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## INCONSISTENT POSITION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We have long been puzzled by organized labor's endorsement of CVA. An act which denies workers civil service protection and benefits, which permits labor to be protected on force account and without contracts or agreements, and allows employees to be discharged without cause, is so entirely foreign to all the principles for which labor has struggled for so many years that it is difficult to understand how labor could give such unqualified approval. It is a little easier to understand the farmer attitude, although, strangely, farmers and farm organizations are widely divided on the CVA issue, while labor spokesmen are virtually unanimous in their support for the project. But because agriculturists represent such a large segment of the national voting population, administrations for many years have tried to cultivate this vote. Politicians have pointed to the farmer as the downtrodden, underprivileged man until the farmer has learned to believe it. The government has kept the farmer bankrupt by loaning him cheap money. The "poor farmer" has been exploited for so long that he can hardly be blamed for looking to the federal government as the source of all things. It would not be surprising to see the farmer and his organizations actively supporting CVA. But the CVA proposal is so inconsistent with labor's tenets that the reason for labor's endorsement is incomprehensible.

James T. Marr, executive secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, endeavors to explain labor's position in a guest editorial appearing in a recent edition of *The Oregon Journal*.

He says that CVA "is the best mechanism economically and efficiently to develop the unlimited resources of our great region." He lists "more low-cost hydroelectric power, more resource development, increased jobs and a higher level of prosperity," as some of the benefits to be expected from CVA.

But the bulk of his explanation seems to be that labor is for CVA because business is against it. He makes a long tirade against "these enemies of Northwest development," particularly attacking the Pacific Northwest Development association, and refers to the "propaganda deluge" which he estimates has cost around \$250,000, charging that 90 per cent of the funds to fight CVA have been furnished by public utilities.

Marr concludes:

Organized labor is as jealous of its liberties as any group—perhaps even more so because it has been forced to fight harder for its rights. If the malicious propaganda against the CVA had any particle of truth to it, we would be the first to be against CVA. But it is so far-fetched that it is ridiculous to any person in possession of the facts.

Organized labor—representing so many of the region's people—is vitally concerned with the Northwest's future. We want to see the job done—and done right. We believe that a CVA, located here in the region where it will be close to the grass roots, is the right way.

We cannot understand how CVA would produce more low-cost hydroelectric power, more resources development, increased jobs and higher level of prosperity.

Labor is getting more pay on the average in the Pacific Northwest than in any other section of the country, including the much-vaunted TVA. We are developing our hydroelectric resources as fast as it is possible to get equipment. Some of our installations still are awaiting machinery to harness water ready to be put to use as soon as turbines can be obtained from manufacturers still years behind on orders. The only way we can get more money to develop our resources faster than at present is to increase deficit spending, and with a \$5 billion deficit staring us in the face for the next fiscal year, we don't think even labor wants to hike the public debt.

It is regrettable that utilities and business have been forced into the position of spending large sums of money to fight creation of federal dictatorship over a great region. The claim that CVA would be "located HERE . . ." where it will be close to the grass roots, is ridiculous. Is anyone so naive as to believe the three-man CVA board would not be under the thumb of the Secretary of the Interior and controlled absolutely from Washington?

But, concerning expenditure of opposition funds, what other course is possible when the federal government is spending huge sums of TAXPAYER money to distribute propaganda and maintain continuous succession of "missionaries" in the field?

Mr. Marr's explanation only serves to add to our bewilderment respecting labor's apparently inconsistent position.

## Soviet Blockade On Trains Ended

BERLIN, Jan. 24—(AP)—Soviet technicalities crippled Berlin truck traffic to west Germany Monday and delayed three American military trains during the night. The three trains were stalled with delays up to six hours at Helmstedt, on the Soviet zone frontier, by Russian investigation of travel papers of three non-American passengers. After a telephone call to U.S. army headquarters at Heidel-

berg, Soviet officials dropped their inquiry and the trains proceeded. Passengers riding in the American military coaches were identified as a German, a Brazilian and an Italian. They were not removed by the Russians. The harassment of Berlin highway supply lines appeared to be a Soviet reprisal for the American attempt to take over a Berlin railway building from Russian control last week. After holding the building for four days with German police, Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, U.S. commander in Berlin, evacuated it Saturday.

## "A Plague On Both Your Houses!"



## Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Do you treasure in your home one of those lovely old coverlets woven long ago by your great-grandmother? Please tell me about it! Just to give you an idea what I'd like to know about YOUR coverlet here are a few questions:

Colors? Wool and linen? Or wool and cotton? (The older ones were flax; cotton came later). How many seams? Those woven before 1826 usually had one or even two seams.

Is there in the border any distinguishing name or date? Or a symbol identifying the weaver? Is the border on two sides or three? (The top was suspended to be covered by pillows and was not bordered as a rule).

Do you have a spinning wheel? Can you use it? Do you know anyone who could demonstrate the use of flax wheel or one for wool?

Who wove the coverlet, or first owned it? Do you know the date? How did she bring it to Oregon? (Mine was a hundred years to getting here!) Do you know the name of the pattern? If not, would you like me to try to identify it for you? I'd need a

snapshot for that, of course.

Is the coverlet in good condition? Do you know any little stories about the use of it, or the making of it, etc.?

(Not long ago I heard that coverlets were used to line the big coats of the Civil war soldiers, and that sometimes the dead were identified by the pattern of a familiar coverlet. . . . (Battlefields were not always far away then).

Do you mind clipping this scrap so that if you should happen to know, a little later, of some one who has such a coverlet you could, if you would be so kind, give her the clipping?

Do tell me just anything you think of about the coverlet! I'd love to hear about yours!

For that matter, I'd enjoy hearing about any treasured family heirloom. Silver and coverlets interest me most. But other readers might be more interested in something else. What is YOUR hobby?

Letters will reach me either care of The Roseburg News-Review or Lorane Route, Cottage Grove, Oregon, my Douglas county home address.

## LETTERS to the Editor

### CVA Backing By Some Newspapers Is Cited

PORTLAND — I have seen a copy of your editorial branding the Democratic party's platform for 1950 as "socialist demagoguery."

For your information, the platform was not written by me. I was privileged to serve as chairman of the platform committee. More than 40 representative citizens of Oregon, from nearly every county in the state, participated in a democratic meeting. I presided at the meeting but did not vote on the various issues.

I shall not take up your entire assault on the platform. I imagine your own two columns must have pretty well put your readers to sleep.

I am intrigued, however, by your attack on the proposed CVA as "socialistic and communist-type."

Recently I prepared for the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard university a detailed analysis entitled "The Press and the CVA."

I find that the CVA is advocated by the New York Times, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the Chicago Star-Times, the Louisville Courier-Journal, the Washington Post, the Washington Star, the Scripps-Howard Washington Daily News, the Des Moines Register and Tribune, the St. Louis Star-Times and numerous other newspapers.

It is your opinion that these great journals of American opinion are trying to foist "a socialistic communist-type" government on the Pacific Northwest? Are all newspapers out of step except the Roseburg News-Review?  
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 Portland, Oregon.

ernment. If the papers named by the senator are advocating CVA, they doubtless have been misled, as have so many of our own residents, into the belief that CVA is a program for regional development rather than a plan for political domination. Regarding the News-Review being out of step, we have found only ONE daily newspaper in OREGON advocating CVA, and that because of a prejudice against existing agencies due to alleged discrimination against developments particularly promoted by the newspaper.

### 2 Wounded Men Held As Suspects In Theft Killing

SEATTLE, Jan. 24—(AP)—A slender tape measure produced a clue which led to the holding of two wounded men Monday in connection with the robbery slaying of a North end tavern operator.

Sheriff Harlan S. Callahan said Roy Burnett, 34, was held in a hospital with a bullet-shattered jaw. Lottie Smutherford, alias Jack Britt, 35, was in jail with an arm pit wound. Both are from Seattle.

The sheriff said they were held for questioning in connection with the death of Fred T. Long, 53, who was shot early Saturday while protecting \$400 in his tavern till.

Burnett, Callahan said, walked into King county hospital and asked treatment of his face, saying he had been shot during an attempted holdup on a downtown street.

A checkup of his friends turned up Smutherford in nearby Kirkland. He also was wounded. Then sheriff's detectives got an idea. They checked the tavern. They found bullet holes behind Lord's body—64 inches above the floor.

A doctor measured the distance from Burnett's arm pits to his toes as Burnett lay unconscious at the hospital. It also was 62 inches—the height from which the detectives deduced he would fire a weapon in his outstretched hand.

Smutherford, in a written statement, said he came from a back room of the tavern to find "lead flying in all directions," and had to crawl over Long's body to get outside. He said he jumped in the car swung it around and picked up Burnett.

## Justice Of Peace Center Of Mess In Michigan Town

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 24—A 70-year-old justice of the peace claims he is fighting a one-man war against "rascality" in this community of 4,000 faced an ouster move today.

Justice Charles F. Young's adversaries in a feud that has split Grand Ledge into rival camps are Frank G. Weinert, 40-year-old weekly newspaper editor and young Police Chief William Carter.

He had Deinet in jail Saturday for several hours of a five-day sentence. But a habeas corpus writ freed the editor, accused of using insulting language in the court room.

Young had threatened to take the same action against Carter, who he says has not been discharging his police duties properly.

Petitions urging Michigan Governor G. Mennen Williams to remove the justice reported nearly ready to take to the state's chief executive.

They charge Young with malicious prosecution and with acting as judge, jury and complaining witness.

To that accusation the veteran of three wars simply retorted: "I've just begun to fight. I have tried to be honorable and do exactly what the law requires me to do."

A week ago Young haled Weinert and Carter into court and charged the editor with writing a "scurrilous" article about him. He sentenced them to jail but did not sign commitment papers.

Weinert, called back Saturday, was jailed on a fresh contempt charge because Young said he made insulting remarks in the courtroom.

A final hearing on the habeas corpus writ is scheduled for Jan. 31 before Circuit Judge Archie McDonald of Eaton county.

Gambling Case Is Starter  
 The municipal rumpus started early this month when Carter arrested tavern owner Robert Moore on gambling charges. Moore brought a false arrest suit, but did not press charges.

However, it was reported later by Weinert, Justice Young later entered a \$300 judgment against Carter on Moore's behalf.

Weinert's printed editorial on that matter led to the first contempt charge. Young, who conducts justice court in the antique shop he operated, told newsmen he had been playing cards on the second floor of Moore's establishment at the time of the arrest.

"Moore is a nice fellow," he added, "I never even heard him cuss."

AGED 3; RAISE TEETH  
 SEATTLE, —(AP)—Guiding a lively 3 1/2 year-old youngster through dinner is no picnic even under normal circumstances. Any parent knows that.

Which is why Mrs. E. L. Eoff is happy to report that son Timothy doesn't make any fuss when she takes out or puts in his false teeth.

The artificial chompers were installed as a temporary measure after dentists removed 14 of the youngster's 20 teeth. A new set of his own should grow in within two or three years.

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 p. m., if you have not received your News-Review.  
 Ask for Harold Mobley

## Crocodile's "Innards" Yield Bottles, Rocks, Marbles

CINCINNATI, Jan. 21—(AP)—If Cleopatra just could talk—she'd wreck you with stories about her operation.

But Cleopatra is a 600-pound Nile river crocodile so she isn't saying much.

In fact she's still a bit lethargic from the anesthetic given her. But that operation produces six pop bottles, some of them broken; 38 rocks, some of them as big as baseballs; several marbles; a rifle shell and a China elephant.

Cleopatra is one of the reptiles at the Cincinnati zoo and, seriously, the operation performed on her Thursday was one of the most unusual in natural history. Some weeks ago zoo attendants figured Cleopatra had swallowed

a pop bottle. Attendants said a crocodile's digestive tract is very small so they doubted if she could digest the bottle. Cleo began losing her appetite so an operation was deemed necessary. For three days they gave Cleo drugs to subdue her. Then six husky men were pressed into service to help hold the crocodile to the "operating table."

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by Susan



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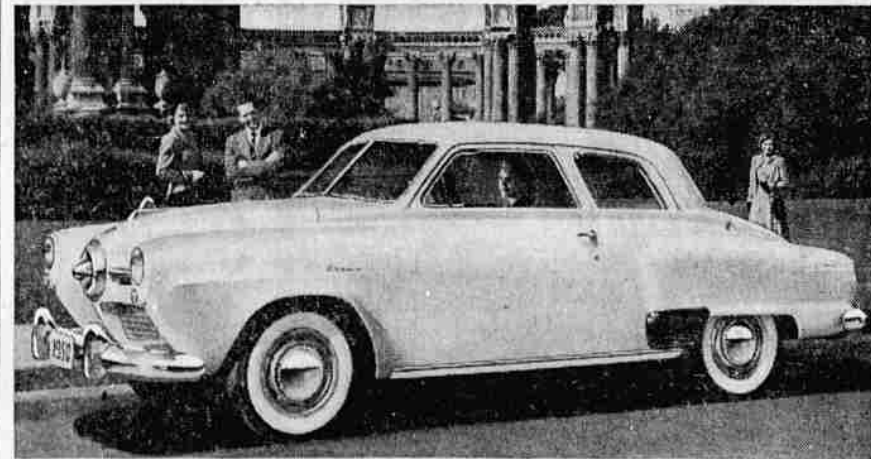
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