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## ROSEBURG'S SHARE

By Charles V. Stanton

If, as has been contended in this column, the City of Roseburg should be contributing to the county library fund, we should decide how the money is to be raised, and in what amount.

As to the method, we can vote a continuing levy, as was done for the city library, or we can carry an annual budget item.

When Roseburg had a city library we maintained a continuing tax which raised in excess of \$8,000. To this sum was added \$10,000 as a budget item, making \$18,000 for library purposes. The figures used are approximate. As previously stated, about \$12,000 represented salaries.

The continuing levy was voted specifically for a city library. It had to be abandoned when the city library was consolidated with the county library, as the city library thereby ceased to exist and there was no legal authorization for a special tax inside the city to be used for county library purposes.

The Roseburg city council refused last year to provide money for the county library in the budget. This left the \$10,000 which would have been used for city library purposes to be distributed among other budget accounts. Actually it can be reasoned that the amount served as a budget "cut" inasmuch as it was a tight budget and had \$10,000 been authorized for library purposes it probably would have been an additional sum.

### Levy Assures Income

Roseburg taxpayers also saved the somewhat more than \$8,000 normally raised by the eight-tenths of one mill previously voted.

Most city officials and library supporters favor the continuing levy as a means of providing library income. That method assures a known income and one which grows in volume, though not in rate, with taxable valuation.

Roseburg voters, who have twice refused a much needed new tax base, and who have, at times, made it extremely difficult to get a budget, certainly cannot point to consistency in the matter of city finances. Thus a library appropriation through an annual budget item, dependent from year to year upon the whim and mood of voters, who have a record for doing the unexpected, would be most uncertain.

Last year the city council refused to put the matter before the voters to see whether a new levy would be approved. That decision, in my opinion, was an error which should be corrected.

If the city officers and voters prefer budget appropriations to continuing levy, I would not be one to quarrel over the method. I do believe, however, that Roseburg should no longer neglect its moral obligation toward the library fund.

### Amount Easy To Fix

As to the amount Roseburg should pay, I believe it is quite easy to arrive at a formula.

Eight Douglas County municipalities are supporting branch libraries and are contributing to the library fund. These towns, with their populations, assessed valuations, and library contributions are reported by the county library board as follows:

| Town         | Population | Valuation   | Contribution |
|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Canyonville  | 1200       | \$ 592,680  | \$ 500       |
| Drain        | 1220       | 722,980     | 400          |
| Glendale     | 1000       | 451,905     | 150          |
| Myrtle Creek | 2521       | 2,154,529   | 2,495        |
| Oakland      | 1017       | 515,071     | 50           |
| Reedsport    | 3350       | 2,684,824   | 1,500        |
| Sutherlin    | 2780       | 2,434,494   | 2,250        |
| Yoncalla     | 710        | 329,474     |              |
| Totals       | 13,798     | \$9,881,000 | \$7,345      |

Yoncalla's contribution had not been reported to the board at the time of the last meeting. Myrtle Creek's budget includes money for redecorating. Reedsport has included money for paint, supplies and fixtures. Sutherlin's budget includes \$2,000 for building fund.

Roseburg has a listed population of 12,600 and an assessed valuation of \$10,803,101. Thus Roseburg's population is only slightly below that of all communities with branch libraries combined, while assessed valuation is slightly higher.

It would seem then that Roseburg's contribution should be from \$5,000 to \$7,500, if carried as a budget item, or one-half to three-fourths of one mill if raised by continuing levy. I would seriously recommend to library supporters and boosters inside the city that they organize to work with and through the city council to get the city out of the hitchhiking classification at this forthcoming budget period.

## Bruce Biossat

In the process of hoisting Joseph Stalin back on his old pedestal, Russian Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev is now crediting his once-reviled master with crushing the Nazis in World War II.

Even though he is talking of the same man the Soviet press not long back charged with failure to prepare Russia for Hitler's attack, even though we know this whole business is mainly for home consumption, it would seem unwise to let these fresh assertions go unchallenged by our own information agencies.

The legend of Russian might already is exaggerated to the point where it sows unnecessary fears in many hearts.

The distortion can only grow if the Kremlin is allowed to refloat the fantasy that Stalin — and Russia — conquered Hitler.

THE truth is that without American help in many forms, principally in motorized equipment, the Soviet armies probably would have been rolled back across the Volga to the Ural mountains or beyond the Asia.

Russia had two great commodities with which to fight World War II.

Almost unlimited manpower and vast areas of space which it could trade to the Nazis in exchange for time.

With its paralyzing winters tossed into the bargain, the Russians were able to stand the Germans off until our aid and their own economic and military recovery gave them the substance for a real counter-offensive.

But the real crusher against Hitler did not come until the Western allies had launched a second front in France and begun deep thrusts toward Germany's western borders.

No wartime analyst looking at the facts would pretend for a moment that Russia did not make a big contribution to the final demise of Hitler. The combat on the eastern front chewed up hundreds of divisions of Nazi fighting men.

But always standing behind the Russian forces as they drove Hitler westward was the vital aid supplied by America and Britain.

Economic experts tell us that at the close of World War II the United States was producing more war

## Cold Steely Look



## Hal Boyle

By LEONARD LEFKOW  
For HAL BOYLE

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — The Nationalist Air Force captain was celebrating his safe return from a leaflet dropping mission over the Red mainland. He was drunk and the liquor made him melancholy.

"We got to liberate those poor people on the mainland," he said. "We got a cause and we got to do it soon."

In a way the captain is symbolic of the few million Chinese who fled the mainland in 1949 and settled on this island 190 miles from the Red coast.

Tourists who visit Formosa usually are surprised and confused by the steady outpouring of war talk. It pervades virtually every phase of life here.

Newspapers carry daily accounts of speeches by cabinet members, legislators and military men that deal with the "counter-attack" — the day the Nationalists hope to strike back to the mainland.

A mainland recovery board composed of top officials daily plot the political and economic aspects of the return. Soldiers safeguard "deeds" to land on the mainland the government has promised them.

Military trucks churn chuck holes into streets. Airfields are lined with military craft. Air raid sirens wail monthly in practice. Security measures are abundant. The Weather Bureau refuses to give out rainfall figures on grounds they are classified information.

Austerity is a way of life. Dancing is permitted only in establishments catering to foreigners. "Don't Waste Food" campaigns are continuous.

Despite this war atmosphere there are signs that trouble is

farther away today than it has been during the seven years the Nationalist government has functioned in Formosa.

Sporadic friction along the offshore islands of Matsu and Quemoy has been at the greatest lull the past four months than at any point in three years.

But the biggest sign — although intangible — is the current peace campaign waged toward Formosa from the Communist mainland.

The Peiping regime has buried the sabre and is now waving the olive branch of peace. It says in effect: You will withdraw away on Formosa unless you come over and join us.

Rumors from that Asian rumor mill, Hong Kong, are reported in the Taipei press always in a derisive manner. The Nationalist answer appears to be a continued buildup in military power.

No one here, Nationalist or American, believes the rumors. High Chinese sources say they are planted by Communists seeking to sow dissension and suspicion.

American officials say they have no evidence of negotiating. The Air Force captain puts it this way: "Nobody's going to sell us out. We haven't got any traitors here. We're all living for one day—the day we go back to the mainland."

of relations—between the federal government and state regulatory agencies.

Principally involved now is the Texas Railroad Commission. It sets production schedules for an orderly marketing of petroleum in the Lone Star State. Since Texas is the biggest U.S. producer, this greatly influences prices in all states.

NOT EVEN in World War II did the U.S. government attempt to control the state regulatory agencies. There is no legal authority to do so. And if anybody were to suggest such a law now, states' rights would probably climb their tallest derricks, utter rebel yells and threaten secession.

There is, nevertheless, some official opinion in Washington that the Texas Railroad Commission might have taken — much earlier — the calculated risk of increasing production to the levels it finally approved on Feb. 20, when the worst was over.

There are also some charges that the big international oil operators — who are also the big U.S. producers and refiners — decided early that this European shortage was only a temporary thing. They were therefore said to have dragged their feet on rearranging their trade patterns.

U.S. east coast refineries were asked by the government to curtail gasoline production. This was to make more crude and fuel oils available for Europe, reduce gasoline deliveries there and so keep European refineries in operation without dislocation. After a delay, U.S. refinery schedules were changed.

THE SOLUTION TO ALL these problems is not now seen in Washington as the creation of some new government agency to regulate all oil shipments moving in interstate commerce. The Eisenhower administration is on record against all such controls in peacetime.

equipment than Britain, Russia, France and Germany combined. The conquest of Hitler was truly a massive joint effort. But it was we who developed the industrial might without which no combination of military energies could like to have succeeded.

## IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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but is free and independent and is today taking its place in the world as a member of the British Commonwealth.

It is all set up with a prime minister and a parliament. Ghana is its own boss. Nobody can tell it what to do — or what NOT to do.

It's on its own. It has nearly five million people, it supplies nearly half the world's cocoa and it has rich resources of gold, diamonds, bauxite (raw material of aluminum) and timber.

From the standpoint of basic economics, it is well heeled.

What of its people? What do they want?

Fortunately, we have an answer to those questions. The answer is supplied by a British magazine writer — Miss Barbara Ward, who writes for the staid and dependable London Economist. Miss Ward says the GIRLS of Ghana want three things:

1. A Fridgeful.
2. A Jaguar.
3. A Bintu.

Miss Ward then translates. She says a Fridgeful is a refrigerator full of frozen foods. A Jaguar is a sports car. A Bintu is a man who has "been to" the United States.

Taking them by and large, those are laudable desires. If the girls of Ghana can GET them and KEEP them, they'll be doing all right. As to how to get them and keep them, I'd like to offer here a bit of old-fashioned advice:

Keep your government simple. Keep your taxes low. ENCOURAGE statesmen. SHOOT all politicians. Encourage hard work. Discourage public doles. Get along with your neighbors. Keep your noses out of other people's business, and KEEP OUT OF WAR.

If the people of the new-born state of Ghana will follow those simple rules, they will avoid most

GOVERNOR PLEASED  
PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon has "gained tremendously" by appointments made by Democrats who came into state office last fall, Gov. Holmes said Monday.

Holmes told the Portland Chamber of Commerce he is pleased with the men he has named to office and added, "I am sure they will do an outstanding job."

"We don't have our whole organization complete, but we are well on the road," Holmes said he plans more appointments for the near future.

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