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TIRED OF FEAR

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We're getting doggone sick and tired of all this talk about "fear" of what Russia might think, do or say. It's about time, we believe, that we let Russia do some of the fearing.

Our leaders "fear" Russia might start a full-scale war. They "fear" Russia might invade Europe. They "fear" Russia might try to seize Iran. They "fear" Russia might drop atomic bombs on us.

What our leaders need is a transfusion of some good American blood to supplant the ice water in their veins, causing chills each time they think of Russia.

It is entirely possible that the administration has been feeding the American people scare propaganda for so many years it has developed a fear complex of its own.

General Marshall's testimony before the U. S. Senate is replete with "fear." President Truman has endorsed Marshall's testimony, *IN TOTO*, making it plain that Marshall's fears are the administration's fears.

Instinctual Fortitude Needed

We once had the instinctual fortitude to risk a war because we refused to pay tribute to pirates. We threatened military action against nations mistreating our nationals. We sent punitive columns against bandits who crossed into our territory. Teddy Roosevelt sailed our fleet around the world as a challenge during a crisis. Many times we have exemplified the bold colonial warning: "Don't Tread On Me."

But now we permit an American national to be imprisoned and tortured for 17 months and then pay ransom for his release. We permit a correspondent of one of our press services to be taken into custody while our counsels are denied opportunity to defend him. We allow enemy agents to cross into lands under our control to kidnap people who have come to us for protection. We cringe in terror at each bold approach of our bullying enemy. What has happened to American courage?

We do not believe this lack of courage applies to American people as a whole. Americans aren't timid people. We do not believe that the fraidy-cat tendencies of our leaders are representative of the public they serve. We do not believe that the American people are in sympathy with the spineless appeasement policies of the administration.

While we discount much of the intensity of the MacArthur reception as having political implication, that spontaneous welcome had unmistakable, patriotic overtones. American courage, we believe, needs only able leadership.

Firm Policy Wanted

General MacArthur, when asked in the senate inquiry whether he disagreed with administration policy, asked, in effect, what policy? He said no policy had been laid down for him to follow.

Obviously the general spoke the truth, for conflicts in statements and actions of the administration, show policy based on day-to-day decisions and influenced, or directed, by United Nations allies. We wait until a problem has been forced upon us, then try to decide what to do about it, trembling lest our protest be ill-received.

We do not advocate a chip-on-shoulder policy; nor do we propose that we become an international bully. We propose, rather, that we let it be known we are no longer to be pushed around; that we announce, definitely and positively, that we will not temporize with aggression; that we will tolerate no mistreatment of our nationals; that we are men, not mice.

Is Russia bluffing, or will she back down if told to stay on her side of the fence? Our administration admits its fear of what might happen if we took a firm position and then found out that Russia wasn't bluffing.

Today we have an advantage in sea power, in atomic weapons, in quality—if not quantity—of air power. If Russia is bent on world domination, she will start a war whenever she feels the time is right. Are we to wait and let Russia select the battleground where her advantage in manpower will be in her favor, or should we pick the arena to best utilize our own superiorities? If we acted firmly now would we not be in a better position to upset Russia's timetable or possibly so secure and contain communism that it would wear itself out within its own cage?

Determination, not fear, we believe, should dominate our policies.



The other day I heard a man, who smokes cigarettes constantly, laugh outright as he listened to a commercial extolling an extravagant words the claims of a certain brand. "Anybody who smokes would know that is a screwy idea," he said. He then added thoughtfully "They're after non-smokers or ones who haven't smoked much. The kids!"

But there are advertising claims not so apparent. I took a stiff course in advertising once, and paid a stiff price for it, too. But it has been of value to me ever since. I see through so many "screwy" claims that otherwise I might not detect. Women need to be so alert now! More than ever! There was a recent article in the Reader's Digest in connection with certain advertising. It was made to appear that the Digest had agreed with what the advertiser was claiming.

Much advertising nowadays is genuinely interesting and makes no absurd fantastic assertions that which it sells. The great insurance companies have pictures of real worth. There is much of

instructive interest to be read, even in individual local business copy. I liked particularly a series, informative, which ran in the News-Review, discussing china, diamonds, silver and so on. An insurance man prints interesting items from very old issues of the News-Review. A real estate concern ran pictures and little stories about people who bought in their subdivision. How much more inspiring of confidence that kind of copy seems—to me, at any rate—than the beating of a drum with a noisy pep talk.

The pressure on women nowadays is terrific. Buy this! Buy that! And according to some cosmetic and lingerie advertising the miracle of love is governed (?) by the kind of perfume, the brand of cosmetics, the type of bra, and the plunging neckline. Such a travesty on love is being dinned into the ears and eyes of fresh young girls on the threshold of womanhood!

But modern youth thinks pretty straight. It trusts in their good sense, staring their resistance to insidious attacks on that good sense!

That's The Way It Looks To Us



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — The interlocking directorate of administration influence peddlers has been exposed. Working happily at their task for weeks, two Washington newspapermen, Fletcher Knebel and Jack Wilson, laid out the political muck for the public to see in a recent issue of Look magazine.

- Here is a quick rundown of what they found:
1. Four members of the White House staff have been implicated in undercover deals since April, 1945.
 2. Two friends of the White House have been convicted of fraud, a third indicted.
 3. Fourteen high federal officials have been exposed juggling at the golden skein of influence.
 4. Nine direct or indirect members of the administration family have accepted valuable gifts, including a mink coat.
 5. Ten federal agencies have been tangled in shadowy manipulations.
 6. Almost 900 federal employees have been caught trying to improve their private fortunes through their positions on the public payroll.

The magazine quotes President Truman's reply to all of this: "My people are honorable—all of them."

Whoever else might be said about the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, he at least—on the basis of what we know thus far—kept the thieves at arm's length. Members of his family feathered their own nests and loaded up their personal coffers. They were trading on a famous name, sometimes with and sometimes without the President's help, and they are still trading on it.

Margaret Truman, of course, is doing exactly the same thing. But in the case of the current President, there's another item not to be overlooked—when he arrived in Washington, he brought with him a fine group of experts in Pendergastism. Look magazine has compiled the results.

By comparison, there is an interesting footnote in history involving a White House aide who was an assistant to Roosevelt and has remained as an adviser to Mr. Truman. He is David K. Niles, the President's expert on racial matters. The late Harry Hopkins was a good friend of Niles.

Hopkins, during his political feeding period in the New Deal, dispensed millions of dollars in the right places for political support, via the WPA and other relief agencies. Hopkins is credited with coining the phrase, "spend and spend, elect and elect." Whether he did

or not, the theory worked for the New Deal for 16 years.

The interesting thing about Hopkins is that despite handling all the money, he died broke. Despite the opportunity he had to cash in, he left neither property nor money to his widow and daughter. In fact, when Hopkins died he owed Niles \$4,500. It was money borrowed over a long period of time, when Hopkins was working alongside Niles in the White House.

Naturally, anybody stuck with that kind of I. O. U. wants to collect it. The only chance Niles has of getting his \$4,500 is from royalties dribbling in from Hopkins writings.

Maybe there were mink coats and deep freezes passed around during the heyday of the New Deal. Certainly plenty of White House friends cashed in on the war boom, such as the Garson brothers and dozens of other fly-by-night promoters who built a backlot garage repair shop or some such into an industrial empire. Crude as these operations were, they were piker stuff compared to today's influence peddlers who grab it by the millions from the RFC, the Agriculture department or other government agencies.

Politically, of course, the New Dealers always knew how to squeeze the most votes out of a taxpayer's dollar. But for sheer stuff compared to today's influence peddlers who grab it by the millions from the RFC, the Agriculture department or other government agencies.

Take the Mississippi job buying, for instance. There never was a cruder operation, but when you examine it closely it's pure Pendergastism. Maybe it is a little rougher in spots than the average political thievery going on today, but the boys are getting in a hurry.

Word is that one who can spot a political suicide before the gun is loaded are convinced Mr. Truman won't be around much longer. They want to get theirs while the getting is good, and if you've been teched on Pendergast politics there is only one way to do that. Steal it.

in with an air rifle. One of the letters was signed, "The Travelers" and bore three figures inked in red at the bottom.

Robinson was inclined to shrug off the letters as the work of a crank, as were the police. He did concede, however, that he was a "little bit concerned" about them. When nothing happened after the first few letters of the opener, he just "forgot all about it," the Dodge second baseman said.

He couldn't think of any reason anyone would want to threaten his life.

China Press Says Armies Transferred To Korea

TAIPEH, Formosa — (AP) — The China Union press said Saturday two more Chinese Communist armies are being prepared for transfer from East China to Korea.

A Chinese army normally consists of three divisions, or about 30,000 men.

The agency said the decision was made at a recent conference in Mukden between Chinese Communist and Russian officials.

American Labor Staging Exhibit Of Its Products

CHICAGO — (AP) — Soldier field, where scores of football players have performed, has been taken over by another skilled team—workers.

The huge amphitheater on the lake front is the site of the 1951 AFL union industries show which will run for nine days. It features displays of the products and know-how of members of American Federation of Labor unions.

The AFL says 400 exhibits worth \$16,000,000 have been arranged, and that 3,000 men and women will give exhibitions of their skills.

The army, navy and air force also will have exhibits.

Bakery and confectionery workers make cakes and cookies. Barbers and hairdressers demonstrate their techniques on live models.

Glass blowers fashion glass tubes. Potters shape plates, vases and urns.

Electricians, cigar makers, boot and shoe makers, bricklayers and others will be on hand to show their stuff.

The sponsor is the union label trades department of the AFL. It says laundry workers "will be prepared to take the shirt off a visitor's back at one end of their assembly line and return it, fresh and clean, at the other end of the line."

Raymond F. Leheney, director of the show, says: "We will demonstrate how free American labor produces under the American system of free enterprise."

Korean Veterans To Get Benefits

Oregon's armed forces fighting men in Korea and elsewhere will have available on their return, most of the state benefits presently enjoyed by World War II veterans, by virtue of measures enacted by the 1951 legislature to grant "war veteran" status to present-day servicemen. The State Department of Veterans' Affairs listed these benefits as follows:

1. Educational aid benefits ranging to \$50 a month. Requires service in Korea at some time since June 25, 1950, and before the termination of current hostilities.
2. Referendum to be voted on at the next general election, to extend the 4 percent, \$6,000 state veterans' home and farm loan to Oregon men with 90 days or more active duty since June 25, 1950. Service in Korea not required. People's vote required because it amends the state constitution.
3. "War veteran" redefined to include "every citizen" who has been a member of the armed forces (during) the period between June 25, 1950, and the cessation of the present national military emergency as determined . . . by the governor, and who has been discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions."

This new definition automatically makes today's servicemen entitled to a \$1500 state property tax exemption if 40 percent disabled by service—or to his unremarried widow; to county indigent fund assistance; and to state, county and city civil service preference.

Oregon's lawmakers wrote 20 veterans laws or amendments in all, including four to expedite World War II veterans' bonus payments, one which strengthens the so-called public employees' reemployment rights act, and another raising property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and veterans' widows from \$1000 to \$1500.

Reservation Charges Set For Train Coaches

PORTLAND — (AP) — The Southern Pacific company will charge from 25 cents to \$1 for reserving train coach seats.

The Interstate Commerce com-

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

narrowly constricted honky-tonk area, it's an attractive residence city in a high, dry country — plenty of trees and green grass.

Every time I see it, I wonder how all these years they've kept the splanatics under control. The sex fanatics (distribution worldwide) is a queer bird. Every time he sees a tree his palms itch for the handle of a cutting instrument. Maybe in the early days in rancid Nevada they had an organization of tree-loving vigilantes and hanged all the free slashers to the nearest convenient limb.

Anyway, they saved the trees. And in among the trees there are not only handsome homes but churches galore. I'm mentioning this is hot news, because I imagine it will be news to most of those who go to Reno. As a class, they aren't looking for trees and homes and churches.

"The Nevada gambling" To me it's a depressing sight. Nothing is sadder than to watch people GAMBLING FOR MONEY. There are a few happy souls, of course, who can gamble for fun. But they're a scarce species. Most of the gambling here is for the old mazuma — preferably in large quantities, for a small investment. The devotees of the goddess of chance want to drop a dollar in a slot machine and retire on the proceeds. Those who play the nickel machines have the same yen seen through the wrong end of the telescope.

Except for the occasional sunny-souled extrovert who lives for the fun he gets out of taking a chance, they gamble with hard, tense faces and those who are obviously gambling with the grocery store money are the hardest and tenses of all.

It gives me the heebie-jeebies to watch that kind.

The kinds of gambling? There are ALL kinds. But the slot machine is the Big Chief of the tribe. They have 'em in shoals — everywhere. A fairly recent racket is to group 'em in banks of four or five so that one player can monopolize the whole bank. If you want a dirty dollar in a slot machine and sink a knife in your back, just horn in on a row of lever-bands that is being milked by some get-rich-quick artist all by his little self!

You could probably steal his wife and he'd grin amiably. But just step up and slip a coin in one of the machines he regards as for the moment his own and the sparks begin to fly.

Gambling in Nevada, is big business. And, everything considered, I suppose that in Nevada it is a PAYING business. If you want to think straight, you have to remember that the bulk of the gambling money comes into Nevada from the outside. To that extent Nevada is like Monte Carlo. For centuries, outsiders have been pouring gambling money into Monte Carlo, and with nothing else to depend on Monte Carlo has done right well by itself all these years.

It's like a pool that is continually refreshed by a running stream. The incoming water more than makes up for what is lost by evaporation. It's the same with gambling money in Nevada. There's a new supply always flowing in.

Other states are beginning to look with envious eyes on what they imagine is the Nevada miracle. If called upon for advice, I think I'd say: "Nix, boys, nix! You ain't got what it takes. Without a perpetually flowing stream of suckers, you'd soon reach the point where you'd be just circulating your home money among yourselves WITH THE RACKETEERS CONSTANTLY ROBBING THE KITTY."

Without a constant and dependable stream of new suckers, the scheme won't work, any more than

mission Friday approved the plan which will go in effect May 23.

Two trains between Portland and California will be affected, the Shasta Daylight and the Cascade. The amount of charge will depend on the distance involved.

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Jackson County To Crack Down On School Truants

MEDFORD — (AP) — Jackson county's school truants are going to be kept under close attention in the future.

County Supt. Alf Mekvoid said today he was putting into effect an order prepared by his predecessor, C. R. Bowman, shortly before the latter's death. It sets up this policy: For the first unauthorized absence, a representative from the superintendent's office will call on the child's parents; for the second, the matter will be taken up in the office, and after that, if truancies continue, the parents will be haled into district court.

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