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THE WAY OUT

By Charles V. Stanton

Our federal government, it seems to me, continually is "missing the boat." We're outsmarted at every turn. Communist propagandists keep us confused. We are galloped by the so-called cold war. We desire peace. Instead we're forced into an arms race against our will, then, uncomplainingly, we bear the title of "warmonger." We allow ourselves to be yapped at by Castro, who, on the strength of his unresisted insults directed toward the United States, apparently is gaining strength, while he seeks to pry open the door to communist invasion of the western hemisphere.

A good many Americans are critical of what they say is a lack of national stamina or, in other words, what is sometimes called intestinal fortitude.

Allowing ourselves to be walked upon, taking insult without retaliation, isn't a trait of the American people, they claim.

Children have a phrase, "One's afraid and the other dastent." That, in my opinion, is a rather good description of the world situation.

Time Is Sought

It is quite evident that everyone is playing for time. We feel that communism will break of its own weight if we can avoid a clash. History shows that people will live under despotism only about so long. Then they rebel. So, we seek the remedy of time.

Communism, however, is dealing with people who never had anything, food, property or freedom, and to whom the theory of democracy is of no force or effect. All those people want is something to eat. The communist promise of a good meal is a lot more intriguing than our talk of liberty.

Consequently communism also wants time. It wants time to gather enough manpower to crush all opposition. Communism wants to talk, negotiate, argue, explore. That takes time. It creates crisis after crisis to prolong negotiation. It keeps non-communist nations upset and uneasy. From this uneasiness it gains compromise.

Everyone knows that communism doesn't seek agreement. In fact, it thrives on disagreement. It isn't much afraid of war because it hasn't anything anyone wants. An agreement or a treaty is simply something to be broken whenever it is felt the time is right. Then there can be some more talking.

The Marxist theory calls for a permanent revolution. If you have trouble identifying a permanent revolution, think of the continuing war between good and evil. It has been in progress as long as men have been on the earth and will continue so long as we are human. The Marxist doctrine teaches that revolution must continue until all people subscribe to the "infallible theory," either through the death of all who oppose, or slavery produced by fear.

Opportunity Obvious

Consequently communism stands to "bury" us, as Mr. K. has boasted, if we are only kept talking long enough. That's where I say our federal government is missing the boat. We're bungling and fumbling. We're overlooking the obvious solution.

Who in this country has the outstanding record — the championship — for long distance talking? Who can do more talking without results? Who is more ready and fully prepared to talk upon any subject at any time? Who, apparently, has never gained anything, other than headlines, from years of verbosity? Who is more prepared to talk forever without getting anywhere. When it comes to frequent switching of policy, courses and goals, or leading a parade in a half dozen directions at once, who can possibly compare with our American champion?

The answer, it seems to me is so apparent, so obvious that we need not even guess. I would say that our federal government is so blinded by the trees it can't see the forest, as the saying goes.

Isn't Oregon's distinguished senator, Wayne L. Morse, the one and only prospect? Doesn't he assure us victory in the cold war? Isn't our government bungling when it fails to take advantage of his talent?

Can "Kroosh," or any of his comrades, begin to compare in long-winded, aimless discourse with our vocally free-wheeling senator? Isn't our Oregon senator capable of negotiating at any length with any communist concerning any problem over any period of time while beating him hands down in oratorical contest?

Faced with the location of our Oregon senator, Kroosh would be in a hopeless spot.

The Marxist theory permits of no deviation. Deviationists are shot or exiled. Mr. K. could not long, in my opinion, hope to compete in the vocal department with our American champion. Thus he must either surrender, which he can't do; must deviate, which is sure death, or commit suicide, which I favor.

Why can't our federal government appoint our Oregon senator to take on communism single handed? It seems to me to be the very obvious and apparent solution.

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

Selfish Attitude!

DEAR ABBY: You are all wrong about a husband OWING his wife and children protection through life insurance. He owes his CHILDREN security in the event of his death, but why his wife? Since when does a woman need life-long protection? She should go back to being self-supporting the same as before marriage. If a man has no children (or if they are grown) he is nuts to insure himself, because statistics show that women are outliving men by 7 to 10 years, and she will be out living it up while he pushes up tulips. Marriage is a contract between two LIVING people, not a meat ticket for a woman with or without a husband. Your statement needs retraction.

DEAR NOT: Where is the average widow, age 50, going to get a "job"? Most women have spent

the best years of their lives running a home and raising a family, and are "out of training" or ill equipped to support themselves. What would you suggest? The glue factory?

DEAR ABBY: I met a man where I work and fell for him hard. He told me was divorced. I have heard that he is not divorced, only separated, from his wife. He spends a lot of time at her place but says it's because of the kids. How can I find out for sure if he is living under the same roof with her?

MYRTLE

DEAR MYRTLE: Raise it!

DEAR ABBY: Where do you get off telling people it is "proper" for them to knit in company? No lady knits when she is a hostess or guest, for she must give her full attention to others. Knitting requires concentration (a knitter must count stitches) and no one can do justice to a conversation while knitting. If someone wants to be good company, she should leave her knitting home.

AN ABBY READER

DEAR READER: Being no knitter, I cannot speak from experience, but I have seen women knitting in theatres and while watching television and they do it without dropping a stitch or a word or a hint of bad manners.

Peter Edson

Uncertainty Is Certainty For Viet Nam Situation

WASHINGTON — (NEA)—American casualties in South Viet Nam bring the struggle of this little country for independence and freedom from communism much closer to home.

To check up on this situation, Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara is making another of his periodic trips to Pearl Harbor at the end of July for a strategy conference with American commanders in the Pacific and Southeast Asia.

In the face of extremely conflicting reports from Viet Nam itself, the official line in Washington seems to be that the situation isn't as bad as it's portrayed and, "We're still learning." But the lessons, with more American casualties, may become increasingly costly.

The role of American troops is now limited to training and the conduct of supply missions, particularly by helicopter.

One report that Maj. Gen. William B. Rosson, commanding the U.S. military mission to South Viet Nam, thinks American troops should be directly engaged in combat with the Viet Cong Communists is denied in Washington.

Perhaps the most controversial figure in the whole situation is Viet Nam's President Ngo Dinh Diem.

One opinion is that he is responsible for most of his own country's troubles and that he can't possibly last.

The other side is that he has been right when the American military advisers have been wrong, more often than not. This is the basis for the judgment that, "We're still learning" how to fight their kind of war.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk's departure for Geneva, Switzerland, to sign the agreement making Laos a neutral state will mark another new uncertainty in the troubled area.

The general impression has been that this agreement could make matters worse in South Viet Nam. The reasoning is that it will allow North Viet Nam to send more supplies to the Viet Cong over the "Ho Chi Minh trail."

This is no superhighway. It is a series of jungle trails over rough country. Supplies must be carried by pack animals or on human backs. This has definite limitations.

A greater danger is said to arise if a "neutral" but really pro-communist Laos permits supplies to move from North Viet Nam to the Mekong River. They could then move in greater quantity to supply the Viet Cong rebels in the south.

The extent to which Soviet Russia will co-operate in closing the Laos border with both Viet Nams has yet to be demonstrated. One reason for thinking that Russia will cooperate in sealing off Laos is the Communist fear that if this isn't done, the United States will retaliate by bombing Hanoi, the North Viet Nam capital of Ho Chi Minh.

If the United States is restricted on bombing Hanoi, this might become another war that can't be won. It would confine American intervention to "pinching off the head

DON OAKLEY

Healing Balm Of Humanity

Now that the madmen have had their day in Algeria, leaving a shambles of many hospitals, schools and other public services, the work of rebuilding can begin.

The whole world has a stake in this salvaging of an old land and founding of a new. Fortunately some persons, thousands of miles removed, are making it their personal concern.

A new 1,200-bed hospital in Algiers will be put into operation with the help of a seven-man team of medical specialists from the University of Chicago, working in a new overseas program developed by MEDICO, a service of CARE.

The first group of volunteers will serve for a month in the scheduled three-month emergency program and will be replaced for the second and third months by two more teams now being recruited.

It has been suggested that this task-force approach might well be used in the recruitment of other professional groups — such as engineers, teachers, administrators — to help fill the void left by the exodus of the French.

Human irrationality has left a gaping wound on the northern coast of Africa. Human concern, self-sacrifice and courage, such as inspire this MEDICO program, can heal it.

Zeteticism In The House?

This is the age of "explosions" — nuclear, population, in new nations and, not least, in knowledge. It is a familiar complaint that it is impossible today for anyone to hope to master one field of learning — or even one restricted area of it.

Doctors, for example, have become increasingly specialized and are hard put to keep up with the flood of literature, advances and new discoveries pertaining to just their specialty. The same holds true in virtually all fields, from history to biology.

Now, a new science has come into being and will be taught for the first time this fall at the University of Illinois.

The subject is called "zetetics," from the Greek word for "investigate." Promoter of the idea and first teacher will be Prof. Joseph T. Tykocner, 84, inventor of modern talking pictures.

The new discipline will deal with the methods of scientific research. In a sense, it will be an "over-science" since it will not be restricted to any one branch of knowledge but will investigate, among other things, the basic human creative processes that are involved in all scientific discovery.

It's getting to be a complicated world indeed.

Gopher Snakes Are Often Mistaken For Rattlers Found In This County

The Pacific gopher snake and the northern Pacific rattlesnake are two of the most frequently encountered and misunderstood snakes of Douglas County.

The Pacific gopher snake is a large straw-colored snake with a series of brown blotches along the back from head to tail. There are two rows of smaller blotches along each side of the snake.

Gopher snakes grow to the largest size of any snake in Oregon, sometimes up to six feet, although such individuals are rare. The average size is from 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 feet. Like the king snakes, they are also constrictors. Their diet is almost exclusively warm-blooded prey such as mice, rats, gophers and ground squirrels. Occasionally they will eat birds or eggs.

Barns Attract

In their search for rodents they are often attracted to barns and other old buildings, and thus are sometimes found in chicken sheds. In this respect, they could be considered detrimental. However, the number of rodents eaten more than makes up for the few birds.

Snakes as mousetraps are more efficient than cats. They can crawl right into a rodent nest and devour the whole family. When encountered, gopher snakes will usually allow themselves to be picked up, with no signs of evil temper. Sometimes if they are disturbed quite

suddenly, they will pull themselves into a defensive position. This consists of coiling, opening their mouth and hissing and rapidly vibrating their tail.

Tail-vibrating is a common occurrence in snakes, and even garter snakes will do this when angry. If a gopher snake shakes his tail in dry leaves or a similar medium, the sound produced is not unlike that of a rattlesnake. When hissing, gopher snakes also flatten their heads.

Because of this defensive behavior, many gopher snakes are killed on the premise that they are rattlesnakes. There are actually many significant differences. Gopher snakes have round pupils; rattlesnakes have vertical (cat-like) pupils. Gopher snakes have long slim tails that taper gradually to a point; rattlesnakes have short thick tails ending in rattles. Gopher snakes have comparatively long slim bodies with a narrow, small head; rattlesnakes have

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a comparatively short thick body with a large thick head. Gopher snakes' scales appear smooth and glossy, often reflecting light; rattlesnakes' scales appear rough and drab, never shiny. Gopher snakes have small close-set blotches; rattlesnakes have large well-separated blotches. Gopher snakes sometimes appear to have a yellowish or reddish tinge; rattlesnakes appear dull gray or green with brown blotches. Adult northern Pacific rattlesnakes almost always have a greenish tinge, while the young ones are often gray with the same brown blotches. Young gopher snakes are colored the same as the adults.

Two Types Listed

There are only two types of rattlesnakes in Oregon, the northern Pacific rattlesnake and the Great Basin rattlesnake. The Great Basin rattlesnake is confined to approximately the southeastern quarter of the state. The northern Pacific rattlesnake is found in the remaining three quarters. Thus it is the only kind found in Douglas County.

The rattlesnake (of which there are two types in Oregon) is the only poisonous snake found in Oregon, or the whole northwest.

The northern Pacific rattlesnake is often mislabeled a timber rattlesnake (a true species of the East) or a diamondback (a true species of the southwestern deserts), neither of which comes anywhere near our state.

The rattlesnake is of economic importance as it, like the gopher snake, feeds almost exclusively on rodents. However, since it is a dangerously poisonous snake it must be eliminated from the immediate area of human habitation. By this, I do not mean going way up in the hills and slaughtering a den in some remote spot. This does not deplete the population around towns, and does cause a direct increase in the rodent population.

Less than 30 people die yearly from rattlesnake bite in the United States.

Snakes Not Long

Northern Pacific rattlesnakes are not large snakes, most specimens being under three feet in length. Some specimens over five feet have been recorded, though. Because of their fat, bulky body, rattlesnakes appear larger than they really are.

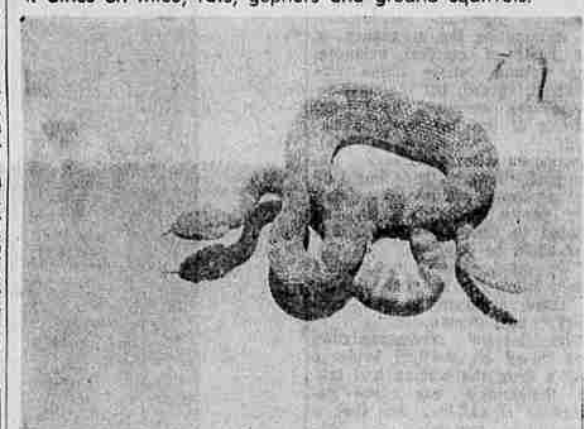
It might be pointed out that a rattlesnake's tongue is solely a sense organ, and has nothing to do with the poisonous qualities of the snake. Its tongue is somewhat like a combination of our nose, taste buds and ears. They flick it in and out to help them find out about their surroundings. Likewise, a rattlesnake's rattles have nothing to do with its poison. The poison itself is located in two glands behind the eyes, thus the swollen appearance of the head. A tube from each gland leads to the fangs. The fangs are like two hypodermic needles which hinge against the roof of the snake's mouth when not in use. They spring forward when the snake strikes.

Rattlesnakes shed their fangs periodically, and have two sets of reserve fangs in different stages of development ready to take the place of the old ones. Unless teased to a frenzy or injured, a rattlesnake does not strike wildly, but waits for the right moment. Even then the strike is a short jab, about one third of the snake's length.

Next: The smaller and less common snakes of the county.



THE LARGEST SNAKE in Oregon is the Pacific gopher snake. It grows from 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 feet long. A constrictor, it dines on mice, rats, gophers and ground squirrels.



THE ONLY RATTLESNAKE found in Douglas County is the northern Pacific variety. It is often wrongly identified as a timber rattler or diamondback. (Picture by Jim Riggs)

Reader Opinions

High Court Interferes With Rights Of States

To The Editor:

I read the recent editorials in The News-Review referring to the ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court that a prayer written by the New York State Board of Regents for voluntary use by public school pupils was unconstitutional. I am inclined to agree with the editor that the Supreme Court often appears to interfere in rights that belong to the separate states.

I have complained before that we are governed by a small group of men with great power. Their powers are political, economic, social and now, religious. I say religious because it is just as much religion to prohibit prayers as it is to permit prayers in our public schools.

Certainly no group in America has more power than does our Supreme Court. The Court not only interprets the Constitution but it seems to go beyond that and create legislation to apply to the whole country.

If we don't like the Supreme Court decisions, there's nothing we can do about it. Members of the court are the "untouchables." We can't vote them out of office. We must simply wait for them to die off.

In our locality the children in the public schools recite the "Lord's Prayer." I don't think we need be concerned about the recent Supreme Court decision. Surely no one can say that the "Lord's Prayer" was composed by a government official.

I concur with Justice Black when he said: "The history of man is inseparable from the history of religion." I would say also that the history of our western civilization is based on religion, particularly the Christian religion.

Even those who do not believe in religion or prayer must admit that without religion the world would be a pretty rough place in which to live.

We are opposed to communism because it is materialistic and godless. Yet there is a small but powerful group in our own country determined to erase the name of God from our public life.

As a replacement for the State Regents' prayer one school district in New York will recite words from the Declaration of Independence.

ence. The selection is this: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In this cause we beg the blessings of Divine Providence upon us and upon our Country."

How will the Supreme Court decide on the above prayer?

"Pardon our sins, O Lord; why should the nations say, 'Where is their God?'" —Psalm 79.

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Mass Left By Anglers Is Unsightly Menace

To The Editor:

You have had letters praising Douglas County parks. I think the writers are correct, except for one thing.

Not long ago I had occasion to spend several hours at the picnic area at Winchester Bridge. It was clean around the tables and fireplaces; plenty of garbage cans. But when I walked down to the river at the boat ramp, what a rotten mess! Fish heads and entrails on the bank and in the edge of the water. The smell was terrible. There were swarms of flies.

In addition to being unsightly, the mess was a menace to people's dogs, as raw fish and blood may be very deadly to dogs. Dogs may be saved if taken to a veterinarian when they first become sick.

All this because people are too lazy to pick up the mess and put it in the garbage cans provided for that purpose.

There was a California family which had stopped to eat lunch. When they had finished eating they walked down to the river. But I can assure you they didn't stay long. From their comments I think they were about to "park" their lunches.

My husband was born and reared on the North Umpqua River. He has fished all his life. But I have never seen him leave a mess like that behind him when he was through.

Should our fishermen leave such a mess? It's only a few steps to that can!

Mrs. Otto B. King
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Iron Curtain Organizers Have Forced Finland To Host Unwanted Youth Meet

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst HELSINKI (UPI)—Just across from Finland's Parliament building stands a statue erected to the memory of Field Marshal Carl Gustaf Mannerheim, the national hero who assured Finland's independence from Russia.

A street and a museum have been named after him. The state-owned Mankki Hotel takes its name from the affectionate nickname grateful Finns bestowed upon him.

A few blocks to the east is the domed magnificence of the Lutheran Cathedral, one of the imposing buildings of Europe.

Together, the cathedral and the

memory of Mannerheim may be taken as symbols of today's Finland which is religious, conservative and with a fierce pride in independence.

To these qualities harsh reality also has dictated the necessity of firm neutrality.

It is ironic then that in the last days, by ship and by plane, have been arriving delegates to a festival which most Finns heartily wish were being held somewhere else and which many feel is a violation not only of Finnish hospitality but also of Finnish neutrality.

Although some of the delegates are remarkably elderly this is to be the 8th international youth festival which last was held in Vienna, also a neutral capital, and which is another of those fronts common to the infiltration tactics of world communism.

The Finnish National Union of Students served notice in advance that its 12,000 members would refuse to participate.

The Finnish government also made clear it had no wish to host an event of solely political orientation, organized principally by foreign authorities.

Unwanted Guests

So it was with obvious contempt of Finnish wishes, duly noted by Finnish students, that the Iron Curtain organizers of the festival formally announced that it would be held in Helsinki.