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UNIQUE ORGANIZATION

By Charles V. Stanton

Visiting in Portland early this week I observed what at first seemed a very depressing sight. Later I was to learn that my sympathy was wasted.

The hotel where I was attending a press conference was crowded with visibly handicapped people. A large number were in wheel chairs. Many were on crutches. I saw spastics, amputees, polio victims, and many others with twisted, afflicted, dwarfed and deformed bodies.

It was extremely noticeable that despite their afflictions these people were happy and having fun.

My curiosity aroused, I made inquiry and learned about a unique organization. Perhaps you know about it. I didn't. If you are not acquainted with it, perhaps you will be intrigued as I was by the story I heard.

Some years ago in San Francisco, I was told by Earl C. Poulsen, Portland, one of the leaders of the activity in progress at the hotel, a group of physically handicapped people decided there was no reason why they shouldn't have fun. Normal entertainment was passing them by because of their infirmities. Something, they decided, should be done about it. So they organized the Indoor Sports Club.

Idea Growing Rapidly

Athletic contests, dances and various other forms of entertainment were arranged by club members, with rules modified to meet the handicaps of the participants.

The idea began to spread. Similar clubs were organized in other cities. From the United States the movement spread into Canada. An international organization was formed. The Club now boasts more than 3,000 members in 110 chapters in the United States and Canada.

The Portland hotel was serving as headquarters for the sixth international convention of the organization. More than 300 members had registered the day I was there and more were expected. Delegates were present from almost every state in the United States and nearly all Canadian provinces.

As I concluded my interview with Poulsen, members were leaving the hotel heading for a big dance. The grand march was to include more than 100 persons in wheel chairs. Square dancing was on tap, led by 32 experienced wheel chair dancers. Dancers were clad in the colorful costumes normally associated with that form of entertainment and appeared to be having more fun than their more physically fortunate friends.

Associated with the Indoor Sports Club is the Good Sports Club, Inc., an organization of the able-bodied accompanying the handicapped persons and assisting in their activities. Boy Scouts of Portland were helping with convention leg work.

Scope Of Activities Widened

Although the organization was started for purely social and recreational purposes, the scope of activity has been widened.

Emphasis now is principally upon encouragement of the physically handicapped, efforts to improve employment opportunities and assistance in the general welfare of members and potential members.

"One of our first objectives is to abolish self-pity," said Poulsen. "The next is to encourage the individual to strike out in some form of employment or activity within the limitations of his handicap."

Poulsen, a wheel chair member, heads a company making fishing lures. Our interview was punctuated with a good deal of personal conversation, inasmuch as his sister taught school in Roseburg for a few years and he has a good many friends here about whom he made inquiry and to whom he asked to be remembered.

The Indoor Sports Club, he told me, is anxious to extend its activities to all potential members and hopes in the near future to organize affiliate chapters in all Oregon towns, including Roseburg. The inspiration gained is such, he reported, that the visiting delegates came to Portland at their own expense, many of them undergoing much difficulty and some pain, that they might encourage others through their own experiences.

Observing the Indoor Sports Club and its members in action at the international meeting in Portland, I found it a source of inspiration—a striking demonstration of the ability of Man to rise above his troubles and handicaps.

Little Danger Seen From Fallout, Experiment Shows

By RENNIE TAYLOR

Associated Press Science Reporter
PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP)—It takes about one thousand times as much radiation as there is in fallout to shorten the life of a mouse, a team of investigators for the Atomic Energy Commission reported today.

There are many possible errors in this calculation, the researchers said, but it gives a quick picture of what might be expected. They used mice because of their normally short life span—two to three years—and because they could work with hundreds of them.

Results of the test were reported to the American Institute of Biological Sciences by Dr. Miriam P. Finkel, Associated with her were Birute O. Biskis and Gertrude M. Scribner. The work was done at the Argonne National Laboratory at Lemont, Ill.

The investigators used 810 mice. The animals were subjected to varying doses of radioactive strontium, the principal long-range hazard which comes from the debris of uranium or plutonium fission bombs.

Mice given the heaviest doses soon died of radiation sickness. Intermediate doses produced many tumors in the lymph glands and bones of the animals. The lightest dose, the researchers said, was 10 times the presently prescribed safe dose for humans working with atomic materials.

Calculating the average amount needed to shorten a mouse life-

time was a problem but this dose turned out to be about twice the supposedly safe dose for man and "about 1,000 times the most pessimistic estimate of current human contamination from fallout."

The estimated dose of radiation that one receives from fallout during his reproductive lifetime (from birth to age 30) is 2 of a roentgen. This amounts to no more than one or two per cent of the recommended, maximum allowance from all sources.

The amount from fallout is rated to be approximately the same as you get from wearing a radium dial wrist watch.

The recommended safe dose from all sources (cumulative) is 10 roentgens for the reproductive lifetime.

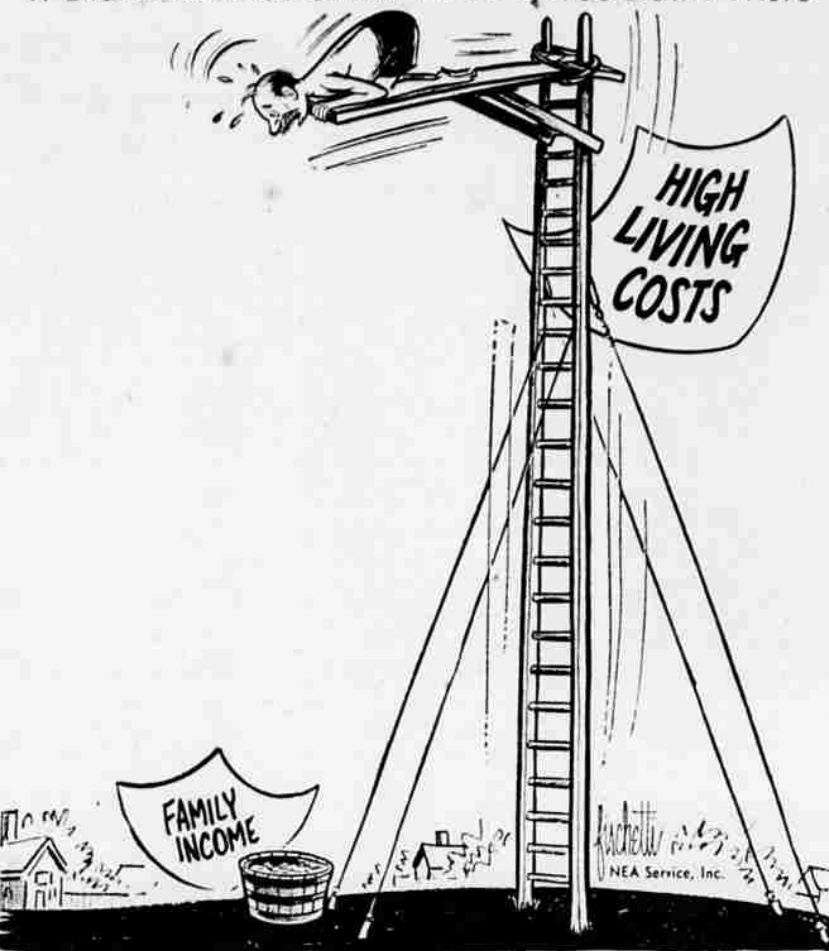
Scientists figure that the lethal dose for a human being is 450 to 500 roentgens. This is called the median lethal dose and means that if a large group of people received this amount of radiation, half of them would die.

BOAT CAPSIZES

SEOUL (AP)—A small boat crowded with 63 fishermen capsized 10 miles south of Inchon Wednesday. Thirty-one persons were missing and one body was recovered.

Police said the overcrowded boat was ferrying the group to fishing locations.

"It Didn't Look So Small When I Was Down There"



In The Day's News

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sion of the Oregon legislature that has been called by the governor to find out what to do with an unexpected SURPLUS that developed because a tax guess was wrong.

Is it a good idea? I wouldn't know—but I'm afraid it may turn out to be like Pandora's box. Pandora, you know, was given a box as a wedding gift. Some of her cagey friends warned her not to open it—it might be a SPITE gift. But she was curious. So was her husband. So they opened it up.

When the lid was lifted, out flew a swarm of noxious insects and stung them terribly.

Consider these facts: When the special session is called to order, the legislature will be on its own. The governor will have no strings on it. It can do as it pleases.

It will have a SURPLUS—maybe as much as 70 million dollars. It isn't impossible that everybody who wants money from the state, for this purpose or that, will descend on the legislature with the idea that NOW IS THE TIME TO GET IT. The time to get money, as everybody knows, is when money is on hand and available for appropriation.

In that event, the taxpayers could get stung.

Bill Signed To Further Industrial Development

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower signed into law Wednesday a bill designed to stimulate industrial development near Indian reservations in the vicinity of the McNary Dam, at Umatilla, Ore., and at Pickstown, S. D.

The measure authorizes the General Services Administration to transfer without cost to any Indian tribe, upon its request, unneeded government property in the area, including houses, buildings, shops and equipment used in building the dam.

Bruce Biossat

The United States Public Health Service properly advises that vaccine to combat Asiatic influenza be given first to some 12.5 million essential workers in America.

But it came as something of a surprise to hear President Eisenhower tell his news conference that he expects to get a shot when it becomes generally available to the public.

The nation obviously has no more essential worker than its President. There would seem to be no need to elaborate on this.

Doctors, nurses and health personnel in some areas already have received their inoculations. Mr. Eisenhower, standing at the very pinnacle of the country's work force, should have his shot without further delay.

The President and Politics
PRESIDENT Eisenhower twice won overwhelming election to the White House partly because he is "not a politician."

Obviously millions of Americans were fed up with the grubby politics they were accustomed to seeing. They wanted a man above the battle and the turmoil, and they got him.

Mr. Eisenhower not only was inexperienced in politics, but he saw himself as placed above the sordid struggle. Moreover, all indications were that he brought to his task an active dislike for political maneuvering.

Since countless voters pretty well understood all this and voted for him because of it, most of them are not likely to complain that in his nearly five years in office he has not behaved like a politician.

YET, whatever the advantages in this pattern of behavior, there would seem to be disadvantages as well. For most historians and political scientists agree that a pres-

SCHROON LAKE, N.Y. — Nearing 71, Ed Wynn, a gentle titan of the show world for two generations, can still stand on the first step of a flight of stairs and bend down and touch the ground.

And his mind remains as flexible as his body and his marvelously mobile face.

Next month the American Theater Wing will pay tribute to "The Perfect Fool" in a 90-minute television show honoring his 55 years as an entertainer.

But Ed, a performer who has done everything in his fabulous career except be shot out of a cannon, is even more excited by his new rise to stardom (after many said he was through) as a dramatic actor. He plays Uncle Samson in "Marjorie Morningstar," a film now being shot here at Schroon Manor, an Adirondacks resort hotel.

Top Favorite

Natalie Wood and Gene Kelly are also starred, but Ed, once called "one of the nine most charming people in the world," is the top favorite with the resort guests. They all call him by his first name and ask him to pose for snapshots with them.

During a rehearsal break Ed, clad in a pair of old slacks and a blue cotton shirt, sat in a deck chair in the warm sun and looked before and after.

"People still come up and talk to me, even the kids, and I like that. I think that aloofness—or a swelled head, as we used to call it—on the part of the greatest dancers to youngsters who achieve a quick success."

"The actor, if he wants to stay successful, has to marry the public—and stay married. Getting to the top is one thing; staying at the pinnacle is the real difficulty."

"But many of the kids today feel they don't need help, and have nothing to learn."

"The great artists of the past often didn't have enough to eat. But they lived for posterity. Today there is too much reaching for the fast buck. A singer can make fifty noises on a single record, and

ident to be most effective must be a mixture of an executive and a politician.

Political power is the club any president can hold over his fellow party men in Congress. If he doesn't want to use a club but to persuade instead, sharp political understanding is the best lubricant.

Mr. Eisenhower for the most part has not chosen to develop that understanding, and he has generally been reluctant to wield the club. Consequently, Congress often has defied him over the years.

Now the problem is aggravated by the fact that under the two-term limit in the amended Constitution he cannot run again, and thus the lawmakers foresee the end of his power and influence a few years hence.

THE PRESIDENT says he is disappointed greatly in the record of the Congress in 1957. Much of his program has either been shelved, watered down, or beaten.

But except for heavy pressures at times on behalf of his foreign aid and defense spending proposals, he has not usually resorted to the political devices which might have helped produce an opposite result.

Possibly only the fine analysis of the detached historian, intensely familiar with the inner workings of this Congress and this administration, can determine where the responsibility for this situation should fall.

But past history suggests that the president who is not a politician has more trouble than others in getting Congress to do his bidding. In staying above the battle he finds that most of the time he cannot command the combatants who in theory owe allegiance to him.

Captain, Five More Enlisted Men Charged

FT. CARSON, Colo. (AP)—An Army captain and five more enlisted men, all former members of a training company, Co. I, 39th Infantry Regiment, were under charges Thursday stemming from alleged mistreatment of basic trainees.

Three enlisted men were served with similar charges earlier this week. None of the men named as mistreated are from the Pacific Northwest.

Charges against the enlisted men ranged from striking trainees with fists and belts to formations for physical exercise between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. Other charges included forcing soldiers to wear boots tied around their necks, withholding mail as punishment for not buying unit stationery, abusive language to members of the unit and calling formations of trainees while drunk.

The charges varied from man to man served with the specifications.

The captain, John V. Webb, 30, of a h.o.g.a. Falls, Ohio, was charged with failure to obey certain regulations and directives and with failure to effectively carry out his responsibilities as commanding officer by requiring compliance by his subordinates with standing regulations.

Administration To Try To Stay In Debt Limit

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Anderson says it will be a tight squeeze, but the administration is going to do its best to stay within the legal national debt limit this fiscal year.

Anderson told Congress Wednesday the debt will be within a few hundred million dollars of the 275 billion dollar ceiling in the months ahead. He said the Treasury would have "very small cash balances" in such periods.

The debt ceiling has been pegged at 275 billions since June 30, when a temporary three-billion-dollar increase expires. Temporary six-billion-dollar hikes in the debt limit were in effect in fiscal 1955 and 1956.

ANTI-MISSILE WEAPON

SPOKANE (AP)—The Army is developing a weapon to employ against supersonic, intercontinental ballistic missiles. Undersecretary of the Army Charles C. Finucane said Thursday.

He said the weapon would have "an anti-missile capability for use against intercontinental ballistic missiles that might be directed toward us" but gave no other details.

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