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WE'RE PECULIAR

By Charles V. Stanton

Americans are a peculiar people. They push prices up and then demand controls to get them down. They insist that wages be high, but that cost of living be low. They demand personal freedom and liberty, but elect men pledged to socialistic policies tending toward the police state. They permit themselves to be panicked into foolish, wasteful buying, thereby affording opportunity for price chiseling. The list of American peculiarities could be extended to great length but we need mention only a few. War-scare buying has depleted merchandise in many Roseburg stores. The situation is the same throughout the country. Recalling shortages occurring during the last war, people scurried to buy and hoard items they fear might not be obtainable later. By their action they have released into circulation many millions of dollars to act as a tidal wave on economy. A sudden wave of buying is inflationary. Already war-scare buying has boosted prices on many commodities and foods. This price increase is totally unnecessary and results only because people brought it upon themselves by their panic.

Selfishness Damages Economy

Hoarding is an act of selfishness. Because people take a selfish advantage, they bring penalties upon the population as a whole. In addition to the inflationary danger produced by hoarding, we find another influence toward inflation in new wage demands by organized labor. It is generally conceded that if it again becomes necessary to invoke controls, those controls will be placed over wages as well as prices. Consequently many unions are rushing to get higher wages before a freeze order is issued. Some of the demands admittedly are "unreasonable" but it is anticipated any control order will include machinery for adjustments and, if wages can be boosted high enough, the cutback still will leave an improved condition. But every wage boost is inflationary in its influence.

Every act connected with war-scare buying and panic wage demands is serving to hasten necessity for price and wage controls. Realizing that public demand will force controls before the situation gets entirely out of hand, politicians are taking advantage of the situation to write political expediency into price control legislation, thereby tightening the socialistic grip on the nation.

Need "Golden Rule" Legislation

It is regrettable that we can't write the Golden Rule into enforceable law. If we could eliminate selfishness, greed, covetousness and love of power from our economic, political and social life we wouldn't be troubled with all these problems. Lacking power to make the Golden Rule a law, we can only hope with the evangelists that a spiritual awakening will bring more people into voluntary practice of Christian tenets. We're a peculiar and unpredictable people. We bring down all kinds of trouble on our own heads by our own foolishness. Allowance must be made for the fact that as a nation we still are young and that we exhibit the instability of youth. The older a nation, the greater its conservatism.

But its fun to be an American. What if we are unpredictable? At least we're vigorous, excitable, and healthy. Life in this country is never monotonous.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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doesn't want a bill that would compel imposition of wage and price controls whenever the cost of living reaches a certain point. That, he says, would be an invitation to bid prices up to that point. I'd say that ANY bill that makes rationing certain is an invitation to bid up prices. Rationing means that you can't have what you want when you want it. So you START BUYING IT NOW and squirreling it away so you CAN have what you want when you want it. All this hoarding business we hear so much about is merely an effort to beat rationing to the gun.

I have personal doubts as to whether rationing is any good in wartime. It takes a lot of people to make it work. If all these people were PRODUCING SOMETHING instead of telling the rest of us how much we can have 11 might work out better in the long run. After all, in war or in peace, WE CAN'T HAVE WHAT ISN'T PRODUCED. That's always a good thing to remember.

Also, I have a cynical notion that about 98 per cent of all this rationing and control talk that is going on in Washington is based on politics. The Republicans are trying to crowd controls that will rear back on the Democrats, who are in power and will have to do the administering, and the Democrats are hoping to push the Republicans into a hole where it will look like it is the wicked Republicans who are responsible for all the mess.

If we could only run wars without politics, it would be wonderful.

Fair Oaks Participates In Pomona Grange Meet

Thirteen members of the Fair Oaks Grange motored to Kellogg to attend Pomona Grange meeting Saturday evening. A potluck dinner was served by Kellogg Grange

members preceding the meeting. The session was presided over by Master Howard Cracraft, State Overseer William Howse was present and gave a short talk. Fair Oaks members present were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cracraft, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Briscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hibbard, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brauminger, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Harrison and Miss Barbara Brauminger. The attendance prize was won by Fair Oaks.

Lt. Rhule Transferred To Duty At St. Louis

FRANKFURT, Germany—1st Lt. Walter A. Rhule, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rhule, reside in Roseburg, will leave Europe shortly after a three-year tour of duty. Lt. Rhule has been an instructor in the army finance school in Frankfurt. A graduate of Coquille high school in 1934, Lt. Rhule entered the service in 1940. During World War II he served in the China-Burma-India theater with the air force. Lt. Rhule's next assignment will be with the army finance center in St. Louis, Mo. John G. Rhule of Coquille is Lt. Rhule's brother.

Tenmile

By JULIA BREITENBUCHER
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Gossett of Ashland visited the Elbert Smith and B. B. Smith homes on Sunday. Mr. Gossett is Mrs. Elbert Smith's nephew. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hahn and Mr. and Mrs. Dell Pierson spent the weekend in Grants Pass with Mr. Hahn's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Abbott. Verlon and Arden Roth of Los Angeles visited over the weekend at the home of their brother, Don Roth and family. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roth, and family of Florence were visitors on Friday.

"Meeting Will Come To Order To Discuss Peace!"



Pay-As-You-Go Basis For Defense Outlay Proposed

By BRUCE BOSSAT

There is little question Congress will enact a tax increase measure closely paralleling the \$5,000,000,000 boost President Truman requests. The nation doesn't have any alternative if its huge new defense bills are to be met. Mr. Truman proposes that hikes on individual income levies be made effective Oct. 1 of this year, while suggested corporate tax increases be made to apply to all 1950 income. Congress probably will accept the Oct. 1 date but may balk at making corporate increases retroactive to Jan. 1. Senator George, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, says July 1 is a more likely starting date for business tax changes. Fair Enough. This modification sounds fair enough. Whatever the cost, we ought to meet the burden of added defense outlays on a pay-as-you-go basis, but we shouldn't have to turn back and slap extra taxes on previously earned incomes, either corporate or individual. The pay-as-you-go idea was suggested recently by Senator Taft, leading Republican. There's no way of knowing whether the President's proposals on this point coincide with Taft's by accident or design. But certain it is that Taft's views make more likely a solid congressional front on vital revenue needs. Paying off our defense bills as they come has two main advantages. The biggest is that it will drain off substantial sums that otherwise would inevitably contribute to inflation in the period of half-mobilization we are entering. With the economy already going full tilt, inflationary pressures are sure to be terrific when defense demands are piled on top of heavy civilian consumption. If there is any real hope of avoiding eventual rationing and price controls, it must lie in higher taxes which will reduce the level of civilian demand. Secondly, paying out of pocket now for our added arms will mean holding down the public debt. That debt has long since soared to astronomical heights. When a nation owes upwards of \$250,000,000,000, what's another \$10,000,000,000 or \$15,000,000,000.

THE WORLD TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

American military reinforcements are landing in Korea and rushing to the support of their hard-pressed comrades—and that's big news. Why? Well, because (1) communism would gain much prestige in Asia through membership in the peace organization, and (2) because Moscow can see that ultimately the North Koreans will be defeated. There are many evidences that Moscow has on hand numerous projects for the spread of Communism. In some of them Red China could play an invaluable part. For example, take the case of Tibet which China has sworn to take over. So, as remarked, the U. N. battle over Korea might easily rank among the decisive engagements of that Far Eastern conflict.

LETTERS to the Editor

Korean War Regarded As Preliminary Skirmish

ROSEBURG—I wonder how many readers of The News-Review read Don Whitehead's article in Friday's paper? If you did not read it, it concerned what World War No. 3 will, or can, be like, only ten thousand times worse. Remember, this Korean war is only a preliminary skirmish. The belligerents might be likened to a bear (Russia) and an angry bulldog (the U.N.) chained near each other; growling, snapping and straining at the chain to get at each other's throats, which will, or would, be a savage battle to the death. World War No. 3 will, or would, be a war of bitter hatred and one of extermination absolutely. Unlike any other war, as Mr. Whitehead explains in his letter, "Shoot on sight," he says, "even if it is a refugee." A refugee (?) might be a spy. Who knows? Multiply the Korean war a thousand times and we can realize what world 1950 war may be like. Remember what General W. T. Sherman said about war? —Mrs. Carolyn Hansler, Roseburg, Ore.

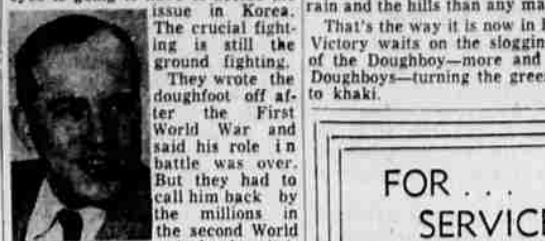
Heart Attack Fatal To Buyer Of Failing Home

OREGON CITY, — (AP)—An lumberman died in a hospital of a heart ailment here Monday after being stricken in his automobile Sunday night. He was Fred Swift, 45, who had just recently purchased the 30 room home in Portland of the late Mary E. Vailing for \$40,000. He drove into a service station here and collapsed.

Doughboy, As In Past, Will Be Major Factor In Deciding War In Korea

By HAL BOYLE

WITH US TROOPS IN KOREA. It's up to the doughboy again. This fellow with the bent walk and a timeless weariness in his eyes is going to have to decide the issue in Korea. The crucial fighting is still the ground fighting. They wrote the doughfoot off after the First World War and said his role in battle was over. But they had to call him back by the millions in the second World War. And today it is American infantry that is most needed there—in infantry equipped with modern infantry weapons in real quantity. The flyboys of the air forces have done a tremendous job of rear-area bombing and frontline support. But this is not basically an air war. Guerrilla troops such as the North Koreans make poor targets from above. Trying to bomb them into submission is like trying to wipe out all the ants in a pasture by peppering it at night with a scatter shotgun.



HAL BOYLE

Men with Rifles. But many men with rifles can go through these mountain, ridge by ridge, and flush out the Reds, who lie hidden in the gullies and valleys. The invaders do have more tanks—better tanks—but it isn't lack of ground army that's chiefly hampered the Americans and South Koreans. The United Nations forces simply have lacked the manpower to form a solid continuous line that can sift out the infiltrating guerrillas and sweep the Reds back north like a rolled-up carpet. And someone will have to blow a bugle that will bring scores of thousands more doughboys into action—or the present retreats will go on until the lines go down to the water. More modern tanks would be welcome. Especially the new powerful tanks. For tanks always bolster infantry morale. But tankmen themselves don't see tanks as the final answer. "This is no tank country," said Lt. John N. Roush, Harrisburg, Pa., who has commanded tank platoons in Europe and Korea. "You can't maneuver. The roads are narrow and the bridges won't take much weight. If you get off the roads you bog down in the rice paddies. I have heard that the Russian tanks can go through rice paddies because of their wider tracks. But I don't believe it."

And trained infantry armed with the right weapons know how to deal with tanks in mountainous terrain. Only a few of the 19 tanks Roush's own company are still operable after two weeks of combat. "The North Koreans often lead off an attack with a couple of tanks followed by infantry," he said. "But they don't get anywhere when they send out tanks alone."

Red Skill. He has a high opinion of the skill with which the North Koreans infantry fights armor. "They lie in culverts until a tank comes along and then they hit it with grenades wrapped with dynamite," he said, "or they try to ambush you in mountain passes. They set field guns in the hills and they put a man with an anti-tank rifle so it will go through any part of our light tanks."

But the new U. S. 3.5-inch super-barozka has shown it can do the same thing to the Russian tanks used by the Korean Reds. The front

Eight Anglers Accused Of Excessive Catches

KLAMATH FALLS, — (AP)—The fish were really biting in these parts Sunday. State police are holding—on ice—395 trout as evidence these anglers exceeded their legal bag limit.

Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Hillerback, Medford, 182 fish; Alfred and Violet Zenor, Grants Pass, 105 fish; Goodroe and Doris Davis, Rogue River, 68 fish, and Marvin Ring and Alfred Alexander Gilley, Ashland, 40 fish.

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