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BANKRUPT STATE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Saturday Evening Post does not like the term "Welfare State."

In a recent issue, the popular magazine says editorially that conservative Republicans and Democrats have "picked up a pair of loaded dice" when they use the term "Welfare State" to describe "a dangerous tendency in modern government."

Says the Saturday Evening Post:

Among the experts, "Welfare State" carries a perfectly clear meaning. It describes a system under which a ruling class of bureaucrats claims to be able to spend the citizen's own money more usefully than he can. By progressively heavier taxation, they relieve the ordinary Joe of such a large share of his income that they also take charge of his life, manage his savings, handle his insurance and direct his labor from the day he leaves school to the day he is too old to keep a job.

All this, of course, is presented as a favor to Joe. He pays for everything, but somehow or other, the share he gets back is made to seem a free boon from above, handed down by earnest men concerned only with his welfare. The loss of liberties must be soft-pedaled and heavy emphasis put on what are called social gains.

The Saturday Evening Post might well have added to the paragraphs quoted above, that for every \$1 "Joe" might have spent upon a job, the federal agency doing that job for him would spend \$2 of "Joe's" money, because it must add the cost of administration, support for a huge bureaucracy, and the inevitable waste and extravagance of complicated federal machinery.

But clever propaganda convinces "Joe" that the money is being obtained by "soaking the rich" and that he is getting something for nothing, even though bureaucrats are deftly picking his pockets through withholding taxes, luxury taxes, excise taxes, sales taxes, transportation taxes, plus all the hidden taxes applied to virtually every article he buys, together with the distribution of taxes passed on in manufacturer "costs" by the "rich" the government is "soaking."

Returning to the original theme, we quote again from the Saturday Evening Post:

The opponents of such a system (Welfare State) have an excellent case, but they do not help it by adopting precisely the words which put it in a favorable light. "Welfare" is the key word. Who's against welfare? Nobody. Why, the preamble to the Constitution expressly mentions a desire to "promote the general welfare." Fighting an election by opposing welfare is on a par with taunting an opponent for having been born in a log cabin or attacking the full dinner pail because it makes a heavy load for a man to carry to work. President Truman has already latched onto "welfare state" as something to help resist him.

A campaign line can be drawn on this issue of principle, but it won't be clear to the voters. If the attack is made on the accidental benefits of a vicious theory. As a slogan for total liberals, the words "Welfare State" have many advantages. It isn't hard to imagine an orator clutching them to his heart: "I am accused of being for your welfare, friends. Well, if that's a crime, I am proud, yes, proud . . ."

Anybody could finish that speech.

As a substitute for the term "Welfare State," the Saturday Evening Post offers "Poorhouse State," "Relief State" or "WPA State" as drawing "a much more accurate picture of what thoughtful men dislike about the totalitarian approach to economics and government."

As another suggestion we would like to propose "Bankrupt State," for certainly we are heading rapidly into a state of national bankruptcy if we long continue present administrative policies.



We certainly "removed obstacles to the free flow of work" in our home recently, as Pearl Clark's Challenge of American Know-How urges. We have had four different things connected up to this stovepipe in the kitchen; the fourth is an oil heater. Live and learn! First there was the old cookstove which we bought along with the house, and then had such a time finding someone who would accept it as a gift.

When the fireplace was finished, we had a superfluous wood heater. We moved that in place of the cookstove—oh, how I hated to part with that old wood range! Then we had the bright idea of putting that heater in the workshop as a clothes-drier, and bought a good looking brown wood-heater for the kitchen.

It was finally realized that we were hanging on to something for no good reason when we might have a warm kitchen to greet us in the morning, and when we come in from town. The point is, if we had known three years ago what we know now, we could have saved quite a

"Is This All You Have?"



In the Day's News

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ness feeling better than he had felt in years.

That \$3 bill, whose contribution involved considerable sacrifice, convinced him that this is a pretty good world, after all, and well worth living and working in.

The visit of Britain's General Montgomery to this country brings up some memories that are not too pleasant.

When he came into the war picture, the future was far from bright. The apparently invincible Germans were heading eastward along the Mediterranean shore of Africa toward Suez. It seemed about as certain as anything could be that they would cross the Nile, block the Suez canal to our shipping, take for themselves the oil of the Middle East, which they badly needed, and then maybe sweep on up and take the Russians in the rear in the Caucasus. For a while, we looked defeat in war squarely in the eye.

It didn't happen. "Monty," fortunately, possessed the qualities of leadership that enabled him to fire his men with what it took and the Germans were stopped.

He is welcome in this country.

Speaking of the British and Africa, there is an interesting little tale in the news these days. It concerns a scheme of the British government to get vegetable oils without paying out dollars for them. So they went into the peanut and sunflower business in Africa in a big way—sinking, up to date, some 70 million dollars in it.

The government in London has just admitted that after all the effort and all the spending it has reaped FEWER PEANUTS THAN IT SOWED. Drouth, technical difficulties and MISCALCULATIONS have been responsible for the failure, it says.

Britain's government, of course, is a SOCIALIST government. But no intelligent capitalist is going to be too hard on it because of its flop in the peanut business.

The free enterprise system, which is our somewhat more descriptive name for capitalism, is based on TAKING RISKS. If nobody ever takes a risk, there can't be much progress. The socialist government of Britain took a risk and failed.

This, I think, is the point: IF THE THING ATTEMPTED IS IMPOSSIBLE, it can't be accomplished under socialism any more than under capitalism. My slant on it is that GETTING SOMETHING FOR NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.

If that is true, we stand no better show of getting something for nothing under socialism than under capitalism.

PHONE CO. TO GET LOAN

SALEM—(P)—The Tri-County Telephone company, which operates in Lincoln and Tillamook counties, has been given permission to borrow \$65,000 from the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

The money will be used to pay for the dial system at Delake, to install a dial system at Cloverdale, and to pay off existing commercial bank loans.

Elkton

By PHYLLIS A. SMITH

The lights were turned on in the Elk Creek tunnel last week. The Elkton Oddfellows are giving a turkey dinner the evening of Dec. 3. Members of the Odd fellows and Rebekahs, their wives and families are invited.

The next home extension meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. William Binder Dec. 12. The project for the day will be gift wrapping. Mrs. Laurence Thomas and Mrs. Binder will be project leaders. The meeting time is set for 1 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Damon McMillan and family are taking a two weeks' vacation. They have gone on a trip to Los Angeles and San Diego, where they will visit both of their parents. Mr. McMillan is employed at the Elkton Feed store.

Ross McDonald has gone to River Bank, Calif., to help settle the estate of his mother, Mrs. E. F. Parker, who died recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Johnson, who are conducting revival meetings at the Elkton church of Christ, are staying with Mrs. Carl Johnson. Mr. Bert Johnson is a brother of the late Carl Johnson. The Johnsons will be holding services at the church the rest of this week.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Johnson of Eugene visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Johnson and Mrs. Carl Johnson.

The men folks of the Elkton Church of Christ have been busy building a retaining wall to the entrance of the basement of the church.

Betty Rae Haines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Haines, underwent surgery at the Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene, Monday, Nov. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hudson accompanied Miss Evelyn Hudson to Portland Sunday. They will spend the rest of the week there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Fred Grush, Mrs. Robert Smith and son Norman attended the funeral for the late Jay Ferber in Roseburg Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Beaman are back from a trip to Phoenix, Arizona.

There is a petition being circulated asking the Public Utilities commission to break the franchise of the Elkton Telephone company.

Dr. and Mrs. Floyd K. Dixon of Renton, Wash., and Robert Johnson of Roseburg will be guests of Mrs. Carl Johnson over the Thanksgiving holidays.

The permanent home of the United Nations in New York City is expected to be completed by the fall of 1951.

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Steel Strike's Effects Will Close Automobile Factories, Make 250,000 Workers Idle

By DAVID J. WILKIE

DETROIT—(AP)—Delayed effects of the steel strike will hit the nation's automobile industry hard. With but few exceptions the factories that closed for the Thanksgiving day holiday will remain idle until perhaps Dec. 12 or later.

Ford, Hudson and Studebaker and a few assembly plants of other companies around the country will furnish all the motor vehicle output in the meantime. Even Ford will cut down to four days' operation and Studebaker has announced it will close on Nov. 30.

Thus weekly production will tumble sharply to probably not more than 50,000 vehicles. And the plant closings added to those already down will bring temporary idleness to an estimated quarter million automotive workers.

In several instances unemployment will be relieved by the continuance of parts fabricating work in many plants. A number of car makers about to swing over to new model production also have kept a substantial number of their employees at work on plant rearrangement, inventory, and parts, service and sales operations.

Excepting for Pontiac, all the General Motors shutdowns coincide with the completion of 1949 model production. Pontiac swung over to 1950 model output two weeks ago and carried on until it exhausted its steel stocks.

The same is true also of the various Chrysler divisions, of which all but Plymouth already have closed down for new model operations. Plymouth, benefiting by the diversion of steel from the other divisions, has continued a fairly high output rate. It will close its assembly lines this week.

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BUS FARES UPPED

PORTLAND—(P)—Increased minimum bus fares on Oregon Motor Stages stops between Portland and Oregon City were approved by the public utilities commissioner.

The minimum from Portland to Milwaukie had been 15 cents. It now goes to 20. The Gadstone-Oregon City minimum, which had been 10 cents, was advanced to 15.

There are more than 500,000 producing oil and gas wells in the United States, located in 28 states.

steel strike will hve cost close to half a million vehicles before its final effects have been felt in the automotive plants.



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 Rug No. 2 is a right same 12 x 15 Mohawk (we can mention brands—we ain't gonna sell rugs any more) . . . an Axminster in that same, all-wool face. Color? Well, a sort of blue, tone on tone on tone. There's a leaf pattern background somebody put in as an afterthought. Oh, it's a dilly all right, but we're tired of selling dillies. **119.50** Was 199.95. NOW **119.50**
 If you want an unusual and novel kitchen range come to Jack Fariss. These are so darned novel and unusual they won't sell. Brand new Perfection Range, best described as buffet style . . . it's a kerosene burner. Handy when the power fails, unhandy when it has to be re-filled with kerosene. This is all-white porcelain range (doesn't look like a kerosene burner for that matter) and has an oven thermometer (naturally), lots of storage space and a full size oven. (You know, we never heard of a range described as having a measly, under-sized oven). Built-in kerosene tank. Nationally advertised at 159.50. If you have 99.50 you can buy it!
THE POWER FAILURE RANGE
 . . . An oil-burning kitchen range. Not a thing wrong with this nice, new range except that we have to dust it off every year or so. We practically built our store around it. It's all white porcelain with big porcelain lined oven (that MUST be a good point about it). There's a bunch of machinery inside and we're told that means it has an automatic carburetor forced fan draft. If your home is already hooked up for oil you might find a use for this **99.50** monstrosity. Was 184.95. . . . They're comfortable . . . they're shopworn . . . they're on sale Samsonite folding chairs. Not a dad-blasted thing wrong with these Samsonite chairs except that they were demonstrated a little too eagerly or sampled a little too much. At a certain point in their career they got a couple of extra kicks from passing shoppers, kicked over, scared up or just diabolically manhandled. All steel construction with spring cushion seat and plastic covered seat and back. Fold to small space, so they're convenient if you live in a trailer or small apartment. Even if you don't come haggling with us. We've marked them down from 7.95 **4.95** each to just . . .

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 By KEN BAILEY



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