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## CIVIC CHALLENGE

Charles V. Stanton

Preliminary discussions concerning formation of an Inland Umpqua Development Association indicate that favorable action may be taken in the near future. The Association would bring each community of the area into membership with equal representation.

We have had previous attempts at countywide organization. In fact, we once had a county chamber of commerce, but it remained active for only a brief period.

Changing conditions make an association, similar to the one now contemplated, most desirable, we believe. Given aggressive leadership, it could become a potent force in orderly promotion of industrial, resource and civic development.

Previous attempts at organization on a county base broke down largely because of provincialism and community jealousies.

Only a few years ago we had much community jealousy and suspicion. Each town was suspicious of every other town, and all centered antagonism on Roseburg, the largest town.

We find little of that spirit today. Each community has grown in self-confidence and ability to look after its own interests. We have a better population balance. Our needs and desires are mutual. Occasionally someone tries to revive the old spirit of jealousy, but seldom gets far with his efforts.

### Cooperation Valuable

Economic conditions have altered to the point that we are thinking today in regional rather than local terms. Roseburg people, who once wanted everything centered around the city, now realize that development at any site within the area, even at the extreme limits, is important to all. Smaller communities likewise have learned that there is no desire on the part of Roseburg to stifle or interfere with their plans. We have gained respect for and confidence in one another in the last few years and are pulling together for the whole area, rather than each community going its separate way.

Because of enlarged vision we are in a better position now to succeed with an Inland Umpqua Basin Development Association.

Certainly the problems we face jointly make cooperation a more essential factor. While we doubtless can achieve our objectives in time by separate effort, a combined approach would hasten solution to some of those problems. Our economy would rise faster and higher.

Through collective study and interchange of ideas we could bring about more orderly development, particularly by close cooperation with the County Planning Commission.

### Projects Available

There is ample project material upon which the Association could build.

Each community is concerned with the need for improved access to timber. We need extensive study on the matter of resource management and conservation. One of the imperative projects is that of better timber utilization. If the Association could aid in promoting cooperative installations for secondary manufacture, we could raise our economy immediately by millions of dollars annually. Capturing new industry, improving transportation and communication, safeguarding health, contributing to orderly community expansion, all offer a challenging program to an Association such as now proposed.

Douglas County has a vast wealth of resource. We have only entered our era of industrial development. Bright prospects are ahead. Yet, to date, we have done little, except by isolated effort, to promote resource utilization. A valuable resource survey, containing a wealth of information and exposing hundreds of opportunities, has had little exploitation other than casual distribution.

We are doing virtually nothing to expand our great agricultural resource. We have prospects for rejuvenating a long dormant mining industry, but promotional efforts will be needed to get maximum results. We have opportunity to capitalize upon unequalled recreational resources.

A great challenge is posed for an Inland Umpqua Basin Association. It remains to be seen whether we can measure up to the challenge.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — A wise man once said the best way to avoid trouble is never to answer a telephone—or open your mail.

But the greatest American university is still the U. S. postman's pouch. Few of us can resist at least opening the missives he brings—the stampmarked slender paper shells full of odd bits of yearning and learning, threats to sue, political preachings, past-due bills, charity appeals, great business opportunities, and bargain offers that unfortunately can only be made for a limited time.

In this vast postal sea each letter sets sail bravely, bearing a plea or message from one human to another. The fate of most vessels in this myriad paper fleet is sad indeed. They reach port only to have their cargo—glanced at but often unread—tossed unceremoniously into a wastebasket, and their voyage is a failure. They have failed to deliver their message to Garcia—or Smith, Brown, Jones or McGillicuddy.

The ruinous loss of all this information, the wreckage of so many facts and fancies that cry out to be heard, distresses me. So now and then I salvage from my own morning mail such tidbits of our time, such quaint items of interesting lore, as may brighten the days of people tired of brooding over bus ads on the long ride home.

Herewith are a few such nuggets of knowledge which, while they may fail to change your life, at least will provide you with an answer when your wife asks "What's on your mind?" Paris, the capital of France, now has about 400,000 trees, or roughly one tree for every 10 people, not counting tourists, of course. It is estimated that the U. S. has

12 billion dollars invested in plants and businesses overseas.

His biographers say comedian Jerry Lewis won the heart of Pat Palmer, a singer, by hanging a pair of baby shoes on her dressing mirror with this note: "I haven't a buck, but what do you say we get married and fill these?" Now they have two sons (one is adopted), nine dogs, and nobody knows how many bucks.

What are you and your wife doing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the tea bag? Just taking it in your stride? Well, ponder this: Each tea bag had a blend of 20 to 30 different kinds of tea. The tea bag was invented accidentally by an Irishman (as an Englishman once remarked, "The Irish never really do anything on purpose.") named Tom Sullivan, a New York merchant who put out samples of his tea in small silk bags. He had no idea the customers would start dunking them. But the idea caught on so well that today 46 per cent of the tea sold in America comes in bags, now made of a special filter paper.

Do you know why man tall buildings don't have a 13th floor?

## "Need Any Help?"



Bruce Biossat

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

### MCCARTHY'S NEXT EXPOSE

Oregon Statesman

We are beginning to learn the full meaning of the H-bomb. Up until now, all was promise—or threat. But in the last few days, we have had some facts, and they are shattering.

On March 1, at its mid-Pacific proving grounds, the United States launched off its second hydrogen explosion. What happened?

It shot a nuclear cloud 17 miles into the sky. The explosion had a force at least 600 times that of the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima. The Hiroshima bomb was the equal of 20,000 tons of TNT. The new H-bomb equaled 15 million tons of TNT.

At Hiroshima, some 60,000 Japanese died as result of the A-bomb. Who can say with any accuracy how many would perish if a bomb 600 times as powerful were exploded in a populous center?

This H-bomb jarred Kwajalein Island, 176 miles away. It scattered radioactive dust, moisture and debris far beyond the safety-zone boundaries of the test area. Radioactive H-bomb ash fell on Japan, 1600 miles away.

A boatload of Japanese fishermen 80 miles from the explosion suffered severe burns from radioactive coral ash which descended on their boat long hours after the blast.

Actually, scientific instruments failed to measure the full force of the burst, but scientists are guessing that it was three to four times as great as they had expected.

Senator Bridges of New Hampshire says that the earlier bomb or device wiped out an island and tore a hole in the ocean floor 175 feet deep and a mile wide.

Since this report was made, arguments have developed among our officials and statesmen regarding the wisdom of telling even a fuller story.

Those who say we should speak out believe the mere knowledge of the awfulness of this weapon (and this was a droppable weapon) will serve as a monumental deterrent to war.

It seems to us the more that can be told, without hurting security, the better it will be. And every last detail ought to be beamed again and again by U. S. and European transmitters to Russia and the Iron Curtain countries.

Unimaginable horror, a stare in the face of another war should be fought. Men will gain nothing, and may lose everything, if they now avert their gaze.

### They'll Drive Spies Crazy

At the Berlin conference, wary British delegates brought along

Blame it on an old human disease called "triskaidekaphobia," or fear of the number 13. It has been regarded as unlucky by some ever since the last supper attended by Jesus and his 12 disciples.

Don't bet any money the horse will make a comeback on the farm soon. The only place the horse is safe from the tractor is on a race track or in cowboy operas.

Farm acreage that used to be needed to feed the horse now grows pork or other food for people.

A farm worker in 1940 could supply food for only 10 people; by 1951 he could feed 15. So long, Dobbin. See you in the 5th at Jamaica.

Now that winter is gone, don't hesitate to swat that fly. The fly is an insect, like 75 per cent of all living creatures, including your neighbors.

Only 10,000 of the 700,000 or more kinds of insects in this country infect man or his crops. But they cause about 50,000 different diseases, not counting spring fever.

Remember, an insect never really surrenders, repents, or will keep a promise to mend his ways. So swat that fly today.

And next summer you won't have to wear out your tennis arm swinging at his million descendants.

That exhausts my mail bag except for a belated Christmas card. Did you know that 16 per cent of all Christmas cards arrive late? And that one out of every 10 persons who send Christmas cards to will visit you later? Let that be a lesson to you.

## Ike Will Be Asked To Quiet Hysteria Over Super H-Bomb

By RUSSELL BRINES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Hollifield (D-Calif.) says he intends to ask President Eisenhower to explain publicly what happened in the March 1 super-hydrogen blast so as to eliminate worldwide "confusion, fear and hysteria."

Hollifield, a member of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, returned recently from the Pacific test area where the explosion touched off power estimated at between 600 and 700 times that of the Hiroshima atomic bomb. He said he had been pledged to secrecy about details before his visit.

Meanwhile, indications were that an even greater H-blast might be tested roughly on schedule in late April.

Another committee member, Rep. Van Zandt (R-Pa.), announced Saturday he would fly to Bikini in April to witness further "hydrogen weapons" tests.

The atomic committee, informed sources said, had received no indication by Saturday of a "deliberate postponement" or cancellation of the present series of tests.

Informants said delays of a day or two might result from adverse weather or supercaution by scientists trying to prevent a repetition of March 1 results. More than 300 persons were showered with radioactive ash, including 23 burned Japanese fishermen, when winds carried it beyond the established hazard area.

Confidential sources have said the original schedule called for an explosion about April 22 that would be larger than the March 1 blast.

Hollifield said in an interview the President could give the public a review of the blast without revealing top-secret information.

### U. S. Treasury Opposes Gold Standard Return

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Monday declared itself unalterably opposed to putting the United States back on the gold standard at this time.

W. Randolph Burgess, deputy to the secretary of the Treasury, also testified that raising the price of gold—as proposed by Sen. McCarthy (D-Nev.)—would be "giving Russia a glorious handout."

### Hen Stealers Warned Of Virus Inoculation

ONTARIO, Calif. (AP) — Rancher D. S. Merriam Monday warned whoever stole his six hens not to partake of a chicken dinner.

Merriam said the hens were just inoculated with a live virus used to combat poultry epidemics.

He added that anyone eating the fowl stolen Sunday, faced the possibility of serious illness or death.

## In The Day's News

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fantry that finally mops up and finishes what the other arms of the service start.

When it was all over, the French had killed EVERY RED SOLDIER, many of them in SAVAGE, HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING.

No matter how tragically futile the French GOVERNMENT may be — and it has been that way far more often than not — individual Frenchmen are still MEN.

They were MEN in 1918, when from February to November they stood fast at Verdun against everything the Germans could throw at them, suffering total casualties of nearly a million and bleeding France so white she has never been able to recover.

But they broke the back of Kaiser Wilhelm's bid for world power.

There is cynically tragic news from Egypt, where the revolt that threw fat tyrant Farouk out appears to be fizzling away in counter-revolts led by those who are seeking to GET BACK INTO POWER.

In our own country (in this ELECTION year) a bitter campaign is being waged against President Eisenhower, a sincere middle-of-the-roader who puts the welfare of his country ahead of politics and is seeking to lead us back to a normal peace-time economy after more than a dozen years of wild war boom.

In dealing with this campaign, let's not speak too disparagingly of the Democrats. They're at least doing what they're politically expected to do and what the GOPs did back in the early 1930s — that is to say, they're trying to get back into power, which is the goal toward which every politician shapes his acts.

Let's talk about the Republicans who are stabbing their leader in the back in this hour when all clearer thinkers are trying to get away from the idea that the government in Washington should guarantee prosperity for everybody by waving a wand.

There is Senator Milton Young of North Dakota (whence comes along also Wild Man Bill Langer). Young says in a Washington interview:

"There won't be a single Republican or Democrat elected to congress from the Midwest who stands for flexible farm price supports. The Republicans should get behind my proposal to restore RIGID PRICE SUPPORTS, if they expect to sell a farm program to the voters."

What he means is for everybody to go all out on a program of PAY US OURS RIGHT NOW AND SEND THE BILL TO OUR GRANDCHILDREN.

## Bill Would Bar Reds From Armed Forces Of U. S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.), senior Democrat on the Armed Services Committee, Monday introduced legislation to bar Communist Party members from the armed forces.

He proposed that the uniform code of military justice make Communist membership or failure to disclose such affiliations a military crime.

The bill would call for a court martial for persons found guilty of belonging to an organization which aims to overthrow the government by force or violence.

Vinson said the measure would open the way for the President to establish a limit on the penalty for the offense. A court martial could impose punishment up to and including the death penalty if so prescribed by the chief executive.

The bill carries a provision designed to prevent anyone from dodging military service by claiming ties with the Reds. Such a person still would be subject to military service under conditions determined by the President.

### Burglars Include Coffee In Grocery Store Booty

HAYDEN LAKE, Idaho (AP) — Burglars broke into Manley Taie's grocery store early Monday and got away with \$100 in silver and some current "gold" — 99 pounds of coffee.

Forty cartons of cigarettes were also stolen. The prowlers cut through the floor of an adjacent feed store to gain entrance.

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## May Primary Ballots In Hands Of Printers

Ballots for May's primary election went to the printer Monday, according to County Clerk Charles Doerner.

The clerk reminded that April 20 is the last day for voter registration. On that date, the clerk's office will remain open until 8 p.m. About 42 other registrars through

out the county will close their books at the regular day's closing time.

Because many people in the Myrtle Creek area must register following precinct boundary changes, two registrars have been added this year. Also, one additional registrar has been named at Reedsport.

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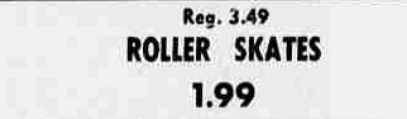
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