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## WHY EXPERIMENT?

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Columbia valley authority proponents held a field day at the Far Western Democratic conference in San Francisco. Included in the attack was a tirade against private power utilities, railroads and big business, efforts to tie CVA onto the personal popularity coattails of President Truman, and the presentation of CVA as a "party" issue.

Administration leadership since the advent of the New Deal has been educating the public to believe that big business is sinful and profits are evil. Much propaganda effort has been expended in building up popular sentiment against "soulless corporations," "power lobbies," "economic royalists" (whatever that might mean), "barons of Wall Street," and the badness of "big business."

At the Democratic conference speakers assailed railroads and power utilities for their opposition to CVA. Private power, it was asserted, is financing the campaign against CVA. Selfish business interests are endeavoring to block regional development, speakers declared.

Certainly private power interests are fighting a program which would put them out of business. Undoubtedly they are putting some money into the campaign.

Where are we to draw a line? Is it more sinful for private enterprise to fight for survival than for paid employees of the federal government to spend taxpayers' money in a campaign for regional controls?

If private utilities are evil because they are big, are we to assume that it is less evil to set up a regional, all powerful political corporation having within itself the power to absorb all competition and direct the economy of a huge empire and its people according to the whims of three political appointees?

Is money earned by a corporation or utility in providing competitive services to consumers more tainted when used for political purposes than money taken from the public treasury to be used in campaigning for imposition of an alien form of government upon an area and its people?

Among speakers at the Democratic conference were Vice-President Barkley and Secretary of the Interior Krug, ably backed by Undersecretaries Chapman, Warne and Davidson, together with Representative Henry Jackson of Washington, all on the public payroll, urgently campaigning for a radical change in administrative policy.

Are we to assume that these public servants, attempting to tell their employers what is best for them, are purer than directors and stockholders of corporations, businesses and utilities trying to protect the constitutional principles of free enterprise?

CVA advocates recently have injected a new note into their arguments. The Columbia Valley administration, they say, "is the wish of President Truman." In formal speeches and in conversation they refer frequently to the "wishes of the President." They make it appear that the President is CVA's prime mover.

But CVA was in the making long before Truman became president—even before he ever entered the executive branch of government.

The President, however, has a considerable personal popularity. If CVA can be tied to his coattails it will be favorably accepted by those who admire the man. Then, too, it's a good political football for Truman to kick around in his campaign.

Following the regional authority plan to fullest consummation, however, it is possible to visualize the entire country divided into nine regions, each controlled by its local board, circumventing controls by Congress and under the dictatorship of the Secretary of the Interior. The President and Congress would become mere figureheads in government, state autonomy would be tossed out the window.

We are not saying this WOULD happen but it COULD happen if we are foolish enough to permit valley authorities to be imposed upon us.

CVA advocates are endeavoring to promote the valley authority plan as a "party" issue. Many people will support the "party" even though they may not believe in all its policies. Thus CVA political opportunists may have an opportunity to ride into the lists under the Democratic banner simply because some voters blindly follow the party line.

CVA transcends party lines. It is a radically new plan of governmental technique. It provides a form whereby constitutional checks, balances and guarantees are bypassed. It contains the germ for a controlled economy under Department of the Interior dictatorship.

There might be more excuse to accept the bit and bridle CVA would put upon us if no other plan were available for regional development. But the Hoover commission has outlined a pattern that would achieve the same purpose without the intent of the Constitution. So why experiment with the dangerous CVA?

## Vets Press Congress To Strengthen Alaska

SEATTLE, Sept. 23.—(AP)—A "write your congressman" drive among all Pacific coast and Alaska legionnaires is being started by the Washington department of the American Legion, state commander Herbert A. Davis said here.

Its purpose is to "force the issue" in obtaining strengthened military defenses for the area before congress adjourns.

INDUSTRIAL PAYROLLS UP  
 SALEM, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Industrial payrolls took a big jump

in Oregon during August. The state industrial accident commission reported today that firms reporting to it had total payrolls of \$64,438,735 in August. That was \$8,000,000 more than in July, and was \$4,500,000 more than in August, 1948.

PROMOTION SLATED  
 Promotion day is scheduled by Green Sunday school for next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. All children in the community are urged to be present.  
 A men's Bible class will also be organized at this time. Everyone is welcome.

## Chinese Puzzle To End All Chinese Puzzles



## Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnnett S. Martin

I trust the other students enrolled in the Oregon State System of Higher Education have been doing better than I? Not but what I have been working at my course—oh yes! But they did not know it because I hadn't mailed anything in. I seem stuck at a knotty point in my work; so while I was canning about a bushel of pears the other day, I concentrated on the point in question—with success. Pears did all right, too.

The letters are not signed by the vivacious Miss Mozelle Hair. After forty years of service Miss Hair has retired. Since her favorite sport is mountain climbing, here's wishing her good climbing with bigger and better peaks, now that she can devote her full time to it. At least I can't imagine her inactive can you?

Her place has been taken by Howard J. Akers. I am sure Miss Hair's enthusiasm for and devotion to her work must be an inspiration to her successor, whom we wish success.

## Northwest Trip Noteworthy To Canyonville Pair

By MRS. H. M. ANDERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Snyder of Days Creek, operators of the Days Creek resort, returned home last week after a ten-day vacation trip.

Traveling along the Columbia River highway, they drove on the new nine-mile stretch below the Vista house and Crown point. They passed many beautiful waterfalls.

Their first sightseeing stop was at Bonneville dam, located 40 miles east of Portland. Here they saw the powerhouse, navigation lock, spillway dam, Bradford island fishway and the fish counting station. The dam is pouring its great power into the industries of the region and its extensive grid of wires is reaching out to bring electricity to home and farm from its giant turbines.

The dam has created a lake 30 miles upstream and with its navigation lock, the largest single lift lock in the world, has made navigation possible by ocean ships to The Dalles, 200 miles from the sea.

The great Columbia river salmon runs are passed over the dam by a huge fish ladder "stairway," more than a mile long and by electrically operated elevators.

They spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Snyder's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Chapin at Stanfield, Ore. They all took a trip to Umatilla dam, where Mr. Chapin is a fireman.

At Umatilla they crossed the river by ferry and traveled in the Yakima valley until they reached Yakima, Wash. Here they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barbara Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Brown, residents of this vicinity.

At Ellensburg, Wash., they visited Mrs. Snyder's aunt, Mrs. D. W. Stiles. Enroute to Grand Coulee dam they traveled in beautiful Kittitas valley, which is under irrigation.

Grand Coulee Impressive  
 They stayed overnight at the town of Coulee Dam, a permanent town to accommodate government employees on the Co-

Now for a change of subject, since there is a bit of space left. As is usual in monuments, the dedicatory inscription on the bronze plate at Paradise creek, dedicated to the stage drivers by the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, is lettered in block capitals. It looked rather odd the other day in this column; I had expected to see it in capital letters.

A recent editorial in The News-Review explained why, from EJ's point of view anyhow, our first salmon fishing venture was different from what he had expected. Deep-sea fishing in Oregon is a different proposition than in southern California; we have been sticking to the lakes. For my part, I was delighted to cross the Umpqua bar and see the coast from the ocean. And I enjoyed hearing stories about the area—even if I didn't catch a fish.

One more bit of this and that: Several have asked about the pronunciation of my first name. The 't' as in 'ice'. Three syllables, of course.

## Decrees In Five Suits Issued By Judge Wimberly

Douglas county, in a suit to quiet title, has been awarded a decree by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly against Blanch Hisaw and other named defendants. The property included one-half of the northwest quarter of section 22, township 25 south, range 1 west, and the southwest quarter of section 22, township 25 south, range 1 west; lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the south one-half of section 4, township 26 south, range 2 west, and lot 2 and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 4, township 27 south, range 2 all west of the Willamette Meridian. The decree is subject to the rights of the North Umpqua Timber Co. and its assigns under contract with the plaintiff.

Hildreth Oberman in a suit to quiet title brought against Athol W. King, If Irving, and others, was awarded title to an acre of described Oakland property.

James R. and Ruth M. Lawrence and Warren A. and Ila G. Carter have been awarded a decree giving them title to property described as adjoining Dunham's subdivision, all in section 21, township 28 south, range 6 west of Willamette Meridian. The suit was brought against R. W. and Catherine H. Hinkley, L. B. and Jane Doe, Wallace, and other named defendants.

A decree favoring Tyeo Lumber Co. has been returned by Judge Wimberly against Ernest W. and Wanda L. Winger, and John T. and Isabel S. Winger. The plaintiff is granted judgment for \$4,077.62, plus attorney fees and costs and a mortgage foreclosure order has been issued relative to a caterpillar power unit, Russell saw mill, edger, John Deere power unit, conveyor, two circular saws and real property located in the Sutherland Land and Water company plat K.

Final decree has been issued favoring Annie L. Kruse against Harry Delbert and Harriett Hughes and C. S. Dillon, trustee for Harry Delbert Hughes. The plaintiff has been awarded a contract foreclosure upon lots 1 and 2, block 2, west Park place, Stevens addition to Yoncalla.

Witnesses said the plane went into a flat spin at a 1,500 foot elevation and crashed into a wooded gulch. The pilot gunned the motor several times in a fruitless attempt to gain altitude.

Zarbell was a discount and insurance man in Seattle, but kept his plane at Paine field here.

in continual motion and runs on an endless cable. There are 100 chairs. The ski lift stalled, leaving the Snyders in mid-air for almost an hour. Mr. Snyder stated there was very little snow at the present time and there is less snow this year than there has been for a number of years.

## Plane Crash Kills Man And Woman Companion

EVERETT, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Two Seattle persons were killed today in the crash of a light plane into an alder grove several miles southwest of here.

Dead were Ivar Zarbell, owner and pilot and a 23-year old companion, Marjorie Josephine (Peggy Jo) Schroeder.

The Snyders are firm believers that everyone in this state should see the sights of our great Northwest "first."

## In the Day's News

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full sense of the word. They take their cues from Moscow.

FROM London comes this significant dispatch:  
 "Britain's Labor government faced a political crisis in its own ranks today. Trade unions threatened to revolt against higher prices resulting from money devaluation."

That is to say, the British unions threaten to demand higher wages. If they get higher wages, Britain's production costs will rise and ALL THE ADVANTAGES FROM DEVALUATION OF THE POUND WILL BE LOST.

There is no such thing, you see, as something for nothing.

WHY the higher prices resulting from devaluation?  
 It's this way:

When we buy the new \$2.80 pounds to pay for the things we buy in Britain, we get more pounds for our dollars. When the British buy dollars to pay for the things they have to buy from us (food being the most important) they get FEWER dollars for their depreciated \$2.80 pounds. Depreciation of the currency is a knife that cuts both ways.

Again, you see, there is no such thing as something for nothing.

AS OF the day this is written, 23 countries, following Britain's lead, have devalued their currencies to a greater or less extent—their purpose, like Britain's, being to get a price advantage in selling their goods to the United States.

That raises this question: Why don't we depreciate our dollar?

THIS is the only answer I can think of:  
 What enduring good could come out of debasing the only sound money left in the world?

SECRETARY of Commerce Sawyer, talking to Portland business people, says he thinks our national economy will perk up and improve in the months to come if there are no prolonged strikes in basic industry. He is obviously hoping that as prices get stabilized again we can get going again.

He adds:  
 "HOWEVER, on the West Coast, continued high production of fruits and vegetables is GIVING SOME TROUBLE to both growers and packers."

LIKE most government officials in these days, he is worried by the impending return of an economy of plenty. In an economy of SCARCITY, the government can ration the existing supply and make it go around by compelling us to DO WITH LESS, whereas in the welfare state an economy of plenty compels the government to buy up the surplus.

Like most of the government officials I talk with, Secretary Sawyer is beginning to worry about where the money is to come from with which to do the astronomical buying that is required to keep up the price in times of abundance.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

A meeting of the Douglas County non-High School board was held this morning in the office of County Superintendent Kenneth Barneburg. Transportation of students was the principal item of business transacted, according to Barneburg.

## SUES ON AN ACCOUNT

Credit Bureau Adjustment Department, Inc., has filed suit in circuit court against Ellsworth S. Richey, asking judgment for a total of \$1,188.59 on an assigned account.

**PHONE 100**  
 between 6.15 and 7 p. m., if you have not received your News-Review.  
 Ask for Harold Mobley.

## If Stuffy Nose Spoils Sleep

TONIGHT! DO THIS  
 Put a few Vicks VA-TRO-NOL Nose Drops in each nostril. Va-tro-nol works fast right where trouble is! It relieves stuffiness—invites restful sleep. Try it.  
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## NOW IN DIABETES WEEK

PORTLAND, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Another special week popped up today: national diabetes week. That will be Oct. 10-16, and the goal of it is to "find the million unknown diabetics in the United States." The Oregon State Medical Society named Dr. H. Ray Allumbaugh, Eugene, as chairman of the week.

## Now you Know!

The answers to everyday insurance problems  
 By KEN BAILEY



QUESTION: I have just gotten a new fur coat which, while not in the \$10,000 class, still represents a sizable investment for me. The furrier says I should have it insured against theft and I'd like to know how I can have it included in my regular theft policy.

ANSWER: It would be better to have your coat insured under a special type of coverage called a Fur Floater rather than under your regular theft policy. The Fur Floater can protect you from loss due to accidental damage to the coat as well as loss due to theft. Your insurance agent can give you the full picture of how the policy can be adapted to your particular needs.

If you'll address your own insurance questions to this office, we'll try to give you the correct answer and there will be no charge or obligation of any kind.

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