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## FEAR AND BRIBERY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Americans are shocked when they read that people in foreign countries fear to speak their minds. Many persons in Communist-controlled countries, we know full well, are not Communists and do not believe in communistic doctrines, but, because of their fear for life and property, offer no political opposition.

But must we go outside the United States to find a very similar condition? Is it even necessary to go outside the State of Oregon?

We heard a speaker this week describe how a merchant in a neighboring town was afraid to discuss a local issue where he might be overheard. The conversation had to be carried on in a back room. The merchant, of course, was not fearful of death, imprisonment, or exile to a labor camp, but he was afraid of loss of trade—economic punishment—if he publicly proclaimed his views.

The incident described occurred in a town in the Rogue river valley. It could have happened in any other town. Only a few months ago some people in Roseburg and Reedsport were afraid to express their opinions concerning closing the Umpqua river to commercial fishing lest they incur ill will and lose trade dollars. Timidity accompanies any issue in which feeling runs high.

Particularly is this true when federal agencies, such as the Bureau of Reclamation, Army Engineers, Department of the Interior and others start bribing us with our own money, adding fuel to fires of avarice, greed and prejudice.

The Bureau of Reclamation proposes a water project costing in excess of \$100 million in the Rogue river valley. That is a lot of money to be spent in a community. It is only natural that everyone wants to get his hand into the pot.

The fact that the project, from an economic standpoint, is unsound, is brushed off lightly when possibility of boom business and individual profits are considered.

Agricultural benefits to result from the project couldn't pay even a fraction of the interest charges. To retire the initial investment in a businesslike way, power would necessarily be sold at considerably more than current rates charged by private utilities.

At the same time, hundreds of acres of valuable agricultural land would be inundated. A recreational fishery resource would be materially damaged. Land values would be impaired by heavy irrigation charges.

But \$100 million dollars would be put into circulation and some of it would find its way into business cash registers. Consequently, why worry about the fact that the American taxpayer would pay about \$5 in taxes for every \$1 produced in benefits?

A few voices in the Rogue river valley have been raised against the destruction of the river by the erection of high dams. But prevailing pressure from irrigationists, merchants, real estate brokers and others, hoping for personal profits from the project, discourages opposition. At what was billed as a "hearing," opposition came chiefly from persons and agencies from outside the Rogue valley—a fact given much prominence in an effort to discredit critics. The fact was, however, that only a few brave valley residents dared risk possible retaliation or ill will from the gold-dazzled proponents.

But despite setbacks, opposition still exists in the Rogue river valley. There still are those who protest the "Rape of the Rogue." A new organization is developing, having the avowed purpose of trying to show the uneconomic, wasteful and destructive factors of the Rogue basin project.

Many residents doubtless would like to be affiliated with the resistance group but fear reaction from expression of honest opinion. The few aggressive oppositionists are appealing for help, believing that if enough strength can be found outside the valley to again put up a fight, it may restore the spirit of battle to some of the local residents who have become tired, defeated or afraid.

Fear has no place in our political life, but it is all too frequently to be found, especially since federal authority has discovered that a tantalizing bribe is as effective in creating fear as a secret police squad taking away political prisoners in the dark of night.

## Dillard

By ROSA HEINBACH  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hayden and Mrs. Mercy Buell of Dillard spent Sunday in Roseburg as dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brooks of the Brooks Groceries.

Betty Jean Post, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Post, who was injured in an automobile accident on Oct. 8, has improved to the extent of having the cast removed from her broken ankle. The doctor reports her injuries are healing nicely although she can't put her weight on her foot yet.

Mrs. Belle Clark recently returned from a week's visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Clark and children, at Lebanon. Sunday they drove to Sweet Home and to the snow line on the Cascades. She reported cold weather at Albany, where she visited also.

The Cub Scout pack number 136 will hold its regular monthly

meeting at the Dillard school Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, at 7:30. Cub Scout den numbers one, two and three are to furnish the program and they are also to have a gift exchange. The parents of these boys are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walker of Salem, Missouri, have been visiting in this vicinity with their two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Walker and sons Budd and Larry, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walker of Winston and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Walker of Tacoma, Wash. They left Sunday for their return trip to Missouri.

The Busy Blue Birds of Dillard met for their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon at the schoolhouse. Their leader is Mrs. Mary Lee Walker and Mrs. Mona Hult. They are very busy making Christmas presents. This week they are going to decorate a tree for the birds.

Mrs. Stanford Buell and Mrs. Stanley Paroz went to Eugene Wednesday for Christmas shopping and business.

## What A Brood!



## In the Day's News

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tor) President, and he's running for cover to save his skin. (He is reported to have gotten safely over the border into Uruguay, an adjoining country.)

WHAT of it? Oh, it's just another case of what happens when too much power gets into too few hands and remains there too long.

AND this one is from Ciudad Trujillo, in the Dominican Republic, down in the West Indies: "A special congressional committee today studied demands by President Rafael Trujillo for authority to DECLARE WAR on any country harboring those PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW HIM."

HOW about that? Well, Trujillo (pronounced Tru-he-yo) is president of the half an island that is the Dominican Republic. He claims that Cuba and Guatemala have aided revolutionary conspirators who want to invade the Dominican Republic and take over the government—which would involve throwing Trujillo out of office.

So he wants power to declare war on Cuba and Guatemala—or any other country that might harbor malecontents seeking to depose him, Trujillo, as president.

GAIN, I'd say, it's a case of too much power placed in too few hands. If Trujillo should start attacking Cuba (a big island close at hand) and Guatemala (clear over in Central America) it would create a lot of ruckus in the Western Hemisphere—which already has plenty.

When you start putting too much power in too few hands, you never know where it all will end.

FOR that matter, when you start a war FOR ANY REASON you never know where it all will end.

Japan started a war against us at Pearl Harbor, and we promptly declared war against Japan and for good measure we declared war against Germany at the same time. We fought them and licked them both.

Now we have Russia on our necks and it looks like JAPAN AND GERMANY WILL TURN OUT TO BE THE BEST FRIENDS WE HAVE IN OUR IMPENDING STRUGGLE WITH RUSSIA.

It's a strange world.

Private Utilities Will Get Bonneville Power

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—(AP)—The Power commission has approved temporary rate schedules of Bonneville Power administration for the sale of electric energy to five western utility companies.

Under the contracts, approved for one year, Bonneville agrees to deliver power as follows: Portland General Electric Co., 130,000 kilowatts; Puget Sound Power and Light Co., 50,000 kilowatts; Washington Water Power Co. and Pacific Power and Light Co., 120,000 kilowatts combined; Mountain States Power Co., 11,000 kilowatts.

The new schedules supersede and modify similar schedules approved by the commission last May.

## Scoops from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

"One hand for the ship, and one for yourself." M.B., and I were discussing this and that over creamed chicken, one day in town. It occurs to me I have five friends with the initials M. B.—not counting Matilda Bitwuns—this particular one is an editor, and was a WAC in the last war. The topic at the moment was a form of overzealousness that rushes into things, or takes on other people's responsibilities without due regard for one's self.

"My father was in the Navy," said M, thoughtfully, "and it so happened that he served on one of the last sailing ships. So he knew the importance of being careful when one was aloft in the rigging. The men were taught 'one hand for the ship and one for yourself.' I never forgot his telling me that . . . I made it a kind of measuring stick when I was faced with a decision."

I liked that thought. I matched it with something I had heard as a young nurse in my teens. Said the superintendent of nurses: "Always remember, the good nurse takes care of herself, too. If she doesn't—the first one to suffer will be her patient." We were told that devotion to duty included a certain amount of rest, and care for one's person in the way of baths and fresh linen. The amateur nurse sometimes thinks that "going without sleep and never changing my clothes" for a long period, is some kind of proof of special devotion to a loved one. The trained nurse goes at it with a different view. To be sure, as in the war conditions, there were times . . . but we are talking of ordinary home-care, now.

I remember helping Dr. Trudeau with an operation in a home, an emergency in which he was inserting a cannula and trocar in the envelopment around a lung . . . "First thing to do is to get myself absolutely comfortable," he said. "Then I can give all my attention to the patient and do a better job." Selfish regard for himself? Indeed not! No one who knew him could think that.

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

Weather Tinkering Watched Scientists of the U. S. weather bureau, air force officials, and dirt farmers everywhere will have their eyes on this area during the coming winter as a result of the recently announced plan to attempt to increase snowfall through artificial means.

Although it has been definitely established that sprinkling of dry ice pellets on some types of cloud formation will precipitate rain or snow, it has not been demonstrated—according to the weather bureau and air force—that such precipitation can be brought about in any considerable quantity.

One reason why the experiment here will be of major interest in other regions is that there will be an exact, scientific approach in this instance, with cooperation of the Oregon State college experiment station, the soil conservation service and the irrigation districts employing aviators Harvey Brandau and Eugene Kooser and in tabulating, measuring and analyzing the results.

The plan of action for "operation snowfall" will be to "milk" clouds which may gather over the watershed, causing them to drop more moisture than might have fallen under completely natural conditions.

Success or failure of the effort can be pretty well established as there are some 38 measuring stations in and around the 250-square-mile watershed. The stations will be checked after each flight, as nearly as possible, and these figures can be compared with records for the area which go back for many years. The

figures for the watershed affected can also be compared with those of adjacent areas where "cloud milking" is not in progress.

As much as an extra foot of winter snow in this vicinity could make a great deal of difference in the supply of irrigation water during the coming growing season. That fact was amply demonstrated this year. Had it not been for an exceptionally heavy snowfall last winter, with corresponding abundance in irrigation storage reservoirs, extended run-off period and higher ground water levels, this southern Oregon sector undoubtedly would have faced one of the worst seasons in its history.

The most recent comparable experiment in moisture making was the dryice dusting of clouds in Arizona. There, just enough rain and snow was produced to convince the Salt River Valley Water Users association, the experiment sponsors, that operations should continue.

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## Carol Service To Be Given At Episcopal Church

Probably for the first time in Roseburg, the traditional service of Lessons and Carols after the use of Kings' college, Cambridge, will be held in St. George's Episcopal church Sunday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m.

As this service becomes better known in the west, its popularity grows. It has become an annual event, eagerly anticipated, in many leading parishes on the Pacific Coast, where it is still a comparatively new thing, it was announced.

The service consists of nine lessons from Holy Scripture telling the story of Christmas from the early prophecies foretelling the event to the historical accounts in the Gospels. Lessons will be read by eight laymen and the readers: Larry Henninger, representing the Acolytes; Franklin Voyt, the choir; Harold Raikes, the vestry; Bill Lindsell, the church school; Robert Hellwell, the vestry; Al Flegel, layman; Jack Newby, the recent confirmation class; Romayne Brand, lay reader; and the Rev. Alfred S. Tyson, rector.

In between the lessons will be sung 11 carols and two anthems. The senior choir will sing, with solo parts in the anthems being sung by the junior choir, under the direction of Mrs. W. S. Pilmpton. Mrs. R. B. Herschleb is the organist. The anthems are two old English Christmas carols, "The Holly and the Ivy," arranged by Whitehead, and "Rejoice and be Merry," arranged by Means. A few of the more familiar carols will not be sung, being reserved for the midnight celebration of the Holy Communion which will be held Saturday, Dec. 24, beginning at 11 p.m. But many old favorites will be sung, as well as several delightful new ones from the excellent new hymnal of the Episcopal

## Pope Authorizes Special Mass For December 31

VATICAN CITY—(AP)—The Pope has authorized the celebration of a special mass for the Holy year at midnight Dec. 31 in all the Roman Catholic churches of the world.

A decree published by the Congregation of Sacraments said the masses should be celebrated to ask God that the Holy year gives the expected results.

The faithful can take communion on that occasion provided they pray for the intentions and wishes of the Pope for at least two hours.

church. The anthem for the midnight service will be the well-known "Gesu Bambino" by Pietro Yon.

A special feature of the 11 o'clock service on Dec. 18 will be the taking over by the junior choir, and the use of the church school service for the entire congregation. The church school awards and program will be given during this service.

clamation association, the Arizona effort added 12,000-acre feet of water to the state's reservoirs during a test period in August, 1948, and an additional amount of snow during December of that year.

Less encouraging results were obtained in Ohio experiments but Brandau and Kooser point out that cloud conditions in this region are more favorable for "milking" operations than in the Midwest and some other sections.

Because of the various interests involved and the thoroughness with which the project is being undertaken, the Rogue valley's "operation snowfall" should go a long way toward proving once and for all whether man can tinker with the weather to his own advantage.

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