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CALL IN A "TOP KICKER"

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The current squabble between Navy, Army and Air Force "Big Brass" is a sorry spectacle and one indicative of weak administrative leadership. The President is commander-in-chief of our military forces, yet he permits a squabble of the juvenile sandlot variety to be publicly aired. A strong hand in the White House would be shaking up the military personnel until the clashing of medals, gold braid and brass hats could be heard across the country. Nothing has given stronger evidence of weak administrative leadership than the present military wrangle.

Unification of the armed forces naturally could be expected to cause trouble. The Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force, steeped in tradition, tremendously competitive, extremely jealous, could hardly be expected to see eye-to-eye on matters of personnel, appropriations, strategy, planning, etc. It was evident that it would take strong, forceful leadership to force compromise, eliminate throat-cutting, and develop a semblance of harmony. But that leadership has been lacking and now the matter is completely out of hand. Generals, admirals, cabinet officers and congressmen, squabbling like street urchins, certainly are not helping prestige or morale of our armed forces.

We would suggest that if the President is unable to keep order in his own military family, he select a good, tough, Regular Army first sergeant and instruct him to get the military forces organized. We'll never get anyplace so long as we leave it to the "Big Brass."

Psychology of Fear

The late President Roosevelt gave the country the bold doctrine that the only thing to fear was fear itself and then proceeded to scare the people half to death and keep them scared. From a long succession of "crises" we have developed a fear neurosis now manifest in rejection of long-tried methods and forms and substitution with alien theories such as controlled shortages, something-for-nothing, benign paternalism, limited production and others.

We have rejected the previously governing laws of supply and demand, full production, pride in craft, personal independence, free enterprise, and open competition. Instead we experiment with limiting the supply in an effort to control prices. We encourage socialized medicine, public housing, free pensions and other socialistic and paternalistic systems.

It is our belief that these trends—this psychological revolution in political and economic thinking—results from mass fear. Caught in a serious depression, we became easy converts of a directed campaign of fear, leading to reliance in an all-powerful state as the bulwark of our security. And because we have been absorbing this propaganda for almost two decades, enough of our people have become so thoroughly imbued with distrust and fear of the principles upon which our government grew and became strong that they, like other peoples, lean toward totalitarianism.

There was a time in this country when we met adversity with faith in our own abilities and intelligence; when we worked hard, convinced of the fact that security must be earned not given. But prolonged indoctrination in fear psychology has so weakened moral fiber that it may be those days are gone forever.

Community Concert Season At Hand

The Roseburg Community Concert association will start its annual membership campaign Monday.

For several seasons this association has been bringing to Roseburg nationally known artists. The association, from its first year, has had the cooperation of large numbers of residents appreciative of good music. No other method has yet been devised whereby small towns have been able to enjoy nationally-famed artists. But through the Community Concert Series program, making it possible for artists to be booked solidly before guaranteed audiences, the finest of entertainment has been brought into small communities at exceedingly low cost.

The Roseburg Community Concert association performs a valuable service in one of the community's short fields, that of entertainment. Roseburg, as the central city of a large county, must be the leader in all forms of entertainment and recreation if it is to properly discharge its responsibilities. The Community Concert series, therefore, becomes an important factor in the overall entertainment program and is deserving of support from all music lovers.

Conviction Not To Squelch U. S. Commie Party

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The conviction Friday of 11 high U.S. communists of conspiring to teach the violent overthrow of the United States government raised the big question: The convicted defendants themselves issued a statement saying the party "will continue as ever to function."

A similar expression came from Miss Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a member of the national committee of the Communist party, who said the party "will operate as usual." She denied it would go underground.

Miss Gurley said that the national board of which only she and William Z. Foster, are at liberty now, would continue to function at least until the next convention two years hence. Foster, head of the party, was indicted with the other 11, but ob-

tained a severance because of his health. United States Attorney John F. X. McGohy, who prosecuted the communists, and State Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein were asked if the verdict outlawed the party. Neither would comment.

But one of the defense attorneys, Richard Gladstein, said: "That is its purpose. What the effect will be depends upon the American people."

The government contended the Communist party was reconstituted in 1945 on orders from Moscow to teach and advocate the violent overthrow of this government and to destroy American democracy. The government charged the Communist Politburo in this country with a criminal conspiracy.

For a school-day lunch, when eggs are not on the menu at breakfast time, serve a nest of mashed potato with an egg baked on it, Garnish the potato-egg nest with a sprig of parsley.

Nice, Little Game They're Playing



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

The Ws are keen about horses. So when we stopped at their filling station the other day they asked if we'd like to see "something unusual?" Proudly Mrs. W led us to the corral and there beside its gray mother stood a colt that was indeed "unusual!"

It was a very dark gray, but on its back were two patterned patches that were like black and white veined marble. The designs could have been made by the same stencil, so even had nature done the work. Such a pretty colt, too. No wonder the Ws were keen about it and proud to show it.

"What kind of a horse is it?" I asked. Mrs. W's mouth opened, and then closed again. A frown came between her blue eyes. "It's"—she thought some more. "It has a name that came from the Nez Perce Indians, I believe, but to save me I can't think exactly... appaloosy is the nearest I can recall. How to spell it? I'd have to do the best I could—unless it "came" to her later on.

Well, with an unabridged dictionary it would be no trouble to run down a word that sounded like appaloosy? So I thought! I'm still looking. Will someone help me out? And tell me a little more about so odd a marking and color? The colt has been named Patches! I never did see so oddly a marked horse!

I read the other day that horse-back riding was "coming in again." Did it ever go out? There were plenty of stables down around Long Beach, and Hypes, the "Hay-capital"—plenty of folk there owned their own horses. I have seen lots of riders here. I suppose I'd be scared to get on a spirited horse nowadays like the one I rode when I was young. Billy would run away at the slightest excuse or no excuse. Once a high school lad on a motorcycle sneaked up behind us, then opened up his cut-out. My stars, Billy left the road, and lit out over the fields and fences. I stayed on him during the involuntary steeple-chasing, but it was just my good fortune—not because I was any rider!

Bonneville's Construction Plans For This Fiscal Year Affect Four Areas In Douglas

Areas in Douglas county will be affected by four of the eight major construction facilities that Bonneville Power administration has planned for this fiscal year.

A report released by Bonneville Administrator Paul J. Raver lists areas affected by BPA appropriations of \$6,524,000 for the 1949-50 fiscal year, signed by President Truman Wednesday. The move assures continued progress in constructing transmission facilities to most critical power deficit areas of the Pacific Northwest. Raver said. Total construction projects include facilities in Oregon, Washington, northern Idaho and Western Montana.

Cash appropriations for the new fiscal year total \$30,284,500 with \$26,284,500 for construction and \$4,000,000 for operation and maintenance. Raver said. An additional \$16,239,500 is provided in contract authorization. Current funds are \$3,000,000 short of the President's budget request but represent an increase of about \$6,000,000 over appropriations of the past fiscal year.

According to Raver, "New authority to deal with current power emergencies by an increase in the funds available for force account work from 8 to 12 percent, and allowing adjustments in allocations to meet changed operating conditions are particularly important to the Pacific Northwest."

Douglas county areas listed for 115 kilowatt voltage facilities include the Eugene-Reedsport transmission line, including Reedsport substation and Eugene-Goshen line No. 1, cash \$718,800; contract authority, \$510,000; Reedsport-Coos Bay line, including Coos Bay switching station, cash \$309,500.

Miscellaneous facilities include the Detroit substation, cash \$4,000; Camas Valley substation in Douglas county, cash \$4,250 and contract authority, \$12,750; and Cottage Grove-Drain line, Creswell substation, cash \$83,050. The main Goldendale-Detroit-Goshen transmission line, including the Goshen substation, has been authorized for cash, \$3,000,

In the Day's News

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across party lines. One wants to guarantee farm prices at a permanently high level. The other wants to guarantee prices at a high level through next year WHEN THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION and then lower the guarantee.

The house has passed a more or less permanent "high parity" law and the senate has passed a law providing high parity for 1950 and sliding (downward) parity after that.

President Truman is said to be all for the permanent high parity law.

It all amounts to this: Our politicians in Washington are out to BUY THE FARM VOTE.

The Democrats, BEING IN POWER NOW AND WANTING ABOVE EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD TO STAY IN POWER, want to buy the farm vote immediately. The Republicans want to put the Democrats in a hole now, so that they can buy the farm vote later and GET INTO POWER.

That is the situation in a nutshell. When understood, it helps to explain the political juggling that is going on in Washington these days.

BAD?

It certainly is bad. When any country reaches the point where pressure groups can push the government around and make it jump through hoops, that country's better days are ending and its bleaker days are coming around the corner.

Rome proved that for us fully some 15 centuries ago.

OUR congress has reached the point where it is willing to pass laws to vote us all rich now and to pass other laws to pension us all later.

The TRAGEDY of it is that most of the members of congress know that these things won't work. Knowing that they won't work, they still vote for them in order to keep their jobs and stay in power.

Rome reached that cynical point. Having reached it, ROME BEGAN TO DECLINE. Some half a dozen centuries later, Rome fell and the Dark Ages followed.

It isn't as if this situation had crept up on us without warning. A century and a half ago, Lord Macaulay, the great British historian and political philosopher, saw it coming and warned us of it.

Not in these words, but in effect, he said to us:

Your American system, which is the best the world has ever seen, will work until the time comes when pressure groups arise and make the discovery that through the POWER OF MASSES VOTES they can bludgeon your lawmakers into passing laws that are economically unwise and unwise (such, for example, as voting us all rich and then pensioning us all off.)

His prophecy, I fear, is beginning to come true.

Veto Hits Bill Involving Death Of Prohi Agent

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—President Truman has vetoed a bill which would have directed the Bureau of Employee's compensation to consider the death of William H. Thompson, a prohibition agent, to have occurred in the line of duty.

He said in his veto message to Congress that the agent's mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Thompson, could submit any new evidence she has to the commission. Thompson was shot in 1927 by a police patrol in Tacoma, Wash. The bureau had rejected his mother's death benefit claim on the ground that he was not performing official duty at the time he was killed.

The nickname by which Thompson was known was "Kin-ky."

The presidential veto was the second dose of bad news for his mother, Mrs. Sarah Thompson of Seattle, in as many days.

She was laid off from her Boeing aircraft plant job yesterday. "I don't have any new evidence," she said upon being advised of the veto. "I submitted two affidavits last May from former prohibition officers that Kin-ky was on duty when he died. I can't give more. That's all the new evidence there is. But I'll fight until I die to clear my boy's name."

Man Nabbed At Doorstep Of His Former Spouse

COATESVILLE, Pa., Oct. 15.—(AP)—The FBI says a wealthy Californian made a cross-country trip to carry out a threat against his former wife and her present husband, but was arrested at their doorstep.

Duncan McDairmid, 48, Los Angeles real estate broker, was arrested Thursday by FBI agents who had trailed him from Wilmington, Del., to the Coatesville home of Hubert Horrex, Lukens Steel Co. employee.

Horrex is married to McDairmid's former wife, Margaret. McDairmid is charged with using interstate communication to threaten injury to other persons. He is under \$6,000 bail and is to be given a hearing before a U. S. commissioner.

FBI agents gave this background of the case: About three weeks ago the defendant telephoned Mrs. Horrex from Los Angeles and threatened to kill her and her husband and then himself.

This week he made another call to her brother's home in Pensacola, Fla., repeated the

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Students Suspended For Joining Secret Society

SALEM, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Nineteen high school students were suspended from school Thursday for the balance of the school year. Because they belonged to a secret society, the school board announced.

But parents of the youths said they would fight the dismissal in court, claiming the society was not secret.

Secret societies are banned by state law. School officials said the organization was formed last summer, and that the youths had been warned. They refused to dis-

close the names of the boys, but one was reported to be a member of the football team.

This is the fifth time in the past several years that Salem high school students have been expelled for membership in secret societies.

Principal E. A. Carleton said the youths would be allowed to enter other high schools, but the parents refused, saying that to enroll in another school would be an admission of guilt.

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