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SHRINKING EARNING POWER

By Charles V. Stanton

Comment was made in this column not long ago about the narrowing of wage earning base and the increased financial load placed on wage earners.

I have since heard considerable comment on this point. It is something, I believe, everyone should consider, particularly when it comes to electing freependers to political office.

Attention was called to the fact that more and more of our teen-agers and our young adults are going on to high school and into universities, colleges and other institutions of higher education. That is fine! I believe the modern world demands the best education possible. But already more than 40 per cent of our population is being supported in school.

We must consistently keep larger armed forces. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guards. The world as it now exists requires a big enough force to be able to fight at any time and any place. We don't have a year or more to get ready for a war as has happened in the past.

We are keeping up a great welfare load. Many of our welfare clients need public help. Others are chiselers. We are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars simply for salaries for case workers and others in the welfare department. Is all this welfare needed?

More Compensation Wanted

Every time the Legislature meets there is demand for additional unemployment compensation.

Unemployment compensation, we all know, is a fine thing for the man who needs it. It gives him something on which to live, and at the same time, it helps keep up our general economy. I am not against unemployment compensation in general. On the other hand, is a man entitled to compensation if he has a comparatively high annual earning? Is a man entitled to compensation if he is making no active effort to find a job?

Existing rules require that he must be looking for work, but he doesn't have to take a job if it isn't exactly the kind of a job he quit. The law is full of loopholes. Every legislature is asked to add more benefits to support the beneficiary in idleness for a longer period. Benefits are given seasonal workers, particularly workers in canneries. Right now our compensation fund is at an extremely low level. Employers are being hard hit because merit rating has been discontinued.

A few persons insist that the compensation fund should be materially increased; that benefits should be larger and should be given for longer periods. They point out that all compensation insurance is paid by the employer and none by the workman, so why not hit the employer with any kind of a financial club that may be handy?

But the employer normally is one who can add that expense to his cost of doing business. Thus, the cost of living climbs consistently and the wage earner, actually, is the one who pays in the long run. How much good is the worker being done by those of his leaders who want to add to his burden?

More Spending Urged

We have been through a session of Congress in which demands have been made for more money for schools, already taking the major part of our tax dollar. More money is wanted for this and that.

One of our Oregon congressmen, who poses as a friend of the common man, is urging more money for a federal health program, family allowance and other benefits.

In the meantime, the taxpayer is supporting the pensioner, he is paying a subsidy to certain farmers, some mineral producers, various forms of transportation, etc. He is putting up housing for people who don't have jobs. He is clearing slums, etc. and etc. Doing good is a fine thing, but how far can we afford to go?

Today many a man and his wife have to work to make both ends meet. We find a great army of "moonlighters," people who, under today's short work week, are holding down two jobs and two salaries. The average wage earner is finding the rising cost of living to be a decided handicap.

Yet our do-gooders are constantly wanting to spend more money. Our percentage of wage earners, with relation to those who must be supported, those who are eating at the public trough, lessens steadily.

Isn't it about time we began electing practical people to public office instead of those who offer more expenditures as the cure for every political evil?

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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and diplomatically it is indefensible.

I always find it difficult to agree with Senator Humphrey, but on this particular occasion he has a point. The Formosa situation has become critical in the midst of a bit-tiny fought political campaign. It came to a head after the congress had adjourned.

NOTHING comes closer to the lives of all the people than foreign policy. Foreign policy can re-

Little Radio-Activity Increase Seen In Foods

WASHINGTON (AP) — The great majority of foods covered in a special study show no significant increases in radio-activity since 1945, the Food and Drug Administration reported today.

However, certain sea foods, dairy products and tea did show increased radioactivity. None was found to be dangerous.

The findings were made in a comparison of pre-1945 food samples with more recent samples. The year 1945 marked the advent of the atomic age, with the explosion of the first atomic bomb.

First Giant Step



Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

(Written for NEA Service)

Don't ever take your eyes off the ball if you are going to be a success at golf. Don't ever take your eyes off the runway, if you are going to make a gentle three-point landing with your personal plane. Don't ever take your eyes off the highway if you are going to drive your car safely.

Many an accident has happened because people failed to pay attention to their business. People have been killed because someone was not alert to the sudden need for avoiding danger.

If you would strive for higher spiritual values, do not take your eyes off God. If you turn aside to look at the passing scene, you may lose control of your soul and your mind.

Rest Home Romance Joins Ages 90 And 85

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP)

"Our rooms were close together here at the rest home and we saw each other every day and decided it would be nice to live together by ourselves."

Thus William L. Moulton, 85, explains how he and his new bride, Lydia, 90, came to wed.

They have moved from the Palm Lane Rest Home in nearby Alta Loma to a four-room cottage on the grounds, and intend to live out their lives there.

Both have married children by previous marriages.

The wedding ceremony last Sunday was double ring. There were 90 guests and the reception was "full of joy and fun for everyone."

—Warren Rogers Jr.—

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Nixon has taken over the direction of the Republican party's platform and, one way or another, it should have a profound effect on his personal political future.

Nixon could have held aloof and quietly husbanded his strength for the presidential race in 1960. Instead, he chose to pitch in with exertions matching in frequency and vehemence his campaign efforts in 1954 when, as now, he was not a candidate.

The tide seems to be running against the Republicans. Democrats confidently predict big gains in both House and Senate and even control of California, second only to New York in political importance.

Nixon's campaign oratory was stinging sharp. He accused the Truman administration of being spendthrift and yet miserly with defense funds. He said it "spent more on peanuts than on missiles."

When the Democrats published a manifesto of Eisenhower's foreign policy, Nixon fired back that "the Acheson foreign policy resulted in war and the Eisenhower-Dulles policy resulted in peace."

In the wake of this, Eisenhower and Dulles told their news conferences they hoped foreign policy would be kept out of the campaign. They appeared to frown on Nixon's slashing statements. But, after the vice president had a number of telephone conversations with Washington, they announced full support for him.

Eisenhower sent Nixon a telegram saying no one could outdo Nixon when it came to defending the administration against Democratic attacks on its foreign policy. Eisenhower generally has let Nixon do the campaign talking about domestic affairs, and the telegram seemed to give him a go-ahead in full.

—Hal Boyle—

ABOARD THE S.S. BRASIL AT SEA (AP) — You don't have to ride a rocket into outer space today to "get away from it all."

You can do it more comfortably and successfully by taking a cruise.

The tensions of ordinary life ashore begin to disappear as soon as the ship pulls away from the pier. You fret briefly over whether you brought the right kind of clothes. You are a bit uneasy over whether you'll get a good seat in the dining room, or a deck chair in the right location.

But in another day all these minor doubts disappear. You find out that as long as you dress sensibly and don't try to storm the dining room in a bikini, it makes little real difference what you wear or where you sit.

The sea breeze is like a benediction, cleansing your mind and soul of its accumulated land-grime and pettiness of thought and action.

The endless immensity of wave and sky has a curious double effect on you. It sober you with a realization of how small a thing man is physically in comparison with the giant forces of nature.

At the same time it lifts you spiritually, and you sense that in some wonderful way you are an eternal part of something larger than yourself. It is as if the sea had become a church.

The modern ocean-going liner is like a floating city deliberately designed to make everyone happy.

Preference Explained

This new 25 million dollar Moore McCormack vessel, the largest ever built for the South American trade, is a good example of why hundreds of thousands of travelers still prefer to sail the ocean rather than skip over it by plane. They cling to the theory that the real enjoyment of a journey lies in the going—not just the getting there.

So this two-block-long vessel was designed to wait out worries and wait in as many comforts as possible. The Brasil is a miniature metropolis, air-conditioned throughout—so you can pick your own climate.

It has all-weather cabins with piped in music. It has a library, a movie with the latest Hollywood films, a gymnasium, a card room, a night club, a beauty parlor, a barber shop, a hospital and rooms in which you can learn the cha-cha or study a foreign language. It carries two ministers.

Medford Man Seeks Idaho Radio Permit

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Oregon man has asked permission from the Federal Communications Commission to build a new radio station in Idaho.

The application to build a new standard daytime station at Boise was made Friday by John B. Kluckert of Medford. He said it would operate on 860 kilocycles, 1 kilowatt.

BALLOT MEASURE

Modifying County Debt Limit Bill Would Give Legislature Authority To Fix Limitations

By CHARLES V. STANTON

News-Review Editor

Proposition No. 6 — MODIFYING COUNTY DEBT LIMIT

PURPOSE — Authorizes Legislature to fix maximum limitation on county bonded indebtedness incurred in carrying out purposes prescribed by law.

EXPLANATION — The Oregon Constitution now provides that counties may not create bonded indebtedness of more than \$5,000 EXCEPT to repel invasion, suppress insurrection or to maintain permanent roads. A county may not issue bonds to build a courthouse, or for any capital investment, if the amount is more than \$5,000.

Counties have, in the past, created sinking funds to be used when the money had been paid in, established a special millage, or have used other devices for fund raising. The law prohibits bond issues.

The proposed law would allow counties to issue bonds as is done by cities, school districts and other taxing bodies. The limit would be 2 per cent of assessed valuation. Projects for which bonds could be issued would be set by the Legislature. Bonds could be issued only by vote of the people.

FOR—Counties should have the same right as other taxing bodies to issue bonds for projects which cannot be paid for at one time. Use of bonds would be limited by legislative authority. A vote of the people would be required before any bond is issued.

AGAINST—Counties presently are doing well and need no additional money raising power. Two per cent of valuation is too much. People often are willing to vote bonds, but pile up long range debts hard to pay in bad times.

RECOMMENDATION—Douglas County currently is in excellent financial condition. We have money coming in from timber lands sold by the county, from O & C money and from Forest Service funds. We have had to levy only for general road and school purposes. Running expenses have been paid from forest income. Our courthouse expansion was paid from a sinking fund set up for that purpose. We have other money in sinking funds established for capital investment. In this locality we do not need the measure immediately. The power for bond issues is needed particularly in counties with relatively small budgets. There is the continuing danger that people will vote more bonds than they can afford to pay in hard times. But, inasmuch as a vote of the people is required before any debt of more than \$5,000 may be incurred, a "Yes" vote is weakly recommended.

Editors Note—Above is another of the articles dealing with summaries of measures to appear on the Nov. 4 election ballot. It is suggested that the information be clipped for study prior to election. Any recommendation is advisory only—CVS.

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The International Convention of Christian Churches devoted itself today to an examination of their reason for being — "A passion for Christian unity."

Ministers and laymen at the annual assembly heard again the old story of why they are "a peculiar people."

Their old slogans rang through the convention hall: "No creed but Christ... New testament Christianity... In opinions, liberty... The Church of Christ on earth is one... Every man his own priest..."

The old hymn — "We are the only Christians" — was denounced anew.

The Rev. Granville T. Walker, minister of University Christian Church at Fort Worth and president of the convention, struck a note of urgency for the 8,000 at the service of inspiration and devotion which opened the sessions Friday night.

"Some are saying it is too soon for a united church. It is too late for anything else. We do not know how much time is left in which to do in our world what Christians know ought to be done."

"But even in this situation some are standing pat. Looking at the race problem they say it is too soon for Christian brotherhood. Looking at world politics, they insist it is too soon for any kind of world law and order. It is too late for anything else. In the kind of world we live in, it is too late to bear any less effective witness than the witness which only one great church can bear."

Dr. A. T. DeGroot, chairman of the Department of Church History at Texas Christian University, talked of the heritage of the unity mission at the second session this morning.

"A peculiar people" was a favorite phrase of our fathers to designate our movement," he said. "This convention represents the largest religious body of American origin. Without benefit of immigrant members from abroad, our plea has rallied over two million adherents. Every Lord's Day 2,000 new members are added. Every Lord's Day more than a million dollars is laid before the altars of our 8,000 churches for local witness and worship. Nearly \$300,000 is dedicated each week to the larger mission beyond local borders."

Reader Opinions

Show Of Force Needed To Combat Communism

I so fully agreed with the recent letter of Dr. Mooers, the fine doctor next door, that when Congressman Porter's letter appeared in Thursday's issue of The News-Review, I could not still the urge to write.

I do not feel that small islands as such, are worth a war, but I am fully persuaded that the only way to keep from a war, that might well end civilization as we know it, is to meet Communist aggressive desires with the only language they know—the show of force.

I, too, was opposed to our recognizing Russia in 1932. To me, she had not gained, nor had she today, a sufficient respectability for such relations. Russia was on Hitler's side in the rape of Poland and purely to blame for the rape of Finland, the only nation to continue paying her debts to us. One also could mention Russia's strangulation of the liberty-loving governments of Latvia and Estonia.

Russia looked on as a silent partner while France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Norway were overrun in 1940. I did not feel sorry for the movement, as such, when two international thugs, both bent on world domination, ended up quarreling over the division of the loot.

Herbert Hoover's name has been anathema to some minds, but he did say that any assistance we might offer Russia would only further the cause of world communism. We have only to see the frustrating conditions in Poland, East Germany, Austria, Hungary, Roumania and Red China to see the extent to which the ex-president's observations have come true. Eight hundred million people are under the barbaric domination of Russia instead of enjoying the four freedoms.

We need have no more repetitions of Yalta, Teheran and Potsdam before realizing that in Communism we are dealing with cold, calculating men; men whose promises mean nothing and who, given opportunity, would stop at nothing to gain their ends—world Communism.

That, briefly, is why I am opposed to seating Red China in the United Nations.

Many professions demand a moral standard, separate and apart from academic qualifications. This is true of Mr. Porter's profession.

It is true of Dr. Mooers' profession, and of mine. It also is true of many lodges, fraternities and virtually all church groups. Mr. Porter remarked that seating Red China would place her in the group of nations dedicated to peace. I believe it would not be a move toward peace but another strengthening vote for the Communist bloc, which has not furthered peace half as much as it has perpetuated the cold war.

Mr. Porter took a decided interest in an American flier lost in Central America. In that I agreed, if one man's efforts could be spread that far, I'm wondering what reactions would come to Mr. Porter after interviewing every wife, sweetheart, sister or mother of some boy lost in Korea. The Korean war was a war of aggression with the aid of Russian equipment and training personnel.

I want a record of deeds for a number of years yet before pledging China a place of honor in a group of nations of high moral principles.

Dr. W. L. Miller, D.M.D., 1038 W. Harvard Ave., Roseburg, Ore.

Religious Program's Crack-Down Discouraged

For the past few weeks a children's religious program has been broadcast over one of the Radio stations in Roseburg. This program was called Betty Jo.

I listened to this young lady on several of her programs. It was biblical—all biblical. What denomination she represented was never in any way mentioned. So far as I could tell, she just wished to give a program for the kids. She wasn't trying to sell any books, or any particular kind of religion. She merely wanted to talk to the kids about Jesus Christ and the Bible, in a language the small fry could understand.

This country of ours is supposed to be a Christian and free country. We brag about our free press, our religious freedom, our freedom of speech. But I am informed that a certain organization went to the manager of that radio station and forced a cease fire on this program.

I am not a very religious man, but I do give to each and every person the right and privilege of having teaching, believing in and working for his own particular religious belief. To be so narrow-minded, or stupid, as to use force of numbers to prevent anyone from working for or speaking their religious belief, is more un-American than is Communism or any of the other unAmericanisms.

The persons who committed this act should be very much ashamed. Christ said, "If they are not for me they are against me." I detect narrow-mindedness, especially if it is used to bully and pressure any person or belief.

Albert Lee Tomison, P.O. Box 565, Myrtle Creek, Ore.

Multnomah Asks Bridge Approach For Hotel

PORTLAND (AP) — The next Oregon Legislature will be asked to authorize Multnomah County to lease the west approaches to the Morrison Bridge for a proposed multi-million dollar hotel.

Commissioner Jack Bain said Friday he would ask legislative approval after the district attorney's office questioned the authority of the county to lease the Portland right-of-way.

Warm Springs Police Abolition To Be Asked

PORTLAND (AP) — The next Legislature will be asked to abolish the tribal police force on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

After a 14-month study, the Legislative Interim Committee on Indian Affairs Friday said a special Indian law enforcement system was "counter to the treasured American concept of first-class citizenship for all."

The tribal force now handles all offenses except those which fall under federal jurisdiction.

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