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EXTERMINATORS, INC.

By Charles V. Stanton

Republican party leadership, we are told, is laying elaborate plans to use administration failures in the Far East as a principal campaign issue for the forthcoming election. It is proposed to expose failures to support China and Korea, misrepresentation of military aid furnished those countries, and errors in policy.

Important as those issues may be, the proposed policy, in our opinion, is aimed in the wrong direction. If the G.O.P. is looking for an issue, it need not look so far from home. In fact, the issue the people of the country could really get "all het up" about is to be found in every dark nook and corner of the National Capital.

If the G.O.P. is to perform a real service for the country, it should start a program of "rat" extermination—the "rats" who, as communists, fellow travelers, parlor pinks, intellectual liberals, infest our national political structure.

We don't mean the witch-hunt type of campaign, as started by Senator McCarthy, but a move for complete extermination by destroying the breeding places, permitted to exist by so-called liberals, left-wingers, and Fabian socialists who solicit and cultivate the aid and support of communist "rats" and permit them places of hiding in the dark recesses of political organization.

Political Opportunity Knocking

The Republican party has not had for many years a better opportunity to do a real job. A person would indeed be naive to believe that communistic influence is not at work in our National Capital, and that it has been permitted to entrench itself only because of the power it can bring to bear for continuance of administrative authority.

The only way to rid ourselves of these undesirable and dangerous political pests is through a program of extermination, which means to toss out the entire administration, from top to bottom, and replace questionable officers and workers with people of proven loyalty. The job never can be done without a new broom. The old broom has been guided too long around filth-filled corners.

If the G.O.P. wants an issue for congressional and presidential elections, it should don the garb of pest exterminator and start advertising its service. We believe the people would give their patronage.

COMMERCIAL ROAD NEEDED

A few months ago we had a brief flurry of interest in the matter of constructing a commercial road from the interior of Douglas county to the Port of Umpqua. We now have a first-hand demonstration of the worth of such a road.

Our huge timber industry is threatened with a shutdown in the midst of the greatest demand it has ever experienced, simply because of the transportation bottleneck. Railroad companies have not purchased enough boxcars to fill the needs of shippers. Fruit, grain, and lumber shipping requirements, coupled with military demands, have encountered a nationwide car shortage, which promises to become worse rather than better.

Already local mills are beginning to curtail production because their docks are filled and they have no way of transporting lumber. Yet orders continue to accumulate.

If we had a commercial road to the Port of Umpqua we could be loading our lumber on ocean-going carriers. We might even have a transportation cost balance in our favor, although water rates are not as competitive with rail rates as was the condition a few years ago.

But with water transportation available, we at least could get our lumber to market and preserve our customer relations. Furthermore, the existence of a commercial route, even if not used, would have a beneficial effect on keeping rail rates at a minimum.

Mystery Of Headless Frenchman Still Puzzles Pennsylvania Area

LOCK HAVEN, Pa.—(AP)—So you don't believe in ghosts? Well, maybe that's because you don't live near Road Hollow. For the headless Frenchman of Kettle creek still roams the wilds of these parts.

At least, that's what the folks of Clinton county say. And a reporter and photographer for the Lock Haven Express, who checked the authenticity of the legend aren't saying yes or no.

Legend has it that the ghost belongs to a French explorer who robbed a secret cave of Indian silver some centuries ago. The Indians, it seemed, avenged their loss by beheading the Frenchman when he returned for more silver.

Reporter Pete Stevenson and photographer Jim Patterson, acting on instructions from Hy Crammer, postmaster of the hamlet of Hammersley Fork, set out to track down the ghost.

On a chilly, misty night they parked their car near the bridge spanning Kettle creek at Road Hollow. As they sat waiting, the only sound filling the night air was that of the distant pounding of a gas well drill working the night shift.

Suddenly a flickering, wavering form reared up less than 100 feet away. They edged toward the eerie, reddish-white figure for a better look. A sound like that of a low, almost painful, moan could be heard.

The figure glided away, up the bank and onto Road Hollow. It moved quickly in the faint moonlight. They ran to keep it in sight.

A metal filmholder fell from Patterson's pocket. They stopped to pick it up. When they looked up again, the headless Frenchman was gone.

Some say the Frenchman still roams the wilds of Clinton county looking for his head. Others say he's angry because "wild-catters" are drilling for gas.

As one valley resident put it: "It's his life blood, that natural gas, and these drillers are eating it all up. If they keep piping the gas out, the headless Frenchman will

There's Plenty To Shoot At In The Back Yard



By Viannett S. Martin

"Do stop and really look at this Queen Anne's lace," I said to E. J. as we passed a clump of wild carrot. Everything around it was dry and dusty—it's hard to see things want water and feel one must keep water for other things—but the "lace" was as beautiful as if a gardener's loving hands had nurtured it. "If this weed were rare, wouldn't folks rave over it?"

A little later I opened the Oregonian. E. J. had brought from town, and there I found, by a pleasant coincidence, that someone else had been viewing Queen Anne's lace with eyes that really saw it. "Love's Weeds of All" was the heading of an editorial from, I suspect, the pen of Ben Hur Lampman. I think the writer will not mind if I use the words in one paragraph to say so much better than I could, something about the "love's weeds of all," a flower that has been to me since childhood especially beautiful.

"Perhaps its mission," says the writer in the Oregonian, "for so we may conceive it—is to teach us the beauty of the commonplace, the disregarded, for though color has been lavished on other flowers, and form, too, and fragrance, nevertheless the lace of good Queen Anne is not surpassed in design. 'One look at the composite pattern of the umbel, the geometrical harmony, with realization that this flower is as perfect as a snowflake. Surely there was a designer, a lacemaker, and though we call it nature, its other name is deity.'"

One has not really seen the wild carrot until it has been observed through a magnifying glass. Never again will it be just a weed! What a picture it would make if it posed for a skillful photographer who knew how to make the composition one of justice to the exquisite symmetry of the flowerhead gracefully on its stem.

I have a young friend down on 99 who paints flowers so they look ready to pick. Maybe you have seen her "Driftwood Corner" where inch-square landscapes of perfect detail rest on miniature easels. In a sea-shell she captures a view of the ocean. And on folders and for frames, she causes to grow with her magic brushes the wildflowers which she sees, really sees. And she laughs when I say, "How do you do it, Marion Marvick? How do you do it, I shall ask her to 'do one of Queen Anne's lace!'"

to admit that I haven't the foggiest idea as to what it is really all about. Why we should have worked ourselves into a position where the Russians can keep us fighting Russia's slogan all over the world while all the Russians have to do is to sit tight until we're worn out and then move in on us I wouldn't know.

I do know I'd feel a lot easier in my mind if we had Russia in the place where she has us.

Another thing that keeps irking me is memory of the guff that was fed to us for years to the general effect that the Chinese Communists were just simple, gentle, rather timid peasants who wanted nothing but a little reasonable agrarian reform and WERE DEAD SET AGAINST THE MOSCOW COMMUNISTS.

In the clear light of hindsight, we know better now.

Are you perfectly clear in your mind as to WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR IN ALL THIS RUCKUS, including Korea?

If so, you're lucky. I hate to confess it, but I have

Benefits For Servicemen, Dependents Listed

SALEM.—(AP)—The state veterans department has prepared a special news letter listing all benefits for servicemen and their dependents.

The publication points out that there are no family allowances in the lower pay grades, although Congress is considering a bill to provide such allowances.

There no longer is the home town maternity and infant care provided for servicemen's families in World War II.

Benefits explained in the publication include:

War time rates of compensation for disability and death incurred as a direct result of armed conflict. For instance, a widow and a child of a man killed in Korea would get \$105 a month. A soldier 100 percent disabled in the fighting would get \$150 a month.

New government life insurance up to \$10,000, even though the serviceman had surrendered his government insurance in World War II.

Reemployment rights upon return from service.

Federal and state civil service preference.

The soldiers and sailors civil relief act.

Recalled Vets May Have To Cash Their Insurance

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Many World War II veterans called back into the service may have to cash in their converted national service life insurance policies, the Veterans administration says.

They would do so because of the inability to keep up the premiums while on military pay, a VA insurance official explained.

He added that since most veterans are well aware of the value of insurance coverage in military duty, many may decide to take out the cheaper so-called term policies upon returning to uniform.

The official told a reporter that VA is prepared to handle this type of business on a large scale. In

Skyline Trail Trek Enjoyed By Explorer Scouts

By GEORGE TENNESON JR.

Sunday, Aug. 6, a group of explorer scouts started out to hike the Skyline trail from McKenzie pass to Gold Lake on the Willamette highway. The trail trek of 65 miles was made in seven days, ending Sunday Aug. 13.

The party was led by Don Reeves, Corvallis, and Chuck Allen of Roseburg. The boys from Roseburg were Jim Adams, Larry Gill, Craig Hansen and George Tennesson. In all there were 17 boys and two men.

This was the first time a trek of this kind had been made through this part of the country and it was pretty tough. There were no accidents, although we all suffered from a lot of blisters on our feet. It was an interesting trip and we saw many fascinating sights such as the Three Sisters. We saw the north, south and east sides of the Sisters.

Broken Top and Packsaddle mountains and many smaller mountains were seen. There were hundreds of lakes including Waldo lake, which is more than five miles long and a mile above sea level.

Several points of interest were the lava beds, rock mesa, Witchup plains (a great Indian battlefield). Looking from Packsaddle mountain out across Deschutes county and seeing Cultus lake, Cultus mountain and Crane prairie reservoir (a distance of about 10 miles) was a thrilling sight.

But to me, and I'm sure everyone also on the trip will agree, the prettiest sight was looking across Waldo lake and seeing the peaks of the Three Sisters, which were more than 35 miles away.

Those who completed the trip will receive, as a token of their efforts, a sterling silver pin resembling a packsack. It is believed that other such trips will be made each summer.

We had a real treat at Waldo lake as we watched a parachute float down from a plane. In it were ice cream, eggs, ham, bread and apples for us. Arrangements for the plane were made by George Korn of Eugene.

NEW POLIO CASES

PORTLAND.—(AP)—Portland's 1950 poliomyelitis total rose to 27 Thursday with three new cases reported.

Dr. Thomas L. Meador, city health officer, said that only six of the 27 cases have been in the area south of Burnside street, which divides the city approximately in the center.

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Money Suits Are Put In Court File

T. D. Lytle filed a suit in circuit court Thursday against Adrian Wonsner and Norman Gott asking judgment for a total of \$556.45 in two separate causes for action.

According to the complaint, the plaintiff converted ownership of a D 8 caterpillar to the defendants for which he received as a down payment a 1941 Buick convertible and a Prairie Schooner trailer house. The complaint states that the convertible was not paid for and in order to avert repossession, the plaintiff had to pay \$485.50 to Barcus Sales and Service.

As a second cause of action, the plaintiff asks \$70.95 for labor performed for the defendants by Wayne Lee Corn which was allegedly not paid.

A suit for damages has been filed against Steve Osko and Glen D. Hugo by the Motors Insurance corporation for \$388.98. This amount is claimed as damages to a car owned by John B. Clifton and insured by the plaintiff company. The car allegedly was involved in an accident with the defendants' truck Oct. 27, 1949, six miles north of Myrtle Creek on highway 98. Negligence is charged.

RODEO DATE CHANGED

The date of the Kellogg Juvenile rodeo has been changed to Sunday, Aug. 20, at the Kellogg grange hall, reports Darlene Madison, master of the Kellogg Juvenile grange. It had been previously announced as Aug. 19.

U.N. Plans To Care For Korean War Refugees

TOKYO.—(AP)—The United Nations is setting up a relief organization to care for an estimated 1,500,000 South Korean war refugees.

Col. Alfred G. Katzin, personal representative in Korea of the U. N. secretary-general, today cabled details from Pusan. Arrangements were concluded last weekend, under General MacArthur's direction.

"Sickness and disease is rife among many thousands... a very large proportion indeed are without shelter and lack covering or blankets of any description," Katzin said. "They are reduced to the clothing in which they stand."



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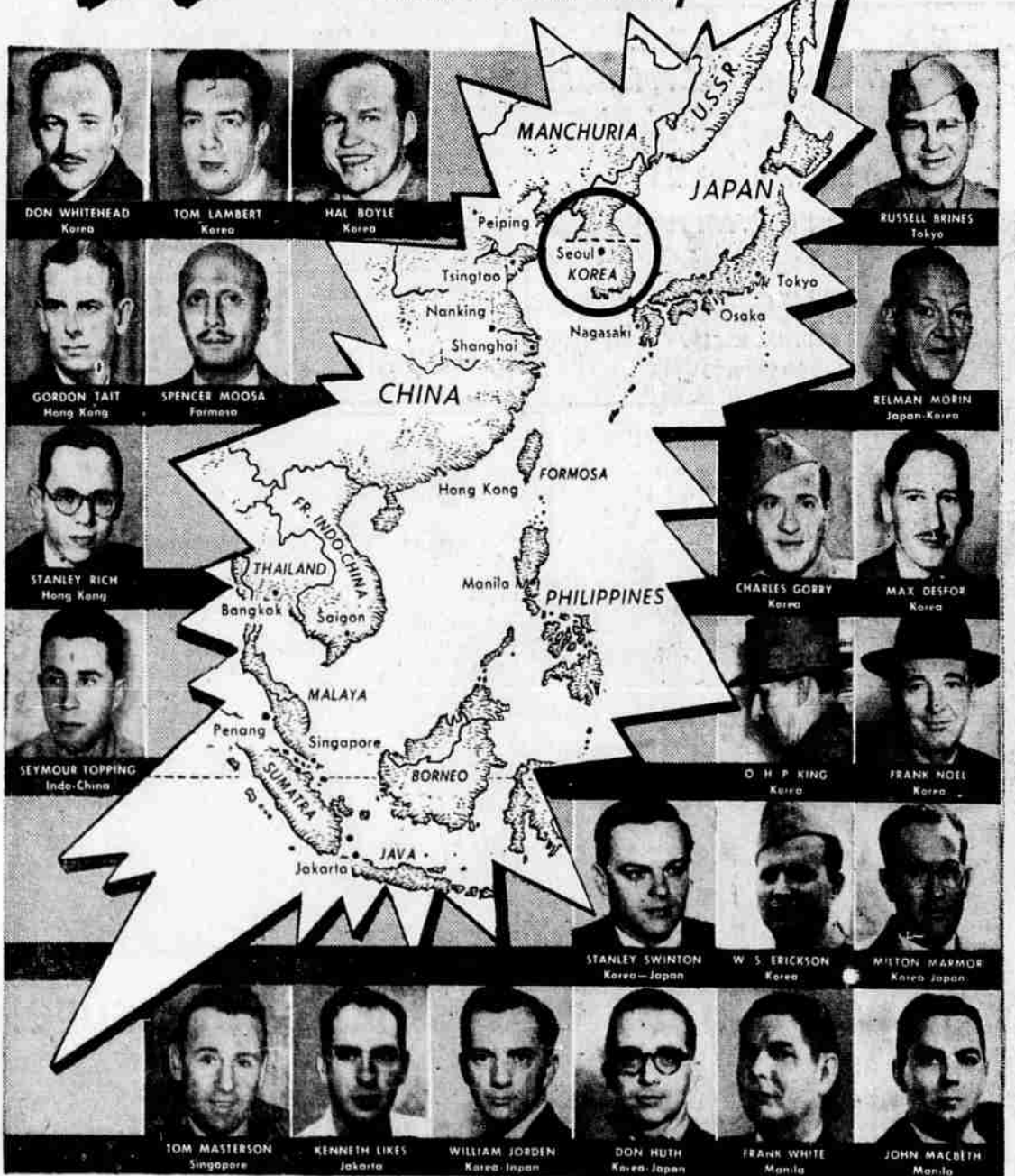
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