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CONTROLS ARE COMING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

All indications point to early imposition of federal wage and price controls. If past experience is to be used to forecast the future, we may anticipate strict and irritating price controls, but very loose and flexible wage controls. Controls on prices are popular. Controls on wages are unpopular. Laws and regulations are made by politicians. Politicians are very sensitive to popular opinion. Therefore controls on prices, being popular, will be firm, while control on wages, being unpopular, will be largely in token form. It wouldn't do, with a presidential election in the offing, to antagonize organized labor.

Our capitalistic system has given this country the greatest wealth and the highest standard of living any people ever have known. We are supporting much of the world financially today from the proceeds of our capitalistic economy. These poorer relations, with their socialistic or communistic ideologies, condemn capitalism while enjoying its bounty. Although capitalism has proven its ability to produce wealth and higher standards of living, we find immediate clamor that it be discarded in periods of emergency, and that we substitute the dictatorial policies of federal controls.

Displacements resulting from manpower shortages, diversion of materials, etc., might in some cases make certain controls advisable. But such controls, in our opinion, should be as few as possible. The natural balance obtainable from free enterprise and the law of supply and demand should be given every encouragement. Instead, however, whenever opportunity is offered to impose controls of any sort, advocates of the federal management policy insist on going whole hog. And once control advocates get their hands on the nation's economy a major operation will be required to pry them loose.

We believe we should be extremely cautious in use of either wage or price controls, keeping regulations to a minimum, and giving every encouragement to the free enterprise system.

FINANCING PLAN PROPOSED

Walter J. Pearson, state treasurer, is proposing that the State of Oregon borrow from its various trust funds to finance its institutional building program.

Pearson points out that "there is a great need for an adequate building program for the state institutions and other buildings that are under the control of the Board of Higher Education." If, however, the legislature puts an extensive building program into the budget for the coming biennium, together with other demands on tax revenue there will be no chance to balance the budget without imposing heavy additional taxes.

The state treasurer proposes two plans of using existing funds. One would be a direct borrowing program, and the other would be substitution by general obligation bonds.

He lists among accumulated trust fund surpluses \$30,000,000 in the industrial accident fund, \$16,000,000 in the segregated accident fund, \$29,000,000 in the retirement fund, \$10,250,000 in the land board fund, \$900,000 in the catastrophe fund and \$5,000,000 in inactive funds.

The state is required to have money on hand to meet obligations arising against any of these funds, but it does seem that some of these surpluses are excessive and that the money might be put to good use.

We don't know enough about state financing to say whether Pearson's proposals are or are not practical, but it would seem that the legislature should do all within its power to keep taxes at the lowest possible level. Borrowing from existing surpluses might help during this emergency period.

ROSEBURG JAYCEES ARE GRATEFUL

For the first time in several years the Cross installed and maintained by the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce on Mt. Nebo is undamaged.

Installed several years ago, the white neon-lighted Cross has been used prior to each Christmas and Easter celebration. Heretofore each season has found the Cross damaged by vandalism, necessitating expensive replacements. But inspection this week, prior to turning on the current, revealed that the Cross had not been molested and was undamaged.

The Jaycees are grateful that their property has been protected.



By Vianett S. Martin

Doesn't your heart rejoice, too, when you see the lovely books published nowadays for children? The author, the illustrator, the printer and the binder all team up to give of their best, and the result is a delight not only to the children but to adults who love those children!

"Hey, Fellas! Isn't It About Time To Get Going?"



Washington Report

By FULTON LEWIS JR.

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WASHINGTON—President Truman, Bill Boyle, Democratic national chairman, and Harry Bridges, a convicted liar, have joined forces to turn over control of the Democratic party in Hawaii to Communist and their left-wing comrades.

Tied into the administration double cross of Island Democrats is a \$3,000,000 law suit and the interim appointment of a federal judge, Charles Mau, who heads the left-wing faction.

Mau is not a Communist, but he has joined forces with an active roll of comrades who all refused to answer the 564 question about their Soviet affiliations when interrogated by the House Committee on Un-American Activities last summer. Eighteen of the members of the Mau branch of the Democratic party in Hawaii recognized by the administration, have been cited for contempt of Congress.

Regular Island Democrats booted the Reds out of the party at an island convention, then reformed the party. The left-wingers turned up Mau. He got the job, although the Senate has refused to confirm the appointment. Mau is now serving an interim appointment, while waiting favorable Senate action.

Bridges and 1 1/2 longshoremen's union support Mau. So does Governor Ingram Stainback, who changed his mind about Mau after a White House visit. Stainback had a judgment candidate of his own, a Maurice Sopiza, who got the appointment and Senate confirmation to another vacancy on the Hawaiian bench. Sopiza is regarded as a carpet bagger by the regular Island Democrats. He got to Hawaii via the OPA during the war and never left.

Bridges' union is saying a number of members in the Hawaiian legislature for a total of \$3,000,000. These are members who voted for the island docks during the recent waterfront strike. Naturally, none of the left-wingers are included in the suit. And regular Democrats, who have to fight the law suit, don't want Mau or any other candidate of Bridges' sitting on the federal bench if the law goes to court.

Truman's appointment of Mau surprised Edwin Heen and Harold Rice, two regular Democrats, more than any other island residents. Both Heen and Rice were given the White House treatment

after the party split in Hawaii. Boyle and Chapman added their assurances that the White House meant what it said when the two Democrats were assured of administration support. Other regular Democrats got preferential treatment at Chicago where the Democrats tossed a big campaign shindig to kick off the 1950 election drive. All of this is just salad dressing, but it keeps a party hack happy. And it usually is served up just before the political gravy bowl is passed around so the patronage boys can dip in for their share.

Despite White House promises however, the gravy bowl was empty by the time it got to Hawaii and the faithful Democrats there. This jarred the regulars considerably and the political Hula is still vibrating around the Island. Under the cloak of lobbying for Island statehood, regular Democrats have been beseeching members of the Senate to reject the Mau appointment permanently. Senators understand patronage better than anybody else in the business of politics. So the right-wing Hawaiian Democrats are considerably cheered by the response they are getting.

There is no question about Mau's connections with the left-wing faction. Up to the day Mr. Truman appointed him to the federal judgeship, during the interim period while Congress was out of town, he served as treasurer of the group. It had 39 members who refused to tell the House Committee on Un-American Activities whether or not they were Communists. None of the right-wing Democrats hesitated about stepping up and answering the question. So they feel that if Mr. Truman wants to better place to start the battle than at home.

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WORLDWIDE Bible Reading

DAILY READING
Thanksgiving to Christmas
Dec. 13 1 Corinthians 13
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.



JOINS NAVY — Everett Oliver Greenley, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Ray Greenley of Roseburg enlisted in the navy on Nov. 27. (Staff photo)

Parking Lights Blamed For Wreck

At least one Oregon resident was killed during November as the result of a driver using parking lights while driving in fog, Captain Walter Lansing said today.

Lansing, a state police officer who heads the secretary of state's traffic safety division, warned again that use of parking lights in foggy weather, instead of regular headlights, is not only a violation of law but an open invitation to a traffic accident.

In the death mentioned, Lansing said a woman was killed when her husband started to pass a car and met head-on another car using only parking lights. The husband stated that he could not see the other car until it loomed up directly in front of him.

"This is just one example," Lansing said, "of what driving with parking lights can lead to. Other motorists cannot see you until they are almost upon you, and further, you cannot see the highway clearly."

Parking lights, Lansing concluded, were never meant for foggy weather driving.

ist for failing to cooperate with the school boy patrols. He urged motorists to exercise caution when approaching school zones and to cooperate with the boy patrols.



PVT. RICHARD WALKER, son of Mrs. Bernice Mideke of Yoncalla, has completed 17 weeks of basic and combat training in the engineer corps and has been promoted to the rank of private. He was one of 21 who passed the promotion test with high honors. This entitled him to report to Ft. Velvoir, Va., for assignment in the military auto supply clerical department.

T-B Vets Urged Not To Quit Hospitals For Visit

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Veterans administration cautions tubercular veterans that if they leave hospitals for unauthorized Christmas visits at home they may endanger the health of their families.

VA said tubercular veterans who are absent without leave at Christmas are a serious problem. Last year about 342 of them left hospitals without leave and against physicians' advice for visits at home.

There are approximately 9,500 tubercular patients in veterans hospitals. About one-third were given Christmas leave last year. Physicians believe none of these were a disease menace to people with whom they came in contact.

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FROM THE NEWS OF 56 YEARS AGO

The City and Vicinity Short, Newsy Items and Personal Paragraphs.
There are now 14 inmates of the Oregon Soldiers' Home, Myrtle Creek flour, only 80 cents per sack. Delivered A. C. Hoxie.
Napoleon Rice went to Oakland Friday morning on a fishing and hunting trip. He met with the usual fisherman's luck.

Such was hometown news of 1894... note that flour sold for 80 cents a sack and was delivered free! Furniture bought in 1894 could be true antiques by now... but antiques or not we'll wager your home furnishings represent a real investment to you. Are they adequately insured?

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Economical GIFTS

- FOR MOM: Pyrex Ware, Westinghouse Electric Blankets, Westinghouse Electric Sheets, Norge Washing Machines, Norge Refrigerators, Sunbeam Waffle Bakers, Sunbeam Mixers, Sunbeam Ironmasters, G.E. Pop-up Toasters, Kitchen Utensils.
- FOR DAD: Fishing Tackle, .32 Winchester Special Rifle, Model 12 Winchester Shotgun, Model 87 Winchester Shotgun, Model 37 Ithaca Repeater Shotgun, .22 Rifles.

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TRAFFIC FINE METED

Albert Fry, Roseburg, was cited by city police for failing to cooperate with a school boy patrol, Chief of Police Calvin Baird reported Tuesday. Fry was fined \$5 in municipal court by Judge Ira B. Riddle.

Baird said the citation was one of few ever handed a local motor-