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## CONTROVERSIAL MEASURE

By Charles V. Stanton

One of the highly controversial measures coming before Oregon voters November 4 is that of liquor-by-the-drink.

The proposed constitutional amendment would permit the state to license private clubs, fraternal organizations, veterans' organizations, railroads operating interstate trains, and commercial establishments where food is cooked and served, to serve alcoholic liquor by the glass.

The amendment would authorize local option elections in counties and incorporated towns containing populations of at least 500.

Sponsors of the initiative measure contend that it is a step in the direction of moderation and temperance. They point to the State of Washington where per capita liquor consumption reportedly was reduced following passage of a similar act.

One of the principal arguments is that the present Knox law, requiring purchase by the bottle, is most objectionable to tourists; that Oregon would benefit from improved tourist trade if liquor by the glass were made available.

Under the existing law, it is pointed out, a man may take his bottle into a club licensed to mix drinks. If he then becomes intoxicated and insists upon continued service, the operator of the club may refuse to permit him to drink on the premises, but the customer can demand his bottle and take it with him to continue his tipping. Under a liquor-by-the-glass system, it is claimed, he could be tossed out and would have no source of supply immediately available.

### Claim Cure For Abuses

Sponsors say the bill would cure many of the abuses of the present law. Furthermore, they contend, it would relieve much of the temptation a man has to "kill" the full bottle he now must procure. Many people want only one or two drinks and, if able to buy in a place licensed to sell by the glass, would drink less than if forced to purchase a full bottle.

The amendment does not set up provisions for control. The legislature is authorized to formulate the law, with the provision that it shall operate uniformly throughout the state; that all individuals shall be treated equally, and that all provisions shall be liberally construed. Thus, while liquor-by-the-glass would be authorized in the several classifications designated, the legislature would determine the manner of regulation and this could be amended from time to time.

But opponents also have strong arguments. Our present Knox law is working satisfactorily, they say. Any change would be an opening wedge for a return to the old saloon days. They point to neighboring states, particularly Washington, where food requirements also are involved, and indicate a cocktail bar in virtually every restaurant, and a rush of new eating houses, serving "rubber sandwiches" as a means of getting liquor licenses.

Disputing the claim of "temperance" as indicated by lower per capita consumption in Washington, opponents point to Ontario, Canada, where a similar change reportedly brought about increased consumption.

### Availability Leads To Over-Indulgence

Opponents claim that indulgence is measured by availability. By permitting sales in public cocktail bars, they contend, we would simply be bringing the old saloon back into existence only in more lavish quarters and with higher prices.

Another proclaimed evil is that of "treating." In a public bar, it is pointed out, the rules of politeness call for treating friends. Each man so treated then must treat to a drink those who have treated him, and so the rounds come frequently.

We have heard a rumor to the effect that some of the Portland hotels, originally very interested in passage of the measure, are not now so enthusiastic. They have heard, we are informed, that a lavish, competitive hotel will be built if voters authorize liquor-by-the-glass sales.

**Scraps From the MENDING BASKET**  
by Vahnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

The butcher the baker and the candlestick maker — all have an opportunity to participate and help put over Art Week in the community.

"Art is a way of life. True living is an art." That is the Oregon slogan for American Art Week, Nov. 17. Since Oregon received the award given for the greatest achievement in the nation, an award presented by the American Artists Professional League, it would seem that Oregon is decidedly art-conscious. However American Art Week is for each one of us, from school age on.

Maudie Walling Wanker took her listeners at the meeting in Delake Sept. 14 on a "mental journey through a busy community," illustrating how she interested each type of business man in contributing appropriate artistic efforts, each in his own way. And who do you suppose sculptured exhibits for his showcases? The butcher modeled all sorts of animals out of lard!

"The grocery and meat market were fun," said Mrs. Wanker, who is state director for the project, "for with such wonderful material there was no end to the arrangements that could be made — fruit, vegetables and the many products therein could be featured."

(What's the matter with some shadow-box ideas? Still-life arrangements of purple cabbage, parsley, a carrot and what have you? Remember the shadow box scenes at the Rose Show at the Roseburg Women's Club? Gra-

### SAYS GOOD-BYE

TOKYO — Emperor Hirohito's third daughter said her official goodbye Friday to 24 members of the imperial family. Princess Yori marries Takamasa Ikeda, gentleman farmer and son of an ex-marquis, on Oct. 10. She then becomes a commoner.

## Before and After



## Newspapers and the Community



Without a newspaper to give it a sense of unity, a community lacks the cohesiveness of purpose found in a wholesome urban area. There is little awareness of civic or political issues and hardly any active comment on the affairs of city government. Thus, among many things founded by the Atomic Energy Commission in Oak Ridge, Tenn., was a newspaper. The AEC realized a daily paper is the mainspring of any vigorous community. In fact, wherever towns come into being an enterprising editor and printer will usually begin publishing a newspaper. Praises followed pioneers across the Alleghenies, through the mid-west and across the Mississippi to California. Today, binding the community together is the pulsating descendant of our rugged pioneer press, praising achievement, pointing out evil. Without it your hometown would be voiceless and disjointed with no focal point for its community spirit. You would not be aware of affairs of the day.

**Fulton Lewis Jr.**  
**WASHINGTON REPORT**  
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SAN FRANCISCO—In a direct challenge to government authority, Communists in Los Angeles are using violence in an effort to halt hearings by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

House probers have five dozen movie industry Reds on the hook who are reluctant, as usual, to sit in the witness chair. Their comrades in the city, on orders from party functionaries, will do what they can to keep them off the hot seat.

The Communists decided on a technique of violence to distract congressional probers when refuge behind the Fifth Amendment, as a refusal to answer the 564 question, became tantamount to an admission of guilt in the public mind. No one has been seriously hurt as a result of the Los Angeles demonstrations so far, but the Red technique has created confusion and delayed the orderly presentation of evidence against those suspected of devotion to Stalin. For the moment this is about as far as the comrades want to go.

The Communists have suffered serious setbacks in the past two years as a result of congressional investigations and indictments by federal grand juries. Party cupboards are bare, with most of the emergency cash going to underground leaders, two of whom are fugitives from justice.

Hollywood has always been a lush money market for the Reds. Prospective suckers are intimidated by public exposure, so the party is desperate in trying to halt the investigations.

What the comrades are accomplishing in Los Angeles, however, is the exact opposite of what they intend to do. By engaging in fist fights outside the hearing rooms, by taunting and threatening witnesses, the Moscow mimics are proving, in miniature, what the government has been arguing all along. That they will resort to force and violence in an effort to disrupt this form of government.

House investigators have established a permanent West Coast investigative office for the first time probably in the history of any congressional committee. The current Hollywood hearings have been in preparation for more than a year. They are dipping into Red infiltration in the less glamorous aspects of the industry — the

## Reader Opinions

### Newspaper Service Demands Impartiality

ROSEBURG — Mr. B. Ames has voiced an opinion in your paper (Oct. 2) that many would like to echo. He recognized an aggravating weakness in our local information service and made, what I thought, an excellent critique.

Since the citizens of Roseburg are not fortunate enough to have two rival newspapers from which to assemble the honest factors necessary to form decisions dealing with elections, etc., your newspaper becomes a powerful force. Ethically, the paper can no longer be biased but must present both sides of every argument.

No one man is smart enough to know what solutions are best for all people and, consequently, an editor should not impose his powerful position and opinions on the "unenlightened masses" without first developing the honest background of the controversial issue.

The people of Roseburg are entitled to expect their newspaper to report honest, uncolored news. Political party affiliations, personal opinions, prejudiced articles should play no part in its makeup.

You did express an excellent point in your editorial on Mr. B. Ames' comments, "people are able to afford two or more newspapers and informative magazines." If the malarkey gets too thick, the radio generally does give the other side or the other version and there's always a Portland newspaper.

Personally, I don't feel any danger exists of influencing many uninformed readers. People quickly tab a biased report and fortunately interpret it as one man's opinion — quite often wrong.

EDWIN ZADLICZ  
Roseburg, Ore.

Action against Charlie Chaplin and the recent arrest of Earl Browder and his wife, all on charges several years old, stirred up jitters in even the most avid old time party functionaries. They never know what will be next, and many of them are in the country illegally or have lied time and again in leaving party membership to obtain government jobs.

The arrest of Mrs. Browder was especially galling, since it once again reminded the Communists that they have few friends left in court. In 1944 the wife of the then President, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, personally interceded in securing Mrs. Browder an entry permit into this country although it was known that she was a Communist and ineligible for entry.

Now it's a presidential election year and the politicians are totally disinterested in helping the comrades. Their only friends are in Moscow.

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily On KRNR, 9:15 P.M.

## In the Day's News

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### What are their ideas?

I think that could have been got over to us without all this fabulous ballyhoo which, after all, tends to confuse us more than it informs us.

My wants are simple. Most important of all, I want leadership in Washington that, I can BELIEVE and TRUST. I'm sick and weary of having to DISCOUNT everything that is said to me as a citizen by our higher-ups.

I want to be able to HAVE FAITH. Faith can move mountains.

Then— Since we seem to have been hurled by fate into the position of leader of the world—

I want a foreign policy that knows where it is going and why and how. I'm fed up with communism having the jump on us all the time. I want to reach the point where WE HAVE THE JUMP ON COMMUNISM. I'm bone weary of feeling insecure and jittery. I want to feel SECURE and COMPETENT. Only leadership that is RIGHT can do that for us.

On the domestic front, I'm asking for no miracles.

If Ike is elected President, with a Republican majority in congress to back him up, I'll be quite happy if at the beginning we do no more than START PAYING OFF OUR NATIONAL DEBT instead of constantly adding to it. We'll then be on the road to solvency, whereas we're now on the road to bankruptcy.

I'll have to confess that up to now this political campaign—which is the most important to our future welfare since the campaign of 1860—is a disappointment to me. What I wanted was a serious appraisal of our dangers and our needs. What we're getting is a three-ring circus, with the clowns as the chief performers.

The root of the trouble, I think, lies in the fact that the professionals who are running the show on both sides have too much money to spend.

I haven't much use for money in politics. I'm so foolishly idealistic as to prefer sincerity and simplicity.

I still know what I want. I want Ike. I had faith in him at the start, and have faith in him still. He is more than a military hero. He is a GREAT ADMINISTRATOR. His judgment of men is good. He proved that over and over in Europe, where he picked the kind of men who get things done in the right way. That is the kind of President we need.

If his performance as a candidate has been disappointing, there are extenuating circumstances. In the tradition of American politics, the PROFESSIONALS took over. The tradition was too strong for him to buck. He had to submit—much against his will. I'll bet. But he's still Ike, and he's still good, and I still have faith in him. That's my creed, and all this screwball professional ballyhoo hasn't shaken it. I know what I want.

**MY PAPER HASN'T ARRIVED YET**  
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## Dispatch Says Court Sentences Catholics

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Dispatches a Vienna newspaper said that a Communist court in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia has sentenced a Roman Catholic bishop and three priests to be shot after they were convicted on spy charges.

The American-sponsored newspaper Wiener Kurier quoted the Bulgarian telegraph agency as reporting the three death sentences and the conviction of 20 other priests on charges of spying and anti-state activities.

The dispatch said the convicted priests had asked for the court's mercy.

The death sentences were handed down to Bishop Evgheni Bossikov and Fathers Kamen Jon-

### MENU NOVELTY

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The dining room of a downtown hotel has been listing "Empire Sherbet" on its menus since the World Series began. Turns out the sherbet is raspberry.

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