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DOUBLE TAXATION

By Charles V. Stanton

When Roseburg's city council last year refused to pick up the tab for the city's share in the county library fund, one of the chief arguments was that of "double taxation."

Those who argue that a contribution from Roseburg, to match cooperation from other communities, constitutes double taxation are failing, I believe, to give full consideration to benefits.

Certainly Roseburg and each of the communities having branch library service are receiving far more benefits than are those areas served only by the bookmobile. I doubt if any Roseburg resident would want to give up the privilege of book selection at the library, the spacious reading rooms, reference facilities, and the many other services, to save the few cents of additional cost represented by the library as compared with the bookmobile. If we want service we should be willing to pay at least something for it. I can't agree that paying for better service and for more benefits than are received by people living away from the central and branch libraries constitutes any form of double taxation.

But to enjoy all these services and benefits, coupled with the economic advantages resulting from location of the central library in Roseburg, places Roseburg in the position of hitchhiking a free ride at the expense of other organized communities of the county when it contributes nothing to the fund.

Should Pay Fair Share

Roseburg maintained a very good public library as a city institution, prior to construction of the county library. Roseburg's library cost around \$18,000 annually. Approximately \$8,500 came from a continuing levy of eight-tenths of one mill. The balance was provided in the city's budget.

About \$12,000 of the \$18,000 of total cost represented salaries, leaving approximately \$6,000 for site, utilities and miscellaneous expenses.

The continuing levy had been authorized by voters specifically for city library purposes. The Roseburg city council had proposed that the identity of the city library be maintained following consolidation with the county library. Had that been done, and the city council given some measure of authority, it would have been legally possible to maintain the continuing levy. But because the city library was dissolved, there was no longer any legal authority to continue the library tax on city residents. The city council refused to appropriate any money for the county library from the budget. Consequently Roseburg has contributed nothing since the library was opened last July.

If Roseburg is to make a contribution, it can be done either by inclusion of an appropriation in the annual budget which, until a new and realistic tax base is provided, must be done every year, always with the danger of rejection, or a measure can be submitted to restore a continuing levy earmarked for library purposes.

Amount Disputed

During last year's squabble demands were made that the City of Roseburg continue to raise \$8,500 for city library purposes. Objections were made that the proposed sum was out of proportion to contributions made by other communities. This is a matter which can be quite easily determined, I believe.

Other towns, in order to have branch library service, must furnish quarters, lights, power, heat, water, custodial service, maintenance, etc. Salaries of branch librarians are paid from county funds. This was arranged after the county library budget board had rescinded a previous decision to require communities to pay the salaries for the branch librarians.

Roseburg is paying nothing into the fund. Yet the city has available all the services and facilities of the fine new library located in the courthouse.

It would seem to me that under these circumstances Roseburg has a moral obligation to pay into the library fund an amount equivalent to what it would pay for quarters, utilities, custodial services and other such charges which would be incurred if it maintained its own library.

Bruce Biassat

The tone of recent Soviet propaganda has been so severely anti-American that some seem to regard the development as alarming. But others who know Russia well see no point in fearing the worst.

True enough, the era of smiles and sweeties and light is evidently over. But one is inclined to forget that in the absence of such a positive, calculated effort to persuade the world of its soft intentions, the Kremlin almost automatically shows a hostile face to the free nations.

In other words, the smiles were play-acting, and when the acting stopped the old harsh attitudes were again instantly apparent. This doesn't mean Russia is planning war, or aggression on any scale. It simply suggests revision to type.

POSSIBLY the appointment of the well-known Andrei Gromyko as foreign minister can be viewed in the same light.

He symbolizes to the West the toughest Soviet attitudes in world affairs, having been personally involved in advancing many uncompromising proposals. If the smile on a diplomatic weapon is back on the Kremlin's shelf, who is better fitted than the smiling Gromyko to carry on in the old traditional manner?

Of course there may well be a good deal more to the situation than this. But Gromyko, as previously noted, is said to have been involved in the

omatic work, and to be needed badly in the propaganda field, where efforts are under way to "straighten out" disaffected Soviet young people.

SOME experts on Russia note, too, that Shcheplov is a Khrushchev man. They hazard that his transfer may be another internal sign — there have been others — that Khrushchev is no longer top dog in Moscow, that he cannot govern the selection of key figures in the Soviet hierarchy.

Whatever the interplay of these factors, no one in the West will be looking for Gromyko to melt the Iron Curtain. He's of a sort who could chill any metal with a glance.

With him on the firing line, it will seem like old times both inside and outside the Kremlin.

Report Made Of Sighting Nearly Extinct Otter

PORTLAND — The federal Fish and Wildlife Service said Monday it has received the first report in many years of the once nearly extinct sea otter being sighted off the Oregon coast.

The service here said a commercial fisherman told it he had seen an otter off the mouth of the Columbia River.

For decades otters were shot out of the water in the late 19th century and almost completely exterminated in the Pacific Northwest.

Impossible to Imprison



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — If there is anything the average American knows less about than sex, it is probably gout, a less widespread but even more troublesome affliction.

Gout partitions mankind into two distinct groups — those who laugh at gout, and those who have had gout.

A five-day siege in bed with my fourth attack of gout in 10 years has taught me who my true friends were. They were the visitors to my parlor of pain who listened respectfully to my tale of woe, and refrained from laughter until they had left my home and were safely on the street.

The false friends were those who leered, "been living too high, eh?" and who then laughed in my face when I replied with dignity, "No, the Suez Canal is chiefly responsible for my gout."

Maybe you think it's funny, too, for a man to blame his gout on the Suez Canal? Well, unbutton your ears and listen to a few facts you probably never knew about gout.

1. Gout, like baldness, is a highly masculine affliction. Ninety-five per cent of its victims are men.

2. Gout is rarely mortal. It merely gives you an overwhelming feeling of being mortal. The pain is roughly comparable to the sensation you might have if someone were to hibernate porcupine inside your foot suddenly awake and tried to break out, pushing a thousand needles into your crying flesh.

3. Gout is like wealth. Most of those who have it inherited it, and therefore deserve neither credit nor blame.

4. Gout is as old as mankind. Hippocrates diagnosed it in the 25th century B.C.

5. Gout specifically is an inflammation caused by an excess

of uric acid in a joint, resulting from an inborn defect in the metabolism of purines and a deficiency in steroid hormones.

Now about my own gout attack, and why I hold the Suez Canal to blame.

For weeks, purely in the public interest, I had been cudgeling my brains over the Suez Canal crisis, hoping to find a way to help Ben-Gurion and Nasser in their mutual efforts toward peace, and thus give John Foster Dulles a breather between this crisis and the next one.

Well, sir — unaccustomed as I am to public thinking — the mental strain, helped along by two days of rainy weather, caused my purines and steroid hormones to back up — and down I came with the gout.

Don't laugh. Think. Tomorrow you may wake up with the porcupine in your own foot.

Legislation to put into effect the proposed regulations will be presented to the legislatures of California, Oregon and Washington. Canada will put the regulations into effect by administrative action. They will be made effective in Alaska by the U.S. government.

The proposed regulations were adopted at a conference of U.S. and Canadian officials, attended also by officials from the three Pacific Coast states and representatives of the commercial fishing industry.

A joint statement of accomplishments of the two-day conference was issued by William C. Herington, special assistant to the U.S. under secretary of state, and George R. Clark, deputy minister of fisheries, from Ottawa.

The recommendations: Nets in off-shore salmon fishing would not be permitted; the spring or Chinook salmon troll fishing season would open not earlier than April 15 and would close Oct. 31; opening date on troll for silvers or cohos would remain June 15; troll-caught Chinook salmon must be 26 inches minimum length or an equivalent minimum weight; and in the petrale sole fishery the closed season would be from Dec. 20 to April 15.

WASHINGTON — The world's first known supersonic bomber, the Convair B-58, travels so swiftly the fastest Air Force fighter is used as a "chase" airplane for observation.

The B-58 Hustler, first flown last November, has considerably exceeded the speed of sound—about 780 miles an hour at sea level—in test flights near Fort Worth, Tex.

A Convair official confirmed that the fastest fighter, the F-104, has been added to the fleet of planes employed to make observations during B-58 flights.

The delta-wing B-58 is 95 feet long, 42 feet high and with a 55-foot wingspan. It reportedly has a designed top speed of about 1,500 miles an hour.

The Lockheed F-104 has flown considerably faster than 1,000 miles an hour and is believed capable of around 1,500 miles an hour.

In The Day's News

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mally and naturally out of the savings of the people, they can be had without headaches.

Resides—We'll all be better off personally if every week, every month and every year we save up a little money and park it away in some sound investment.

Some people get ahead in the world. Others don't. Why?

There are many reasons.

Some people are gifted with gumption. Others aren't. It has been noted by thoughtful people all down through the centuries that those who put a little aside regularly, SO THAT WHEN OPPORTUNITIES COME ALONG THEY CAN BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF, are the ones who get ahead in the world.

The ones who don't get ahead are those who spend it as fast as it comes in and so never have any ready capital with which to take advantage of opportunities that present themselves.

Savings DO come in handy.

Something interesting is happening in Oregon.

In January of 1957, the people of the state as a whole bought \$4,338,161 in U.S. Savings Bonds. In January of 1956, they bought only \$3,938,283 worth.

That is a gain of about 10 per cent.

In the Southern Oregon counties of Jackson, Douglas and Klamath, even a better record was made. In January of this year, the people of these counties bought \$354,877 worth of U.S. Savings Bonds as against \$249,267 worth in January of 1956.

This is a gain of better than 42 per cent.

Two Irrigation Systems Damaged

VALE — The Warm Springs and Vale irrigation systems suffered almost \$150,000 damage from last week's flood, officials estimate.

Ed Bates, manager of the two districts, said, however, that every effort is being made to get the systems back into use by April 7 or 15 for start of the irrigation season.

Directors of the district have asked for federal aid in reconstruction.

Meantime County Judge G. Y. Chester said the Malheur County road program was set back two years by the flood. Bridges and culverts were torn out and roads washed away. Three bridges were destroyed, and about 15 other bridges and many approaches were damaged.

Chester said it will be six months before county roads and bridges can be returned to normal condition.

Reader Opinions

Mental Health Assn. May Have Saved Tragedy

This, being my first attempt to break into print here, takes a bit of courage, but what I wish to say might sow some constructive seeds so I will venture to present this brainchild, not entirely my own, as you will see, to the public for consideration.

The prod impelling me to do this is the recent murder trial here. The sad fatality of the help offered to the stricken family now by many kind people impresses me. If they could have been helped before the tragedy, what heartache could have been prevented? The poor children were deprived of both parents at once. Here an ounce of prevention would have really been worth many pounds of cure.

But how could this be accomplished? In my opinion it could have been done by a live, functioning mental health association. "Oh, but we had a mental health association here at one time and people were not interested enough to support it, so it folded up," I hear someone say.

Yes, a well-intentioned group of doctors, psychologists, teachers and citizens met at the Veterans Facility at intervals for two years. We listened to lectures on mental health, viewed relevant motion pictures, had discussions based on the pictures, most by hypothetical cases, and went home carrying our old burning, immediate problems with us.

How will I say the rest without seeming to criticize? I might say that I was to blame as much as, if not more than, other members of our organization. I could have spoken up and pointed out the reason, as I saw it, why we had always less and less members. But I was too timid and cowardly, and overruled by the greatness of our leaders. Had there been a question box from which problems could have been answered anonymously, or even a time when each could have brought his problems in the open to be sympathetically considered by the members and answered after discussion with, perhaps, timely suggestions and active help offered, what a different course the association might have had. It could not only be alive and functioning now, but it might have grown so large that we would scarcely be able to find room enough for a meeting.

If people like Mr. Geisler could have been referred to a mental health association by his associates, who allegedly noticed his mental confusion, and helped by the association, tragedies like his could most surely be prevented. There would be committees qualified to work on cases of that nature. This is not merely theory. It has been proven successful.

Some years ago the Farm Journal ran an article serially describing the technique of the mental health association in Miami County, Ohio. Among other assertions I specifically remember the statement that no one in Miami County ever needed to suffer mental ill health because of a problem too difficult for one person to solve by himself. Everyone in the association put his shoulder to the wheel and helped solve the problem, whatever its nature: lack of job, lack of funds, family trouble, neighbor trouble, and many others.

Of course, this should be done by everyone for it is simply "bearing one another's burdens." An association, however, is much better equipped to do this. Funds could be collected to provide psychiatric help where needed and special care could be given people who return from mental institutions.

It would be difficult to estimate the far-reaching beneficial results of an organization of this type. But it must be set up, in my opinion, for the purpose of giving help where needed — a live, functioning organization.

Leadership could be furnished by the staff at the Veterans Administration Hospital, the Ministerial Association, or any service club, handled by just ordinary citizens, endowed with extraordinary good will.

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