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PERPETUAL SNAFU

By Charles V. Stanton

The Defense Production Administration recently announced a subsidy to the timber industry to promote a higher rate of production for defense purposes. The subsidy will amount to about \$50,000,000 and will be in the form of tax credits for capital investment.

While the Defense Production Administration is preparing subsidies to increase the flow of vital materials from our forests, other agencies and departments are engaged in quarrels hindering production, are striving to gyp counties out of income to which they have moral right, and otherwise are complicating the production pattern. At the same time Congress fails to provide for efficient forest management and retains outmoded pork barrel policies in connection with the public domain.

If Congress and the various administrative agencies would get together and work out efficient management rules we wouldn't need a \$50,000,000 subsidy. But so long as the public domain is manipulated politically, rather than in accordance with proven business practice, we can expect costly and wasteful operation.

Production Potential Unlimited

The timber industry would need no subsidies providing it had a little cooperation in access to raw materials.

In few parts of the Pacific Northwest is timber removal from public forests up to the allowable sustained yield maximum. In much of Oregon, for instance, large mills have been closed while, within a comparatively few miles, large forest areas remain virtually untouched because of the lack of access roads.

Here in the Umpqua Valley our Umpqua National Forest could be yielding 100,000,000 or more board feet annually in addition to the volume now being cut. Forest lands are underused, while private timber is being removed four to five times faster than should be the case. Yet pleas for access roads fall on deaf ears.

Efficient management of the forest calls for hasty removal of many millions of board feet of wind-blown and diseased timber. Unless access is obtained without delay, inroads from disease and infestation will cause loss of more timber annually than any two of our largest sawmills could cut in a year's time.

We have learned to recognize losses occasioned by forest fire. Yet disease and infestation destroy more trees each year than are consumed by fire. Forests in the Umpqua watershed are critically menaced. Yet there is no immediate prospect for roads to make salvage possible.

Attempting To Gyp Counties

The situation is further complicated in this area by the political maneuvering of the Department of Interior and Bureau of Land Management to gyp land grant counties out of a fair share of income from Oregon and California Grant Lands. The agencies are doing everything possible to set up a program which would cut county participation in revenue to less than 50 per cent received in the past. Counties presently are receiving 75 per cent of revenue but have agreed to compromise on a 50-50 basis. The Department of Interior and BLM, however, want to change the formula so the counties will get between 30 and 35 per cent. In the meantime, intermingled controverted lands stand as a barrier to efficient forest management and are being used for political ammunition.

It is high time, in our opinion, we removed the public domain from the realm of politics and gave it some business-like management. If this could be accomplished, it would not be necessary to subsidize defense production. Given the potential supply of raw materials available under existing allowable-cut standards, private industry would have little difficulty in meeting defense demands. Encouragement to industry to install utilization facilities, to eliminate some of the tremendous waste now existing, would add still more to the defense effort. But we can't expect private industry to do the job when the federal government keeps things perpetually snafued.



By an interesting coincidence the name of Mrs. Eva Lane Waite (Mrs. Douglas Waite) of Roseburg has come to me three times within a week. I have not met Mrs. Waite, but should like to do so. The first instance was in a letter from Miss Margaret Page, past regent of Umpqua Chapter, D.A.R.

"It has occurred to me that you might be interested in a little sequel to the interesting story you told in your column about the precious darling needle owned by Charles Drain many years ago. Umpqua Chapter, D.A.R., is sponsoring Eva Lane Waite as a candidate for Dowager Queen of the Douglas County Centennial celebration. Mrs. Waite is the granddaughter of Mrs. Charles Drain, and her paternal grandfather was General Joseph Lane, Oregon's first territorial governor. She is his sole surviving grandchild." (Has Mrs. Waite competition for dowager queen honor?)

The second mention of Mrs. Waite came in a letter from the author of "The Quiet Life of Mrs. General Lane" (Doubleday, July 1952). Writes Miss Victoria Case: "I have never met any of the Lanes except Mrs. Waite in Roseburg. She is almost the last of the granddaughters. Isn't it astonishing that a man could have brought five sons and four daughters to Oregon a hundred years ago and

have so few descendants left?" Miss Case continued: "I wonder if you wouldn't want to chat in your column about marking General Lane's cabin site. It is right on the highway, about a mile south of the bridge at Winchester. You see the wide place beside the road where something burned down rather recently, leaving rubble and rusty iron. The shattered old willow tree, Mrs. Waite said, was always known in the family as 'Grandfather's willow.' That was my only clue as to where the cabin was built."

Victoria Case added: "By the way, Mrs. Waite has a lovely pencil sketch of her father, Simon Lane, at the age of ninety or so, a beautiful old man. She was also speaking of some plan to repair the vault in the Masonic cemetery where the General and his wife, Polly, were buried. It was in bad repair."

Miss Case in conclusion remarked that "Mrs. Stewart Holbrook in Portland says her mother was one of the Drain family and they had a picture said to have been painted by General Lane. I found nothing in the family notes nor in his diary that indicated any interest in painting, but somebody in Drain may remember it?" The third time last week I heard Mrs. Waite's name was during a delightful chat with her aunt, Mrs. Anna Drain. It was Mrs. Drain's

Y'Know, Pal, It's Fantastic the Way We Always Win!



Ike, Adlai Both Stamped As Conservatives, Offering Middle-Of-Roaders' Choice

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—This is the year when the middle of the road seems cozy. The politicians indicated they thought so when they picked Gen. Eisenhower and Gov. Stevenson.

Both are middle-of-the-roads. The general is a little to the right of the governor, Stevenson, apparently, is a little to the right of President Truman. Neither man is an apostle of change, socially or economically. Although both are internationalists, that's usual now, not radical.

If there had been wide public pressure to move left or far right, the convention politicians undoubtedly would have responded by producing the kind of candidate wanted. No matter how boss-ridden, a political party which wants to stay in business must be a kind of thermometer measuring the public mood.

The people have shown that in time of crisis, when great remedies are needed for survival, they not only will accept but seek changes, even severe ones.

No Changes In 20 Years Although they elected Franklin D. Roosevelt three times more, it was in 1932 that the voters made it most clear they'd go for change when they thought it necessary.

In 1948, with the nation more normal than it had been in 20 years, there was no wide pressure for far-reaching social or economic changes except from special groups.

In that fairly normal year the Democrats and President Truman, although he had offered his Fair Deal as a continuation of the New Deal which had been interrupted by the war, barely squeaked through.

Congress, which is the most potent expression of the public mood between elections, showed a steadily conservative distaste for change in Truman's last four years by turning thumbs down on his three most drastic proposals: Civil rights legislation, compulsory health insurance, and repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law.

Tax Hike Corruption, War This election year is much like 1948 with some notable new exceptions: Higher taxes, corruption in government, and the distressing and unfinished Korean war. Otherwise, incomes and employment are

Tourist Business In Mexico Declines

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The tourist business, which puts the butter on Mexico's daily bread, shows signs of withering under European competition and high prices here.

Even with the big Rotary and Lions international conventions, tourist entries are only a few hundred above last year's average. There was also a momentary slump in the tourist business immediately after the recent presidential elections.

Any falling off in the tourist business would be a serious threat to Mexico's economy and would force Mexico to cut down on her purchases abroad.

PLAYING BOTH ENDS

NEW YORK (AP)—Political smoke ring:—A tobacco company is promoting the sale of presidential campaign cigarettes, one package for General Eisenhower and one for Governor Stevenson.

father-in-law, Charles Drain, for whom the town of Drain was named, and about whose steadfast friendship for General Lane in his time of trouble the author of "The Quiet Life" writes so warmly.

at a peak. Our foreign relations are serious but war still does not seem imminent.

The arguments this year between the parties and the candidates will be over government expenses and corruption, the handling of foreign policy, and other issues which the politicians will have no trouble dredging up.

But the voters, not in peril now, will not have to choose between a steam-puffer and a man with a gleam in his eye and a key to the promised land.

Disaster Areas Widened; Crop Losses Mount

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Agriculture Department Friday designated the states of South Carolina and Maine and seven additional Arkansas counties as disaster areas as a result of the severe drought.

Two other Arkansas counties, previously designated as disaster areas because of a tornado, also were redesignated as drought areas.

All of seven states and large parts of two others now have been designated as drought disaster areas.

The department said Maine is entering its sixth week without rain. Damage to oats, beans, cucumbers, blueberries, corn and potatoes is estimated to run into the millions of dollars and many home gardens are seriously affected, the announcement said.

The disaster designation makes farmers in the area eligible for the farmers home administration in order to stay in production.

The entire states of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee, and large parts of Missouri and Arkansas previously had been named as drought disaster areas.

Eva Peron's Body Will Be Placed In Public View

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—President Juan D. Peron's office indicated Friday that the body of his wife, Eva, may be so embalmed that it can be placed on permanent public view.

(In a similar manner the body of V. I. Lenin—father of the Bolshevik revolution—is on permanent exhibit in Moscow and former Bulgarian Premier Georgi Dimitroff's remains are on exhibit in Sofia.)

The announcement said permanent burial of Mrs. Peron might be delayed for more than a year and that the body then would be placed in a monument in the heart of Buenos Aires.

The phrasing indicated her remains would be placed in a glass case.

The statement said Mrs. Peron's body will lie in state until Aug. 10—15 days after death—and then it will be removed from public view for one year after a funeral service that day.

The year period is necessary, the statement said, "for the work of conservation which will give it (her body) absolute corporeal permanence thus fulfilling the express wish of the illustrious departed one."

In the Day's News

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trash sell their ballots one way and vote them another. If they catch a guy trying that, it's BANG and the sexton has another job digging a hole.

The way it comes over the Moscow radio it's funnier than a crutch.

But it has a serious side. IT COULD BE THAT WAY SOMEDAY, even here in free America. IF WE PERMIT TOO MUCH POWER TO REMAIN IN TOO FEW HANDS TOO LONG.

It's that way in Russia now. It GOT that way because in Russia too much power has been permitted to remain in too few hands too long.

Upper bracket politics: Eisenhower CAMPAIGN LEADERS gather in Denver for high-level STRATEGY conferences.

Don't let 'em load you up with a lot of fancy "strategy," Ike. We voters are fed up with that stuff. All we want in this year of decision is a leader we can BELIEVE and TRUST. We think you're that kind of man and we have faith that if elected President you'll surround yourself with that kind of men. That will be good enough.

Just go on being yourself and don't let anybody clutter you up with a lot of outworn baloney.

Ike himself, speaking in Denver, says he wants the GOP campaign to give as much emphasis to the CONGRESSIONAL RACES as to his bid for the Presidency.

Paste that in your hat. If Ike is elected President, he will APPOINT his administrative assistants, from members of his cabinet on down. (Thank the Lord, this being America) he can't appoint the members of congress.

They must be ELECTED. You and I and tens of millions of other Americans will have to do that job because under our system nobody else can do it.

If we elect Ike, let's at the same time elect a congress that he can WORK WITH.

I suppose you read that thrilling mystery tale the other day about a supposed spy parachuting down from a plane into the super-secret Hanford atomic works up in the state of Washington.

It seems to have been a dud. What happened, apparently, was that a piece of building paper, about the size of a man, was caught up by a whirlwind and carried aloft. Since what goes up must come down, it came down and somebody saw it and jumped to conclusions.

A lot of our fears, both for the present and for the future, arise out of the unfortunate fact that so many of us see so many things that DON'T HAPPEN and know so many things that "ain't so."

This is from Salem: "A forgotten 88-year old law (enacted in 1864) is being dusted off for use against an Oregon convict accused of knifing a guard a couple of days ago. The old law provides the death penalty for an attack on a guard with a deadly weapon. It is unusual in that it doesn't give the jury a choice whether or not to inflict the death penalty. The death sentence is mandatory.

The guard who was knifed suffered only a minor hand cut. If you can see an Oregon jury sentencing a convict to death for gashing a guard's hand, you can see things I can't see.

I'd say a law like that is like a lot of old stuff most of us keep around in our attics. It may have been all right in 1864, but it isn't any good now. We'd better get rid of it—just as most of us would better get rid of a lot of the old stuff in our attics.

Jaundiced Russian Version Of U.S. Politics Ties Wall Street With Sale Of Ballots

By EDWARD E. BOMAR

WASHINGTON (AP)—The word from Moscow is that Wall Street has taken over the "Tennessee political machine" and is putting up the money to buy governors and congressmen.

A Soviet version of Tennessee politics given in a Moscow radio broadcast recorded by United States official monitors said that Memphis Boss Ed Crump runs the whole show for the Mellons and Rockefeller.

The description came from Vladimir Morev, a one-time Soviet news correspondent in the United States, who recently has been giving Russians his version of conditions in various American cities and states.

Records show Morev was at United Nations headquarters in New York 1948-50. He made no claim of having been to Tennessee but pulled no punches on that account.

Because of the construction of the Oak Ridge atomic energy plant, Morev said that the Mellons and the Rockefellers are the new masters of the state operating through Crump, long-time political boss.

"Money Flows" Dismissing the idea of democracy in American politics as a "demagogic lie," the Russian writer gave this account of how the "machine" buys votes and then sees that they stay bought:

"Money flows in a wide stream into the machine's coffers and into the pockets of its bosses from the funds of Rockefeller and Mellon

monopolies, railway companies, and individual industrial magnates. With this money, votes are purchased which elect the men needed by the monopolies such as governors, mayors, and congressmen. . . .

"On election day in the town of X, for instance, the local sheriff sits in the school in the room facing the polling booth. Before him is a pile of filled-out voting forms and another of dollar bills.

"The elector takes one of the forms and several dollars and then goes across the official polling booth where he is handed another, clean voting paper.

"Having sold his vote, the elector drops into the ballot box the form he has received from the sheriff and takes back to him the clear form he has received. Woe to the elector who fails to do this!

"In another part of the town, in the local courtroom sits the sheriff's wife, protected by his brother and other members of his family armed with revolvers. They see to it that no elector, having sold his vote, tries to deceive them."

Morev said the Crump regime holds back vote totals in Shelby County so figures can be manipulated to control state election results.

Gen. MacArthur Target For Not Quitting Army

NEW YORK (AP)—Rep. Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, demanded Friday that Gen. Douglas MacArthur resign from the Army and relinquish his Army pay and three-man military staff now that he has a highly-paid civilian job.

"Unless he does so, I will offer a bill at the next session of Congress to force him to quit," Celler said in a statement sent to the press.

MacArthur Thursday accepted the board chairmanship of Remington Rand, Inc., at a pay which Celler said would be "substantially upwards of \$100,000."

The congressman, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said that while MacArthur remains on active duty, but on a non-assignment basis, the "U. S. taxpayers must allow him \$19,548 Army pay and allowances."

MacArthur's office had no comment.

Under federal law, generals of the Army and fleet admirals draw full pay for life regardless of retirement unless they specifically waive it.

Fighting Type Campaign, Vow Of Eisenhower

DENVER (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said Friday that he and his vice-presidential running mate, Sen. Richard M. Nixon, will wage a "fighting campaign in all the nooks and crannies of the United States."

At his first news conference since he won the GOP presidential nomination, the general said his own campaign probably will get started about Sept. 1.

Eisenhower was told that his Democratic opponent in the November election, Gov. Adlai Stevenson, had termed foreign policy the principal issue of the campaign.

Asked whether he agreed with Stevenson, Eisenhower replied that he did not like to oversimplify.

He added: "But I will say this: The great issue, at least on our side of the Iron Curtain, is initiation of a sound program for peace."

Eisenhower said in building for such a peace there must be assurance that this country proceeds with a "sure hand," and that "we really are going someplace."

The general stressed that he intends to put as much emphasis on the Republicans capturing control of Congress from the Democrats in November, as he plans to place on his own campaign for the White House.

"I want Republicans elected so we can organize the Senate and the House," Eisenhower declared.

Munich Doctors Offer New Nose For \$60

MUNICH, Germany (AP)—Plastic surgeons here will hand you a new nose for as little as \$60.

The plastic surgeons who often operate through beauty salons, lead prospective clients up the garden path with ads which hint that you, too, can look like Gary Cooper or Ingrid Bergman provided you get an overhaul job on that nose. Reports indicate there are enough dissatisfied nose-holders to keep work going.

Six Crewmen Perish When Boat Capsizes

NOME, Alaska (AP)—A small ship-to-shore boat capsized in a sudden gale Thursday and six members of the crew of a military tanker were lost.

Six survivors were hospitalized. One man who was washed ashore staggered to the police station to give the alarm.

None has no harbor and sudden Bering Sea storms lash the coast and endanger ships or boats anchored off shore. A similar accident took lives last year and civic authorities urgently requested that a Coast Guard station be set up in this area.

Mother And Daughter Sharing The 'Breaks'

CENTRALIA, Ill. (AP)—A mother and daughter have been sharing their breaks—first one arm then another. Shirley Underwood, 11, of Centralia broke her right arm in a fall from a horse. A few months later her mother, Dorothy, 39, broke her left arm at a skating rink. Her cast was barely off when she slipped on her own rug and broke her left arm. Three days later Shirley—with the same horse at the same place as before—fell and broke her left arm.

Baker To Fete Covered Wagon Anniversary

BAKER (AP)—Arrival of an American Pioneer Trails association caravan here Sunday will launch a three-day celebration in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of a covered wagon migration to Oregon.

The caravan, after starting July 13 from Kansas City, Mo., has participated in various pioneer celebrations along the way.

The group is led by Dr. Howard Driggs, Bayside, N. Y., president of the American Pioneer Trails Association of New York, who will be main speaker during the celebration. Another speaker is Col. H. C. Anderson, special representative of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Several Baker organizations have joined the host Baker County Historical Society in arranging displays of historical items on city streets. These include old stage coaches, covered wagons, and a d. clothes worn by pioneers during the migration.

Included in the caravan's trek were appearances in pioneer festivals at Scottsbluff and Gering, Neb.; Salt Lake City; Pocatello, Idaho; and Ontario, Ore., on the old Oregon Trail.



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