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EXCITING NEWS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

A few years ago any one of the major events of the past week would have been "big" news. We would have been stirred and shaken by just one of such events as the communications strike, seizure of the steel industry, South Dakota floods or General Eisenhower's resignation. Each of these events would have provided ample topic for conversation and argument for several days and would have been considered "hot" news only a few years ago.

But history today is running rather than walking. We have grown so accustomed to crisis that we take big events in stride, failing to get excited or perturbed over the really big things but waxing sentimental and maudlin over the little things.

Our newspapers today are filled with news of gravest import. Current happenings will have an important bearing on history. Our lives may be affected for many years to come by what now is transpiring. But we have become so inured to momentous news and situations that our complacency and apathy are barely scratched.

Steel Situation Dangerous

The President's seizure of the steel industry is something more than a three-day news sensation. A precedent has been established. If this precedent is permitted to go unchallenged, the future of private industry is threatened. If the President can seize any business or industry which refuses to conform to his demands, we might as well toss our conception of free enterprise into the trash can. If a chief executive can ignore the legal processes established for situations of this kind, making up his own laws as he goes along, then constitutional safeguards are so much waste paper. Perhaps the steel dispute is of such vital importance to the country's security that government intervention was fully justified. That, however, is not the issue involved. The fact is that the President acted upon executive order for which he had questionable authority, by-passing procedure which Congress had provided to meet just this sort of emergency.

In our opinion the security of the country is far less endangered by the dispute between management and labor in the steel industry than by the threat posed by the President's substitution of executive order for legal processes.

Even more serious is the fact that the President's action was obviously politically motivated. When we sink so low in official responsibility that constitutional rights are violated for the sake of political expediency, the public should be seriously concerned.

Political Picture Intriguing

The past week's news also has developed another interesting political picture. Eisenhower has made the long-expected decision to return home to join the political battles. His strategy to date has been excellent, indicating that the professional politicians, now fighting blindly to stop the Eisenhower boom, will be met with skill in the final stages of the nominating fight.

Taft's complaint that Eisenhower was hiding in his "privileged sanctuary" indicates that the Old Guard is disturbed by the inability of their snipers to draw bead on the canny general. By timing his return just close enough to convention time to permit a good build-up before his party foes can get their counterattack rolling, he puts himself in a very favorable position.

The next few weeks promise more exciting events and stirring news. These events will have vital bearing upon the future welfare of our nation. Every citizen should be giving serious and earnest thought to what is transpiring. He should endeavor to keep the news picture in proper focus, with deep concern for its backgrounds.



Now in this centennial year, while Douglas County people are especially alerted to history and the men and women who made that history, it is an especially good time to make sure those men and women will be properly included in the DICTIONARY OF OREGON HISTORY to be published soon by Binford & Mort, Portland, edited and compiled by Howard McKinnley Corning.

"Perhaps," writes Mr. Corning, "there have lived in your community those very persons who have contributed importantly to Oregon history—economically, culturally, politically—but whose life stories are little known beyond their home localities. The facts of the lives of these persons—no longer living—add up to the stories the editors of this compilation are seeking. Can YOU supply them? In some detail? Or can you direct us to dependable sources?... A body of material is already at hand, but the publishers and editors feel that the stories of numerous individuals vital to Oregon history may by chance be omitted, unless they have the help best obtainable from local sources—such as you speak for. Can you help us in our quest?"

"Since the Dictionary of Oregon History" will be a reference work (in no way to conflict with Lewis A. McArthur's "Oregon Geographic Names") it is important that all facts and dates be carefully verified, and that all persons treated should have contributed significantly to their communities most prominent persons are well

C. T. Beaver Receives Promotion To Sergeant

Claude T. Beaver, 109 Carrier St., Roseburg was recently promoted to sergeant while serving with the 40th Infantry Division in Korea. The division, a California National Guard unit, went into the Korean battle line last December. It had been part of the security force in Japan since the preceding April. The 40th is currently sending tank-infantry patrols and scouting parties against strongly fortified enemy positions north of the 38th parallel.

Sgt. Beaver entered the Army in October 1950 and is now a member of the 24th Infantry Regiment.



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — The Russian government has the stage set for an international proposal to swap peace for foreign trade.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson and the new U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, George Kennan, are waiting in the wings for a well-timed entrance. Their cue will be hinged on the progress made by the State Department, the United Nations and the Kremlin in softening up the American people to accept Russian good-will in exchange for tools, machinery and raw materials.

The Soviet proposal jibes with the current administration party line that Mr. Truman has been peddling along with his secretary of state. Both keep on harping that their only desire is world peace and that it can be obtained if skeptical Americans, including the Republican party, will quiet down while the geniuses continue their work.

The Kremlin's current global trade powwow, which is being attended by a number of American citizens, is the first move in a well-planned propaganda campaign to soften up the west. Russia for all her ground grabbing in Europe and Asia, needs machines and technical instruments from countries outside the Iron Curtain. She wants consumer goods for a restless population, also, and by her actions admits that the trade blockade has hurt.

Coupled with the international trade session is a peace propaganda drive that has Secretary of State Acheson grinning with delight. Via the government of India, Great Britain and the U.S. are being coaxed into a big power peace parley.

Acheson and Mr. Truman have always been ready to exchange chitchat with Premier Stalin face to face, but so far have been unable to convince the American people that we won't be robbed blind again by the Russians. The British have been cheering them on. Now, however, there is a new approach to the problem.

Instead of the heads of state attending an international gabfest, the Soviets will soon make a spectacular approach to the United Nations for a peace and prosperity meeting. U.N. officials are just as happy over the prospects as Mr. Truman and Secretary Acheson. Such a move would revitalize the U.N. as well as provide new fodder for the administration's propaganda effort to convince the voters that peace is just around the corner. This would be very helpful at election time.

Ambassador Kennan, enroute to Moscow, already has started spreading the party line. He says there is nothing that cannot be settled by a friendly get-together on a global basis, and that this will be his chief aim while in Moscow representing the U.S.A.

The Kremlin is speaking through Indian Ambassador Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who trots in and out of Stalin's office without knocking. Radhakrishnan talks just like Kennan about the need for another

high level conference. His echo at Moscow is Lord Boyd Orr, chief of the British delegation, who drools for the British government every time he thinks of Moscow's cache of gold.

As a teaser the Russians are talking about buying a billion and one-half dollars worth of goods from the U.S. to start with.

They can't buy a dime's worth now, or so our Treasury and Commerce departments say, although some strange shenanigans are taking place with some of our surplus cargo ships that were purchased by patriots who allow them to shuttle in and out of Russian-controlled ports.

The final peace and prosperity pitch will be in Korea. Here the stage is set for the long awaited truce. To get it, the State Department is willing to turn back all the prisoners captured from the Reds, despite the fact that we promised them a life-long sanctuary if they surrendered. In exchange for this act of mercy, the Chinese Reds are willing to forego the pleasure of having Soviet Union representatives sit at post-truce conference tables. We have always maintained the fiction that Russia isn't in the Korean, or "100-year," war, but now the State Department is willing to let the little man use Stalin as the basis for bargaining, although the little man isn't supposed to be there. That's how badly Mr. Truman and Acheson want peace.

Portland Attorney Heads Oregon Kefauver Faction

PORTLAND — William L. Jossin, a Portland attorney, is the new Oregon director of the Kefauver for President Committee. Jossin, former Democratic state chairman, was appointed to the post Friday by Kefauver's advisor, Weldon White, of Nashville, Tenn. Other members of the committee are Walter J. Dennis, assistant director; State Sen. Jack Bain, campaign manager; Owen Card, secretary; Glen Leemon, treasurer.

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Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses

MURPHY — MILLER — Richard Dean Murphy and Carrie Fern Miller, both of Roseburg.

OSBORN-GRUBBE — Dean Amos Osborn Myrtle Creek, and Alpha-bel Grubbe, Oakland.

Divorce Suits Filed

JACKSON — Eddie L. vs. Robert R. Jackson. Cruelly charged. Plaintiff asks custody of one minor child, \$50 monthly support and property disposition.

BUTLER — Margaret M. vs. Bill J. Butler. Cruelly charged. Plaintiff asks custody of one minor child, \$50 monthly support and property disposition.

McCOOL — James Sidney vs. Winnie Wynell McCool. Cruelly charged.

Divorce Decrees Granted

SMITH — William from June Smith.

GILSON — Donna Jean from Glen Ray Gilson. Plaintiff granted custody of two minor children.

SKATES — Henrietta Ethelyn from Clarence W. Skates. Plaintiff granted custody of two minor children and \$80 monthly support. Property disposition approved.

MARSHALL — Mary Alice from Calvin F. Marshall. Plaintiff granted restoration of former name, Roberson.

Reader Opinions

Appreciate Police Job In Finding Lost Wallet

BULLARDS—We want to tell you what we think of the State Police in Roseburg. Early Tuesday morning we were traveling through Roseburg. We had a flat tire near the Junction. While fixing the tire we lost a billfold containing important papers, pictures and money. We didn't miss the wallet until we were near Bandon.

Not wanting to go back to Roseburg, we called the State Police and gave them the location of where we had fixed the flat tire. They very kindly drove out, looked around, found the wallet, called us and are mailing it to us.

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In the Day's News

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dent, General Eisenhower will give up his earned lifetime security and will take his chances, along with everybody else.

"That," he said in Paris this morning, "will leave me free to speak, like any other citizen, on any subject."

These plans, I imagine, won't suit too well the politicians who have attached themselves to General Eisenhower's candidacy ("riding his coat-tails" is a good rough-and-ready expression for what a lot of them are doing.) They want him to get home as soon as possible and waste into it hammer and tongs. They're staking their political futures on him, and they want to take as few chances as possible.

Presidential nominations have always been gone after slam-bang, hammer and tongs. I'm-the-man-for-the-job-and-everybody-ought-to-know-it, and the politicians can't envision any other way to do it. Besides, a slam bang, hammer and tongs campaign gives the politicians a better opportunity to impress THEIR importance on the candidate and on the people, thus putting them in line for more personal power.

But I think the people are going to like the way Ike says he is going to do it. The support for General Eisenhower that has developed is something strange and unusual. It is nothing that any of us have ever seen before. It is a yearning for something better than we have had in the past. Always before (except in the case of General Washington) the man has sought the office. Things being what they are, the idea appears to have come to millions of people all at once that this is a time when the office ought to seek the man. When you're in a bad fix and NEED a good man in your business as you never needed him before, your inclination is to go out and SEEK him rather than wait for him to come barging into your office recommending himself to the skies.

If that is true, Ike's instinct is sound.

Here is the leading paragraph from Saturday's Easter story:

"Songs will echo across the mountainsides and fill the Churches Sunday in memory of the resurrection of Christ."

That is the true spirit of Easter. Easter is a SYMBOL. A symbol of hope arising out of despair. Without hope, the world would have gone to pot long ago.

Here is another paragraph from the same story:

"The annual Easter parades, on Fifth avenue in New York, on Connecticut avenue in Washington, and on fashionable streets in other cities, will draw their usual crowds, and the kiddies will hunt colored eggs."

That is the picture of Easter that comes to most of us oftenest. Clothes, Rabbits, Eggs. Ham for dinner. A pleasant holiday. Relaxation with friends.

These are all fine things. They are dear to us. We love them and we want to keep them.

But if we ARE to keep them and pass them on to our children, it will be well for us, I think, in this time when the world is in travail, if we pay more attention to the TRUE SYMBOL of Easter and a little less, perhaps, to the trimmings.

That could go for Christmas, as well.

Boy Scout Camporee Slated May 17, 18

Dates for the Douglas District Boy Scout Camporee, to be held at the Rod and Gun Club grounds, has been set for May 17 and 18.

A new system is announced for this year, in which troops to attend must qualify at camporees, which may be held at the place and time of the troop's own choosing.

Registration to take part in the camporee must be made by May 3. Troops must meet certain requirements to qualify.

EXAMINER SCHEDULED

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