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COMMUNIST INCONSISTENCY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The inconsistency of communist thought and action is being evidenced in New York where pickets are patrolling a federal court house in which 11 top "commie" leaders are on trial.

Here we see a picture of an attempt to influence a court's decision through demonstration. Yet no people, as a group, are more vocal in their demand for legal rights and uncorrupted courts than are communists.

The communist is doing his utmost to overthrow constitutional government, yet he stands on constitutional rights whenever cornered and appeals to the courts at every opportunity.

Paul Robeson, who rightfully should have been divested of his American citizenship and forced to stay in Russia after his blatant expression of allegiance to Communism, is prating of invasion of his "civil liberties" because anti-communist veterans prevented his appearance at Peekskill, N. Y.

While we cannot condone the action taken by the veterans, nevertheless we do not feel that Robeson has any moral right to defense of his civil liberties from a country he has virtually renounced. How much protection do you suppose an anti-communist speaker would get in Moscow, which even now is threatening war with Yugoslavia for the protection of communist minorities?

In this country even a one-man minority gets protection; though he has avowed his allegiance to a party pledged to overthrow constitutional government. But in Moscow, the only recognized "minority" either individually or collectively, is a segment of the majority. There are no rights or privileges for those who fail in their allegiance to the party—only a shot in the back or prolonged torture in a slave camp.

How can we understand people, who after pledging themselves to destruction of a form of government, will insist upon using every letter of law for their own protection? Or people, who, insisting upon protection of minority rights, are striving for a political rule which recognizes no minority and purges its opposition?

If Communism was not such a serious threat in this country, its inconsistency would be humorous.

Incendiary Deserving of No Leniency

The incendiary fire season is with us. Forest protection agencies report a number of fires deliberately set in various parts of the county during past weeks.

We can think of few lower forms of criminal activity, aside from sex crimes.

Incendiaryism can be murder, for many firefighters have been killed while battling forest fires.

Incendiaryism is grand larceny, for it not only destroys valuable property, but it robs taxpayers of dollars by lowering assessed valuations, while stealing jobs and profits from workers and employers.

Incendiaryism is a threat to public welfare because it reduces productive capacity of watersheds, destroys fish and game, reduces recreational values, and promotes pollution.

The incendiary is an individual who commits his crime with full premeditation, planning and stealth. If apprehended he is entitled to no leniency and is deserving of the fullest penalty permitted by law.

Only slightly less deserving of court clemency is the person who starts fires through carelessness or negligence.

The carelessly tossed cigar butt, burning pipe duffel, the unextinguished match, an unguarded or unquenched campfire can cause as much destruction and be just as lethal as the incendiary's torch.

The law imposes penalties for criminal negligence and while, perhaps, some consideration should be given, in comparing a deliberate incendiary with a careless or negligent firebug, penalties, if the culprit be apprehended, should be sufficient to induce a spirit of caution on the part of others.

Washington Balks At Oregon Levy On Share Of Columbia River Span

OLYMPIA, Sept. 1.—(AP)—The Washington Toll Bridge authority was in no mood today to pay taxes on its Longview-Columbia river bridge to Columbia county, Ore.

Instead it will ask the Washington Tax commission to make an investigation, if not too costly, of all the county's assessments to determine if the 1949 valuation of \$1,100,000 placed on the Oregon portion of the bridge is arbitrary and unreasonable.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Lyle Iverson said the investigation would be a necessity for resisting a court fight by Oregon to collect taxes on its portion of the bridge. The Oregon Tax commission previously denied the TBA's protest that the valuation was too high. Iverson said he believed the county could collect the taxes.

The TBA gave its approval to construction of a new toll bridge across the Columbia at the Covington point site near The Dalles. Webb Hoover, TBA secretary, said the bridge would be built by Oregon. Washington put up \$8,000 to match similar amounts by the Oregon Highway department and Wasco county, Ore., to finance a

IN NAVY TRAINING

HARRY F. LAURANCE, airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Laurance of Roseburg, is attached to Navy Attack Squadron 54, presently based ashore at the Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.

Squadron 54 is an air unit of the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge and for the past several months has been engaged in bombing and torpedo training exercises off the coast of southern California.

Careful Now, Men!



Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Vivianett S. Martin

If you do not happen to have a free "Index to Topographic Mapping in Oregon" (or any other state in which you are interested), you are missing something! A postal request to the Director of Geological Survey in Washington, D. C., will bring it.

The Index is printed on one side with detailed information about all the maps and sheets available; on the other side the state map is squared off into red "quadrangles" each known by the red-lettered name in its center. There is a ROSEBURG Quadrangle—the quadrangle maps cost twenty cents each. Contour maps in three colors.

But the prize map listed is the one now spread on our living room rug, held open by the poker handle, two pieces of firewood, a reading glass, a book and the 45-inch heavy mailing tube in which it came. The OREGON map is 43x56, in two colors, with scale of eight miles to the inch. Cost? Twenty-five cents! No postage required. The mailing tube must cost more than that! It can be used to store maps or if you have an inside stairway, and can find room for one more map, that's

In the Day's News

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tive branch of our government (the President) can spend ONLY what the legislative branch (the Congress) APPROPRIATES.

Here is what the amendment would have amounted to:

IT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THE PRESIDENT TO REFUSE TO SPEND AS MUCH MONEY AS THE CONGRESS WAS WILLING TO APPROPRIATE.

I would have passed the buck on spending from Congress to the President. Under such a scheme, every member of Congress in whose state or district a huge wad of government money is being spent could go home and say to his constituents: "Congress (of which I am a part) PROVIDED THE MONEY, but the President isn't going to spend it."

LET' break it down a little farther.

In your family, you as the breadwinner are and ought to be the boss as to what will be spent. You know, of course, that your children LIKE TO SPEND.

Suppose you said: "I want to be popular with you. So I am going to give each of you \$10 a month spending money, BUT I AM GOING TO REQUIRE TO REFUSE TO SPEND ALL OF IT."

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

SAH - CAH - GAR - WE - AH (Pendleton East Oregonian)

The story of Sacajawea is authentic except that the romantic writers have greatly exaggerated her services to the Lewis and Clark expedition. Her husband, Charbono, was an interpreter but not a very valuable member of the party. Sacajawea's importance was due to the fact she was a Shoshone and had been captured by an enemy band of Indians east of the Rockies. But the story that she guided the explorers to the camp of the Shoshones is incorrect.

The Lewis and Clark party was a band of picked men under two very capable leaders. Captain Meriwether Lewis and Captain William Clark. They had courage and determination but it was their ability in handling the party and in dealing with the Indians that made the expedition a success.

The explorers travelled up the Missouri by boat to the headwaters and they had knowledge of the Columbia because it had been discovered and partly explored some years previously. The big problem the leaders faced was how to get horses to transport the expedition from the upper Missouri to the Columbia. Everything depended on that because without horses the explorers would have had to turn back.

Captain Lewis handled that business himself. Accompanied by two men he travelled on foot far ahead of the main party for days in hopes of getting in touch with Indians living west of the Rockies. They had to act carefully because the Indians were afraid of hostile parties and it was not easy to get to talk to them. Finally Lewis and his two companions encountered two Indian women and a little girl. One of the Indian women ran away but the old woman and little girl could not escape. Lewis knew the sign language and made friends with them by giving them beads. He rolled up a sleeve exposing his arm to show that he was a white man. He convinced the Indian woman of his peaceful intentions and persuaded her to

Map Banned From Public By Navy Discovered On Night Club's Walls

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—(AP)—A high-level aerial photograph of the Washington area, plainly showing all military installations and withheld from general publication, was found today on the walls of a downtown night club and restaurant.

George Bomze, proprietor of the "99" restaurant near the treasury, said the picture was

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Fumigating Of Maragon Advised By Gen. Vaughan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan said today that his friend John F. Maragon needs to be "washed up, fumigated" and probably no longer will have access to the White House.

Earlier, the President's military aide, in testimony to a Senate committee, had called Maragon a "lovable sort of a chap."

William P. Rogers, counsel for the Senate Investigations committee, said he didn't think Maragon was "lovable" at all. He said he thought he had been "pretty despicable" in some of his dealings.

He asked Vaughan if it wasn't possible to keep Maragon, a central figure in the committee's "five percent" inquiry, out of the White House.

"It's not only possible, but it's probable," Vaughan replied.

The committee's hearings have developed that Vaughan, among other favors done for Maragon, recommended him for a job with a U. S. mission to observe the postwar Greek elections.

Yesterday, Vaughan told the committee he would still recommend Maragon for the post.

Today, Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) recalled some of the testimony about Maragon and asked: "In view of this, would you still recommend Mr. Maragon?"

"No, I would not," Vaughan conceded.

found in the cafe three weeks ago. It apparently had been left by some navy man.

Liking the scene, Bomze said he had it enlarged and mounted prominently in his display of photo-murals of points of interest around the capitol.

It attracted attention at once. Two admirals laughed heartily when they spotted it. Bomze told a reporter, but other navy officials demanded its removal.

Bomze said he refused, on grounds that any possible damage to security already had been committed.

The navy consistently has refused to permit publication of the picture.

The photograph was made from a navy Banshee fighter plane, a twin-jet aircraft, from an altitude of 38,848 feet. Some navy officials believed it was a new record for high-altitude photography.

The camera used was a newly developed instrument, details of which are still secret. Within the single picture is embraced the entire city of Washington and its surrounding area, individual buildings showing in sharp detail.

Why the picture was not released for publication was unclear. Security restrictions had been removed, releasing it for publication, but attempts by newspapers to obtain prints from the navy were unsuccessful.

the treasury, said the picture was

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