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INVESTIGATION NEEDED

By Charles V. Stanton

Chief of Police Ted Mazac has had a rather rough go of it and has not been aided by his own actions in demanding a public hearing.

He is, in our opinion, a victim of circumstances — circumstances that would have enmeshed similarly even a much more experienced officer. We believe he should not be criticized but should be permitted to retire with an expression of appreciation and thanks.

We think the council acted wisely in not presenting a "bill of particulars" as demanded by Mazac. Any complaints or specific charges, none of which would involve major failures, would be aside from the real reason for changing police department direction as a cure for basic troubles.

Our city police department has long been in a troubled state. Members have been dissatisfied with wages, facilities and equipment. Efficiency is certain to suffer under such conditions. We have seen a steady flow of men on and off the department. As it takes years of experience to become a fully competent policeman, inexperience on the force has reduced efficiency.

Mazac has been caught in the middle by all this confused situation. He was promoted from assistant chief to chief. He was one of those dissatisfied with conditions while serving in the lower grades. Naturally he viewed with sympathy the gripes of his subordinates. While there may have been merit in his sympathetic attitude, the task of providing leadership and inspiration was complicated thereby.

Has Been Conscientious Officer

Mazac has been a conscientious officer. He has worked hard at his job. He has been most cooperative with the public.

This newspaper desires to express its appreciation for the friendly cooperation he has given its reporters.

Roseburg has had a good deal of trouble keeping a police chief. We have had altogether too many changes in too few years. There must be reasons for this other than the qualifications of the man heading the department, for we have had some able men directing the force.

Perhaps it would be well to appoint a citizens committee to join with the council's police committee and the city manager to make an investigation into just what is wrong with the department and determine why it is so hard for us to keep personnel.

One thing we know is wrong and that is the conception held by too many people concerning the department.

Many people still think in the terms of a city marshal. They fail to appreciate how changing times have affected the work of a police officer. The job is no longer one of giving the bum's rush to transient drunks, keeping livestock from running at large, and chasing kids and their bicycles off sidewalks.

Special Training Needed

A city police officer today needs training in traffic control. He must be a thorough student of crime prevention and detection procedure, involving highly technical subjects. He must be a master of public relations. He must cope with speed of transportation and communication. Police work has become a science. The job of police officer requires men of special talents and aptitudes. It is not possible to walk out on the street and pick up any man, pin a star on his chest and call him a police officer, while expecting efficiency.

The Roseburg police department is undergoing reorganization. Chief Mazac is out, largely through no fault of his own, other than inability to obtain efficiency with a force having little training or experience and suffering from a very low state of morale. Unless Mazac's successor can improve morale and institute a successful training school, while stopping the turnover of personnel, he, too, will have a rough time.

Mazac, we feel, is "taking the rap" for public failure to search out the fundamental causes of unfavorable conditions existing in the department and to correct them by such means as might be found necessary, whether it be better salaries, replacements, facilities or other improvements.

We have a new city budget which sets police salaries much lower than department members had asked. Any person employed under this budget will know what he is to receive. He should not accept the job unless willing to work for that sum long enough to become a qualified officer. If the city can't get the right kind of men at the offered wage at least one of the reasons for existing conditions will be exposed.

"You Haven't Been the Same Since the Convention"



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation must be resigned by now to the fact that it probably will be called upon to devote a lifetime proving that Alger Hiss is a liar, perjurer and Communist spy.

With well-timed moltings and appeals alleging his innocence Hiss has cluttered the court records with as strange a collection of devices and ideas as was ever presented to a federal judge.

In almost every instance U. S. Attorney Miles J. Lane, of New York, has called in FBI experts to supply the rebuttal facts while he prepared the arguments destroying the fantastic claims. So far the team has been eminently successful, even to the point of demonstrating the mockery of a \$7,500 phony typewriter, built by experts hired by Hiss, who were certain they could prove the former aide of Secretary of State Dean Acheson a "victim of forgery" by typewriter.

The court held they had proved no such thing. Federal Court records reveal that one of the most difficult points raised by the defense was an allegation that the envelope containing documents secreted in a dumbwaiter by Whitaker Chambers, and the documents themselves, were phony.

Chambers produced the documents from the dumbwaiter shaft in the home of his brother-in-law, where, he said, they had lain for more than ten years. Some bore handwriting notations made by Hiss; all of them incriminated Hiss in the practice of slipping State Department secrets to Communist couriers.

Hiss's lawyers argued, in a motion for re-trial, that the documents revealed variegated stains of discoloration brought on by age, and therefore could not have all been placed in the envelope at the same time, as Chambers alleged.

This was not an easy argument to answer. But experts in the FBI laboratories in Washington and elsewhere examined the documents, traced their point of manufacture and their chemical content, and demonstrated, to the complete satisfaction of Federal Judge Henry Goddard, that there was no reason to suspect chicanery on the part of Chambers.

By the use of various resins and sizings, various sheets of paper yellow at different rates of speed. The sheets of paper, stacked as they were in the envelope, were also subjected to different rates of deterioration. Those on top aged at a different rate than those in the middle, due to slight degrees of differences in temperature and weight.

The defense next attacked the envelope in which the incriminating papers were contained. Hiss's attorneys charged, in the motion for re-trial, that the envelope could not have been in the dumbwaiter as long as Chambers asserted it had lain there. They asserted, in effect, that the envelope was of an earlier vintage than the documents. If true, Chambers would have lied about it when he placed the documents there for hiding, and when he had seen them last.

Once again the U. S. attorney's office called upon the FBI experts. After all, we can't see the beach. After all, we can't see the ocean when we're asleep, and we'll be seeing it all the way home tomorrow.

"Fine!" said Algernon, heading for a "spiffy looking place." Matilda moaned when she learned they were paying twelve dollars for what was left of the night. "We've slept in places as nice as this that cost a lot less!"

Algernon yawned. "Maybe we should have taken one of those places down the line. . . On the beach."

If so, you know something of the tragedy that is beginning already to stalk our land. These people thought they were comfortably fixed for life. Instead, they find themselves facing comparative poverty. It will be REAL poverty as the buying power of their dollars shrinks still further under growing inflation.

Cruel things like that shouldn't happen to a dog. But that's what inflation does.

We've forgotten John Law and his Mississippi Bubble. But a similar character is closer to us in time. He was Lord Maynard Keynes. He sold to our governing power the idea that we could spend ourselves rich and pay off our debts by deficit financing. He sold the same idea in Britain.

He has been gathered to his fathers, but we are beginning to pay the bill for the goods he sold us. The bill is being paid by the same kind of people who paid it in France a couple of centuries ago.

Payment is being DODGED by the same kind of people who dodged payment in France two hundred years and more ago.

That is what Bernard Baruch means when he says inflation will DESTROY us if we lack the wisdom and the fortitude to beat it while there is still time.

Personally, I'll take a chance on



TAKE TIME OUT — U. S. Congressman Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.) and Col. Thomas H. Lipscomb, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, were in a party of eight who interrupted the serious business of reviewing northwest federal projects to try their luck out of Salmon Harbor at Winchester Bay. They were guests of O. H. Hinsdale of Reedsport aboard the Hinsdale cruiser, the Judy. The fish are silvers. (Picture by Vic Peek, skipper of the Judy)

Ellsworth, Army Officials Fish On Tour Of Federal Projects

A two hour trolling cruise as guests of O. H. Hinsdale, Port of Umpqua executive, was a Thursday afternoon interlude in the extensive review tour led by U. S. Congressman Harris Ellsworth of the fourth congressional district, Col. Thomas H. Lipscomb, corps area chief of the U. S. Army Engineers, T. W. Ragdale, chief of the division of operations, Corps of Engineers and other officers.

The group fished out of Salmon Harbor, Winchester Bay, aboard the Hinsdale Cruiser, the Judy. Each member of the party of eight brought in a silver salmon.

The Winchester Bay harbor development, sponsored jointly by Douglas County and the Port of Umpqua, was one of a number of federal projects reviewed by the

Reader Opinions

Christian School Help Needed As Paganism Ban

CANYONVILLE — Sometimes the one-school idea is advanced as an argument in opposing Christian schools. If educators of national reputation insist that our country should be served by the public school system only, we do well to pause and reflect. Such insistence is a threat to all private schools. It is sure that if this one-school idea should become a dominant conviction in our legislative halls, our Christian schools would soon be outlawed.

Let us consider the implications of a one-school (state-school) system for our country: (1) State monopoly of education would spell the ultimate doom of Christianity in the foremost so-called Christian nation in the world. Whereas in former days the public school was largely a community project, today what we call public instruction is a state or Federal project. In such schools religion, which should be the integrating factor of the curriculum, has no place. Make no mistake about this: the one-school idea, in this nation in which state and religion are separate, would mean that our erstwhile Christian nation would fast become a predominantly pagan nation.

(2) Speaking more positively state monopoly of education as now proposed by national and United Nations' educational planners would be a decisive victory for the anti-God forces in this country. The present leaders advocating the one-school idea for our nation are not motivated by the idea of melting and welding the various immigrant ingredients of our country into the American way of life. Rather, they have in mind the destroying of the American way of life and the reshaping of this life in the melting pot of one world — a world that knows not the God of Scripture, a world that is bent on substituting the wisdom of this world for the only true wisdom, the wisdom of God.

(3) The practical consequences of a state monopoly of education would likewise be revolutionary. It would prostitute our once famed education and reduce it to a political propaganda agency. With

out the competition of private educational institutions, state education would further lower and pervert its educational standards and would eventually stymie all true educational progress. It would make our children and our children's children the victims of a foreign ideology at a time when they can least defend themselves. More than that, the proposed one school (state school) would deprive thousands of Christian parents of their God-given privilege and duty to bring up their children in the fear of our all-glorious Lord.

We believe that God has invested authority to educate children in their parents. God grant that in our own land of the free, parents may never be denied their inalienable right to train their children in the light which the Lord has given. Let's preserve our constitutional right of religious liberty in America. Christian schools contribute greatly to the strength and morale fibre of our nation.

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Scraps From the MENDING BASKET

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Usually the Bitwuns don't have any trouble about choosing a motel. They just ride until they're tired, look at the map to see how far the next town is, decide they'd better begin looking for a place to sleep. . . But the business was complicated last Saturday evening because Matilda's heart was set upon a cabin that looked forth upon the wild waves, and, furthermore, upon a beach near enough to walk upon early next morning before Algernon should awake. . . By the time they neared Newport they were weary. "How's this place look?" said Algernon, indicating a very nice place but — "Oh, the cottages face the wrong way!" exclaimed Matilda. "We couldn't see the ocean without stepping outside." "Well, I can't turn the cottages around," said Algernon, and added, "You pick a place." "How's this one?" Matilda was thrilled. "Cottages just right and pretty!" "No place to eat," said Algie flatly, never slacking speed. "But it's getting late and foggy. We'd better get a place soon. Mother must be tired." Matilda's mother had been discreetly silent, intent upon scenery only. Now she said brightly, as alert as a little bird. "I can ride as far as anybody!" (My goodness, she can run circles around the Bitwuns, and does! For all she has passed her eightieth milestone.) "There's a nice place!" Matilda was thrilled. Cottages faced the ocean. "No Vacancy!" Algernon laughed. "When I pick a place you don't want it, and when you pick a place they don't want us! Ha!" "Well, our place is waiting for us," said Matilda. "It always has been. All we have to do is find it." Algernon reminded her of the time Tillamook was shrouded in a heavy fog, and they finally found a place 15 miles away in Beaverton at 10:30 p.m. "Well, we found it, didn't we?" "Here's Newport," said Algernon. They roamed the beach streets with "No Vacancy" signs unanimitously. "Well," said Matilda, "maybe we don't have to sleep on the