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LET'S PAY AS WE GO

Charles V. Stanton

Roseburg residents will be asked at Friday's special election to approve a monthly sewer charge to be used in renovating and enlarging the city's sanitary sewerage system and disposal facilities.

We believe this proposal should be approved. Whenever possible, it is better, in our opinion, to put our improvement program on a pay-as-you-go basis than to authorize bond issues.

Many improvements cannot conveniently be arranged on a pay-as-you-go system. They require bonds. But a bond issue is a mortgage upon property. Principal and interest must be paid regardless of the general economic situation. If the general economy is low, a heavy load of bonded debt can easily result in confiscation of property for delinquent taxes—a lesson we learned the hard way during the last depression.

But, if we pay for improvements year by year, it is comparatively easy to lift the financial burden from our shoulders whenever the going gets too tough.

More Facilities Needed

No one can question the need for improved facilities. The growth of the community makes it imperative that we replace some sewer lines of insufficient capacity to handle the load that has been placed upon them by growth or which have deteriorated through age.

When new sewer lines are installed the cost must be paid by the benefited property. The same is true with regard to street improvements. But, after the original installation is made, maintenance becomes the responsibility of the city. Growth of the city has imposed an increasingly heavy load of maintenance and repair. Extension and enlargement are essential.

Our disposal plant was built for a city of 5,000 people. It is being operated at more than rated capacity and at times is inadequate for need. It must be enlarged if it is properly to handle even the current demand, without taking into consideration future growth.

It is imperative that we also think of future. Although annexation has been rejected in some areas, it will not be too many years until all of the suburban area north of town will be forced by internal pressure to join the municipality. Fortunately that area already has built, and is enlarging, a sanitary system. Growth west of the present city limits indicates that it will not be long until municipal boundaries must be extended in that direction also. Change in the route of the highway, which is to be swung to the west side of the river, undoubtedly will lead to population and business growth both to the north and south. We already have problems from the area east of town.

Long Range Planning Required

With all of these factors to be considered, it is quite evident that long range planning is essential. Sanitary sewer systems must be engineered to fit into the general program. Disposal facilities must be arranged to serve existing loads and at the same time be available for future demand.

Douglas County municipalities are far ahead of most of the state in sewage disposal. At the time Roseburg put in its disposal plant it was the smallest city in the country to have such facilities. Other of our municipalities have either installed treatment plants or are preparing to do so.

In the Willamette Valley the problem is acute. The State Sanitary Authority is getting tough with some municipalities that have been dilatory in planning sewage disposal. Many cities have been levying sewer charges for a number of years to create sinking funds, only to experience population growth in excess of the rate of accumulation of funds, so that they are but little better off than when they started.

Roseburg, however, is well ahead of the situation. The proposal being submitted to voters at the special election will, if approved, enable us to stay ahead of this critical problem with a minimum of expense and effort and without endangering our property by a bonded debt.

While we hesitate to accept additional tax burdens,—the proposed sewer charge is actually a tax—we should realize the necessity for keeping sanitary facilities in pace with community growth. The pay-as-you-go plan is by far the best method of accomplishing this purpose.



Although a number of young friends have enlisted in the WAVES or received commissions, I can't recall one who was "sorry"; all seemed equally enthusiastic about their work. Today came news of Shirley, a pretty dark-eyed girl who was around twelve when I taught her Sunday School class. How time does fly! She has been a WAVE for more than a year now, and is most enthusiastic. Incidentally she married, and her husband's enlistment expires one day ahead of her own, assuming they do not re-enlist.

Coincident with news of Shirley comes a couple of Navy stories about two WAVE lieutenants, of special interest to me because each one was a "first" in the field, first for a woman, that is, Lieutenant Francine Stonesifer was to report for duty in the office of the Naval attaché in the U.S. Embassy in Oslo, Norway. Won't that be an interesting assignment? I have read and heard so much about Oslo, and Norway in general, and Sweden, too, so it is one of my dreams to visit the Scandinavian countries. The Eugene librarian, Clara Nasholm, studied weaving over there for six months and now she can do the most expert weaving. She even wove material for her Dad's hat made up into a pair of slacks. Dear me, I've digressed somewhat from the WAVES, haven't I?

The other "first" for a woman is that of engineering duty officer, electronics, and Lieutenant Ruth White has been assigned to the post. Of course she had plenty of training ahead. Just listen to this: Midshipmen's School, Navy Radar School at Harvard, and Massachusetts Technical Institute, then assistant officer in charge of Navy Electronics Training School... not to mention a baccalaureate degree in mathematics and a master's degree in education from the University of California at Berkeley. (Leaves me breathless!) Well, my pretty young friend, Shirley, is doing just as important a job in her own niche in the world, for she is putting her best into it!

We have known several WAVEs, too, and one WAF. What a wonderful job the women have done and are doing in the armed services! No wonder seventy thousand more are needed this June to replace men so the latter may leave

Metamorphosis



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON—An intensification of Soviet espionage activity in the United States is the only conclusion available following the State Department's acceptance of Georgi Nikolavich Zarubin as the New Russian ambassador to the U.S.

Zarubin was ambassador to Canada from 1944 to 1946 when a Kremlin spy ring stripped that nation of its atomic secrets. In the report of the Royal Commission of Canada, Zarubin was cleared of participation in the espionage ring. The clearance apparently was a result of gross ignorance on the part of the Royal Commission.

Zarubin is a perfect front for Soviet espionage. He was boss of the Soviet embassy in Canada when 17 known espionage agents were rifling secret files in Canada. He authorized payments, for services rendered, to 17 non-Russians employed by the Soviet spies. He had a secret room on the second floor of the embassy in Ottawa, a room with a double steel door never left unguarded.

Yet the Canadian Royal Commission gave Zarubin a pat on the back. Secretary of State Dean Acheson and President Truman have accepted Zarubin's credentials without question, having endorsed the assertion of the Canadian Commission that the Soviet ambassador was a lamb, gambling in innocence at Ottawa among Kremlin wolves.

It is hardly conceivable that the Russians would send an ambassador to a foreign country who is unable to read or write, or to learn what 17 members of his staff are doing for their pay. Zarubin, in fact, not only can read and write but is regarded by the British government as a highly intelligent man. That is good enough for Acheson. He is dusting off the red carpet while preparing his welcome speech for the new ambassador from Moscow.

Igor Gouzenko, a Soviet code clerk who spilled the beans on the espionage net, told the Royal Commission in his confession that all Soviet officials assigned to foreign countries are briefed on what they are expected to do, and what others are doing, to promote the welfare of Russia. The Royal Commission missed the point entirely. Gouzenko said:

"There is a five-man committee in Moscow which passes on Soviet officials who are being sent to foreign countries. This committee consists of representatives of the N.K.V.D., the Military Intelligence, the Naval Service, the Commercial Service and the Diplomatic Service." The N.K.V.D., of course, is the Russian secret police in charge of espionage in foreign countries. The fact is that all five branches of the Soviet Government who train and pass on Soviet citizens before they are eligible for foreign service, engage in espionage. Zarubin knew this and knew what was going on while he was in Canada. The Royal Commission report proved this with documentary evidence removed by Gouzenko from the secret.

desk jobs and do work in defense for which women—so far, thank God—have not been required. I say "so far" because if the need arose every woman would do her part, whatever it was, unflinchingly, just as in pioneer times, women not only melted lead for the bullets, and melted their silver teaspoons when the lead failed, but they used the bullets too, if need be, in defense of their homes.

Stevenson Boom For White House Fails To Abate

By JACK BELL

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)—Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois apparently is doing nothing to discourage the rapidly growing assumption that he will not refuse the Democratic presidential nomination if it comes his way.

Although the governor returns a steadfast "no comment" to questions about a possible draft, his friends say he has not taken advantage of numerous opportunities quietly to scotch their moves pointed in that direction.

Jacob Arvey, Illinois national committeeman, tells all comers that Stevenson will respond to a draft. All the governor says, publicly and privately, is that he doesn't believe any draft will take place. He says all he wants to do is run for re-election.

But if Arvey and others have their way, there will be a movement at the Chicago convention next month to put Stevenson in the race. He probably will get Illinois' votes on the first ballot. If New York and Michigan then swing behind him, a bandwagon movement might be started.

Record Attraction Stevenson looks good to many Democrats as a potential nominee because (1) he has proved he can carry vital Illinois; (2) he has a lean-up record which would offset Republican "corruption" shouts against the Democrats; (3) for continuity in the administration's foreign affairs program; and (4) supports its civil rights proposals without being obnoxious to rebellious Dixie Democrats.

On the other hand, Stevenson appears to be one of those rare politicians who really doesn't pine to be president. He would rather be governor again and finish his efforts to reorganize Illinois.

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Oregon Building Trades Council Lists Demands

SEASIDE (AP)—Cliff Harris, Portland, is the new president of the Oregon Building and Construction Trades Council.

The council, an organization of AFL unions, elected Harris at its annual convention here Sunday—one day ahead of the convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, which opened Monday.

Other officers include: Dave Cameron, vice president, and Volney Martin, secretary, both of Portland.

The council approved a series of resolutions calling for legislative action to improve labor laws. Changes sought include:

Tightening of laws regarding use of unsafe machinery and appliances.

Increased unemployment and disability benefits and better protection for apprentices injured in accidents.

Extension of the State Unemployment Compensation Act so that all workers are covered.

Extension of the Workmen's Compensation Act to include employees of such non-profit organizations as hospitals, churches and schools.

Amendment of the State Accident Insurance Act under which the council said workers had been denied benefits because they could not prove an accident had not occurred at home instead of on the job as claimed.

Another resolution called for immediate construction of Pacific Northwest power dams by both private industry and the federal government.

In The Armed SERVICES



ROBERT OWENS, above, seaman apprentice, son of Mrs. A. Mutzel of Brockway, recently spent 14 days leave at his home. Owens enlisted at San Diego. He has been assigned to duty with the photographic staff at the Naval station at Astoria. (Miller Moderne)



EVERETT BOYD, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boyd of Idleyld Star Route, recently spent 10 days leave here. Boyd enlisted in the Navy last October and has just completed a nine-weeks course in the Commissary School at San Diego. He will be stationed at Adak, Alaska. (Miller Moderne)

west of Roseburg. His clown antics are funny and daring. Sheriffs possess from Douglas, Josephine and Lane counties will give mass riding exhibitions at each afternoon performance besides competing in stake races and other riding events.

The annual "Cowboy Breakfast" at the Fairgrounds Sunday will be cooked by John Spencer, George Miller, Henry Cook, Les Miller and Cleo Tipton.

Army Recalls 'Haywire' Rail Map Of Far West

SALEM (AP)—That Army railroad map with all the errors on it has been withdrawn, Lt. Gen. J. M. Swing, San Francisco, commanding the Sixth Army, advised U. S. Rep. Walter Norblad.

Norblad had pointed out to Swing that the civil defense railroad map of the Far West had most railroads in the wrong places, and didn't list several main routes.

Gen. Swing answered Norblad that he had ordered the map be withdrawn before he heard from

Kiwanis Head Outlines Hopes Of Free World

SEATTLE (AP)—Kiwanis International's president told the group's 10,000 convention delegates Monday:

"The old admonition that man must live by the sweat of his brow is basic to the law of life and not to be changed by the whim of human beings."

It keyed the message of President Claude B. Hellman of Baltimore to the opening business session of the five-day Kiwanis convention, which has as its theme, "Liberty—Let's keep it."

Delegates were registered from all parts of the United States and from Canada, Alaska and Hawaii. Hellman, a public utilities executive, declared the hope of the free world lies in free enterprise, unhampered industry and recovery of moral values.

He assailed mounting taxation, threats to constitutional rights and the recent government seizure of the strike-threatened steel industry.

He warned against a continuing threat from militant Russian-directed Communism.

Norblad, the general explained the map "was informational only and not used for any planning."

Gen. Swing wrote that he got more comment about that defective map than all other aspects of the civil defense plan put together.

"Please be assured that the maps with which we do our planning are most accurate," the general concluded.

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