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GIVE AN EXTRA DOLLAR

By Charles V. Stanton

Roseburg residents will be delighted that high school students are again to undertake sponsorship of a March of Dimes campaign.

Since starting the contest a few years ago, the Roseburg High School has topped every high school in the United States in total contribution. Roseburg residents have taken much pride in that achievement.

There was some question this year whether the students would again undertake the project.

Some are of the opinion that their energies should be directed toward the Youth Center, now being established with rather strained financial prospects. A few students are resentful that their efforts to establish the Center have not had more adult cooperation.

Although the students urging concentration of effort on the Youth Center project to exclusion of the polio drive are in the minority, following a student body vote, they have some sound reasoning on their side of the argument.

Remonstrance Expressed

A representative of that group, Dianne Hayman, writes a letter intended for Reader Opinions but which I have appropriated for this column.

The student writes:

This letter deals with the concern of the polio and teen-age drive. We have been having quite a bit of discussion about it at the high school. We cannot make up our minds whether to have a polio drive or to raise money for the teen-age center.

We have our teen-age center now, but we are not going to be able to keep it if we can't raise enough money to pay the rent on it.

Surely, I feel that money is needed for polio, but I also feel that the teen-agers need a building to go to and have fun and also to keep the kids off the street and out of trouble.

People say that we should have the polio drive because it is more important to save lives than to have the teen-age drive. Do they mean to say that having a teen-age center is not saving someone's life — at least in the sense of a useful life? Think of all the teen-agers who have gone to Woodburn or Salem because they were picked up for driving around downtown or just walking around. They are wasting their lives in Woodburn or Salem. We would be saving lives for usefulness to the community if we had a teen-age center. Then the kids wouldn't have to wander around on the streets. They would have a club building to go to. It would save lives right here in Roseburg if we had our building.

I have heard it said that we could have the polio drive now and a teen-age drive later on in the year, but we have to have the money in by a certain time or we will lose the building again.

I do believe that money is needed to fight polio, but it is taken out of the checks of our mothers and dads anyway. They donate at their places of employment. Douglas County has done its share in earning money to fight polio. Now, save our teen-agers! Let's have a teen-age drive!

Cooperation Encouraged

There is room for disagreement with some of Miss Hayman's arguments. For one thing, the public has not yet been completely "sold" on the Youth Center project. It also will be argued that the Youth Center will not reach the real delinquents. They will not use the facility or, if they do, the "decent" kids will withdraw. A few borderline cases might be affected.

But Miss Hayman's letter expresses the opinions of a good many high school students to whom the Youth Center project holds great appeal.

They are overlooking one thing, however, in my opinion. A repetition of unselfish contribution of time and effort to the polio drive, arousing the pride of the community in teen-age achievement, is far more apt to encourage adult cooperation in the Youth Center than would withdrawal from the polio effort.

I would like to suggest to adults reading this column that, as they contribute to the high school effort on behalf of the polio campaign, that they donate an extra dollar or so, earmarked for the Youth Center project, as a means of showing appreciation for the high school's community service.

Bruce Blossat

Prime Minister Nehru of India, who has recently been pleased by American attitude in the Middle East crisis, is less happy over President Eisenhower's proposal for standby authority to use force against an aggressor in that area.

Nehru sincerely believes that at military pacts of any sort are a detriment to peace. He would like to see the scrapping of NATO, SEATO, and the Baghdad agreement, on the ground that they are all provocative.

Inevitably, then, he finds no joy in the President's newest suggestion, even though it has been made clear we propose to act only on the request of a victimized nation in the Middle East.

Actually, there never has been any doubt of what America would do if Russia employed armed force in the Middle East. We have always been ready to meet force with force. But the administration believes there is additional security value in translating this fact into declared official policy, backed by both the Executive and the Congress.

To Nehru this is wrong. But what he does not easily understand is that policies which are right for India are not necessarily right for the United States or other nations.

INDIA FEELS it can serve the cause of peace most fully by keeping free of all ties, and maintaining lines of communication with both East and West. Obviously any firm alignments would compromise this objective.

But neither the United States nor any other already "committed" free country can casually dismember any part of the anti-Communist defense network without imperiling

freedom everywhere — including India.

Of course some nation must take the initiative if the military barriers are ever to be dropped and the arsenals abandoned. But the point here is that America has made countless good faith proposals for A and H-bomb bans, general disarmament, and broad political settlements in both Europe and Asia. None have ever been matched honestly by the Soviet Union.

WITHOUT POSITIVE assurances of equal performance on the Communist side, any scrapping of treaties or armistices or arsenals by the free nations would be only an invitation to disaster.

It was not America but Russia which made arms deals with Egypt and Syria. It was not America but Russia which threatened to send "volunteer" soldiers to the Middle East at the height of the crisis. We have no aggressive designs. We simply act to counter the Kremlin's aggressive gestures. A day time these cease and the Russians offer good faith settlements, we are ready. Until then our own safety — and indirectly that of India and other uncommitted independent upon the sturdiness of our defense posture.

Central Labor Council Stages Dance Friday

The Roseburg Central Labor Council will sponsor a dance Friday night at the Labor Temple with music furnished by Foley's orchestra of Myrtle Creek.

Bob Casey, council chairman, said all proceeds from the dance will be donated to the March of Dimes. The admission charge will be \$1 per couple.

"He's Still With Us—Big as Life"



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — "Spring 3100" is a magazine about the life of a man you see every day.

It shows him playing many parts, even, on occasion, the role of a midwife. Mostly, though, he appears as a soldier in a war that never ends. Usually, he is a family man, but he never knows when he goes to work whether he will come back.

Want to come into a policeman's world? "Spring 3100" is the journal of the New York police, but the man it mirrors is the good cop in any town.

He has terrific pride in his uniform, his mission, and his outfit —

"Memo to the new men in the command: The Fifth (precinct) is always first."

"Frank Duca did it again while off-duty on his way home. Captured three men after a two-mile, movie-style chase at 60 miles an hour. Good work and the kind that will reduce the amount of auto larceny cases."

He is anxious to qualify for promotion —

"The department once again receives its most severe test this month when about 11,425 patrolmen compete for the rank of sergeant. This represents almost half the total force. . . . The study will not be lost or wasted because such effort makes patrolmen 'better cops'."

His esprit de corps extends to his family —

"The two sons of a police lieutenant proved the adage 'like father like son' Nov. 12 when they ran into two youths breaking into a clothing store. Edward and Walter Marks, sons of Lt. Marcus Marks, grappled with the two burglars, one of whom stabbed Edward in the abdomen with a switch blade knife. Walter held the other until police arrived."

He never knows what the next moment may bring —

"Saw Herman Perry this morning: had his face splashed with acid last night. Answered a family fight and this female met him at the door with a jar of lye."

"Patrolman Burnett Harris, noticing a man brandishing a revolver in a grocery store, quickly overpowered him. The thug's gun was more than 100 years old."

Deputy Chief Inspector Michael Liddon stopped a suspect in Corona who had some 65 gallons of 190-proof booze in his auto."

"Definition of the word COP: It does NOT mean Caught Off Post. The word stems from the galslight era, meaning Constable On Patrol."

And he feels it when there is a gap in the ranks —

"The posthumous award went to Patrolman William G. Long who was killed when shot by a man tampering with an auto. Patrolman Long left a widow and three children."

He is a soldier in the war without a cease-fire who would be embarrassed if you called him a hero.

Burton Abbott Slated To Die

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. — Burton W. Abbott says "I felt cold and sick all over" when he heard his execution for the kidnap-murder of 14-year-old Stephanie Brynne had been set for March 13.

In an interview, the former University of California accounting student continued to maintain that "I didn't do it."

But he said he had reconciled himself to the possibility that a current appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court might fail.

"You have to reconcile yourself to the possibility," he said, adding that death row inmates develop a philosophy. "You care—but you don't care," said Abbott.

It's a sort of limbo, where nothing is gained or lost. This you have to face alone. . . . The body of Stephanie Brynne, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bryan of Berkeley, was found July 20, 1953, in a shallow grave near Abbott's vacation cabin in Trinity County. Police also found some of her belongings in the basement of Abbott's Alameda home.

Israel Forces Taken From Most Of Sinai

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector — Israel has withdrawn all its forces from Sinai "except for a very small strip" along the Agaba Gulf Coast, from Elat to Sharm el Sheikh, a government spokesman announced.

He said the withdrawal behind the Israeli-Egyptian boundary was completed by noon, according to plan. The town of Rafi at the southern end of the Gaza Strip remains entirely in Israeli hands, he said, except for relief stores which remain administered by U. N. authorities.

Natural Gas Will Be Pumped Back In Ground

SEATTLE — Plans to pump huge quantities of natural gas back into the ground for "storage" in Western Washington were disclosed this week.

The first underground storage pool would be near Birch Bay, close to Bellingham, where there is a natural gas deposit, but not in commercial quantities.

Officials telling of the plans said the Birch Bay location offers facilities for storing 16 to 20 billion cubic feet of gas below the surface, or about a month's supply for the Western Washington British Columbia area.

The technique has been used before in the Southwest, but would be new for this area, which recently received natural gas from the San Juan Basin fields of New Mexico and Colorado.

BRIDGE ANNIVERSARY

SAN FRANCISCO — The Redwood Empire Assn. is going to hold a huge celebration May 27 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge. Police record 163 suicide leaps off the span.

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heir (I think the dictionary sanctions use of the word "heir" when it applies to a girl who may inherit a throne) he didn't show it.

He describes the baby as "very beautiful—just LOVELY" — and her ex-bricklayer American grandfather, who already had five granddaughters and no grandson, says, "I think it's wonderful, and I'm certainly just as happy with another granddaughter."

I'd say that any father or grandfather who wasn't deliriously happy over a lovely little girl ought to be taken out and dropped in a pond.

Prince Rainier's subjects are going wild with joy. They are kissing each other in the streets. Cannon are booming, sirens are wailing, churchbells are pealing and champagne corks are popping.

There are reasons for their joy—reasons other than the natural happiness they feel because their prince is happy over the addition to his family. The birth of an heir (in this case an heiress) to the throne SAVES MONACO FROM GOING BACK TO THE FRENCH. If it had gone back to the French the Monagasques would have had to PAY TAXES—and the Monagasques have enough French blood in their veins to cause them to look upon paying taxes as a calamity of the first magnitude.

How come this going back to France business?

Somewhere back in the centuries, the French got their hands on Monaco, but respect for the ancient lineage of Monaco's hereditary rulers, the Grimaldis, who trace back in a direct line to the year 988, impelled the French to decree that "as long as a Grimaldi sits on the throne of Monaco the Monagasques shall be free and independent," but when the Grimaldi line is broken Monaco must come back to France.

In that event, the Monagasques would have to pay French taxes.

Why don't they have to pay taxes now?

That is a story all by itself. Monaco lives on tourists and gambling. The gambling brings the tourists. The tourists do the gambling and the principality of Monaco reaches in and takes a drag out of every kitty. Out of this drag, it pays its government expenses — including supporting Prince Rainier in the style to which Grimaldis have become accustomed.

Most of the people of Monaco work in the hotels and the resorts that are sustained by tourist money. If the home folks are caught gambling they are severely reprimanded and if they do it again they usually get the bounce. The rulers of Monaco are fully aware that gambling thrives on suckers and they don't want their subjects to fall into the sucker class.

Nevada has somewhat the same thrifty attitude. It encourages tourists to hop to it in a big way — the bigger the better — but frowns on the practice of gambling among the home folks.

U. S. Officials Growing Increasingly Agitated Over Flier Missing In Dominica

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — U. S. government officials are growing increasingly agitated over the series of events surrounding the disappearance of an Oregon flier in the Dominican Republic, a Caribbean dictatorship.

Seven weeks have elapsed since Gerald Lester Murphy, a 23-year-old aviator from Eugene, Ore., vanished without a trace in the Dominican capital, Ciudad Trujillo. He had just quit his job with the Dominican Airline, which is owned and operated by the government of Generalissimo Rafael Leonidas Trujillo. Murphy's car was found abandoned on the outskirts of the capital city not far from the coast and the shark-infested waters that are nearby.

A month after Murphy disappeared, Dominican police arrested Del La Maza, who had worked with Murphy for the government airline. Several days after his arrest and detention, police reported to American authorities that he had committed suicide in jail and left a letter for his wife in which he confessed killing Murphy.

American officials are plainly skeptical of the appearance of the entire affair. They recall vividly the mysterious disappearance last March of Jesus Galindez, a Dominican history professor at Columbia University who vanished from New York City. He was an avowed foe of Dictator Trujillo. No trace has ever been found of the professor.

Diplomatic relations between the U. S. and the Dominican government are very strained, which serves to aggravate the suspicions that are harbored by State Department officials who are working on the case.

De la Maza, the suspect, was found hanging in his cell from a pipe that was only six inches above his head, according to Dominican police, who have complete authority to investigate the case locally without U. S. interference. They said he hanged himself by knotting mosquito netting into a makeshift rope.

New and secret developments have occurred in the last few days, but State Department officials won't talk about them yet. Very probably they involve this series of circumstances:

De la Maza showed up at the American embassy in Ciudad Trujillo on Dec. 10 to pick up visas which he had arranged to obtain for his parents to come to the United States. Murphy, as it is now recalled, was last seen only a few days before this. His abandoned car was noticed Dec. 6. He had that day advertised his personal effects for sale in a local newspaper prior to returning to the U. S. to be married to a Pan American airline hostess from Miami.

Embassy officials recall that de la Maza seemed highly overwrought when he showed up for the visas. His parents then left the country and now reside in New York. Police then picked him up for questioning, and a few days later reported him as a suicide.

F. B. I. agents have been called into the case. They have obtained a photostatic copy of the alleged suicide note in order to make a handwriting analysis and determine whether in their opinion it is genuine or a forgery.

Some officials here, who know more than they can reveal at this time, believe there has been active complicity on the part of Dominican underlings of the Trujillo regime. Possibly the political reason for such complicity, if it turns out to be the fact, might lie in the type of hauling the Dominican Airline may have had young Murphy doing.

The whole affair seems headed for becoming a minor international incident between the U. S. and one of her smallest neighbors, unless a better answer for the disappearance of the Oregon flier is found very soon.

Oregon Fireman Who Drowned Awarded Honor

PITTSBURGH — The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission Wednesday honored Warren L. Nott, an Oregon fireman who drowned while helping save the lives of a man and his son.

It awarded to his widow, Mrs. Donna Nott of Milwaukie, a bronze medal recognizing his heroism, and death benefits of \$60 a month.

Nott, 41, drowned in Kellogg Lake near Milwaukie Feb. 5, 1956, when he broke through ice while attempting to rescue from the water Clarence O. Daley, Milwaukie, and his son, Michael Daley, 13. The Daleys were saved.

The father had broken through the ice to aid his son, who had crashed through and into the ice while skating.

Nott walked out on thin surface with a ladder and extended it within Daley's reach. On the way back to get a rope he broke through into the icy water. He was unable to hold a rope thrown to him and sank.

Police and volunteers went out in boats to pull out Daley and his son but they could not reach Nott.

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Reader Opinions

Congratulations Offered Opponents To Zoning

Your paper is to be congratulated for setting up space to publish the letters of the people, even though you do not always agree with their thoughts. It is not uncommon to find politicians setting up rules and regulations and getting laws passed to satisfy the wishes of a small minority, when they know that the majority of the people would rather have it some other way.

This is the reason that I have to send congratulations, through your paper, to the Citizens Committee against zoning for standing up and fighting for the thing they feel is right. Owing to the fact that there is such a large percentage of the people in Douglas County who do not want any zoning or land use regulation, the Citizens Committee is really doing a terrific job for all these people, trying to protect their right to use and do with their land as they see fit.

I am quite sure we would all have a better country to live in if there were a lot more people who would really get out and fight for the things they believed in, when they knew that the majority of the people in the county believed in the same thing.

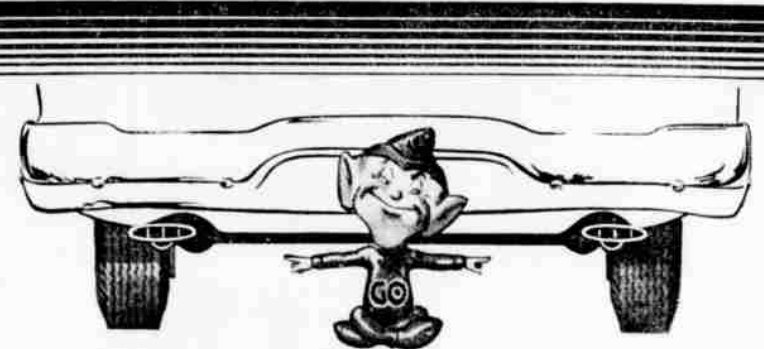
The time may come yet, when the politicians are going to have to abide by the wishes of the majority instead of the pressure put on them by a few big people representing a state wide law, our Douglas County representatives are obligated to fight against such measures very hard, because they know, from the past vote, that the large majority of voters do not want such a bill passed.

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Unlicensed Trailers Are Subject To Tax

SALEM — Atty. Gen. Robert V. Thornton advised the state Motor Vehicle Department this week that owners of automobiles, trailers and semitrailers not subject to registration because of oversize or overweight must pay property taxes.

Only those vehicles lawfully permitted to use the highways of the state for continuous operation are subject to registration and payment of license fees, Thornton said.



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