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PROBLEMS AHEAD

By Charles V. Stanton

The Oregon legislature in its current special session may be mixing up some tasty soothing syrup. It will, however, need a formula for tranquilizing pills when the next regular session rolls around if it proceeds as is now indicated.

If any of the proposals so far made for tax relief are adopted, the legislature will have some tough problems on its hands for the next biennium, I predict. In the meantime the state's economy will be neglected when it could be getting a much needed boost.

Governor Holmes has proposed retention of \$50 million from the anticipated \$70 million treasury surplus as a cushion against the needs of the next biennium and to serve as an emergency fund. Then he wants to boost the basic school support fund by \$10 per census child. A \$6 million refund would be made to taxpayers.

It is desirable, in my opinion, to maintain a cushion for the coming biennium. Half the amount proposed by the governor, I believe, would suffice. The proposed \$6 million refund to taxpayers, through a reduction of rates, amounts to peanuts. The major taxpayer, who would get an appreciable cut in taxes, isn't the one who needs it most. The fellow who would be getting two bits will be much more in need of a job than a token tax cut.

Business Will Suffer

Governor Holmes and party leaders have made a great fuss about the need for more industry and business in Oregon. At the same time they have advocated and supported policies creating a poor atmosphere for business and industry. The last legislature, controlled by the Democrats, passed legislation actually hostile to business.

There is reason to fear that this winter will see the state's economy drop to a record low for recent years. Governor Holmes, in his message to the special session, emphasizes the need for a reserve fund because of the dangers of an economic slump. He attacks the federal administration's tight money policy. But does he have the right to criticize that policy when he fails to use state funds to prime Oregon's economic pump, as should be done with the surplus the legislature proposes to distribute? If we won't, or don't, help ourselves with what we have, do we have the right to criticize the federal government for not giving us help?

If the governor and his party leaders elect to play politics with the treasury surplus, instead of diverting it into channels designed to relieve the suffering of business and industry, and to stimulate jobs for Oregon's unemployed, can we expect that business and industry, looking for new locations, will be impressed with Oregon's political and economic attitude?

Inconsistency Evident

The State Unemployment Compensation Commission reportedly anticipates that by March of next year unemployment compensation reserves, amounting now to \$48 million, will be down to around \$30 million.

The *Capital Journal*, Salem, points out that the law has an automatic replenishing feature. When reserves drop to \$30 million, all employers will be stuck for the maximum rate of 2.7 per cent of payroll.

So long as reserves are ample, employers pay on an "experience rating." Some firms, with low turnover and steady employment, pay as little as 0.3 per cent. The average is 1.45 per cent.

If all firms are shoved up to the maximum rate, we can anticipate a flood of bankruptcies.

U.S. senators from this state are weeping copious tears in public concerning the present rate of bankruptcies in Oregon. They don't mention the fact that Oregon's steadily rising economy for the past 15 years caused us to accumulate more marginal businesses than are to be found in nearly any other state, and that businesses on a per capita basis in Oregon are far above national average. Obviously, when economy tightens, some of those marginal operations are bound to "go boom."

It is rather inconsistent, however, to weep about bankruptcies while following political policies promoting business failures. Yet that is the eventual outcome of the tax "relief" program outlined by the governor, I fear.

It seems to me that the only smart thing to do is to get the state's treasury surplus to work as quickly as possible relieving the unemployment situation and priming the economic pump. I don't propose that the money be used for leaf-raking or adding to our already over extended housing condition, but, rather, that it be applied to long term capital investment which would benefit every portion of the state.

Mennen Testifies Company Never Been Party To Payoff

WASHINGTON (AP)—George Mennen, production vice president of the Mennen Co., testified Thursday his company has never "been party to a payoff" and never conspired with Nathan V. Shefferman against labor unions.

He gave his testimony before the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee, exploring in a public hearing what happened after the Mennen Co. hired Shefferman's firm known as Labor Relations Associates in 1951 and 1953.

The committee's chief counsel, Robert F. Kennedy, calls Shefferman a union buster. Kennedy announced in advance of the hearing that Democratic Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, a vice president and stockholder in the Mennen Co., would not be asked to testify because, he said, Williams had no part in the incidents under scrutiny.

Williams, serving his fifth term as Michigan governor, is a cousin of Mennen.

Reading from a prepared statement, Mennen related to the senators that a strike was called

against the Morristown, N. J., company by the AFL, United Auto Workers Local No. 102 in 1951. This local was run by racketeer Johnny Dio, now serving a jail sentence.

Mennen said a "Zachman," the titular head of the local, and "one or two others" called Mennen and some other people from the company to a West Side Manhattan hotel and there "suggested" that a payment of around \$25,000 would result in a settlement of the local's strike.

"We promptly rejected the proposal and left the conference," Mennen said.

BIRTHDAY PARADE

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP)—California Lt. Gov. Harold Powers led Nevada's 93rd birthday parade Thursday.

The celebration notes Nevada's admission to the Union in 1864. Some 20,000 visitors were on hand for the day of Indian pageants, dancing and other funmaking activities.

"Tighten My Belt?—What Belt?"



—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP)—Whatever happened to the equal rights movement, which was intended to give women the same rights as men?

Have the ladies gone soft? Very few of the ladies today seem to want to man the barricades in the fight for greater freedom for their sex.

The thought was raised by the announcement that the British government has recommended that women be granted seats in the House of Lords for the first time in history.

This would seem to be, on the face of it, one of the smallest sops to feminine vanity possible and a largely meaningless political gesture. A member of the House of Lords, that ritual-laden organization of vanished grandeur and departed power, has about as much real influence in the affairs of the British Commonwealth as the aide-de-camp of a Zulu tribal chief.

As a Londoner might put it, "A seat in the House of Lords six pence will also get you a seat on the bus."

Feminist Victory

However, it is quite likely many ladies will regard the installation of a powder puff room in the House of Lords as a big feminist victory, which just goes to show how the equal rights campaign has lost its virility—at least in the English-speaking world.

The outlook for more major gains by the feminists in the United States today appears dismal. At the present moment the movement is bogged down, stale-mated, debilitated. The ladies have been bought off by partial success, become smug with small victories, lost their flaming revolutionary zeal.

Where are the turbulent feminists of yore? Where are the ladies who grimly paraded the streets in demand for equal rights, grimly stepping out of line only to slap the faces of jeering male bystanders? Where are the embattled Amazons of moral justice who dared jail terms, who boldly picketed the White House.

Right To Vote

They won the right to vote, but where did they go on from there in the right to hold public office? A few won judgeships, a scattering of ambassadorial posts, a couple

Man's Country

The French feel theirs is a man's country and the United States is a hen-pecked land dominated by women. But the truth is that France has a far higher percentage of lady doctors, lady legislators, and lady lawyers than does America.

Here in the United States many industrial organizations which forcibly retire men at 65 forcibly retire their women employees at 60 or even 55, a policy which may or may not reflect corporate gallantry but certainly is a plain curb on woman's quest for equality of career opportunity and lifelong earning power.

One could cite many other examples of discrimination against women, but why bother? A few isolated sopranos howls of protest are raised, but the old anger and outrage of most women toward men's injustice has died down.

The feminist army has been divided and conquered and it flies few banners. It is, in fact, no longer an army. It set out a generation or more ago to win the loaf of equality, and now it sits down and munches the halfloaf it settled for.

UP, Ladies! On, on, on!

—Bruce Bioassat—

No one can keep out of the political arena the big question whether this country has skipped on defense to promote budget economy.

Democrats say the Republican administration has pared defense outlays dangerously. They note outlays this year of 38 billion dollars against the 43.7 billion in 1953, last fiscal year involving a Democratic regime. They say the present 1.7 billion dollars for research and development is inadequate, and argue the same about the 198 million spent in three years on our satellite.

The Republicans deny making serious cuts. They say with missile programs the need is not for more money but for scientific breakthroughs that have been slow in coming.

AS FOR THE SATELLITE, they say it never got high priority because it was not a "defense instrument."

The Republicans go on to contend that any delays on missiles can be ascribed to previous Democratic regimes, which they charge with doing little in this field during the critical post-World War II years.

To this particular complaint the Democrats respond with the statement they were busy managing the Korean war and there were no funds to spare for missile development.

On the general subject of defense spending, the record suggests both parties are vulnerable. Both have contributed heavily to the economy atmosphere which has hung over Congress in recent sessions. Mr. Eisenhower's 1957-58 budget drew

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1½ million engineers and scientists, including technicians and medical doctors. In order to catch up with Russia, according to the U.S. Chamber's figures, we need 200,000 more.

A century and a half ago, that might not have meant much. We were busy then conquering and settling and developing a raw new world. Brawn and courage were then more important than scientific research.

Now science—including mathematics, which is the handmaiden of science—is all-important. In the world of the future, the nation that lags behind in scientific research will fall behind in EVERYTHING—including the comforts, the welfare and the SECURITY of its people.

Bedazzled by the achievements of our mass production techniques, in which we surpass the rest of the world, we Americans have permitted ourselves to become cocky. We have allowed ourselves to fall into the delusion that we can do EVERYTHING better than ANYBODY else.

Sputnik shocked us rudely. It taught us that OTHER people are surprisingly smart.

Along that line, there is an interesting straw in the news winds of today.

Two young CHINESE-American scientists have been awarded the Nobel prize for physics. Dr. Tsung Lee of Columbia University and Dr. Chen Yang of Princeton received the \$40,000 prize for their discoveries about the behavior of the many particles that make up the atom.

The Nobel prize for chemistry went to Sir Alexander Todd, Scotch-born professor of organic chemistry at Cambridge University in England for his studies of the fundamental processes of life.

It is true that the two Chinese-Americans are AMERICANS. They have thrown in their lot with us. But they CAME to us from China. Their ORIGINS lie beyond our borders. They furnish further proof that OTHER peoples are smart.

Legislation Would Validate Fire Districts

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SIGN AGREEMENT

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Deaths From Flu, Pneumonia Rise Across Nation

WASHINGTON (AP)—Deaths from influenza and pneumonia increased by 28 per cent last week in the nation's large cities, as compared with the week before.

Reporting this Thursday in its weekly summary of the Asian flu situation, the U. S. Public Health Service said there were 1,187 more deaths from those diseases in 108 cities between Sept. 1 and Oct. 25 than there were last year.

There also had been 6,438 more deaths from all causes in 114 cities in the same period.

A Health Service spokesman said the number of excess deaths is a direct indication of the impact of Asian flu.

This spokesman also expressed the personal opinion there have now been more than six million flu cases in this country since early June.

Simultaneously with release of the summary, the Federal Trade Commission and the Food and Drug Administration announced their intention to take prompt action if manufacturers make false or misleading claims that their drug products are effective in preventing or treating Asian flu.

The Health Service says inoculation with vaccine is the only reliable means of preventing influenza.

Negro Family To Be Moved To All-White Area

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—A family of Southern Negroes will be moved to an exclusive, all-white neighborhood in a Northern city within 60 days, the Chronicle said today.

State Sen. A. A. Fowler would neither identify the family nor name the city but said the home is in "an outstanding, quiet, respectable neighborhood in the \$75,000 class," the paper reported.

"The location is such that it will give one of the country's leading exponents of integration a chance to practice some of the 'mixing' he has been preaching to the people of Georgia and the South," Fowler was quoted.

Fowler, Atty. Roy V. Harris of Augusta, and State Welfare Director Allen Kemper organized the American Resettlement Foundation Inc., whose object is to settle low income Southern Negro families in upper class northern neighborhoods.

Fowler told the paper that earnest money and an option on the house was accepted. He said the family would be charged \$1 a year rent on the \$75,000 home.

Fowler said a group of attorneys will be standing by in the event residents of the Northern neighborhood attempt to block the Negro family from setting up housekeeping.

Syria Would Compromise

By MAX HARRELSON

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Syrian Ambassador Farid Zeineddine said Thursday his country is ready to consider a possible compromise to end the U. N. split over the Middle East problem.

He said, however, that he believed it would be hard to find a plan which would satisfy the two rival groups. One is pressing for a fact-finding commission to go to the Syrian-Turkish border. The other proposes that U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld be asked to work out a solution.

Zeineddine talked to reporters just before going into conference with Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand, president of the 82-nation General Assembly. The assembly is in recess until Friday to permit compromise efforts.

Asked whether Syria would permit Hammarskjöld to visit the Syrian side of the border, if the Assembly decided to send him, Zeineddine said that would be determined when and if such a decision is taken.

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Brownell Differed With Adams, Says Newspaper Account

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)—The resignation of Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. was precipitated by "sharp personal differences" with presidential assistant Sherman Adams, the Chattanooga Times reported Thursday.

In Washington, however, Brownell told newsmen: "The story is 100 per cent wrong."

The story, written by Washington correspondent Charles Bartlett, quoted "hearsay reports" that Brownell was angered by "what he thought was an encroachment on his role in the Little Rock crisis."

The article said Thomas E. Dewey, a friend of both Brownell and Adams, was scheduled to see President Eisenhower Thursday "and there was speculation that his visit is connected with the dispute..."

One of "the incidents which is said to have infuriated Brownell," Bartlett wrote, "was the failure to include him in the Oct. 1 meeting of the President with the four Southern governors who came to seek withdrawal of the federal troops at Little Rock."

"Brownell was at the White House during Adams' meeting, but the story in Adams' office, while Adams and another presidential assistant, Howard Pyle, met with the President and the four governors."

The decision to leave Brownell out of the meetings "was said to have been prompted by a feeling that the atmosphere for the discussion would be clearer without the attorney general who is regarded as unpopular in the South," Bartlett wrote.

Albertans Vote For Additional Liquor Outlets

EDMONTON, Alta. (AP)—Albertans voted heavily Wednesday in favor of a greater variety of places in which they can drink liquor. But it's up to the provincial government to decide if cocktail bars are to open.

About half the province's estimated 550,000 voters turned out for the plebiscite on additional types of outlets for the sale of beer, wine and liquor subject to local option. The vote was 163,434 to 91,388, with 506 of the 2,935 precincts still to report.

At present liquor and beer by the bottle are sold at government liquor stores; beer by the glass and bottle at beer parlors, and liquor by the glass in licensed clubs only.

The government made plain before the plebiscite that it would consider the outcome a non-binding expression of opinion. A legislative committee recommended recently against new liquor outlets and Premier E. C. Manning personally endorsed the report.

No change in the liquor control act are expected for at least several months.

Army Files Charges Against Sgt. Rhodes

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army has filed espionage charges against M. Sgt. Roy Adair Rhodes, who testified as a government witness at the recent New York trial of Russian spy Rudolf Abel.

The 40-year old soldier testified he didn't know Abel and never worked for him.

But Rhodes also said in court he received between \$2,500 and \$3,000 from the Russians for information he supplied them while assigned to the U. S. Embassy in Moscow. He was there from May 1951 to July 1953.

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Alaska Woman Protests Plane Routing Rule

COPENHAGEN (AP)—Mrs. Evangeline Atwood, wife of editor Robert Atwood of the Anchorage, Alaska, Times, says she could have saved a trip of 3,500 miles to come here—if she were allowed to by U. S. authorities.

To come to Copenhagen, she had to fly from Anchorage to Los Angeles and then take the SAS trans-Arctic plane to Copenhagen. This amounted to a total flying trip of about 8,000 miles.

"If I were allowed to go aboard the SAS plane at Anchorage, my trip to Copenhagen would only have amounted to about 4,500 miles," she said.

Mrs. Atwood said many Alaska citizens feel that they should be allowed to use the SAS polar route when going to Europe and the Far East.

She also said that her husband is now in Washington, where he is pressing various U. S. authorities to solve the problem.

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