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## AN OPEN LETTER

Charles V. Stanton

Mr. W. M. Tugman, Publisher  
Port Umpqua Courier  
Reedsport, Oregon.

Dear Bill:

A few weeks ago you were threatening to annex Douglas County to Reedsport.

Current news reports indicate that instead of your annexing Douglas County you are in danger of being placed on a reservation.

The confederated tribes of the Siuslaw, Lower Umpqua and Coos Bay, I read, are claiming sovereignty over the coastal strip included in the treaty of 1855, stating that the United States government never paid the stipulated price.

Inasmuch as we have frequently heard secession threats from western Lane and Douglas Counties, the Indians apparently have learned at long last some of the white man's methods.

However, I am writing this to see if you can use your influence to get the rest of Douglas County included in the withdrawal.

What a wonderful thing it would be if the Indians would only take over! Why the Indians would want any part of this County, considering the shape it's in, I can't understand.

But just think what life would be like if we gave the country back to the Indians!

Better Than Good Old Daze

The women would do all the work. The men would hunt, fish and gamble — the old stick game and playing the ponies.

No television commercials. No presidential election campaigns. No knife and fork clubs. No banquets. No Sunday drivers. No school for kids.

We'd be free from toasters, commentators, demagogues, hyphenated politicians, after dinner speakers, columnists, economists, examiners and inspectors.

We'd have no bills and — just imagine — no income taxes!

When the wife wanted a fur coat we'd string up our trusty bow and get a bear, if the bear didn't get us first. There'd be none of these Dior fashion changes, chasing the waistline up or down. If the little woman wanted variety in style, we'd alternate with bear skin, deer skin, beaver skin, con skin, or bare skin, or are we repeating?

We'd loaf in the sun, swim in the cool waters, hunt a little, fish a little, gamble a lot, and have a fight with a neighboring tribe once in a while, just to vary the monotony.

So, Bill, please, if the Indians are to start taking the country back, try to get them to take more than just your little coastal strip. You should realize what will happen if you don't — we'll all be moving in on you, and there won't be enough bear skins to go around.

Ample Precedent

If the Indians take a look at the shape the country's in, I expect they won't want it back. But, if you can still find a few ignorant savages over in your area, maybe you can do a job of salesmanship.

Just to help you along, here's a precedent you might be able to use:

Our Democratic friends appear to have developed a philosophy that if a piece of property, claimed by parties other than the government, increases in value, the government should get it back.

Look at the fuss being made over the Al Sarena claims! The mining company complied with all the laws, paid off its money, and was issued a patent. But then the property increased in value. So now the Democrats are trying to get it returned.

The same theory should work in reverse. If, after taking the country away from the Indians and improving its values, the Indians should want it back, according to the political theory of the Democrats, we're morally obligated to give it to them.

And it might not be such a bad idea!

Sincerely,  
Charley

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—One of my favorite rebel dreams is to see a waiter at the Ritz spill a plate of soup on a celebrity.

"How often does this happen?" I hopefully asked Steve Torzano, the maître d'hôtel there.

Steve, who has been a high priest to two generations of international gourmets, lifted his eyebrows in horror.

"Never!" he exclaimed indignantly. "It could not happen. At the very least a waiter must drop a hot plate to the floor. But spill something on a guest? Never! Never! Never!"

To Steve, who can spot a wrinkle in a napkin at 40 paces, such a thing would be a greater tragedy than the collapse of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. And particularly if it happened while he was on duty. While he is on the job food is his religion, service is his god.

Except for 38 stomach-searing months in an Austrian prison camp during the First World War, Steve, who was born in Italy, has spent the last 47 of his 61 years in 172 hotels, first in Buenos Aires, then in New York.

When the old Ritz was torn down several years ago, he and most of the staff moved up Madison Ave. to the new Ritz restaurant in the plush Carlton House.

Steve deplores the hurried habits of today's hurried diners, remembers fondly the days when people took their vitamins more leisurely.

"No meat should be eaten in less than an hour," he said firmly, "the perfect dinner."

## Can This Be the Same Person?



## In The Day's News

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1922. He wants very much to be re-elected.

This time he is facing hot competition for the Democratic nomination — which in Georgia amounts to election. His opponent is the son of the famous (or infamous, depending on how you look at it) Governor Talmadge of Georgia.

Senator George has the fight of his life on his hands. As a Democrat in the Democratic state of Georgia, he can't seem to go along with a REPUBLICAN secretary of state in the cabinet of a Republican President. Young Talmadge would make too much political capital out of that.

So Senator George, able and patriotic as he is, has to cut his teeth in this political campaign year.

Let's turn now to a Republican—Senator Homer Capehart of Indiana. He calls in Washington for the creation of an agency to GET RID of more than eight billion dollars' worth of government-held farm surpluses — by gift, if necessary.

In testimony prepared for a senate agriculture committee, Capehart says congress must DO SOMETHING about what he calls "the desperate plight of the American farmer."

He's using the time-tried political trick, you see, of making them feel sorry for themselves. He disregards entirely the fairly logical fact that the flexible support policy, which is a Republican policy, is a SOUND cure for what ails American agriculture because its effect will be to DISCOURAGE OVERPRODUCTION — which is bulging the warehouses with surpluses that hang like a dark thundercloud over the markets of the future.

The flexible support policy, however, REQUIRES TIME.

Senator Capehart needs votes RIGHT NOW.

He, too, comes up for reelection this year.

So he calls for another shot in the arm.

I suppose it's too much to expect, but I can't help going along with these words of Josiah Gilbert Holland's stirring poem "The Day's Demand," written about a century ago.

God, give us men! A time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands.

Men whom the lust of office does not kill.

Men who can stand before a demagogue.

And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking.

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog in public duty and in private thinking.

eyes sparkled at the thought.

First, assorted hot canapés, a la Ritz with a dry martini. "He began dreamily," followed by some black caviar and a nip of anise.

Next, a cup of petite marmite, a soup made of chicken, beef, beef marrow and fresh vegetables, served with grated cheese and floating pieces of toast.

Next, the fish, English sole veronique, cooked with white wine and white grapes and accompanied by a Rhine or Moselle wine.

Next, tender string beans and tournedos, a filet mignon with pate, invented by our general manager, Gaston Laurysen, and named in his honor. A good French Bordeaux wine with this of course.

Next, a vanilla soufflé with Grand Marnier liqueur, followed by a glass of champagne.

Finally, coffee demitasse, with green crème de menthe for the ladies and a good French brandy for the gentlemen.

After a dinner like that, it is to feel you are in paradise. You will remember it the rest of your life.

What would it cost? Well, buying a dinner like that is like buying a yacht. If you're going to worry about price, you might as well forget the whole thing and order a hamburger.

## Bruce Biossat

It comes as something of a shock to hear such harsh criticism as has been directed recently against Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden of Britain.

He has been getting it from both sides—the Labor party opposition and some members of his own ruling Conservative party. Sensitive to it, Eden felt compelled to deny that he would resign his post.

Actually, according to the best informed observers, there never has been the slightest prospect of his quitting, nor is the opposition to his stewardship considered truly formidable. But it has been highly vocal.

Conservatives have hammered him for alleged timidity and indecision. Certain leading journals have chided him on the same score.

LABORITES have dwelt on the embarrassing disclosure that surplus British tanks have found their way to Egypt and Israel via Belgian and French middlemen.

The reason all this must be set down as a surprise is that for long years Eden seemed a man almost perfectly cut to the pattern of prime minister. His experience, particularly in foreign affairs, was vast. His grasp of vital issues was firm. He had a reputation for courage born partly of his refusal to accept appeasement in the days of Hitler's power.

The accident of history had forced him to dwell long in the shadow of Sir Winston Churchill. But it was widely believed that he would measure up to fullest expectations when his chance came.

PERHAPS the long period of "apprenticeship" worked a certain damage on Eden's power of resolve. For the items now being cited are only the latest in a rather lengthy catalogue that has been compiled since he took office from

the aging Sir Winston.

Nevertheless, the respect for him within his own party and within Britain is still far too great for him to be in serious trouble now.

It can be said, however, that the attacks upon him constitute warning. His tenure of office may be briefer than his advocates imagined if the history of the next few months is not marked by signs of a stronger hand.

## Congress Chat

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

The second full week of this new session will see floor action on several bills including long needed legislation for the care of mentally ill people in Alaska; a bill to increase compensation for veterans who have lost arms, legs or eyes; and an irrigation project in Oklahoma. The bill to increase funds available to the Small Business Administration for disaster loans, which I mentioned last week, was also sent to the floor by the Rules Committee. It will probably be the first bill acted upon by the House in this session. A bill to provide flood insurance is also under consideration by the House Banking and Currency Committee. It may come up for final passage soon.

Meanwhile the President has authorized the first allocation of disaster relief funds to Oregon. I assume more will follow as needed. Meanwhile, also, both the Small Business Administration and the Farmers Home Administration, which are authorized to make emergency loans in flood disaster areas, have established branch loaning offices in our Fourth Congressional District—most of which is classified as disaster area.

The President's message to Congress on the farm problem stepped up an already vigorous discussion of that subject here. I am sure the various comments (mostly political) have appeared in print so I will not take space for more of the same here. However, I cannot resist passing along the statement of one farm state Congressman, Scrivner of Kansas: "Some farm facts have been forgotten. In less than 2 1/2 years (March 1937 to August 1939) the F.D.R. farm prices dropped 25 per cent. How many blamed him? World War II put a stop to that drop. Under Mr. Truman, farm prices dropped 22 per cent in two years (January 1948 to January 1950). Who blamed him? The Korean War stopped that drop. Again under Mr. Truman, they dropped 16 per cent from March 1951 to December 1952 (21 months). The drop which started under Truman has been about 13 per cent in 3 years under Mr. Eisenhower. The decline started and was heavier under the Democrats than under the Republicans. The big drop occurred under rigid parity, and not under flexible supports, which have not had time to be effective."

Shades of the days of the so-called "McCarthy Inquisition"! The present activities of the Neuberger-

## Salzburg Honors Birth Of Mozart

By KURT W. HAMPE

SALZBURG, Austria (AP)—Salzburg will lead the entire musical world in the coming weeks in celebrating the 200th birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on Jan. 27.

To honor its greatest son, born here as the seventh child of a court musician, the medieval city is preparing a Mozart week filled with concerts, opera performances, chamber music evenings and matinees, all devoted to his works.

The festivities will end with a performance of Mozart's opera "Idomeneo" by the Vienna State Opera company on the birthday night. Earlier that day, ceremonies will be staged in the house where the composer was born. Commemorative Masses will follow in several of Salzburg's old churches.

Three leading orchestras — the Vienna Philharmonic, the London Philharmonic and the Bamberg Symphony — will play Mozart's compositions.

## Regional Engineer Sees Power Need For Northwest Area

PORTLAND (AP)—The Pacific Northwest will need at least eight times more electrical energy by the end of the century than it now has.

That prediction came Tuesday from Lester W. Wing, San Francisco, regional engineer for the Federal Power Commission.

He told the General Advisory Committee, a long-range planning group, that the Northwest power pool now has 7,691,000 kilowatts, but by the year 2,000 it will need 67,500,000 kilowatts.

The committee is helping the Corps of Engineers in a review of the Columbia Basin 308 report.

F. S. Brown, engineering division chief of the corps, listed 85 possible projects in the Columbia Basin, some of them not previously considered in a development report.

Ten of the projects providing benefits besides power, are in Canada.

The review is not taking up any investigation of the Salmon River power potential in Idaho because of plans to reserve that stream for fish spawning grounds, Brig. Gen. L. H. Foote, North Pacific Division engineer, said.

After the review study is completed, public hearings will be held.

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