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REVIVE WHIPPING POST

By CHARLES V. STANTON

A few days ago we met up with a wrathful land owner, ready to toss the whole human race into the nearby river. And we can't say that we blame him in the least.

Someone had lined up beer bottles in the road over which he must drive his automobile and then had shattered the bottles with a target rifle.

His fence had been smashed down letting sheep into his bean crop.

Some person, with truck or trailer, had carted off several loads of choice river loam.

These "normal" depredations he might have taken in stride, but the "last straw" was placed on his back a few minutes before we saw him.

He had gone to the store, several miles distant, to get a can of coffee. As he returned, he saw a minor chore to be done. He put the can of coffee on a fence post and went a short distance to perform the little task. Upon his return, only a few minutes later, he found that someone had stolen his coffee.

If that isn't enough to make a man go for the old flintlock and start shooting up everything in sight, what does it take?

Property Rights Disgarded

What has happened to our respect for property rights? Only a few years ago a man's property was considered sacred. A man could leave his pocketbook on the wagon seat and no one would think of touching it.

It was traditional of the old west that cabin doors were never locked. A person in need of food or shelter was welcome to help himself. The only tradition to be observed was that wood and kindling be replaced.

Today's "New Westerner" probably would set fire to the house after he had finished with it.

We simply cannot understand the person who, after being permitted to enter upon private property for purposes of recreation, will deliberately and maliciously abuse the land owner's hospitality. Yet every farmer can tell of destruction, theft and vandalism by people who completely disregard the rights of ownership and the rules of common decency.

Most land owners are reluctant to deny the public enjoyment of recreational advantages their land affords. Yet no one can blame the man who erects trespass signs and shuts off access to fishing or hunting areas.

Sportsmen Working On Problem

It appears that a certain part of our population never develops a sense of consideration or respect for the rights of others. As population grows, these people become more and more of a nuisance, although their proportion to real sportsmen is small. But the actions of the few are damaging to the majority. Organized sportsmen are trying to help control the vandals. Unfortunately, efforts so far have been generally ineffectual.

People who will do these things have no sense of shame. No appeal will influence them, because their selfishness and lack of moral responsibility places them beyond any normal code of human behavior.

The only deterrent to their vandalism is fear of punishment. But they are hard to apprehend because of the stealth with which they act. When one is captured, however, it is our opinion that revival of the old-fashioned public whipping post is the only punishment commensurate with the crime.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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to learn is that when money is scarce and THINGS are plentiful we're apt to be plump and well fed whereas when things are scarce and money is plentiful we're apt to go hungry.

Paste this in your hat: Inflation makes THINGS scarcer. Inflation makes money more plentiful.

Inflation keeps prices GOING STEADILY UP and when prices go steadily up it's wonderful for speculators, who make money by buying cheap and selling high. But it's bad for the people, whose money won't buy as much as it used to.

You might paste this in your hat also:

The politicians can stop inflation any time they want to. But they can't stop inflation and keep prices going steadily up. When inflation is stopped PRICES GO DOWN. When prices go down, the speculators quit making easy money.

This tale, from Brescia, Italy, is intriguing:

Enzo Basile, 34, of Taranto, claimed a new world dancing record of 1228 hours — 51 days and two hours — today. Basile said he danced 16 hours more than a previous record set by Guido Amato of Naples. He danced with rests of 15 minutes every hour. His performance was under the control of a local committee.

"Doctors checked Basile's condition after he ended his performance. They said he gained two pounds since he started dancing July 21."

Is there anything wrong with dancing?

No, it's good, healthful exercise — although, of course, there is the experience of the grasshopper who danced away the happy hours of the summer while the grubby ant was spending his time storing away food. The grasshopper froze to death when winter came, while the ant retired to his food cellar.

and sat pretty while the cold winds howled up above.

But let's get back to Enzo Basile. As I understand it, he didn't get paid. He was just working for the glory. He seems to have got quite a lot of it, for the story has already gone all over the world and the next thing we know we'll be seeing Enzo on the newsreels — not to mention television.

Suppose he had set out to shatter the world's brickmaking record. That would have been USEFUL. Houses are scarce, all over the world. The more bricks, the more houses. Enzo, making bricks around the clock since July 21, would have been a real benefactor of mankind.

But would he have got world-wide publicity and acclaim? No. Nobody would have paid any attention to him. He'd never have been heard of outside his own neighborhood, and his neighbors would have regarded him as just another tightwad working himself to death to get rich.

That's life as we live it.

Davis Appeals Court Judgment

T. E. Davis Wednesday filed notice of appeal to the Oregon supreme court from a Douglas county circuit court judgment condemning about four acres of Davis' property near Scottsburg.

The suit for condemnation had been filed by the State highway commission for relocation of a section of the Umpqua highway. A jury had awarded Davis \$2,500 compensation for the condemned land.

However, Davis had requested \$10,750 as the value of the land, plus \$7,000 damages.

On July 3 Davis filed a motion for a new trial claiming irregularities of court proceedings and errors in law. The motion for new trial was denied by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

The Why Of The Grip This Hand Has On The Russians



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — Communism is as much of a horror to decent people in Europe as it is in the U.S.A. Consequently in talking to diplomats and others in Europe Communism was almost invariably discussed.

The consensus in Europe is that U.S. State department officials know little of what Communism is or that they are the most frightening collection of dupes in diplomatic history.

Embassies abroad for years got a constant barrage of unsolicited opinion from U. S. officials in respect to the revolution in China, just to take an example. They were told, as were the American people, that the Reds in China were harmless, garden variety Communists with no ties to the Soviet Union.

Smart diplomats in Europe knew better and wondered if U.S. State department officials are unable to read or just plain dumb. Here is one reason:

Back in 1927, when Bolshevik activities in China really got going, a few smart anti-Communist Chinese stationed in Peking decided to examine Red espionage in detail. They raided the Soviet military attaché's office in Peking on April 6, 1927. What they found was later published and distributed abroad to all friendly countries, including the U. S. A. In fact, a number of State department officials in China got some of the data first hand.

You'd think that anyone getting paid in the State department as a "China expert" would have read the Peking raid papers. Without having done so, it would be impossible to know what the Russians were up to in China. But even so, U. S. officials kept on calling the Chinese Reds simple reformers, until Russia got a tight and bloody grasp on the country.

I can't quote in full from the most important document seized from the Russians in Peking, but I can give you a few pertinent paragraphs, so you can make up your own mind whether or not the Chinese Communists were reformers or paid Soviet Russian agents. For the benefit of the department I'll make available the Peking raid reports so they can brush up on what is and has been going on in China for the past 24 years. Here is a sample:

"Document K, very confidential. Sitting on the commission on Chinese affairs, Peking August 4, 1928. Present: Comrades Unsicht, Chicherin, Bubnoff, Trilser, Radek, Kopp, Solovoff, Melnikoff, Louguva, Gouzar and Gails. "The commission is of the opinion that the situation in China dictates the following basic military and political tasks to the people's army:

"A: to hold the province of Chahar; B: to recommence negotiations with Mukden in order to have a respite and the possibility of taking up again the active struggle against Chihli; to supply Feng with three armored cars, to supply a loan and to take urgent and strict measures to improve the accounts and the safeguarding of ammunition and arms at Kalgan."

There are dozens of other notations seized after the Soviet comrades got through with their meeting, all of which allude to work assigned to Communists inside China. In one instance spies were instructed to improve their work at Ointon, the infiltration of the loyal Chinese armies was ordered stepped up and the Chinese school in Moscow was pronounced effective and ordered enlarged.

This is just a sample of one of hundreds of documents seized from the Russians and distributed

Separate Peace Between Japan, China Disputed

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — A British and an American delegate to the Japanese peace conference are not agreed on the probability of a separate peace treaty between Japan and Communist China.

Kenneth C. Younger, chief British spokesman at last week's conference, declared in a radio broadcast Sunday night that such a treaty is "inevitable."

Twenty-four hours earlier, also in a radio broadcast, America's ambassador at large and chief architect of the Japanese peace treaty, John Foster Dulles, said a treaty between Japan and Red China is "neither probable nor necessary."

Great Britain recognized the Chinese Communist regime. The United States does not.

Treaty Prohibited

Dulles pointed out that under terms of the treaty signed here Saturday by defeated Japan and 48 nations which technically were at war with her, Japan is prohibited from entering into any treaty giving any other nation a more favored position than the United States.

Although Younger sees a Japanese-Chinese treaty as "inevitable," he said it may not come "for ten or perhaps even 20 years."

At any rate, Younger said, no one can rule out the possibility of a large commercial arrangement, which might lead to a political arrangement between Japan and the mainland of Asia.

Younger said the treaty signed here "says, in effect, that the eventual relations of those two countries, Japan and China, are going to be determined by those two countries themselves — and quite freely so — in the light of the interests of those countries."

M'Cormick Papers Blasted By Morse

WASHINGTON (R-Ore) — Senator Morse (R-Ore) said in a Senate speech Tuesday the Chicago Tribune and the Washington Times-Herald practice "yellow journalism" and speak for "American Fascism."

Morse, who is often at odds with the GOP leadership, inserted in the Congressional Record copies of editorials in which the two newspapers had called him a "Republican in name only."

He said the editorials had suggested that other Republican senators "ought to have a caucus and read me out of the party." He added:

"They aren't going to buy that bill of goods. They are smarter politicians than that." Declaring "I am glad to pay my disrespect" to both newspapers, Morse told the Senate they "ought to have the Republican party become the sponsor of all-out war in Asia." At the same time, he contended, both papers urge a course "of isolationism" toward Europe.

Morse said he would be glad to "face the Republican voters" on any issue in which he and the two newspapers were on opposite sides of the fence.

Col. Robert H. McCormick, editor and publisher of both newspapers, commented in Chicago that "he is a New Deal liar."

Dauchy said Tabor asked, "Is my wife dead?" A blood covered knife was found under the front seat of the car. The Tabor's had been married about a year and a half. They came to Vancouver from Minnesota with Mrs. Tabor's parents a year ago. A charge of first degree murder has been filed against Tabor. He will be arraigned in Washington justice court before the weekend.

Mt. Katmai, Alaska, showered dust 900 miles away when it erupted in 1912.

Critical Water Conditions Might Cripple Defense

TACOMA — (AP) — If water conditions in the Northwest should approach the "critical" stage this winter, the result would be almost catastrophic upon important defense production in the area, a defense electric power administration official said here.

Speaking before a meeting of representatives of all the public and private electric utility companies in Washington and Oregon, Kenneth Whitaker, deputy administrator of the DEPA said:

"If a critical flow should occur, the amount of electric energy use which would have to be curtailed would be approximately equal to the amount of power consumed by the cities of Tacoma and Seattle, between 600,000 and 800,000 kilowatts per day."

Whitaker pointed out, however, that all care and attention would be taken to keep any industry from being curtailed or shut down if such a move would adversely affect the economy of the area.

He did not mention specific industries or plants slated for a power cutback if a curtailment became necessary.

Plan For Worst

He made it clear that in the event of very low water conditions, defense production in the area as well as other industries would be materially cut back. He explained that even with all possible curtailment of domestic and ordinary commercial use of electricity, the savings would not be sufficient to meet the problem.

Whitaker said that while no one at this time could predict the coming fall and winter power situation, both defense and power system representatives were agreed it is necessary to plan for the worst eventually in order to best protect defense production and essential civilian services with the least impact on the northwest economy.

The power official said a tentative order had been prepared which would provide a method of controlling the use of electricity by large consumers if it should become necessary. The order also would restrict use of electricity for signs, street lighting, decorative lighting and other less essential purposes.

Benefit Lecture Slated At Wallowa By Douglas

WALLOWA — (AP) — Justice William O. Douglas of the United States supreme court will give a benefit lecture here Thursday for the Wallowa Memorial hospital.

Justice Douglas with his wife and daughter is spending a few days at his summer cabin on the Lostine river near here.

Douglas will show films of his recent trip to the Middle East.



"Just tell Maupin where you want the house, and then go away and leave him to do it. Don't try to tell him how..." was the advice Mr. Bitwuns received from several friends when it came time to level a place in the hill for the new house. Seems we man undertook to tell Alvin Maupin of Drain, how to do the job and was invited to get into the seat and do it himself, and that wasn't so good. One really needs a little practice, before doing a job like that with a "blade."

So in due time the site was beautifully prepared by an artist at the job. All the Bitwuns had to do was find a builder — and move in sometime before Oct. 15. Mr. Bitwuns, armed with four sets of blueprints for which he had paid \$25, chatted cozily with several builders. Now Mr. B had sold houses from blueprints and he viewed with surprise the casual attitude of the builder: "Tell you what. These blueprints are fine. But by the time we change this and change that, I'd just as soon start with a rough sketch of what you want, and go on from there. Small house like yours — don't need blueprints, you know."

The moment came to "stake out the house." Mrs. Bitwuns was flattered to receive a pressing invitation to be present. But when she found it was her privilege to "line up the front of the house" — and there was nothing whatever to line it up with, she began to see a light. That done, it was plain her help was no longer needed. This gave her time to look once more at a snapshot she had happened to put in her purse, a former home. Suddenly she knew. She just couldn't stand the idea of that gabled porch jutting out in front. She lamented, and to her delight, the obliging listeners "moved" the porch to the west end.

This so encouraged her that she wished she could have the house about eight feet nearer the front where the earth dropped off in a neat line. The two men muttered together and jerked up the stakes. Mrs. Bitwuns, happy over the restoration of the space behind the house, retired to the

car. But not before she heard the builder say with a grin, to Mr. Bitwuns, "This is why I always want the wife along when the house is staked out. It's easier to move things around now than later."

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