

Government Still Uncle to Business

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WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman's budget message is a reminder not to get careless with words like "free enterprise" and "individualism" in a country where the government is a real uncle to a lot of businesses and a lot of people.

The message is loaded with special help of one kind or another for various businesses and groups. And it provides as usual for the long-established government agencies which regulate business: Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal Communications Commission, and the rest.

THERE'S NOTHING new about it. For years Congress has been voting for the help and the agencies. Now, of course, there are



BUTCH, MASCOT of a mine near Wenatchee, Wash., proudly wears a fancy wheeled go-cart, designed by his master, W. S. Cox, to help the dog get around despite paralyzed hind legs. The dog tried to chase a cat up a tree recently and slipped a vertebrae in his back, paralyzing his hindquarters.

Airman Designing Wings Which Flap

By CHARLES CORDRY
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PHOENIX, Ariz. — (UP) — Bill Stout, who has been a jump ahead of pioneers for close to a half century, now is about to show the world how to build airplanes with flapping wings.

If their wings would flap, like those of birds and insects, private airplanes would need no airports and Mr. Everyman would find flying as simple as driving a car. For proof, just watch a dragonfly.

Ready for Tests

"This is the next step in aviation and the one that all the people can use," says William Bushnell Stout, who built the first all-metal airplane and the historic Ford trimotor passenger plane of 1925.

Now a youthful 71, Stout reached the point in the last few days where he is ready for wind tunnel tests and engineering work on flapping wings. This follows six years of study and experimentation with copies of bird and insect wings.

"There are 50,000,000 years of precedent in nature," Stout muses, as a scaled-up model of dragonfly's wings whirl around his modest research shop. "This air-port stuff we've got to get rid of for the private flier."

Land Straight Down

As Stout envisions the future, man will climb into a dragonfly-special, whizz up and away to his destination, land straight down under full power—"which no air-

plane ever will do"—fold the wings and go about his business.

His most recent discovery—a secret—is a means of "autorotation" by which a landing can be made safely, wings flapping, even if the engine dies.

We are not far enough along to emulate bird's wings, whose every feather is controlled, says Stout. But he feels the flat flexible surface of an insect's wing is better anyway.

Dragonfly Ideal

The dragonfly is about right, as Stout now sees it. It has two wings on either side, alternating up and down. The furious flapping and adjustable angle with which the wings bite the air keep the insect going. It can stand still, fly backwards, skid sideways and dart away faster than the eye can follow.

And if you figure man wasn't supposed to behave this way, heed the definition of research in Stout's autobiography, published by Bobbs-Merrill Co. last year: "The business of discovering what the Creator put here for man to use."

Stout's activities seemingly have known few limits. On a wall in his home hangs a cartoon inscribed:

"To Bill Stout who first suggested Ferdinand, from Walt Disney."

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Dulles Bag Popular Item In Jap Stores

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It's a copy of the brief case U.S. Ambassador John Foster Dulles brought to Japan last year on his peace treaty mission. The brief case, and what was in it, started a national guessing game. It even made a radio quiz program.

Enterprising Koschichi Tan-zawa cashed in on the craze by manufacturing a similar brief case.

Baker to Dedicate Million-Dollar School

BAKER — (AP) — The new million-dollar high school here will be dedicated Wednesday night with Rex Putnam, state superintendent of education, and Bernard Mainwaring, Nampa, Idaho, newspaper publisher, as principal speakers.

The school's new basketball court will get its first use in a Baker-La Grande game Saturday.

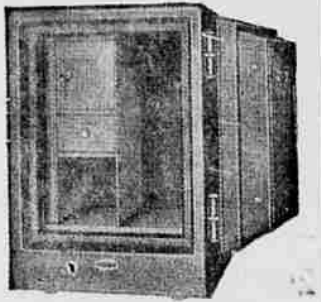
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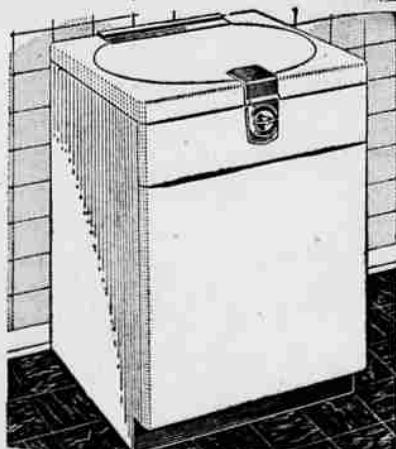
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