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TRADITION OF AMERICA

By Charles V. Stanton

Something I have long thought needed doing has been undertaken by *Colliers* Magazine. This popular magazine has started a series of historical narratives relating some of the thrilling incidents which led to the building of this nation and the creation of national policies.

We find far too many people today who apologize for the United States. Many leaders in political and economic life are telling us that our traditional policies, the policies which have made this nation great, are outmoded by advancing civilization.

We are urged by many of our leaders to surrender our nationalism and to adopt a One World concept. Dirt is smeared on the portraits of our national heroes. The finger is pointed at mistakes, or alleged mistakes, and achievements are kept under wraps.

The teaching of history in our schools too often studiously endeavors to avoid creation of hero worship. The trend is to soft pedal our military victories. Whereas we once glorified war and war heroes, we are now taught pacifism.

Strong political factions in our country today emphasize foreign ideologies, while discounting the philosophies upon which this country was founded and which have been instrumental in making us a nation peculiar among nations.

Nationalistic Spirit Needed

Many political leaders, placing personal and party power ahead of national welfare, are striving to steer us into socialistic paths, although all history proves that socialism leads to communism and communism to bankruptcy and anarchy. These same influences stress the evils of free enterprise, capitalism, representative government, and personal liberty, striving to establish an all-powerful State, where laws govern men rather than men governing by laws. To achieve their ends they ridicule the traditions of the past and seek to undermine the foundations upon which our governmental structure rests.

I am reminded of the old family album. Time was when the old family album, in its plush binding, rested conspicuously on the marble top of the parlor table.

It was good manners, in those days, for the visitor to turn the talk to ancestry, affording the hostess an opportunity to drag forth the cherished volume of daguerreotypes and by stiffly posed portraits trace the family tree back to ruling monarchs of the middle ages.

Everyone carefully avoided mention of old Uncle Abner, who was hanged as a "hoss" thief, but gazed with pride upon the stern countenances of Grandfather Silas and Grandmother Agatha, who survived the Indian massacre of '51.

Today, however, the family album, if any, is stored away in the attic.

But, just as we have pride in ancestry, I believe we should have pride in history. We need to preserve the spirit of nationalism.

Better Teaching Desired

In using the word "nationalism," I do not mean it in the sense of isolationism. I do not mean that we should neglect our responsibility in international affairs, nor that we should shun the unwelcome task of world leadership and protection.

But, in my opinion, we should assume leadership with deserved pride in our institutions, our policies and our history, fully conscious of our achievements, yet displaying a sincere willingness to share our talents and abilities with those who have need of them.

We should stop apologizing for the United States. Though we must admit some mistakes, and must allow for the "hoss" thieves in our national ancestry, we have every reason to be proud of our country, its institutions, its records of freedom and prosperity. We should glory in the heroism, the blood and the sacrifice upon which our nation was founded and upon which it has prospered.

This spirit of pride must be taught. It should be taught in the home and in the school. Yet we find all too many instructors in the apologetic role.

Perhaps through our magazines, with articles such as those starting in *Colliers*, through better teaching in homes and schools, and through press media, we can indoctrinate our people into the tradition that is America.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Notes on travel by a poor man's Marco Polo:

You never really know a person until you go on a journey with him. During a two-week trip you can learn more about him than by associating with him half a lifetime in his own home town.

Travel may not necessarily broaden a person—but it is bound to show him up for what he is. It forces him to reveal his real nature as nothing else does. (This, however, is no argument for pre-marriage honeymoons.)

Travel will make a liar out of the most honest woman. If she goes on an expensive vacation but for one reason or another has a lousy time, she'll rarely admit this fact when she gets back home.

She feels the money is never wasted so long as her neighbors envy the fun they see she had—but really didn't. This may sound like a feminine weakness, but at all it is part of the armorplate on her strength. Women believe only fools brag about the mistakes they make.

Very few people have the strength of character to stick rigidly to a diet while on shipboard. The greatest possible test of willpower is the ability to actually start a diet while on shipboard. I have never known anyone who could—or did.

It is surprising in a way, for most people aboard ship don't overeat because the food is so good—the meals served are as good as you can get at a good restaurant ashore—but because

they are expected to. It is traditional.

The only really superior dishes aboard most liners are the desserts.

The greatest snobs among travelers are those who, when a ship is rolling in a heavy storm, stuff themselves at the table while murmuring to wait-faced fellow passengers, "Seasickness is all in the mind."

Are dull who makes an observation like that certainly has a poor sense of location.

There are two types of snobs on every tropical voyage. Those who endlessly try themselves in the sun on their can come back with a tan—and those who stay out of the sun altogether, just as they can look different.

The thing that disturbs the peace of mind of most amateur travelers is the sun on their faces. Just whom should I tip—and how much?

There isn't one out of 10 travelers who feels he knows the right answer. Probably there isn't any.

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Reader Opinions

Roseburg's Hospitality Lauded By Local Women

ROSEBURG — The warm hospitality extended by Roseburg to the members of the visiting international team more than justified its choice as a "typical town" on the West Coast.

May I express my personal gratitude to the people of Roseburg for the many courtesies given the team.

—To every organization which was contacted for their hearty cooperation in the arrangements for programs.

—To the staff of The News-Review whose professional and personal interest supported and amplified the efforts of the team.

—To the steering committee whose enthusiastic planning began last November.

Indications are that the overall success of this visit will not stop now. Several persons have expressed a desire to be a part of an international discussion group and we feel sure that the will to understand other peoples and to be understood has been strengthened in our community.

Mrs. E. M. Tilton, Roseburg, Oregon

Editorial Praised

ROSEBURG — (To The Editor) — I read with interest your editorial in The News-Review of April 18. I would like to congratulate you for the fine writing you did in this article and the stand you took on the budget issue.

Your paper is widely read in Douglas County and many people are influenced by your editorials. I sincerely hope that you will continue to support our educational program in a vigorous and honest manner. Many citizens rely on your newspaper for the facts in various issues and I feel that you have honestly presented the information.

Bert W. Kleiner, Roseburg, Ore.

out my empty wallet like a drooping flag.

There has been so much propaganda put out about the superior service provided by airline stewardesses—much of it justified, it must be admitted—that few travelers dare to raise a bolder voice than occasionally run into a snip stewardess.

I, for one, am afraid even to turn down a packet of gum when offered by one of these smiling airline lassies, for fear she'll take it as a form of criticism.

The saddest sight aboard is a group of lame-oldest tourists, bullied by a guide into taking an exhaustive tour of all the local museums and monuments in the holy name of culture.

The average visitor can absorb more real worthwhile human culture spending a pleasant evening in the home of an ordinary French family in Paris than he can in three days of wandering through the Louvre.

The best part of any journey isn't remembering what strange sights you saw—but what interesting people you met along the way.

Most of the strange sights are already in books and you can look at them at home. But to meet the people you have to get out and go—and make your own memories.

TO HEAD CAMPAIGN

PORTLAND (AP) — Mrs. Paul Patterson, widow of Oregon's former governor, will head a door-to-door Republican Party fund-raising campaign, party officials reported here.

The plan calls for 12,000 women in 25 Oregon counties to go from door-to-door collecting funds. Target date for completing the campaign is June 1. But Mrs. Patterson said "we'll carry on longer if necessary."

Re-evaluation Of School System Seen Necessary

ROSEBURG — Let's start evaluating. The people have spoken in a loud voice, which demands an answer.

This writer believes very little in the way of personalities is involved. This question of re-evaluating our school system is not strictly a District No. 4 proposition; nor of Douglas County, nor even Oregon. It is a national question, and careful reading of "Letters to the Editor" proves it.

Nor is the tax angle the only nor even the principle idea involved. Whether it's cigarettes, automobiles or education, the American public is willing to pay the price, providing it gets what it considers value received. That's what parents are asking for right now in the matter of education.

Now, to evaluate the election of April 19th. Compared to the first budget election, the "no" vote increased from 860 to 2,568, or about 140 per cent. The "yes" vote increased from 322 to 1,596, or approximately a 50 per cent increase. The total possible vote was near 40 per cent, a really wonderful turnout for a school election.

This writer opines unequivocally that the increase in "no" votes was not what has been considered as the regular "aggrumers," old fogies, retired oldsters, people with low fixed incomes, etc.

And here is our argument: In counting ballots in this type of election, the last ballots drop into the ballot box on top of the early votes, and are consequently counted first. The writer served on the election board at Riverside School at every election the past two years. Invariably, the "dinner pail" vote has been predominantly "yes" and has changed the results accordingly.

In the last one, this trend was reversed. The younger set, leading toddlers, with babies in arms and evidence of more to come, poured into the voting booths from 5 to 3 in a continuous line. These votes showed a majority of better than 3 to 2 "No" for the first half of the total votes. As we got farther down in the ballot box we found the "old fogies," who voted earlier in the day, turned that trend, and actually voting ran slightly in favor of the budget on the early voting.

White throats, these young parents want a change in education when they have an understanding of the issues. It may also be considered a protest against "remote control" government, and having our policy dictated by a board in Salem, and dictation from Washington D.C. is a "grass roots" protest and its leaders have shown extreme courage in bringing the whole thing out into the open.

We believe that, rather than Roseburg becoming the laughing stock of the entire Northwest, that our position in history may compare in its way to that of the farmers who "fired the shot heard round the world," way back on the same day, April 19, 1775, 181 years ago.

If this Declaration of Independence opens the way for nation-wide re-evaluation of our educational policy, Roseburg should be proud of having taken the lead in bringing government back to the people, at least insofar as it pertains to education.

Glenn Wellman

CHRISTMAS CHEER BURNED

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — Some of last year's Christmas cheer went up in flames here.

Six hundred cases of whiskey, gin and rum were taken to the city dump and crushed. Then the liquor was set afire.

State food and drug officials said the liquor was contaminated by last December's floods.

SECRETLY MARRIED

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Movie actress Judy Lawrence, 25, and Bruce Michael Tilton, 27, executive of an aircraft parts firm, were secretly married April 7, her Paramount studio announced.

Voter Registrations Increase Predicted

SALEM (AP) — Primary election voter registrations are expected to exceed those of the 1954 primary by 5 per cent. David O'Hara, state elections chief, predicted here.

O'Hara said he based his estimate largely on figures showing that registrations in presidential election years normally top those of off-year elections. He also cited voter interest in the Republican contest for the U.S. Senate and spirited campaigns for several state offices.

Voter pamphlets are being mailed out now, O'Hara said, with the mailing to be completed early next month.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — What does Estes Kefauver stand for?

What would his policies be if by some miracle the tall Tennessee senator should be able to beat the pros, get the nomination and be elected president?

Kefauver is best known for his televised anticrime hearings of a few years ago, his juvenile delinquency investigation that grew out of that, and his stopping of the Dixon-Yates private power deal in the Tennessee Valley.

BUT HE HAS IDEAS on almost every other issue extant. And it is these ideas which he is now trying to sell the country to convince the voters he's the man for the job.

"I will strive in the future, as I have in the past, to advance the forward-looking, progressive traditions of the Democratic party which characterized the administrations of Presidents Roosevelt and Truman."

Kefauver's farm policy, outlined at Sigourney, Ia., Feb. 27, has been generally misinterpreted as advocacy of 100 per cent parity support prices for all crops. What he really said was:

"I intend to propose that we have 100 per cent parity payments from those farms showing a gross revenue of \$7,000 or less; 90 per cent on income between \$7,000 and \$20,000; 75 per cent up to \$50,000. This graduated plan will give the major benefit to the family-type farmer instead of the big ones."

AS A SUPPLEMENT, Kefauver proposes a food stamp plan. "It would work," says Kefauver, "because it has worked."

His plan would make food stamps, issued through state relief agencies, redeemable for surplus foods at regular stores participating in the plan. He says about 18 million low-income families would benefit.

Kefauver's labor policy was outlined at Duluth, Minn., March 15, in Congress. Kefauver voted against the Taft-Hartley law. "I think we are faced with the necessity of rewriting this Taft-Hartley Act," he says now. He means repealing it.

"Two thirds of the nation's workers still lack union protection," he says. The state "Right-to-Work" laws, permissible under Taft-Hartley, breed strife and confusion. They ought to go."

Kefauver favors raising minimum wage from \$1 to \$1.25 an hour and taking in the 45 per cent of the workers not covered by it now. He is coauthor, with Rep. James Roosevelt (D-Calif.) of Social Security.

Soviets Develop Speedy Ram Jet Missile, Report

LONDON (AP) — The Daily Telegraph said today the Soviet Union has developed a ram jet missile with a speed of more than 3,000 miles an hour and a range of 130 miles.

The information was attributed to a German rocket scientist named "who worked for six years in a Russian research center." The Telegraph said the weapon is 11 inches in diameter, and big enough to carry an atomic warhead.

In The Day's News

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to capture the Presidency as well as the control of both houses of the congress.

Their plan of campaign has been simple. In essence it is this:

1. To hold the South.
2. To hold the big city vote in the big industrial states.
3. To knock off enough farm votes in the big farm states to turn the trick.

The South belongs hereditarily to the Democrats. For two decades the big cities have belonged to the Democrats. But in 1952 the big farm states went Republican. The problem this year was to devise a farm bill that would woo the farmers back.

Hence the farm bill of 1956, which was loaded with high support prices for all the basic farm crops, despite the fact that the warehouses are bulging with farm surpluses. But, to make it fool-proof, it was no put together as to leave the President no choice but to veto it.

He did veto it, and today the motion to override his veto came up in the house.

For nearly two hours, the house of representatives echoed and re-echoed with red, white and blue oratory. The Democrats were denouncing the wicked Republicans and their wicked President who, by his veto, had taken the bread out of the mouths of American farmers.

The Republican leaders were denouncing the Republican President, but were restrained somewhat in their eloquence by the fact that so many farm state Republicans had DESERTED THEIR LEADER and had gone over to the other side in the hope of saving their own political skins in their own districts by voting for high parity support.

Eventually the oratory came to an end and the vote was taken. The voting was by yeas and nays—which is to say that as each member's name was called he answered yes or no for the record.

When the votes were counted, the tally stood at 211 votes AGAINST overriding the veto to only 302 FOR overriding it. To have prevailed, the motion to override would have had to have a two-thirds majority.

Anyway, it was a great show. The seats were full. The galleries were packed. The oratory was fervid.

At least that much can be said for it.

But not much else.

PAPER PRICE DOUBLES

BUENOS AIRES, AP — The price of Argentine newspapers will double this week. Publications which have sold for 40 centavos will rise to 80 centavos (12 cents). Others will go up from 50 centavos to a peso (2½ cents). Publishers and news vendors agreed on the hike. Rising newsprint costs were a factor.

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