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## No Commissars Needed

By Charles V. Stanton

The Columbia Valley administration issue is again attracting much attention. Fear is expressed that emergency powers granted the President may permit creation of valley authorities without congressional action. At the same time, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Gerard Davidson, valley authority "evangelist," has again started "revival" meetings through which he hopes to make "converts" for the cause. We anticipate the administration will lose no opportunity to make political hay, given the slightest excuse. If the door is opened whereby CVA can be set up under the guise of military necessity, we will not be surprised if and when the attempt is made.

If the Pacific Northwest is to be spared establishment of a three-man dictatorship, which will destroy state boundaries, supersede state and county governments and bend political subdivisions to its will through powers of financial control, we will need eternal vigilance and determination. Once a CVA is established, with the unlimited powers proposed for it, and with the offset benefits clause enabling it to aid its friends financially and punish its enemies, any opposition will have tough sledding.

## Self-Government Imperiled

In this connection we were greatly impressed by a warning by Robert Ormand Case, writing in the first issue of the new Oregon magazine *Republican Statesman*.

After recounting abandonment of constitutional principles of government and the safeguards of checks and balances, Case points out that the fundamental theory of the American system of government is that an enlightened electorate is capable of passing judgment, either directly or through its elected representatives, upon every question relating to the public interest.

Then he adds:  
"Vox populi, vox Dei—"The voice of the people is the voice of God." This truism means that the majority will of an enlightened citizenry, expressed without fear in a secret ballot, must always be the final yardstick in the measurement of "the public interest," just as the Anglo-Saxon jury system—the considered verdict of "twelve good men and true"—represents mankind's closest approximation of abstract justice.

The fundamental theory means, simply, that the people must never relinquish their control of government, either direct or through their elected representatives; and no plea of expediency in "the public interest" short of war itself must be permitted to obscure or abridge that fundamental right of control.

More specifically, the authority to make laws and issue directives must never be delegated to individuals or commissions (as in the federal corporation or "valley authority" pattern) unless direct control is retained by representatives of the people.

Regardless of how it may be camouflaged or rationalized, the moment authority to make laws is delegated, at that moment the very basis of self-government is imperiled. To the extent that the individual empowered to make laws is appointed by and responsible to the President rather than the representatives of the people, to that extent the constitution has been bypassed and a fundamental right of the people abridged or destroyed.

## Must Protect Freedoms

No emergency ever can exist that will justify the surrender of American principles of free enterprise, personal liberty, state rights and self-government. Yet, while we fight dictatorship and authoritarianism abroad, we are apt, if we are not careful, to sanction the imposition of those very controls upon ourselves.

In the midst of war we are prone to relax vigilance over our own freedoms. We might easily be persuaded that the war effort requires a coordination of activities obtainable only by regional authority. Keened to sacrifice, we might not realize the danger involved.

Did any section of the country surpass the Pacific Northwest in contributions to production efforts in the last war? Were the resources of any area more advantageously used than our own under our free enterprise system? Were the human resources of the Pacific Northwest less effective than in other parts of the country? Did our industrial record suffer by comparison with any other industrial center?

Honest answers will reveal that the Pacific Northwest was in the forefront of the last war. Its 41st division was one of history's finest combat organizations. Our percentage of volunteers was the highest in the nation. We bought a higher percentage of war bonds. We produced goods, ships, planes, lumber and industrial materials on as high a level as round anywhere.

We need no political commissars to guide our production if we must again mobilize for war.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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ourselves and our dependents. IT IS A LUSCIOUS AND LIVELY LIFE from the standpoint of the congressman, the senators and the bureaucrats.  
They want to stay there. To stay there, they have to get re-elected.  
You've probably watched an old buck out in the hills. He's wily. He's smart. He's full of stratagems.  
Why? BECAUSE HE WANTS TO STAY ALIVE.  
Your congressman and your senators are the same way. They want to stay elected. They want to stay elected as much as the old buck wants to stay alive. The way to stay elected is to get votes. Your congressman and your senators soon become as sensitive to votes as the old buck is to dinner. They smell votes.  
When congressmen and senators begin to get letters from their constituents calling for law, for FREEZE PRICES, you can bet your bottom dollars they'll get hot on price control and rationing.

## The Jolly Game Of Smoking Out The Communists



## Scams from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Last night the smoke lay low and flattened below a thin sliver of the new moon. But this morning hopes for rain were dashed by the sight of the usual coppery cables spun confidently in the dry air as wise little engineers spun their webs. I can see one cable near the window, from tree branch to bush, that is all of twenty feet long. Wonderful little creatures, spiders! I used to teach our children that they were busy workers not liking interference: "If you don't hate them, and don't interfere with them, they'll never bother you." This idea "paid off" in two instances where poisonous spiders were concerned. One of my earliest memories is an English garden with high brick walls, and a dear dad squatting on his heels to be at my level of vision, "explaining" the wonders of nature.

I never feel I have really seen a flower, or tiny living things around until I have looked at it through a reading glass. But nowadays as I look, sometimes two small heads bob below my eyes and I am seeing two small boys all agog with the wonders to be viewed for free. How grateful we may be for memories! The kindergarten teacher welcomed many of the boys' discoveries which went to school in pickle jars or in boxes.  
Have you ever watched a spider truss up a fly and stow it away for future use? Have you ever really watched an ant drag a bit of plunder off to its treasure house, and noted the extraordinary methods the tiny thing uses to accomplish its objective? If you ever timed an ant by figuring the number of feet it covers in a minute, its speed will amaze you as it did me. I still remember

watching an ant with a bit of broken cherrypit on a hot dry station platform.  
Incidentally I happened to be feeling burdened with a personal problem, heavy of heart. But watching that valiant ant achieve its mission, surmounting the mountains in its path without delay, without any lack of confidence, and apparently wasting no time in self-pity, shamed me into thinking my own problem was a small matter indeed. I had more to help me than that ant had, and certainly I also possessed the qualities the ant had been demonstrating. All I had to do was USE them!

**New York Will Continue Its Raining Business**  
NEW YORK — (AP) — New York City is going to stay in the rainmaking business for another six months.  
The board of estimate has extended the contract of Dr. Wallace E. Howell, the Harvard meteorologist it hired to "milk the clouds" last spring "when a drought imperiled the city water supply."  
Water department officials reported rainfall has been six percent above normal in the Catskill mountains watershed area where Howell has been trying to make rain-clouds turn into rain by treating them with chemicals from above and below.  
Howell gets \$100 for every day he works.

**Store Supervisor Aide Named By Liquor Board**  
Appointment of Elmer H. Pauly as assistant store supervisor in charge of southwestern Oregon liquor stores and agencies was announced this week by William H. Hammond, administrator of the Oregon Liquor Control commission.  
Pauly's territory includes Roseburg, Albany, Coos Bay, North Bend, Grants Pass, Springfield, Eugene and all agencies in southwestern Oregon.  
Employed by the commission since August, 1941, Pauly has been Eugene store manager and was appointed to his new position following competitive examination. He succeeds John Walker of Eugene, who resigned this month after a 14-year association with the commission.

**King Salmon Set New Record In Long Swim**  
JUNEAU, Alaska — (AP) — Two king salmon tagged by the Alaska fisheries department fished to a new world record when they swam 1,100 miles in 37 days from Cape Spencer near here to St. Helens, Ore.  
Department records showed the salmon were taken in a gillnet Aug. 3 by E. L. Browning. The salmon grew three inches during the long swim.  
The salmon were tagged by Robert R. Parker, who also numbered the previous titleholder, which swam 1,000 miles from northwest Washington and up the Sacramento river.

**July Home Building Best Month In U.S. History**  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — The government reported today that July was the best home building month in history.  
The bureau of labor statistics said tentative figures show 144,000 new non-farm dwelling units were started in July to bring the total for the first seven months of the year to almost 893,000.  
By the end of July, the agency reported, new housing activity was 54 per cent above the volume from January through July last year.

**G's Japanese Families Given U.S. Entry Right**  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman has signed into law a bill to permit 760 Japanese wives and children of American service men to enter this country from Japan.  
The measure would permit the entry only of alien wives of American citizens, otherwise barred by race barriers, to enter this country if they were married 90 days before Congress passed the bill.

## Battle Against T-H Law Kept Up By Printers Union

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The AFL Printers union today declared a continuing all-out fight against the Taft-Hartley labor law and its chief enforcing officer, Robert N. Denham.  
Woodruff Randolph, president of the International Typographical union, outlined the no-retreat policy for the opening session of the ITU's 92nd annual convention.  
President Truman, unable to attend in person, sent a message to delegates pledging anew his aim of seeking Taft-Hartley law repeal.  
The ITU was the first big union to run afoul of the labor law in 1947. Its leaders have been feuding ever since with Denham, who is general counsel of the National Labor Relations board.  
In general, the trouble stems from ITU efforts to cling to the union's traditional closed shop in commercial print shops and newspaper composing rooms. The Taft-Hartley law barred the closed shop—an arrangement under which only union members may be hired.  
But the union has made contracts even under the act in effect retaining an all-union hiring arrangement.  
Randolph said in a statement prepared for the convention opening that a "shameless and brazen combination continues, with its activity unabated," between Denham and employer associations.  
Randolph said "The constant harping of the American Newspaper Publishers association appears to have induced the NLRB itself to give Denham a new opportunity to wage his destructive war against the union."  
Union Policy Unchanged  
Randolph recalled the board has directed Denham to seek a court order to enforce a board decision requiring the ITU to drop any efforts to obtain a closed shop agreement.  
"That means Denham will try to get court approval and enforcement of the law instead of the board's decision," Randolph said.  
Randolph said he saw no reason for changing the union's policy, adopted in 1947, not to use the Taft-Hartley law. That includes refusal to file non-Communist affidavits which are required of union officers as a condition to a union's using facilities of the NLRB.  
"The ITU neither needs nor wants any part of the Taft-Hartley law," Randolph said. "Such portions of the law as affect us have been complied with in every detail. We have not changed any union law (by-law) which has been

made inoperative by the Taft-Hartley law because our book of laws covers Canada, where there is no such law and because we hope for repeal of the Taft-Hartley laws covers Canada, where there pealed before now."  
President Truman's message to the convention said:  
"The administration will never relax its efforts to obtain needed labor legislation that is fair to all and consistent with the democratic ideals of our people."  
"This means, for one thing, the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law."

## Country's Industrial Picture Clouded By Current Strikes, Threats Of Additional Ones

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The nation's labor unrest appeared growing today. Disputes in railroad, steel and other key industries threatened to curtail the country's defense program. Wages were the major issue in the disputes.  
The labor picture, at a glance, showed industrial strife in:  
RAILROADS — Planned five-day "token" strikes against two short lines and three key terminals were scheduled to start next Monday and Tuesday. Some 50,000 rail workers will be made idle, a union spokesman said. The rail workers want a 40-hour work week at 48 hours pay.  
STEEL — The country's biggest single strike hit steel and coal production and made idle some 25,000 workers in Birmingham, Ala. The city's two largest steel mills were shut down. There was some violence in the walkout by 4,000 iron ore miners. The 17,000 steel workers refused to cross picket lines. Four thousand coal miners also were on strike.  
The crucial steel company's Sanderson-Halcomb plant in Syracuse, N.Y., was closed by a walkout of 2,000 of the plant's 2,500 workers. In Phoenixville, Pa., 800 CIO workers at the Phoenix Iron and Steel Co. remained on strike.  
AUTOMOTIVE — The strike of 8,000 CIO United Auto Workers against Packard Motor company in Detroit was in its fourth day. Peace talks continued.  
FARM EQUIPMENT — 27,000 members of the United Farm Equipment workers division-UE threatened a strike in a wage dispute at 11 International Harvester company plants in eight cities.  
ELECTRICAL — A strike vote was to be taken today by the some 8,000 workers at the big General Electric company plant in Syracuse, N.Y. GE has no contract with the International Union of Electrical Workers.  
Rail Strike May Spread  
The rail strike threat was by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors.  
A trainmen's union official, commenting on the long wage-hour dispute with the carriers, told newsmen in Washington that "unrest is spreading over the country among the union's 200,000 members."  
"It has reached a very acute stage and it is difficult to say what may happen," said President W. P. Kennedy of the trainmen's union.  
But President Truman told his news conference yesterday he remains hopeful a settlement can be reached that will head off a nationwide rail walkout.  
A total strike by the 300,000 members of the two unions would paralyze the nation's major lines. But labor experts in Washington said the calling of only short "token" strikes at strategic points was obviously a tactic designed to avoid a national emergency. Such an emergency would undoubtedly bring a court injunction.  
Labor officials were expected to meet with John B. Steedman, presidential assistant, today. Management representatives met with him yesterday but made no comment.  
The work stoppage was ordered after President Truman rejected

the unions' request for government seizure of the carriers. The trainmen called the walkout of 3,000 yard workers at key terminals in Louisville, St. Paul and Cleveland, starting at 6 a.m. Monday.  
Five-day token strikes against the short lines, the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern railroad with headquarters in Chicago, and the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad, Pittsburgh, were called by both unions. The walkout will start at 6 a.m. Tuesday and will affect some 5,000 workers.

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