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LET'S HAVE THE TRUTH

By Charles V. Stanton

Are the American people to be kept in ignorance of military needs? Are we to be placed under the control of thought police? Is our military force to be organized as is Russia's with a political commissar holding authority over military experts? Has our welfare state reached the point where it is to permit us to hear only the propaganda it feeds us? These are some questions we should begin asking ourselves.

Administration crackdowns on statements by Navy Secretary Matthews and General MacArthur are serious violations of American custom.

It has always been generally accepted policy that the American people were qualified to sift and weigh opinions and facts and to act upon them in a reasonably intelligent manner. The right of free speech is guaranteed under our Constitution. That right should apply to all, including officials of our armed services.

President Truman and his State department have endeavored to gag two men at highest levels in our defense organization. Because the experts did not follow the "party line," efforts were made to prevent their opinions from reaching the public. Fortunately a free press was not to be gagged and the public knows the opinions of these two men—and those opinions sharply contradict State department policies.

People Entitled To Hear Opinions

It is of no concern whether we believe either General MacArthur or Secretary Matthews to be right or wrong in the opinions they express. Right or wrong, they are entitled to speak their minds. They are men in possession of facts known to but few people. They are in positions to formulate definite ideas concerning policies this country should follow. The public should be permitted to hear these opinions, even if we do not all agree with them.

If the American people are to have their sons and daughters drawn into military service, then they have a right to know what military experts believe to be the proper course for us to follow in promoting our defense. The facts made available to us should not be based upon political expediency. Successfully fighting a war in Korea, and bringing it to early completion, is far more important than the issue of who shall win the congressional election.

Time For People To Act

In our opinion, it is high time the American people were putting an end to these tactics of administration for the welfare of the party rather than the welfare of the country. It is time that we put into office men in whom we can impose trust and confidence. It is time to get back to Constitutional ways of government and to the traditionally American method of doing things.

We can make a good start this fall. We should turn thumbs down on every candidate who even hints of following the socialist line, the Welfare state, the New Deal, Fair Deal or any "deal" not strictly in accordance with traditional American policy.

If American citizens ever had need to give thought to their ballots, now is the time.

Our expression of determination to clean up our governmental mess should start at the grass roots. We should elect, from the lowest to the highest office in the land, only men in whom we can impose implicit confidence, knowing that they are candidates because they desire to "do a job" rather than to play politics and ride on the socialistic band wagon.

PERSONAL NOTE—We plan to be away from the office for a few days, and this column will be filled by material from syndicate columnists until our return.



"Never mind, Chet," our nephew's host assured him when they failed to get trout here, "there'll be plenty in Yellowstone. We'll head for there."

Right while the heat here was sweltering, a letter came from Chet:

"For three days we had a wonderful time catching trout out of Yellowstone lake. We ate trout for three days straight for every meal including breakfast. It snowed, too, while we were there, the first snow and COLD I'd ever been in."

(Well, whatever else one can say about the Rio Grande valley—and duty in the South Pacific, too, for that matter, One doesn't freeze!)

"I'd fish for about fifteen minutes," said Chet, "then go jump in the car that 'Dad' Brownlee kept warm with the heater. Then I'd go."

A letter from the Brownlee's has back out and fish some more."

It seems Chet fished all the hours allowed, day after day! "Never saw anybody so crazy about fishing," wrote Mr. B., who is pretty keen about it himself. He was even more pleased than Chet because

he knew his guest wanted to send those fish tails home to Ernie in Texas, and in due time that's what Chet did put them in a box, every last fish tail, making good his brag before leaving home.

"The north entrance had snowed in," said Chet, "so we couldn't go out that way. I didn't care if we never got out . . . but after five days we pulled out and headed straight for Illinois and the farm."

Part of Chet's fun on the trip was due to the fact that his host, who didn't like hills, "They scare me silly!" she said, laughing with him when they were here. "But they tell me the trailer has his electric brakes help hold the car back going down hills."

"I don't like hills—up or down!" I don't like hills—up or down!" I don't even ride on a roller coaster now, I guess. But I can remember standing up, camera in hand, just as one reached the top of a steep, terrifying dip. I still have a picture. But what a fool thing to do. Perhaps it is as well youth is venturerous; we are depending so much on that spirit in Korea right now, aren't we?

Former Coach Of Rams Files Suit For Salary

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Former Los Angeles Ram Coach Clark Shaughnessy wants \$33,157.91 from the National Football league club.

He filed a superior court suit yesterday, claiming that the three-year contract from which he was fired last February carried with it a provision that the club had to pay him \$30,000 — or the equivalent of two years' salary. The other \$3,157.91, he contends, is due him on his 1949-50 salary.

Shaughnessy got the gate after directing the Rams to the NFL's

ADDRESS WANTED

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of W. E. McBride is requested to get in touch with the local office of the American Red Cross, announced Mildred Herman, director, McBride, about 30, is believed working in a sawmill in this vicinity.

A Steadying Influence



Locals

Visitors Leave — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rothenburg of North Hollywood, Calif., visited in Roseburg on their recent wedding trip. They stayed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Haskins. Mrs. Rothenburg is a cousin of Mrs. Haskins.

Returns From San Francisco — Mrs. Paul Krueger has returned from Oakland, Calif., where she visited her sister, Mrs. J. J. Beatty. Another sister, Velma Morton of Ontario, accompanied Mrs. Krueger. While in the Bay area they were visitors in San Francisco.

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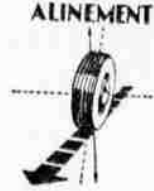
Back From Neskowin — Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pearson and daughter, Mary Lyne, have returned to their home on Reservoir avenue, Roseburg, following a week's vacation at Neskowin.

At Wright Home — Mrs. Emily Wright of Vancouver, B. C., and her sister, Mrs. John McCutcheon, of Hollywood, are in Roseburg as guests of the former's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley V. Wright, on Blakeley street.

Return to Corvallis — Mr. and Mrs. Scott Williams and daughter, Julie, and son, Peter, left Monday for their home in Corvallis, following the weekend in Roseburg visiting friends. They formerly made their home in this city, at which time Mr. Williams was employed as a teacher at the Junior high school.

Visiting at Fies Home — Miss Eleanor Fies of McMinnville and Mrs. David Baker and daughter, Jeanie, of Tacoma, are houseguests of Mrs. C. D. Fies in Laurelwood. Miss Fies is a daughter of Mrs. Fies and Mrs. Baker is a sister of Mrs. Fies.

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Traffic Safety Campaign May Be Jaycee Project

The civic minded Junior Chamber of Commerce held its semi-monthly meeting last night at the Umpqua hotel and discussed a highly significant problem of traffic safety.

According to Jack Towt, who is in charge of investigating the Roseburg traffic problem, the city is in definite need of a safety campaign. He noted that over the weekend five cases of drunken driving had come before the justice court as well as one reckless driver. For this reason, Towt said, it is necessary to institute a "safety drive to avert traffic accidents." He said he has contacted the highway safety body in Salem and asked for recommendations relating to a possible campaign.

On the agenda starting today is the Jaycee - sponsored driving school, reported Bill Endicott, chairman of the committee. The driving school will begin operation tonight at 7 o'clock with 16 women students. The necessity to teach women to drive was felt, according to Endicott, because of the impending war situation which may take many husbands whose wives do not know how to drive.

The school will be conducted nights from 7:00 to 8:30 for a total of four weeks.

On the social side, the Junior Chamber has planned a party to be held at the Moose hall Sept. 7 for members and their wives and guests.

Meeting Held By Sportsmen At Suttle Lake

The Umpqua Basin Conservation Council and affiliated sports clubs had a large delegation at the quarterly meeting of the Oregon Wildlife Federation at Suttle lake, north of Bend, last weekend.

Council representatives included Ernest Seaton, Drain, president; George Meyers, Yoncalla; Kenneth Gilkeson, L. D. Bloom, Ross Meyers, Bruce L. Yeager, all of Roseburg. Yeager is immediate past president of the state federation.

The meeting also was attended by Carl C. Hill, Days Creek, chairman of the Oregon State Game commission, and James Vaughn, supervisor of the southwest Oregon game district.

Business sessions of the federation started Friday night and continued through Saturday morning. Fishing and sight-seeing trips provided entertainment Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Business of the convention largely concerned finances, legislative plans, and reports from councils, the delegations reports.

The Umpqua Basin council was



ROBERT ROSE, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rose of Myrtle Creek, reported to the San Diego naval training station for recruit training Aug. 23. Rose, a 1948 graduate of Myrtle Creek high school, was employed by the Fir Manufacturing company prior to his enlistment.

Draft, School Reduce Forestry Employees

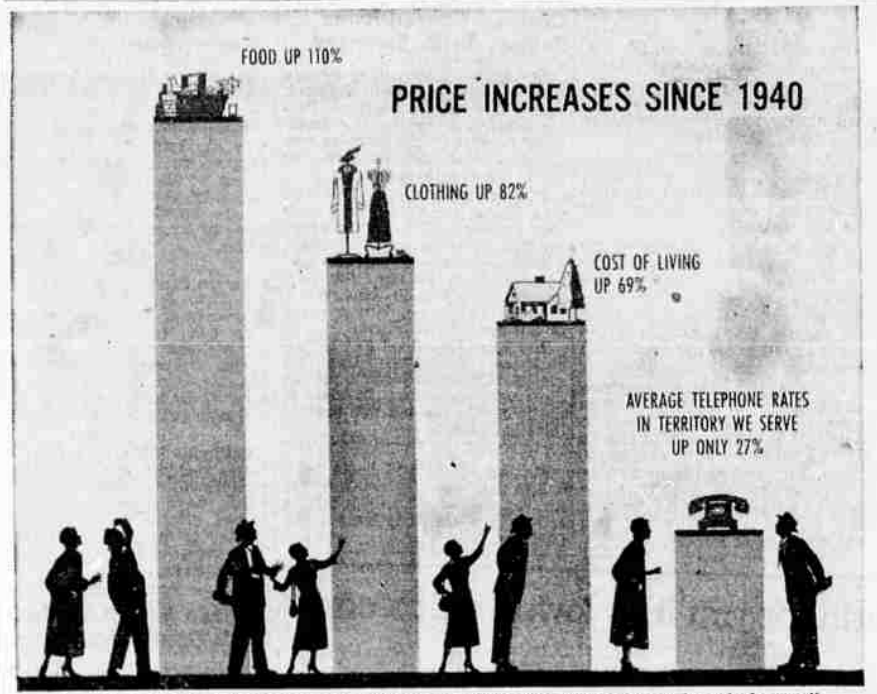
Selective service and school opening are responsible for some reduction of the number of look-outs and fire fighters in the forest service.

Officials said many students who took jobs for the forest service during their school vacations, are beginning to end their work to get ready for school. At least three persons have received draft notices.

Although more rain is expected from now on, the fire danger remains critical. Aided by dry east winds, the dry forest condition will probably continue through the fall season.

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