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DRIVES AND THE COMMUNITY CHEST

Another campaign for funds is on. Its objective is a worthy one—to provide help for crippled children and adults. The proceeds are to aid in operation of a children's hospital school in Eugene, in paying for medical and surgical care, in purchasing special appliances for the physically handicapped, in offsetting the overhead of a craft shop selling articles made by crippled persons, in supporting the Portland rehabilitation center and in providing summer recreation camps for crippled youngsters. The campaign had excellent support in Deschutes county last year. It will again this year, we are sure, We hope so.

But, as we say this, we reflect that it is one of a growing list of projects whose solicitations by-pass the Community chest, which was intended to make possible one big solicitation that would include and make provision for all worthy causes. Others which conduct separate drives are the Red Cross (as far as we know, that one isn't finished yet), the polio "March of Dimes", the Cancer fund, the Tuberculosis and health association, and the Salvation Army. There are probably more, but these will do to illustrate the point.

Each of the campaigns undertaken separately serves to weaken interest in the Community chest. Each is a competitor with the others for subscriptions instead of adding its own peculiar appeal to that of the others. The aggregate of time spent in carrying on the various campaigns is far in excess of that which would be required in conducting one unified appeal. The aggregate cost of all is greater than the combined cost if all were one. And one-by-one drives become a burden to the people who are called on with increasing frequency for donations to this and to that.

In the main, these suggestions are but a re-statement of the arguments which were given years ago for the formation of a Community chest. It is necessary to re-state them now because new, or not included campaigns are threatening the continuation of the chest plan.

Reasons given for outside-the-chest drives are varied. Red Cross says that it must campaign independently under its membership form of organization, March of Dimes has a different (in some respects) plan of solicitation which it cannot or is unwilling to merge in a general campaign; so has Tuberculosis and health association. Cancer fund backers have apparently given no thought to seeking inclusion of their needs in the local chest set-up; in Clackamas county they have, and there this solicitation is not a separate one. Crippled children and adults, we think, would be eligible for inclusion in the state chest program. Perhaps this organization has not asked, but if it hasn't, it should. Salvation army, although one of its institutions is provided for out of the state chest, has long been unwilling to conform to requirements for budget information and has remained, in consequence, ineligible for local chest recognition.

Besides the stated reason, some of the organizations remaining outside may have come to the conclusion that they can get more money by independent action. Perhaps some can, but in doing so they are very probably lessening the support given others both inside and outside the chest!

How the question may be solved is not, as we see it, within the province of the chest organization; it is something that must be decided by the people from whom donations are sought. After the next chest program is drawn, or, as a matter of fact, as soon as current drives are over, any noticeable reluctance on the part of the public to give to non-included projects would, we are sure, create desire for inclusion in one unified undertaking.

Flying Saucer Seen From Plane

Memphis, Tenn., March 21 (AP)—A flying saucer with windows on the bottom and a blinking light on top flew over Arkansas last night at a "tremendous rate of speed," two airline pilots reported here.

Capt. Jack Adams of Chicago & Southern Air Lines radioed the Memphis airport control tower that he and co-pilot G. W. Anderson saw the object over Stuttgart, Ark., at 10:20 p.m. (EST).

"It was flying almost due north and we crossed its path at about a 45-degree angle, Adams said. "It was about 1,000 feet above us and was traveling at a tremendous rate of speed."

"It had a peculiarly colored and very intense light on the top which blinked very rapidly. I could tell it was circular because of lighted windows on the underside of it. They were arranged in a perfect circular pattern."

"... We kept the object in sight for about 45 seconds, until it disappeared from sight, presumably because of its speed. I would estimate that it was traveling between 500 and 600 miles per hour."

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications are invited on matters of current and local interest. Letters should not be over 400 words in length, on only one side of the paper and, if possible, typewritten. Letters or manuscripts submitted for publication will not be returned.

MARCH TOO SHORT

Bend, March 20, 1950
 To the Editor:

It seems that since the war the city commission has the power to regulate the time to suit themselves.

It also appears that at least a few people in town like to have the city commission run the time ahead, so they will have time to mow their lawns.

I wonder if the city commission would consider doing a little favor for the farmers. We have considerable work that should be done in March, but March doesn't seem to be long enough, so would they please extend March into April for a couple of months.

Bruce L. Dyer
 Rt. 1, Box 303

Others Say

WOULD BE THEIR BOYS

(Klamath Herald & News)

Glenn Lee, publisher of the Pasco-Kennewick-Richland Tri-City Herald, was asked what the people of the Columbia basin proper thought of the CVA proposals. The answer came without hesitation. "All the democrats are for it and all the republicans are against it." . . . The recent Hitchcock-Flegel debate at Midland could be boiled down to one point, on which members of the two parties take sides. The republicans see that in effect the three-man board would have complete legislative, judicial and administrative power, with no recourse other than through the president by whom they would be appointed. GOP's rebel against that. Demos are for it—the three would be their boys.

BIBLICAL PARALLEL SEEN BY WRITER

(Roseburg News-Review)

A Roseburg man, spending the holidays in Los Angeles, sends us a clipping from the Los Angeles Times. The clipping was taken from the "Letters to the Editor" column. The writer, commenting upon the political ambitions of James Roosevelt, and particularly his appeal to "young democrats" to help him, finds a Biblical parallel in the story of King Solomon and his son, Rehoboam.

He recites the 10th chapter of II Chronicles, in which the people complained of grievous taxes imposed by Solomon and petitioned Rehoboam to ease their servitude. But Rehoboam hearkened to advice from the young men "that were brought up with him." They advised him to increase taxes, and the result was the revolt of the 10 tribes.

PLANNED ECONOMY

(Klamath Herald and News)

Definition of a planned economy: One in which the government holds \$151,891,629 worth of tobacco, \$955,169,372 worth of cotton, \$966,719,026 worth of wheat, \$111,337,000 worth of linseed oil, \$98,344,527 worth of flax seed, \$713,128,735 worth of corn, \$89,317,233 worth of eggs, \$59,518,797 worth of butter, \$33,510,467 worth of wool, \$42,839,926 worth of dry beans, \$13,083,096 worth of barley, and \$27,399,490 worth of milk—all of which Joe Pungle has paid for but can't eat, smoke, wear or use.

"Don't Tell Me—Let Me Guess"



WASHINGTON COLUMN

By Peter Edson
 (NEA Washington Correspondent)

Washington (NEA) — What might be called a "McCarrran plan" to replace the Marshall plan for European aid has recently been unveiled in the U. S. senate. Author of the new plan is, of course, Sen. Pat McCarrran of Nevada. He is chairman of the so-called Marshall plan "watchdog" committee—the joint congressional committee on foreign economic cooperation. But in this case, it would appear that the watchdog is preparing to run off with what it is supposed to be guarding.

The McCarrran plan has been made public through two senate documents and a fine-type statement printed in the Congressional Record. None received much, if any, attention because all look routine and innocent. But buried in a "watchdog" committee "staff study," a McCarrran report on his personal observations in Europe last year, and the McCarrran statement are recommendations which, if adopted by congress, would almost certainly lead to or force the resignation of Paul G. Hoffman as Economic cooperation administrator. The McCarrran plan is that drastic, and that much in conflict with what are known to be Mr. Hoffman's views on how ECA should be run.

Main point in the McCarrran plan would be ending lump-sum appropriations for ECA and substituting specific appropriations by congress for designated purposes. Up to now, Mr. Hoffman has insisted on general appropriations, wanting to keep his operation as flexible as possible to provide relief and recovery where they were most needed, as conditions changed.

What Senator McCarrran now proposes are specific appropriations by congress for five programs: 1. U. S. financing of a European "clearing house" program, which Mr. Hoffman has been trying to get the ECA countries to adopt voluntarily. 2. Purchase of U. S. surplus farm products for Europe. 3. Creation of an international reconstruction finance corporation. (It would apparently make loans instead of financing recovery grants.) 4. Guarantee of American investors against loss of property by confiscation, nationalization or other political risk. 5. All other programs.

Senator McCarrran presents no recommended sums for any of these programs. But the following estimates have been under consideration by the watchdog committee staff: For the clearing house, \$500,000,000. For purchase of U. S. farm surpluses, \$1,000,000,000. For the international RFC, \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000. For guarantees to U. S. investors, \$300,000,000.

This would total between \$2,300,000,000 and \$2,800,000,000. And on the basis of the \$2,900,000,000 now requested by Mr. Hoffman for third-year Marshall plan operations, the McCarrran plan would leave him only \$100,000,000 to \$600,000,000 to conduct the "all other programs" which now constitute the whole ECA operation.

It will be recalled that last year Senator McCarrran tried to put over a \$50,000,000 forced ECA loan for Spain. On top of that, Sen. John McClellan of Arkansas tried to put over an amendment that would have required ECA to buy U. S. farm surpluses for Europe.

The McClellan amendment was so bad that even the three U. S. farm organizations—grange, farm bureau and farmers' union—opposed it. That was enough to kill it then. But with lower farm prices, this dumping provision will be hard to beat this year.

The McCarrran forced loan to Spain was beaten only after herculean hammering on the fact that Spain was not a Marshall plan country and could not become one unless admitted to OEEC—the Organization for European Economic Cooperation.

The new McCarrran plan, of course, goes far beyond the amendments attempted last year. What it would amount to is converting the European aid program into an American aid program. And it is much more carefully prepared.

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OUT ON THE FARM

By Ila S. Grant

March 21—If you want to have your cake and eat it too, make a double recipe.

Last night we had sort of a "kitchen party." It all happened because ice cream in gallon lots is such a bargain. Only a few cents more than for two quarts. Also, ice cream is a local product, and if everybody bought a gallon every time two quarts were required, we'd have to import more cows. The more cows, the more fertilizer, and the more fertilizer, the more green grass. The more green grass, the more hay, and the more hay, the more cows. (That lived in the house that Jack built.)

A neighbor had promised to decorate a cake for my birthday, so I got busy and baked one right after dinner, singing "Happy birthday, dear Ila," as I worked. As a matter of fact, I was glad to use up some of the eggs. I could sell the surplus, I suppose, but it seems ungrateful to the hens to gather up the fruits of their labors and give them to some one for a few paltry shekels. Besides, no one would appreciate them as much as I do. I'd rather use lots of eggs and buy less of something else, if you see what I mean.

Well, the cake batter grew and grew, and by the time I folded in the egg whites, there was enough to fill the tube pan and a casserole besides. I made a double recipe of seven-minute icing, too, and it nearly overflowed the double boiler. There was so much that I had to hold the electric beater away from the bottom of the pan, to keep from submerging the motor. The more it cooked, the more it expanded. I felt like the bride who cooked a quart of raw rice, and soon had rice in every kettle in the house.

Frosting the cakes was not the crowning success that it should have been, because the icing in the bottom of the pan didn't get stirred enough, and came out sort of rubbery. This resulted in a somewhat lumpy effect, as the artist remarked critically as he prepared to put on the decorations.

Watching the decorating was downright fascinating. Our guest went about his work with a sureness that comes from long experience. He made icing with powdered sugar and egg white, and tinted it delicate pastel colors. Then he made little tubes of waxed paper, and inserted his decorating tips in the points. These were filled with icing, and he started to create.

Before our eyes, pink carnations burst into bloom on the cake, and the happy birthday message took shape. The artist fluted the edge of the cake with a two-tone swag that looked like sea shells. Then as we watched, with white icing he made a pair of little doves, with a few deft strokes, to grace the handles of the cake plate. They looked real enough to coo, when he dipped

a toothpick in yellow cake coloring and made tiny dots for eyes. How about the other cake? You guessed it. We ate the plain cake, and put the fancy one on display.

PULLS HIS WEIGHT

Memphis (AP)—This business of leading a dog's life isn't what it once was. Motorists moved over when they saw a husky Great Dane running down the street pulling a bicycle. Perched on the seat was a middle-aged man driving the dog.

ONE SLASH, ANYHOW

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The postoffice department drew a word of praise from the house appropriations committee today for cutting its payroll "the first time in modern history."

The committee said the postoffice will drop 12,935 workers by the end of June. That will leave only 504,755 on the postoffice payroll.

SEAT STAYS IN FAMILY

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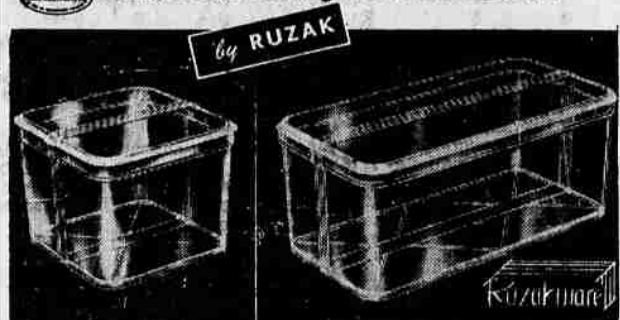


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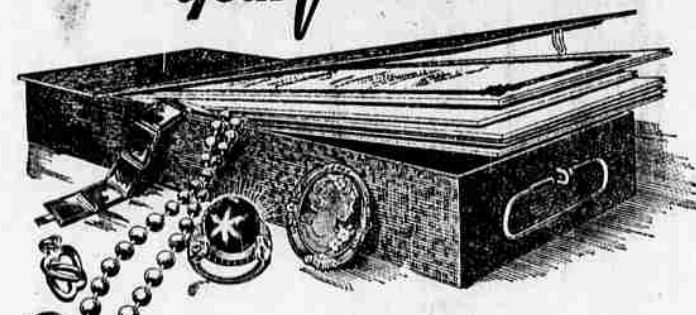
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