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EDITORIALS

FREE PALAVER

By Paul Hornbeck

HISTORY LEARNS ABOUT WARS. . . . Until recent years, wars were the decisive events in history's turning points. The turning points came when one nation or another took over authority or domination by forcing a former nation to give it up. In between, developments of consequence within individual nations brought about the changes or trends that led to aggression and conquest on the one hand, or an invitation for such moves on the part of neighbors. Deterioration such as came to Rome was an invitation to pillage.

There were other war causes such as revolutions on the part of oppressed peoples, some disastrous, some successful.

But the other day one of our philosophic intelligentsia gave forth with a new one: NO WAR WAS EVER WON.

So what history tells us about the beginnings of our own good old America is all misleading. What we nostalgically review as the Revolutionary War about Mr. Cornwallis surrendering to Mr. Washington has now been mythologized by our good (?) philosopher friend.

We use this admittedly too lengthy introduction to see if we can find out what our present war is all about. Viewed only as war, we could no doubt find about 100% of our people against it. But viewed from the standpoints of motivation and objective, the percentages change up quite substantially. We believe our motivation can be very simply stated: We want to help some other people regain or keep their freedom. We have to admit there are some among us who wouldn't go for that, but their percentage is low. Until recent years, the immediate objective in all wars was victory. It began to look differently at the end of World War II when Berlin was insanely abandoned to the Reds. So when Korea came along we proved very definitely that we were not in it to win-- and we didn't. However, the percentage of us who expected to win proved to be an enormous but disappointed and astonished majority.

Now that we are in this Viet Nam thing, all of us who hate war want to get out of it as quickly as possible. But how we get out leads to another great division in percentages, based upon differing processes which may be employed to extricate us from the conflict. A sizable, yet comparatively small minority, led by Oregon's own far-from-EXTINGUISHED Senator Morse, say "Pull out, period; and the Devil take the hindmost". But the other side of the coin, where stands the vast majority of us, is divided not only in matters of objective, but in means being used or which might be used to attain the desired objective.

Now we are 100% with the President for prosecution of the war. But in spite of all Mr. Johnson's very positive declarations that we are going to see the South Vietnamese through SUCCESSFULLY, we don't believe he means it. If our philosophical peace-monger friend, with whom we started this discussion, had said, "No war was ever won (or ever would be) by negotiation", we would have agreed with him 100%. If Mr. Johnson and Mr. Rusk and all the other top boys don't know that a negotiated "peace" with the Communists would again be worth much less than the parchment so inscribed, they are simply numb in the cranium; and we don't think they are. The only way anybody

will ever get anything just from the Reds is to tell them the way it is going to be, mean it, and make it stick. We all know that. So why BEG for negotiation?

Then a couple of weeks ago this column said it was a FOOL thing to be sending our shaggy-haired, apologetic, week-kneed emissaries all over the world trying the "explain" our presence in Viet Nam. Everywhere we went they already knew why we were in Viet Nam; none of them are exactly dumb. What this column is saying is that their approval or disapproval shouldn't have one iota of influence on our decisions in Viet Nam. We don't care what they think or pretend to think.

Could the Viet Nam war be won in a reasonable time? The boys and generals over there say it could be if they were turned loose to fight as only a war should be fought. But to withhold bombing on grounds of so-called humanitarianism not only fails to win wars, but is a shortsighted boomerang that kills and maims more American boys-- for nothing. We don't believe our boys are as expendable as the Viet Cong and their supporters.

And speaking of supporters, we all know that without the support of Russia and Red China the Cong couldn't last long. We know that the Reds occupy China illegitimately and that the bulk of China doesn't want them. We know that there is a very sizable and well-trained army of Asians waiting and begging for the chance to run the Reds out of China and give it back to the Chinese people.

In 1952, while campaigning for the presidency the first time, Eisenhower told an American Legion convention: "The American conscience can never know peace until these people (the iron curtain peoples) are restored again to being masters of their own fate." In the G.O.P. platform of that year, that expression of conscience became an American commitment for efforts towards liberation of enslaved peoples. Yet in 1955, President Eisenhower openly concluded that any attempt by Chiang Kai-Shek to liberate his fellow countrymen on the mainland would be regarded as "aggressive war," and that we could have no part in it.

Such has continued to be the policy of our government to this day, even under the present Democratic administration. According to all recognized international law, we have every right to assist unjustly enslaved peoples to obtain their freedom. And because we feel that it is a moral obligation, we are today in Viet Nam. And since the reason would be the same, why are we today unwilling to assist the Chinese, or even permit them

WASHINGTON AND
"SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

The deeply religious Portuguese on certain festival days carry statues of their various patron saints in processions.

This custom may have given rise to the undoubtedly unfounded rumor they will canonize U.S. Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz and carry through their tomato fields a statue of St. Willie. Patron of Portuguese Paste.

But because Wirtz denied labor to California's huge tomato industry, Portugal now sells tomato paste in the U.S. in huge volume.



C. W. Harder

Tomato paste, a concentrated puree, is a most important product. Not only used by many housewives, it is in huge demand from food processors.

But last season, due to Wirtz's interference, the California tomato acreage went down from 143,000 to 116,000. Production dropped from almost 3-1/2 million tons to about 2 1/2 million tons, according to the Cannery League of California; would have dropped further except for most favorable weather.

American food processors were forced to look for other supplies of paste. Portugal is sharing in this bonanza. In all 12 months of 1964 paste imports from Portugal were less than 2 million pounds. In the first six months of the 1965 crop season, the imports exceeded 2 1/2 million pounds, with six months left to go.

Thus, Portugal, alone, may

triple sales of tomatoes for dollars further aggravating precarious U.S. balance of trade situation.

The above dwarfs fact California farmers also lost over a million dollars from the unplanted acreage.

But it is doubtful the American housewife will applaud the sanctity of Wirtz, for the price of tomato paste, which has advanced from \$8 per case in 1964 to \$9.75 currently will increase the price of many processed foods. Thus Wirtz has perhaps done more to increase the cost of living than the aluminum producers would have done.

Next year's prospects also seem good for the Portuguese, and less than good for the housewife. Building is being rushed on tomato picking machines with 600 expected in operation next season, or about twice the number used in the 1965 season. The machines apparently can handle 80 to 100 acres per season, so prospects are that plantings will be held down to the capacity of the available machines. The smaller planter, unable to afford a machine, will be forced out.

So, what was gained. Cost of living goes up, more dollars go overseas. American farmers take a loss, cannery workers lose income, more small farmers are forced out. All this for what purpose. Merely to hold jobs open for people, who when the need for them was critical, refused to take the jobs. And now, through automation, opportunities for these jobs themselves disappear.

Could this possibly be the way to build a great society?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Editor's Note: The following letter was received by Lt. Francis Marshall of the Central Point Rescue Aid, The Bakers' were victims in an auto accident about one month ago while traveling through the area. The rescue squad answered the accident call and offered the usual assistance.)

Dear Mr. Marshall;
My wife and I wish to convey, through you, our thanks to the crew of the Rescue Truck who were so helpful

to us during our recent automobile accident.

Despite the tragedy which befell us there, our thoughts of Medford will be forever tempered by the wonderful quality of human kindness which we experienced at the hands of everyone with whom we came in contact.

Our two children are still in a coma. It is now 25 days since the accident, but we are still hopeful of their eventual recovery.

Again our thanks for your loving kindness.

Yours Sincerely,
Jim and Marge Baker

Dr. & Mrs. J. R. Baker
Victoria, British Columbia

to try on their own to liberate their people from usurped Communist domination on the mainland? Why do we refuse to permit Cubans to pitch Castro into the brine? Why did we refuse to win in Korea and unite the benighted land?

We are 100% for prosecution of the war in Viet Nam. But why not do it in the way that would be quickest and surest--and the way that would save the lives of more American boys? We know the Chinese Reds are our main enemy in Viet Nam; a Chinese Nationalist assault upon the Reds would rob the Viet Cong of their source of supplies, and no one can fight long without supplies. Russia wouldn't much want to help Mao and couldn't help much if they wanted to.

Among Roosevelt negotiations with the Communists was that at Yalta. Truman negotiated with the Communists about Berlin and East Germany. Then he used George Marshall to negotiate away the freedom of more than 600 million Chinese. Truman and Eisenhower negotiated with the Reds over Korea. Eisenhower personally attended the Geneva Conference in 1955,

out of which came "peaceful co-existence" with the Communists while enslaved people rot. Kennedy negotiated with the Communists over Cuba and Castro still thumbs down his nose to us. Under Johnson, our Supreme Court has freed the Communists in this country (even though there were none here until that time) giving the Communist party equal status with the Democratic and Republican Parties. This in spite of the fact the Communists have openly and always vowed to overthrow our Constitution and bury us.

And now, in his January 12 speech to the nation, Johnson vows to protect Viet Nam from Communists oppression and in the next

breath strongly recommends that Congress expand trade with Russia and her satellites, even to lowering tariff barriers to give them competitive advantage over our domestic producers. And on top of that, he declares no other objective in the Viet Nam war than NEGOTIATION with the Communists.

Now you name one time we have ever benefitted ourselves or our friends by negotiations with the Communists. Then you explain to us why we, American people, should desire to negotiate anything with the Communists. The least of us knows, and Johnson knows that the Communists would keep no negotiation agreement not strictly beneficial to them; and to them nothing is beneficial unless detrimental to someone else.

Must we, the American people, routinely submit that when President Johnson, McNamara, Rusk, Reuther, Fullbright, Lodge, Warren, Goldberg, Harriman and all the rest of the bureaucratic gang favor the Communists at every turn, without regard to our own interests and the interests of the peoples we pretend to be protecting?

The bigger the boys who run us through the wringer the less we like them, with no apologies.

Chief's Blotter



TRAFFIC COURT

Garan Barry Norman, 765 S. 5th, Central Point, Violation of the Basic Rule, \$25 forfeited.

Harold Eugene McGrath Jr., 7917 Division Road, White City, Driving with expired license \$10 forfeited.

Robert Eric Griffith, 30 Crater Lane, Central Point, Backing into intersection, Fined \$5.

Wanting Charles Hilkey, 5240 Table Rock Road, Central Point, Improper lane usage, \$2.50.

Leon Eugene Blanchard, Rt. 1 Box 277, Central Point, Operating vehicle on wrong side of highway, Fine \$15.

Leon Blanchard (same as above), Obstructed vision (front and back windshields), \$15 suspended.

Steve Smith, 98 Bigham, Central Point, Obstructing sidewalk, \$2.50 forfeited.

Max McAbee Overstreet, 411 W. Jackson, Medford, Violation of the Basic Rule, \$15.

Colleen Jean Speck, 150 N. 3rd, Central Point, Operating vehicle on learner's permit unaccompanied by an adult, Fine \$10, warrant \$5.

Audine Tumey, 55 N. 5th, Central Point, Parking too far from curb, Warning given.

Delores Brown Armstrong, 318 Bush Street, Central Point, Violation of the Basic Rule, Fined \$5.

Willard Ray Lilly, 908 Murphy Road, Medford, Violation of the Basic Rule, \$10.

Berkley August Pinkham, 151 Glenn Way, Central Point, Disobeyed stop sign, \$5.

Earl Speck, 150 N. 3rd., Central Point, No operator's license on person, fine \$5, warrant \$5.

Earl Michael Speck (same as above), Violation of the Basic Rule, Fined \$10, warrant \$5.

PAINTER'S WARNING

Never use anti-freeze alcohol to thin shellac. Only high-grade denatured alcohol is successful. Your paint dealer will advise you.

342 Cars Of Pears Leave Medford During December

Three hundred and forty-two cars of pears moved out of the Medford area to market during December, according to figures of the state-federal shipping point inspection service.

The inspectors also checked three cars of onions and seven sacks of potatoes from the Medford area.

Hood River, the only other district shipping pears, had 251 cars checked for shipment.

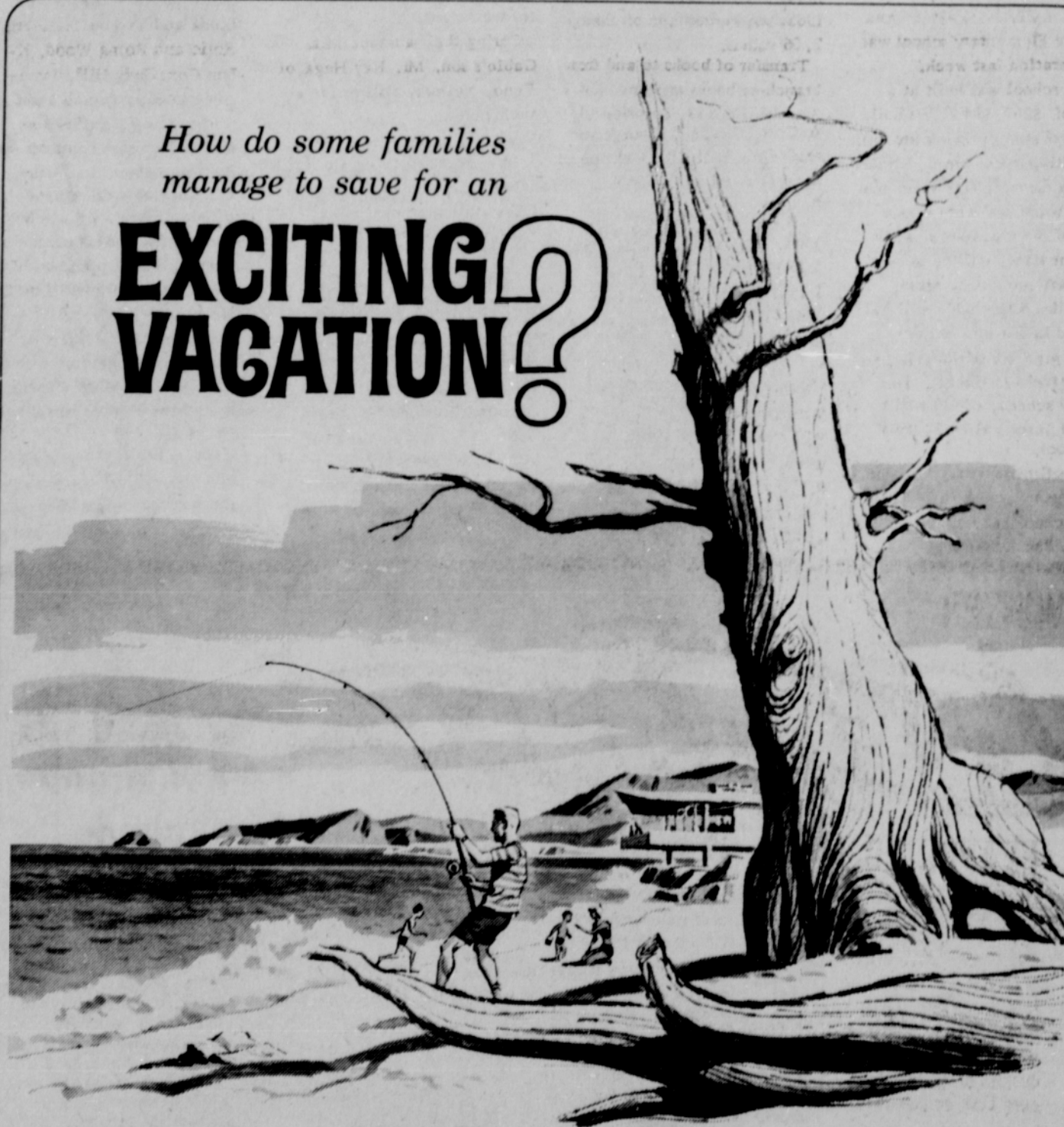
"Oh yeah? If you're a news photographer, where's your trench coat and press camera?"



Tom Irwin in the Iowa City Press Citizen

How do some families manage to save for an

EXCITING VACATION?



...IT'S EASY: ask FIRST!

(We'll guard your vacation money as if it were our own)

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