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WORK FOR DIMICK

By Charles V. Stanton

Comments in this column relative to the "political gimmick" which, it was claimed here, was used for the advantage of Senator Dan Dimick in his candidacy for circuit judge, aroused an interesting and vigorous rebuttal.

It was my observation that petitions placed in circulation by Senator Dimick and Representatives Flegel and Kelsay, urging International Paper Company to act favorably upon a proposed site near Sutherlin, had political motivation.

As I said, it was, and is, a good political gimmick. Had the rebuttal letters admitted the political aspect of the affair, assessing credit for a smart political stunt, I could have applauded the authors. But when an effort is made to evade and to divert, to imply denial of political motivation, I believe a rejoinder is in order.

Mrs. Dorsey, Democratic Party Committeewoman, attempts to take the pressure off Senator Dimick by pointing out the obvious fact that all three members of the county legislative delegation, whose names appear as sponsors of the petition, are candidates for office and that to single out Dimick is improper.

That situation was not "overlooked." But Mrs. Dorsey is leading away from the fact that the winner of the non-partisan contest in which Dimick is a candidate will be determined at the May election. The other two members of the delegation are unopposed at the primary. The heat is on Dimick. It would appear that the names on the petitions of the other members of the delegation simply provide the frosting on the cake.

Misleading Argument

Representative Flegel would make it appear that I object to the governor's appointments only because the appointments are Democrats. When the governor appoints a "local Republican to an office, the governor is a statesman," Flegel comments. He is referring, of course, to my criticism made earlier of the appointment of Dimick to be chairman of Conservation Week in Douglas County, when Dimick has never taken any part in conservation activity or been affiliated with any conservation organization, to my knowledge. I said at that time that surely the governor could have appointed a Democrat who has been identified with conservation work. I stated my opinion that the appointment was made only for the purpose of advancing Dimick's candidacy, and that it was a shameful appointment in view of the fact that the office being sought is a non-partisan office. I have not changed my opinion.

If the governor had appointed a local Republican to some office, I might have had an opportunity to comment on same. But so far the governor, to my knowledge, has never appointed a Republican to any office, except where compelled to do so by law, and he certainly hasn't even given Douglas County Democrats the recognition they have deserved in return for their aggressive support of his administration. Douglas County has been very patently ignored by the governor in his political appointments.

Official Influence

Senator Dimick points to his responsibility to use the influence of his office in seeking new industry. No one can quarrel with that commendable resolution. But the senator would imply that the petitions, previously referred to, had no political motivation. Why evade the truth? Is it anything to be ashamed of that he adopted a neat political gimmick?

A group of Roseburg men have invested a considerable sum of money in helping International Paper Company obtain a local site. This same group has been working very diligently with company representatives and the various persons close to the project. Although senator Dimick declares he is working and will continue to work for new industry, I fail to find his name, among those who have furnished money for this enterprise. Nor have I been able to learn of any occasion when Mr. Dimick volunteered his services or his influence to this group, although the firm in which his opponent is a partner has donated considerable professional work.

No one associated with the project knows of any request from the paper company for a petition, as reported by Mr. Dimick. Chamber of Commerce officers report they were "told" of the plan to circulate the petition but were not "asked" whether it was appropriate.

I commend the senator's interest in working for new industry in this area. It would appear to me, however, that in this particular case he has been working once for the community and twice for Dimick.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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(meaning things made of iron and steel and other metals) are chiefly produced. Back there, he says, things are admittedly not as good as at the moment as they might be. But—

Large sections of the nation report business as usual and wonder what all the shouting is about. For example, he says, most of the southwestern quarter of the nation is experiencing general good times without much sign of let-up. He thinks times are pretty good all along the West coast and through the Mountain states and the southern Great Plains.

Dawson, in his look — we at the West as a whole, more or less skips the Pacific Northwest. So, for a look at that area let's turn to another economic analyst — Robert H. Ryan, director of area development for the National Committee for Economic Development.

In an address in Spokane the other day, Mr. Ryan told the Pacific Northwest Trade Association that the Pacific Northwest is "only about half-grown and its growth potential borders on the immeasurable."

He added: "It is reasonable to assume that the population of this Northwest

will DOUBLE in the next 15 years." He went on to say: "This will give great opportunity to your region, for with this population increase will come the MARKETS CLOSE AT HAND which the Pacific Northwest needs."

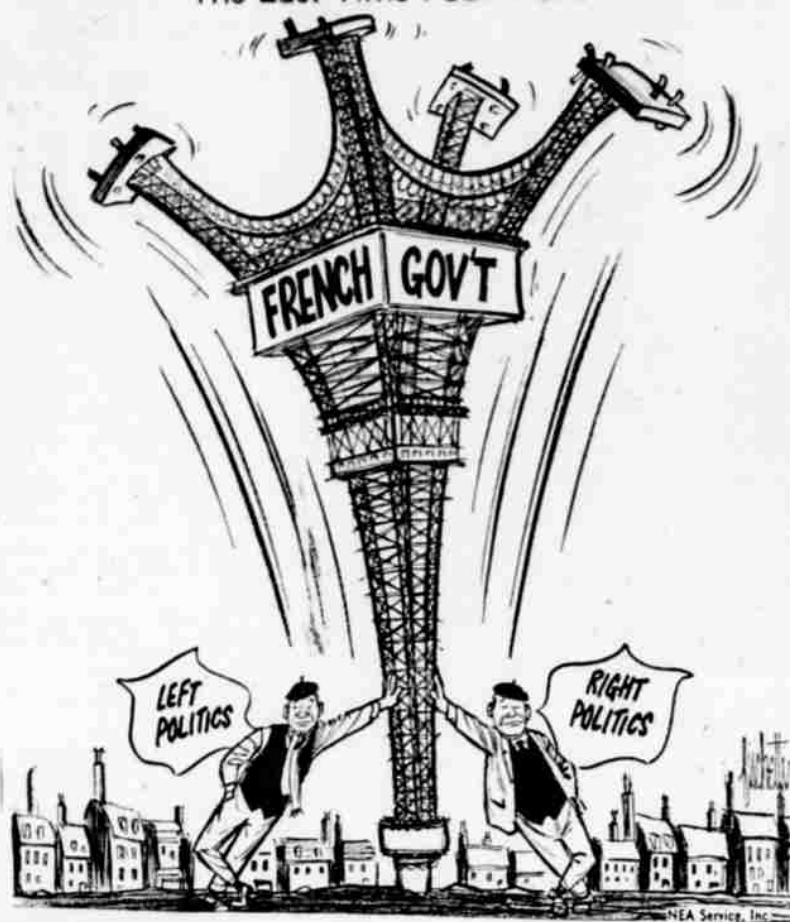
What he means is this: In its whole existence, up to now, the Pacific Northwest has been a colonial dependency of the heavily populated East. We sent our food there to be eaten and we sent our raw materials there to be processed and sent back to us — with freight and other costs added.

Now — In this new day that is dawning — All that is ended. Here in the West, which includes the Pacific Northwest, we are in sight of the time when we will have at our doors a BIG MARKET OF OUR OWN — the market provided by the 11 Western States which in less than 20 years is expected to have 40 million people.

That fact is changing our whole picture. It is providing us with the foundation for huge industrial development.

Remember — WE LIVE IN THE WEST. The future of the West is fabulously bright.

The Last Time I Saw Paris



—Hal Boyle—

Reader Opinions

Attack On Davis' Work Termed Peculiar Method

Robert G. Davis, candidate for circuit court judge, has been accused of capitalizing on his activities in connection with youth organizations in order to further his political career. Perhaps this is a common approach used by politicians, but to a layman observer it appears to be a peculiar method of attacking Mr. Davis. Those who assume that he suddenly became interested in community affairs and youth programs in the past year would do well to enlighten themselves further.

Mr. Davis' accomplishments down through the years as an active member of our community certainly deserves to be brought to the attention of the public, whether he is running for office or not. His political convictions or ambitions were the least of concern to the school and the youth of Robin Dale School for Exceptional Children, when he was requested to assume the vacant presidency of that organization in 1956. His efforts in that capacity were largely responsible for the survival of the school at that time, and for the program now in effect in Douglas County public schools for the education of mentally retarded children.

The many benefits enjoyed by this community because of Mr. Davis' tireless efforts in civic affairs cannot be erased by implying pure political motivation.

T. M. Benedict Jr.
Treasurer
Robin Dale School Inc.

Scientist Says Satellite Scope Could View Earth

WASHINGTON — An Air Force general says a telescope, carrying satellite 500 miles up could spot objects on the earth of a size less than two feet.

Brig. Gen. H. A. Boushey, deputy chief of research and development, gave this and some other examples to the House Space Committee in portraying the potential value of satellites for world-wide surveillance.

Boushey said a 200-inch telescope, the size of one at Mt. Palomar, Calif., could view an object 17 feet in diameter from 22,000 miles away.

Without giving the weight of such a telescope or predicting when it would be possible to send one up in a satellite, he estimated it could double the length of warning of the launching of an enemy inter-continental missile.

By using the moon as an observation point, Boushey said, optical improvements in the next 15 to 20 years will allow detection of earth objects smaller than 100 feet. That would permit spotting of individual planes and missiles.

Thornton To Ask Court Rethinking On Indictments

SALEM — Attn. Gen. Robert V. Thornton Wednesday said he would ask the Multnomah County Circuit Court for a rehearing on its ruling which dismissed charges against James B. Elkins II, E. Ferguson, Thomas E. Maloney, and Joseph F. McLaughlin.

The charges were made in connection with the Portland vice investigation, in which Thornton was special prosecutor.

Circuit Judge James R. Crawford at Portland Monday upheld objections to the indictment on which the charges were based.

Nine other indictments against Elkins, Portland racketeer, are similar and presumably will finally be disposed of in the same manner as the one on which Thornton has asked a rehearing.

NEW YORK — Along about this time of year a number of mysterious signs start appearing on my desk.

They say such things as:

"Order is Heaven's first law."

"Order is a lovely thing."

This is an office—not the city dump.

"Clean up or move out."

And I sigh. For I realize the long office war between the orderly and the disorderly has entered into its spring phase. The forces of cleanliness and righteousness have launched their annual let's-spruce-up-the-place-and-look-neat campaign.

One must, for some reason or another, cooperate—or else run the risk of having a battle star ripped from one's good conduct ribbon.

So, dutifully, I get a shovel and spade into the lovely mountain of rubble on my desk and load it into big cardboard boxes. When my desk is spotlessly bare, I get a crisp "well done" from one of the top sergeants in the office reform wave brigade. But it isn't a very satisfying reward. I feel miserable until the passage of time builds a new pile of debris on my desk.

What puzzles me is why we indoor peasants who love a cluttered desk, who have the clearest of wills of these paper clip hitters who sternly decree, "A desk should be as clean as your conscience at all times."

Personally, I have always held that it's the man with a cluttered desk who has the most to offer society, because the mess on his desk proves he has nothing to hide. It's the guy who keeps his

desk bare as a billiard table who's the prey of inner guilt. Obviously he must be hiding some terrible secret he doesn't want the rest of the office world to know.

The blunt psychological truth is this: A clean desk is the sign of a frightened mind.

Lack Personality

But in a free world a man should have the right to keep his desk in any condition he wants to, subject only to the public safety and the local fire laws. The annoying thing is that these clean desk fiends insist that your desk be as nude and anonymous and lacking in personality as theirs.

That way lies tyranny, the death of identity, and the spreading blight of ignoble conformity.

To me the top of a desk isn't merely a work site. It is a tower of magic, a storing place for wonderful memories, a warehouse of enchantment and the souvenirs of living. All that piles thereon isn't debris, but duty layers of excitement and wonder.

I'd like to let my desk pile grow and grow until it was so historic and interesting the Museum of Natural History would dispatch an archeological expedition to excavate it and find out how America used to live.

But enough of this day-dreaming. It's a shovel and spade time and go to work. The order is out: "All desks clean by nightfall!"

Transit Car, Firm Order Market Adjusts Momentum

By H. J. COX
Market Reporter

Following a week of flurried buying the transit car and firm order markets for green mill lumber have adjusted to a slower and presently sustained momentum, according to the Weekly Shamrock Market Letter.

Green mill mills replenished their unfilled order files from practically scratch to several weeks shipping time for standard and better dimension at then prevailing prices and immediately raised their asking sights \$2 to \$3.

This week, market demand has been slow and steady, a lower sales volume at these higher asking levels. Demand for well loaded standard lengths cars is holding steady at firm prices and better stands advanced \$2 during the past week.

Low grade dimension continues to hold the strongest selling position in the green mill and large mill markets.

Throughout the consuming regions of the country, buyers of large mill lumber are conservative, optimistic over market prospects for this year, possibly as good as last year, but certainly far below the early to mid-1950's, and such opinion is predominantly shared by large fir mills.

Obviously, there is nothing to warrant or assure a quick market upturn, and there is nothing to hinder gradual improvement during the year.

Latest Cuban Rebel Try Reported Frustrated

HAVANA — Exiles who landed in western Cuba to attempt opening a new front in Fidel Castro's revolt are reported disbanding for lack of arms and ammunition.

More than 30 reinforcements for Castro's fight against President Fulgencio Batista landed from a yacht 17 miles south of the city of Pinar del Rio April 12. They had sailed from southern Mexico and were joined by 30 more who came out of the mountains.

Natives On Big And Little Diomedes Have Social Meet First Time In Many Years

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Soviet government's non-fraternization order was checked once the use recently as Russian and American Eskimos met socially in the Bering Strait for the first time in years.

During the month of February, two contacts were made between natives of Big and Little Diomedes Islands," U.S. Army Alaska Headquarters said here in a brief statement.

Big Diomedes, about three square miles in size, is Soviet territory. Little Diomedes, about one third that size, belongs to the United States.

The Army said one meeting was on the ice near the international date line (which runs between the two islands) between a Little Diomedes hunting party and hunters from the Russian island.

"Both contacts were of a friendly nature."

First Contact

"While it is not uncommon to see people on and about Big Diomedes," the Army pointed out, "this is the first known contact between the natives of the two islands in several years."

The Army issued the statement after being pressed for information on the reported visits by the Anchorage Times. Other questions, such as how the natives found out about the meetings, were unanswered "for security reasons."

The two islands are only three miles apart and it is possible in the winter to walk across the ice

from Asia to America in an hour. Big and Little Diomedes were in years past one big happy family. Moscow and Washington were just names to them — if that.

Visiting each other with gifts and barter was their chief pleasure. The American Eskimos traded their walrus skins, table furs, raw hides and ivory carvings for their Russian bloodbrothers' flour, sugar, tobacco and undergarments.

No One Cared

Neither the Soviet or U.S. governments cared about the visits. In fact, they concluded a formal agreement in 1938 to let the islanders wander back and forth between the continents without passports or visas.

About 16 years ago, however, the USSR and the United States there would be no more fraternizing. Guards were posted on Big Diomedes and on at least two occasions erring Alaskan Eskimos were arrested by the Soviets and held. The Iron Curtain was lowered in the Far North.

The last known visit to Little Diomedes by Russians was in 1947 when 20 of them dropped over to pay a call.

One of the recent visitors, according to Little Diomedes, wore Western-style clothing instead of the native parka. His name was Nicolai. He was said to have told the Americans he had been educated in Moscow and Leningrad. He was reported to have been most inquisitive about airport locations.

Crimes Report

In Oregon, the 1957 crime total climbed to 19,711 from 1956's 19,248 and 14,450 in 1955.

By categories, the 37 reporting cities in Washington listed the following (1956 figures in parentheses): Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, 35 (30); Negligent manslaughter, 27 (22); rape, 164 (183); robbery, 724 (540); aggravated assault, 254 (321); burglary, 7,572 (6,630); larceny, 26,355 (23,617); and auto theft, 4,461 (3,766).

In Oregon, 36 cities reported the following: Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, 24 (16); negligent manslaughter, 31 (24); rape, 71 (84); robbery, 375 (369); aggravated assault, 236 (263); burglary, 3,697 (2,987); larceny, 13,511 (13,170); and auto theft, 1,766 (1,335).

The breakdown for cities of more than 25,000 population includes: Bellingham: Murder, non-negligent manslaughter, none (none); robbery, 3 (3); aggravated assault, none (3); burglary, 78 (78); larceny, 396 (426); auto theft, 40 (32).

Everett: Murder, non-negligent manslaughter, none (1); robbery, 5 (5); aggravated assault, 3 (3); burglary, 164 (166); larceny, 1,028 (935); auto theft, 63 (56).

Spokane: Murder, non-negligent manslaughter, 5 (4); robbery, 82 (349); aggravated assault, 92 (133); burglary, 4,481 (3,754); larceny, 19,660 (18,889); auto thefts, 2,028 (2,097).

Tacoma: Murder, non-negligent manslaughter, 2 (none); robbery, 70 (76); aggravated assault, 56 (40); burglary, 747 (608); larceny, 2,657 (2,751); auto thefts, 329 (379).

Vancouver: Murder, non-negligent manslaughter, 1 (none); robbery, 10 (5); aggravated assault, 9 (3); burglary, 98 (101); larceny, 421 (450); auto thefts, 68 (47).

Yakima: Murder, non-negligent manslaughter, 1 (none); robbery, 23 (9); aggravated assault, 19 (28); burglary, 275 (216); larceny, 2,090 (1,846); auto thefts, 119 (95).

Bakery Co. Head Tells Of Attempt To Extort Money

WASHINGTON — An official of a Philadelphia baking company testified Tuesday he was told that \$30,000 could halt a violent union organizing drive against his company.

He said emphatically that Horn & Hardart wasn't interested in any proposition of that nature.

Daniel J. Hanlon Jr., chief counsel for the company, told the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee.

Hanlon testified that the suggestion for the \$30,000 payment was relayed to him from Samuel "Shorty" Feldman, a business agent for Teamster Local 829 in Philadelphia during the organization drive in 1955.

The go-between in a telephone conversation, he said, was Solomon Joseph Freedman, Philadelphia, a supplier of fresh fruits and vegetables to the company which operates a chain of restaurants and bakeries.

"I cut Mr. Freedman off so sharply he couldn't go into any details," Hanlon told the committee.

Leading up to the story of the alleged shakedown attempt, the committee developed testimony from Hanlon and other company officials of repeated acts of violence during the 1955-56 union organizing drive. They placed the number of such violent actions, including beating of employees, at 129 or 135.

Last Remaining Area Of Oregon Now Mapped

SALEM — Oregon's last remaining unmapped area—a section of Harney and Malheur counties—has been mapped, state Highway Engineer W. C. Williams reports.

The state mapping was done by the U.S. Geological Survey, Highway Commission and U.S. Forest Service. It involved the use of aerial photographs.

The Geological Survey mapped Western Oregon, the Highway Commission most of Eastern Oregon, and the Forest Service mapped all forest lands.

Atomic Training School Scheduled At Hanford Plant

SEATTLE — An atomic training school for graduate students will be operated by the University of Washington at the Hanford atomic plant in south central Washington.

A contract for the school has been approved by the university's Board of Regents. Negotiated by the U.W. and the Atomic Energy Commission, the program becomes effective July 1.

The school will be similar to projects at other atomic plants in the nation where universities administer graduate schools under AEC contracts.

To be known as the University of Washington Center for Graduate Study at Hanford, the program will replace the nuclear engineering school conducted since 1946 by the General Electric Co. under a cooperative arrangement between U.W., Washington State College, Oregon State College and the University of Idaho.

A UW spokesman said the other Northwest schools will be invited to participate in the new center and recognize its courses.

The program will be supported by the AEC with an annual grant set at \$34,390 for the first year. Students will pay course fees.

The graduate center will offer instruction at the upper division and graduate level in nuclear, chemical, civil, electrical, mechanical and metallurgical engineering, radiobiology, physics, chemistry and mathematics.

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