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GRASS ROOTS OPINION

By Charles V. Stanton

The nation's taxpayers are being double-crossed, according to *The Sutherlin Sun*.

Scanning Douglas County's weekly newspapers, I find that the *Sutherlin Sun* minces no word in blasting the tax subsidy received by the Rural Electrification Administration.

The REA borrows money from the federal government at an interest rate of two per cent, the *Sutherlin Sun* explains. That amount is less than the money costs the government. The difference then becomes a subsidy paid by the country's taxpayers.

When it was proposed recently that the interest rate on REA loans be raised, the administration was harshly criticized by REA spokesmen who charged that the proposed legislation would leave the cooperatives "hopeless and helpless."

The *Sutherlin Sun* continues:

This amounts to an admission that REA can't stand on its own feet, and that if it is forced to pay anything resembling a reasonable rate of interest on the money borrowed from the government, it will be in grave trouble.

That to one side, another important matter is involved. The rural electrification movement is almost 100 per cent complete. Very few farmers who want power can't get power. So REA has grandiose schemes for undertaking big power projects that would serve industry and other non-agricultural users where power is now available. This would permit its expansion on an almost unlimited scale. But it doesn't want to pay its own way—it asks already overburdened taxpayers to carry part of the cost.

The Rural Electrification Administration isn't the only subsidized agency in the power field, I would like to add. The whole public power picture is one of subsidy. "Cheap power" is a myth. When people realize that "cheap power" is subsidized power, we'll be able to get the public power program in true perspective.

Scolded by "Friendly" S.P.

The *Sutherlin Sun* also reports the denial of the "Friendly" Southern Pacific Company to the charge that its bridges are contributing to flood conditions in the *Sutherlin Valley*.

The *Sutherlin* community recently appealed to the public utilities commissioner for correction of flood conditions reportedly caused by S. P. bridges, and complaining as well about bad crossings and poor services.

Officials of the railroad company appeared at a meeting of civic leaders and, according to newspaper accounts, scolded the *Sutherlin* people because they went to the public utilities commissioner with their gripe, instead of taking them up first with railroad company officials.

Since the meeting, says the *Sutherlin Sun*, an assistant engineer from the railroad company surveyed the situation and reported that the offending bridges belong to two other guys—Weyerhaeuser and Martin Box. The S.P.'s bridge, he says isn't blocking the creek.

But *Sutherlin* will at least get some of the grade crossing improvements it sought.

Old Timer Tells All

Another interesting item picked up in checking the county newspapers comes from the *Myrtle Creek Mail*.

Ordinarily adults seek to keep the younger generation from learning of their own escapades. When the "old-timers" let their hair down, it becomes immediately evident that the younger generation isn't so bad after all.

A building erected in *Myrtle Creek* in 1889 as a schoolhouse, is being razed. In late years it has been occupied as a city hall.

Mrs. Arena Newton, who has resided in *Myrtle Creek* for 85 years, told the *Myrtle Creek Mail* that in her day it was the practice of the big boys to "throw out" the teacher.

One of the first teachers in the new school at *Myrtle Creek* was a man by the name of Tom Wilson. Mrs. Newton reported. He accepted the job only "if he could do it his own way."

His "way" was to "measure" two of the bigger boys and while they were stretched out on the floor to invite any other interested parties to step forward.

The school proceeded quite successfully, according to Mrs. Newton's account.

There are many people who would say somewhat similar methods might be good practice in this day and age.

—Peter Edson—

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—More attention will be paid in the future to United States foreign economic policy.

Aside from perennial arguments over tariffs and extension of reciprocal trade agreements, foreign economic policy isn't discussed much now. It's the political crisis over the Middle East, Tunisia, Indonesia, China, Latin American or other trouble spot that catches the headlines.

But back of every political situation there is apt to be an economic issue. One theory is that all wars actually have their origins in international trade rivalries.

The United States is not indulging in economic warfare with Communist block countries, but it is close to that.

SO FAR, THE RUSSIANS haven't started any preclusive buying or dumping of their products to ruin world markets.

But Russia is making international loans at interest rates lower than the United States can afford. Russia can furnish India with a steel mill simply by depriving the Russian economy of something it also needs.

This is tough competition to meet. For the United States can't kick its own private industry around that way.

Russia wants a new trade agreement with the United States, to buy what it wants in American markets. The United States is in-

terested in holding down Russia's war production potential. So it takes the free world lead in restricting strategic exports to Russia and Red China in particular.

To that degree, the Communist and free world countries are indulging in economic warfare. It's a part of the cold war.

BUT ANOTHER ANGLE to it has developed recently.

There is a foreign economic issue in every American business recession, like today's. A slump here cuts down on American imports of foreign-produced raw materials and finished merchandise.

That means hard times in the exporting countries.

So one of the biggest "foreign" economic problems of the United States today is how to keep its own domestic economy prosperous to prevent depressions abroad.

It is to handle policy questions of this sort that the Eisenhower administration has been trying to put its foreign economic policy organization in better order.

C. Douglas Dillon—former Dillon-Reed partner and ex-American Ambassador to Paris—has been on the job as deputy under-secretary of state for economic policy just a year.

Dillon's principal assignment is to relieve Secretary of State John Foster Dulles of economic policy headaches.

DILLON HAS LITTLE administrative responsibility. He has an Assistant Secretary of State,

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crime in cases where there is no doubt as to the guilt of the accused, it must be because we believe that even in the case of the vilest criminal there is hope for reformation and rehabilitation.

Well, Leopold has taken a lot of punishment. The best years of his life have been spent in prison. His prison record has been good. Maybe he has REFORMED. In the time that is left to him, he may be a USEFUL citizen. If so, he will lead substance to our hope that reformation and rehabilitation are possible.

Anyway, let's give him a chance. Let's grant him the privacy he pleads for.

In recent days, we've been reading about a dynasty—the Grimaldi whose current descendant, Prince Ranier of Monaco, produced a needed heir at the psychological moment. As a matter of fact, he hit the jackpot and produced first an heir and then an heir, thus providing his dynasty with an ace in the hole.

At the same time, we've been hearing quite a lot about the troubles of another ruler, the Shah of Iran, who has failed to produce either an heir or an heiress. As a result, he is in bad with the elder statesmen of his court, who have advised him that the nation NEEDS an heir and that he'd better do something about it.

So he is divorcing his wife, which in Iran is a rather simple matter. All he has to do is to say to her three times "I divorce thee" and the deed is done.

Why all this fuss about heirs? The answer is rather simple. In the king business the more or less cushy king job, with all of its perquisites, passes on down from father to son (or daughter) as long as the royal father has a son (or a daughter).

Falling an heir in the direct line of descent—The king job can go to almost ANYBODY who has nerve enough to make a determined grab at it. The pages of history are literally spattered with incidents of what happens when a king dies without issue. One of the things quite likely to happen in such cases is WAR among the aspirants to the throne.

War is a terrible thing in any case. But a DYNASTIC war is a PARTICULARLY terrible thing. If you have any doubts about that, you'd better get out the books and read up on the War of the Roses.

The War of the Roses was a dynastic war between the House of York and the House of Lancaster. It started when there was a break in the royal line—that is to say, when the king had no direct heir. When the War of the Roses began, England was prosperous and her people were as happy as common-ordinary people could be in those days. When it ended, England was a shambles.

In conclusion—When we change from a Republican to a Democratic administration, or vice versa, the political campaign that brings the change about is apt to be a mess.

But our political campaigns, with all their claptrap and tommyrot, are far FAR better than the dynastic ruckuses that so often ensue when a king or an emperor or a prince or a Big Chief dies without a direct heir.

Thomas C. Mann, who takes that. The International Cooperation Administration, now being merged into the State Department, will also be under Dillon's policy guidance. This will leave ICA Director James H. Smith, Jr., free to carry out foreign aid and mutual security operations.

There's another wheel grinding. It revolves about the operations of Presidential Assistant Clarence B. Randall, former head of Inland Steel.

He heads a Council on Foreign Economic Policy. It is made up of representatives from all government agencies having anything to do with the subject.

Whenever there's a conflict, Randall acts as a referee, after consulting the President.

The Leaning Tower



Lenten Devotions

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THE HARD PATH TO TRUE HAPPINESS
Isaiah 1: 1-31

The first chapter of Isaiah is a description of sin, and a call to repentance. This is never a popular subject but always a necessary one. No matter what our actions may be: Good, bad, or just indifferent, the Bible's word, "Ike-nixon," we instinctively try to justify them.

But our sin is still with us, covered up with such names as guilt feelings, tensions, unhappiness, neuroses. These point to symptoms, while sin is the root. We are a little like the small boy who was putting on an old-fashioned waistcoat with many buttons. He put the first button in the third hole, and when a visitor called it to his attention, he replied, "Oh, it's all right, sir. It will all come right in the end." We need the authoritative voice of God telling us what is right. "A people laden with iniquity," (Vs. 4).

Isaiah says that ignoring the problem is not the way to meet it. It won't. "All come right in the end." Face your problem. Meet it head on.

Neither is self-commendation the answer. Sometimes we mentally whip ourselves around the block as a punishment for what we have regretted. Condemnation does not help us improve.

"Why should ye be stricken any more?"

Ye will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick. And the whole heart faint."

(Vs. 5) Two things are most important in finding God's way. A repentance that is a simple turning from what is wrong to what is right.

"Wash ye, make you clean: Put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; Cease to do evil."

(Vs. 16, 17) And forgiveness. God will accept you the way you are and wipe the slate clean for you. God seems almost to be pleading with us to accept this forgiveness freely offered.

"Come now and let us reason together. Saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, They shall be white as snow; Though they be red like crimson, They shall be as wool."

This is the good news of a new start that leads to the good news of abundant life in Christ.

Rev. John E. Adams
First Presbyterian Church

Isaiah 1: 1-31

Isaiah was a grandson of King Josiah and a first cousin of King Uzziah. Therefore he was of royal blood which explains some of his concern for the political and spiritual welfare of his people.

In the midst of disturbing situations he lifted his eyes and saw the Lord sitting upon the throne. Like Job, Daniel, Ezekiel, John and others, he discovered his own measurement and lack which caused him to cry out, "Woe is me! for I am unclean; because I am a man of unclean lips and dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."

9 Men Start Sailboat Journey Over Atlantic

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—Don Juan of Bourbon, pretender to the throne of Spain, headed for New York today aboard a 96-foot sailboat. He said the trip with eight other men is "purely a sporting adventure" with no political overtones.

The pretender, son of the late King Alfonso XIII, served as a naval officer in the British navy. The party hopes to reach New York in 45 days.

The sailboat has a six-cylinder auxiliary engine. She will call at Madeira Island, the West Indies, Florida and New York.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

(Written for NEA Service)

Life expectancy has been extended by many years with scientific development. Health-giving diets, vitamins, sanitation and medical discoveries have prolonged the life span. We can now expect to live 20 or 30 years longer than our recent ancestors.

Are we using this longer life for the benefit of selfish desires? Somehow it seems futile to extend life while developing more tragic means of taking life. The bow and arrow, the sword and spear endangered young men who dared take up the deadly arms many years ago. Guns increased the possibility of violent death.

Atom bombs endanger millions of young folk and old alike who have never thought of fighting nor of killing people. The non-belligerents will increasingly become involved in future conflicts.

We should all do well to use the extra years of our lives to extend the kingdom of God. The world needs more love, more kindness, more forgiveness. We need more friendship and less of sin and less of destruction. We have some extra years. Let us use them well!

Reward For Missing Plane, 2 Men Offered

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP)—A \$1,000 reward has been offered for the discovery or information leading to the location of a private plane missing since March 2 on a flight between Boise and Lewiston, Idaho, with two men aboard.

The reward, posted by Mrs. Arthur N. Johansson, Lewiston, wife of the plane's 32-year-old pilot, was announced Sunday by Mrs. Johansson's brother, Ray Poland of Kennewick.

Johansson, a building contractor, was accompanied on the flight by Ed Schleifer, 35, Lewiston crop insurance man. They were missing on the last leg of a flight from Mexico, where they had spent two weeks on an aerial tour.

Poland said the plane apparently was last seen flying above the Snake River at Elgin, Ore.

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP)—Can 50 million American men be wrong? Will their wives, sisters, mothers and daughters really go for that new so-called "sack look" in their clothing? The answer is yes, the men are wrong, and, yes, the American woman seems already sold on the chemise silhouette in everything from nightgowns to evening dresses. As far as Milady herself is concerned, she's in the bag.

It will do no good for the average husband to announce sternly he will refuse to escort in public a wife dressed to resemble an ambulant sugar sack or a strutting bean bag. For no matter whose wife he goes out with, that's how she is going to look.

At the risk of being denounced as a traitor by millions of American men still unreconciled to the new feminine styles, I'd like to cast a solid vote in favor of them. And for several reasons.

For one thing, they make it easier to tell men and women apart, something that has been getting more and more difficult in this civilization.

How can you identify them at a glance? If it wears an Ivy League (or skinned rabbit) look, it is a man. If it billows like a sailboat in a strong breeze as it passes, it is a woman.

Challenge On Strall
Going for a walk with a girl clad in one of these not-quite-blown-up dresses has a new air of risk and requires a certain daring challenging to a real man. He never knows when a sudden gust of wind may swirl her drapery around him and smother him before bystanders can rush to his aid.

Another thing I find entrancing in the new style is the sense of mystery it gives a woman. You can never tell what will be her next move—as she has to take four steps before the dress begins going, too. It also lends some of the entrancing appeal of a circus tent. You wonder what could be beneath all that flapping canvas.

Perhaps, however, the soundest reason of all for endorsing the "sack look" is that if their men-folks applaud it women will quickly tire of it, figure there must be something basically wrong with any fashion that men approve.

Attack Advised
But if men keep attacking the style, the girls will simply be inspired to go on to something worse. And anyone who thinks

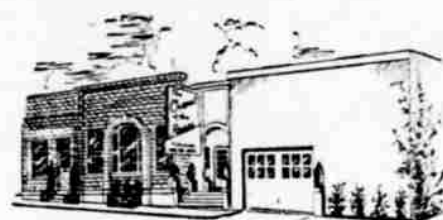
West Coast Lumbermen To Talk Sales Promotion

PORTLAND (AP)—Proposals for promoting lumber sales will be discussed March 25-28 at the annual meeting of stockholders of the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn.

Lumber manufacturers of the Douglas fir region of Oregon, Washington and California are scheduled to consider traffic, transportation and freight rate problems on the opening day.

On Thursday, car loadings will be discussed.

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