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FIZWATER TAX PLAN

By Charles V. Stanton

"It has come to my attention, my unlettered friend, that you have, in this space allotted to the exploitation of your individual theories and ideas, criticized certain phases of tariff, impost and tax policies of this, our glorious Democratic administration for the State of Oregon."

The speaker, my good friend Senator Fizwater, (D), Oregon's Steenth Senatorial District, looked quite chipper as he settled himself in the visitors' chair in the editorial office, obviously prepared to deliver himself of a lengthy discourse.

It also was quite apparent that he had diligently fortified himself in preparation for his visit, as he bore with him the mixed aromas of several neighboring bistros.

"It is not my aim, intent or purpose, as I seek your indulgence, to dispute with you your ivory tower observations pertaining to the tax system as so recently amended," the Senator remarked. "I would like, however, to offer for your consideration the Fizwater Tax Plan—a plan I predict will revolutionize the sagging economy of our m-i-l-ghty Nation, a plan so unique that it should cause the name of Fizwater to be engraved upon the plaques of honor throughout all days of history."

"But, before I speak upon this weighty subject, devolved after long years of experience in fields of public service on behalf of the constituents I have served so ably, let me digress momentarily."

"I observe in my perusal of the one-party, kept press of this country, that my g-o-o-d and g-r-e-e-a-t friend, Senator Wayne Morse is being accused by mentally impoverished editorial writers of deserting principle to 'trade horses' using the common term of legislative strategy, to obtain passage of the bill for a federal high dam in that scenic wonderland of the world Hells Canyon—a place most aptly named considering all the hell that has been raised about the manner of its development. Now let me inform you, before you too join in the mistaken observation that the g-o-o-d Senator Morse deserted his principles in his determined enthusiasm to back up more ah-water, that the matter of principle is one subjective and objective minds should ponder with utmost industry before gratifying a desire for condemnation."

"It perhaps is true, the records so stating, that the g-o-o-d senator voted at last session against the principle of seniority because, in his opinion the chairman of the judiciary committee held racial opinions with which the senator did not concur. That principle, however, was of insignificant moment as opposed to the principle of 'procedure,' more aptly, perhaps, termed 'expedience' when it became necessary to refer to the committee in question, and its chairman, a bill of mighty political import."

"Always keep in mind, my friend, should you ever enter the field of politics, that the principle of getting your bill approved is the principle to which you must firmly adhere at all times."

The Senator paused dramatically. Under the stress of his emotions, his collar had begun to wilt, and his flowing tie had turned slightly akimbo.

He paused to wipe his brow, straighten his tie, and sip, albeit somewhat copiously, from the bottle he had slipped from his pocket.

"Cough medicine," he said, replacing the bottle. "Doctor's orders."

"And now, my good friend," the Senator continued, "if I might for the space of a few moments secure your undivided attention, I would like to propose to you the stupendous Fizwater plan for solving the tax problems of this nation."

"Our glo-o-o-rious country has for many years been making an error of gravest importance. It was, of course, a Republican error in origin, but—and never let it be said that I failed to observe the mistakes of my own gr-a-a-n-d party—compounded by Democrats."

"We have imposed heavy taxes on all alcoholic beverages. These imposts have undergone persistent intensification through succeeding administrations."

"I now propose that all taxes on all alcoholic beverages be immediately, cancelled, rescinded and made null and void. Elimination of alcoholic liquor imposts would immediately place in the hands of the vast majority of our people many millions of dollars to be used in the channels of commerce, thus stimulating production, increasing business and improving the opportunities of the common man in finding for himself employment with emolument commensurate with the degree of exertion required by his labor, be it mental or physical."

"Obiteration of tariffs on alcoholic beverages would make it possible for more of our people to buy more of these stimulating products, thereby improving the markets for grain and sugar and relieving the pressure of farm surpluses."

"As a means of improving economy, adding zest to living, and improving the lot of the common man, to whose interests my humble services are perpetually dedicated, I suggest immediate adoption of my plan, and if anybody wants to trade principles, let's hear their proposition!"

Comedian's Stricken Son To Get World Tour

WASHINGTON (AP)—If comedian Red Skelton has his way, his nine-year-old son, Richard, will see as many of the "wonders of the world" in the next few weeks as many people see in a full lifetime.

Richard has leukemia, a blood disease that usually is fatal.

The Skeltons are in the midst of a five-day sightseeing tour of the capital. They've already been to New York, Philadelphia, and Boston. And Skelton said they'll head later for London, Rome and perhaps other faraway places. Richard's sister, Valentina, 10, is traveling with them.

The comedian, minus his usually broad grin, said he wants to help Richard pack a lot of experiences into a limited time.

Skelton asked a newsmen:

"In what better way could I do it than to show him the wonders of the world, the miracles and near-miracles, all the places he's heard of but has never seen?"

Skelton said he also hopes while in Washington to help out in the drive for cancer funds.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Jerry Lewis, who makes more per hour being funny than the average man does per year being serious, says any mother can raise her boy to be a comedian.

"He can at least learn to be a taught comedian," said Jerry, "and probably make a good living just standing up and reeling off memorized jokes."

"Show business is full of such imposters," Lewis said.

Lewis, who has just completed his first solo film, "The Delicate Delinquent," believes the public often fails to realize that humor, like love, comes in many varieties.

Leaving the field of love to those more expert, Jerry went on to give these views on humor:

"The big difference in the field is between the taught comedian and the natural funnyman."

"The taught comedian is imitative, and has no born talent. Often he is extremely witty, but his humor comes second-hand. He generally pokes fun at others, and is often cruel. At the back of his mind he is always desperately thinking, 'What'll I do next?'"

He has to because most of his humor is contrived, or borrowed.

"But a born funnyman's humor is compulsive. He holds himself up to ridicule, realizing it's easier for people to laugh at someone else than it is for them to laugh at themselves. He is also more spontaneous and creative in any situation—less dependent on others for material."

Either through a sense of kindness—or a well-ingrained sense of self-preservation—Jerry declined to name the outstanding "taught comedians" practicing the healing art of yok merchandising today. But he had no hesitancy in reeling off a few comics, past and present, whom he regards as "natural funnymen."

"In the silent films Charlie Chaplin—the greatest ever—and Harry Langdon were outstanding," he said. "So was W.C. Fields. So are Jackie Gleason and Milton Berle. Berle is a past master."

Lewis modestly forbore saying which class he regarded himself as belonging to other than by cheerfully observing in passing, "I am a born idiot."

In 31 years, however, he has parlayed this natural defect (if it is one, as non-Lewis fans claim) into the kind of people the people yearn for and ought to have.

They by a foreign overlord, had the courage to declare that the little colonies they represented would submit no longer to these injustices and henceforth would be independent and free to run their own affairs as they saw fit.

And—because the people of these 13 little colonies were ready to follow them to freedom or to death.

Here is a point of the utmost importance: These leaders back in 1776 WEREN'T SEEKING PERSONAL POWER. They were fighting for a cause. A cause THEY BELIEVED IN. The Declaration of Independence wasn't a party platform. It was a declaration of the rights of man.

One of history's most inspiring able and devoted and unselfish lessons is that when people have leaders there is almost NOTHING they can't accomplish.

One of history's saddest lessons is that when leaders are more concerned with POWER than with the welfare of the people the people suffer.

If there is anything wrong with the United States of America today—nearly two centuries after the adoption of the Declaration of Independence—it is that our political parties, which provide the vehicle for leadership, are perhaps more interested in WINNING ELECTIONS than in providing for

the support of the Hungarian people.

"THIS GOVERNMENT did not invite the Russian armed forces into Hungary. They came, said the U.N. group, at the instigation of the Kremlin. After they deposed the legal government, there was no successor government for a considerable period. In this interim, the investigators said, the Red army was Hungary's only government."

When the Kadar government was installed, it was not done in response to demand from the Hungarian people. It was an act dictated in Moscow.

This report—scrupulous, judicious, factual—ought to kill for all time a Soviet fairy tale that was designed to blot out of the world's memory one of the most ruthless suppressions in modern history. The U.S. has boldly etched the true story in indestructible stone.

Don't stop there. If, in these busy days, you can't spare the time to peruse the whole document, skip to this final sentence of the immortal Declaration that started us off on our career:

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our LIVES, OUR FORTUNES AND OUR SACRED HONOR."

They MEANT BUSINESS, these Founding Fathers of ours.

Using its celebrated technique of the "big lie," the Soviet Union has sought systematically over the intervening months to warp and distort and finally to whitewash its cruel suppression last fall of the Hungarian revolt against Kremlin rule.

According to Russia's copper-riveted myth, the allegedly "legal" Hungarian government of Janos Kadar "invited" the Soviet army into Hungary to restore order. Again, according to the official line, this army did no more than the bare minimum in using force to achieve that objective.

Repeated enough, this tale may well have begun to have some takers among gullible millions of neutrals and other uncommitted folk around the globe. Countless among these tend to take with a heavy dose of salt the accounts in Western newspapers which we accept as reliable.

BUT NOW THE MYTH has been devastatingly blasted by the United Nations itself. All its prestige reinforces the withering indictment it lays against the Soviet Union in destroying, piece by piece, the Kremlin's fantasy in whitewash.

The report by a five-member U.N. committee said flatly that the Red army in crushing the revolt was "all-powerful, pitiless and unabashed by any shameful act." Some deeds of brutality it found so shocking it refused to detail them in the report.

The committee said the Hungarian uprising was a spontaneous internal rebellion not spurred by outsiders in any measure. It said the government set up as a result of the revolt was legal and

had the support of the Hungarian people.

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Reader Opinions

Volunteer Help Needed At Camp Tye Stressed

This letter is directed in particular to parents of girls in the Blue Birds, Camp Fire and Horizon Girls. But it is also a reminder to all parents and other adults, who may have no children but who care about our youth and the many programs set up to help them.

All these programs need volunteer adult help. Without it they cannot succeed. Won't you think it over, roll up your sleeves, get in and lend a hand? You will be pleasantly surprised to find it is more fun than work.

The last two Sundays we have had work days at Camp Tye. Almost no one came out to help. It takes work to prepare camp for the season. We just can't do it without your help. We have only one more Sunday before camp opens. Won't you please pack a picnic lunch and come July 7? Let's get it finished!

Richard C. John
Tye Camp Chairman
2316 W. Harvard
Roseburg, Ore.

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Dublin's Jewish Mayor Briscoe Loses In Vote

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)—Robert Briscoe, deprived by the lack of the draw from serving Dublin for another term as its only Jewish lord mayor in history, said Tuesday "what's fair for one man is fair for another."

Taking it all philosophically, Briscoe wanted to stress above all that he was not denied a second term because of his religion.

"Even my bitterest political opponents—and I have some powerful political enemies here—have never raised the racial question against me at all in this campaign," he said.

The 62-year-old Briscoe polled the same number of votes as Alderman James Carroll in the City Council chamber Monday night. According to tradition for deciding ties, their names went into a derby hat and Carroll's name was drawn out.

Briscoe said of the verdict of the draw:

"After all, how could I com-

plain? Twelve months ago I became lord mayor in exactly the same way."

The defeated lord mayor said in an interview: "It was political. If the choice had been left to the citizens of Dublin, I am sure the result would have been different."

"They formed a coalition and put up a candidate against me—because what success I have had as lord mayor has brought too many kudos to my party."

Europe's Royalty Comes To Wedding Of Throne Pretender

PARIS (AP)—A galaxy of European royalty—most of it throneless—converged on the little town of Dreux Tuesday for the wedding of the oldest son of the pretender to the long-abolished French throne.

Prince Henri, 24-year-old heir of the Count of Paris, and Duchess Maria Theresa of Wurttemberg, 22, will be married at Dreux, 40 miles west of Paris, on Friday.

The chance to look at such an assemblage is expected to triple the town's normal population of 15,000.

Already on hand for the glittering nuptials were King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece, who indirectly played cupid for the romance, former King Umberto of Italy, and Duke Durate of Braganza, the pretender to the Portuguese throne.

Others expected are ex-Queen Victoria of Spain, widow of King Alfonso XIII; the Spanish pretender, Don Juan, the Count of Barcelona, Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg, Princesses Beatrix and Irene of the Netherlands and a raft of other dukes, duchesses, princes, princesses and lesser titles.

Missing from the throng will be members of the British royal family, presumably because they had other business to tend to.

The couple already have received more than 5,000 gifts.

Sugar Beets And Cane Production Profitable

WASHINGTON (AP)—Production of sugar beets and sugar cane was a more profitable venture for producers last year than in the previous year.

An Agriculture Department report Tuesday showed that producers of beets got an average of \$11.90 a ton for last year's crop, which is now beginning to move to market in volume as processed sugar. The price averaged \$11.20 the previous year.

Returns were supplemented by payments under the government sugar control program. These payments were \$2.38 a ton for the 1956 crop and \$2.31 for the 1955 crop.

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