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## FIGHTING SLOGAN NEEDED

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Why is the Department of Interior campaigning so vigorously for CVA? Why are its high level officials spending so much time, effort and money endeavoring to force regional authorities upon the American people?

We can't believe that motives for all this work are entirely altruistic and that leadership has in mind only the welfare of the region and its people, as we would be led to believe. Maybe we're too skeptical, but we can't help believing there is something "smelly" about the proposal.

The Department of Interior has been power hungry for many years. The yearning for authority antedates the New Deal. We can recall, for instance, how the Department of Interior, through the National Parks service, has tried for years to get the Diamond lake recreational area away from the U. S. Forest service. Jealousy and rivalry have long marked the activities of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, an agency of the Interior department, and the Army Engineers—a conflict which has much to do with the CVA proposal.

The Department of Interior's hunger for power has grown steadily in late years, and the ambitious scheme of valley authorities furnishes an excellent political vehicle by which that department, if successful in its schemes, can take over and control virtually all federal activities. The Department of Interior, if valley authorities were extended to the ultimate, actually would be the government. Congressional control would be by-passed. State governments would lose autonomy. All opposition could be beaten down by the unlimited power and weight of the vast federal authority. By controlling employment the authority would have sufficient voting strength to perpetuate itself.

Testifying before a Congressional committee, Governor McKay of Oregon said recently:

Proponents of a CVA, and especially those who are on the government payroll, are very impatient with the processes of representative government. They dislike having to come to Congress with their requests for money. . . . They seem unwilling to sit down around the table, like ordinary citizens, and work out difference of opinion about their plans and programs. In brief, they don't act half as interested in trying to make our present system of resource development work better as they are in setting up an entirely new system which they, and they alone, will control.

There is no short and easy method of self-government. Every nation that has attempted to take short cuts away from the winding path of democracy has wound up with state socialism and dictatorship. The short cut never leads back to the trail!

CVA proponents paint a bright picture. They show us a vision of regional development, industrial expansion, increased employment, outpourings of federal expenditures, improved conservation, utilization of wood waste, and many other benefits. They are endeavoring to bribe us with our own money to put all our wealth and all our future in their paternalistic hands. We should never forget that "something for nothing" is a myth and that we will pay for whatever benefits might accrue from CVA.

No one will deny the need for coordination of federal activity and improved regional planning.

But Editor Robert W. Sawyer of the Bend Bulletin says:

There are, for instance, the Interior department's proposed investments in power. Private enterprise would be willing to make them under fair terms and proper regulation. If they were permitted, scores of millions would be saved in taxation and perhaps even more might be had for the conservation agencies.

We believe there is need for both public and private power; that there is no need for competition between the two, but that cooperative planning could greatly speed regional development and industrial expansion.

Regional development can be obtained without creation of valley authorities. We can see no reason we should place a noose around our necks simply because the holder of the rope says he doesn't intend to pull on it.

If we follow the recommendations of the Hoover commission, we can obtain all the benefits offered by CVA and still retain the Constitutional plan of checks and balances.

The Oregon Territory, for which we once almost went to war with Great Britain, originally embraced Oregon, Washington, Idaho and parts of Montana and Wyoming, closely paralleling the area proposed for CVA. The Oregon Territory came into existence under the militant slogan, "54-40 or Fight." It is not our purpose that we meekly cede that great empire to a dictatorial CVA. We need a new fighting slogan.

## "Love Triangle" Blamed For Crash That Killed 23

MONTREAL, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Definite proof that a woman placed explosives aboard a Canadian Pacific airplane which crashed Sept. 9 in the hands of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, they announced Friday. The crash killed 23 persons.

Inspector Rene Belec of the R.C.M.P. detachment in Quebec City said:

"We have definite proof that explosives were placed aboard that plane to get rid of a woman and we believe we can prove who did it."

The announcement came after disclosure that R.C.M.P. investigating the likelihood of sabotage in the Sept. 9 plane crash, were guarding a woman, said to be so

ill she may die in a Quebec hospital.

Three top New York executives of the Kennecott Copper corporation died in the crash. They were President E. T. Stannard, President-designate Arthur S. Storke and Vice-President R. J. Parker.

Inspector Belec said a search was on for a man who was described as the ailing woman's lover.

The woman is in serious condition from an overdose of a drug or a sleeping potion.

The inspector indicated that behind the crash was a double-barreled plot involving a "love triangle" and \$10,000 worth of insurance.

The announcement that the mystery woman—her age was given as 40 or 41—was under guard in the hospital came from Inspector Belec in a telephone call to Montreal.

## A Shot In The Arm, But---



## Scamps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnnett S. Martin

If you like the sea, the mountains and mist, rugged country life, all with courage and laughter and a touch of Scotch dialect, then "Mac's Croft" is for you. Dutton's dressed the little book in bright tartan colors as a hint of the contents. It is the story of an adventurer in primitive living in the Scotch highlands, in the years 1939-1945, written by Wendy Woods. The word "croft" means an agricultural holding; crofters are, of course, tenants on the croft.

"There is no road leading to our glen. A bridle track, in places too tough for a horse, runs five miles through the woods to our nearest road, and ten miles in the opposite direction along the side of the loch, to the nearest railroad station. In lieu of a shop we have a store that collects the rations by boat, and for all else we must send by post (sixpence postage for a shilling's worth of meat!) or take the train 35 miles, which does not include the ten miles to the station."

But Wendy Woods, and her husband, Mac, the crofter, loved

it! Both had been country-born; in 1939 they were living in Glasgow; their children had left the parental nest; why not go back to the land? Their eagerness to escape the strain and stress of city-living made them deaf to the outcries and dire predictions of their friends.

They found a tumbledown place "with more or less whole roof." Wendy cleaned off the big dresser and realized her dream of a place to display her collection of old Delft—only to find it "was no fun to have to wash the whole display of peat-dust every two or three days, and as possession of books, and more books, was a problem, we soon turned the dresser into a bookcase." The simplicity of their living is humorously set forth with text and pictures.

Sometimes mines washed up in the loch—and other things. They gathered kelp for fertilizer, and bracken, with courage-testing, back-breaking toil, carrying their loads in creels on their backs. But in spite of the toil, they found peace and happiness at Alt Ruadh.

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

Signs . . . of the Times  
The Oregon Statesman  
Use of language distinguishes a man from an animal, but communication is not restricted to speech. Persons still communicate in sign language which doubtless is far more ancient than intelligible oral expression, unless it be the grunt or the cry.

When the Modern Language association met recently at Stanford University, Prof. L. J. Davidson of the University of Denver read a paper on "Some Current Methods of Nonverbal Communication." He had quite an impressive list of current uses of signs.

Railroad brakemen still employ hand signals to instruct the engineer. Football referees have signs to describe rules, infractions, and the jerk of an umpire's thumb is bad news for the team at bat. There is a signal code for motorists (which the driver in front of you often ignores, so you say). Longshoremen, construction workers, loggers, convey their messages to winch and shovel and donkey engine operators by motions or hands or arms.

At trading posts millions of dollars worth of business is done day in, day out, by "finger gestures" which are Greek to the novice observer. Religious attitudes are indicated by signs kneeling, bowing, making the sign of the cross. And the deaf depend very largely on sign language for their conversation.

There are signs of contempt and of insult and the boyhood signal to go swimming (or has it passed out of use). A nod or shake of the head means yes or no. In fact when the list is written down it cuts lengthy signs still are practical means of communication, quite indispensable in many cases.

### An Oregon Failure

The Dalles Chronicle  
Oregon has a number of state institutions but unfortunately none of them serves one group which badly needs aid—the older teenagers who have committed crimes and need rehabilitation. Some of the worst criminal offenses are committed by young

persons. Many of the offenders are hardened violators who need severe corrective treatment. The penitentiary is available for those who belong to this class.

In most instances, however, the youth who strays into crime is not by any means hopelessly uncorrectible; he needs help in getting back into his former respected niche in society.

Some of these teenagers are too old to be sent to the training school at Woodburn and too young to become associated with the tough offenders who populate the penitentiary. The problem of what to do with offenders in this age class is constantly coming before our judges, who have no choice but to improvise arrangements which are admittedly inadequate but still the best under the circumstances.

Today's youth of 18 is regarded as more mature than his father was at that age. But he lacks mature judgment and needs help when in trouble. Society should extend to him as an investment in future good citizenship. We are not doing that and thus have failed to bear our full responsibility as a state.

### Blackmer To Plead Guilty To Tax Evasion Charge

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—A Justice department official said Friday that Henry M. Blackmer will settle his score with the government by a guilty plea to one of the 21-year-old tax evasion indictments standing against him.

The government will then drop the five other indictments, charging tax evasion and perjury, this official said.

The action, if carried out, would subject the 81-year-old Denver millionaire, who has been in exile in Europe for the last 23 years, to a possible prison term of one year and a fine of \$5,000.

Blackmer, who fled to France to avoid testifying at congressional investigations into the Teapot Dome oil scandals of the Harding administration, arrived in Boston by plane two days ago. He entered a hospital there for a physical checkup before going on to his home in Denver.

## LETTERS to the Editor

### Appreciation Expressed For Fall Opening Aid

ROSEBURG.—Our 1949 Fall Opening belongs to the past. The fine cooperation given by all who participated will long remain in the memory of its sponsors. It has been pronounced the most successful event of its nature ever held in Roseburg, and I ask that you extend us the courtesy of publishing this short note as an expression of our appreciation to each person and every firm and agency for the assistance given.

DALE SIMS,  
Vice President Retail Trade Association

### Elliott Recall Planners Claim Enough Signatures

PORTLAND, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The committee seeking the recall of Sheriff M. L. Elliott said Friday they had obtained enough signatures to assure a recall election.

It will be next week, however, before county officials will be able to check the last signatures and set the recall election.

The sheriff could not be reached for comment, but his brother—Deputy Jack Elliott—said the decision to fight it out still stands. Richardson Brown, a businessman and personal friend of the sheriff, announced he would head a campaign to keep Elliott in office.

ors, khans, caesars, big chiefs—what have you? cheated on different scales. Some of them mixed less lead with the gold, some of them, poured in the lead with a heavier hand. Anyway, it came about that the money of different countries had different values and so the profession of money changer arose. These money changers (foreign exchange experts is the polite term) knew what was what in the way of value, and bought and sold accordingly.

Boiled down to its essentials, that is how this business of foreign exchange arose. You will note, I think, that it arose out of efforts to GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

### PHONE 100

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Ask for Harold Mobley.

### British Labor Govt. To Risk Life On Confidence Vote

LONDON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The Labor government has decided to stake its life on a vote of confidence in the House of Commons. Parliament meets in special session Tuesday for a three-day debate on the cheapening of the pound.

A source close to the Cabinet disclosed the decision by the government to force a vote of confidence. If the government loses, it must resign. That would mean a new general election immediately.

Because of the Labor party's top-heavy majority in Commons

such a setback is unlikely. Labor has 393 of the 640 seats in Commons, the Conservatives, 189. The remainder are held by Liberals and Splinter parties.

But there has been loud grumbling from its huge trade union wing over the prospect of a rise in the cost of living as a result of devaluation. There also is a big bloc of left wingers in Commons who have been increasingly discontent with party policy.

### Court Frees Speedster Forced To Race Star

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—(AP)—You can speed on New York streets — if you're racing the stars. That's the decision of a magistrate's court.

An industrial designer, Burton M. Sloane, was driving his wife, Mae, to a hospital recently. On Riverside drive, Patrolman Francis McDermott stopped the car.

The designer explained where he was going, and the policeman led the way — siren screaming. But at the hospital, he handed Sloane a traffic ticket.

A daughter was born. Magistrate Morris Rothenberg decided yesterday that a prospective father is justified in stepping on the gas. He dismissed the charge.

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