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THANK YOU

By Charles V. Stanton

AT HOME — finally — At long last they let me out of that institution, supposed to be the best in Oregon. This indicates no criticism of that wonderful hospital.

I have no reason to say it is not the best in Oregon, the claim they make for it. In fact, I'm inclined to go along with the claim, particularly as it applies to equipment, service, building, personnel, and other such factors. It is a wonderful place to be FROM as soon as you can get out.

I am very sincere in my praise for and my gratitude to the Sacred Heart Hospital, but I am mighty happy to be home after a hospital experience of more than two months.

What do you suppose was the first surprise to meet my eyes upon my return home? You could never guess in the world, so I'll tell you that it was a gift from the staff and crew of *The News-Review*. They bought me a beautiful chaise longue — aluminum frame, rubber tires, foam rubber mattress, etc. It is a wonderful gift: a very great surprise!

My *News-Review* crew wasn't expecting me to die. A great many folks, including some of my doctors, weren't too hopeful for a few days. My crew was getting ready to help me LIVE. I've already used that gift very freely and have enjoyed it every minute.

Gifts Appreciated

Sherman Adams, presidential aide, it seems, is under heavy fire because he took some gifts. Well, if they want to can me for accepting this and the many other fine gifts I received while I was sick, I'm now one of the unemployed. I have no thought of giving up any one of them. They are all much too precious to me.

I have three sections of my yard devoted to the many plants that came to me, along with gorgeous bouquets of flowers. I have some splendid bouquets that I'm not yet able to read. Father Pius, hospital chaplain, gave me one of his fine paintings. I had more than 300 cards, letters and notes — and they're still coming. I have this grand chaise longue, that gives me untold satisfaction and pleasure. And hundreds of other gifts, particularly of service, for which I am extremely grateful.

If anyone thinks I am going to give back one of those hundreds of gifts and satisfactions, he is woefully mistaken. Take my job if you want! I'll find another or go unemployed! But nothing in the world will ever take away my gratitude for the gifts, the remembrances, the kind words of card and message that came when I needed them most. Don't try to tell me people aren't good!

Staff Commended

There was no good reason why the people of *The News-Review* should have bought me a gift. The wonderful job they did keeping the newspaper going while I was getting a rest in the hospital was gift enough, goodness knows.

I am supposed to be setting policy and giving guidance to the newspaper. That has been the purpose of my long experience. But I quickly learned that I have a top organization. Things went on beautifully without me.

I had a boss once who, when it came to a matter of dispensability, proposed that the man who thought he was not dispensable, put his thumb in a pail of water, pull it out real quick, then look for the hole. I've tried to keep that illustration before me all these days.

My place as head of our organization comes to me because I have had many years dealing with all kinds of situations. In all my long experience I have never known a better staff and crew. Every person accepted his or her responsibility. You were given an excellent newspaper. I know, because I never missed reading a copy thoroughly, as soon as I was able.

To those who made that fine newspaper possible, who are continuing to carry on this responsibility, who gave me such a fine present, I can only say thanks — and, boy, how I mean it!

From here on I'll be able to keep in closer touch with what's going on. I don't walk well yet. After being in bed for nearly two months, I've lost my coordination. My head knows where I want to go, but my feet won't go where I expect them to. But I should be over that in a few days, then I'll be able to get around and say in person the many words of thank you I can't put down here.

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

That waffles were first introduced into this country by Thomas Jefferson, who bought a waffle iron in Holland . . . Jefferson also helped popularize the tomato, which had been thought of as poisonous and was known as "the love apple."

That if all the oceans were to dry up, enough salt would be left to bury an area the size of England 35 miles deep.

That Johnny Desmond, now starring on Broadway in "Say, Darling," observes, "when a man avoids making his father's mistakes he usually winds up making his grandfather's."

That the main reason bread becomes stale is that the starch in it crystallizes. (Yeah, but now that we know why, what can we do about it?)

That, despite the bad reputation of Sunday drivers, Saturday is the deadliest day of the week in terms of traffic fatalities.

That in 1904 there were 700 trucks in the United States. Today there are more than ten million.

That the menu at the Cafe St. Denis Hotel reads this bon mot: "The man who gives way when he knows he is wrong is wise. The man who gives way when he knows he is in the right is merely married."

That when our postal system started letters were sent without envelopes (Privacy took a licking!)

Easy Teeth Picking

That members of a tribe in New Guinea are so proud of their teeth they carry walking sticks with one end split into many small spiked bristles, so they can pick their teeth while out for a stroll.

That here's a new tip for do-it-yourself fans: Drop a piece of charcoal in your tool box. It will absorb moisture and help keep your tools from rusting.

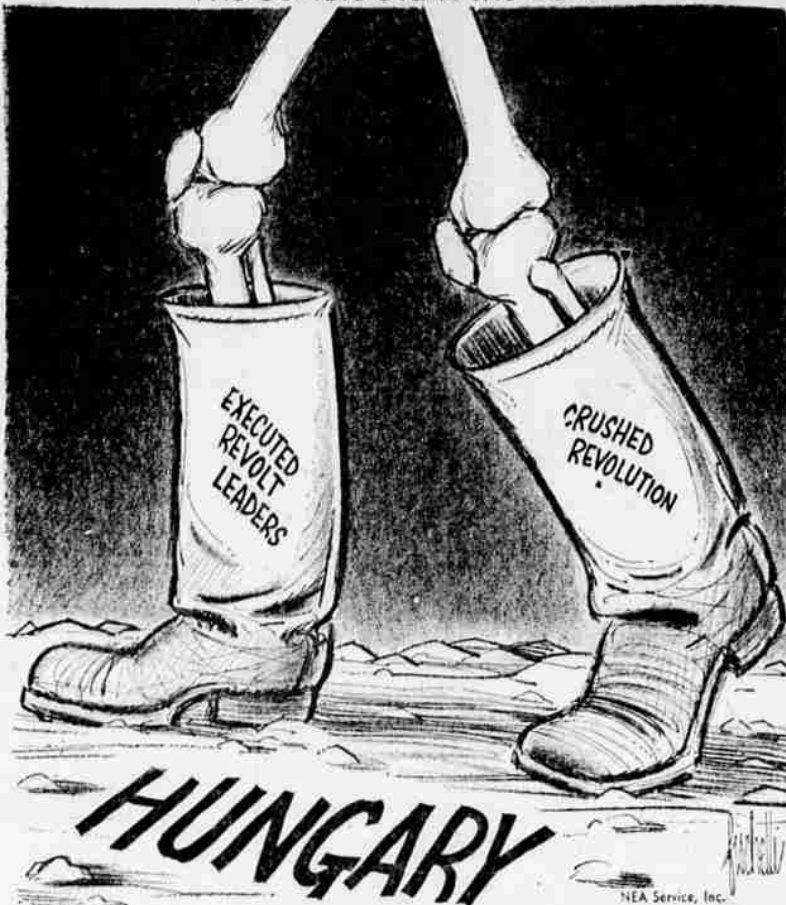
That sea lions give off a sweet scent to let their cubs know where they are. (What will science discover next?)

That isn't it odd how any number of people can explain nuclear fusion — but nobody can tell you just how a zipper works?

That comedian George De Witt points out, "A worm has one big advantage over people. He can't fall down on the job."

That if your wife has been

The Soviets Stalk the Land



Peter Edson

Reader Opinions

Winston Reader Claims Future Kicked In Pants

WASHINGTON — (NEA)—With in the coming month, U.S. Air Force is expected to announce selection of contractors to build the "Dynosoar," which may be America's first manned space vehicle.

There is no indication yet, when it might be ready for flight.

The name "Dynosoar," which sounds like a bad scientific pun, comes from a contraction of "dynamic soaring."

The "Dynosoar" was described to congressional committees by Lt. Gen. Donald L. Putt, Air Force deputy chief of staff for development, as a manned orbiting vehicle, a glide bomber, a successor to the strategic power bombers like the B-47 and B-52 now in service. It would have a complete weapons system.

By changing the boost of the glide bomber on its launching, it could be made to go around the world one or more times. It would then return to its launching site undamaged, and capable of being used on later missions.

IT WOULD RE-ENTER the atmosphere in a series of glides. This would decelerate its speed enough to permit its safe landing, without burning up, without parachutes and without destroying the man who pilots this space ship.

Dr. Walter R. Dornberger, technical assistant to the president of Bell Aircraft, former head of German V-2 development, told a missile industry press conference here that the first man sent aloft in this orbiting vehicle will not have an easy time of it.

He will have to be enclosed in a water casket and given a hypodermic shot which will knock him out for the duration of the flight.

But his body will be so instrumented that, on his return to earth, scientists will be able to measure what he has been through in slowing down from space travel to the normal pulls and pressures of gravity.

It is only in this way that protection can be built into the plane for the future, so that the pilot can make conscious flights and control his ship.

IN SPITE OF THE HANDICAP of this first manned flight beyond the atmosphere, Dr. Dornberger insists that man in space will not be a nuisance.

The man in the space ship would be like a scientist in a laboratory. He would supervise, monitor and adjust.

The instruments in space vehicles will be so complicated that they cannot possibly be expected to operate automatically on flights lasting days, weeks or even months.

National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics and the U.S. aircraft industry have had manned flight projects under development since 1951. There has been considerable criticism on delays. Several proposals have been submitted to the Air Force, but decisions have been slow.

THERE IS MORE URGENCY in this project now. For as Dr. Dornberger points out, "The nation that first solves the problem of safe return will rule space."

The problem was solved theoretically with the X-15 plane, says Dr. Dornberger. But it has not been proved.

He believes that it can be achieved, step by step. Go higher and higher each time. And come back safely each time. There is no point in putting man in an environment where he cannot survive.

With a smile, Dr. Dornberger predicts that all this can be done, "in four years and nine months from the time the scientists get the green light to go ahead." Precisely.

cleaning her wool rug with soap, tell her this. The soap leaves a film that attracts fresh dirt.

That someone has figured out it takes only 13 facial muscles to smile but 47 to frown. So why isn't everyone laughing?

That it was Benjamin Franklin who said, "If a man could have half his wishes, he would double his troubles."

Committee, County Court Lauded For Conservatism

I wish to express my approval of the County Court and Budget Committee in being rather conservative in their stands in recent discussions.

One thing is certain in economics: If you raise wages, you'll raise prices and costs. Labor and taxes are two great fundamental costs in production, and the price that commodities sell for are reflected from these costs. Look how automobiles have risen, or railroad rates.

So far as farm property is concerned, 10 to 20 per cent of what our places usually gross are paid out in property taxes.

It is good to see our county court stand up to various pressure groups which are assailing them.

E. F. Strong
Oakland, Ore.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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of the distant past. It went like this: "Such is life in the Far West — where one lives and two starve to death."

It was accompanied by a shrug of the shoulders, and in its day was quite the last word in American slang.

Well— Nobody starves to death out here any more. Our BIG problem is to get the food surpluses in the warehouses eaten up so they will no longer hang over the agricultural markets like a dark thundercloud.

But let's get on with this atomic radiation business. Here's the other side of it:

The army corps of engineers will drop a barrel of IRRADIATED gold and mud to the bottom of San Francisco bay this week. Colonel John S. Harnett, district engineer, says the radioactive gold particles will be traced to find out where and how far silt drifts.

He adds that about six million cubic yards of silt pour into the

bay every year from the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and the army spends about a million dollars a year dredging and dumping silt. He says the engineers hope to find out where sediment piles up so that eventually they can use it economically to reclaim land for future use.

How will the irradiated gold particles help? They will be traced with Geiger counters, which will click when they pass over places where the irradiated silt has been deposited. That will provide information as to where the silt deposits are accumulating.

Hmmmmmm. Up here in the north, we think that if more dams were built to store up the water that falls in the winter less silt would be carried down to San Francisco bay to create siltation problems.

At the same time, there would be more water available for use in the dry summer season.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D. D.

(Written for NEA Service)
No one has yet become the person he ought to be. Few people achieve the goals of being the persons they wanted to become. Yet anyone who prays is not the person he used to be.

As people look back on yesterday or last year, they see their failures and weaknesses standing out in bas-relief against the background of their ideals. Even a brief evaluation of one's self points out many shortcomings. Many folks casually note their errors and go merrily along the way making more mistakes. They do not profit by their experiences.

All of us should gaze intently into the mirrors of ourselves and correct the things we do not like. We should strive to change our habits so that we may more nearly become the persons we ought to be. With God's help we may make more changes for the better than by merely trying to prod our wayward selves.



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We, the Knights of Pythias Girls Drum and Bugle Corps of Roseburg, wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to everyone for your splendid support in making our trip possible to the Junior Chamber of Commerce national convention in Los Angeles, Calif., June 15 through 19.

We had a fine trip, and the experience we gained on this trip will mean a lot to us in the future. Although there were no prizes given for marching units in the parade, we were given special honor or recognition for our group for its appearance. We were also commended highly on the fine conduct of our girls, and we were asked to come back again.

Thanks again for your wonderful support. We appreciate it very much.

Bill Black, director
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