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TAX REVOLUTION

Charles V. Stanton

Defeat of the Roseburg school district and city budgets poses serious problems for the coming year.

Further reductions in the school budget make "hardship" schools a certainty. Obviously we cannot expect to operate a bigger school system this year with less money than was supplied for a smaller operation last year. Yet such is the decree issued by voters. The decision means that education will suffer; that efficiency will be impaired.

The city budget committee resubmitted its proposal without alteration, contending that municipal government could not be properly administered with less money. Voters plainly demanded less expensive administration, which means that some services must be eliminated.

The second defeat for each budget, however, has some favorable factors.

It is quite apparent that we have reached the maximum on taxes. A tax revolution is indicated.

We believe it is a mistake to pare our local taxes to the point of impairing services. Yet, if people demand tax reductions at the local level, they may extend their demands to the national level where the greatest opportunity for savings exists.

Political Implications

Our federal government has grown to enormous size. The federal government has invaded private enterprise; has set up services which could be maintained less expensively and more efficiently by the states. The federal government is draining away taxes which otherwise could be available for local services and improvements.

If the tax revolution, apparent at the local level, spreads to the national level it can do a great deal of good.

In the meantime, however, it is going to be extremely difficult to maintain an adequate school system. It will be hard for the budget committee to trim the budget below the figure submitted at the last election without eliminating some desirable activities. Elimination of these activities will bring vigorous protest from many patrons.

Any budget must contain money to pay teachers. Teacher contracts are signed in March while budgets are not made up until May or June. Thus teachers already have been hired and must be paid. Nor is it possible, after contracts are signed, to reduce salary scales.

Growth Adds Problems

With voters refusing more money for operation of schools, the problem arises what to do about continuing growth. The law requires children six years or older to attend school. Each year we must make provision for more classrooms for beginners. As these students advance through the grades, more space must be provided all along the line. Each year has seen an increase in the number of beginners, as well as expansion of each succeeding grade.

Certainly we can't expect to build, equip and operate more classrooms with less money. So it becomes necessary to consider elimination of such items as transportation, school lunches, band, music, arts, athletics, etc. Cuts in any of those activities will be greeted with strong protest.

The city budget likewise must trim down essentials. We can impair our sanitary facilities by eliminating money for maintenance. We can do with less police and fire protection. We can toss out needed street improvements.

Both budgets must be revised and submitted to voters again. Voters should not permit themselves to be influenced by prejudice or misinformation, but should study carefully the dangers involved in forcing administrations below levels of safety and efficiency.

It is well that taxpayers demand economy, but they should think seriously about the damage that can be done by penuriousness.

Hal Boyle

PARIS (AP) — It was twilight, my favorite hour in Paris, when I came to dear old Le Petit Pied Chaud, my favorite left bank sidewalk cafe, and sat down wearily in my favorite chair.

This is the chair that has the worn seat marks of Ernest Hemingway reverently outlined with an indelible pencil each morning. The seat marks of Oscar Wilde are preserved on a mauve chair in the cafe around the corner.

"Will M'sieu have a bit of his favorite wine?" queried Macques, my favorite old sommelier (we call him "Mac"), who paints postcards for tourists in his off hours. Clean postcards, too—not a speck of dust on them.

I hesitated. In America what one drinks often determines how one feels. But to us sons and daughters of the left bank it is the other way around. How we feel determines what we drink. It is the difference between savagery and civilization.

"At the moment, Macques, I don't know which is my favorite wine," I confessed. "My mood is mixed."

"Perhaps M'sieu desires the crimson excitement of Burgundy, or the nutbrown wonder of Acjou," suggested Macques. "Does the buried sunshine of Bordeaux call to M'sieu, or the crunchy goodness of Alsace? Not Perhaps, then, the clangor of Cotes du Rhone?"

"Ah, no Macques, I do not wish to be difficult, but their sounds pall upon my palate."

"I understand. Is it possible that M'sieu demands the pale cold consolation of a Jeroboam of champagne?"

"It makes me sleepy," I said coldly. "Besides, you know champagne is only for brides, tourists and... and breakfast."

"Oui, M'sieu."

"No, Macques, I am weary of all known pleasures. A million tax-

Let Us Prey!



Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA)

Among other earth-shaking controversies now being debated in Washington, there's a social crisis over whether the lady who presides at the coffee-pouring table should be of higher rank than the lady who pours the tea at a reception, or vice versa.

Three of the capital's best-informed authorities on protocol are in disagreement on this coffee-versus-tea issue.

The State Department's protocol office and former White House Social Secretary Edith Benham Helm say this is all very silly and neither pouring operation outranks the other.

Mrs. Carolyn Hagner Shaw, editor of Washington's Green Book and Social Register, stoutly maintains, however, that even if you call your reception a tea, the ranking lady assisting you should be asked to preside at the coffee pot.

The lady with lower rank would get the assignment at the tea kettle, with its infinitely greater responsibility of asking whether you wanted it with lemon, instead of just cream and sugar. That is, a senator's wife should pour coffee. A representative's wife should pour tea.

UNDERSECRETARY of Labor Arthur Larson has an answer for the frequently expressed belief of many people that social security programs in America are "creeping socialism." The usual charge is that social security makes people soft, destroys initiative, and reduces them to a slavish and dependent posture in relation to their government.

Speaking before the Chicago Economic Club, Secretary Larson declared: "No research project has ever turned up so much as one individual of whom it could be said, 'Look at this wretch! He was a fine, ambitious, independent fellow making \$300 a month until he discovered he was entitled to \$85 a month at age 65 and \$25 a week when he was unemployed. As soon as he discovered this, he lost all his drive and character and became a bum.'"

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC Minority Leader Sam Rayburn of Texas says he's all set to become Speaker of the House of Representatives again if the Democrats win in November. He made this disclosure in an off-hand comment before the National Rivers and Harbors Conference.

After paying his usual compliment to the present Republican Speaker Joe Martin, Rep. Rayburn said, "You know, Joe and I have been jumping in and out of that job for years. I have served so long I don't need it any more."

happy glasses I felt as warm and empty and young as a grasshopper in a hayfield.

"They are marvelous," I told him. "Do you enjoy these wines yourself?"

"When the boss—that pig—looks the other way, I sometimes manage to sneak myself a mouthful," whispered Macques. "It does wonders for my arthritis."

"How about selling me a couple of bottles to take back to America?"

"Impossible! It is a sacrilege even to suggest such a thing. If Americans knew there were such wines, they would come here in such numbers as to crowd all France."

"At least let me have the corks as souvenirs," I begged. Macques agreed to—for a fee.

"Do not show them here where the other patrons can see them," he said when he returned. He slipped two small objects in my hand.

I got up, strolled casually around the corner, and there, under a lamplight, studied the two tin caps in my fingers.

One said "Coca-Cola." The other said "Pepsi-Cola."

WASHINGTON (NEA)

Then he added with a twinkle in his eye, "Of course, if the opportunity would come again, I'd take it."

POLISH PEOPLE in the capital city of Warsaw have found various ways to show their defiance of Soviet Russian occupation authorities, according to reliable undercover reports made to the U. S. Free Europe Committee.

The Poles have discovered that the Russians will put up with quite a lot of annoyance, because any complaints to the government would be an admission of Soviet unpopularity. So the Warsaw people have started playing tricks like these:

When a Russian asks for directions, he will be given an answer in such rapid Polish that he can't understand. A similar stunt is to put a Russian on a streetcar going in the wrong direction.

In shops and stores the Russians are given bad advice on their purchases. When a Russian walks past a group of Poles, they stop talking and stare at him. A favorite game is to point excitedly at a passing Soviet car, causing the driver to get out and look to see what's wrong.

Highest Society Out To Witness Dietrich Show

LONDON (AP) — Some 550 of Britain's biggest society swells turned out Tuesday night to see Marlene Dietrich open a four-week engagement at the Cafe de Paris.

The glamorous grandmother, wearing the peek-a-boo dress which excited Las Vegas and American newspaper readers, wowed them with such songs as "Lili Marlene," "La Vie en Rose," "Falling in Love Again," and "Look Me Over Closely."

Playwright-composer Noel Coward introduced the film star to her glittering audience, which included the Earl and Countess of Harwood, the Duke and Duchess of Argyll, Lord and Lady Norwich, Lord and Lady Sefton, Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks.

The tabloid Daily Sketch waxed lyrical about Marlene's performance and said, "Her fantastic white dress was designed to conceal nothing that was revealing." But the Daily Herald said: "The transparent dress was, after all, a compromise. For all it showed of the essential Marlene, she might have been a nun."

Eisenhower Cracks About Marine Corps

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower, an Army man himself, jokingly remarked Tuesday that the Army is always "doing something for the Marines."

He made the observation at a White House ceremony when he signed an order establishing the first official seal for the Marine Corps in its 178 years of existence.

Sen. Case (R-SD) and seven House members, all former Marines, witnessed the ceremony along with high military leaders, including Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., a commandant of the Marine Corps.

Mindful of the fact that the heraldic branch of the Army designed the seal, Sen. Case told the President: "This is where the Army does something for the Marine Corps."

"We always do," Eisenhower replied with a smile.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower, an old Legionnaire, asked Congress Tuesday for a special appropriation of \$103,000 to maintain "public order" during the American Legion's convention here Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

Tactical Air Command Will Go To Europe

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AP) — Secretary of the Air Force Harold E. Talbott announced Tuesday that Tactical Air Command's 21st and 388th Fighter Bomber Wings will leave the United States for Europe this fall.

The announcement was released by Tactical Air Command headquarters here.

Assigned to TAC's Ninth Air Force, the two wings will use the North American F86F Sabrejet fighter-bomber as their operational aircraft. The overseas deployment of these units to France marks the second time that fully-equipped F86F Wings will go to the United States Air Forces in Europe for duty with the NATO defense forces.

The overseas movement, part of the TAC's continued support of worldwide employment of tactical air power, marks the 19th and 20th Wings deployed by the command since the start of the Korean War.

The dispatch of the two additional Fighter Bomber Wings to Europe will raise to 15 the total number of U. S. Air Wings permanently stationed on that continent. There will be eight Fighter Bomber Wings there in all: Four in France, including the two new ones; and two each in Germany and England.

Fighter Bomber Wings normally have 75 aircraft and each is manned by about 2,000 officers and men.

Ridgway Says Peress' Promoters Disciplined

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, U. S. Army chief of staff, says he doubts the Army-McCarthy dispute lowered morale in the Army.

"As for the actual spirit of our soldiers," said Gen. Ridgway, "I am confident the American people have nothing to worry about."

In San Francisco Friday night, Ridgway said "proper disciplinary action" had been taken against the officers who gave an honorable discharge to Maj. Irving Peress, a key figure in the Army-McCarthy row.

He declined to name the officers, or report the action taken against them. The Army has admitted the case was mishandled, but Ridgway's statement was the first indication of any punishment.

McCarthy frequently referred to the major as a "Fifth Amendment Communist" because he refused on constitutional grounds to say whether he was or had been a Communist.

Marie McDonald's Husband Is Charged

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Marie McDonald's wealthy husband was charged with felonious assault Tuesday after two news photographers charged he tried to run them down as he was driving the actress home from the police station in nearby Beverly Hills.

She was arrested Monday and charged with driving while under the influence of a drug.

The photographers who filed the complaint are Robert Ritchie and Jack Leppert.

Earlier Tuesday Miss McDonald sent word that she was too ill to appear in court and her attorney arranged a continuance of her arraignment until later in the day.

Southern Pacific Lays Off 200 Men At Eugene

EUGENE (AP) — The Southern Pacific Railroad laid off 200 men in this division Tuesday as the result of the lumber strike.

L. P. Hopkins, division superintendent, said 100 of these were in the Eugene area, the remainder in outlying points. The division extends from Portland to the summit of the Cascade Range, southeast of Eugene.

Churchill States Relations With Russia Not One-Way

By SEYMOUR TOPPING

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill declared Tuesday Britain does not propose to lose any opportunity of improving relations with Russia "but this must be more than a one way affair."

He made the statement in reply to Laborite questioners just two days before he flies to Washington for a conference with President Eisenhower.

An authoritative source also said Churchill is now ready to commit Britain to join the proposed southeast Asian defense alliance against communism after the Geneva Conference adjourns.

Churchill's cabinet, which met

earlier, was understood to have approved such a commitment during Churchill's conferences in Washington with President Eisenhower.

Thus far the British have agreed merely to examine the desirability of setting up the contemplated Southeast Asian Treaty Organization (SEATO), a military alliance linking the West with non-Communist countries in Asia.

That agreement was reached when U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles conferred here in April with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

The Foreign Office declined comment on the report the commitment will be extended.

Churchill said plans for his meeting with Eisenhower were under way before the Geneva Conference on Korea and Indochina had bogged down.

He pointed out there would be no fixed agenda at the Washington conference "but I hope we can have an exchange of views on all subjects of major current importance."

The Prime Minister also said in reply to a question from Laborite George Patigier he "was glad to note that my recent speech to the Primrose League had been favorably received in leading circles in the Soviet Union."

In his April 30 speech to the league, Churchill said he wanted to establish links with the Russians and hoped they enjoyed prosperity and would play a "splendid part in the guidance of the human race."

At the same time, the Prime Minister said that "first in all our thoughts and duties is our friendship and brotherhood with the United States."

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Bennington Explosion Source Is Pinpointed

QUONSET POINT, R. I. (AP) —

It will be possible to pinpoint exactly what caused the explosion of the hydraulic fluid in the aircraft carrier Bennington's catapult system on May 26, Rear Adm. John M. Hoskins, president of a Naval board of inquiry, said here Tuesday.

As the inquiry neared its end, Adm. Hoskins said that all of the evidence at both closed and open sessions has indicated that a failure in the accumulator of the port catapult, which carried 3,500 pounds of air, discharged the atomized hydraulic fluid into the ship's ventilating system.

But all of the technical testimony that has been taken at closed sessions has failed to determine exactly what caused the accumulator to blow and what sparked the explosions which took 103 lives.

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