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ANNIVERSARY YEAR

By Charles V. Stanton

Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg, former representative from Oregon's Fourth Congressional District, now chairman of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, is reported from Portland to have announced in an address there that a salary increase is in prospect this year for civil service employees.

We immediately think of increased cost to taxpayers if we boost salaries, but additional costs do not necessarily follow in all cases. In some departments a wage boost actually will result in a saving of money.

An example is to be found at the Roseburg post office. Until about 18 months ago Roseburg and surrounding area had a shortage of workers. It wasn't difficult for a person to find a job.

The wage level at the post office was below that of the general business and industrial field. There was a very considerable turnover of postal workers. A man would take a job for a brief period, then, locating a better paying position in a sawmill or plywood factory, would quit, often without advance notice.

During the past year and a half we have had more unemployment than usual. There has been much less turnover among workers in the Roseburg post office. So, though wages have been as high as before, costs have been considerably less, chiefly because employees, by becoming better acquainted with their tasks and because they weren't continually seeking some other occupation, have been more efficient.

Anniversary Celebrated

Greater efficiency, whether produced by increased compensation or otherwise, always results in less operating costs. If increased pay scales will help to stabilize federal employment it will not necessarily mean that the boost in wages will be reflected in entirely in cost of government.

Mr. Ellsworth was in Portland to speak in observance of the "Diamond Jubilee Year," of U. S. Civil Service. It was in January 1883 that the Civil Service Act was signed by President Chester A. Arthur. At that time the federal government had 13,800 employees. As of last June 30 the federal government had 2,416,083 workers employed under civil service. Federal workers staff more than 70 departments and agencies.

A descriptive circular reports:

In one way or another, the work of federal employees touches every American every day. Government workers print and mint our money, control narcotics, regulate immigration, collect taxes and duties. They help to conserve land and revitalize land that is unproductive, bring electricity into rural homes, enforce federal laws and administer social security. They operate the atomic energy program, forecast the weather, and protect national parks and forests. They conduct research in physics, chemistry, electronics, meteorology, geology, metallurgy, and other scientific fields, which has far-reaching effects on the health, welfare, economy and security of our Nation. They control the nation's airways, standardize weights and measurements, handle relations with other countries, develop flood control measures, and perform hundreds of other services required by the American people.

Many Aid Military

Whenever we think of military and defense services, we think of men and women in the uniforms of the various armed services. But more than one million of the federal employees under civil service are employed in direct support of air, ground and sea forces as civilian workers. Approximately one-fourth of our civil service workers are responsible for the handling of our mail. Eight percent serve veterans and their dependents. The remaining 21 percent serve in the widely diversified departments of government.

In Roseburg and vicinity we have 613 federal employees, of which 425 are employed in various capacities at the Veterans Hospital. The U. S. Forest Service employs 15, the post office 48, Bureau of Land Management 44, Fish and Wildlife Service 4, Siskiyou - Cascade Forest Experiment Station 5, Civil Aeronautics Administration 1, Internal Revenue Service 2, Weather Bureau 3, Bureau of Public Roads 6.

A wage increase shared by 613 workers in this area would in our local economy be the equivalent of a new industry employing a score or more workers.

Mexican Farm Labor Program On Own Feet

WASHINGTON — The Mexican farm labor program is beginning to stand on its own feet financially.

This was indicated last week in President Eisenhower's budget recommendations for the Labor Department for the year starting July 1.

According to the budget, the Bureau of Employment Security plans to spend \$2,500,000 in recruiting and transporting Mexican nationals from border points to widespread agricultural areas in the United States next fiscal year. But Congress is asked to appropriate only \$1,339,400 for this activity as compared with \$2,500,000 appropriated for the present fiscal year, ending June 30.

There will be available to help finance the program next year an allocation of \$90,000 out of a revolving fund created by payments that American employers of the braceros make to the U. S. government.

The budget explanations accompanying the money requests noted that on Jan. 1 of this year the fee for initially contracting a worker was set at \$1, increased from \$7, and the fee for re-contracting a worker was set at \$5, instead of \$4.

Ousted Business Agent Sues Electrical Union

VANCOUVER, Wash. — A one-time business agent for the Salem local of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has sued the international union in a court action here for \$90,500.

The business agent, Burt Landon of Salem, said he was ousted wrongfully, maliciously and without cause from his job as business agent of Local 280 at Salem, in 1956.

He asked of the international union and its officers \$75,000 general damages and \$15,500 special damages.

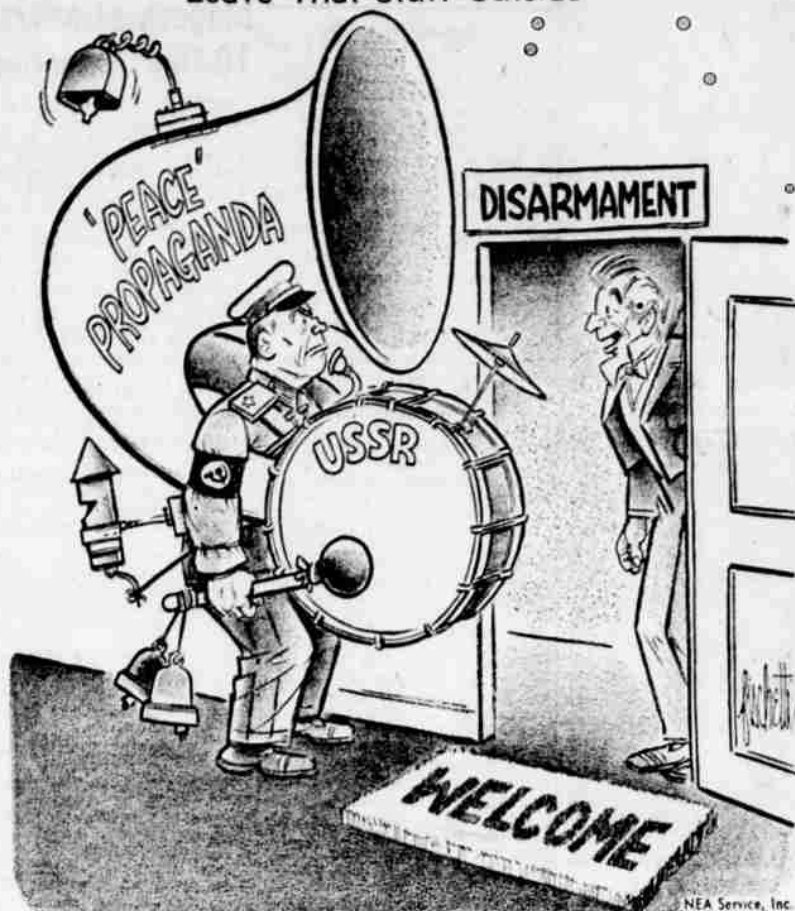
Landon's attorney said the suit was filed here Friday under Washington law permitting suit against an unincorporated association if the papers can be served in this state against one of the association's officers. He said one of the international's officers lives at Watsatchee.

Norblad Says Funds Authorized For SAGE

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norblad (R - Ore.) reported the Air Force has notified him it is releasing \$1,828,000 for construction of facilities for a SAGE installation at Camp Adair in Oregon.

Norblad said the contracts will be let soon and construction should start in the spring for barracks and other buildings. The installation will be part of the continental air warning system.

"The Doorway's Big Enough—If You Leave That Stuff Outside"



NEA Service, Inc.

In The Day's News

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OUS, EXPANDING ECONOMY. If our economic future is to be kept bright and hopeful, two things must be done:

1. Business leaders must hold price increases to amounts warranted by increased production costs.

2. Labor must limit its demands for higher wages to gains in productivity per man-hour.

Otherwise, the wage-price spiral will WRECK us.

Why?

Let's take a look at one straw in the business winds with which more or less everyone is familiar—the fact that foreign-built cars are not only outselling us in the markets of the world but are hitting increasingly into the DOMESTIC market for American-built automobiles.

Foreigners—the Germans, the British, the French and the Italians, notably—have learned how to make small cars that people LIKE and they can build these cars CHEAPER THAN WE CAN.

Is why they are able to outsell us in the small - car market.

This is the grim moral: If we permit the wage - price spiral to GO ON forcing our costs higher and ever higher, the time will come when we will not only lose our EXPORT markets to foreign competitors who can produce cheaper than we can but will find these foreign competitors biting deeper and deeper into our own domestic markets.

If that is permitted to happen, we will face a depression that will curdle everybody's hair.

In his message on the economy, the state of the nation, our President makes ten statements that most of us will find reassuring and INSPIRING:

1. "I'm sure the Russian challenge can be met without distorting our economy or destroying the freedom that we cherish."

2. "Whatever our national security requires, our economy can provide and we can afford to pay."

In all the doubt and uncertainty that have been filling the air since the Russians shot Sputnik into outer space, those statements stand out like the comforting and reassuring beam of a sturdy lighthouse on a storm - swept ocean shore.

State Highway Commission Asked To Construct Office Building For Vehicle Dept.

PORTLAND — The Oregon Highway Commission has been asked to construct an office building for the state Motor Vehicle Department at Salem.

In making the request, James Johnson, department director, also urged that the commission make available space for vehicle department offices in other parts of the state.

Johnson, noting that the state Board of Control had ordered the department to move from the state Capitol Building, reported that his department now is paying \$6,000 annual rental for space in Salem alone.

He proposed that space be provided in any new building at Salem for the state police and the Public Utilities Commission. He suggested, too, that wherever possible elsewhere in the state the three agencies share space.

The Highway Commission instructed its engineer to look into the proposals.

Next Session Feb. 27-28

The next bid opening session of the commission will be held Feb. 26 at Salem. At the Feb. 27-28 meeting in Portland additional bids also will be opened.

Morris Temple, Pendleton, headed a delegation asking the commission to support a proposal of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads that an Ellensburg, Wash.-Umatilla, Ore., highway be added to the federal interstate highway system.

Charles Reynolds, La Grande, commission chairman, said the commission now is waiting for the state of Washington to decide whether it will support the proposal.

Temple, who is chairman of the planning committee of Pendleton's traffic commission, also asked information on plans for rerouting U. S. 30 to bypass Pendleton. Temple was accompanied by Lee Swanson, city manager, and Jerry Ulett, city engineer.

Plans Not Available

Reynolds said the bypass plans are not available yet because the project is some years in the future.

The commission promised to study a proposal from Sherman County for the state to help the county build a Biggs Rapids toll bridge across the Columbia River.

Reynolds added, however, that it never has been commission policy to build approaches to a toll bridge.

About 30 housewives from Highway 42 in Southwest Oregon made their visit to the commission meeting, as part of their campaign to get the road improved. This time they presented colored slides of road cracks, sunken spots, collapsed shoulders, sharp curves and earth slides.

The women were undismayed when commissioners said the money to improve the road was not available now. The commissioners said the project would be considered at the next programming, probably in September. The women said, however, they would be back at the next meeting, carrying on their campaign.

In a Thursday session the commission formally adopted routes previously selected for the Grants Pass bypass and the Redwood Highway interchange with the Pacific Highway. Public hearings previously selected for the Grants Pass and Rogue River about the relocations.

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U. S. Ambassador To Indonesia To Be Transferred

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Pioneer River Village At Eugene Project

EUGENE — Plans for construction of a pioneer village on the banks of the Willamette River in Eugene are under consideration here.

The plan calls for a new pioneer museum, a replica of a pioneer village, complete with some of the older buildings in Lane County, and a display area for antique farm and logging machinery.

Lane County's Board of Commissioners will meet this week with the only private owner of land in the eight-acre area under consideration. The rest of the land is held by the Eugene Water and Electric Board and by the county.

County Commissioner Robert Straub proposes that the development be a joint project between the county and city. How the project would be financed has not been determined.

Joey Fay, Notorious Labor Racketeer, Ex-Con, Called In Senate Corruption Probe

NEW YORK — Joseph S. (Joey) Fay, a labor racketeer who has been a strong-arm power among some business-men unions and political bigwigs, has been summoned to appear before the U. S. Senate special committee probing corruption in labor and management.

Fay, 65, released from prison in 1956 after serving eight years for extortion, was a key figure in a sensational scandal that rocked New York state politics five years ago.

At the time it was revealed that Fay, even while in prison, held court for a stream of visitors.

Former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey said the resignation of then acting Gov. Arthur Wicks, one of Fay's callers.

Wicks — a Republican, like Dewey — said his four or five visits to Fay were to seek his help in keeping labor peace in Wicks' home district of Kingston, N. Y. Wicks claimed Fay, though behind bars, still had a potent sway in labor.

Repercussions in Jersey. The case also had repercussions in New Jersey, where Fay began his rough-and-tumble career as a force in the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Paul L. Troast, the Republican candidate for governor in 1953, was among some businessmen who had written Dewey earlier asking for executive clemency for Fay, it developed. Troast was defeated by the Democratic candidate, Gov. Robert B. Meyner.

The crime that sent Fay to prison broke into the open in 1943, when he was indicted in a \$368,000 shakedown on contractors on the 200 - million - dollar Delaware Aqueduct, water supply project for New York City.

Fay, then international vice president of his union, got the pay-offs by threatening labor trouble.

It was five years later before he began his 8½ to 16 year sentence, after a complex series of legal maneuvers.

Turf Industry Touched. Fay's shadowy influence while in prison cropped up on connection with an uproar over shake-downs and criminal activity in New York's 250-million-a - year harness racing business.

The murder of Thomas Lewis, head of a local building service union local that represented workers at Yonkers, N. Y. raceway, blew the lid off the case.

A broad investigation led to several indictments, and firings of ex-convicts working at the track. The hired killer who shot Lewis was felled on the spot by police, but later testimony of underworld henchmen was to the effect that Fay "knew about" the plot for the slaying.

Fay started his union career in 1920 as a delegate of local 825 of the operating engineers, the men who operate derricks, steam shovels and other construction engines.

Shot By Policeman. He came to the post from Troy, N. Y., after a dispute there in which a policeman shot him. Violence trailed him ever since.

He became business agent of the union, and then branched out and set up his own construction companies. By 1930, he was described as one of the "Big Four" of labor in New Jersey, and a behind-the-scenes power in politics.

Once, when Fay came home from a European vacation, the late Frank Hague, then Democratic chief of the state, sent a chartered boat and a Jersey City police band to welcome him.

He built a 10-room brick home in the sedate Forest Hills section of Newark, and a large summer home on the north Jersey shore.

Fay was paroled from his extortion sentence under conditions that barred him from resuming his post with his union. He is living at his home in Newark.

NEW YORK — A little Pilgrim on the royal road to learning lives in our house.

Nothing makes you more aware of the passage of time than having a child in your home. On one day you have to do everything for it, and it seems almost the very next day it won't let you do anything for it at all.

Our daughter, Tracy Ann, now 4½ years old, has reached this do-it-all-by-herself stage. Ten times a day she utters her clamorous declaration of independence.

"I don't need any help. I can do it myself."

Her statement applies to everything from going to the bathroom to buttoning her snowsuit, from blowing her nose to standing on tiptoe to push the elevator button.

Looking around her littered room the other day, I remarked: "If you can do so much, why can't you manage to pick up your clothes and keep your room neat?"

Can't Learn Anything. "Well, after all, I'm just a little girl," she said calmly. "I can't learn everything at once."

Her sturdy self-confidence reached a peak when, after weeks of terrible struggle, she finally learned to fumble a ribbon into a boxknot, all alone. Now Tracy spends about an hour daily practicing this womanly art.

Each success she brings to me for approval. The other night she suddenly pressed her cheek against mine and exclaimed in a tone of ecstasy:

"Oh, Daddy, isn't it fun to tie bows?"

My wife, Frances, thinks Tracy is remarkably advanced because she has also learned to tie a bowknot behind her back.

"What's the point in that?" I asked. "Why not teach her to tie a bow standing on her head?"

Something Important. "Listen Rover," said Frances, "don't you realize that from the time a girl puts on her first kitchen apron she has to tie a bow behind her back every day of her life?"

Well, isn't that just like a woman—ask her a silly question and she gives you a serious answer?

Tracy's other passion at the moment is learning to write her ABC's, for she can't stand the thought she is unable to read. As a matter of fact — the little hypocrite — she won't even admit she can't. And she is gaining: When she pretends to be reading, she now holds the book right side up.

Although she still has trouble

Man Accused Of Trying To Wreck His 1953 Car

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Hearing Ordered For Ex-Minister On Extradition

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ordered an extradition hearing for ex-minister Andrija Artukovic of Yugoslavia to determine whether he should be sent home to face accusations of having ordered the deaths of thousands of persons. The vote was 7-2.

The Yugoslav consul general has been seeking custody of Artukovic, who was minister of the interior in the Nazi cabinet of Ante Pavelic from April 16, 1941 to Oct. 10, 1942. Artukovic now lives in Long Beach, Calif.

He won a ruling from U. S. courts in California that the offenses charged were of a political character not extraditable under a treaty between the United States and Yugoslavia.

The consul general appealed to the Supreme Court to review that ruling, but the tribunal instead adopted a Justice Department suggestion that Artukovic be given a hearing before a U. S. commissioner in California.

The court directed that Artukovic be put in custody of a U. S. marshal pending the hearing.

Justices Black and Douglas dissented.

Not All 'Political' Dept. Claim. The State Department told the Supreme Court a hearing is necessary, "since, on the basis of the matters thus far adduced, the Department of State cannot reach the conclusion that all of the acts alleged by the Yugoslav government to have been committed by Artukovic are necessarily of a political character."

Artukovic has said that in the government positions he held he had no jurisdiction over the secret police, never signed a death warrant, and never carried out any warrants of arrest.

Other Actions Listed. In other actions the Supreme Court:

By a 5-4 vote sharply limited the damage suits under the Robinson-Patman Anti-Price Discrimination Act.

Ruled that Kansas may not fix a minimum price for natural gas sold in interstate commerce for resale in other states. The unanimous decision was announced in a brief order which cited two earlier rulings in similar cases.

Denied a hearing to Abraham Thomas, 29, a Negro soldier convicted by military court-martial of slaying four persons in Germany and sentenced to death. His counsel contended he had not had a fair hearing.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

(Written for NEA Service)

Back fence gossip is a pastime which is pretty difficult to eradicate. Someone recently suggested that since it is here to stay its nature should be changed.

Instead of talking about the evil in the neighborhood, we could do well to talk about the things for which we are thankful. We might well talk about the fine things which our neighbors have done.

We need to talk about the kindnesses which have been shown, instead of about the slights which we imagine.

Since gossip grows by repetition it would not take long to give our neighborhoods such good reputations and high standards that no one would think of wrong doing.

It would be better to build up God's presence than to tear down our neighbors' reputations.

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