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HOSPITAL DOORS OPEN

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The new Douglas Community hospital opened its doors today in service to the public.

Following dedication ceremonies Sunday and public inspection Monday, the hospital was opened today to receive patients.

The Douglas Community hospital is an impressive monument to cooperative civic effort. Inspired by community needs, hundreds of contributors made donations toward construction. Many men and women have given freely of time and labor to management planning and the physical effort preparatory to today's opening.

The community has every right to be exceedingly proud of its achievement. Because civic-minded people were willing to make personal sacrifices, we now have one of the finest and best equipped hospitals to be found in Oregon, with capacity to meet the existing need for hospital facilities.

Expansion In Prospect

We venture the prediction that the Community hospital will soon find itself preparing to expand. The new hospital, we believe, will not meet the public needs for any extended period. We anticipate that we will continue to experience a shortage of hospital beds.

Not that we anticipate more than average sickness or less good health for community residents—we expect continued and immediate population growth. Even with all the new beds provided through the Community hospital and the Mercy hospital annex, we still have less than the recommended capacity to serve existing population without considering future growth.

We believe continued growth is as certain as tomorrow's sunrise. We have here an industrial potential barely tapped so far. With prospects that our defense program must be maintained over a long period of years, with wood and wood products essential to the effort, we may expect continuing industrial and business growth and expanding population.

It is gratifying to know that the Community hospital planners hold like opinions and have so designed their building that additions may be made as needed. The master plan, prepared with commendable foresight, provides for enlargement as need arises and funds become available.

Efficiently Planned

Patients entering the Community hospital will find that its planners have done an excellent job in assuring comfort and efficient service. Every effort has been directed toward making rooms and furnishings comfortable and convenient. The hospital is fitted with the most modern equipment and appliances. A great deal of planning and investigation went into arrangement, utilities and installations offering the greatest possible degree of efficiency in service by hospital personnel and thought for the welfare of the patient.

While taking pride in its new hospital, this community should not forget its debt of gratitude to the many people who made it possible.

SHOOT HIM ON THE SPOT

From The Lebanon Express

It was on Jan. 29, 1861 that the commandant at New Orleans received this order: "If anyone attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot." The intervening years have so softened us Americans that we coddle and cuddle those who would haul down our flag until we now have among us a million or so who stand ready and willing to do so if and when an opportunity presents.

It seems that we Americans are going to have to get as hard-boiled as we were 90 years ago if we clean up the nasty mess we are now in.

He who deports himself as a sheep will be attacked by the wolves. We Americans have been bleating too long for our own good. It's time we trained our guns on the wolves.



By Viannett S. Martin

Just as sure as we think critically of someone else, that criticism, like the proverbial chicken, comes right home to roost. The other day I thought it was very careless of someone to lose an envelope in a letter very plainly marked, "please return."

But the other day, opening an extra lot of mail, and tossing circulars, envelopes etc., into the too-handly fireplace, I discovered a tightly rolled 32-page newspaper was an unfamiliar one, and I had burned the wrapper.

Bulawayo Chronicle—now where was Bulawayo, and who had sent it to me? Some days later Hazel Judd, of Portland editor of the monthly, and most interesting, Audubon publication which goes out to Audubon members, a friend I have yet to meet, sent a cheery postal remarking she had thought the South African newspaper might be of interest to me. . . . So I was no longer tormented by not being able to thank someone for a friendly gesture.

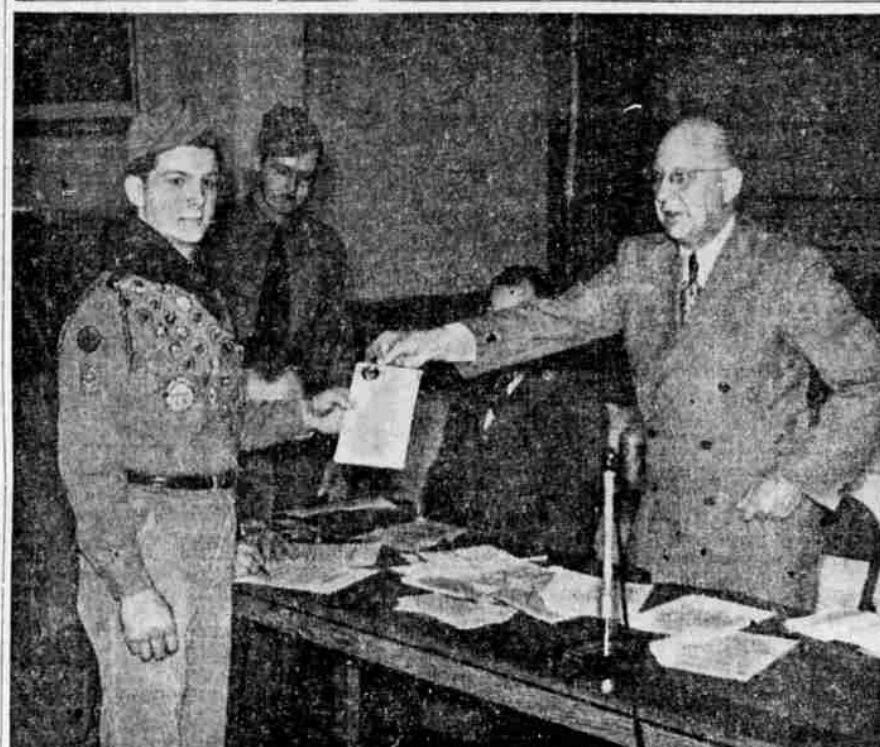
Incidentally, the long and most interesting article by W. T. M., on shrews solved a mystery here. "When next your cat leaves a dead 'mouse' on your doorstep, see whether the grey-furred little corpse has an unusually long and whiskered snout—is, in fact, a shrew. The smaller species of shrews are often killed but rarely eaten by cats, because of two large musky, odorous scent glands on their bodies, that give them especially when alarmed disagree-

Flu Claims Britons

LONDON—(AP)—Britain's health ministry said that, in the week ended Feb. 3, 1,289 Britons died of influenza in urban areas, a rise of 30 over the previous week. The ministry said the area covered has a population of 20,000,000 and reported the spread of flu is not as intense as it recently was in the crowded sections of Liverpool and Birkenhead.

The first Welland Canal between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie was opened in 1829.

Eisenhower's Report, Minus Verbiage



WINS SCOUT HONOR—Laurence Puckett of Dillard, left, received the Boy Scout Eagle award in a special court of honor Friday night in the Dillard school auditorium. Making the presentation was W. H. Gerretsen, national scout representative, who acted as judge of the court. Standing in the background is Allen McLennan, Dillard troop scoutmaster. Puckett is the first Dillard scout to achieve the honor. First class awards were also presented. Max B. Jensen, scout executive of the Oregon Trail Council of Eugene, spoke at the event. (Picture by Charles Kashi)

Parade Of 'Invalid' Stooges To Moscow Held Indication Of Satellites' Dissidence

By DeWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Signs of dissidence in the leadership of the Communist parties in satellite states continue to multiply, with resultant purges and other sharp action by Moscow.

The difficulty revolves about the tendency among the satellites to follow the lead of Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia. Though Tito has declared for nationalism. That is, he has refused to place the sovereignty of his country in the hands of Moscow.

This modified brand of Moscow Communism has come to be known as "Titoism." It has the Soviet big-wigs not only furious but apparently badly worried.

As a result Moscow for a long time has been summoning a procession of Red leaders from the satellite states to the Russian capital for "medical treatment." Some of them seem to be mighty ill, judging from their protracted stay. As a matter of fact there has been at least one incurable case in Georgi Dimitroff, Red Bulgarian premier, who died in the Russian Capital some months ago.

An astonishing reversal of this program now is reported from Rome. Non-Communist newspapers say that leaders of Italy's Communist party—claiming a membership of 2,500,000—have urgently requested the return from Moscow of their ailing chief, Palmiro Togliatti, to stem the tide of Titoism.

Togliatti has been undergoing "medical treatment" in the Soviet capital for some time. However, it would seem that "ill" though he be from Moscow's viewpoint, he is more capable than any well man the Italian party can get hold of.

It's worthy of note that, along with Togliatti, another top-flight Red leader is receiving medical attention. That is Maurice Thorez, the French leader. Thus we find the chiefs of the most powerful European Communist parties outside the Red bloc incapacitated together in Moscow. Johan Strand Johansen, deputy chief of the Norwegian Reds, also has been added to the Moscow colony of

invalids who are taking the waters—or whatever it is they do take.

Czechs Show Discontent

Coincident with all this, the missing ex-foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, Vlado Clementis, is reported (without confirmation) to have been given refuge in Yugoslavia. Clementis' brother-in-law Dr. Daniel Oskah, Slovak commissioner of the interior, who reportedly helped Clementis escape by airplane, is under arrest. An Austrian report said Communist President Klement Gottwald of Czechoslovakia had been placed under police surveillance for warning Clementis of impending arrest, but Prague denied this.

Highly independent Czechoslovakia has been a cause of worry for Moscow since she came under complete control of her Communist party in February, '48. She is one of the most uneasy of the satellites.

It will be recalled that just after the Reds came into full power there, her foreign minister, Jan Masaryk, son of the first president, plunged to his death from a lofty window. The Communist government said he committed suicide.

One would expect to see the procession of Moscow-bound "invalids" increase from the more important satellite state like Czechoslovakia in Moscow's effort to counter the tendency to Titoism. Of course Yugoslavia is clear outside the Red pale, and must be dealt with in some other fashion. Tito charges that Russia

is preparing to attack his country through neighboring satellites. Meantime purges are expected to increase in major Communist parties.

Power Project License Asked By Idaho Company

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Idaho Power Co., Boise, Friday asked the Power commission for a license to build a \$24,925,000 power project on the Snake river in Idaho and Oregon.

The proposed development would be in Adams and Washington counties in Idaho and Baker county in Oregon. The project would include a rock fill dam on a concrete spillway across the Snake river at the Oxbow site four miles south of Homestead, Ore.

Also planned are a reservoir 13 miles long, a canal 1,000 feet long, intake works, four steel penstocks about 275 feet long, a powerhouse on the Oregon bank of the river, about three miles downstream from the dam and three 138-kilowatt transmission lines.

The power plan would have an installed capacity of about 140,000 kilowatts in four units of equal size.

STYLES GOES TO DOGS

PARIS—(AP)—Man's best friend has been turned into an ornament of fickle female fashion. This startling fact which should make dog lovers growl from one hemisphere to the other, leaped into the limelight at one of the recent Paris fashion shows.

A model in a mauve cocktail dress tottered in dragging a poodle dyed purple to match her gown. The dog, it was explained impersonally, was originally white.

U. S. SELLING RED INK
ROCK ISLAND, Ill.—(AP)—The national debt may be growing bigger daily but the federal government is selling red ink—not buying it.

The government lists red ink among the numerous items advertised for sale at the Rock Island arsenal on Feb. 20.

The red ink is described as "prosperity red," which the notice of sale says now is "obsolete."

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON—Plans for socializing the nation's economy can't succeed unless and until Fair Deal planners get their hooks into the steel industry.

The bubbleheads are trying it again. But as usual, the steel industry apparently has outsmarted the global, giveaway dreamers, who this time said we can't win a war unless steel production rises to 120 million tons annually. The only way to do this, they even persuaded the President to hint, was for the government to get into the steel business.

Without showing signs of being overburdened with dread at the blathering of the economic planners, steel producers pulled the rug from under that one by blandly announcing that construction is already underway for an annual production rate of 118 million tons. Naturally you don't plan a multi-million steel plant overnight. So what it means is that while the President's economic advisers were dreaming, steel industrialists already had started construction. And they did so without a penny of aid from the public payroll.

One of the major reasons the steel industry keeps a step ahead of the socialist thinkers on the public payroll is that Benjamin F. Fairless is still in business. Mr. Fairless is president of the U. S. Steel corporation. He likes a fight. He doesn't think that socializing steel will cure anything. In fact, everywhere it has been tried there has been disaster. Right now the Socialist British government is going through the wringer again over nationalization of steel and may not survive the argument.

In a recent speech Mr. Fairless took a hypothetical look at the U. S. through Stalin's eyes to see what instructions he (Stalin) would issue to the Red army of trained terrorists crawling around the U. S. A.

The first technique naturally would be to fill the labor press with savage attacks on management, then a campaign to convince America that industry is greedy and is trying to throttle little business and the average guy making an average living in this country.

Big business, which is something America has in abundance, is Stalin's chief target. Mr. Fairless thinks Stalin would decree that big business must be described as inefficient and monopolistic, capable of harming "little people" and endangering security; that, above all else, the public must be taught to hate big business.

One way to do this, Mr. Fairless asserts, is to have it attacked by men who are not Communists but who have been reached by the termites. And he might have added, as Supreme Court Justice Jackson did in New York the other day, that government anti-trust suits are political clubs to keep anti-administration business in line. Jackson said anti-trust suits are injected on a political basis, which is one way to run a Department of Justice. If Jackson is right, and we can only assume he is, then the name ought to be changed to the department of political hatchet work, since it has nothing to do with justice.

Mr. Fairless seems perfectly capable of taking care of honest criticism directed at U. S. Steel or big business in general. He thinks it is any man's right to criticize, if he does so honestly and is not peddling confusion. But he thinks there are three basic dangers we must guard against in mobilizing against Russia. These are worth repeating here:

1. Guard against overextending our production, or borrowing ourselves into bankruptcy.
2. A second danger is excessive political interference in the normal channels of production.
3. The third and greatest danger is that the present emergency may last from 15 to 20 years and that during that time the government will have absolute power over American economic life—including wages, prices, credit and profits—during which time a socialist state will be an accomplished fact in America but a socialistic economy will not be established. To keep it from becoming one is the obligation Mr. Fairless insists all of us have to bear. If we know the facts we can exercise what Mr. Fairless labels "termite control."

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Travel Of Dependents To Germany Restricted

HEIDELBERG, Germany—The U. S. army has announced that travel of army dependents to Germany after Feb. 15 will be governed by available housing.

Because of the critical housing shortage, dependents will be brought to Germany on a priority basis.

Under this system army personnel will apply for family housing on arrival in Germany, the announcement said. When housing becomes available, dependents will be allowed to come to Germany in the order that they applied.

The army decision reflects a growing shortage of housing for army dependents at a time when reinforcements are beginning to flow to Germany.

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Tree Poisoning Planned In Logging Experiment

PORTLAND—(AP)—Poisoning of trees before cutting is one of the logging experiments planned by Publishers Paper company under a new marketing agreement signed with the U. S. Forest service.

The Oregon City firm has signed an agreement with the government agency which permits cutting 40,000,000 board feet of timber from the Cascade head experimental farm near Otis.

The firm hopes poisoning trees will result in a weight loss. Hauling, officials explained, accounts for one-third of the cost of coast timber.

Other experiments include block cutting in patterns, horse logging—to prevent damage to standing timber—and various types of clear and selective cutting.

LILLIBO GETS CONTRACT

SALEM—(AP)—The State Highway commission awarded a \$533,789 contract today for building a bridge across the Coos river on the Coos River secondary highway. The contract went to Thomas Lillibo, Reedsport.

"You cannot help strong men by tearing down big men."

A. Lincoln.



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