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EDITORIAL COMMENT

By Charles V. Stanton

Of all human ailments a heart attack "may be the most merciful—the best."

So says W. M. "Bill" Tugman, editor of the *Port Umpqua Courier*, Reedsport.

Bill, convalescing from a critical illness, uses most of his latest editorial column to comply with the request from readers that he inform them "how it feels to have a heart attack."

Describing his own pains as feeling "as if he had swallowed whole an enormous live crab, which had lodged somewhere across the chest with its claws and tentacles reaching down into both arms, with said crab making frantic and somewhat painful efforts to escape," Tugman recommends that anyone suspecting the old clock is out of order, "to walk—not run—to his favorite doctor."

Cardiacs from Eisenhower on down, says Tugman, will testify that of all the dread diseases mortal man must bear, heart ailment "is the nicest."

Among the reasons for that opinion he lists:

They don't have to carve you up (or at least heart surgery is in the experimental stages). Your entry into hospital—at least in this heathen's experience—is the nearest thing to being "royalty." From the moment the so-called victim is reposed upon a bed, he is watched over and guarded every minute, at least until he seems to be reasonably secure. If he opens his mouth, some charming lady sticks a thermometer into it; if he wiggles a hand she takes his pulse.

But the real blessing accompanying a heart attack comes during the period of convalescence, says the Reedsport editor.

Lives With The Great

Encouraged to read, or do a little writing, and free "from the clattering jumble of TV and radio," a person has time to spend whole days with "the great and the near-great who inhabit that wonderful realm of books," and for the first time in years can "think of himself in relation to the universe."

Tugman concludes:

To be sure, every cardiac, nowadays, is promised "many useful and happy years"—if he is a good boy. And that adjustment may not be too difficult. It may even be fun to slow down and to have time to watch the mad scramble by which instinct drives the so-called human race to its destiny—which may be paradise or destruction.

If Bill Tugman can learn to slow down, we are, indeed, in a day of miracles.

We sincerely hope he can accomplish that readjustment and can continue for many years to give the State of Oregon and particularly our own area the benefit of his keen mind and wide experience.

Less Politics Urged

The editor of the *Myrtle Creek Mail*, Hal Schiltz, also has some sage editorial advice in the latest issue of his newspaper.

He says:

The struggle for political power in Congress goes steadily on, and often to the detriment of the people of the country rather than their welfare. Ideally, elections are held, candidates are elected and, after, they are presumed to lay aside political differences to legislate for the welfare of their constituents and the people of the whole country.

But nothing is further from the truth on today's national scene. While a nearly two billion dollar FHA home-building authorization is passed and signed, to look attractive, a mere pittance was granted the federal mortgage-buying agency which, in effect, guaranteed the paper on the low-rate interest loans. The result is that the money will not be loaned, regardless of what the allowable limit is, until the FHMA gets some funds. Otherwise it is like a movie-maker's town—all front and nothing but junk after you step through the front door.

While legislation hangs fire on a time limit basis to help the Oregon pear industry (the deal has to be made with Great Britain now or it may be lost forever) our Senate chews on the tough Civil Rights issue. Civil Rights will not be settled by legislation as much as by continued education and better understanding. But it makes excellent political publicity.

We have been subjected to all kinds of noise concerning the tremendous national budget of more than 71 billion dollars. But the budget is just an idealistic approximation, as far as actual operations are concerned. The budget is not half so important as the appropriations and commitments that your Congress actually makes with those tax dollars of yours.

We do not blame either party in particular in this matter. They are both equally guilty of suborning helpful legislation to political expediency. But, as one small voice of us who are being governed, we ask that the political frills and furbelows be cut to the minimum and that thoughtful practicality reign, please, until we are closer to election time than we are at present.

Lord Altringham Supported By Cruel Sports League

LONDON — Lord Altringham, whose weekend attack on the royal court stunned Britain, found a friend Tuesday in the League Against Cruel Sports—the people who side with the foxes against the aristocratic hunting set.

"We congratulate Lord Altringham on his outspoken and forthright comments on the tweedy nature of the mediocrities who surround the present Queen," said the league's executive committee.

The league frequently has criticized the "upper classes" for their fox hunting habits and indulgence in blood sports. It has also admonished the royal family for what it says is its support of such goings-on.

Referring to Lord Altringham's suggestions that the Queen "move with the times" by getting a whole new set of courtiers, the league said:

"He has said something which has required to be said for a long time and is to be congratulated for his courage. It is high time that horse, tweedy nonentities to which he alludes cease to exercise influences they have on the public life and social life of this country is no longer the private prerequisite of the 'hunting, fishing and shooting set.' There are other set, tweedy

nonentities clogging British public life who think everything revolves round the hunting field and the point-to-point meeting, who could well be added to Lord Altringham's list."

Lord Altringham, 33-year-old editor of the *National and English Review*, was flooded with letters at his London home about his article criticizing the Queen's speech-making interests and upbringing, and those around her.

Racketeer Elkins Given Time To Prepare Appeal

PORTLAND — James B. Elkins, self-confessed Portland racketeer, this week was granted until Oct. 1 to appeal his conviction on federal wire-tapping charges.

The time was granted so that Elkins could have a transcript prepared of his trial earlier this year.

Elkins, key state witness in the vice investigation here, was sentenced to 20 months in prison and fined \$1,000 upon the federal court conviction.

His employee, Raymond F. Clark, was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$500. Both are out on bond, pending appeal.

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Forceps Found In Man's Abdomen; Death 'Accidental'

CHICAGO — A coroner's jury has returned a verdict of "accidental" in the death of Joseph Olson, 59, in whose body a doctor found a pair of surgical forceps.

The jury ruled here that Olson died July 24 from arteriosclerotic heart disease "and a foreign body in the abdomen."

The jury failed to determine "how, when, where or under what circumstances" the foreign body got there and said any evidence concerning the forceps was "hearsay."

Olson died in Woodlawn Hospital, where he had gone complaining of gas pains. He was operated on June 28 at the same hospital for relief of adhesions resulting from an earlier operation.

The forceps were found during an autopsy by Dr. Francis A. Archer, a pathologist, in Olson's small intestine.

Dr. Edward Goldberg, who performed the adhesion operation, said the forceps could not have been left in the body. He testified that "the site of the operation was so limited that it was impossible for them to have been left."

Olson's wife, Doris, 60, said her husband complained of gas pains after the June 28 operation.

Poll Now Being Taken On Natural Gas Measure

WASHINGTON — Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) said Tuesday a poll now being taken of House members will determine whether the natural gas bill is brought before the House for a vote.

Rayburn did not elaborate, but apparently backers of the measure, which would exclude gas producers from utility type federal controls, do not wish to call it up for a vote unless they know they have enough votes to pass it.

Senator Accuses Nixon In Civil Rights Wrangle

WASHINGTON — Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson said this week Vice President Nixon is heading "a concerted propaganda campaign" against the Senate's jury trial amendment to the administration's civil rights bill.

Johnson pointed in an informal news conference to Nixon's statement last week, after the amendment had been written into the bill, that it was "a sad day for the Senate."

"It is rare when the vice president starts lecturing a majority of the members of the Senate," Johnson said. "He was here for very little of the discussion of the bill and he knows very little about what is in it."

"Any objective person, who is not playing politics, knows that this bill represents an advance in the field of civil rights."

"There will be a more substantial vote for passage of the bill than there was for the jury trial amendment which the vice president criticized."

Passage Predicted

Predicting the bill will be passed finally Wednesday or Thursday, Johnson said the jury trial provision was adopted "because the Senate decided it is not going to abandon the right of trial by jury."

The amendment would require jury trials in all criminal contempt cases, where a federal judge directs to punish an individual for failing to comply with a court order or complying with it too late.

Johnson disputed the contention of some administration leaders that the broad nature of the jury trial provision in criminal contempt cases would hamstring the operations of many government regulatory commissions.

"To say that you can't get justice with a jury trial is to say that you can't have justice at all under the present system," he said.

Lloyd Says West Powers Agreeable On Disarmament

WARRINGTON, England — Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd said here that the Western powers are in complete agreement on disarmament.

He told a Conservative Party rally.

"We mean business about disarmament," the foreign secretary praised the Western proposal for air inspection, provided Russia would allow similar inspection over European Russia and her European satellites.

"The magnitude of this offer cannot be exaggerated," he said. "Think of the difference it would make to the peace of the world if all preparations for a surprise attack could be immediately detected."

Lloyd said the Western plan, put forward by U.S. Secretary of State Dulles at Friday's disarmament meeting in London, might be too big for the Soviet Union to accept immediately.

"If this is the case, the United States are prepared to accept a limited zone in the Arctic."

Lloyd said those who scoff at the Arctic suggestion should "take a look at an old fashioned globe."

"They will see that the Arctic is, in fact, the realistic frontier area between Russia and North America."

Soviet disarmament delegate Valerian Zorin sneered at Friday's Arctic proposition, saying it was "unhabited."

"This is the area from which any surprise attack would be launched," said Lloyd.

Bruce Blossat

Federal aid to education may not yet be dead as an issue, but it is certainly closer to that state than it has ever been in the past 10 years or more.

When the House narrowly defeated the 1957 school construction bill, the move represented not simply a delaying action but a vast discouragement to future advocacy of federal aid.

Democratic managers of the measure blamed President Eisenhower for not putting on enough pressure at Capitol Hill.

Others pinned responsibility for the defeat on the attachment of the now habitual amendment which would bar aid funds to those areas maintaining segregation in schools.

Naturally enough, both Republican and Democratic leaders want to blame their rivals.

But all this verbal backing and filling cannot obscure the fact that school aid was not really sufficiently popular in either party to gain the day in Congress.

IT HAS BEEN pretty well established by votes in former years that legislators use the anti-segregation amendment to conceal opposition which actually is economic and antibig government.

Clearly there is a good deal of genuine fear that federal entry into the school picture means not just needed financial help but permanent encroachment and possibly control. The evidence suggests that in 1957 that fear was stronger than before.

Perhaps heavier intervention by Mr. Eisenhower could have saved the bill in the House, though it may have had even tougher going in the Senate. But whatever the degree of presidential pressure, the basic attitude of Congress does not seem friendly to this legislation.

NOW THAT the issue has been decided in the negative, it might be well to let it rest a while. There is something enervating about the process of bringing up a measure year after year without interruption.

In the time ahead, fresh stock can be taken. The conflicting claims of the advocates and opponents can be weighed again, in the light of the newest evidence of the states' own ability to carry the school load. Then we can see whether the issue ought truly to be allowed to die, or should be revived.

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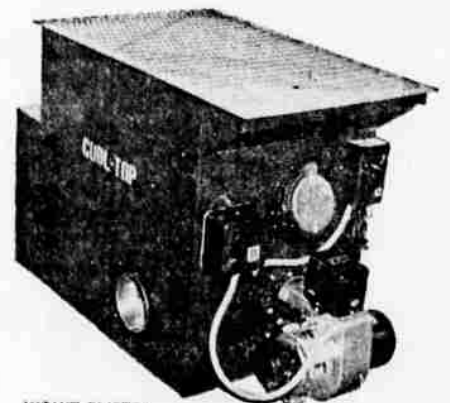
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