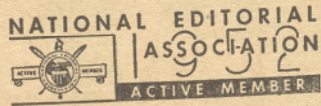


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NEW DEFINITION NEEDED—

Hitler did it in Germany. Stalin did it in Russia. Peron did it in Argentina. Now Harry S. Truman, president of the United States of America, the so-called land of the free, infers that he, too, has the power to do it in this country.

What are we talking about? The president's statement last week to a group of newspapers in which he inferred that he would have the power to seize or take over control of the newspapers and radio stations of the United States "in the interest of the nation."

We are convinced that no such power actually exists within the legal framework of our constitution and our laws. Yet, if the president has any idea that such a power exists or is his prerogative under any of our legal enactments, it is high time that a thorough examination be made of the statutes and, if such power can be found to exist it be removed forthwith. If, on the other hand, there can be found no existing power of this nature perhaps it is time that a new definition of the powers of the chief executive be enacted which would clearly prescribe the limitations of those powers.

Until recent years, the checks and balances system of our government has worked well. That is because in the past each branch of the government has respected the limitation of powers ascribed to it by the constitution and has not attempted to usurp those of other branches of the government. The advent of the "rubber stamp" congress under F. D. Roosevelt brought a mighty change in that view of power by the chief executive and since that time there has been more and more power taken unto himself by the president.

The power to control press and radio, which constitute the greatest means of mass communication in the nation, is virtually the power to establish a dictatorship overnight. It is the first step toward a dictatorship and usually at the same time is the last step in removing the freedom of individuals.

While President Truman's statement of last week may be taken lightly by unthinking citizens, it is one which bears upon so fundamental a part of our mode of government and of living itself that every citizen should be aroused by it and engage at once in an all out effort to clear the air and remove for all time any vestige of an idea that such power has been delegated to or may be assumed by even the highest official in the land.

TAXES GROW FASTER THAN PROFITS

It is common knowledge that the amount taken by the federal government from corporations in taxes today is far greater than the amount the corporations are permitted to retain for distribution as dividends and for the maintenance and expansion of plants. It is also pretty well known that the increase in dollar profits in recent years has been tremendous, despite the fact that percentage of profits to total sales has been slipping from year to year.

An astonishing fact that is little known, however, is that federal taxes on corporation income have increased far faster than have profits themselves. In fact, last year corporations paid \$26,700,000,000 in federal taxes which actually was considerably more than the \$26,000,000,000 total of all corporation profits in 1947, only 5 years earlier. In other words, growth of taxes has been so rapid that last year's exceeded by nearly a billion dollars the total of all corporation profits only 5 years ago.

The total increase in corporation profits from 1947 to 1951 was \$18,100,000 dollars. The total tax bill for last year was \$8,600,000,000 more than that.

How long can industry go on furnishing jobs, absorbing wage increases and still meet such rapidly rising tax obligations? How long will the public be able to meet the ever-increasing prices which must be charged by industry to pay the increased costs and the astronomical tax bill? How long will it take the public to realize that ever-increasing taxes are a major contributing factor to continuing general inflation?

When that period has elapsed, whatever length it is, we may start looking and hoping for restoration of sound, solid economic bases in this nation and the world. A stable economy cannot and will not be achieved before then.

Only 9 more days until the trout season opens, then what a rush there will be for Oregon's river banks.

LAUGHING UP THEIR SLEEVES—

The gifts on a silver platter offered to steel workers by the president's labor wage board recommendation were so great that they even amazed leaders of the steel unions. The union leaders had made their pitch for a "package" deal on the basis of experience which has demonstrated they usually get more that way.

But when the wage board recommendation was announced, one of the top leaders of the steel workers union was so amazed he said, "Hell, that's not a package, it's a carload."

When recommended awards are so far out of line that even high-flying labor leaders have to laugh up their sleeve, the public may well begin to ask whether our government is representing the public or a minority group thereof. How ridiculous must the administration's efforts to woo labor become before the workers themselves will lose all confidence in government?

STUDY SAMPLE BALLOT—

Sample ballots for the primary elections now are ready for distribution to voters and what a fortunate thing that is.

The wise voter will pick up a sample ballot at the earliest opportunity and take it home to study before election day. Time spent in studying the sample ballot in advance will save time in the voting booth and also reduce to a minimum the chances of error in voting for the candidates of your choice.

The ballots for both Republican and Democratic parties are truly "horse blankets." The Republican ballot for Multnomah county carries the names of a minimum of 145 candidates, plus several blanks for write-in votes. From these, there are 50 positions to be filled. The ballot is two and one-half feet long and 14 inches wide, so it is easy to see how confusing its use will be. The Democratic ballot is only slightly smaller in dimensions and carries but a few less candidate names.

Many voters find it helpful to mark a sample ballot before going to the polls and then take that ballot with them to use as a guide in marking the official ballot. Any plan that will help insure accurate voting is worth while and we urge our readers to get a sample ballot now and prepare to vote accurately on May 16.

There is such a big list of so many well qualified candidates for delegates-at-large to the Republican convention from Oregon that it is going to be virtually impossible for anyone to pick a "best" slate.

A street corner poll conducted in Gresham this week showed that Sen. Jack Lynch is leading his closest competitor for the Republican nomination for state treasurer by more than 2 to 1.

As near as we can make out from reading the reports of economists, the nation today is in a period of de-inflation with deflation in most consumer goods, inflation in machine tools and war goods and heaven knows what lurking around the corner.

Local farmers aren't much worried about the projected surplus of farm hands 20 years from now, as prophesied by a government agency. They are mightily concerned, however, with the prospects of having enough hands to harvest this year's crops.

Fishermen of Oregon must have been living right this last winter. They certainly couldn't have had more nearly ideal conditions for the opening of the trout season than existed last weekend. Many anglers were home with limit catches early the opening day.

Can't recall when we have heard so much enthusiastic acceptance in these parts of the announcement of candidacies for public office as has been given to the announcement of Carl S. Zimmerman for state representative in the Clackamas-Multnomah county district and that of Fred Meek for Multnomah county commissioner.

The 1952 male high school senior isn't much worried about where he is going to get a job or whether or not he is going to college. His principal worry is whether or not he will be free to look for a job or go to college, or whether he will promptly be assigned to one in the armed forces via the induction route.

The lot of American school teachers, for many years grossly underpaid, has moved up remarkably in the last 10 years. Current national average salaries for teachers in elementary and secondary schools now are \$3,012. That is an increase of 109 percent during the same period in which the cost of living increase is 71.9 percent. Of course high taxes take a big bite of that pay increase, but still leave teachers in a more comfortable position than a decade ago.

A lot of us who already have used our credit to the point that bankers call the limit are wondering how in heck Uncle Sam has been able to stretch it for another couple of thousand dollars. More than that, we're wondering how long we and the nation will last if that credit is stretched still more.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Eagle Creek, Ore.

Martin Clark
Sandy Post,
Sandy, Oregon.
Dear Sir:

These times are very confusing, now I am more perplexed than ever, so I am coming to you with my problem as you are a bachelor and can think and speak your own mind, (I can't think of any married men off hand that can).

It goes like this: I was in Scales store the other day buying a pair of socks (I haven't had time lately to darn the old ones). Well, I picked out a pair of socks and went up front to pay for them and as I walked up past the rows of dresses and so forth where I wasn't noticed, I heard one of the clerks—Manda, I think—and some lady shopper talking.

The subject was men: "They are all nuts, they are crazy, the brutes," and so on. You know what I mean if you've ever eavesdropped on married women talking.

They were discussing the matter of being sentenced for life with one man. This discussion would never have gotten started if Tom had been there, but he was out on business, I guess.

Well, anyway, this clerk—Manda, I think—said she thought a year was long enough with one man and this is the part I want you to help me with and get me straightened out.

Don't you think in times like these when good men are so hard to get, that it is better to completely ruin a few men than to damage so many? Multiply all the married by 50 years and it would be staggering.

The men might like the new arrangement, I don't know, but my mother taught me it is better the way it is.

Please advise as soon as possible so that I can get back to normal.

Yours truly,
Perplexed.

H. D. Slaughter,
Eagle Creek,
Rt. 1, Box 327.

Dear Perplexed:
Believe me, boy, you're better off the way you are.

Yours truly,
Straightened Out.

May 16 Date Set For Woodchucks Exhibit

By Judd Mills

The Sandy Woodchucks 4-H woodworking club met at the usual work spot in the basement of the C. C. Chase home in Sandy. Leader George Meeker left his work at Mill Brothers Hardware store long enough to give the young chucks a worthwhile evening.

News reporter Judd Mills spent part of the work period holding down the board for President Marvin Farmer's new medicine cabinet. In return woodchuck Judd tried to screw in a few of Marvin's screws with his own blunt knife.

The Caudell brothers really worked overtime in a brotherly way. Larry had a good looking step ladder to take home. Ken's sandpapering job is speeding up on the ends for his book shelves. Dad Albert Caudell used the family car to transport his young woodchucks to and from the 4-H meeting to their home near Cherryville.

Gary Lane with an eye to his successful shoe shine business is finishing a well fitted polishing stand. Ace Koch has a brand new saw that is a big help in the club as well as to Ace's new project. Billy Bennett is a chicken raising enthusiast. He has built an automatic feeder.

To see the finished articles the Sandy Woodchucks are making of wood, come to the Sandy grade school cafeteria May 16.

Lusted News...

Fred W. Meyer has been quite ill at his home on Carpenter Lane. Sunday he was able to receive visitors and those calling on him included Mr. and Mrs. Warren Glahn and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Watkins of Cottrell were Sunday dinner guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ernest Meyer.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank included a group from Mill City, among whom were: Mrs. Emelia Wright; Mike, Gary and Colleen Mathaney; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Herman and children, Bobby, Linda and Lennie.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Palmblad and daughter, Karen, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Carrell.

Deloris Wasson was a Sunday dinner guest of Bonnie Ickler of Victory Heights.

Mrs. Robert Lundbom, former Pipe Line road resident but now of Ontario, was a recent visitor in this community when she was an overnight guest at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Ickler.

Mrs. Mary F. Hamilton has received word that her brother,

James B. Elliott, of Pasadena, California, was scheduled to undergo an operation for the removal of a cyst on one of his lungs at a California hospital at 10 a.m. Wednesday. His brother, William Elliott, left Monday evening via plane to be with him.

4-H Club Party

Friday afternoon, the home of Mrs. Robert Kerslake was the scene of a 4-H club party given by the five members of the work and learn cooking club of Troutdale school of which Mrs. Kerslake is the leader. The club members did all the serving and preparation of the luncheon of cake, nut bread, sandwiches and tea. The sandwiches were cut in the 4-H emblem. The members invited their mothers and several neighbor ladies to be present. The parents present were Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Kerslake and the other guests were Mrs. Grace Kerslake, Mrs. A. H. Burns and Mrs. J. E. Wilson. Following the luncheon at which Jewell Miller poured the tea, the guests were entertained with several musical selections by the club members. Connie Miller and Kenneth Kerslake played the cornet accompanied on the piano by Jo Anne Kerslake. Marilyn Kersting contributed a vocal solo.

Sgt. and Mrs. August Simonis were recent guests at the home of his sister, Mrs. Stanley Berlik. Other relatives who called at the Berlik home to meet the visitors included: Mrs. Pauline Simonis and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Simonis of Wood Village; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Young and Miss Delores Berlik, Portland.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fuller included his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lee, who were accompanied by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Foss and son, Donnie, of Billings, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Douthett and family, of Silverton, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Armstrong. Sunday evening guests of the Armstrongs were: Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kutcher and family and Richard Beadle, of Gresham.

Mrs. Colleen Naylor who has spent the past two weeks visiting friends in Seattle and Tacoma has returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dyer.

Four Republicans Seek Votes For Sheriff Job

Four Republicans will vie for votes seeking the county sheriff's job that has been held by Fred Reaksecker, Democrat, for several years.

The four whose names will appear on the Republican ballots are: Ervin L. (Red) Bacon, for nine years a deputy sheriff under Reaksecker; Lloyd J. Brice, investigator for the district attorney's office and formerly with the state liquor control commission; A. G. (Slim) Wherry, Oak Grove furniture dealer; and Walter Hossner, Sandy chief of police.

There are only two powers in the world, the sword and the pen; and in the end the former is always conquered by the latter.
—Napoleon

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Barker's Bugle

Howdy Folks:

A modern girl's gown is like a barbed wire fence—protects property without spoiling the view.

Here's a good sign Mike Paluck should hang in his laundry window: "Men, why kill your wives? Let us do your dirty work."

Cecil says until a husband can get alimony by crossing his legs and showing his garters to the judge, equal rights are only a snare and a delusion.

A real politician is one who can throw his hat in the ring without endangering his scalp.

Rules for leap year: No tripping, no two against one, and no rocks to be used.

Edna: "Remember this, daughter, the best labor-saving device ever invented is a husband with money."



Helen Cornell BOBBY PINS

Black or brown; 90 per card.

Reg. 25¢ 19¢

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