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EDITORIAL TANTRUM

Charles V. Stanton

If I sound sarcastic, skeptical, mean and pessimistic,
it's because that's the way I feel.
To use the words of one of our popular radio char-
acters, "I'm registred."

I've just been reading one of the latest effusions from
Chief Bismouth of the Webfoot Tribe, the senior senator
from Oregon.

The senior senator, it seems, in addition to having the
answers to all the rest of the world's problems, is now
about to take over the Salk vaccine predicament.

He has, he says, a bill to establish federal control over
distribution of the vaccine.

Our hopes have been raised high, perhaps too high, by
the news that polio had been conquered. A most unfortu-
nate setback was experienced, apparently because one
batch of vaccine was faulty. It is entirely possible that
this actually was a fortunate thing, despite fatalities, be-
cause it will result in more careful checking of all forth-
coming releases and will reduce danger in the future.

But because this experience led to so much confusion,
it opened the door wide for the political demagogues
and headline hunters to get into the act. And never let
it be said that Chief Bismouth ever missed an opportunity
for a war dance.

Danger Of Slowdown

I believe everyone had hoped that the vaccination pro-
gram could proceed without delay; that protection be given
our children at the very earliest possible date.

But if we get the controversy into Congress, our kids
probably will have whiskers before vaccine becomes avail-
able, except on the black market and through five-per-
centers.

By the time Chief Bismouth gets through a filibuster
on a topic with such emotional appeal as polio his past
records for immeasurable verbosity will have been so far
surpassed that, by comparison, they will seem pop ex-
plosions.

Probably Chief Bismouth will insist that the whole pro-
gram be adopted by the Socialists; that the federal govern-
ment absorb all costs; that a half dozen new agencies be
set up to create confused controls, and that Congress ap-
propriate umpteen million dollars to provide payrolls for
bureaucrats.

That's exaggerated, of course, but I said at the begin-
ning I'm in a mean mood.

Morse said in a formal statement that "precious time
is being wasted." That's once we can agree with him.
He's helping waste it.

Ample Authority Exists

We have ample authority to handle the vaccination
program resting in the U.S. Public Health Service. The
program is an administrative not a legislative matter.
The administration proposes a voluntary control system.
Chief Bismouth objects to voluntary controls because there
is evidence of a black market, whereby unauthorized per-
sons, including adults, have obtained inoculations.

But, if past experience is any criterion, a federally
controlled program would be shot full of percentage rack-
ets.

If Chief Bismouth and his ilk will keep their traps
shut, and will allow the President and his health advisers,
coupled with state health agencies and local physicians, to
handle the situation, without complications from political
hot-shots, we'll have a chance of getting some protection
for our kids in the reasonably foreseeable future.

But if we get tangled up in politics, in which the rah-
bo-rousers, demagogues and headline hunters must take
turns building up their respective egos, a lot of our kids
will literally be talked to death.

Bruce Bioassat

Busy diplomats of several na-
tions are setting out to promote
the Formosan negotiations be-
tween Red China and the United
States which both countries say
they are willing to conduct.

This activity began in earnest
after President Eisenhower and
Secretary of State Dulles reversed
America's earlier stand and strip-
ped away the stiff conditions first
attached as a prelude to nego-
tiations.

In this effort, in this more re-
ceptive attitude toward talks
which might lead to a cease-fire
in the Formosa strait, the Presi-
dent appears to have the support
of a majority in Congress. He even
has the declared backing of 12
senators of his own party, who
signed a statement to that effect.

But, while these views are be-
ing made evident and while for-
eign diplomats try to bring the
prospective negotiators together,
a small bloc of American law-
makers is endeavoring to prevent
any negotiations at all from tak-
ing place.

Their leader, of course, is Sen-
ator Knowland, officially listed as
the GOP Senate Minority Leader
but in fact merely the chief of the
faction that gives Mr. Eisen-
hower his toughest foreign policy op-
position.

Terribly sincere, Knowland ap-
parently believes that even to sit
down with the Communists is to
"appease" them. He seems to feel
that we have no talent for stand-
ing our ground. It is not much of
a compliment to American diplo-
macy to be fleeced by them.

The logical thought following
from this view is that all negotia-
tions with Communists be barred.
Senator Jenner of Indiana recent-
ly came close to that proposition
when he offered a resolution to
ban any conference — or even
steps leading to a conference —
that might result in the transfer
of any territory to a Communist
power.

If there are to be no negotia-
tions, then tense international sit-
uations either cannot be resolved
or can only be settled by war.
In some sectors, continuing po-
litical and military stalemate may
be the prospect for many
years. But in none of these
the United States and its Western
friends assume that it would be
pointless and hopeless — now and
forever — to undertake negotia-
tions with the Communist enemy.

The Communists do not win
ALL the political battles. Circum-
stances change sometimes in fa-
vor of the free nations. And when
they do, negotiations may offer
solutions that earlier seemed im-
possible. Even when we detect no
improvement in our favor,
strategy shifts in Communist
headquarters may lead them to
yield a point here and there.
These are possibilities we must
be ever alert to capitalize. We
can never shut the door on ne-
gotiations so long as there is any
sensible hope at all they might
prove productive.

Senator Knowland and his small
but vocal band of followers are
trying by their steady shouting to
freeze this government in rigid, in-
flexible positions. They are try-
ing to impose a veto in foreign po-
licy fields where they have no
proper right to exercise it.
They are in fact trying to take
over the management of this na-
tional diplomacy, which the Con-
stitution places in the hands of
the President. Fortunately, most
of their lawmaking colleagues
seem to feel that management
should remain where it belongs,
and that this country should be
free to negotiate when negotia-
tion may be to its advantage —
free to "wage peace" as well as
war.

DIES FROM PILLS

CHICAGO — Linda Basile, 3,
died Wednesday after eating 17
sleeping pills she mistook for
candy.

"Hold Everything---We Gotta Pass A Law!"



Congress Chat

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH,
M. C., 4th Oregon District

The Subcommittee of the House
Public Works Committee gave al-
most an entire day to the hearing
on my bill to authorize the con-
struction of the two flood control
dams, Green Peter and Cougar,
on a local participation or partner-
ship basis.

Numerous witnesses from the
areas concerned ably presented
the urgent need of these dams for
flood control. The two utility sys-
tems which have indicated their
intentions to become the local part-
ners — the Eugene Water and
Electric Board and the Pacific
Power and Light Company, were
represented.

Time and again during the day,
factual testimony was received by
the Committee clearly and sharply
refuting and showing the outright
misstatements of fact in argu-
ments used by the opponents of
the bill.

1. The fact is that the Federal
government does not make a profit
from the power features of a
flood control dam. It merely col-
lects back from the sale of power
the money advanced to build the
power part of the project. But the
partnership plan calls for the pay-
ment in cash by local interests of
all the cost of the power part of
the project and also a part of the
cost of the flood control dam.
The Federal government does not
make any profit from any power
dam. Senator Morse said in Cor-
vallis: "What the partnership pro-
posers plan to give away are the
only revenue producing features of
the dam."

2. The fact is that the consumers
receiving power from the Eugene
Water and Electric Board and the
Pacific Power and Light Company
will continue to receive service
from the same distribution sys-
tem whether the power parts of the
projects are built with Federal
money or with money fur-
nished locally. The rates paid by
the consumers will be exactly the
same in either case. Senator Morse
said: "Partnership power will be
more costly."

3. The fact is, the power fa-
cilities at Green Peter dam will
be on the Linn County tax rolls un-
der the partnership plan. The bill
was carefully drawn to make cer-
tain that the investment by the
power company would be subject
to the same taxes as any other
private power facilities. The cost
to the power company for the power
part of the Green Peter project
will approximate \$30,000,000 and
the company will pay taxes on it.
Senator Neuberger said in his
statement to the Committee: "Private
utilities would be exempt from
payment of local property taxes
on the power facilities which it
financed."

So, with a chuckle, I write one
more quote from the Morse Cor-
vallis speech—with which I com-
pletely agree: "But, do not be mis-
led. Don't let yourselves be fool-
ed."

The House Committee on Inter-
ior and Insular Affairs, to which
my bill to stop timber grabbing
under the guise of mining claim
filings was referred, has announced
that hearings on the legislation
will be held beginning May 19. I
understand that the Senate Com-
mittee has set the same bill which
was introduced in the Senate for
hearing on May 18. Thus, if wit-
nesses come from the West they
can present their testimony to both
the House and the Senate hearings
on consecutive days without hav-
ing to make another trip to Wash-
ington, D. C.

Several House Members intro-
duced bills identical with mine,
including Representative Rogers of
Colorado who is Chairman of the
Mines and Mining Subcommittee.
Since it is customary in the case
of identical bills to consider the
one introduced by a committee

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKIN.

(Continued from Page One)

the point where the fat gal must
reconcile herself, at the worst, to
a life of single blessedness and
at the best to the prospect that
she'll have to choose a husband
from a list that has been picked
over by the slender ones who can
afford to pick and choose.

At any rate—

And for whatever reason—
This change in our diet is af-
fecting our whole agricultural eco-
nomy. During the last two years,
the department of agriculture
says, each of us consumed an
average of 18 per cent more dairy
products — EXCLUDING BUT-
TER, which got too high — priced,
and so lost ground to oleomargarine — 25 per cent more eggs,
37 per cent more meat and 16 per
cent more citrus fruit, and toma-
toes.

During the same period, we ate
26 PER CENT LESS POTATOES
and 21 per cent fewer grain prod-
ucts!

I wonder about potatoes — which
in Southern Oregon and Far North-
ern California are a highly im-
portant crop.

It is true that potatoes are IN-
EVITABLY fattening? Is it a
FACT that if one eats potatoes
he must resign himself to the in-
ferior status that in this period
of the world's history seems to go
with overweight?

Or does INCONVENIENCE have
something to do with it?

Anyway, a decline of 26 PER
CENT in consumption of potatoes
(as reported by the department
of agriculture) is something that
can't be laughed off in the areas
of our country where potatoes are
a highly desirable crop.

Let's take a look at this busi-
ness of INCONVENIENCE.

Processing and packing have
been making tremendous strides
in the case of fruits and vegeta-
bles other than potatoes. The
freezing process alone has more
or less changed the whole picture.
When comes the grim hour at
which the housewife must face
the problem of WHAT THE
BRUTE IS GOING TO EAT, she
can solve it easily and more or
less painlessly by reaching into
the refrigerator or the freezer and
retrieving therefrom an ex-pleas-
ing package that needs only to be
broken open and dummed into
some cooking utensil that will
heat the stuff up and make it ap-
petizing.

But in the case of the pota-
to, it is still too likely that she will
have to go down to the basement,
choose whatever number of pota-
toes she needs, bring them up to
the kitchen, wash them, peel

them, and then cook them more
or less slowly and tiresomely.

In such a case, what would you
do? You'd probably do as a lot of
other cooks are obviously doing.
You'd pick the QUICK AND EASY
way. Who doesn't, in these days?

In this connection, we mustn't
forget the statistic that informs
us that some 40 per cent of Ameri-
can women work outside the
home. After doing a day's work
in office or factory, they can
hardly be blamed for choosing the
quick and easy way when meal-
time comes.

What can the potato industry do
about it?

Among other things, it better
PUT THE FOOD RESEARCHERS
AT WORK ON THE PROBLEM.
It will do well to join in an in-
dustry-wide study of why people
are eating a quarter less potatoes
than they ate only a few years
ago.

So far, the potato industry has
been giving too much thought to
PURELY COMPETITIVE AD-
VERTISING AND MARKETING
and too little thought to funda-
mental research concerning the
use of potatoes as a food and the
possibilities of marketing them in
more convenient forms.

Columbia River Pollution Probe Being Requested

PORTLAND — The Oregon
Fish Commission Tuesday asked
the State Sanitary Authority to in-
vestigate pollution of the Columbia
River.

The request was made after com-
mercial fishermen complained that
a fungus growth has developed in
the river which clogs their nets
and traps small marine life, caus-
ing an unpleasant odor.

Biologists reported that the
fungus apparently is a seasonal
growth which might be caused by
pulp mill waste in times of low
water and cool temperatures.

The commission also adopted
regulations designed to conserve
Dover, English and Petrale sole.
One of these regulations restricts
the size of the mesh in otter trawl
nets. The other provides that fish
lots sold to mink growers must
not contain more than 20 per cent
or 2,000 pounds of sole.

The sole frequently are brought
up from the ocean bottom by
fishermen catching less valuable
fish to sell as feed for mink.

City Police Officers End 3-Day Convention

ASTORIA — The Oregon Assn.
of City Police Officers ended its
three-day annual convention here
Tuesday after electing officers.

The new president is Patrick R.
Carr, a lieutenant on the Portland
force. He succeeds Capt. Stanley
K. Friese, Salem.

Other officers: Ralph R. Bond,
Pendleton chief, first vice presi-
dent; William E. Schenck,
Grants Pass, patrolman, second
vice president; Oakley V. Glenn,
Eugene sergeant, secretary-treas-
urer; and Robert Moulter, Univer-
sity of Oregon, executive secre-
tary.

About 100 policemen attended
the meeting. They picked Bend for
their 1956 convention.

AVERAGE AGE 57

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When the chiefs of government
of the East and West powers meet
their average age will be 57.
The conference will bring to-
gether President Eisenhower, 64,
Prime Minister Eden, 59; Premier
Edgar Faure, 46, and Premier
Nikolai Bulganin, 60.

Diem Kicks Arch Enemy Hinh Out Of Army Position

SAIGON, South Viet Nam — Premier Ngo Dinh Diem has
kicked his arch enemy, Nguyen
Hinh, out of the Vietnamese Na-
tional Army, the premier's office
announced Wednesday night. Hinh
already had been removed as the
army's chief of staff.

In addition, Inspector General
Nguyen Van Vy, who staged an

abortive coup d'etat May 1, will
be declared an outlaw, a spokes-
man added.
Both men are in Viet Nam. Vy is
at Dalat where he fled for refuge
with the imperial guard a few
hours after the coup. Hinh is at
Ankroet, the big power station a
few miles from Dalat, 240 miles
northeast of Saigon.

The premier's office said Diem
signed a decree two days ago re-
lieving Hinh of his command in
the army and placing him at the
disposition of the French Air Force
in which he holds the rank of
major.

Hinh was dispatched from
France to Viet Nam by Chief of
State Bao Dai 10 days ago during
the government's victorious battle
against the rebels of the Binh
Xuyen Society. His mission was
reported to be to woo the army
away from the premier.

Miner Survives Fall Into Chute

KELLOGG, Idaho — Rescue
workers, convinced they were
looking for a dead man, sifted
heavy muck in a mine chute for
the body Tuesday when out popped
Horace Beebe, feet first, coal
black but alive.

"I thought I was a goner and
I'm surprised as anyone," said
Beebe, a 40-year-old St. Maries
miner who was buried for 90
minutes.

"By all accounts he should have
been dead," agreed Fred Mahler,
an official of the Sidney Mining
Co.

Beebe accidentally fell 70 feet
down the chute and apparently
was buried under 20 feet of ore.

"I had a little trouble breathing
under there," he said enroute to
a hospital to have his scratches
mended and the dirt washed off.

Mahler said it's a miracle he
could breathe at all. Fellow work-
ers brought a basket to take away
the ore out the bottom of the
chute to get it. They filled one
small rail car when Beebe, still
conscious, turned up.

Portland Tavern Gets Extortion Threats

PORTLAND — A downtown
district tavern Wednesday received
the latest in the series of extortion-
bomb threats.

Mrs. John Smith, the co-owner,
was cleaning up when she found
a note ordering her to put the cash
outside in a bag or the tavern
would be bombed.

She called police who, after in-
vestigation, said the threat, like
nearly all the others, apparently
was a hoax.

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SWEATERS — Orlon, V-neck with a convertible collar. We couldn't convert them to cash at 6.98 so we are trying at **2.68**

SKIRTS — Gabardine, good basics, well styled. You can overlook the darker colors for 2.68 and **1.68**

WOOL SKIRTS — Pastel, flared. We would like to sell them before the weather gets too warm. We formerly asked 10.98. Now we will be happy with **6.68**

BLOUSES — white, classic shirts—just a little gray at the shoulders but these name brand blouses wash beautifully. Formerly 2.98—less your pay for washing... now **2.29**

DRESSES — Cotton. Were 3.50 but, because they will wash, we will now take **2.99**

SKIRTS — Maternity Gabardine, broken sizes. Regularly 4.98. We don't like odds and ends so now we will take **2.99**

DRESSES — Maternity, 2 pc. Suiting fabrics, cottons. We sold lots of them for 6.98 but for this one group we will take **3.68**

LINEN SLACKS — Washable, Good fit, good fabric, but broken sizes. Were 7.98. Now priced at **4.99**

DRESSES — Maternity. Same idea as above only these were 10.98. Now priced at **5.68**

FORMALS — 7 only, sizes 9 to 13. Odds and ends cleanup. Were 19.98. Now priced at **6.68**

Girls' Washable Wool Jackets Fully lined. Were 7.98, now **4.99**

Girls' Washable Acrilon Skirts Pastels, sizes 7 to 14. **Now 2.68**

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