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REPUBLICAN RECESSION

By Charles V. Stanton

Many people are sincerely worried concerning possibility of recession should there be a change of administration. The Socialist-Democrats are chanting the refrain, "Don't Let Them Take It Away." They make use of scare propaganda, as they have been doing for 20 years since the Great Depression made such propaganda possible.

Will the Republicans, if put in power, be able to sustain the present high level of prosperity? Would we preserve inflation? Would we continue present high levels of employment?

Let's answer these questions with which many people are seriously concerned.

First, let's take a look at the Great Depression. Herbert Hoover has been the target of Socialist-Democratic propaganda for 20 years. Yet we would have suffered that depression regardless of any administrative effort. The economy of the entire world was in process of readjustment. Hoover saw what was coming and tried to put our national house in order, but money-mad people failed to heed the handwriting on the wall. It is claimed by many economists that Hoover's program for recovery would have brought the nation out of the depression far earlier and at less cost than the extravagant, wasteful, artificial plan which has placed a mortgage on many generations to come.

The Theory of Scarcity

The New Deal recovery program was based on a theory of scarcity.

To boost prices, we lowered production. We took care of widespread unemployment through public works, including a vast amount of boondoggling. We paid the cost by deficit spending, incurring debt far beyond the comprehension of most people. Having formed the habit of deficit spending, we have permitted it to continue even in times of inflation and artificial prosperity.

We have not been permitted to forget the fright born of the depression. We continue practicing the theory of scarcity.

Whenever a product reaches the point that volume would lower the price, we immediately have strikes. By this means surpluses can be absorbed and inflated prices maintained. The production level is thus kept in balance with inflation.

Farm production is kept within bounds by payments to farmers for crops they do not grow; by government purchases of surpluses and their subsequent destruction.

What Price Prosperity?

Whether it was deliberately planned, or resulted from colossal stupidity, is open to question, but the Korean fiasco was ready-made for the program of scarcity. By permitting the "police action" to drag, instead of forcing it to a conclusion, we have an excuse to crowd our military camps with men; men who otherwise would be in competition on the labor market.

No one can rightfully object, we believe, to our resistance to communism in Korea. We can, however, check up as either gross stupidity or virtually treasonable scheming the withdrawal of our troops from South Korea, the announcement that we would not defend Formosa, the lack of aid to Nationalist China, etc. Have we, in Korea, adopted the British system of holding actions as a means of solving unemployment at home?

Will the Republican party, if placed in power, strive to continue prosperity and inflation under existing policies?

We do not believe it will. We cannot believe the American people want prosperity and inflation at the price we are paying. We cannot believe that the American people, if they will face facts squarely, want fat paychecks if they must be signed with the blood of brave fighting men. We cannot believe that the American people are willing to sacrifice their sons to the Moloch of war, simply to keep the unemployment rate low at home. We cannot believe that the American people truly approve theories of scarcity and fear.

We believe it is possible to maintain a sound prosperity and reduced inflation without practicing scarcity. We believe we can have a sound economy, an adequate defense and high level production without war, threats of war or continued war scares.

But if it comes to a choice between recession or purchasing our prosperity at the cost of lives, scarcity and fear, we'll take the recession.

Now?



Here you are, a typical newspaper reader sampling your daily news bill of fare. No matter how wide or varied your interests may be, you will find news covering some of them. Sports, the presidential campaigns, the Korean truce talks, even human-interest stories are among items gathered here and there around the world. Being on the spot of important events is impossible for the average reader. Even if you could go where the news takes place you might not recognize its significance. Events occur quickly, often cannot be accurately evaluated and judged. So the newspaper brings the news to you and increasingly interprets fast-moving events for your benefit. Thus by studying your paper in your living room, you learn more than you would on the scene. Also, you can select or ignore news stories according to whether or not you're interested. By reading your paper you are well informed and make a much better world citizen, able to participate in world activity.

Fulton Lewis Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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CHICAGO, — Attempts by President Truman and his captive candidate, Democratic presidential nominee, Adlai Stevenson, to blame Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for withdrawing U.S. troops from Korea prior to the outbreak of war are pathetic.

War are the great military expert, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, who apparently learned his strategy at Harvard University law school, has joined the chorus of blame against the general. I await the final word from Gen. Harry Vaughan, the president's military advisor, whose combat scars include a wrenched back from unloading deep freezes for White House personnel.

Eisenhower and the joint chiefs of staff of which he was chairman, were dealing with facts when the decision was made to concentrate Pacific defenses in Japan, Okinawa and other bases. The facts were simple:

The President and the U. S. State Department had already handed over control of the Chinese mainland to the Communists—Yalta and Potsdam. The joint chiefs of staff, including Eisenhower, could not reverse that decision, although every military man living has wished a thousand times since that that decision could have been reversed.

Nobody at the Pentagon could overrule the White House and Acheson on the decision to hand to Russia islands and ports on the perimeter of Japan. Nobody at the Pentagon, including Eisenhower, could overrule the President on the size and shape of the armed forces. In fact, Mr. Truman, on the advice of Gen. Vaughan apparently, slashed the U. S. Air Force in half against the wishes of Congress and the Pentagon.

Eisenhower and the other military leaders worked with the tools made available to them. And any decision made in the Pentagon concerning Korea was made in the face of State Department determination to oust the military

with no guard railing, which drivers negotiate at 3 to 4 miles an hour. (Cheer up! RLN says there has never been an accident on it!)

In the Day's News

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 who sulks in his tent when things don't go his way.

But I certainly can't agree with your Vancouver statement that 90 per cent of all state of Washington farmers OWN their land (instead of having it mortgaged up to the hilt) SOLELY as a result of Democratic party farm policies. I think it betrays a SHALLOWNESS in your thinking that is not creditable to you as a leader.

You ignore completely the fact that we have just come out of the most destructive war in the history of the world. During this war, the economies of the countries that formerly were our competitors were destroyed.

Let's put it this way:
 Suppose a drastic drought destroyed the crops of EVERY STATE IN THE UNION but Oregon. People have to eat. If food were available nowhere else save in Oregon, there would be a huge demand for Oregon's crops. In such a case, the law of supply and demand would result in HIGH PRICES for Oregon's crops. Until the balance that was upset by the calamity of drought was finally restored, Oregon would be "prosperous."

That would come about regardless of what political party was in power. And this temporary, artificially stimulated, prosperity would come to an end whenever the conditions that caused it came to an end.

That, also, regardless of what political party was in power.

This too would happen:
 During this period of high level (even if TEMPORARY) prosperity, most Oregon farmers (probably 90 per cent of them) would get their mortgages paid off and their machinery and other equipment paid for and would be pretty well off.

REGARDLESS of what political party was in power.

I know, senator, your party feels that it HAS to hold the farm vote in order to win the election this year. I think it is generally conceded that if you lose all, or even the bulk, of the farm states, you'll come out in the small end of the horn. Hence your party's sudden and EFFUSIVE affection for the farmer.

But I think you ought to stick to facts.

Am I SURE the conditions resulting from war (including the wiping out of our competition from abroad and the creation of unprecedented demand from abroad for our goods, including FOOD) have been vastly more effective in creating the farm prosperity of the past decade than the policies of the Democratic party.

Let's be realistic about these things.
 There will come a time when we will HAVE to be realistic about them.

man on the Korean peninsula. A number of State Department foreign service officers also sent in repeated warnings to the State Department. None of them ever reached Eisenhower's desk. In fact he wasn't even around the Pentagon at the time, or the White House, or the State Department.

Only Acheson, Truman and Marshall were there. And we all know what they did. They dumped the load on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's shoulders and then fired him for carrying it successfully.

Since Mr. Truman thinks whistle-stopping is such fun maybe it would enliven things if somebody would ask him, at each stop, about Yalta, Potsdam and the Marshall mission. I'd like to hear his explanation, and I'm convinced the rest of you would, too.

Reader Opinions

Writer Wants To Know Why Papers Republican

ROSEBURG — Just read Mr. B. Ames' letter which, of course, has a great deal of truth in it—especially in regard to the two newspapers in each community. It also prompts me to ask why have so many newspapers all over the country "turned" Republican?

Editors are, as a whole, the most educated, best informed and broad-minded people in the country. They have access to all the facts and must be extremely efficient in weighing these facts. And if all their knowledge and contact with politicians, educators and others induces the large majority of editors to change or to remain Republican, it seems to me there is something drastically wrong with the Democrats, their policies, etc.

So many extremely smart and well-educated men wouldn't be Republican if the Democrat leaders were of a higher grade party instead of the corrupt, extravagant liars that they are.

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Newspaper Aid In Flower Sale Receives Thanks

ROSEBURG — On behalf of Dean Perrine Chapter, No. 9, of Disabled American Veterans, I wish to express our sincere thanks for your cooperation and able assistance in our recent Forget-Me-Not flower sale. The power of the press is always a big factor in events of this kind, and we are deeply appreciative.

All members join in a big, hearty Thank You.
 JOHN GROAT
 Commander,
 Dean Perrine Chapter,
 No. 9,
 Disabled American Veterans.

Denmark Bases For NATO Units Roil Russians

MOSCOW — Russia has accused Denmark of negotiating with the United States to set up NATO bases for foreign troops on Danish territory.

Such bases, a firmly-worded Russian note declared, would create a "threat to the security of the Soviet Union."

The formal Russian protest, published Thursday in all Moscow newspapers and delivered Wednesday to the Danish minister here, said establishment of such bases would violate Danish-Soviet agreements reached since the end of World War II.

"The Soviet government puts upon the Danish government all responsibility for possible consequences of such a policy," the Russian note declared.

The protest followed close on Soviet press attacks on the recent eight-nation NATO "Mainbrace" naval maneuvers around Norway and Denmark, both Atlantic Pact members.

Russian newspapers had described the war games, which included a landing by U. S. Marines on Denmark's Jutland peninsula, as evidence of aggressive intentions toward Russia.

The tone of the note indicated the Russian government is taking an extremely serious view of the question.

What counter-measures the Soviets might have in mind could only be speculated on.

In Denmark, the cabinet was called into extraordinary session to consider the Soviet protest. Foreign Minister Ole Bjorn Kraft declined any comment on the note. Reliable informant in Copenhagen said later, however, that the Danish government will either concede the note or leave it unanswered. Public reaction thus far has been one of resentment against what Daxes feel to be unwarranted Soviet interference in Danish and NATO affairs.

BAN TO BE LIFTED

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The Lebanese government has prepared a decree lifting a ban from four opposition newspapers suspended in June for attacking then President Bechara El Khoury.

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Seraps From the MENDING BASKET
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Last summer EJ and I hoped to have a look at Hell's Canyon, but didn't get there. However, we have just been enjoying a really wonderful picture of it, or of one point in the 40-mile stretch of the Snake Canyon 56 named, in the October HOLIDAY, a 13x13 inch picture in colors. Wonderful!

The text is from the tireless pen of Richard Neuberger. Says he: "Few Americans have heard of Hell's Canyon; fewer still have seen it. . . It is the greatest gash in the North American continent." He quotes the U. S. geological Survey as saying Hell's Canyon "excels in depth and narrowness the Grand Canyon of the Colorado."

The Neuberger article gives directions for reaching the point, but I shall quote from Frank C. Beeson's letter of August 9, '52. He is the manager of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, and replied to my inquiry about the road conditions. Perhaps you, too, might like to keep his instructions in case you take a notion to make the trip?

"Hat Point, (Forest Service look-out point for best seeing gorge) is about 35 miles east and north of Joseph, Oregon. . . reached by Highway 82 from La Grande to Joseph, 75 miles. From Joseph to