papers all over the country.

**M**Y personal belief, which I stand ready to defend, is that Harry Truman, as an individual, is as square as they come. Mrs. Truman seems to be cut out of the same kind of cloth. Nobody is ever going to be able to bribe either of them. They just aren't built that way.

**S**O much for Harry Truman as an individual. His political ideas are quite another matter. As a politician, he seems to have embraced, as a device to keep his party in power, both the Welfare State, Unlimited, and the spend-it-NOW-with-both-hands, to the devil with the future, let the next generation worry, political theories that are now so current.

I'm so old-fashioned that I can't possibly bring myself to believe in this modern political idea of squandering the estate that has been built up for us by our hard-headed, hard-working forbears, going heavily into debt and

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## Flower-Hobby Show Date At Sutherlin Set

By MRS. BRITAIN SLACK

Final plans have been made for the annual flower and hobby show sponsored by the Associated Business Women's club of Sutherlin at the Community hall Saturday, Aug. 27.

Entries will be received from 8 a. m. to 10 a. m. Judging will start at 11 a. m. Doors will be open to the public from noon until 8:30 p. m.

Only three flowers of any kind are required for an entry. Cut flowers must be exhibited in glass fruit jars, using quarts for tall flowers and pints for smaller flowers.

One unique feature this year will be a display of hats made entirely by flowers. No hat can compete that is formed over a hat frame. Hats to enter must be all flowers, but ribbons for tying will be allowed.

Judges for the Flower Show will be Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. P. C. Christensen, and Mrs. J. I. Goddard, all of the Cottage Grove Garden club of Cottage Grove.

Judges for the hobby show will be Mrs. Ethel Twoby and Mrs. Lois Quine of Roseburg. Committees appointed are as follows:

Hospitality—Mrs. Cora Allen, Mrs. Atterbury and Mrs. Evelyn Young. Registrars—Mrs. Donna Deen, Shakerley and Mrs. Doris Steinbach. Floral arrangements—Mrs. Gladys Minor, Mrs. Connie Smith, Mrs. Ivona Halverson, Mrs. Essie Jones, Mrs. Marjorie Buchanan and Mrs. Olga Blodman. Millinery display—Mrs. Lina Torrey. Hobby display—Mrs. Lina Reinmannschneider, Mrs. Betty Corvill and Mrs. Helmie Burns.

## Officers Elected By State Labor Federation

PORTLAND, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The State Federation of Labor Thursday completed its mail election with the reelection of J. B. MacDonald, Portland, as president.

The only contested offices were three district memberships on the executive board. T. J. Cruickshank, Coos Bay, defeated J. C. O'Neill, Coos Bay, for the district 5 post; Ray McGinnis, Eugene, defeated Gilva Stewart, Eugene, in district 4; and Verna Coffinberry, Pendleton, won over Roy White, Hermiston, and W. I. Herman, La Grande, in district 8.

Other officers, elected without opposition: Mildred Gianini, Portland, first vice-president; Cecil W. Jones, Portland, second vice-president; J. T. Marr, Portland, executive secretary, M. E. Steele, Portland, Eli McConkey, Astoria; F. J. A. Boehing, Salem; C. D. Long, Klamath Falls; Joseph L. Ross, Bend; Clifford Roberts, Oregon City, and Don Stansell, Medford, board members.

leaving it to our children to PAY the debts we are so recklessly creating.

I don't think that is a fair way to treat our children.

**S**TILL, if we are to be fair to kindly, companionable people like Harry Truman, we have to consider ALL the circumstances.

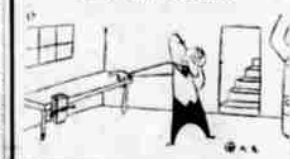
The pressure that is put upon a President by the people who make up his administration, is something fearful to contemplate. Here is the plea that is dinned unceasingly into his ears: "KEEP US IN OUR JOBS. NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO."

Nothing goes farther down into the roots of human nature than loyalty to one's friends and associates. No President is ever permitted to forget that if he leaves undone ANYTHING that will keep his party in power he is destroying the future and wrecking the lives of all those who are dependent upon him AS THE LEADER. Constant pressure of that sort just does things to people who hold responsible positions.

In justice to Harry Truman, the individual, we have to keep that in mind.

## Now you Know!

The answers to everyday insurance problems.  
 By KEN BAILEY



**QUESTION:** A short time ago, my husband decided to build an extra store room in the basement. He went to the garage to get his box of tools which he hadn't used for several weeks. The tool box was gone and we have no idea who took it or even just when it disappeared. We had no burglary insurance but I wondered if any insurance company would have paid the loss anyway since we were unable to state exactly when the tools were taken.

**ANSWER:** Most Residential Theft policies include a Mysterious Disappearance clause which would cover the loss you describe. Under this clause, insured articles which disappear unaccountably are presumed stolen and the insurance company settles the loss.

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