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DOMESTIC EXTRAVAGANCE

By Charles V. Stanton

People of this country might as well resign themselves to the fact that we will be on a wartime economy for many years to come. This opinion is expressed by leading professional economists supplying information to industrial and business clients.

They agree that the United States must support a much larger military establishment than ever before in our history. We must have a large army, a large navy, a large air force. We must instantly stand ready to police the world.

This situation will make many changes in our economy. Expenditures for military needs will keep production high. Employment of millions of men in armed services will result in a tight labor market. Wages will remain in the high brackets. We will experience shortages in many lines of consumer goods, particularly those items requiring steel, copper, rubber and other critical materials. The trend toward inflation will increase. The continuing conflict between rising costs and lagging wages probably will force imposition of controls. This in turn will restore black markets.

How will the public react to wartime conditions when no shooting war exists? Time will tell. We agree with the economists that, like it or not, we must, and will, maintain a much larger military force than we have previously needed, except during actual shooting war, and far more than we like at any time.

Police Job Thrust Upon Us

As we have pointed out previously in this column, we have fallen heir to the job of policing the world. Until the last war the police job belonged to Great Britain. Britain made it a profitable job through her system of colonies. With the collapse of the British economy and the weakening of her hold on her empire, Britain no longer could finance the police job. Yet it is a task that MUST be done. Russia is perfectly willing and anxious to do it. She would have no trouble making it a paying job. But we don't like Russia's methods, so we object to her demand that she be allowed to run the world in her own way. Consequently, with much reluctance, we are putting on the uniform. We have no colonial empire. We don't believe in subjecting other nations to our dictates and taking from them their resources. We can't collect pay for our police job, nor can we make it a paying proposition. Therefore, we must meet the cost out of our own pockets.

Can't Ignore Facts

Many people protest against the United States becoming a military nation. We never have been war-minded. We prefer civilian status, with only token military force. We would like to avoid militarism. But can we do it?

We are told by sentimentalists that when we create a large military force we will go out looking for wars; that when a nation trains for war it will have war. We could argue that point. We find, however, that we seem to get dragged into every war that comes along whether or not we want to fight. If we're going to be forced to fight, we'd better be prepared.

Unless we want Communist domination of the world, ourselves included, we must assume the policeman's job. Maybe, if we're good policemen, we can keep another world-sized war from starting. Then, and only then, we can start reducing the size of our police force. But that's a long time in the future.

It is plainly evident, we believe, that we must anticipate conditions closely approximating wartime status for many years to come.

Economy Must Be Guarded

If this is to be the situation, and we do not see how it can be avoided, we should be doing some serious thinking about our economy.

Any economist worth his salt will tell you that no nation can long remain financially sound when taxes are too high. We cannot drain off investment money forever without drying up the springs of our wealth. This country for several years has been above the tax level danger mark. Now we face continued high costs for many years. Higher costs necessitate more taxes — taxes we can't afford to pay.

An individual faced with the problems now confronting this country would determine what expenditures were essential and what were unessential. He would limit his expenditures to the essential only. As a government we are not doing the thing we would do as individuals. We still continue to spend recklessly and carelessly on non-essential activities. We maintain more federal employees than ever before in our history. We are engaged in countless unnecessary projects.

Faced with huge military costs for the next several years, it is time, we believe, that we began changing some of our habits of domestic extravagance.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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North America and South America a garden spot. We could then say to the rest of the world: "See, this is what OUR way of life does for those who follow it."

That was the original idea of the Monroe Doctrine, which was a simple, sensible foreign policy which all of us could and did understand and which all of us were FOR.

But—
When we dream, let's not kid ourselves. If we should make of North America and South America a garden spot that would be the admiration (and the envy) of all the rest of the world, we'd HAVE TO KEEP OURSELVES MILITARILY STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEND IT.
This is one of the great truths of history: "Wherever there is soft flesh, there will be sharp teeth to find and TEAR it."

Some may philosophy: PEACE is mankind's greatest desire. Switzerland has peace. The

Swiss have had peace for centuries. Why?

I suppose this is the answer: Switzerland, high up in the rocky, rugged Alps, HASN'T ANYTHING MUCH THAT ANYBODY WANTS.

But don't forget this: Over all these centuries of peace, Switzerland, small as it is, little as it has in arouse the envy of predatory neighbors, has maintained one of the efficient military systems in the world.

So far, in this piece, we've been talking about common sense. Here's the antidote:

"Zan (Red) Norman the new holder of the world's flagpole site record, started looking around today for a new job. He came down off his flagpole yesterday after 124 days. That broke the previous record of 119 days, set by J. Ward, of Savannah. Norman reported he has an offer to appear at a night club and is thinking about writing a book called 'Flagpole Philosopher.'"
Flagpole sitting in times like these!

Accent On The First Syllable



Scenes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

An offshore wind, it seems, turns Winchester Bay into a deserted village. The fishing boats clustered around the docks, the market and packing shed were locked up. Not a soul on the docks or walking around the beach. But we did hap-

Raver, Ellsworth, Cordon To Speak At Utility Banquet

Senator Guy Cordon, Representative Harris Ellsworth and Dr. Paul Jerome Raver, Bonneville power administrator, will be the featured speakers at the Bonneville energization banquet to be held Saturday evening, Oct. 28, at Reedsport.

Reedsport has suffered from a critical power shortage for the past several years. Work to bring Bonneville power to western Douglas county was started shortly after World War II. This summer, power lines and a sub-station distributing plant, were completed. The Bonneville power will speed the rural electrification program recently started in western Douglas county by the Douglas Rural Electric Cooperative. The cooperative started putting up power lines last spring and the lines are now ready for the Bonneville power. The banquet is being arranged to celebrate this historic event in the Reedsport area.

According to a story in Sunday's Oregonian, Raver came to the Pacific coast 11 years ago to manage the federal government's electric distribution system. He is working on a plan that he hopes will eventually build an industrial empire in the Pacific Northwest powered by electricity from the Columbia river.

Harris Ellsworth is currently running for re-election from the fourth congressional district. Guy Cordon, a Roseburg resident, is currently vacationing in Oregon during the congressional recess.

John C. Diehl, president of the Lower Umpqua chamber of commerce, sponsors of the banquet, will act as master of ceremonies for the affair. The banquet will be held in the Reedsport high school auditorium at 7 p.m. Guests from civic groups from all over the county are expected to attend the banquet.

Girl Scouts Of Wilbur Are Presented With Pins

In a colorful ceremony at the Wilbur schoolhouse Friday night, Oct. 6 the Girl Scouts of Wilbur received their first pins. The girls were presented by the assistant leader, Mrs. Ruby Sharnon, and the leader, Mrs. Alice Vasche, presented them with the pins.

The girls in the Girl Scout group are Elizabeth Shirley, Marie Shirley, Virginia Shirley, Sharon Vasche, Ramona Mendonza, Marjorie Carey, Delores Everett, Marjorie Barg, Betty Moore, Lolita Russell, Alice Van Cleve and Dolly Ann Nicholas.

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Posting Of Ads On Poles Draws Copco Complaint

The California Oregon Power company has registered a complaint with City Recorder W. A. Gilchrist protesting the illegal posting of advertising on its power poles in Roseburg.

Gilchrist said city ordinance number 614 prohibits the posting of any advertising in any place in the city without the owner's permission. He said the violators of the ordinance are mainly political bill posters. Copco has also complained about the posting of bills advertising dance bands.

Copco officials told Gilchrist that no one has asked them for permission to post the advertising bills. They dislike the practice because it creates an accident hazard for their workers and the company has to use its own time to pull down the posters.

Gilchrist said city police had been asked to watch for any illegal bill posters in the city limits. Penalty for the ordinance violation is not more than 30 days in jail and a fine not to exceed \$100.

North Myrtle Road Homes Placed On Sale

The general sale of the newly completed homes on the North Myrtle road by the Bauer-Edmonds company was announced by the company this week, the Myrtle Creek Mail reports.

The two-bedroom houses, complete with carpet and hot water heater will require a down payment of \$900 cash. The balance of the \$6000 cost can be met by payment of about \$45 per month which includes principal, interest, taxes, insurance and all other costs.

News-Review classified ads bring results. Phone 100

Oregon Prison Assn. Will Demand New Reformatory

SALEM — (AP) — The Oregon Prison association will demand that the state build a reformatory, Tom Lawson McCall, president, announced.

It would be an intermediate institution between the Woodburn boys school and the state penitentiary.

McCall said the new institution would be for "detention, treatment and education of youthful offenders who belong neither in Woodburn nor in the state penitentiary."

He said that reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation show a big increase in crime this year, and that a high percentage of the crimes were committed by persons under 25 years old.

The association also asked for a special institution for sex criminals.

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