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WHO'S FOOLING WHO?

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Congressman Harris Ellsworth has sent us the text of a joint statement by House Republican members in Congress regarding President Truman's message on the State of the Union. The statement refers to the speech as being mislabeled, saying it should be called his message on "The State of Socialism."

The joint statement, naturally, is quite critical. It declares that:
In the broadest view the President has again given notice that he is wholly committed to the eventual socialization of America and elimination of the traditional American competitive system which made this nation the greatest on earth.
The thesis has been repeatedly set forth that, as in Great Britain and the other socialistic nations of the world, we in the United States are being taxed into Socialism. With the American housewife, workingman, farmer and businessman now demanding tax relief and government economy, the President's message contains blunt notice that there is no hope at any time in the foreseeable future for this to be achieved under his administration and his program.
The word "economy" is noteworthy for its complete omission from the text of the message. The recommendations of the Hoover commission, which promised efficiency and a \$3,000,000,000 reduction in governmental costs, are ignored completely.
On the contrary, the President lists programs, all of which entail large immediate outlays and even greater spending in the future.

The statement points out that the only tax relief given the American people in a generation was enacted over presidential veto by the 80th Congress, which lowered income tax rates.

A large portion of the message is devoted to painting the outlook for the year 2000 and he traces our future course through the next 50 years under the all-powerful State which he envisions. This glowing picture will fool no one. It implies an ever-expanding tax system under which the American people will send their money to Washington so that the planners and bureaucrats may send back whatever is left to them accompanied by rules, regulations and edicts to govern even the smallest part of their lives. Clearly, the President would put the American people on the treadmill of socialism. Here and there he pays a courtesy to traditional American freedom; here and there he bows politely to American love for its traditional institutions, its free markets and its free men. But in reality he is embracing black reaction in new glad-rags.

Are the Republicans as naive as their statement would indicate when they say "This glowing picture will fool no one?"

The American people have been falling for the same line of tripe for 18 years. Why expect them to change now? The guy who promises the most usually gets elected. Americans have been promised almost everything, except the moon with a fence around it, but about the only promises kept were those of "tax and tax" and "spend and spend."

President Truman at least had the good grace to talk about the year 2000. Certainly very few of today's adults are going to be around to see whether his predictions come true. But the Republicans are only fooling themselves if they think the President isn't fooling a large segment of the country's voters.

The Republican statement closes with these words:

The world today is witness to attempts to govern by police state methods on one hand and by profligate government handouts and bureaucratic controls on the other. The Communists have chosen the first course. President Truman and his followers have chosen the second course. The Republican party, convinced that either course ends in eventual enslavement of the people by their government, stands boldly against both alien systems and reaffirms its belief in the basic freedom and dignity of man and the institutions which preserve his prosperity and liberty. We shall relentlessly oppose the headlong rush towards socialism in America, and we shall examine each and every measure which comes before this session of Congress with that objective in view.

We hope the Republicans will stick to that pledge without compromise. It will not be a popular position and it may result in another defeat at the polls. But history will prove it the right course in the current state of world affairs.

LETTERS to the Editor

Identify Information

ROSEBURG—I do not wish to discuss taxes in this letter, but would like to clarify one very important matter about a letter printed in this paper on Jan. 6th. I am not the "B. Roach" who signed his (or her) name to the letter. Mistaken identity might be embarrassing to either party.
BEULA (Mrs. M. H.) ROACH
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Roseburg, Oregon

NO TAIL LIGHT; FINED

Claude William Dean, 20 Graets Pass, charged with operating a motor vehicle having no tail light, was fined \$10 in justice court Monday, Judge A. J. Geddes reported.

Man Stabbed Trying To Stop Battle Of Women

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 10—(AP)—Clifford Brown, 40, of Route 1, Corvallis, is in critical condition here because he tried to stop two women from fighting. Police Chief Ray Maddy said.
Brown was hospitalized with a knife wound in the abdomen. Maddy said the wound was suffered Sunday when Brown tried to stop two women from a hair-pulling fight in the downtown area.
Maddy identified the women as Betty McGee and Mrs. John Lee Huckaby. He said he was holding Mrs. Huckaby's husband on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. Mrs. Huckaby suffered a gash on one arm in the melee, but was not hospitalized.

It is estimated that American shipping has spent \$6,000,000 on radar equipment since the end of the war as an aid to navigation.

You're On Your Own Now, Bub!



Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahmett S. Martin

"Well," said E. J. coming back in with the shotgun, "that beats climbing a tree!"

A maple branch, weighted with snow, hung heavily on one of the three wires coming in our place. It was too high, of course, to reach in any way we had—until E. J. shot the branch back of the place where it rested on the wire. That did it! The limb fell in a way that relieved the wire.

Next he surveyed the sagging wires leading across our front yard to our neighbors up on the hill. There is a stretch of two hundred feet or more between the pole by our garage, and the first pole on the hill; the wires were thick with snow, and sagging about six feet. Alarming. Littlepages were going to have a down-wire? Well, E. J. couldn't shoot that snow off! But he got the sledge and tapped the pole—not very hard either.

At the very first tap down came the snow from one wire the entire length. The other wire slower; wonder why that was? The how that first wire did bounce up, resiliently, for a good six feet in the middle of the sag!

Threat Of Bankruptcy Facing Uncle Sam Topic Of Speakers At Junior Chamber Meeting

The country is going to the poorhouse, three members of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce opined last night at a Jaycee dinner meeting in the Umpqua hotel.

Leo Seavy, Irv Pugh and Bill Tipton, members of the Jaycee gavel club, a speech-making organization within the Jaycees, warned that unless the recommendations of the Hoover commission report are adopted by Congress, the country may find itself "bankrupt."

Seavy stated the government is spending more than it is taking in. He quoted figures from The Readers Digest magazine, which showed that in 1932, the cost of government was \$44 billion dollars, while in 1950, the expected cost is \$45 billion, or 10 times more.

"The chaos of duplication is listed by the Hoover commission as one of the government's primary faults," Seavy said.
Pugh revealed that all the principles of good administration are being violated today. These principles include (1) a clear line of responsibility from top to bottom; (2) a staff of experts to help the chief executive arrive quickly at the many decisions with which he is confronted; (3) good administrators; (4) freedom to exercise initiative; and (5) a top-flight budgeting system.

Costly "incompetence" costs the government on the average of \$4 to spend \$10," Pugh lamented, because of the paper work and time that it takes to process a governmental purchase.

He pointed up the incompetence that prevails in government by revealing that "no one noticed that a misplaced period added 30 million dollars to budget estimates in a certain department."

Consistent underestimation of costs by the Interior department was given by Pugh as another costly feature of government.

In the Day's News

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around the block and come back into Main street.
He didn't do it that way. He made a U-turn.

NOW it happens that U-turns are forbidden on the Main street of Cornelius. It also happened that at the moment when Grummons made his illegal turn the Cornelius chief of police was coming by in his car. He called upon Grummons to STOP.

GRUMMONS didn't stop. Instead, he tromped down on the throttle. The police chief gave chase. Grummons' speed rose to 70 miles an hour.

At that moment there came a curve in the road. Grummons' truck didn't take the curve. It roared ahead, over the curb, over the walk and slammed into a house with such force that it crashed through the wall and came to a stop with the front end clear into the living room.

Fortunately, nobody was in the living room, and by some odd freak Grummons wasn't much more than scratched.

THE chief of police came up, dug Grummons out of the wreckage, hauled him off to the clink, locked him up and went off to find another policeman to help him question the offender.

When the two cops came back, the dispatch telling the story relates, THEY FOUND GRUMMONS DEAD, hanging by a rope that he had fashioned from a torn-up blanket!

WHY didn't Grummons stop when hailed by the chief of police after making a U-turn on the Main street? It was a simple offense. No moral turpitude is involved in making a U-turn. At most it could have meant only a minor fine.

He seems to have been a normal citizen. He had never been arrested before. There is no record that he had ever been even reproved by the law. He was to have moved that afternoon into a new home that he had just bought in the nearby town of Hillsboro.

Instead of stopping, when called upon to do so by the law, he slammed on the gas, raced away at high speed, with the prowl car in hot pursuit, left the road, whammed into the home of an innocent citizen, partially wrecking it, and when arrested and taken to jail he was so overcome by remorse and humiliation over what he had done that when he was left alone for a few minutes he tore up a blanket in the cell, made a rope of the pieces and hanged himself.

AS I remarked at the beginning of this piece, many strange and unaccountable things happen in this world. The human mind is a delicate instrument whose workings can never be predicted with complete accuracy.

Kits have been put on the market to convert 10-inch television sets into a 16-inch.

Rats destroy or contaminate 200,000,000 bushels of grain in the U. S. every year.

Junior First Citizen Of Last Year Will Be Announced At Jaycees' Banquet January 16

Plans to draw nearly 200 persons to the junior first citizen's banquet were completed with the distribution of tickets to members of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce last night at the Umpqua hotel.

The fourth annual dinner-dance affair will be held at Kennedy's Dutch Mill Monday night, Jan. 16. Admission is \$2.50 per person.

At the banquet, the outstanding young Roseburg man will be announced as the junior first citizen, President George McIntosh of the Roseburg Jaycees announced. He added that membership in the Jaycees is not required to be eligible for the award.

Last year, Jaycee Wayne Crooch was selected junior first citizen and in 1948 Bill Black, Knights of Pythias Drum and Bugle corps director, was so honored.

Other awards to be made at the

Verdict Filed In Action Over Note

A jury comprised of nine women and three men deliberated one hour and returned a verdict in favor of Duard E. Peck and Marion A. Peck in a suit arising out of a complaint filed in circuit court by William D. Mayberry and Elsie E. Mayberry.

The plaintiffs charged non-payment on a promissory note involving the sum of \$250, plus interest and costs.

The defendants filed a cross-complaint, charging they had paid \$70 on the note. The cross-complaint further stated that the defendants sold 25 tons of alfalfa to the plaintiffs, had done some work for them and had pastured one horse and two calves belonging to the plaintiffs, to the total value of \$702.50.

The defendants asked that the amount be allowed as a counterclaim, but that \$180 be charged off against the plaintiffs' demands, making the total recovery amount asked by the defendants \$522.50 plus costs.

The jury although favoring the defendants, nullified the money request.

Members of the jury included Hazel E. Coffman, Lenora Cooper, Paul L. Jenkins, Vera Moore, Nettie Woodruff, Emily Ferguson, Ray C. Lawrence, Ruby M. Matthews, Katie M. Conn, Gerald Bacon, Ruth Bridges and Kathleen Wiber.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses Issued
DEWITTE-PERRY—James Dewitte and Bernice Grace Perry, both of Bremerton, Wn.

Divorce Suits Filed
CLARK—Bonnie vs. Walter H. Clark. Married April 6, 1948; Sweet-home. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment; asks that former name of Bonnie Carr be restored.

MAY—Mavis Y. vs. Bruce E. May. Married Sept. 24, 1948, Sutherland. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment; asks that maiden name of Mavis Y. Wolf be restored.

TOTTEN—Clyde vs. Alice M. Totten. Married June 30, 1927, Torrence, Calif. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment; property settlement terms submitted.

PIRSCHER—Lillie from Hugo Pirschel. Married Jan. 19, 1945, Virginia City, Nev.

Newlyweds Told To Stay At Home And Save Money

BREMERTON. — (AP) — A young-in-heart couple about to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary has this advice for newlyweds:

"Stay at home and save your money."

The spokesman was Mrs. Frank Houde, of Tracyton. Her husband—as most husbands do—remained in the background and let "mother" do the talking.

The Houdes will not reach their anniversary until next Tuesday, but held a family celebration Sunday so that their five daughters, 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren all could attend.

Houde, a retired carpenter, is 88. His wife is 86. They were married in Hawick, Minn.

On the subject of second honeymoons, Mrs. Houde remarked: "We never did have a honeymoon; they cost too much. I still don't believe in them."

RANGER TRANSFERRED

MORTON, Wash., Jan. 10—(AP)—Transfer of Harold Criswell, federal forest ranger for the Randle district of Eastern Lewis county, to the Union creek district of the Rogue River forest in Oregon was announced here. He will be located 45 miles west of Medford on the Medford-Crater lake highway.

FIRE'S DOUBLE TOLL

PORTLAND, Jan. 10—(AP)—Separate fires in eastern Multnomah county destroyed a service station and a small house.

The service station, owned by James L. Sandblast, Troutdale, was at the intersection of Halsey street and Arata road. Loss was estimated at \$7,500. The small home of Robert Bratcher on S. E. 156th avenue was destroyed at a loss of \$3,500.

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Bet You Don't Know This About Advertising
by Susan

Quiz No. 9
What does it cost to advertise a gallon of gasoline? Is it 2¢ a gallon? 5¢? 7¢?

Answer:
It costs less than 1/5¢ a gallon to advertise the most famous brands of gasoline.

That's only half the story. Advertising lowers your cost two ways:
Cuts the selling costs. And by helping make mass production possible, lowers the production costs, too.

So advertising saves you many times the cost of that 1/5¢ per gallon.

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