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COMMUNICATE!

By Charles V. Stanton

Politicians of the "liberal" school are very free to tell us that the islands off the Chinese coast aren't worth fighting over.

Do the Communist Chinese feel that way, too?

If so, isn't it rather odd that they are spending millions of dollars for ammunition, equipment and men to bombard the two strongholds?

Someone should tell the "heathen chinee," as we are being told by our "liberals," that the islands have no military importance.

It will be recalled that we once said we had no use for Southern Korea, that it wasn't essential for defense. We pulled out. Do you recall what happened?

Wasn't the language used concerning the evacuation of South Korea, and the resulting vacuum, virtually the same as our liberals are using today? Wasn't it "liberals" who spread the propaganda that we didn't want South Korea and left an opening for the Commies. Then, who was it that kept us in the only war we weren't permitted to win? Who stopped us when we were in a position for victory?

Yet we're being given the same line today. And many people are swallowing it, swallowing it because we don't like war.

People Are Afraid

War is a terrible thing. We're all afraid of war. The next war, if it's an all out thing, will take in civilians and military alike. It could even destroy civilization.

But because an all out war is such a terrible prospect, there isn't much danger that any nation will want one. Instead, we're apt to have a series of small wars, wars such as the Arab situation, the Chinese outbreak, and the many other fringe affairs of recent years.

We have taken it upon ourselves to be the world's policemen. We never asked for the job. We don't want it. We have tried and we're still doing our best to push that job off on the United Nations. We're begging the U.N. to set up a military force. We're offering in a roundabout way to finance the whole thing if the U.N. will only do something.

But the U.N. is marking time. Great Britain, which acted as world policemen for many years, using its men and its fleet whenever trouble occurred, is no longer the power it once was. We've had to take over the uniform the British once wore. It doesn't fit us too well. We've made a lot of mistakes as a rookie. But we're trying to do the best we can.

Then, while we're endeavoring to keep things under control, and hold down neighborhood fights, our "liberals" are standing on the curbs and criticizing our every move.

Hoodlums Given Help

Does a policeman "recognize" or even "communicate" with a hoodlum? Is a hoodlum to be appeased by giving him the apples he's trying to steal? Does a good policeman stand aside while the hoodlum runs off with anything he wants?

Our "liberals" told us that the Chinese Communist was only an "agrarian reformer." We withdrew our support from the Nationalist government and let the Reds take over. One of our "liberals" was offended by Chiang, so China was surrendered. You'll recall no doubt that Chiang was deserted by the "liberals." It was the "liberals" who told us the Chinese Communists were nice people; that Chiang was really the villian.

It was "liberals" as one of our letter writers pointed out, who "recognized" Red Russia against the advice of many political leaders of the day. It was a "liberal" leader and group that sold us down the river at Potsdam and Yalta, even though "Winnie" Churchill, from his warhorse experience, told us exactly what would happen.

It is the same crowd today that wants to play footsie with Red China. Our horror of war is being used to scare us into accepting hoodlums into association. Our horror of war is being used to destroy our efficiency as a world policeman.

Have your heard the talks or read the releases of what terrible things we'll suffer just for the sake of a couple of islands offshore from China. We're told they aren't worth fighting for. But we'd like to have someone tell that to the guys who are sending over thousands of rounds of ammunition daily!

Our Latin American dictators, we are told, are terrible people. One of those dictators, it is claimed, even consented and maybe engineered the death of a boy from Eugene who participated in the intrigue of his country.

How many American boys were killed in Korea by Red dictators? And who is now proposing to be palsy-walsy with the Reds? Red China, we're told is a nation. We shouldn't put our heads in the sand. We should "recognize," — excuse me, "communicate" — with Red China.

Remember what happened when we started "communicating" with Red Russia?

National Cancer Society Rejects Proposal To Test Krebiozen In Treatments

NEW YORK (AP)—The American Cancer Society has rejected a proposal to test the value of the controversial drug Krebiozen in the treatment of cancer patients.

The proposal, made by the Krebiozen Research Foundation in Chicago, was turned down Friday by the society's board of directors.

The society said the proposal did not provide for the evaluation to be conducted by a competent and objective independent group and did not provide clearcut standards for measuring or defining the results of the tests.

The Krebiozen Research Foundation said in Chicago it was astonished by the society's decision and added:

"The reasons given by the American Cancer Society fail to justify its refusal to test Krebiozen and reveal an unwillingness to end the controversy over this drug."

Krebiozen, derived from horse serum, has been promoted privately as a treatment for cancer.

Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, a physiologist of the University of Illinois, reported in 1951 that the drug caused regression of some tumors and relief of pain.

In the same year, the American Medical Assn. reported that 100 cancer patients who underwent control treatment with the drug showed no improvement.

In The Day's News

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fered to put up the ruble equivalent of 100 million dollars to build the first stage of the dam. This morning the offer was followed up by a statement that work will start soon, since the Nile flood season is just ending.

The deal was negotiated by Egyptian Vice-President Abdel Hakim Amer. It was completed in Moscow and was followed by a reception at the Kremlin in the course of which Mr. Amer remarked that "the Soviet Union has proved that it is the friend of all the Arab peoples."

Presumably, after that, there was another round of vodka — regardless of Mr. Khrushchev's recent ukase limiting Russians to one shot.

What interests me at the moment is the way the story (date at Cairo) starts off. Its first paragraph reads:

"The Soviet Union scored a major gain in the Middle East with its offer to finance the first stage of the giant Aswan high dam on the Nile."

That is followed by the further statement that it "appears clear that Russia has forged another link in its already close friendship with the United Arab Republic by offering help that the Western powers had REJECTED."

Hmmmmmm.

I wonder.

For years we have been playing Lady Bountiful all over Asia and Africa and the Middle East and Indonesia and goodness knows where else. About all we have got out of it are scorn and contumely and angry shouts of AMERICANS GO HOME!

Maybe—

Instead of donning garments of sackcloth and sprinkling ourselves with ashes—

We'd do better to step gracefully aside and let the Russkies assume the role of Lady Bountiful.

Let THEM, in the inevitable course of time, listen to angry shouts of RUSSIANS GO HOME!

It's only a thought.

But to the American taxpayers it's a rather intriguing thought.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

(Written for NEA Service)

A lot of people have lost their lives through fire. Children like to play with matches, bonfires and torches of various kinds. Time after time this great destroyer consumes property and maims those who are not killed. Fire is no toy and it should not be used carelessly.

Sin is very much like fire in that it may look interesting from a distance. It may create emotional reactions in people. It may even tempt those who know its destructive power to touch it.

The safest way to avoid everlasting fire and eternal spiritual destruction is to avoid sin. We would do well to avoid getting near it, because the very heat of its nearness may have lasting effects.

U. S. Attorneys Attack Actor's Tax Cut Plan

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer Gordon MacRae's tax plan may be used as a test case affecting claims against other celebrities.

Government attorneys in a two-day hearing challenged MacRae's right to invest in government bonds by floating a multimillion dollar loan through which — by deducting the interest — he could lower his taxes. MacRae has asked a ruling on whether he must pay a $139,000 levy.

The Internal Revenue Service said Friday that if MacRae wins it will affect government claims against such celebrities as Van Johnson, Nanette Fabray, Phil Harris and Alice Faye, John Wayne, Cornel Wilde and Jean Wallace, Doris Day and Marty Melcher and Gene Autry.

BALLOT MEASURE

Bill Would Permit Closing Of Tuberculosis Hospitals

By CHARLES V. STANTON
News-Review Editor

Proposition No. 12—AUTHORIZES DISCONTINUING CERTAIN STATE TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALS

PURPOSE—To permit the Board of Control to discontinue using the Eastern Oregon and University State Tuberculosis Hospitals, in whole or in part. Board could designate the use for any other state institution or agency.

EXPLANATION—This proposal is closely related to Proposition No. 8. No. 8 would apply to ALL institutions outside Marion County and would permit the state to make the best use possible. Proposition No. 12 applies only to the TWO TB hospitals at The Dalles and Portland. Modern treatment of TB makes it economical to close one or both of the institutions and to use them for other state functions. The attorney general has held that this proposition is unconstitutional in that it delegates power to the Board of Control when the Constitution says the power must be exercised by the Legislature.

FOR—Passage would, even if unconstitutional, serve as an indication of the will of the people. Proposition No. 8 might not pass. A favorable vote for this measure would permit use of facilities that are not now needed.

AGAINST—The measure is unconstitutional, according to the attorney general, and should not be voted.

RECOMMENDATION—A "Yes" vote is weakly recommended. Proposition 8 should be passed, in which case Proposition No. 12 is useless. However, a favorable vote by the people will act as an indication of public opinion and serve the Legislature in future activity.

Editor's Note — This is another in the series of articles dealing with the measures at the forthcoming general election. It is suggested that all articles be retained for study. Any recommendations contained are those of the writer.

Reader Opinions

'Blank Check' Permit Seen In Measure No. 2

To The Editor — After seeing your editorial on Ballot Measure No. 2, I would like to ask:

Does it make sense to vote a "blank check amendment" into our state constitution, giving our department of veterans affairs almost unlimited opportunity for expansion? Does this seem logical or necessary 12 years after the war is ended and the post-war adjustment period is past?

No one wants to deprive the veterans of their rightful benefits, but why this sudden need for expansion of their program without proper limitations on how far it can go? The sky seems to be the limit if Measure No. 2 is approved by the voters. Here's why:

When the legislature passed this amount for referral to the people, it neglected to provide it with proper safeguards limiting its power and scope. No dollar ceiling nor termination date was included in the measure. The only money limitation is the increase in bonding authority from 4 per cent to 6 per cent of the state's assessed valuation.

Look what has happened already. Even before the voters had a chance to vote on the measure! By changing its assessment ratio to 100 per cent of true value, Multnomah County inadvertently gave the fund an automatic $69,280,000 "windfall." In other words, the veterans' loan fund has already received what the amendment was to provide — before the voters had a chance to vote on it!

This can happen again and again during the next two years as other counties follow the action of Multnomah County. State law requires all counties to change to a uniform assessment ratio by 1961. So, with no dollar ceiling on the veteran loan fund, these "automatic increases" from assessed valuation could mount to astronomical heights.

The World War I Veterans' program dragged on for 31 years and ended up costing the taxpayers over $6,500,000 in additional tax levies before it was terminated in 1952. Let's not let this happen again. At the present rate of [illegible] ing, the $69 million windfall will take care of the state veterans loan needs for years to come. In the meantime, the legislature meeting in January can consider a new amendment — containing the proper safeguards — if we send the faulty Measure 2 to defeat. Don't vote a "blank check amendment" into our state constitution. Vote "NO" on Measure 2.

Everett Mitchell, Secretary
Committee Against Increasing State Debt
Portland, Oregon

America Needs Leaders Instead Of 'Powers'

I am an avid reader of The News-Review and of the editorial column.

I would like to expand a point contained in the editorial Thursday, Oct. 23. The expression was used, "I would like to see someone in power." The use of the word "power" irks me. In my estimation, career politicians "in power" is what is wrong with our country today.

The majority of our politicians are true enough, highly educated, and in many cases wealthy men.

My question is, how well do they represent the interests of the average person? Do they actually understand what the working man is up against?

Every time a new department is added in the government, who pays for it? You don't get something for nothing!

They (the politicians) make promises they can't keep, little knowing what they may encounter when in office. They tell you one thing to get you to pass a law, then, when it is passed, it is different than it was understood it would be.

So why shouldn't the average person shut them off when they come on television?

I am writing this because I am concerned. Are our leaders failing to provide leadership? Let's maintain our American way of life. It is really the best. It is up to our leaders — not powers— to insure us to want to maintain it.

Sally Hughes
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Glide, Ore.

— James Marlow —

WASHINGTON (AP) — This is an ABC on the argument over right-to-work laws which ban the union shop. Eighteen states have such laws now. In six other states, voters will decide Nov. 4 whether they, too, want such laws.

The Taft-Hartley Labor Act of 1947, like the Wagner Act before it, recognizes the right of employes to organize a union to bargain with their employer. But it outlaws the closed shop, under which every employe and every new one hired must be a union member.

T-H permits the union shop where a union and employer agree. This provides that every employe must join the union and every new employe must join within 30 to 60 days of being hired. In a union shop anyone who quits the union loses his job.

But there's a gimmick in T-H on this: it says states can pass laws forbidding the union shop. In the 18 states which have already done so this anti-union shop legislation has become known as the right-to-work law.

Here are the 18 with such laws: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North and South Carolina, North and South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Virginia.

Here are the six in which the right-to-work proposals are a real issue in this year's campaign: Ohio, Kansas, Colorado, Idaho, Washington, California.

Generally, business backs the right-to-work laws while organized labor is the main opponent. There are arguments for and against a union shop.

Against it are these arguments:

1. That in a free society a worker should not have to join a union against his will. Some men have strong principles against union membership—at least for themselves. Some believe that by their own initiative they can get more benefits than are obtainable through a union.

2. That union members may some day get disgusted with their union and want to quit. They know they can't quit where there's a union shop without losing their jobs.

3. That where there's a union but membership is not compulsory the union leaders will be more responsive to the members than where members, as in a union shop, can't quit in protest.

4. That with everyone compelled to join a union—and lose his job if he quits—the door is open for corrupt deals between crooked union leaders and employers. For example: by agreeing on a substandard contract that flimflams the rank-and-file union members.

For the union shop are these arguments:

1. That right-to-work laws weaken, if they do not wreck, unions. For example:

A. In a shop less than 100 per cent organized, a union's strength is less than it might be in bargaining with an employer.

B. In such a place the value or effectiveness of a strike or strike threat—to force an employer to meet the union's demands—is greatly diminished when he knows not all his employes will walk out and shut down his shop.

C. Anti-union shop laws enable an employer to try to wreck a union when, in hiring new employes, he takes on only those opposing unions until they outnumber the union members.

2. That all employes in a group, both union and nonunion, share the benefits won by collective bargaining and thus should have to share the union's expenses by paying dues.

3. That those who believe they can do better by themselves without a union are misguided because a man dealing singly with an employer can't get what a union can bargaining collectively and with the force of numbers.

4. That there's no reason why union leaders should be indifferent to the members' desires, or make deals with the employer at the expense of the rank-and-file members, if the members are alert, go to meetings to see what's going on, and through the democratic process of elections throw out the leaders who betray them.

(A glaring argument against No. 4 is the corruption in the Teamsters' Union, although evidence of such corruption in unions in general has been very small.)

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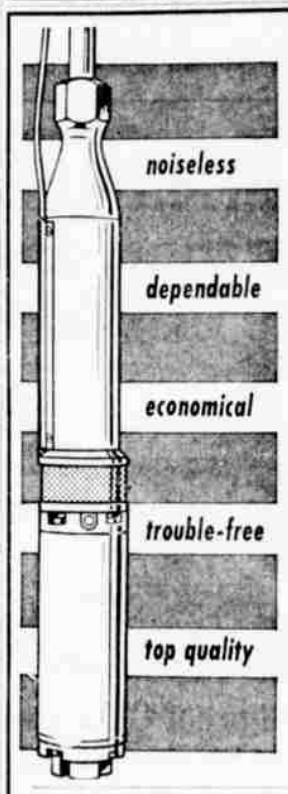

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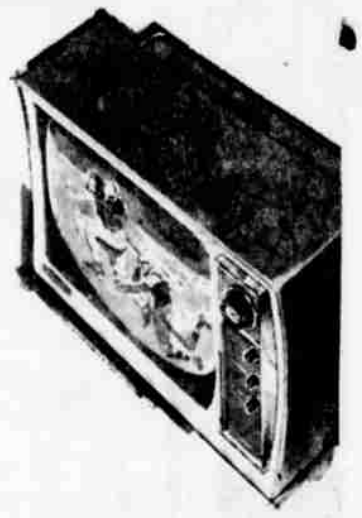

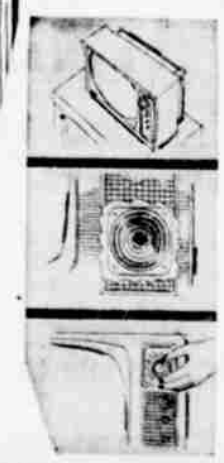

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