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WRIT SARKASTIKAL

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Charles E. Wilson, mobilization director, has requested states and smaller governmental corporations to obtain federal "clearance" on bond issues, veterans' bonuses, new construction projects and other expenditures exceeding \$1,000,000. Such expenditures, says Wilson, are inflationary. By putting more money in circulation, they add to the country's inflationary spiral.

We find our fellow editors rising in wrath to denounce Wilson's quasi order. But we must admit that Wilson's claim of contributing to inflation has its points.

Oregon, for instance, is proposing to spend \$40,000,000 on new highway construction. Included in the tentative program is a project for four-lane approaches to Roseburg. If and when those roads are built, a farmer from Wilbur will probably save 25 cents on every trip, through relief of traffic congestion, ability to operate his vehicle at its most economical speed, and saving of wear and tear on brakes and rubber. If 100 Wilbur farmers come to Roseburg, they will save a total of \$25.00 which they might spend foolishly.

A lumber truck, traveling the same route, probably would save as much as \$1.00. During the peak of the log hauling season, lumber trucks average about one per minute past the Roseburg post office. We're not mathematician enough to figure that one out with our shoes on, but just look at the inflationary possibilities! Why a log hauling operator might even save enough to pay his income taxes without borrowing from the bank!

Pity The Poor Housewife!

Think of the inflationary potential as it applies to the housewife who drives to the market to pick up her federally-controlled foodstuffs. If she traveled a four-lane highway, she might save a dime to offset some of the boost in prices resulting from control orders.

The tourist season is just beginning. If we spend \$40,000,000 on our highways, we will get double the tourist travel. Tens of thousands of people will be thronging our vacation resorts, beaches and streams, spending vacation money, buying groceries, equipment, supplies and gasoline, while saving the cost incident to had roads and traffic congestions. It is unthinkable that such things should be.

And if we pay the soldiers their bonus, they might build homes or buy washing machines and automobiles.

If all that money is spent on construction and in giving bonuses to deserving vets, while farmers and housewives, tourists and Sunday drivers save money by driving on better roads, and that money goes into local business operations to create more jobs and improve payrolls, people might have enough money to pay taxes on schools, roads, city budgets and cigarets.

Uncle Sam Needs The Dough

The federal government already is bleeding the local governments white.

While people show reluctance to support moderate local budgets, the federal government tosses out tax money with both hands, seizes profits and surpluses and still cries for more to buy pastel mink coats and deep freezers. It can't spend money fast enough in this country, so ships off all it can to maintain an international WPA.

When Uncle Santa Claus shows an inclination toward economy in fiscal operations there may be some inducement for local governments to tighten up. But we don't believe in starving at home to feed hummingbird tongues to foreign nabobs.

If our next door neighbor starved his own kids to buy cigars for his father-in-law, we'd turn him over to the sanitary board.

If the state of Oregon listens to Wilson, it should have its head examined.

Scapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Vivahnett S. Martin

What a day! What a day was Tuesday, May 8!

To begin with, what a day for John Sawyers, who said, "In all the years I've been fishing this river I never had a day like this!"

Mr. Sawyers was rigging tackle for a fish for a fish. Four fish went away. No. They got away. Two lads waded out into the fast water, over slippery rocks, to capture an inert fish which had "drowned" as it came upstream with its mouth wide open. Somehow before it reached the gaff it was lost off the hook and lay there, the adults on the bridge could hardly hear it! For an hour there was talk of little ease, as the men all went back into the water again. Every passing motorist stopped to "see the fish."

Another of Mr. Sawyers' lost fish was on large that Mr. Moore, who holds the 1951 record so far for 23 pounds, exclaimed: "There goes my record!" The huge fish had surfaced, been spotted, Mr. Moore went off for his camera — he lived nearby — and when he returned the fish was still on. It was on for an hour and forty minutes during which an excited gallery (all lines came in of course when someone had a strike) just about held its collective breath! Then the fish played one last trick on the tired fishermen, did something with the leader which it broke.

Edgemoor Anderson, when school was out, came down to try his luck. After a little, he hooked his glass rod over a handy nail, leaned against the bridge and was enjoying a bit of verbal sparring with nearby fishermen. While his back was turned, his common stick. An hour later a tired scientist delivered his fish to the friendly hand waiting with a gaff on the bank 50 feet below.

Edgemoor's 23 lb. 25 pounds. I wonder if Mr. Moore lost his record after all!

EJ's catch aroused a little interest, too. But none pulled in a line for him, nor did he need a gaff. But I'm sure if he had, Mr. Orval Beckley who went down hopefully, twice, for Mr. Sawyers and came up empty-handed, would have helped. No, EJ brought his fish up on the bridge. It was caught by its tail on the barb of his triple hook — a three-inch sucker.

Oh yes, just as we arrived there, Mr. Lloyd Smith of Elkton was taking home a beautiful fish, "close to 25 pounds."

What a day!

New Foundation Will Aid Foreign Students in U.S.

NEW YORK — (AP) — Study in the United States by foreign students will be financed by a new international education foundation named for Cordell Hull, former secretary of state.

Establishment of the foundation was announced by Dr. Harvie Branscomb, chancellor of Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tenn.

The foundation was conceived by friends of Hull, a Tennesseean, and several million dollars is expected to finance it.

The founders hope to finance two students a year from each of 20 Latin-American countries for study at Vanderbilt and its associated institutions.

Dr. Branscomb said students from other parts of the world may be brought to the U.S. later, and American students sent abroad.

The program will start next year. Hull, 79 years old, is at Bethesda (Md.) naval hospital.

Middle Eastern Type Bomb



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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doing if perjurers can upset the cart of justice and get away with it?

Here's another thing that bothers me when I try to think of a better world and how to get it: The techniques of CONTOVERSY have been so highly developed that no one short of a mind reader can any longer differentiate between truth and falsehood.

For example: Every time there is a controversy, somebody alleges a fact. Somebody else then gets up and ALLEGES A CONTRARY FACT. In the ensuing argument, the general run of the public becomes so confused that in a little while nobody believes anything.

I'm afraid the MacArthur situation will run into that kind of impasse.

We can't stop argument, of course. Nobody wants to. Argument lies at the very root of the democratic process. We call it debate.

But I think all sensible people will agree that in this country, as well as the world at large, argument is reaching the point where too many of the arguers skate too close to the thin ice of PLAIN LYING.

Those are hard words, but they aren't far from the truth.

Probably the hottest current argument has to do with what the Russians will do or won't do in a given set of circumstances.

That's one case, I reckon, where there isn't much outright lying. The reason is that NOBODY KNOWS what the Russians will do in a given set of circumstances. Maybe the Russian big shots themselves don't know. It just could be that they'll improvise as they go along.

How can there be a lie when nobody knows the truth?

Personally, I can't get away from this belief: No matter what we do, short of actual attack on Russia, the Russians won't strike UNTIL THEY ARE READY. When they ARE ready, they'll strike, no matter what we do.

To that, let's add: The more capable we prove ourselves to be, the less likely they will be to strike at all.

Inflation Will Weaken Defense Work Unless Congress Establishes Curbs

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

No economic expert believes the inflation threat is ended in this country. On the contrary, the feeling is widespread that as defense orders swell in the months ahead the inflation spiral will soar to new heights.

The evidence pointing that way is available to all, including every member of Congress. No important economic factors lead in the opposite direction.

Yet in the face of this evidence, what is Congress doing or planning to do to curb inflation?

President Truman asked for a minimum of \$10 billion in new tax partly to put the defense program on a pay-as-you-go basis and partly as an anti-inflation weapon. Reports emerging from the tax-writing committee indicate he'll be fortunate to get a bill calling for a half or two-thirds of that sum.

It's well known that existing farm parity price law is one of the biggest bars to adequate control of the price structure. But again, sounds emanating from Capitol Hill make it plain little will be done to permit clamping a tight ceiling on food prices.

Government spending is a topic dear to the hearts of many lawmakers. Some of them have been harping on it for nearly two decades. But the trouble is they never do anything about it except talk. The economists agree that here, again, is a field where inflation could be affected through reduction of outlays.

Congress each year plays a little game in the name of economy. The house appropriations committee reports out certain bills covering various agencies, advertising sharp reductions from the President's budget estimates of January. These are presented as "savings."

What follows thereafter is less well advertised. Often the Senate simply restores the cuts and they're forgotten. Sometimes the reductions actually represent lowered department estimates, but the lawmakers take the credit. In many cases, the slashes are really guesses that money need not be as great as the Administration thinks.

If the guesses turn out to be wrong, then the affected agencies simply return later for more money. And they get it, in so-called deficiency appropriation bills which are acted upon with much less fanfare than the major bills passed each year. Those deficiency measures cover a multitude of

Interim Groups Of Legislature Are Announced

SALEM — (AP) — House members of the nine legislative interim committees have been appointed by House Speaker John F. Steelhammer.

Senate members of the committees will be appointed later by President of the Senate Paul I. Patterson.

The committees will report their findings to the 1953 legislature.

The house interim committee members are:

Taxation — Giles L. French, Moro; Lee Ohmart, Salem, and Donald R. Husband, Eugene.

Proposed transfer of the blind and deaf schools from the board of control to board of education — F. H. Mann, Medford.

Reapportionment — David Baum, La Grande; Herman Sitkum, Molalla; and Ivan Laird, Sitkum.

Legislative procedure — Earl Fisher, Beaverton; Earl Hill, Cushman; E. J. Ireland, Molalla; and Kenneth Kraemer, Portland.

Highways — Ed Geary, Klamath Falls; B. A. Stover, Bend; Robert Root, Medford; and Pat Lobergan, Portland.

Weather control — Roger Lenz, Haines; V. T. Jackson, Roseburg; and Frank Farmer, Rickreusch.

Intergate cooperation — Carl Francis, Dayton; Francis W.

Yosemite Park Hiker Survives 130-Ft. Fall

YOSEMITE, Calif. — (AP) — A Michigan hiker who slipped over a 130-foot cliff in Yosemite national park was found unharmed except for an ankle fracture.

He was Jerry Wolschon, 20, of Detroit. He fell while hiking with another Detroit youth.

Park rangers reached him on a cliff wall above Columbia point, on the right hand cliff wall of Yosemite falls.

A radio message from the rescue group said he had a compound fracture of one ankle, had spent the cold night without fire, but was in a dry sheltered spot, was not suffering severely from shock and in general was in a strong, good condition.

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

Heretofore unpublished testimony before a congressional committee in 1946 reveals that Acheson solemnly assured members of Congress then that the U. S. never need fear an attack by Chinese troops.

Asked if there was any way the U. S. could have an agreement with China whereby she would not use her arms against us, Acheson replied: "I think we can rest assured that the Chinese will not do that, if you mean that the Chinese would attack us, I do not think so."

This is the same diplomatic genius who advises the assistance on Korea and Gen. Douglas MacArthur is wrong. In this he has the full support of President Truman and Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall.

And just to prove that Acheson and the State department are not the only ones stupid about communism in China and elsewhere, the same testimony — which to this day has never been made a part of any public record — reveals that the War and Navy departments shared Acheson's views in 1946.

In fact the War, Navy and State departments, with Marshall nodding his assent from his vantage point as chief of the special 1946 mission to China, asked Congress for authority to arm and train 10 Chinese Communist divisions. The reason they wanted to use American officers and American money to train the ten divisions was that the Communists asked them for help. So help me, it's all in the record.

Here is Acheson's testimony on this little deal: "With the support of the War and Navy departments, the State department has requested legislation to provide advice and assistance to China. The Communist forces were lacking in the type of organization training and equipment which would have made practicable their incorporation into the new non-political national army. Therefore, the Communist leaders have asked, and General Marshall has agreed, that their integration with the other forces be preceded by a brief period of United States training, and by the supply of minimum quantities of equipment."

This unpublished record reveals probably the most brazen attempt ever made by Acheson to aid the Communists directly and in the open. He used the aging Gen. Marshall as a shield for his plan to train and equip Communist divisions in China. The State department, he testified, "has very great concern that Gen. Marshall's task be facilitated in carrying out the program he has proposed."

Later in his testimony, Acheson said that training the Communists "is contemplated in the military reorganization program sponsored by General Marshall," and that it would be of the "greatest benefit to China."

Members of the committee smelled a rat, however, despite Acheson's assertions that the whole idea belonged to Marshall. Later questioning brought out the fact that the State department wrote the bill containing the proposal to arm and train 10 Chinese Red divisions, "for the benefit of China."

When asked on June 14, 1946, if any U. S. officers were already helping to train Chinese Communist troops, Acheson said no. The truth is that 85 American officers had already been assigned to aid the Communists. Marshall had ordered the Americans to get together with the Reds despite the fact that he had no authority to do so. In fact, he never did get authority from Congress to help the Chinese Communists in any manner, shape or form.

A number of congressmen are still puzzled about what happened to Acheson's bill to aid Communist troops in China. After several days of hearings before the foreign affairs committee of the House, the bill was suddenly buried, never to be seen or heard of again.

Retiring City Manager Thankful For Cooperation

ROSEBURG — TO THE CITIZENS OF ROSEBURG: It would be impossible for me to thank each and every one of you in person for your cooperation with me in my position as city manager, which I have just terminated.

It has been a pleasure to work for the good of the city and to have had a part in helping to improve the facilities and functions of the city. It is with regret that I leave your city at a time when the services of a city manager are needed to help work out the many problems that are before your city council and mayor. I wish further to state, that the relationship between myself and the council was not strained and we were in perfect agreement with the problems at hand.

It was felt by many that I was personally against certain employees, which was not the case in the least. A minority group, some of these so-called good citizens, has caused me personal worry from the time I first arrived in Roseburg. We all know the office of city manager is a very difficult position to fill at best, without additional troubles from a group with personal issues to gripe about. I really and truly believe that there have been no favors shown anyone beyond the regular policies which I have tried to maintain, for the betterment and advancement of the entire city.

I want it known that I am not resentful because of seeking other employment, even though I have rejected other positions as a city manager, that have been offered me within the past few months.

Again, may I thank you all for being so friendly and cooperative during my stay in Roseburg. I wish the next man to hold this position the best of luck in his new venture, with your cooperation.

M. W. SLANKARD
Roseburg, Ore.

Interstate cooperation — Carl Francis, Dayton; Francis W.

Ziegler, Corvallis, and Raymond Coulter, Grants Pass.

Fish pondage fees — Russell Hudson, The Dalles; Gerald Wade, Newport, and Orval Eaton, Astoria.

Rehabilitation of fisheries — Fred W. Adams, Ophir, and Melvin Goode, Albany.

Navajo Indians Offer To Loan Uncle Sam \$500

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — (AP) — The Navajo tribal council heard the suggestion that "if the government is short of money," maybe the tribe should lend it \$500.

The proposal was advanced by Councilman Willis Martin after Walter Olson, assistant superintendent of the reservation, reported that the government hadn't appropriated enough money to remodel the Round Rock school. The job would cost \$500.

The council took no action.



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