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TRUE OR FALSE?

By Charles V. Stanton

Politicians often say things they don't mean as they strive to gain newspaper headlines or to parody a political situation into party propaganda.

As an example Senator Neuberger is dismayed by the fact that television networks didn't carry President Eisenhower's foreign policy speech last Feb. 25. The senator asks if television networks are "so rooted to commercialism that they cannot suspend a sponsored program so that millions of viewers throughout the nation may see a major declaration by President Eisenhower on probably the most important issues confronting our country?" He likens the failure to newspapers filling their front pages with advertisements and refusing to print the news.

Getting down to the real meat of the senator's emotional outburst, one finds the opinion that failure of TV broadcasters to carry the foreign policy address is (quoting the senator):

... a further demonstration of the low prestige and influence of the Federal Communications Commission under President Eisenhower's own administration.

If we had a truly independent FCC, with commissioners who commanded respect, I doubt if the broadcasting chains would have cavalierly disregarded a major speech by the head of our government.

Violates Convictions

The statement is in direct violation of the senator's convictions as expressed in the past. It therefore qualifies as a demagogic appeal, designed only for emotional effect.

Senator Neuberger was educated as a journalist. He has many times declared his belief in the right of free speech and his opposition to censorship or federal controls over the press.

Yet, if we are to accept his statement with reference to the FCC at face value, he is, in effect, criticizing the commission because it did not force television coverage of the president's message. Without reference to the merit of the program, the senator's statement would indicate that the FCC, either by direct controls, or by promoting fear of controls, should require television to carry such political programs as might, in the opinion of the commission, be in the public interest.

If a politically appointed commission is permitted to direct, control, or even influence, the nation's television programs, other than to require them to be in good taste, how long is the step to establishment of political controls over radio, newspapers and magazines?

I am positive the senator does not approve of political control over the press, yet his statement with relation to the FCC would appear to put him firmly on the path leading to such controls.

Revenge For Scandals

Knowing that the statement violates the senator's personal convictions, we can assume it was made for propaganda effect, with the purpose of stirring emotions against the administration and in favor of the opposition party.

Stung by exposure of the five-percenter scandals of the Truman administration — scandals that were influential in switching party administrations — Democrats are finding sweet revenge in the present FCC hearings. Although the commissioner forced to resign from the commission is a Democrat, he was appointed by President Eisenhower, which makes it possible to point the accusing finger at the present administration.

The existing situation offers too great an opportunity for an emotion-packed reprisal to be ignored, even though personal convictions may be bypassed for the nonce.

The senator does however, ask one pertinent question with which I might be in agreement. It could be worth debating further.

He asks: Is the invaluable commodity of a television channel only for comedy, entertainment, quiz shows, soap operas and commercials? O.K., I'll bite. Is it?

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP) — Recently I received a mysterious anonymous card in the mail.

On the cover it said, "Every year you're getting closer..." And when I opened the card it said inside, "...to being a dirty old man."

Well, I had to chuckle. After all, a fellow can't very well break down and cry just because it's his 47th birthday.

And to tell the truth I didn't feel much like crying, anyway. A fellow's 40th birthday may be a heart-buster to him, but if he has any sense at all every one after that he hails as a major triumph—a personal victory in the long struggle of man versus microbe.

When you get right down to it, any amateur at living can survive to 40 or even 45. If you can go on after that, it's no longer a matter of mere luck. You're a real pro—you've learned the trick of how to keep breathing regularly.

If life is like climbing a mountain, at 47 you get an unexpected reward. You break through the storm clouds of early middle age, and find yourself on the edge of a sunny upper plateau.

Must Live With Symptoms
When you go to your doctor, you no longer get angry because he doesn't listen to you when you tell him your symptoms. Philosophically, you realize that he now knows what you know, too—that these are the symptoms you are going to have to put up with all the rest of the journey.

It amuses you that young folks now begin to confide their love troubles to you. You don't even mind that they do so because they think of you as they do of an elderly turtle — something ancient and wise and foreign to earthly passion.

You have become a bit like a tree, which each year has a ring of growth, an interior calendar of its own. With every passing season the old scars inside you lose their power to hurt. You become even proud of some of the scars, and glad they no longer show.

Things Loom Smaller
At 47 the big important things loom smaller and the smaller things get more important. You don't expect to solve a major problem every morning. A pleasant meal — an unexpected visit from an old friend — a \$5 tax refund by the government—these are enough to make a day memorable.

The devil calls you less, and you wonder about God more. You'd rather daydream about your youth than how to make a million dollars.

You become intensely aware of nature again. You see every raindrop as it falls, each snowflake has its own face, and a beautiful sunset stirs you more than it did when you were 20. But you can look up at a full moon and laugh at the fool it used to make of you. It never will have that mystic power to undo you again.

And at 47 your marriage reaps an unexpected boon. Your wife treats you with a new respect, brings you your slippers when you come home, gets out of your easy chair herself and lets you sit in it. She is terribly, terribly grateful to you merely because, at 47, you haven't died and left her a widow.

—Bruce Bissat—

Wherever liberty is regarded well, there must be satisfaction that free elections have returned to Argentina after a glaring lapse of 30 years.

There can be no automatic rejoicing, however, over the first fruits of that return.

Caution is compelled by the fact that Arturo Frondizi, the victorious presidential candidate, gained his commanding triumph largely through the support of the Communists and the Peronistas, followers of exiled Dictator Juan Peron.

FRONDISI represents the left wing of the conservative Radical party. He favors government control of industry, but is also an economic nationalist. He declares that he owes no commitments to anyone and will govern in the interests of all Argentines.

Nevertheless, some may argue that he cannot help but feel a debt to those groups which supported him. He has promised full political amnesty to Peron's backers and yet he does not appear willing, on his own, to allow Peron himself to come home.

HE INDICATES he will lead the Argentine Congress decide that. But top military leaders who ran the country in the two-and-a-half-year interval between Peron's ouster and this election say they won't tolerate the dictator's return.

WHATEVER the prospect for Peron, the future for Frondizi seems sure to be heavily crowded. The nation's economic situation is bad, a hangover from the irresponsibilities and the orgies of dictatorship. The new president will have to battle inflation among many other economic ills.

As he goes about this task, the Argentine people will have as the guardians of their new-found freedom, not only the military but a restored free press.

The rest of the world would like to believe that this gives assurance that there will be no Peron in Argentina. It shows Frondizi well in his effort to show that this is so, that he will be neither a new master himself nor the captive of the extremists who elected him.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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participated in by the foreign ministers and such, who are the technicians of diplomacy.

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Pacific Power And Light Co. Charged By Commissioner

SALEM (AP) — The Pacific Power and Light Co. Thursday was charged by Howard Morgan, Oregon public utilities commissioner, with discrimination in rates to its Springfield area customers.

Morgan said in a complaint filed here that the charges to cus-

tomers were part of an "unusually severe competition" with the Springfield Municipal Electric System.

"This competition has been especially severe and even savage since 1950 when former Commissioner Flagg allowed Pacific Power and Light to reduce its rates some 20 per cent below its average system rates in order to meet rates charged by Springfield Municipal System."

Morgan said a hearing will be held on the matter in Springfield. The hearing date will be set some time after the 20-day period in which the power firm has an opportunity to file an answer to the complaint.

Treat All Alike
In his complaint, Morgan said that utilities regulated by the PUC are required by law to treat "their customers fairly and equally."

Morgan said some persons have complained that Pacific Power and Light has furnished free service to some persons as an inducement to take service.

Some customers also received preferential schedules of rates and services as an inducement to take service from PP and L rather than the municipal system, Morgan said.

The firm received less compensation for some services than was measured by meters, Morgan said. He added that other customers were denied such benefits.

In Portland, Pacific Power and Light President Paul McKee said "We naturally have resisted attempts of the Springfield Municipal System to raid our business."

"It should be made clear that in Springfield an unregulated municipal electric system has for the past eight years been doing everything it can to destroy our business," he said.

Thinking It Over

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

There are a great many suicides in the world. Day after day the news tells of unfortunate, discouraged people who take their own lives. These folk commit the unforgivable sin of denying God and His power. They overlook the fact that the love of God is steadfast and that new opportunities of life are offered every morning.

When people dwell on their own failures, on their own weaknesses and on their own refusal to turn to God, they become so involved in confusion that they surrender to defeat. They take everything in their own hands. They find their own minds too small to deal with life. When people become completely independent of God they try to escape from themselves.

There is only one escape from self. That is through God. God gives life eternally. Man without God seeks oblivion through death. If utterly defeated folk would turn to God there would be very few suicides.

Honeymooning Wife Has Jewels, Furs Stolen
LONDON (AP) — Neatly Mrs. Michael Wilding, honeymooning with the British actor in California, has had \$12,500 worth of jewelry and furs stolen from her London apartment.

The theft was discovered yesterday. Mrs. Wilding, a London divorcee and interior decorator, married the British movie star last month in Las Vegas.

SHORT COURSE DUE
CORVALLIS (AP) — Waterworks operators will be given a special course at Oregon State College here March 24-28. Some 150 are expected.

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Perfect! Does that word describe you? You can fool some of the people some of the time, but you can't fool yourself about this. And God can be fooled even less!

But there is a way to escape hell and reach heaven. Even this way is easy only for men—not for God.

God has to give His beloved Son—and Jesus Christ went to the cross to make it possible. God suffered the punishment of our sin. Believe it and you accept God's forgiveness. Then you are perfect before Him!

That's what your Lutheran friends believe about hell. Oh, they believe there is such a place. Men who do not want to live with God need some place for eternity. And it will be awful—to be forever separated from the love of God!

But now the important thing about hell is that you acknowledge your own inability to be perfect and turn to the forgiving mercy of God, so you don't have to go there.

The Lutheran pastor in your community can help you to in touch with God who has so much to offer! See him to meet Him!

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