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THE OTHER SIDE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Normally we toss anonymous or unsigned correspondence in the wastepaper basket. Our editorial rules call for identification of all communications addressed to the newspaper.

However, we have received an unsigned letter obviously written in all sincerity. While the writer's identity would have been protected had he so requested, nevertheless we can understand his desire for anonymity. So, for once, we are breaking our own rule to use this communication.

Our correspondent writes:

I have just completed reading the "Delinquency Row" column in your Tuesday edition. Being a juvenile myself, my interest has been aroused and I have a few comments to make.

I am 18 years old and a senior at the high school. I am a member of the Naval Reserve Unit and I suppose that I should tell you that I smoke. I have excessive use of a car. I do not drink.

In your article you left me with the impression that all teenagers in general who drive cars are a menace to society; that any teenager who drives a car will sooner or later end up a juvenile delinquent. I fully resent your publishing that the teenagers get into cars merely for the purpose of getting away from home so that they may buy liquor and get "boozed up," as your paper so affably puts it. This is not true. The teenagers of today have a better sense of pride, understanding and self control than our elders care to give us credit for.

It was stated that in your time the youths rode horses or walked. That is one of the main problems of today. There are too many "old fogies" who refuse to advance with the times. It is our elders who granted us the privilege of obtaining drivers' licenses when we are 16. Now the same element complains because we drive.

I stated earlier that I smoke. I do. But I don't consider myself a juvenile delinquent because of it. I would say that there is an average of three out of five senior boys that do smoke. I would like to know what harm there is in it for us that did not harm the past generation. It has no disturbing effects as does alcohol. I believe that if you would check in your own generation you'd find that the majority of you began smoking at the same age we do.

You have admitted that liquor is easy to obtain. You have admitted that a lot of delinquency is the fault of the parents. Why don't you do something? Don't tell us about it. Get out of your swivel chairs and act. Why don't you stop the easy flow of liquor to teenagers? When you begin to admit that it is your own generation that is causing much of the delinquency, your argument is pretty weak.

The main trouble is that adults don't give us a chance. There are a lot of them who begin thinking the worst the minute a girl begins going with boys. Especially if she continues going with one boy or changes to a different one each evening. That makes a fine viewpoint!

We have a member of our faculty who questions girls who have persistent absences as to whether or not they are pregnant. She even goes so far as to request a doctor's examination. Isn't it nice when a girl can't check out of school without one of her superiors charging her with pregnancy? This is out of her line of work. Even if the girls were pregnant it would be none of her business. The act causing pregnancy did not take place in school.

If we were to live up to our elders' standards I'm afraid that we'd be much worse off than we already are. When you were our age, your elders said the same thing you are saying about us. Still you managed very well. Give us a chance! It's our superiors who are causing most of their own grief, so let them squabble among themselves and let us alone for awhile.

The letter is signed "An Agitated Reader." His letter indicates his agitation. Doubtless he speaks the opinions of a large number of his age group.

We believe he expresses some mighty sound arguments. Space does not permit comment on his views today. We will endeavor to analyze this letter in tomorrow's column.

We would, however, like to make one comment today. Our correspondent is in error when he ascribes to this newspaper the opinions quoted in "Delinquency Row." Every opinion given was that of some person qualified to speak with authority on the subject and the source of that opinion was identified. Newspaper readers commonly make the mistake of crediting to the newspaper any opinions contained in news items. We point out, as we have many times previously, that the only place the opinions of this newspaper are to be found is in this column. Opinionated items may appear in the news columns, but in all cases sources of those opinions are identified. We may or may not agree. We hope all our readers will keep this fact in mind, particularly during the coming political campaign.

Almost Any Dark Night Now



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — A wage Stabilization Board panel has made pikers out of union leaders in the aircraft industry.

In a recent decision in which economic factors were largely abandoned for a philosophic discussion of the government's obligations to the working man, the WSB panel recommended a bigger pay hike than the union had been demanding.

The company involved is the Wright aeronautical division of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation. The union is the UAW-CIO, local 689, at Woodridge, New Jersey. The WSB report with its recommendation for an increase in wages of 12 cents an hour — one cent more than the union sought in a final compromise offer — was filed by Harry Shulman, chairman and public member of the panel that studied the case.

Shulman admitted, however, that since the pay hike is predicated on the distribution scale of skilled workers, the increases recommended will average 14.4 cents per hour — actually more than three cents per hour higher than the union requested.

Shulman said that the recommendation is "fully within current stabilization policies." He said that these policies not only permit wages to keep pace with the cost of living, but they also indicate that it is fair and equitable that wages should so keep pace.

With this on the books there is no longer much need for collective bargaining conferences between management and labor. His report states that this proceeding on different theories and have not locked horns or produced evidence on the same issue. It will probably surprise no one that we find their theories and evidence quite unsatisfactory and insufficient to support their conclusions.

Both union and management officials produced voluminous documents and numerous arguments in support of their opposing views. But they apparently were all nonsense to the WSB. Its decision should be a hint to other labor-management disputes to save their time and money. The WSB will do the deciding, come what may.

In fact, Shulman even made it plain. He told me that the company for the WSB panel to recommend a general wage increase in excess of 11 cents which the union offered to accept during the strike. This was no deterrent to the WSB. The report contains this startling conclusion:

"It is surely not good policy for a disputes tribunal to be bound by prior offers of compromise. Such prior offers of compromise are

generally not even admissible as evidence in court litigation." Now let's sit back and wait. WSB ruling in which a union is awarded less than it asks, instead of more!

There was another issue involved in the aircraft plant labor dispute. It was over a pension plan, and the union in this case is willing to resume negotiations on the subject. The WSB found this an admirable desire and stated that there is little need to argue the desirability of a negotiated pension plan in a major company in American industry. I concur. But no plan should be ordered into effect until the company's position is given consideration. It was not by the WSB. Instead, it was rejected as unworthy of consideration. It is a pity that the vast expansion in employment made this an inappropriate time to institute a pension program and that it would be better to wait for a more nearly normal period of employment.

It seems to me the company has a point, even if the WSB dismisses it summarily. The aircraft industry is probably expanding more rapidly now than any other U. S. industry. The big buildup, however, is not going to last forever. When employment in the industry begins to shrink, pension rolls could contain more hired hands than the company's income can support. By then, of course, the WSB will no longer be in existence, so the company's eventual fate is not a matter of concern to it.

Shulman not only believes this, he says it: "The board would be robbed of the means for effectiveness if it were confined to a choice between positions of the parties as stated at a particular time. Its task of recommending 'fair and equitable terms of settlement' requires imagination and creativity, as well as a judiciousness." You can say that again.

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily On KRNR, 9:15 P. M.

Fluoridation Given Okay Of Dental Assn.

WASHINGTON — The American Dental Association assured Congress Thursday that fluoridation of community water to check tooth decay has been proved safe "beyond any reasonable doubt."

"Medical, as well as dental scientists, are convinced of its complete safety," said Dr. J. Roy Doty of Chicago, secretary of the Association's Council on Dental Therapeutics.

Dr. Doty testified before a House committee investigating the addition of chemicals to food and drink. He said: "There is more scientific evidence available to substantiate the safety of adding controlled amounts of fluorides to water than there is for the addition of any chemical to a food or food product."

The American Dental Association in 1950 officially endorsed fluoridation of municipal water as a natural method of checking tooth decay.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

(Continued from Page One)

as honest and dependable in the past as this man Luvaas turned out to be?

Another thought—less pleasing: Our ancestors walked because they didn't have automobiles to ride in. We of the present day are finding that we have to walk because there isn't any place left to park our automobiles.

Politics:

A county-by-county newspaper estimate of popular sentiment in New Hampshire indicated today that General Eisenhower is holding a narrow and possibly shaky margin over Senator Taft in the battle for Republican votes in the state's Presidential primary election on March 11.

"The editors agreed that Taft has made long gains during the past weeks after a late start in organizing. Originally Eisenhower was considered an overwhelming favorite in New Hampshire."

General Eisenhower is running under almost impossible conditions. As soldier, he has never talked enough about politics and civilian government to give the general run of people an understanding of what he believes and what he stands for.

As a soldier in uniform, HE CAN'T TALK NO—and because of the increasing gravity of the military situation in Western Europe it seems utterly unlikely that he will have any opportunity to talk to the people about his views and his beliefs ahead of the Republican national convention next summer.

His political backers in this country are aware of this situation and are worried about it. But like himself is DOING HIS DUTY IN EUROPE and keeping his mouth

strictly shut on political matters—as a soldier in uniform MUST DO.

If the situation in Western Europe remains as critical as it is now, I think it can be taken for granted that we will hear nothing more from General Eisenhower about politics.

He is a good soldier and an honorable man whose conception of duty is that it is something to be done to the best of his ability—regardless of the cost to his own personal fortunes.

More Washington Politics: "Senator Russell of Georgia entering the Democratic presidential race may have snatched the Dixie banner from Tennessee's candidate, Senator Kefauver."

"Moreover, Russell is seen AS A THREAT TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN himself if the President decides to run again."

As between Russell and Kefauver there isn't much to be said at this moment and at this distance. They are both good men, and only one can be nominated.

But the fact that two good Democrats are willing to brave the President's ire and run for the Democratic nomination without his blessing is a political fact of very great importance.

You've heard, probably, of dynamic succession—which is a historically ancient scheme of royalty to KEEP THE POWER IN ONE SET OF HANDS.

Well— If each President CAN NAME HIS SUCCESSOR, we shall have DYNASTIC SUCCESSION right in the United States of America. Both Kefauver and Russell are challenging the right of the President of the United States to name his successor. That's why their candidacies are important.

Free World Said Winning Battle For Men's Minds Despite Billions Spent In 'Hate America' Campaign

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — The man running the American official overseas "Campaign of Truth" for the past two years says positively that the free world is winning the battle for men's minds.

Edward W. Barrett wound up two years as assistant secretary of state by declaring that to contend otherwise is "defeatist poppycock."

Such a judgment unfortunately is not susceptible to definite proof. Barrett could get an argument from critics of the State Department and Congress—and from Moscow.

Almost as Barrett spoke, John Foster Dulles, Republican State Department adviser, declared in a separate speech that the outlook is discouraging because the West is "frightened and on the defensive in the face of Soviet Communism."

And President Milton Eisenhower of Pennsylvania State College complained that we are using "pop guns and pea shooters" to counter Soviet propaganda.

It is too early to tell. But one thing is sure: the propaganda phase of the cold war is entering a stage of even more bitter intensity. The trend may become clearer later on.

More Millions Asked The State Department has just gone up to Congress with a request for 170 million dollars for the "truth campaign" next year, which is about double the amount voted last fall.

Included is 20 million for unidentified special projects, and 36 million for new radio equipment to carry the Voice of America to Soviet bloc listeners regardless of Red jamming.

New work is going forward on two new transmitters—one on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts—described as the world's most powerful. A former Coast Guard ship has just been fitted out to serve as a floating radio relay station.

The entire information program has just been reorganized, giving it a new status semi-independent of the State Department. Wilson of Washington State College, is in charge.

All along because it has been radio, largely stress it can reach behind the Iron Curtain. Cooperation Growing But in border lands, what may

Ban On Shabby Yule Trees, Aim Of Growers

TACOMA, Wash. — Western Washington and Oregon Christmas tree growers are considering a tree-grading program designed to keep poor trees off the market.

Growers' representatives meeting here Thursday named a committee to work on a program and report its findings at another conference in September.

U. S. Forester Martin Severson of Portland told the group shipping top sided, scrubby and off-color trees to other states "degrades the good trees and gives this state a bad name."

French Cabinet Falls In Defense Taxing Dispute

PARIS (AP) — France's 19th cabinet since liberation stumbled and fell Friday and President Auriol immediately began a search for the statesmen and money which will enable the country to play the big Western defense role given her at Lisbon.

Premier Faure was ousted from his 40-day-old premiership in the early hours of this morning by an adverse vote of the National Assembly.

The assembly first pledged him the money for the new four billion dollar defense program by an overwhelming majority but then it rejected his plan for paying the bill.

Only 104 Communists and fellow-travelers voted against the appropriation.

But right-wingers joined them in turning down a 15 per cent tax increase, of which Faure had said "every centime" would go for new military expenses.

There was no indication that French participation in the North Atlantic Treaty would be affected.

Only the Communists are asking for a change in foreign policy, and they are isolated from the other parties.

A French official commented that Faure and Foreign Minister Robert Schuman had gone to Lisbon after a vote of support from the Assembly. He said he saw no reason why that support should now be questioned.

How to pay for it, however, was another question.

Senate Prunes House Pay Raise For Servicemen

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Armed Services Committee Friday approved a cost-of-living increase for American servicemen. But it was a vastly different bill from the House-approved measure which provided for a flat 10 per cent pay boost.

Chairman Russell (D-Ga.) said the committee "re-wrote" the House bill with a resulting estimated annual savings of 375 million dollars.

Russell said the Senate bill would give 3,600,000 service men — from private to general — a 3 per cent increase in base pay and larger increases for food and rental in allowances from voted by the House to those with families or dependents.

Russell said the flat 10 per cent "across the board" House bill would have cost an estimated \$80 million dollars a year compared with 475 million under the Senate bill.

"This," he said, "is much nearer an actual cost-of-living increase."

Military pay often consists of three items: Base pay, subsistence (food allowance) and quarters (rental allowance).

Russell said the Senate bill would allow an Army private and corresponding lowest ranks in other services an increase of \$2.25 a month on his present \$75 pay, compared with a \$7.50 increase in the House bill.

Generals and admirals who would get increases in base pay of about \$100 monthly under the House bill, would receive only about \$30 more under the Senate version.

Communist Revolution In Japan Outlined

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Education Association's Legislative Committee announced plans Friday to submit a proposed constitutional amendment to limit state property taxes to six mills a year.

The measure, submitted by the legislature, will be on the November ballot.

The committee said it fears that the measure would automatically repeal the state basic school law, under which the state pays a big share of education costs.

Oregon hasn't had a state property tax for 12 years, because income tax collections have been large enough to wipe out the tax.

But, since income tax surpluses are about used up, a state property tax beginning in 1953 is likely, unless the 1953 legislature finds other sources of revenue.

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"Scratch Moire" is quite serviceable, but is only semi-permanent. It too, is celanese or nylon, but the design usually comes in small "repeating" patterns.

For the rest, the regenerated rayon moires, the silk moires, and most of the cotton moires are not permanent, and will lose that much valued design upon cleaning. There is one permanent cotton moire. Its effect is produced by embossing a plastic coating on the fabric and curing at high temperatures.

We believe your merchant should tell you whether the moire is silk, celanese, regenerated rayon, or permanent cotton. If he cannot assure you of the permanency of the design, you may be quite sure it will perish in cleaning.

Our frank recommendation is DON'T BUY ANY BUT PERMANENT COTTON, CELANESE OR NYLON MOIRES. After all, you buy them for the design, so why bother, if, after the first cleaning, the design has vanished.

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When Mrs. In, on or at Cedar Hill, who lives in, on or at Cedar Hill, queried: "What has happened to Mr. Bitwuns?" . . . We haven't heard anything about him since the time the ladder slipped. . . I decided to interview Mrs. Bitwuns. Apparently Mr. Bitwuns has many friends in Douglas County, for letters mention him. But does anybody ever show any concern about Mrs. Bitwuns? I'll say they don't. And she takes a chance every time she furnishes me with a little Bitwuns news. Oh well, never mind. . . The other day, said Mrs. Bitwuns, Algonern deposited her at a school in a nearby town where she was to attend a meeting. "Now remember," said he, "You've told me to be here at 3:30. And I'll be here at 3:30 sharp, unless, of course, you phone me

someone is bringing you home." It was a nice meeting. And the cherry pie for lunch was delicious. After the meeting there was the usual hubbub of farewells. There was no one going her way, but a couple of friends insisted they would drive her into town. Mrs. Bitwuns thought it an imposition but finally she said she would be delighted, and they set out. Suddenly Mrs. Bitwuns remembered she hadn't phone Algonern. . . oh, well, it really didn't matter. If they met him she would wave madly and the driver would honk. Algonern, flattered down, would stop. She would change cars she exclaimed: "Oh, here he comes!" But the oncoming car shot right on by. . . "Right kind of car all right, and the right color, and I guess

you know your man," said the driver. "But he didn't look like Mr. Bitwuns to me! Well, we'll turn around. . . At the starting point — no Algonern! So away they went once more. A couple of miles — and this time it really was Algonern! Business of honking and waving. . . "Well, it was Mr. Bitwuns all right this time. Guess he just didn't see us. Soon as we can turn around we'll go back to the school again. . . There at the school was the car. Mr. Bitwuns was inside the building, hunting his wife. Mrs. Bitwuns presented herself with a welcoming smile, ignoring the flabbergasted look on her husband's face. "I thought you were going to be here?" . . . said Mrs. Bitwuns. "I'm here, darling," said Matilda.