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DAANGEROUS INCIDENT

By Charles V. Stanton

The recent Indian attack upon a group of Ku Kluxers undoubtedly has furnished more laughs than anything that has happened for a long time. It is the kind of an incident Americans appreciate.

Here were a large group of white-robed Ku Klux Klansmen, led by a man who attaches a minister's title to his name, demonstrating against the presence of Indians of the Lumbee tribe in North Carolina.

Not content with agitation against Negroes, the group met to burn crosses and fulminate against the descendants of the original inhabitants.

But the Indians weren't having any. Armed with shotguns and rifles, they marched on the whites, the first time the Indians have taken to the warpath for many, many moons.

As the attackers fired into the air and into the ground, advancing all the while, the Ku Kluxers took off for the tall and uncut, hiding in ditches and making tracks few and far between.

The Rev. Mr. Cole, alleged leader, went so fast and so far he left his automobile behind.

Nothing more ludicrous, in my opinion, has happened for a long time. Most people, I imagine, mentally applauded the Indians.

Race War Feared

I doubt if very many people are sympathetic with the intolerance and cowardice of the Ku Klux Klan, hiding behind robes and masks while striving to terrorize racial groups.

Admittedly the race situation in the South has been aggravated by Supreme Court decisions, affording an opportunity for the extremists on both sides to get in their licks. There also is evidence of Communist infiltration in both groups. Red agitators, it is reported, are fomenting trouble for the purpose of making the U.S. racial problem suitable propaganda material in Asia and Africa.

Though we are amused by the Indian raid on the hooded whites, and the headlong retreat of the racists, the incident holds possibilities of great danger. The next time the whites might not run. The next time the attackers might shoot more accurately. Nothing would suit the Communies more than a pitched battle between blacks and whites. Bloodshed in the South could easily impair U.S. prestige in many lands. Hot-headed negroes, inspired by Communist agitators, may try to imitate the Indians. Ku Kluxers at their next rally might go armed and start shooting promiscuously if a spectator lets out a loud yell.

The one incident is worth a cheer of approval. But it is to be hoped that a similar incident is avoided.

A JOB POSSIBILITY FOR EVERY WOMAN

When telephones first entered the business and social scene in this country "Central" became an important personage in the community. She could be called upon for almost any information, would locate a doctor, deliver a message, or exchange recipes.

As more telephones were installed, the central office became a beehive of activity and efficiency.

In mid 1957, according to figures just released by the Bell Telephone System, there were 61,970,000 telephones in the United States. More than 71,625,000 local and long distance calls were placed over those telephones within a year's time.

To handle this enormous amount of business, telephone equipment has been made automatic as rapidly as new systems could be installed. In the United States 90 per cent of the telephones are dial operated. The rate in Oregon is 97 per cent. Facilities are being added so that within the near future any telephone subscriber will be able to dial directly any other telephone in the United States.

A record of his call will be punched on a piece of tape. At the end of the day the tape carrying a complete accounting of the day's business will be fed into machines which will turn out punched cards for each transaction and operation. These punched cards then will go automatically to other machines that will deliver printed bills, accounts, reports, statistics, etc.

Many people are worried about automation.

The Bell Telephone System reports that if all telephone business had to be handled through manually operated switchboards, as was the case only a very few years ago, there are not enough women between the ages of 18 and 65 years in the United States to fill the jobs that would be available.

Yet, despite the automatic equipment now in use, the system has more women employed than at any time in its history.

Million Acres Placed Under Soil Bank Plan

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department reported Tuesday that 1,109,000 acres of farm land had been put under the 1958 version of the conservation reserve of the soil bank program by Jan. 10.

This is in addition to 6,500,000 acres still under the reserve from 1956 and 1957. Farmers have until April 15 to place additional land under this part of the soil bank.

Farmers placing this additional land under the conservation reserve will be entitled to government payments totaling about \$21,000,000. Payments include a flat rental fee averaging about \$10 an acre and up to 80 per cent of the cost of establishing a conservation practice on the land.

Under the conservation reserve, farmers retire land from production for periods from three to 10 years. The department previously had reported that through Jan. 17, farmers had signed agreements to place about 8,800,000 acres of cotton, wheat, corn, soybeans, tobacco plantations and other crops under the program. The shorter term average reserve part of the soil bank.

Big Jim Elkins Faces Vehicle Code Charge

BEAVERTON — Portland racketeer Big Jim Elkins posted \$25 bail here on a charge of having no license plate light on a truck at whose wheel he sat as he drove Friday night.

Washington County Deputy Sheriff Sherman Sheratt said Elkins' employe, Raymond F. Clark, was found in a large cardboard packing case in the back of the truck. He had a powerful spotting telescope, the deputy said.

Elkins and Clark, both of whom have appealed federal district court convictions for wiretapping, said they were looking for someone but did not say who.

Mike DeCico Wins Large Land Condemnation Suit

PORTLAND — Mike DeCico, tire dealer and sometime Democratic Party official in Multnomah County, won a \$110,000 award from a circuit jury Monday in a land condemnation suit. The suit was \$20,000 more than the state had offered, but \$34,000 less than DeCico asked.

The land is in southwest Portland, along the right of way the state had offered to extend the Portland-Salem freeway into downtown Portland.

"Odd—Was Thinking of Your Constituents, Too"



—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK — Is the mental age of the average movie fan only 14 years?

This has long been the privately held but rarely spoken view of some members of the motion picture industry.

It isn't shared by David Lean, British director of "The Bridge on the River Kwai," who is an odds-on favorite to win an Oscar this year.

"We lack a larger adult audience," he remarked quietly. "It merely shows we need to make more adult films."

"When it comes to judging the truth and sincerity of a movie, I have a great respect for the verdict of the audience. That is one of the wonderful things about an audience—it has a mass horse sense."

"If they laugh at the wrong place in a movie, nine times out of ten those who made the movie are wrong—and the audience is right."

"An individual, even an individual who makes a movie, may lack horse sense. But a large group usually has it."

"Worlds Best" alone with a pair of scissors cutting out little pictures. Quite pleasant.

Directed Dozen Films Although, at 49, Lean has been 30 years in the industry he has directed only a dozen films. But they include such notable ones as "In Which We Serve," "The Happy Breed," "Blithe Spirit," "Brief Encounters," "Great Expectations," "Oliver Twist" and "Summertime."

All his work bears the stamp of patient craftsmanship and he likes to take his time about it. He spent a full year studying and polishing the script for "Bridge on the River Kwai," another six months shooting and cutting it.

Lean believes Sir Laurence Olivier is the greatest actor alive. But he likes to work with American actors.

"They learn their lines, they get to work on time, and they're keen as mustard about anything they're doing," he remarked. "It's a long slog—making a picture, and enthusiasm is a wonderful thing to have around. American actors also don't argue about trying a thing in a new way. They like to experiment."

Lean is an admirer of producers Mike Todd and Sam Goldwyn because he feels they are great gamblers.

"The movie world will die if it doesn't have gamblers," he said. "There are no guarantees in it, and if you want to play life safe, you'd better go into another business."

"The big pictures are always big gambles. If you succeed, everybody says, 'well, how could he miss?' but if you fail, they say, 'after all, what a crazy idea!'"

Reader Opinions

People Asked To Help Save Community Hall

This communication is intended particularly for residents of the Winchester community where, a few weeks ago, it was announced that a meeting would be held at the Winchester Community hall on Club Street, to organize an attempt to save the hall for the benefit of the Winchester community.

In area and population the Winchester community is fairly large. Generally speaking, it takes in that territory from the Winchester bridges south to the state highway weighing scales.

Perhaps you may wonder just what is meant by "save the Community Hall." Space here is too limited to put all the detail into this letter, but I would like to mention that funds must be raised to pay delinquent taxes, and to pay the balance yet due on the contract for purchase of the property on which the hall is located.

The hall itself is very well built. With a little additional work it can be made more attractive and convenient; a community hall that would be a great asset in many ways.

Although the number of residents who attended that first meeting and have since generously given their time and support to this campaign was quite small, the results to date are very encouraging.

The first fund raising event, a box social, Jan. 17, netted \$28.10. If that sounds like a very small amount, I might hasten to add that the attendance also was small.

Those of us who were there were really surprised that the affair netted that amount. It served as positive proof that what we are trying to accomplish can be accomplished in a very short time, if more of the residents in our community

will take an interest and give their support.

My support requires presence at business meetings and is every bit as important as financial support.

It is the desire of those who are regularly supporting this campaign to plan socials, fund raising drives, and business meetings at such times that the majority of residents will be able to attend. For business purposes we have formed a small organization and have taken the name, Winchester Community Club.

All funds raised are placed on deposit in a checking account at Douglas County State Bank in the account of Winchester Community Club. All checks drawn on that account must have the signatures of any two of the three officers, president, vice president, secretary-treasurer.

Questions will undoubtedly arise that are not answered here, so I urge everyone in the community to attend the pollack dinner, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2, at 1:30 o'clock at the Winchester Community Hall. The dinner is especially planned that the majority of us may have the opportunity to learn all the facts concerning this campaign. A business meeting will follow the dinner and anyone interested may ask questions, offer opinions, or suggestions. Coffee, punch and entertainment will be provided.

The success of any campaign can be credited only to those who support it. On the other hand, the failure of any campaign justly rests on the heads of those who prefer the "let-George-do-it" attitude.

We hope we will see many interested people of the Winchester community at the community hall Sunday, Feb. 2.

Mrs. Joe Bertucci
115 N.E. Pleasant Ave.
Roseburg, Ore.

Control Board Approves Plan For New Street

SALEM — The state Board of Control approved Tuesday an agreement between the state Fair Commission and city of Salem to extend 17th Street through the state fairgrounds.

The extension, bitterly fought by some 17th Street residents, will give Salem a new north-south artery connecting with Fairgrounds Road.

Under the agreement, the city will give 3.4 acres of land to the state in exchange for the road.

Elsewhere in the city the board agreed to sell the First Presbyterian Church building back to the church for \$12,000. The church plans to move it across the street from the present site which is on the Capitol Mall.

Board members pointed out that if the building weren't sold, the state would have to pay to have it torn down.

The board, accepted a proposal by the Oregon Council of Churches that a search be started immediately for chaplains for Dammasch State Hospital, being built at Wilsonville, and the state reformatory, being built east of Salem.

Dr. Mark Talney, Portland, secretary of the council, offered the council's help in selecting Protestant chaplains. The offer was accepted.

He said that good chaplains are hard to find, so the search should begin now, even though they won't be needed for two years.

The council also submitted proposed standards and qualifications for chaplains. The board sent them to the Civil Service Commission for consideration.

Newspapermen Re-elect Frey

SUN VALLEY, Idaho — The Pacific Northwest Newspaper Assn. reelected M. J. Frey of the Portland Oregonian as president at the close of its two-day business meeting Tuesday.

Frey is general manager of the Oregonian.

Other officers reelected were W. H. Cowles of the Spokane Spokesman-Review, first vice president; L. B. Tackett of the Provo, Utah, Herald, second vice president, and W. W. Knight of the Portland Oregon Journal, treasurer.

New board members elected were Robert Best, Everett, Wash. Herald; Frank Jenkins, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Herald and News; and John J. Callaghan, Post-Intelligencer, Seattle.

Continuing their terms on the board were A. L. Alford, Lewiston, Idaho, Tribune, and D. D. Cushman, Great Falls, Mont., Tribune.

Another Penguin Dies PORTLAND — Another one of Portland's penguins died Tuesday.

The penguin — an Emperor — has been under treatment for a lung disease, aspergillosis, which has caused the deaths of a score of other penguins at Portland and elsewhere.

—Bruce Biossat—

As always, Congress will engage in bitter combat this year over programs involved in what the administration calls mutual security and what is generally called foreign aid.

Since the first days of the original Marshall plan for European recovery, there never has been a season without a fight on this issue.

In his budget message President Eisenhower this time requested \$3,900,000,000 for foreign aid, as against \$3,750,000,000 for the current fiscal year.

Congress in 1957 actually voted only \$2,800,000,000 in appropriations for this purpose. Beyond doubt it will be swinging hard against the new requests.

ABOUT THREE BILLION dollars of the total now sought by the President would go for direct military aid to foreign countries or for what is labeled defense support—which means economic help directly connected with the build-up and maintenance of another nation's armed forces.

All other foreign aid, mostly economic, would come to 783 million dollars under the 1958-59 budget, as compared with 604 million this past year.

When Congress shoots at the military aid-defense support part of this program, it does so with the realization that as it diminishes the military strength of our friends and allies, it must somehow offset this loss by boosting the substance of our own defense establishment.

It does not have the same concern over economic aid, since over the years more and more lawmakers have become less and less convinced of its necessity.

Yet today it must set its fading interest in this kind of aid against the insistence of Mr. Eisenhower and others that the United States should make a more determined effort to combat the Soviet Union on the economic and political battlegrounds of the world.

WE HAVE STILL to learn, of course, how hard the President will press for military and economic assistance this year, and how successful he will be in persuading Congress.

But even if he should score heavily, we must all hope that Congress nevertheless would apply to the foreign aid program—as to all others now being energetically advanced as vital to our security against a hard-driving Russia — the test of real usefulness in all its details.

We cannot use the atmosphere of crisis to justify careless, unthinking expenditure. The waste of dollars helps neither us nor our friends, but only our enemies. At whatever level of outlay, only a tight foreign aid program can be a good one.

The plan calls for no money to BUILD MORE SCHOOLS.

On the other side of the fence, Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts (who is expected to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President in 1960) lashed out at Ike for dropping a school BUILDING plan from his educational program.

Kennedy says he will introduce legislation during the current week calling for 1.5 billion dollars worth of school construction over a five-year period. A similar measure was killed on the floor of the house of representatives last year by a five-vote margin.

Senator Kennedy is a smart and able young man, and it isn't impossible that he may be our next President.

But — The prevailing opinion among our ablest and most thoughtful educators appears to be that we have school rooms enough to do the job.

Our GREAT need, these educators seem to think, are STUDENTS WHO ARE WILLING TO TACKLE TOUGH SUBJECTS LIKE MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Diffenbacher, D.D. (Written for NEA Service)

Visibility is very important to pilots of airplanes. Although there are many electronic aids to fliers in their course through the skies and in their approaches to landings, they must still be able to see the ground before actually setting down the ship.

In the moral and spiritual sphere of human activity many people go blindly along ways beset by temptation. Much of the time they make out well with unseen moral controls. However, there is as much need for clear vision before one takes off and lands in the spiritual realm as in the material world. We need more than casual intuition.

We must seek God's guidance in everything we do. We must be sure that we have adequate moral and spiritual vision in order to not miss the straight and narrow runway. A loss of spiritual vision can be disastrous.

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