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## KEEP STRONG DEFENSE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Politicians are bleating about reductions in military spending. Even administration spokesmen have joined the chorus. Because we didn't have a war in 1951, we are told, our position is improved and we can cut expenses.

Why the sudden shift? Only a few months ago the propaganda was strongly favoring more and more military expenditures. Now we're getting the program back in complete reverse. One commentator said the propaganda switch, particularly when it has administration leaders as spokesmen, must be embarrassing to the President. But when was the President embarrassed by changing directions, if it became politically expedient to do so?

Last year the President was very irritated when Congress insisted on cutting the largest budget in our national history. Now he is reported to be preparing a budget message of very conservative tone.

Don't forget this is presidential election year. Just as children become awfully good immediately before Christmas, politicians do their best to please their political Santa Claus. So, because the politicians think economy is a popular pre-election theme, we'll be hearing plenty of economy ballyhoo. And, because the American people have traditionally opposed large military expenditures, we can expect loud drum-beating for a reduction of the military budget.

### Must Not Endanger Defense

We favor a very substantial cut in our national budget, but not at the expense of our defense program. True, we should eliminate waste and extravagance.

Representative Norblad has been exposing expensive duplications and wastes. His program is constructive. He recently pointed out, for instance, that suspender buttons are sewn on uniform trousers, but galluses are not permitted as part of the uniform. Many dollars could be saved by eliminating those unnecessary buttons. We find a vast amount of costly duplication and red tape in the military department. Millions of dollars could be saved if more businesslike control were to be exercised. We heartily approve of any economies obtainable in our military organization without endangering our military strength. We believe, however, it would be a mistake to reduce our budget for military expenditures to the point where our ability to fight defensive war would be lowered.

We made the mistake of disarming too soon after the last war. We have had a hard and costly struggle to reactivate our military machine. We still have far to go before we are militarily strong enough to discourage our potential enemies from pushing us around.

### Patience Versus Impatience

We are at times a very impatient people. We object to being kept in a constant state of tension. When faced with a disagreeable task we like to get the job finished quickly.

On the other hand, we are confronted with an enemy having unlimited patience. Time means nothing. The objective is the thing. If it takes ten, a dozen or twenty years to reach that objective, the people of the countries opposed to our democratic ideology are willing to wait.

Despite our impatience, time is working on our side. Every day we can postpone war is a gain in the possibility of avoiding war. But this is true only if, in the meantime, we keep ourselves strong and steadily improve our military position. Thus it would be very poor policy, we believe, to lower our military budget so far that our defensive strength would be affected.

We believe our politicians are fully aware of this situation and that when the showdown comes the military departments will get all the money they actually need. We imagine the talk we hear today is simply political propaganda.

If the politicians, who are so suddenly reversing themselves to climb on the economy bandwagon, are actually sincere in their determination to cut budgets, we believe they can find plenty of places in our towering, spendthrift bureaucracy to chisel off a few dollars without hurting the country.

**Scraps From the MENDING BASKET**  
 by Vahnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

Since the Christmas Greetings to the readers of this column may have gone astray in the mail, I shall repeat the quotation, and add a hope you did have a lovely holiday season. Quotation was in the Forest Log:

At Christmastime, these are things I know:  
 Fragrance of pine; air frosted, keen with snow  
 Laughter of children, raised in glad surprise;  
 Breathless expectancy; the smiling eyes  
 Of Friends with gifts white clad and ribbon tied;  
 Odor of good things cooking. These abide  
 The dearest things in all the earth:  
 Home, and the loved ones, friendship, song, and mirth.  
 'Tis on more wood—the wind is chill;  
 But let it whistle as it will,  
 We'll keep our Christmas merry still.

If I could have done so, I would have written a little note of thanks to each of the readers who has written or spoken to me inspiring encouraging words that made me feel that the Mending Basket

### Adm. Spruance Said Next Ambassador To Philippines

WASHINGTON (AP)—Retired Admiral Raymond A. Spruance was reported Friday to be President Truman's choice as the new ambassador to the Philippines.  
 He had a meeting Thursday with Secretary of State Acheson and informed sources said he has indicated he would accept the post, as successor to Ambassador Myron Coven.  
 Spruance, now 65, retired three years ago after a Naval career which include the post war command of the Pacific fleet, and since has made his home at Del Monte, Calif.

## Our Changing World

JUST A FEW, SHORT YEARS AGO



## Fulton Lewis Jr.

### WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — President Truman will set the political pace for 1952 when he delivers his state of the union and budget message to Congress early this month.

White House reports are that Mr. Truman will demand another \$80,000,000,000 in cash to run his administration, a slight drop below previous estimates. But the odds are that he won't get even this amount. Several congressional committees are set to expose waste in domestic defense spending as well as corruption and waste abroad.

In his state of the union message, Mr. Truman once more will wrap up his Fair Deal into a single package, with demands for congressional action that will please as many political factions as possible throughout the country. The trimming on this bundle will be a resounding promise for a government housecleaning, including demands for corrective legislation and authority for a non-political committee to do the job.

It is a better than average prediction that Congress will ignore this demand, too, and if so it will light the fuse for the political explosions to come. In its present mood, Congress is not inclined to turn over to the administration any of its investigative powers. There are too many current examples of what happens when the administration too many memorable presidential descriptions, such as "red herring," and "asinine."

Corruption in government of course, will be the congressional keynote for 1952. The office of the alien property custodian is high on the list; so is the department of Agriculture. Both are juicy targets for congressional airing of administration sleight of hand with public funds. The bureau of internal revenue, the Justice department and many dealings in the war assets administration are still listed as unfinished business. So are contributions to the Democratic national committee from those who cleaned up on the inside track as administration favorites.

By now, 1952 looks like a re-run of 1951. But there will be this difference. It's a presidential election year and would-be candidates will be special targets of White House and congressional abuse. And the air will be filled with political promises along with political explanations of past mistakes.  
 As voters, however, we have two obligations that ought to be numbers one and two on our list of new year resolutions. The first is to sift facts out of the hot air; the second, to vote. Both are vital, but voting is the most important since it is the only method of action left to those of us who are serious about the nation's future. And that should include 99 and 99-100 percent of the voting population.  
 Each state, and sometimes each county within the state, has distinct rules and regulations of eligibility for voters. In most instances the start of 1952 will not be too early to determine the steps each of us must take in order to vote next November.

For this reason, in response to requests that reach me and as a public service, this space from time to time in the future will be devoted to explaining what needs to be done in each state in order to vote.  
 Public scandals and crude political favoritism have created much of the news that I have dealt with during 1951, but it is meaningless unless it results in action by those of us who have earned the right, as American citizens, to vote.

### In the Day's News

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the regularly established law enforcement agencies?

Or are we just whipping the devil of gambling law enforcement around the stump by pretending that gambling is illegal in Oregon ONLY when it is done in places where intoxicating liquor is sold?

I'd like to call your attention here to Section 4 of Article XV of the constitution of the State of Oregon. It reads:

"Lotteries, and the sale of lottery tickets, for any purpose whatever, are PROHIBITED, and the legislative assembly shall PREVENT the same by penal laws."

That prohibition has never been repealed. It is still in the fundamental law of our state. Lotteries are ILLEGAL in Oregon. You just can't get around that. Our basic law says plainly that they shall be prevented.

We don't need to empower the liquor control commission to prevent them in taverns, or elsewhere. All that is needed under the law is to call in the police, whose business it is to enforce the law.

But, you may say, the LETTER of the basic law prohibits only LOTTERIES.

All right. Since we're dealing here with a principle, let's go into that. Webster defines a lottery thus: "A scheme for the distribution of prizes by lot; especially such a scheme in which lots, or chances, are sold. Figuratively, an affair of chance."

Did you ever see a punchboard? Normally, it is a piece of thin material in which a lot of holes are bored. In the holes are little pieces of paper with numbers or symbols on them. You are SOLD the right to punch out these little pieces of paper, at so much per punch, with a nail or a wire or some other jigger. If you punch out the right one, you get a prize.

If that isn't a lottery, what IS a lottery? Why go around Robin Hood's barn to relieve the police authorities from their responsibility to deal with it as the law decrees and place that responsibility on the shoulders of the liquor commission?

I realize, of course, that I'm using up reams of space in dealing with what quibblers might term a triviality. But it doesn't seem to me that LAW ENFORCEMENT is or can be trivial. If you trifle with law enforcement, on whatever pretext, you inevitably build up DISRESPECT FOR LAW. Without respect for law, how can we have honest government?

Here's what I'm driving at: All over Oregon (as well as elsewhere) there is disrespect for the laws forbidding gambling. I think that in Oregon (as well as elsewhere) we'd better DECIDE WHAT WE WANT. If we're to keep our state HONEST, we must either repeal the anti-gambling laws or we must ENFORCE THEM.

Here's a troublesome question: If the state of Oregon isn't going to be honest, how can it expect its CITIZENS to be honest?

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### J. E. Simmons, Teacher At Oregon State, Dies

CORVALLIS (AP)—J. E. Simmons, 60, head of the bacteriology department at Oregon State College, died Sunday of a heart attack at his beach home on Alsea Bay near Waldport.

Simmons, on the OSC staff for 32 years, was stricken while moving a log that had washed up on the beach near his cottage. He died at once.

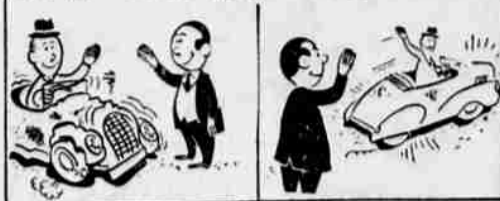
A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, he came to Oregon State as a professor in 1919. He became head of the department in 1949. Simmons served as a lieutenant in the Army's sanitary corps in World War I.

The widow, one sister and three brothers survive.

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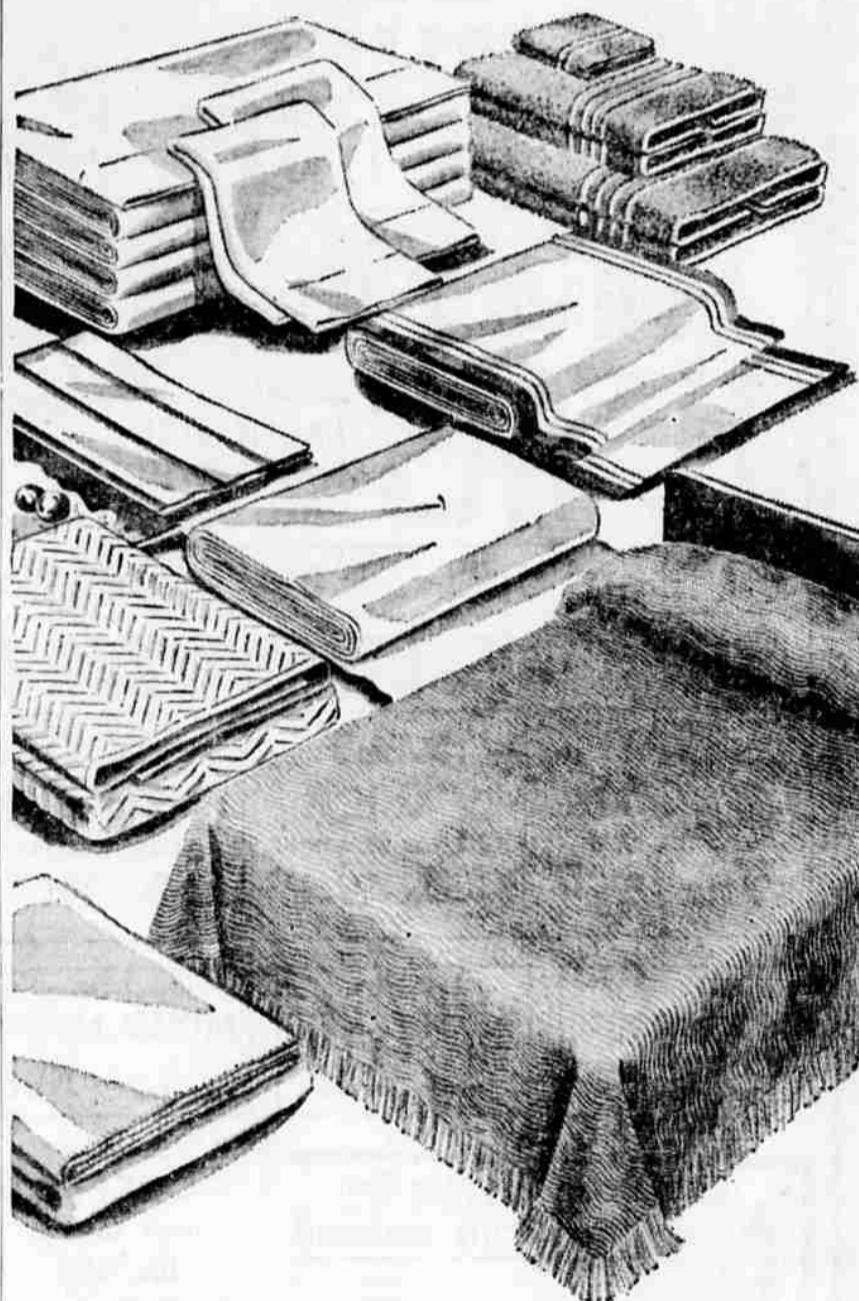
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