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## A COSTLY LESSON

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We are well aware, looking backward, that our most serious mistake following World War II was hasty demobilization of our armed forces. Had we maintained those forces until world conditions were adjusted, we probably would not have the continuing war of nerves that has since plagued us, nor the current "police action" in Korea.

A large part of the world's population, having been held under oppression for centuries, is impressed only by power. This includes the now bullying Soviet bloc, dominated by its Communist masters. If we were strong militarily, the Kremlin would be much more cautious about stirring up trouble.

In our own impetuous way, however, we insisted that demobilization proceed as rapidly as possible. We placed reliance in air power. Our Air Force had so battered our enemies in both tactical and strategic warfare that we formed the opinion we needed nothing more than a strong air force to win any war of the future. Added to our confidence was our exclusive possession of the atomic bomb. We felt we were secure.

How sadly we have been disillusioned! The A-bomb is no longer our exclusive weapon. Our air strength is being definitely challenged in Korea. In fact, if we are to judge from meager bits of news getting past censors, we're taking a whipping in the air over Korea. We are told that Russian planes are superior to our own, although this may be only a propaganda device to keep us amenable to demands from a profligate administration for more and more money.

### Air Losses Increasingly Heavy

Our daily dispatches from the Korean front tell us thrilling stories of air victories; of destruction of Russian-built planes in air duels. But occasionally we get a more or less obscure item concerning our own losses, and from them we learn that we are losing many more planes than is the enemy. We are told that our planes are not being beaten by other planes in air combat, but are being destroyed by accurate anti-aircraft fire from the ground—anti-aircraft guns; incidentally, built on plans stolen by Communist spies from the United States.

The fact that our air power is failing to win the victory we had expected from it comes from no lack of adequate financing. Our huge, wasteful military expenditures have provided so much money for the Air Force that not all of it could be spent. Our domestic economy is feeling the effects of inability of our military department to spend the money allotted to it.

The government, for example, contracted large purchases of plywood. But it couldn't use all the plywood it had ordered. It canceled contracts with the result that the domestic plywood market was oversupplied. Plywood mills shut down, cut back operations and, in a few cases, went broke.

The Air Force, in particular, had to cancel many of its orders because it couldn't spend money fast enough.

### Defense Errors Evident

We always have been known as a nation which muddled its defense. But we never have had a sorer picture than at present. In all our wars we have been wasteful, extravagant and inefficient. We won, but only at great cost. Our strength lies in the fighting ability of our men and our superiority in production.

In our current troubles we find untold waste, extravagance, inefficiency, graft and bungling. We are told that we are behind in the race for superiority in the air despite unlimited expenditures. We are paying the price for our overconfidence in our position as sole owner of the atom bomb and our reliance in air power rather than a well balanced military machine. We are paying for our too early demobilization of men, ships and equipment, and our failure to rearm in time to meet threats to our security in early stages. We are paying for the mistakes of our leaders who played footsie with the Reds, who alienated our friends, who failed to give help when and where needed. Had Chiang Kai-shek been given the few millions he needed to whip the Chinese Reds at a time when they could have been subdued, we would not be fighting in Korea today, nor would we be pouring billions into rearmament of Europe, for Russia cannot wage war in Europe while her backdoor is open through China. But our leaders disregarded the advice of a military expert, suppressed his report, and followed instead politically-inspired tactics, influenced at least in part by Communists and Fellow Travelers.

If there is any one lesson that Korea should be teaching us, it is that we cannot rely exclusively upon any one weapon, any one style of warfare of any one military branch. We must have the strongest possible defense machine—strong on the ground, on the sea and in the air—trained and equipped for any emergency.

And we must have leadership devoted to the welfare and security of the nation, rather than the welfare and security of the party and the enrichment of its members and friends.

"Alas, Poor Yorick! I Knew Him, Horatio..."



## Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

(Copyright, 1951, King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

WASHINGTON — It is going to cost us \$101,237 more this year to keep President Truman in the style to which he is now accustomed.

One of the major items of increased expenditures at the White House is \$38,590 to help keep the President cool. This is the price tag on the electric light and power bill for the White House for 1952, a sum that staggered House Appropriations Committee members, who admit they usually growl if their own utility bills pass the \$10 mark monthly. The amount will help pay for running the new air conditioning unit installed in the renovated White House.

Moving vans already have hauled the historic furniture and paintings back to the executive mansion. The President is anxious to move back in, after the refurbishing job that cost \$5,000,000. Workmen at the White House state that when in Washington Mr. Truman almost daily, late in the afternoon, wanders over to the White House from his executive offices to check the day's rebuilding progress.

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No one, least of all the congressmen on the committee, can figure out where the new White House space is coming from. The remodeled job, which was authorized by Congress only after many presidential promises that the basic structure would be retained, now has 40 per cent more space than previously.

The money that was supposed to have been spent for the preservation of the historic building actually was spent in remodeling the entire interior, plus raising the roof, deepening the basement and constructing a solarium atop the building. About all that is left of the old building is the exterior shell.

White House reconstruction talk with E. J. said: "I have to go. Hear that call?" And away he went.

Mrs. R decided it was time the puppies began to make things easier on Pal. She moved the snug barrel—house outdoors for the time being, in the sun, and spent the next few minutes hauling the puppies out of the dish. Just why a puppy or a kitten feels called upon to stand in the dish is not known. They just do. Pal, who sees it that her puppies have only visitors she herself approves, came up here yesterday to look-see, and I happened to have the garage door up. Pal, hearing a squeaking kitten, stopped with one foot in the air, curious and observing. For a moment, Next instant there was a streak of white going past me. The black-and-white terrier let out an anguished Ky-Yip as our Pretty gave a neat little sidewise with a quick paw. Poor Pal lit out for home, not standing upon the order of her going—which is usually a sedate trot down the rock driveway—but taking off over the high bank of the flat our house is on. The white cat kept the yipping visitor company as far as the bank, then, with a snarl that said, "that'll teach you!" Pretty came back to finish scrubbing her kittens with sandpaper tongue. (Bonnie will undoubtedly give her friend, the white cat, a piece of her mind next time she is up here—and I hope it will be soon. We miss her.)

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

### Wheat And Corn Crops Indicated

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department reported Wednesday that farmer planting plans indicated a possible wheat crop of 1,225,000,000 bushels and corn of 3,200,000,000 bushels this year.

These forecasts would be 238,000,000 bushels more than the 987,474,000 bushels of wheat produced last year and 238,577,000 bushels more than last year's corn crop of 2,941,423,000.

By comparison, wheat averaged 1,071,310,000 bushels and corn 2,980,777,000 for the ten-year average.

The forecasts were based on farmers' planting plans as of March 1 and assumed that the yield per acre on the prospective acreages would equal the 1941-50 average.

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### In the Day's News

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not SEEK nomination to political office."

He then added: "In the absence of a CLEAR CUT CALL TO POLITICAL DUTY, I shall continue to devote my full attention and energies to the performance of the vital task to which I am assigned."

I'd say the General's statement in Paris this morning indicates he is about convinced that New Hampshire and Minnesota constitute a clear cut call to political duty.

Another development: President Truman says in Washington this morning that Eisenhower is at liberty to return home ANY TIME HE DEEMS IT SAFE AND PROPER.

Dear Ike: I'm inclined to agree with you about New Hampshire and Minnesota. They're wonderful. In my adult lifetime, nothing like that has ever happened in a political campaign. It's beginning to look like the people have decided that THIS YEAR the office should seek the man and that you're the man to be sought.

If that is true, Ike, it is something shining and splendid. It hasn't happened since George Washington. Even Lincoln had to fight to get the Republican nomination. If what seems to be developing in your case turns out to be true, it could mark a turning point in our national life. It could mean that we are turning back toward the ideals of the Founding Fathers.

So, whatever you do, DON'T do anything to shake this FAITH AND TRUST that on the evidence of New Hampshire and Minnesota) your countrymen seem to repose in you.

Go on doing your job and being yourself. That's how you've won these two amazing expressions of confidence in you.

Another thing, Ike. Don't be fooled by Harry's crack that you're at liberty to return home ANY TIME YOU DEEM IT SAFE AND PROPER. On the surface, it looks like a sportsmanlike gesture. But in it an old wolf would smell a trap.

If you come back and start campaigning, your enemies will claim that in view of the importance of your job in Europe, it WASN'T AUTHORIZED and want an assistant because obviously somebody must be there 16 hours out of the 24, and the only way to get a 24-hour housekeeper is to marry one.

That ended the discussion. House members present were aware that too much talk of this nature could lead to trouble at home.

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## Reader Opinions

### Glen Leuning Pleases Riddle Show Sponsors

RIDDLE — Too many times we read letters to the editor finding fault with people, ideas, views, politics or the government. I, too, can find fault. But this is a letter of praise for one of your Roseburg people, Mr. Glen Leuning.

Our P.T.A. had a show on March 12. Glen came to Riddle once for rehearsal and for the show. We were impressed and pleased with his voice.

But it is his wonderful spirit and cooperation that made him such a grand guy. Roseburg can well be proud to say he is one of their own. I do hope you can find room to print this, for this will be all the wealth Glen will receive; just a clipping for his scrap book.

As long as Glen cooperates, and with his wonderful voice, we are sure he will go far. We hope so. And we would like this opportunity to add our roses to his bouquet of friendship.

DOROTHY SMITH  
Riddle, Ore.

### MISS CASEY PRIASED

ROSEBURG — One more orchid to Miss Helen Casey, please. This one for all the friendly and nice things she has done for a couple of newcomers to Roseburg. And, I bet, we are not the only ones.

Roseburg is our hometown now and we are happy that Helen Casey lives here, too.

We enjoyed the editorial about her very much.

ELSA HUNTER  
Roseburg, Oregon.

### Business Future Brightens After Dismal Winter

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK — With spring breathing down their necks, a sizable handful of businessmen are whistling a merrier tune after a long dismal winter.

These formerly depressed and now hopeful business leaders may be whistling in the dark, but it's a cheerful sound, anyway.

Sighting better days ahead—in their annual reports or at annual meetings—are executives in such widely spaced industries as textiles, carpets, meat packing, retail trade, and other industries where the first signs of easing demand have been noted—metals, oil and packaging.

It is interesting that they seem more cheerful at a time when so many others are discouraged as the usual business indexes point down: industrial production leveled off for several months, retail trade trailing last year, new orders lagging in many industries, corporate earnings falling under the burden of higher taxes.

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Assn. Elects Officers

CORONADO, Calif. — H. S. Dixon of Tillamook, Ore., Tuesday was elected vice-president of the Pacific Dairy and Poultry Association.

Other officers elected at the association's 28th annual convention include: R. H. Cronsey, Los Angeles, president; and H. O. Shoemaker, Seattle, secretary-treasurer.



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## Scrap MENDING BASKET

Vahnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or

Don't we neighbors have fun going in circles! No sooner would around here! Lambs and puppies I get one round of bottle-feeding kittens and a new calf — to do one then it was time to heat up say nothing of a little girl home more milk for another round. Six from school for a day or so, who rounds a day at first! We have 157 must be entertained! lambs, many of them twins. Lost While I waited for Mrs. W to two but that wasn't bad considering finish covering a row of peas, she explained why she was so late — not so many feeding-grounds a day and the lambs I feed come hurrying to me now when they see me but I declare the lambs and the chickens kept me so busy I was