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DEMOCRACY IMPERILED

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Tightening news censorship imperils democracy, according to a report by the national board of directors of the Associated Press. The report was made at the annual Associated Press convention in New York.

The board termed "especially grave" the increasing difficulties of reporting the world's news "in our tradition of accuracy, impartiality and thoroughness." Factual reporting, it was stated, never was "more vital to the survival of our free institutions."

The report said:

Intense partisanship prevails everywhere. Economic, political and ideological conflicts that stir the emotions of people are in evidence in all lands. Obstacles to free exchange of news arise with greater frequency, and censorship has become even more widely prevalent.

The American people—and peoples generally—are greatly concerned by the widespread and constantly changing atmosphere of world crisis. Their demand for information distinguishing between fact and rumor challenges the news gathering resources of the Associated Press.

This challenge must be met by every feasible effort to report the truth. Therefore the basic concept of the Associated Press is a foremost weapon in the arsenal of democracy.

Censorship Blanket Dangerous

The Associated Press several years ago, when terms for ending the second World War were under consideration, demanded inclusion of provisions for free and unrestricted exchange of news as part of international agreements. The worldwide news gathering cooperative has consistently pressed this demand. Instead of the world being opened to factual reporting, however, more and more area is passing under a blanket of political and military news censorship.

Reporters for U. S. news gathering agencies have been expelled from much of Russian-dominated Europe. They have been driven out of most of China, many parts of Asia, Africa and South and Central America. News from those areas is strictly censored. No information passes to the outside world, except items approved by politically-inspired censors.

The very fact that large segments of the world's population have been withdrawn behind an iron curtain naturally leads to suspicion on the part of peoples outside that curtain. We have no idea what plotting may be going on, what steps are being taken for world conquest, what military forces are being organized. Because we lack information upon which we can rely, we grow suspicious and so prepare for the worst.

And because people inside the curtain know nothing of what is transpiring outside their restricted world, except the highly distorted information conveyed to them by their political rulers, they, too, are suspicious. They consent to tax levies for armament, induction into military service, fortification, stringent regimentation, because they are convinced by the news they are permitted to receive that they are in critical danger.

Truth Could Preserve Peace

If the people of Russia could send their reporters to the United States and those reporters were permitted to report back factual information concerning this country, its ideas, policies and purposes, we would no longer be feared as warmongers. If our reporters were permitted in Russia to interview its common people, talk to its political and military leaders and expose the aims and purposes of Communism, the danger of a shooting war would soon be dispelled.

Free and unrestricted reporting of the news of the world could promote and preserve peace. Such is the aim of the Associated Press.

But news censorship is not confined exclusively to Communist-dominated countries, A. P. directors report. They point out that "at home as well, gathering the news and reporting it factually and impartially are often difficult, demanding constant vigilance. Barriers, governmental and private, must be surmounted if we are to get the truth and report it so that its significance may be evaluated."

Suspicion at home is as bad as suspicion abroad. Suspicion always occurs when people are denied access to the truth. The heavy flow of propaganda from official sources in this country is not healthy. Nor is it desirable to have hundreds of publicity directors employed in governmental affairs to place news on a "handout" basis.

If it becomes possible to cover the domestic and international news freely, openly and factually, the world will have its strongest weapon for peace.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses Issued
TRULLINGER-BARROWS — Laurence Eugene Trullinger, Portland, and Macreen Lillian Barrows, Eugene.

COGOLIN-ROSS—James R. Cogolin and Mae Marie Ross, both of Sutherlin.

Divorce Suit Filed
KING—Marvis vs. Victor King. Married at Sioux Falls, S.D., May 12, 1939. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff asks custody of two children and \$60 per month support.

Red-Trained Guerrillas
in North Korea Erased

SEOUL, April 25—(AP)—The defense ministry today announced a mop-up of Communist-trained guerrillas from North Korea had been

completed. Of 318 guerrillas, the ministry said, 272 were killed, 38 captured and eight surrendered last week-end. They were the remnants of 700 who crossed the border in March, the ministry asserted.

South Korean losses were put at 21 killed and 96 wounded.

Legion Post Launches Drive To Boost Roster

The American Legion Umpqua post 16 has designated the week of April 24-30 as Legion membership week and is currently conducting a drive to secure the quota of members assigned by the Oregon department officials.

Ted Dauber, membership chairman, said the post's quota for 1950 has been set at 700 members and that 73 additional persons are needed. He said all local Legionnaires will cooperate to assure successful completion of the membership drive by May 1.

Meaning Clear



In the Day's News

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Imagine you feel much the same way about it.

LET'S go on from there. I'm not a politician, and I insist on having nothing to do with politics from the inside looking out. Whatever contact I have with politics and politicians is from the outside looking in. So it happens that I am not personally acquainted with either Morgan or Mahoney. All I know about them is what I read in the papers and hear from other people.

But I have the feeling that AS INDIVIDUALS both Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Morgan are quite all right. I imagine that in their own communities, among their friends and their associates, their word in a business deal would be accepted unhesitatingly.

THAT brings me up to the point I'm driving at.

Why is it that AS POLITICIANS men will make statements they wouldn't think of making as individuals in their private contacts and their private dealings with their friends and their business associates?

Why is it that we so instinctively distrust that WE PAY NO ATTENTION TO the political utterances of men who as private individuals we would believe unhesitatingly?

DON'T know the answers to these questions, but I do feel that the situation involved is a serious one. If we can't believe what our political leaders say, what are we headed for?

LET me cite another incident from the news.

We're in a ruckus with Russia over an incident that happened up along the shores of the Baltic sea. The Russians claim that one of our planes swung in over Russian territory and when challenged by the pilot of a Russian plane STARTED SHOOTING.

Our government denies the accusation flatly (even heatedly) and strongly intimates that the plane (unarmed, our officials insist) was SHOT DOWN by trigger-happy Russian pilots.

THAT is serious business. It might lead to war. Another world war could be the end of everything we value. In such a situation, we ought to be able to trust our officials absolutely and unqualifiedly.

But in the city of Washington, Senator Cain of the state of Washington intimates that our State department may be giving us the run-around. In a letter to Secretary Acheson (which was promptly given to the reporters) he says our State department "left a wide range of uncertainty" about the plane incident. He asks Acheson if the State department could "completely disprove the possibility that our aircraft might have blown up or disintegrated in flight." He says our State department's note of protest left "many a reasonable and legitimate question" unanswered.

WHEN a read that on the telephone, here as how I felt about it. I didn't instinctively believe Cain. I felt that as a Republican senator he was seeking to make political capital against our Democratic administration and its de-

Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

Two columns ago I started out to tell where and when we met Spring face to face this April, but I wandered around in Michigan, Oklahoma and Texas—where we saw Spring twice the same April—skipping over California faster than I did last year in planes, even passing over the three previous Aprils here in this so gloriously beautiful Douglas county (My, my, I guess the reader who "puts the Scraps in my letters home when they tell about scenery around here because it saves me such a lot of writing," will clip this one).

We had made several forays down Highway 38 looking for Spring, because she arrives there a little sooner than here in our canyon. Our trilliums (trillia?) are few now, and blushing rose-pink; even the dogtooth violets have curved up the scallops of their cream blossoms as a woman might turn up and back the wide brim of a shading hat. I like the name dogtooth violet better than the childhood name of addertongue—there are so many names for this exquisite spring flower! Perhaps you call them lambs-tongues?

Our bigleaf maple has just begun to shake out tassels on its wide, spreading branches over the house, but there along the Umpqua the tassels were not only all shaken out, but the new green umbrellas were unfolded over them to protect, do you suppose, the pollen from the rains? Nature is so clever in planning a way to meet each flower's need, and to protect each one of her children from harm!

For several months I had been carrying in my purse, changing carefully each time with the other things, a whimsical map I had drawn from an equally whimsical letter. As we neared the Elkton bridge I said determinedly and hopefully, "I do wish this time we could turn at the bridge and go visit the Raders. I've enjoyed her letters so much, I promised to do . . ." and I fished the map out of my purse. "You go up a hill and down a hill, and then across a bridge . . ." I quoted, and then repeated the words, listening to the lilt in them. "Wouldn't you know she wrote poetry?"

The hills were so lovely, the faraway ones in blue haze, the nearer ones proving Spring had passed that way sometime ago touching them with her magic wand. We came to the Umpqua—a new view of it, and such a picture!

"Up a hill, and down a hill, And then across a bridge—"

That was how we came to find Spring where the Umpqua winds through the Kellogg valley, instead of on Highway 38 as in the three previous Aprils.

DIME-A-DOZEN SKETCHES

By PAUL JENKINS

The ways of some big-time reporters, to one who is not a reporter, are indeed strange and often incomprehensible. This conclusion came to me gradually as, over a cup of coffee and a cigarette, I scanned the front page of the Sunday edition of The Oregonian.

Last Saturday the air force presented what was reported to be "one of the most astonishing exhibitions of air power ever staged," at Elgin Field, Florida, during which it "unveiled jet planes with features few military men ever have seen. It dropped every weapon it has, from fragmentation bombs to 12,000-pound blockbusters—and excepting only the A-bomb—"

The ground erupted in huge flames and smoke, and the earth quaked. The air blast smote eardrums with shattering impact. Although I'm a very sketchy reader of the front page of a newspaper, picking rather haphazardly for my fare among the daily offerings of rape cases, strikes and political mud-slinging, I don't seem to recall having read any news release in recent months when an arm of our military service has been reported as having given such an impressive exhibition of its power. It sounded important.

However, to find this out, I had to read fully a third of the way through the story I have mentioned, which was carried by International News Service. Before the reporter got around to telling of this truly spectacular occurrence, he led his story off with a detailed report of how a flaming parachute flare was carried by the wind to "within a few feet" of where President Truman stood among a group of spectators in a "quaking wooden stand." But, as he briefly stated in about 80 words, the President remained unperturbed.

Among other things, I resent the loose use of the words "a few feet." To me, "a few" means two, three or maybe five or six, whether its dollars, doughnuts or feet. If that flare passed nearer than half a dozen rods to the President's head I'll miss my guess.

I resent his having picked out the President alone as having remained unperturbed. It wouldn't have looked well for Mr. Truman to have screamed, ducked and sprinted for safety, while comparative nobodies surrounding him hadn't taken fright at what after all couldn't have been a very frightening incident, now would it? I'll bet it never occurred to Mr. Truman that there was any cause for alarm. It occurred onto this reporter.

I further and particularly resent the halting and round-about course this reporter took in arriving at the meat of the real story involved. Any idiot can (and frequently does) write a feature yarn such as you now are reading, and never tell anything; but in the news columns of a newspaper a reader is justified in demanding that the important circumstances of any newsworthy occurrence be given precedence. It all reminds me of a conflagration once suffered by the town of Creswell, near Eugene, during which several people were injured, the lives of many more endangered and severe property damage sustained. The reporter covering the story for a certain publication led it with a description of the supposed terror endured by the field mice in an adjoining vacant lot.

LETTERS to the Editor

Justifiable Investment Seen In Airport Bonds

ROSEBURG—Mr. Ray Lea, in his recent letter regarding the airport bond issue, mentioned that he didn't feel that there would be enough use of the airport to justify the expense of developing it. I wonder if Mr. Lea would like to turn the clock back to 1915. Then, the main objection to the issuance of bonds for the development of the state highway system was that there would not be enough use of the highways by the few people who could afford cars. Seems to me those highways have been used plenty in the past years.

When the airport is constructed to enable commercial airlines to land and depart on a regular schedule, I am certain the amount of travel will warrant all improvements made.

I, personally, am for the airport. I believe it to be a justifiable investment for our community.

MRS. DALLEN H. JONES
Roseburg, Ore.

Airport Project Seen As Benefit To Working Man

ROSEBURG—I read with interest and strong disapproval the contents of a recent letter to the editor, signed by Ray Lea, who calls himself a "working stiff." The letter trying to set forth arguments against the new proposed airport. It would seem to me, as one "working stiff" around here, that Mr. Lea's argument was full of holes. It is evident that he is only for progress, as he says, but only if it costs nothing. Of course the improvement will cost us all something but not over a cent or two a day (according to another letter recently printed) and even for a "working stiff" that isn't very much. Anything worth while will cost something, and to say that it won't mean anything to the working man is foolish.

The working man's future depends on the availability of WORK. The more jobs that are undertaken locally the more work is available for the laboring class. Another half-million dollar job for construction in Roseburg is a lot of jobs for the "working stiff" around here.

Mr. Lea says that the business men are probably all for it and I think that he is right. Besides, the business man pays far and away the majority of the taxes in the community and he is still for it.

I think that it is about time Roseburg woke up and got used to the idea that we should have and must have improvements. The new airport is one that will benefit the working class for actual construction work as well as the jobs that will eventually come from new industry which will be attracted here because of good transportation facilities. I say the working man better be for the new airport job—it sure means more work for us.

RAY E. YATES
Roseburg, Oregon

Payment Of Judgment Is Ordered In Suit

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly has ordered John D. Kenny to pay a judgment demanded by General Credit Service, Inc., of \$396.50, with interest from Jan. 3, 1947. Kenny is also ordered to pay \$100 attorney fees and court costs.

Ben Pullen, doing business as Ben Pullen's Service Station, has filed a suit demanding judgment for \$479.81, with interest at 6 percent from filing date until paid, from John C. Taylor and Ida Irene Taylor. The money involved in the suit is allegedly from a defaulted judgment granted by a Washington state court.

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Luther Spencer Killed In Crash

Luther Leonard Spencer of Redmond was instantly killed in an automobile accident, April 22, while enroute to Hot Springs, New Mexico. Two members of the family who were accompanying him, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Culpepper, were hospitalized but are expected to be released. Robert Spencer, a son, who was accompanying his father, is expected to be in Oakland Wednesday and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Spencer was born Aug. 6, 1888, at Whiting, Kans. From there he moved to Oklahoma at the age of 15. He later married Miss Ida Perkins, now deceased. From Oklahoma he moved to Oregon, where he spent the remainder of his life.

He is survived by Clifford, Eugene and Roger Spencer of Alleghany, Ore.; Mrs. Muriel Culpepper and Roland Spencer, Redmond; Rex, Frank and Lee Spencer of Lorane; Mrs. Mary Minnick, Creswell; and Betty Spencer, Portland; three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Pyle, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Ruth Holcomb, Porter, Okla.; and Mrs. Alta Rader, Oakland, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral announcement will be made later from the Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

BRAKES BAD; FINED \$10
Charles Francis Lantz, 21, of San Leandro, Cal., arrested by state police Saturday on a charge of driving an automobile with defective brakes, was fined \$10 Justice of the Peace Geddes reported.

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Supposed Spinach Puts 3 Eaters In Hospital

PASADENA, Calif., April 25—(AP)—Having trouble getting junior to eat his spinach? Don't read him this.

The Russell Hatch family planted a vegetable garden. One neat row labeled spinach produced some nice dinner table greens yesterday.

But Eric Hatch, 4, refused to eat his "spinach."

The father, mother and another son did. All became violently ill and were treated at Pasadena emergency hospital for food poisoning. Doctors said they didn't know what the greens were but definitely they were not spinach.

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