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POLITICAL CONSISTENCY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

If dishonesty and insincerity in high places were not so serious one could find amusement in the current inconsistencies of the federal administration.

While the FCC seeks minute technicalities on which to bar radio give-away programs, the administration is dishing out "prizes" with both hands.

Numerous corporations are facing actions on vague charges of untruthful advertising, while the President in political speeches propagandizes with half-truths and deliberate untruths.

Little sincerity or honesty can be credited to an administration that holds up one lily-white hand of purity, and with the other dishes out the dirt.

The administration, through the FCC, is endeavoring to end radio prize programs. The technicalities on which complaints are based are very finely drawn, indicating that the government has a weak position in its attack upon broadcasting companies. The administration's attempt to prohibit give-away shows doubtless is a political move in cooperation with organized labor, for the popular prize programs have seriously affected live talent employment. But with all this going on, President Truman has the effrontery in Labor day speeches to prate about "selfish interests" and "privileged classes" knowing full well that taxpayer money is being spent to coerce broadcasting companies into abandoning prize programs and employ more entertainers organized into their respective unions. Who are the selfish and special interests to whom the President refers?

Radio give-away programs are very popular with listeners. Manufacturers clamour to provide merchandise to be distributed to program participants, recognizing the advertising value of having trade names of their products mentioned over the air to huge audiences. Programs handing out cash to participants usually cost less than those in which big-name entertainers appear. But the FCC is attempting to say, "No can do."

At the same time the only answer necessary to get gifts of billions from Uncle Sam is, "It ain't enough." We hand out billions on request to foreign countries. We offer prizes of cheap homes to low-income groups. We give handouts to the farmers. We are striving to give prizes of free medical service to the nation's millions.

It seems that the matter of purity in give-away programs depends on the amount given and the identity of the giver.

Federal administrative agencies lift holy hands in protest against untruthful advertising. Because a company pictures twins with identical hair-do's, intimating that one was produced at home when allegedly the work was done by a professional, a hue and cry is raised about untruthful advertising.

And because certain Book-of-the-Month clubs advertise free books when actually a membership is required, the law stomps in with heavy tread.

But President Truman can stand on a speaker's platform and blatantly proclaim the virtues of the 81st Congress, when it is obvious to the most ignorant that he was only apple-polishing, advertising, with deliberate untruths, for a democratic victory at coming congressional elections.

And while the administration's trust-busting Department of Justice is sicking the dogs on big corporations in the name of unholy alliance, the administration is endeavoring to circumvent congressional controls by setting up huge political corporations in the form of river valley authorities, departing from the constitutional form of government which the President took sacred oath to uphold.

"Consistency, Thou art a jewel!"

FCA Approves Use By Great Britain Of Marshall Plan Funds To Buy Canada Wheat

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Economic Cooperation Administration has approved the use by Great Britain of \$175,000,000 in Marshall plan funds to buy Canadian wheat.

Making the announcement, the Economic Cooperation Administration disclosed that Britain has made a couple of agreements which suggest—1. That the British are going to get a little more to eat, and 2. That American apple and produce growers will find a larger market in Britain.

ECA said the British plan to buy \$30,000,000 worth of U. S. wheat, not included in original plans, and will also buy \$8,000,000 worth of \$10,000,000 worth of supplies, U. S. agriculture commodities, particularly perishable products.

The \$175,000,000 is money already allotted to Britain by ECA. As to it, all the British get is a freer hand in its spending. But ECA announced that it is arranging to finance \$30,000,000 worth of ocean transport for Britain.

The recovery agency said the action is "an effort to alleviate the critical drain on British gold and dollar holdings." Easing of restrictions on Britain's use of Marshall plan money was one of the things agreed to at the United States-British-Canadian talks on Britain's dollar crisis.

The wheat purchase is the first approved by ECA from any source other than the United States last March.

Wheat purchases from other countries with Marshall plan money were suspended at that time because grain was in free supply in the U. S.

Some congress members from the U. S. wheat belt have been protesting the plan to let Britain buy Canadian wheat with ECA funds. They contend there is a surplus of wheat in the U. S.

The ECA decision was announced after lengthy consultations between ECA administrator Paul G. Hoffman and Secretary of Agriculture Brannan.

ECA made public an exchange of letters in which Hoffman and Brannan agreed that there was urgent need to check the drain on Britain's dollar resources.

Brannan told Hoffman that the agriculture department foresees no adverse effects on this nation's farm economy from letting the \$175,000,000 of Marshall plan funds be used for purchase of Canadian wheat.

"We believe that the financing by ECA of a portion of the wheat moving under the United Kingdom-Canadian agreement will not diminish the overall exports of U. S. wheat but may even result in a slight increase."

"Atta Boy, Joe, That's How I Got My Start"



Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viaknett S. Martin

The menu, if you are a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Bitwuns this winter, will include, like as not, pearls...

Mrs. Bitwuns, the other morning, was keeping up her half of the breakfast chit-chat, and part of Mr. B's, too, he being busy at the moment flipping the best hot cakes made outside of Texas. Mrs. B finding it just as well to keep unspoken her anguish at sight of the usual blue smoke of grease that is too hot, stuck to the subject. Mr. B had asked what kind of fruit she wanted him to "keep an eye out for in town?"

"Whatever else you bring, Algernon, DON'T bring pearls. Still have some left over from last year. And you don't care for them anyhow..."

Now there was no newspaper in front of Mr. B's face. Mrs. B assumed her remarks had been duly noted. But Mr. B is adept at "listening" with his face but not his ears? At any rate the B's cat—they have a white one, too—jumped upon the window-sill just then, stretched her paws as high as she could and slid them down, thereby smearing as

much of the glass as possible with her damp feet.

Mr. B rattled the doorknob. The cat shot through the opened door a split second later, and looked around to see what accident she could pick that would do the most damage. After two years of model behavior she has taken to destructive retaliation for banishment with her last kittens to the workshop? She stalked over to the nearest wall, stretched her paws upward preparatory to raking her claws downward—Mr. B's "Hey!" stopped that. Mrs. B nearly jumped out of her housecoat. But the wallpaper was saved—for the time being. The Bs take turns patching wall paper...

Well, what with one thing and another, there was no more talk of the plums and prunes Mr. B was to keep his eye out for. Wandering trucks sometimes stop by the office. One did that day.

Mr. B came smiling up the walk, bearing in his arms a grapefruit crate of fruit. "These looked pretty good," said he, "and—what's the matter?"

"Pearls!" said Mrs. Bitwuns. "Pearls!"

Melrose

By NETTIE WOODRUFF

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stidham were shaken up and their car considerably damaged Monday afternoon, when they collided with another car at an intersection in Roseburg. They were on their way home from Medford, where they took their son, Jerry, to catch the plane to return to McChord field. He expects to be sent to Okinawa for duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Busenbark and Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Matthews made a business trip to Canby last Sunday.

Jack Trent accompanied by two boy friends left Friday on a pleasure trip to Boise, Ida.

Joe Matthews and son, Bill, left last Saturday on a trip to Yellowstone park and will stop at Lone, Ore., on their return to visit the Wallace Matthews family.

Miss Ida Beeman, who has been at Landers lookout all summer, left Saturday for her home at Vale, Ore. Less Doede, who has been at Baughman's lookout, has been transferred to Landers lookout.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Showers have had the latters' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bogart of Baker, Ore., as their guests for the past 10 days. They spent the Labor day weekend at the coast, salmon fishing and visiting Mr. Showers' mother, Mrs. O. W. Rosehall, at Winchester Bay. They also visited at Tenmile lake and Coos bay.

Dick Bonebrake left for McMinnville last Sunday, to attend school at Linfield college. Jim Young is leaving Sunday to attend college at Corvallis, and Ted Reece plans to leave Sunday also, for Eugene to enter the University of Oregon.

Dick Dow was honored with a party on his birthday Monday evening when his mother, Mrs. Clyde Kenyon, invited a group to their home to enjoy a delicious supper and an evening of games. Gifts were presented to the guest of honor by Darlene Kruse, Donna Davenport, Phyllis Williamson, Louise and Jeanine Conn, Roger, Reece, Duane and Jimmy Nelson.

Leonard Cooper and Keith Conn are working at Reedsport this week.

Mrs. Woodard of Portland is spending this week visiting her sister Mrs. Couy and family, who reside on the old Lynn place.

Mr. and Mrs. N. George and small son will move this weekend to Eugene, where the former will attend the University of Oregon under the G.I. bill. They have spent the summer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rahn, on Cleveland hill road.

Dale Bonebrake, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bonebrake, is able to attend school again after being painfully injured in football practice. He suffered a bone separation in his shoulder.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Bonebrake have moved to Ashland, where he will attend college.

DENIES CHARGE NEW YORK—(AP)—Col. George Kovacs said today it's strictly nonsense that he ever made or tried to make Laszlo Rajk an anti-communist agent.

Rajk, pleading guilty in Budapest to plotting against the Hungarian government, had testified that Kovacs forced him on behalf of the Americans to work against the red-dominated regime.

POLIO REPORTED PORTLAND—(AP)—The State Board of Health reported that there were 17 new cases of infantile paralysis reported last week, the largest in any week this year.

Oregon Colleges Loan More Books Than Borrowed

EUGENE (Special)—Libraries of the State System of Higher Education loaned more books to other libraries than they borrowed in 1948-9. William H. Carlons, Director of Libraries, has reported to Chancellor Paul C. Facker.

The seven libraries loaned 3,699 volumes, and borrowed 3,172 volumes. Most of this interchange was carried on at Oregon State college, the University of Oregon, and the Medical school.

Carlson points out that the Medical school library loaned 1,156 volumes while it borrowed only 148, which "reflects the research nature of the holdings of that library, as well as its status as the major medical library of the Pacific Northwest."

The State Library at Salem was of most help to the Colleges of Education. Most of the 1,453 volumes borrowed from it were for the three colleges, half of them for the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, which, partly because of its location, has always drawn heavily on the resources of the State Library, Carlson reported.

Books loaned within the system totalled as follows: Oregon State college, 324; University of Oregon, 341; Medical school, 147; Dental school, 15, and Eastern Oregon College of Education, 2.

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Second Columbia River Highway Stretch Opens

PORTLAND—(AP)—Another eight-mile stretch of the water-grade highway through the Columbia gorge east of here was opened to the public Friday.

The stretch, eliminating curves and hills of the scenic Columbia river highway which winds along the bluffs of the gorge, lies between Bridal Veil and Dodson. A 13-mile stretch between Troutdale and Bridal Veil was opened earlier.

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Four were in Portland and three in Lincoln county. The others were scattered.

PONDEROSA PINE SOLD

PORTLAND—(AP)—A government timber sale has brought a price of \$21 a thousand board feet for Ponderosa Pine in Deschutes county. It was paid by the Gilchrist Timber Co., Gilchrist.

The average price for Ponderosa Pine in several tracts sold was \$19.82. The pine had been appraised at \$14.85.