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WRONG KIND OF PLANNING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The theory of federal planned economy provided a theme for C. Girard (Jebby) Davidson, assistant secretary of the Interior, speaking recently before the American Institute of Planners and the Institute of Professional Town Planners of Canada at a conference held at Niagara Falls, Ontario. Davidson, the administration's outstanding political missionary, striving desperately at taxpayers' expense, to convert the country's "heathens" to the doctrine of state socialism, does not hesitate to distort facts, or resort to demagoguery in fervent propagandizing.

"Jebby," for instance, prefaced his remarks at Niagara Falls with the following:

Today we are engaged in a struggle between those who want to make the democratic ideal work and those who would thwart the realization of that ideal. These persons of little faith are no longer proposing; they only oppose. They deny the fact of human progress to date by questioning the possibility of continuing that progress in the future. Planning, among other things, is a target for their attack.

Every attempt to plan—for full employment, for basic educational facilities, for a healthy and decently housed population—is fought by the apostles of the static society. Today their campaign cry is "socialism." Yesterday it was "welfare state." Not so long ago it was "statism" and "bureaucracy."

He proceeds on the theory that planning has been a part of our history since our national beginning, referring to Washington's program for water transportation; Jefferson's plans for the Capitol; Theodore Roosevelt's conservation program, etc. He develops the theory that municipal planning is essential, (he was speaking before city planners) and proceeds to the position that federal planning is as essential as city planning.

It's All in What Is Planned

The thing "Jebby" does not mention is that the national planning to which he made reference and the achievements of city planners had to do with material resources and human safety and welfare and not with political controls. City planning is done within the framework of existing government. National planning in the past was accomplished without necessity of altering the Constitution, either in letter or intent. But the plan advocated by Davidson and his cohorts is to take over the very lives of the people, to bring everyone under the dictation of federal planners, to regiment and nationalize, to abolish constitutional government and set up in its place an oligarchy of the intelligentsia.

Davidson said in his address:

The President's recent economic report to the Congress projected a feasible economic expansion goal of a \$300,000,000,000 national income within five years with certain recommended policies to facilitate its attainment. This is probably one of the most notable examples of government effort to engage in economy-wide planning.

Yet this same economic report, to which he refers, was such a flagrant distortion of fact and prostitution of real economic analysis to political expediency that one of the nation's chief economists resigned from the President's economic board to preserve his professional honor.

No Place For Free Enterprise

Davidson expands on federal planning for public power, planned development of natural resources, etc. He paints a bright and glowing picture of TVA, indicating that valley authorities are needed in the Pacific Northwest, where he is so aggressively working for CVA. Yet it recently was pointed out that one of the difficulties in securing small wood-working industries we so badly need in this region, results because our northwestern workers enjoy so much higher wage scale than in any other part of the country that manufacturers can't afford to move here. How, then, is T.V.A.'s controlled economy better than the Northwest's free enterprise?

Nathan W. Shefferman, executive director, Labor Relations associates of Chicago, Inc., one of the nation's foremost labor relations experts, appearing at the western conference of Teamsters in Bellingham, Wash., speaking of planned economy asked:

What governmental bureau would have picked Henry Ford—the power-house helper—to pioneer the making of low-priced cars? How would the Washington planners have been able to pick the Edisons, the Ketterings, 25 years hence? You can't delegate inspiration or far-flung vision. Scientific, creative talent of high order can't be produced by bureaucratic edict or by any formalized procedure.

Give initiative free play and the creative mind will discover itself. Natural selection will sift out the embryonic geniuses from among the 140,000,000 people. That's how we got the Eli Whitneys, Goodyears, Mergenthalers, Burbanks, Elias Howes, Samuel Moses, the Wright Brothers. Nobody selected them. With free opportunity they selected themselves and forged ahead of their rivals.

Davidson, speaking of anti-socialists, said in his preface. "They deny the fact of human progress to date by questioning the possibility of continuing that progress in the future."

It would seem to us that it is not the opponents of planned economy who fear the future but the planners themselves who take the defeatist outlook.

True, we need planned and orderly development of our natural resources, but we can do it within the framework of constitutional government. We do not need a socialist state to regiment our lives, our wealth and our activity.

Additional Money Asked In National Defense Plans

WASHINGTON, March 16. — (AP) — The Defense Department Wednesday requested a \$187,442,770 increase in its pending \$477,974,419 public works bill for construction of high priority military projects, some of them closely guarded secrets.

This makes a total of \$665,117,181 which the Army, Navy and Air Force now want.

In addition, Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House armed services committee, instructed the

Getting the Range on the Pony Express



In the Day's News

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countries) you don't just announce that you're going to be a Communist. My my, NO! That WOULD get you into hot water. It would be exactly like a brash freshman from out in the sticks announcing about the third day he was on the campus that he had decided to be a Sigma Delta Chi.

If you know anything at all about colleges, you know what the Sigs would do to that poor guy. Well, the Communists would give the same treatment to anybody who said he'd decided to be a Communist—and when can he run for his first office and begin to get in on the gravy?

His name would be Mud and I MEAN MUD. You don't just join the Communist party. You are taken into it AFTER YOU HAVE PROVED YOUR WORTHINESS.

Also, you don't just run for office. THE COMMUNIST PARTY RUNS YOU FOR OFFICE.

That's how it came that in Sunday's Russian "parliamentary" election there was exactly ONE candidate for each office to be filled. The Communists, like our brain trusters in Washington used to do, "planned it that way."

That's how come Uncle Joe and some 1200-odd other candidates for the Russian "parliament" were the ONLY candidates in their districts for the jobs they aspired to.

The Communist party fixed it that way.

THAT'S why I'm going to STAY a Republican—even though I feel in my bones that the leadership of the Republican party is getting fat-headed and fat-headed as the days pass and I'm revolted by the spectacle of Republican congressmen and senators who yell ECONOMY out of one side of their mouths, and out of the other side vote for every boondoggling appropriation that concerns their districts.

As long as that continues, the Republican party is about as likely to get back into power as a cow is to kiss a pig, but IF THE TIME EVER COMES WHEN THERE IS ONLY ONE PARTY IN THIS COUNTRY, it will run our affairs exactly like the Communist party runs Russia's affairs, and at each election there will be only one candidate for each office and that will be the guy who has been selected by the Democratic party.

So I'm going to stay a Republican if for no other reason than to register my protest against putting too much power into too few hands. That is what INVARIABLY happens in a one-party state.

Marines to submit new projects—one for \$2,476,000 for living quarters at Quantico, Va., and the second for a \$25,000,000 new Marine depot. This depot reportedly may be located at Albany, Ga.

With these two new items, the grand total would be \$692,392,419. The amended Defense department request was presented to the committee by Assistant Defense Secretary W. J. McNeil, comptroller.

McNeil told the committee the amended requests—a number of which step up amounts originally asked—are mainly for research and development, communication projects as well as general operational projects.



By Vahmett S. Martin

"Babies by the Bushel!" That's the caption over a graph of the Oregon births from 1929 to 1949. If you happen not to have seen it, the graph looks like the Cascades only more so. From 12,000 in 1929 it crosses low "hills" reaching as high as 14,000 in 1937—maybe that's 1936?

Then in 1939 it takes off in mountain peaks not even a goat could climb. By 1943 it's nearly straight up to above 25,000. In 1944 the line drops down—but not far. Oh no, just to 23,500.

After 1946 it sky-rockets straight up to 36,000 in one year! In 1949 it jogged down the least bit—a mere thousand births! But by 1949 the 1947 level had been passed—after that there is a big question mark.

Do you wonder? Is this of interest to folks who, like ourselves, have no children in school? I'll say it is! Is it of interest to folks who, like ourselves, are not on a school board? (E. J. has been helping out in an emergency as a school clerk but that is not on the board, of course.) Of course it is! For we all pay taxes, in addition to having the welfare of all those children at heart.

Oregon is the fastest growing state in the union. After a little study of this graph (available from county superintendent's office, of course, as well as a lot of other equally interesting and vital information, for the asking) it is easy to see why Oregon school people up in Salem, and right here in Douglas county, too, are in a dither wondering how on earth we're going to take care of all the school children promised by the 1949 statistics!

In Oregon, from its earliest history, one realizes there has never been any if, about it; only how? About the first thing the early settlers did, one notes from reading about them, was to provide a place to worship and a place to teach the children: often the same building.

Do you have a copy of that "Children's Bill" leaflet by Cecil W. Posey Ex. Sec. Oregon Education association? I hope so. Since we, the people, will be voting upon it in November, it's worth asking for. A postal to the county superintendent, Kenneth Barneburg, will, I'm sure, bring it to you.

DIME-A-DOZEN SKETCHES

By PAUL JENKINS

From the time Auld Erin rose out of the sea, the MacCarthys were mighty men. From the beginning, I take it, they were kings; as eventually all Irishmen became—kings or better.

The home of these MacCarthys was the county of Cork on the eastern shore of the island. Near the spot where the great city of that name later was to stand they erected a mighty crenelated and embowered fortress, towering to the sky (which was emerald, of course) and named it Blarney castle.

Century after century came and passed but there, still, were the MacCarthys. One fine bright morning, as the MacCarthy (a tall, slim broth of a boy) was taking a stroll along the banks of the river Lee, nearby the castle, the strains of bewitching, unearthly, girlish singing stopped him in his tracks. Soon, to his utter astonishment, a strangely beautiful young woman appeared as if by magic upon the strand. One glance and the MacCarthy, impetuous as were all his people, lost his heart.

Calling out eagerly, he hastened to join her. The maiden, glancing backward in surprise at the sound of his voice, hurried her steps; but did not still the notes of her seductively alluring song. Soon the MacCarthy was running. Rapidly he gained. At a point where a rocky cliff joined the water he overtook her. Her song silenced now, she attempted frantically but vainly to escape. His strong arms encircled her. Crying exultantly, he crushed her to his heart, and closed his eyes in blissful happiness.

From Bliss To Misery But what was this? Her lips were so cold; almost like ice. Her weight so very, very great. Gasping and suddenly burdened by his knees, his now widely opened orbs beheld a terrible thing. Still clasped in his arms, but senseless, inanimate, ghastly, lay a great block of stone.

A strange man, the MacCarthy, bewitched, some folks said. A man given to long moments of silent inattention, staring fixedly into space. But at the same time, when

Congress Chat

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There is a real battle going on between the states of Arizona and California. It is a fight over water similar to the struggles in the days of the "old west" over water holes. The principle difference is that this water problem is millions times bigger, the fighting is more dignified and guns are not used. California lost the first round when the U.S. Senate approved a river project in Arizona by a substantial majority.

The Californians, however, do not propose to take this defeat lying down. Said one California Congressman in describing the project to me: "It proposes to use water which the state (Arizona) does not own to lift that water twice as high as the Washington monument, convey it farther than from Washington to New York, at a cost to the Federal Treasury of three quarters of a billion dollars, to irrigate 200,000 acres of privately owned, war-bomb desert land which would not be required to repay the construction cost, for raising crops which are now surplus."

I haven't yet heard the Arizona side of the story but it will be good to tie that one—let alone beat it!

Now that the British people have halted their socialist government dead in its tracks I am inclined to believe that there is developing world-wide distrust of socialists and their desire for socialistic control limited areas of the world where of governments. In those rather people are still free and may select a government of their own choice they are discarding socialism and the inevitable loss of freedom which goes with it. Some people failed to stop it in time. You must remember that the Hitler party had the word "socialist" in it. The present Russian government is a union of "socialist" states.

Webster's big dictionary says socialism is a political and economic theory of social reorganization, the essential feature of which is government control of economic activities.

We are attempting to fight off socialism in the United States but most people do not seem to realize it. Much of the so-called Truman program is clearly socialistic. The Brannan plan is socialistic because it would control farmers. The administration medical plan is already called by its proper name—"socialized medicine." The valley authority scheme (of which CVA is one of nine) is socialistic because it means that entire regions would be placed under rigid government control. Certainly part of the housing legislation already enacted is socialistic when the government builds and owns the homes people live in. I have seen and heard enough indications around here to convince me that there is a planned effort being made to drive coal mining, wire communications and the railroads into nationalization.

For the purpose of stopping this trend, and I believe we do want to stop it, our system does not work as well as the British system does. There the socialists received less than a majority of the total votes cast. As a result, the socialist program is stopped. Here, in 1948, Truman and his program received less than a majority of the total votes cast but the result was considered a "mandate" to carry out the program.

Fortunately our people have another opportunity this fall to speak their minds through their ballots. Our system works a little more slowly than the British, but it will work surely.

GAME LICENSES BOOM

PORTLAND, March 16. — (AP) — The sales of hunting and fishing licenses in Oregon have more than doubled in the last 10 years, with more than 394,000 licenses sold last year.

In 1939 only 163,000 were sold, the State Game commission said.

St. Joseph's church in Roseburg, and now similarly occupied in Bend, told me not long ago. It seems that the battlements which crown the towering walls of the old castle jut out from their sides, bastion-like, and at spaced intervals in the floor of this out-thrust are apertures, left there by the builders for the pious purpose of dumping scalding water or flaming molten metal upon the heads of rash attacking enemies. Beneath and at the edge of one of these openings, the Blarney stone was recessed.

"The manner of its doing," Father Coughlan continued, "is for the prospective osculator to sit with his back to this hole. A friend sits on his out-stretched legs. Then the OSC. leans backward and down the hole, then lifts his face to the lower, opposite side and takes his smack. I've watched it done many times."

"A few years ago an American sailor, in attempting the feat, fell through. He landed in the top of a tree far below, which broke his fall somewhat, but he fractured both legs. Since then iron bars have been inserted into the masonry of the aperture in a manner to lessen the hazard."

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Dr. G. A. Cathey, Roseburg Native, Sportsman, Dies

Dr. George A. Cathey, Portland physician and surgeon, who was born in Roseburg in 1882, and widely known as a sportsman who specialized in bow-and-arrow hunting, died Tuesday.

Dr. Cathey graduated in pharmacy from Oregon State college in 1905 and in medicine from the Oregon medical school in 1909. He practiced as a physician and surgeon at Klamath Falls until 1917, when he set up his practice in Portland. His father, Benjamin A. Cathey, also was a Portland physician and surgeon before his death.

Dr. Cathey was a captain in the army medical corps in World War I and held the rank of major in the medical corps reserve. He was a former member of the state game commission and a past president of the Oregon chapter of the Izaak Walton league of America and the National, Western, North-western, State and City Archery associations at different periods.

Survivors are his wife, Bertha Ann; two sons, Robert of Portland and Ralph of Suttle Lake Lodge; four grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Barrett Randall of Beaverton and Mrs. Arthur Chance of Portland, and two brothers, Dr.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED
FREEMAN-ARGO — Stanley Wayne Freeman and Rose Marian Argo, both of Glide.

REECE-LAURANCE — Richard Delas Reece, Roseburg, and Frances Laurance, Brockway.

ELLISON-WILSON — William Gordon Ellison and Ruby Marie Wilson, both of Myrtle Creek.

In order to replenish underground water reservoirs, flood water is often diverted across porous earth surfaces.

Collie Cathey, Portland, and Cecil Cathey, Albany.

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