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EDITORIALS

FREE PALAVER

By Paul Hombach

HO MINH "FALLS" FOR CHRISTMAS TRUCE

North Vietnam "proposes" a Christmas truce because they so highly regard Christian ethics and traditions.

And we are such good Christians that after due "consideration" we will agree, even though we know it will mean sacrificing more of our boys' lives. We have great compassion for the Communists. But how about OUR side?

VOTERS DID NOT UPHOLD JOHNSON WAR POLICY

The most-heard and liberally-biased mouthpieces of all the news media—newspaper, magazine, radio and TV—continue to declare that the November 8 majority voters upheld the Johnson war policy. It just is not so.

The voters did vigorously uphold our participation in the Vietnam war, some with the wish that we had never gotten ourselves involved in it, but "since we are in it, let's get on with it." But by no means did they uphold the main Johnson-McNamara war policy: a policy of NO-WIN, and accommodation for the enemy. That policy is killing and maiming thousands of American men unavailingly. The joint chiefs of staff, General Westmoreland, the staffs of the involved Navy, Air Force, Marines, Army and all other contingents are getting mighty sick and tired of letting a bunch of half-baked nincompoops like McNamara, Goldberg, Lodge, Apheteker, and the whole string of Kremlin-Red China apologists, including the so-called newsboys, tell them to keep themselves in position as sitting ducks for the Cong and Communies to slaughter, while the BRIGHT BOYS negotiate more trade with the enemy and supply them with food and equipment, guns and ammunition with which to kill our boys.

Don't tell us that is extremist talk. Our boys have captured tons and tons of the stuff made-in-America. Why and how in the world the American people continue to try to make themselves believe McNamara's lies and the lies of that whole degraded bunch, when our boys are reporting the outrages day by day and pleading that it be stopped—it is more than we can fathom.

And that bunch has the unadulterated gall to openly campaign to get Red China into the United Nations, and throw Nationalist China out. Goldberg and Thant are working their heads off to get the job done, with Bobby Kennedy and Rusk and Harriman lending a glad hand. Nationalist China has continually offered a large trained army to help in the Vietnam war, but has been consistently turned down. Why? Our compassionate President spent important time visiting several countries in Southeast Asia who are either helping or "encouraging" our war effort. He went all the way around Formosa, but never once even sent a greeting to Chiang Kai Shek. Nor did he during the trip or has he since mentioned the Nationalist Chinese publicly. Why?

He did tell a gathering of our boys on Viet soil that he is so proud of them. And we are sure he is proud of them—dead or alive.

Yes, we are getting mighty rankled. And we are awaiting the day most impatiently when the American people will rise up and show Washington just how rankled we all are about this thing.

STODDARD REWARDED

Charles Stoddard, a former director of the Interior Department Bureau of Land Management, has been rewarded for his hatcheting of Russell Getty. President Johnson has named him a staff officer on his Council on Recreation and Natural Beauty. You can't keep a dedicated yes-man down.

Governor Hatfield and other influential men in Oregon demanded and got Stoddard's removal from his Bureau job in Oregon. His questionable activities and policies had run athwart the better interests of our state long enough. But Secretary Stewart Udall and the administration are adequately capable of taking care of their halfbacks.

SHAPING AMERICAN PUTTY FOR RED CHINA

Putty and clay lend themselves conveniently to the creative art of little hands in the kindergarten. But the older hands of educated and religious one-worlders and social betterment politicians are feverishly at work these days in a massive attempt to shape the American masses into a brainwashed mass of putty that will conveniently and submissively accept the elevation of the Red Chinese to a world status of equalitative membership in the United Nations.

From the State Department come ambiguous statements about the progress of sentiment among the United Nations membership towards the inevitability of Red Chinese membership, which demands a reassessment of our position in the matter. So the politicians and pundits and other purveyors of world brotherhood theories are gradually increasing the vigor of their flag waving and as they do, the flags take on a gradually redder and redder hue.

The finesse of the movement is so magnificent that we wonder how many Americans will be able to grasp how utterly scurrilous the whole rotten campaign is. Surely we will not permit ourselves to be putted into such a state of coma that we will jettison all our American principles and join the flight to servitude in socialism.

Being kind and merciful to criminals seems to be the biggest patch of our day.

WHOM DOES YOUR GOVERNMENT WANT TO PROTECT?

The policy of the powers-that-be in our fair country hold that we must not prepare defensive systems for our own protection as a nation because that would "be provocative to the Soviets."

Another of their policies is that the American people have no

"SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

A curious story was reported in the Richmond, Ind., Palladium-Item about a Calumet, Va. farmer who owns a 1,133-acre farm, part of which is on the side of a mountain.

The local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee approached the farmer about accepting a government handout of \$54.39 an acre to retire the mountain side land from production. The surprised farmer said this would be impossible since the difficult terrain had never been utilized for farm land.

The honorable farmer turned down the offer of the Agricultural Department's subsidy and declared that an acceptance would be wasting taxpayer's money, since the mountain land was useless for farming.

The Government official noted the farmer's statements, and promised an investigation of his complaints about the subsidy.

This item caused us to wonder how much unproductive land around the country is being subsidized by the Agriculture Dept.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman was met by a storm of protest during his Farm Belt tour last spring when he praised lowered consumer prices. Since then both Freeman and Vice-Pres. Hubert Humphrey have been expressing pleasure over new rise in farm prices. The feeling in the Farm Belt, however, is that

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Administration statements continue to hold the farmer responsible for rising prices.

The farmer, too, pays for escalating living costs. And can he be blamed for high bread and other food prices when his share amounts to less than a penny for most items?

Since 1960, the farmer's prices have increased 14 per cent, and his costs 12 per cent. The fact that twice as many dairy farmers quit their farms this year than ever before is a sure sign of discouragement, and a reason for subsequent increases in the prices of dairy products.

While the politicians in Washington butter up the farmers for November elections, housewives are expressing themselves about skyrocketing food costs. A case in point is a group of Phoenix, Arizona women who banded together vowing to bake their own bread until retail prices descended. They not only succeeded in lowering local prices, but spread the idea of pledged revolt to other quarters of the country.

President Johnson announced, "We have achieved prosperity." But one is compelled to listen to reports such as the one in the Christian Science Monitor: "Despite attempts by the Administration to underplay the increase in living costs, the upswing is considerably higher than indicated . . . the projection for 1966 is an increase of 16 per cent, compared to an increase of 3 per cent in 1965—a rise in the rate of increase of 50 per cent for 1966 over 1965." And despite more modern developments and automation increases, the actual take-home pay of workers has been shrinking annually, lower today than in 1961.

right to protest the first policy nor to demand that something be done about it. We disagree violently, and maybe you will, too, if you will read the following quote from the November 26th issue of HUMAN EVENTS:

"Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara announced on November 10 in Johnson City, Tex., that the Soviets have deployed an antiballistic missile system. To those who have followed defense affairs, this announcement was no surprise. As Barry Goldwater says, 'This Administration has known about the Soviet anti-missile effort for years, not just months, weeks or days. During the 1964 presidential campaign, for instance, a major Republican position paper pointed to the deployment of anti-missile systems around Moscow and Leningrad.'"

"For years, however, the Kennedy-Johnson Administrations have refused to clarify this issue for the American public. Evaluation was the standard technique."

"Now, however, developments in the Soviet Union have gone so far that McNamara was forced to make the announcement."

"Said Goldwater, 'The truth is now out and it hurts. The long delayed announcement of the Soviet missile defenses has made headlines around the world as leaders awaken to its significance—a nation even partially protected against ballistic missiles has moved one horrible step closer to being able to practice nuclear blackmail against the world, from a sheltered bastion.'"

"Because this issue is of such great importance, Human Events posed the following questions to Strom Thurmond (R.-S.C.) one of the Senate's leading experts on defense matters. Since 1961, Sen. Thurmond has urged the development of an anti-missile missile system in the United States. He has fought for it, unfortunately without success, in many meetings of the Senate Armed Services Committee."

"Why was such a system not built? Mainly because many influential advisers to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson had convinced their superiors that besides its great cost and technological problems, such a system was politically inadvisable because it would be provocative to the Soviets. Defense Secretary McNamara went along with this analysis."

"McNamara's recent announcements show the fallacy of this reasoning."

AID FAILURES

Huge doses of U.S. foreign aid are actually harmful to many foreign nations, Sen. Ernest Gruening (D.-Alaska) reported recently. Gruening, chairman of the Senate Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Aid, recently completed an extensive probe of U.S. aid programs in Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. Disputing critics who say the United States has shortchanged these nations when it comes to aid, Gruening said: "The magnitude of assistance has little connection with the results obtained. Rather, it is clear that an excessive infusion of funds overburdens fragile institutions, creates a profusion of new activities for which trained manpower is not available and end by dissipating efforts to the end where virtually no permanent benefits result."—HUMAN EVENTS



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Dear Editor:

I have noticed in the papers recently the 4-H Clubs have been honored for their work. I feel it is a good time to also say a few words for a group of 4-H boys and girls.

For three years now, the Merry Mulchers have planted the planter at the City Hall at Third and Pine Streets. They have furnished the plan plants, of which, I understand were grown at the Pinalaet Gardens on Gibbon Road. Mr. Pinalaet has worked with the group for the past three years. Last year, the leader was Mr. Walters.

We have certainly enjoyed the flowers each summer, and I am sure other people have too as they go by. I wish to take this time to express to the boys and girls and their leaders how much we have enjoyed the flowers. Thanks again for a job well done.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) F. Lorain Tate
City Hall
City of Central Point

To The Editor:

The Jacksonville Booster Club members and Mr. and Mrs. George McUne and son, Ron of Pioneer Village take this opportunity to extend their most grateful Thanks to the numerous persons and businesses who so generously donated to

ward the Halloween Party of 1966.

The hosts of this event feel that this event would not have been half so successful without these donations.

And, again, may we repeat "Thanks, folks, your generosity was greatly appreciated."

Mrs. R. N. Beyer,
acting president,
Jacksonville Boosters
Club.

Chief's Blotter



TRAFFIC COURT.....

Robert Timothy Daves,
802 Broad St., Medford -
Reckless driving.
\$30.

Donald Jean Fisher, 352 S
Stewart Ave., Medford. -
Following too close.
\$15.

Charles Donald Krug, 20
Crater Lane, C.P. - Viol-

ation basic rule.
\$10.

Margaret Eaelee Pederson,
910 S. 4th, C.P. - Violation basic rule.
\$15.

Virginia Cleo Barnett, 49
S. 8th, C.P. - Failure to
obtain Oregon operator's
license.
\$10, suspended.

Larry Lynn Howell, R. 1,
B. 563, Talent - No opera-
tor's license on person.
\$5, suspended.

John Glogowski, 1385 Beek-
man, Medford. - Defective
vision.
\$10, forfeited.

Donald Lawrence Herzog,
S. 2, Bx. 688 - Upton Rd.,
C.P. - Disobeyed traffic
signal.
\$5.

Post Office Tells Deadline For Overseas Mailing

December 1st is the deadline for mailing small packages to Viet Nam and all military post offices overseas.

Parcels weighing five pounds or less and not exceeding 60 inches in combined length and girth are air lifted on a "space available" basis between the United States and all post offices overseas.

Parcels weighing five pounds or less paid at surface rates are moved within the United States by surface transportation to the port of embarkation.

Parcels in this category destined for Viet Nam or other overseas military post offices should be marked SAM (surface airmail) to speed up the handling at the Concentration center prior to dispatch.

Airmail parcels to military post offices are accepted any time, but for delivery before Christmas these must be in the mails not later than Dec. 10.

Icy Conditions On Interstate 5 Cause Accidents

Icy road conditions were the cause of two holiday accidents on Interstate 5, it was reported by the Oregon State Police Department.

A car driven by Lee Roger Brown, 23, 1055 Tolman Creek Road, skidded on ice while passing another auto about a mile south of the rest area near the summit of the Siskiyou on I-5 at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Minor damages were done to both vehicles no injuries to the drivers. The second car was driven by Alma Jean Randolph, 30, of Fair Oaks, Calif.

In an accident that occurred Thanksgiving morning at 8:40, several cars were involved before the scene of the original accident could be cleared.

At the East Main overpass near Ashland, a car driven by Martha Carolyn Caldwell, 22, Campbell, Calif., skidded on ice and hit a vehicle operated by Robert Eugene Sanders, 24, Yreka, Calif.

The driver of the first car suffered a broken collar bone and was taken to Ashland Community Hospital. Her passenger, Diane Kay Malitz, 20, had minor bruises.

Three cars slid on the ice into the median strip, and four others were involved in fender benders while officers were still at the scene.

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