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WHY PICK ON LABOR?

Charles V. Stanton

Bruce Blossat, of the NEA Syndicate, whose column appears regularly on this page, last week voiced criticism of certain labor leaders who, he said, would "connive, persist and annoy" to gain their objectives. His column was commentary on a talk by Governor Ribicoff of Connecticut and expanded on the governor's talk before the AFL, in which he took labor leaders to task for their alleged philosophy that "the end justifies the means."

"It is a peculiar kind of thinking that would lend sanctity to conniving, annoying or any other dubious tactics simply because the declared goal is good," said Blossat. He continued: "Labor leaders too often have been guilty of this kind of thinking. Since they came to great power in this country, they have indulged in many excesses..."

"When called to account," he said, "these leaders, self-righteously decline to acknowledge any error or transgression. Wrapped in the protective garment of the 'people's cause,' they ask instead that laws which govern others not be applied to them."

Blossat was basing his remarks upon the statements by Connecticut's young governor, Governor Ribicoff is a Democrat.

Look Closer Home

What I can't understand is why Governor Ribicoff and Blossat singled out labor leaders for their criticisms. Are labor leaders the only individuals or groups subscribing to this philosophy — the philosophy that the end justifies the means?

It would appear to me that Governor Ribicoff could look much closer home for even better examples of that philosophy.

In fact, examples may be found "wherever you look, particularly in the field of politics."

But labor's "excesses" were not materially in evidence until some labor leaders were brought under the influence and into the camp of Americans for Democratic Action, an organization which has, from its inception, followed that insidious philosophy. And the ADA has taken captive the Democratic party and has expanded its philosophy on a national scale.

Directing its course along the path of Fabian socialism, the ADA has entered into alliance with political gangsters, gamblers, percentage racketeers, and even subversive elements, as means to achieve its ends. It succeeded in wooing labor on promises of privilege — which it delivered — thus influencing many rank-and-file voters.

The ADA, which hopes to set up on a national scale the same kind of a corrupt political machine found in so many of our metropolitan centers, is the prime motive force in the Democratic party today. Its philosophy that the end justifies the means, has dominated our political scene since the early days of the New Deal.

It is not surprising that, witnessing the success of the philosophy in politics, some few labor leaders adopted similar tactics.

But to single out labor as the prime example, in my opinion, is a poor place to start. Governor Ribicoff could, I believe, have found a much better exhibit.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL

Eric Allen, city editor of the Medford Mail-Tribune, recently penned an editorial for that newspaper and I am sure every parent everywhere joins in his appeal. He said:

The two small daughters of this writer went back to school today.

Now it so happens that we are mightily fond of those kids. We suspect this feeling toward their own progeny is shared by most parents. We have a natural fear for their safety, venturing forth on bike and on foot along Medford streets.

They have received careful instruction in the rules of the road — as have most other school-age children. They have been cautioned of the dangers of traffic — as have most other school-age children. Their bikes are licensed — as are those of most other school-age children.

We, as parents, and the school police authorities, have done what can be done to safeguard them against death or injury on the streets.

But we can't safeguard them against their own sudden impulses and decisions, which may not always be wise ones. Who can expect youngsters always to do the exactly right and safe thing in all traffic situations?

And we can't safeguard them against the unthinking driver. If all drivers were thoughtful and careful around our kids, we'd have no worries.

But this is not the case. We worry. Other parents worry. And their worries are justified. Please be careful!

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Dear Sarah:

You have been in your grave two years. You never heard of me in your life, and I never heard of you until an hour ago. I am taking this way of letting the world know what a wonderful wife you were.

I was late to work, and hailed a cab driven by your husband, Max. It was a crisp clear autumn morning, the kind that makes a music in your veins.

"It's a fine day," I said to Max.
"But I guess in the cab business you make more money in rainy days."

"All days are good days," Max said. "I don't worry about the money. I take it as it comes, and I don't cry if less comes in one day than another."

"People let trifles pile up and wear them down. I don't. I've been lucking 25 years, mostly at night. I can remember during the depression when I came home with only 40 cents after 12 hours at the wheel."

"Some of my friends in business for themselves fret now if they don't make more money every day. I can remember the days when I used to lend them a few cans of food to keep them going, and I tell them, 'You're crazy, healthy. I tell them, and you have nothing left to worry about.'"

I asked Max if he wouldn't like to own his own business, and he answered:

"In 1929 I could have bought my own cab for \$300, and I didn't have it. Today it would take \$14,000, and I don't have that. But I don't worry."

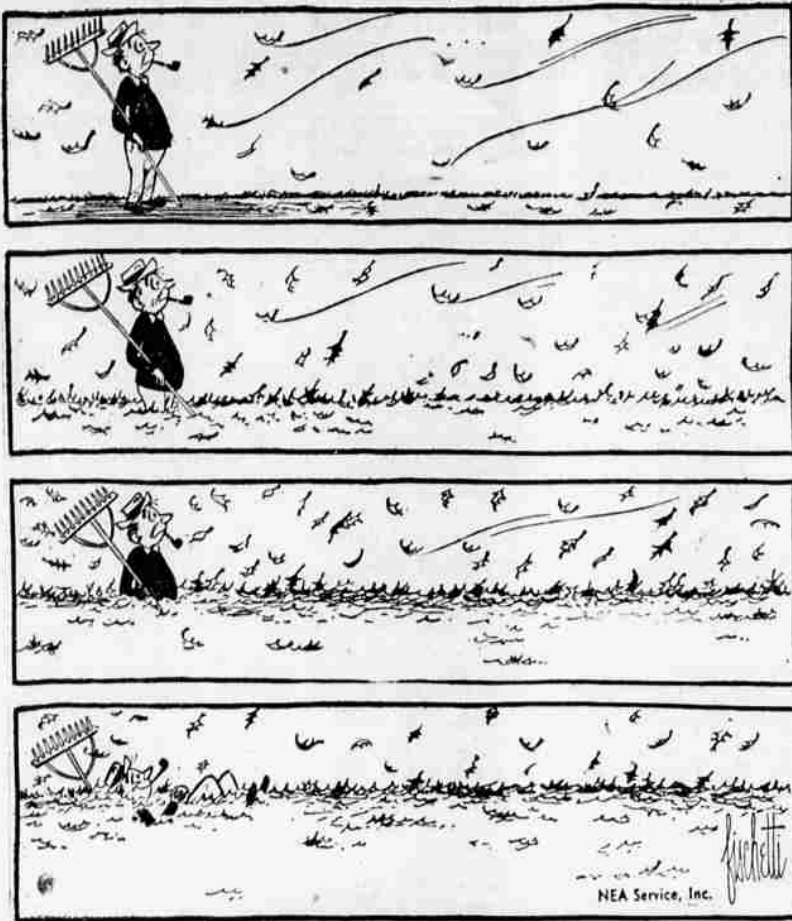
Then he told me about the only thing in his life money meant anything to him.

He told about meeting and marrying you 18 years ago. He told about the first years when all you often had to eat was bread and milk and coffee, and how cheerful you were. He told about the kids coming and how well you did with little money, and how you never complained over the long years he worked at night and you were alone.

"She had happiness in her," he said more than once.
Max told me how thrifty you put by the dollars and pennies, and if you both had a nest egg of \$5,000 when you fell ill of cancer nearly three years ago.

He told how the nest egg dribbled away in efforts to cure you — specialists, nurses, treatments — and how you fought against spending it. He told how he finally quit

Fall Guy



Negroes Denied Jobs In State Pension Union

SEATTLE (AP) — The Communist Party had little success in placing Negroes in key positions in the Washington Pension Union, Mrs. Barbara Hartle testified Monday.

Mrs. Hartle, a former Communist, gave the information under cross-examination as the Subversive Activities Control Board resumed its local hearings. Former Sen. Harry P. Cain is conducting the hearings.

"Why couldn't they get Negroes into the Pension Union?" asked Jay Sykes, attorney for the organization.

"I don't know all the answers to that," answered Mrs. Hartle. She said the placement of Negroes in leadership in the Union was a Communist goal but was a "tough nut to crack."

She was able to name only two. One she identified as Dorothy Bowen, wife of Paul Bowen. The latter was convicted as a Communist conspirator along with Mrs. Hartle and others in a Smith Act trial here in 1953.

Party Link Admitted
Sykes attempted to show that Mrs. Hartle lacked specific knowledge of Communists in the Pension Union after July, 1950. She said she had not sat in a closed Party meeting with a member of the Union after that date, nor had she seen a Union member pay Party dues since then.

But she gave an affirmative answer when asked if she had discussed Communist Party matters with members of the Pension Union after July, 1950. She said she had talked about Party business with three Union members in 1953.

(The 1950 date had been given by Mrs. Hartle as the time she "went underground" as a Communist.)

Stassen Stresses Need Of Reliable Arms Slash Plan

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Harold E. Stassen says he is convinced the adoption of a dependable arms inspection disarmament plan "can help prove to be the magnet which will draw the East and West together in a genuine spirit of cooperation."

He said "heartening results" had come out of the recent United Nations subcommittee meetings on disarmament at which he represented the United States.

Stassen is President Eisenhower's special assistant on disarmament problems.

In a talk at a citywide Protestant laymen's rally Sunday, he said:

"I am optimistic because mankind has never faced the extreme alternatives of today. On the one side, if man stumbles into nuclear war, the unimaginable devastation of that conflict could set back civilization by centuries. On the other side, if assured peace is attained, the beneficial results of this same nuclear energy will advance human welfare in all nations beyond man's dreams."

Stassen said the general principle of arms inspection had been accepted and "the inspection procedures outlined by the President are being reviewed carefully by the Soviet leaders along with provisions for ground inspection."

He added that immediate results should not be expected since "many other difficult and major differences must be ironed out."

Unemployment During September Declines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government reported Monday that unemployment dropped to 2,100,000 in September.

The total number of those at work in September was a decline of 750,000 from August, however, due to the return of students to school after part-time summer employment. The employed total was 2 1/2 million higher than September, 1954.

In The Day's News

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The primary purpose of the program is to teach the Japanese to EAT MORE WHEAT. It will be financed in part by the wheat growers themselves, through a wheat tax of a half cent per bushel, and in part by the federal department of agriculture out of funds obtained by sales of surplus wheat.

That is to say:
The Oregon wheat growers, who are dirt farmers, WANT THEIR WHEAT CONSUMED instead of being stashed away year after year in government warehouses to pile up storage charges and hang like a dark thundercloud over the markets of the future.

How about the Japanese? THEY have something to gain out of it, too.

Rice is the principal food of the Japanese. Most of them eat several bowls of it at each meal, supplemented scantily by fresh and salted fish and vegetables. They eat very little meat, because they can't afford it.

The Japanese (nearly 80 millions of them) can't grow enough rice on their relatively small and quite mountainous islands to feed themselves. In the pre-war past, they obtained the remainder of their supply by importing from various Asian mainland countries. But these countries are now dominated by the communists — and Japan and the communist countries aren't yet on trading terms. So the Japanese have to supplement rice with some other grain. Wheat is their next best bet.

Hence this effort on the part of Oregon wheat growers to teach them to eat wheat. It sounds like an enterprise that will result in mutual benefit. If it works, it will get MORE WHEAT CONSUMED.

For women only:
Women who pine for a PINK mink coat might just as well quit pining. On the word of an expert, there never will be a pink mink — or a red, green or purple one.

Dr. Richard Shackelford of the University of Wisconsin has told the Upper Michigan Mink Breeders association that all basic colors of mink have been achieved. He adds that efforts will now be concentrated on developing tones of the basic mink colors — the kind that go into black, brown, gray, steel-gray, blue and white mink coats.

So, ladies —
If you've been yearning for a pink mink coat, with a special little prayer that you might get one before the other gals do, you may as well give up hope.

Science has spoken — and in these ultra-modern days science has the last word on everything.

Speaking of purple minks (which Dr. Shackelford says, never can be) reminds one of Gelett Burgess, a writer of jingles who authored this lulling quatrain back in 1895:

I never saw a purple cow,
I never hope to see one.
But I can tell you, anyhow,
I'd rather SEE than BE one.

It was published in the Lark, and caught on in a big way. It was copied all over the world. Burgess got a lot of ribbing out of it — especially from people who associate purple cows (along with purple elephants) with too much indulgence in alcohol. Five years later he wrote another quatrain — and, being a citizen of the world, he entitled it Cinq Ans Apres, which is French for Five Years Afterward:

Ah, yes, I wrote the Purple Cow
I'm sorry now I wrote it!
But I can tell you, anyhow,
I'll kill you if you quote it.

Extra Care Urged In Youth Training For Reserve Units

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Security Training Commission says youths taking a six-month course under the new military reserve program should be given "intensive and realistic training with due regard for safety."

At the same time, it called for extra care in assuring the physical and moral well-being of the youths, most of them of pre-draft age. It expressed confidence the services have ample regulations and good men to do that.

The commission, which helped to prepare the new program and will watch over its operation, made detailed suggestions in a report to Secretary of Defense Wilson.

It called on communities and civilian leaders near military camps to lead, saying that the "average young American will do the right thing if he is not unduly tempted by the wrong."

It suggested also that full recreational facilities be provided at the training stations and that the young reservists be given "little, if any, leave or time off base."

Nationalization Plan For Britain Opposed By Labor

MARGATE, England (AP) — The British Labor Party, founded on socialist principles, voted overwhelmingly Monday against a resolution calling for more nationalization.

A motion put before the annual Labor Party conference here called for all banking and credit facilities to be owned by the state and for the nationalization of the iron and steel, textiles, engineering, chemical and building industries.

The motion lost heavily on a show of hands.

Earlier Monday several delegates demanded adoption of a program of more extensive state ownership of the nation's basic industries.

They were opposed at the conference's opening meeting by leaders of the big unions, representing the party's dominant moderate wing which has officially called a "go slow" on nationalization.

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