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IMPROVED SERVICE

By Charles V. Stanton

Roseburg's city police department is entitled to praise and thanks for the very excellent improvement in the matter of traffic control.

During rush hours the department is manning all the busiest intersections. Saturday, we are informed, every man in the department was utilized.

Especially commendable is the improvement made in methods. Apparently members of the department have devoted a good many hours to schooling.

We recall how a city patrolman, only a few months ago, was trying to direct traffic. His signals were bewildering. Motorists were continually misinterpreting his instructions. He was confusing drivers rather than helping them.

By contrast members of the department now are giving signals efficiently. Furthermore, indicating the results of schooling, signals are uniform. The officers turn their bodies in line with traffic direction, indicate the flow pattern by vigorous arm motions, coordinate their signals to keep traffic moving with the least possible delays, while giving a pleasing show of both authority and courtesy.

Public Seems Cooperative

It has been interesting to watch the public's reaction to the improved system of traffic control. Saturday's traffic furnished an excellent example, as it was exceptionally heavy.

We observed that nearly all drivers seemed appreciative of the help being given them and anxious to conform to signals. Drivers, uncertain whether they could make right or left turns from the indicated direction of travel, made inquiries by use of tentative signals. They received quick and courteous replies in return.

Officers had more trouble with pedestrians than with motor vehicles. Some pedestrians did not seem to realize that the controls were for them as well as cars. They were firmly, but politely, sent back to their proper places. For the most part, the sidewalk throng, busy with Christmas shopping, was very cooperative and obedient.

We heard one father using the occasion to give his small son a lesson in how traffic is controlled, what the signals mean, and how to obey the officers.

"The policemen are trying to keep you from getting hurt," he overheard him tell the youngster.

How much better it was, we thought, to instill into the young mind the thought that the policeman is a personal guardian rather than to teach fear, as so many parents do carelessly, by telling the youngster, "the policeman will get you if you don't behave."

One-Way System Planned

A change to one-way grid pattern in the downtown area is scheduled to go into operation the last week in December. Trial of the new system was postponed until after the holiday rush to prevent confusion, for there is certain to be confusion until motorists become accustomed to the change.

We hear much discussion of the plan. Some people are violently opposed to it. Others are skeptical. Many believe it is the ideal solution. Another group believes the pattern is in reverse.

Whatever our ideas, we should be willing to give the plan a fair trial. We have a most serious traffic problem. Our short and narrow streets cannot accommodate the increasing traffic load. Any system that will relieve congestion is worth trying.

If the grid scheme works, we will be materially benefited. If it doesn't work, we believe there will be little difficulty in obtaining needed changes.

The police department is endeavoring to give efficient service to the public. The public in turn should be tolerant, patient and cooperative with the police department.

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

While the D. B. W. C. hostesses were doing last minute things to the refreshments in the kitchen of the lovely home the George Jacksons have just built atop a hill, several young mothers began comparing notes on who had to do what for the coming school play, "Santa Claus Visits Circeland," December 19, here in Drain at the grade school.

"My Tommy has to be a horse," said Ruth Bryant, the principal's wife, "and I can't figure out yet how to make him look like a horse! Even with the letter from his teacher."

"Oh, it's SIM-ple!" Maxine Chatham assured her. You just hang a shoe box under his chin and that's the nose. You'll see, once you get started." Tommy's mother cheered perceptibly, but it was plain she still had her doubts. "I got off easy," said Edith Bush, highly gratified. "My Stevie is a cowboy. What are Karer and Linda?" Said their mother: "Oh, majorettes. I guess. I have to make circular skirts."

I asked Marjorie Hill, one of the six teachers involved in the program for more details. Said she cheerfully: "All we six teachers have to do is put 150 children, or maybe it's 175, into a forty-minute play. First three grades. Two rooms of each grade." She helped Frankie Cole and Leta Jackson serve the refreshments as happily as if she had nothing else on her mind. Wonder what the six teachers will look like come the 20th the morning after? Maybe the relief will resuscitate them! How I did enjoy listening in to all the

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From Whom All Blessings Flow



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON, (AP) — Until the departure of President Truman from the White House it will be impossible to expose fully the betrayal of American secrets by Soviet agents working inside the government.

Mr. Truman has always viewed the Communist issue in government as political. In the Alger Hiss case, for instance, he privately suggested that Hiss should be shot, while publicly describing the case as a red herring. In his ignorance he failed to realize how harmful his public utterances are to the efforts of those who seek to clean Communists out of the government.

His statements have halted public investigations and silenced many who would have spoken out except for fear of his political reprisals. Inept in handling the issues confronting his high office, he has damaged the nation's security time and again.

One of the more persistent stories concerning Hiss and the President, which has long been a topic of comment in U.S. security agencies, involved an American promise to pre-war Poland that a Nazi attack would result in U.S. assistance. The message was delivered to Poland by Ambassador William C. Bullitt.

Bullitt had barely returned to Washington before Nazi propaganda broadcasts were accusing the U.S. of war mongering because of a promise to Poland. At that time Germany and Russia were signatories of a mutual aid pact and, in fact, were exchanging intelligence reports on the British and U.S. obtained by agents inside both Allied governments.

An editorial in the current issue of Freeman Magazine, written by Forrest Davis, relates a subsequent discovery by the U.S. government involving the Polish issue. It was in August of 1948 that U.S. intelligence services completed translating captured documents seized from the German high command. A digest of the documents was presented to Mr. Truman. The digest showed beyond quibble, according to Freeman Magazine, that Hiss had delivered to Moscow full information on the Bullitt conference in Poland, which was in turn handed over to Nazi Germany. It was on this occasion the President is reported to have remarked that Hiss should be shot.

Within a few hours, at a press conference, however, Mr. Truman

The Steadfast Class of the First Presbyterian Church will have a potluck dinner and program Wednesday, starting at 12 noon, in the church parlors. Miss Ruth Swinney will have charge of the program.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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IN and are willing to DIE FOR. These South Koreans are MEN. That is becoming increasingly clear from day to day.

But the DEED ITSELF was futile.

There are only 20-odd millions of South Koreans. Goodness only knows how many HUNDREDS of millions of communists there are.

Obviously, with the balance of numbers so STAGGERINGLY against them, the South Koreans can't afford to lose precious heroes in actions such as that atop Big Nori hill. Equally obviously, with the balance of numbers fantastically IN THEIR FAVOR, it is smart strategy on the part of the communists to provoke such incidents.

It's the old apocryphal story of the Chinese and the Japs: "Plitty soon no more Japs."

While admiring them for their heroic devotion to their cause and their grim quality as fighting men, we must teach the South Koreans to be a little more realistic. One of the fundamentals of war is the inexorable logic that a dead soldier is no longer of any value to his country whereas the soldier who fights bravely but manager to STAY ALIVE is of continuing value to his country and his cause.

I think it is clear by this time to every intelligent mind that the strategy of the communists in Korea is the STRATEGY OF ATTENTION. That is to say, they understand fully that their reservoir of manpower is inexhaustible whereas ours is not.

All they need to do is to KEEP US FIGHTING LONG ENOUGH in Korea and we will be bled white. It is a shrewd strategic concept.

To meet it and defeat it, what should our strategy be?

It's a tough problem. I think we might as well face the fact that up to now our enemy has the edge on us.

That raises a question: WHO is our enemy? Our enemy is communist Russia, which is the BRAIN of this thing that we call communism.

Communism is a spiderweb. Russia is the spider at the center of the web. So far, we have been the flies that get stuck in the outer, sticky mazes of the web. While we are doing that, Russia, the spider, sits UNINJURED in the center.

It was altogether a most heart-warming experience and our grateful thanks go out to all these people.

As long as America has such citizens, we need not fear anything or anybody. To them we say thank you and God bless you.

H. W. BANKS
for wife and self and for Mr. and Mrs. Richard West.
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I'm afraid the time must come when we will have to say to Russia: YOU'RE THE SPIDER.

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Instead, we'll DESTROY YOU WITH ATOM BOMBS.

I know that's a grim thought — but this battle against communism is grim business.

And Russia is the spider at the center of the web. So far, she has been able to wage effective war against us without getting even scratched herself.

Can we let that go on indefinitely?

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