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## A WORKING POPULATION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Trail Dust Saddle Club's annual Stampede, with its parade, dance and rodeo events, calls attention to the large number of persons giving time and effort to community activity. When one stops to think of the many organizations actively engaged in civic welfare—the many civic, fraternal and patriotic organizations, municipal and school bands, Sheriff's Posse, Sheriff's Reserve, drum corps, youth organizations, athletic teams and many others, all contributing something to community life—the number of people actively participating could be counted into the thousands.

We often complain because there are too few workers for civic enterprise projects, yet when we actually study what is being accomplished in many fields we can be proud and grateful that our Douglas County area has so many people willing to give of time and effort to all the varied projects which fill the year.

How much more, however, could be accomplished if we had organized planning and management.

It is our opinion that we should have a county manager to direct a public recreation and entertainment program. Instead of staging rodeos, races, athletic contests, etc., on a hit-or-miss basis and frequently with improvised facilities and conflicting dates, we should have a paid manager on full-time basis, who would be in a position to coordinate the activities, spacing them as to time, and assisting in management and publicity. We should speed construction of facilities to permit more complete use of our fairgrounds. The race track should be surfaced in such manner that we could have motorcycle, stock car and midget auto races at regular intervals. We should have scheduled saddle and harness races featuring local stock and riders, as well as attracting the professional racing circuits. The arena should be lighted so that we could have the benefit of night shows, in which attendance always is much larger than at daytime shows.

The people willing to work in behalf of such projects deserve better cooperation from the departments, agencies and boards having charge of the facilities. Public interest demands development of a managed entertainment and recreation program as rapidly as finances will permit.

### Not All Sports Are Sportsmen

The saying that "Not all sports are sportsmen" finds current proof in the abuse of unusually fine fishing conditions on the Umpqua River this season. Perhaps some reason can be found in the fact that conditions are so much better this year than for many recent seasons—more like 20 years ago—but there is little excuse for so many sports anglers to be game hogs.

We have for many years in this column decried the destruction of fish life occasioned by greedy commercial exploitation of our fisheries. We certainly would not be consistent if we did not equally condemn game hogs in the sports field. We know men who have spoken vigorously against commercial fishing in the river, yet have taken advantage of this year's abundance of fish life to kill far more than their legal limits.

Sports fishing, if too intense, can be just as destructive to fish life as nets, traps and seines.

We have frequently been accused of trying to halt net fishing in our coastal streams, other than the Columbia, because we want all the fish for sportsmen. We are accused, in other words, of opposing "division" of fish life, and demanding everything for the sports fisherman. We have no such motive. We are looking at the dollar value of fish, coupled with conservation.

We believe that taking fish on sports gear is just as much a commercial proposition as capturing fish in nets to go into cans or on the block. We believe that the general public and the state as a whole will realize far more financial benefits if all the fish in all our coastal streams, except the Columbia, are used to produce revenue from recreational use, rather than going into trade channels. Not only would more revenue result, but there would be a wider distribution of the dollars spent for recreation.

At the same time we must practice conservation. A conservation program can be better managed, we believe, under an exclusive recreational fishery on our smaller coastal streams, than at present.

But we must halt depredations by game hogs. We are faced with the fact that not all sports are sportsmen.

We can cure a lot of non-sportsmen of their tactics by increasing police forces, but it is to be hoped it will not be necessary to obtain sportsmanship and conservation through fear of penalty. A better method is through education.

## In the Day's News

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Russian-dominated police (the city hall is in the Russian zone of Berlin) look on and decline to interfere with the riot.

THERE is talk that the Berlin council might move over the line into the American zone, where it would have the protection of the western half of the Berlin police force, which is anti-communist.

At first thought, that seems a smart idea. The soberer second thought vetoes it. It would probably mean a communist blitz on the anti-communist city officials left in the Russian zone. It would

amount to going off and leaving our friends in the lurch. You can't do things like that if you want to command respect.

The situation is the same as in Berlin as a whole. We could pull out of the city, of course. We know we can't defend it if the Russians should start shooting. But if we pull out of Berlin and leave the anti-communist Germans to the far-from-tender mercy of the communists, our reputation in Europe won't be worth a last year's bird nest.

REMEMBER Czechoslovakia. There is a situation surprisingly similar to that which is now developing in Berlin, the communists, who were in the minority in Prague as they are in the minority in Berlin, SUDDENLY STEPPED IN AND TOOK OVER.

They were enabled to step in and take over because they had the backing of Russia.

THIS thing that is happening in Europe (the rise of commun-

## OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



## Rosenbergs to Remain Intact



Virgil D. Dardi (left), of the Blair Holding Corp., has announced the purchase of Rosenberg Bros. & Co. from Mathar... Arthur C. Oppenheimer (right), poring head of Rosenberg for many years, will continue as general manager and chief executive of the firm.

## Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

She was seventy years young; she had never been 'much of a reader,' and now with lots of time on her hands she was reading—but not liking the books 'everybody was reading.' What she wanted, she said, was a nice book with lots of action in it, but no 'triangle stuff,' no gangsters, no blood-and-thunder, no, not even a 'whodunnit.' She wanted just pleasant reading, happy kind of reading, with a good story in it to hold her interest.

I offered "Coat for a Soldier" but I didn't say it was a juvenile book; I just told her it was a book I had liked very much, and that was true. You will like it, too, if you happen to have an old coverle; in your home that your grandmother wore, for it's an expiation of just how she did it!

"Now," said the little lady, "that's a lovely book. It was like being right with a lot of young folks. . . I'd like more books like that."

Thus encouraged, and delighted, I suggested "Johnny Tremaine," a Newberry Book, of course. Silversmithing comes in to that, and Paul Revere. The writer had put in a lot of research to give us such a vivid picture of those days. So had the

author of "Coat for a Soldier" but as you read it you are not aware of all that. The story is good and it carries an adult reader along in a very happy fashion, although written for the adolescent world.

Oh yes, another book that charmed the reader mentioned was "Traveler's Candle," a story of the days when the connection between New York and Philadelphia was a path through the wilderness over which horsemen rode. It is a charming story of a Quaker family (the "thee" form of speech has always been a delight to me) who kept a lighted candle in the window every night that passers by might see it and feel welcome to spend the night. And the book tells what happened when one passerby did ask for shelter.

This reader liked the Phyllis Whitney books, too, and similar vocational stories. However she felt funny about going to the children's library—which was separate from the adult floors, but an understanding Reader's Aid and a good friend in the Children's department worked that out for her.

There is fine reading in the children's world of books! and its impending march toward 'world conquest' is so bizarre and strange and monstrous that we find it hard to believe it can happen.

It has happened before—often. From time to time in the ancient world the Scythians swarmed down out of the area that is now Russia and tried to overwhelm the city states of Greece, where democracy was getting its start.

Later, Attila and his Huns came booming out of this same area with the same purpose. And Genghis Khan, and Timurlane, and the Ottoman Turks.

What has happened before can happen again. Today's Russians are the lineal descendants of these others.

BUT don't forget this: They were all STOPPED, eventually. This thing we call democracy has been a PERSISTENT thing.

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

### SUNNY DAYS AHEAD

The Oregon Journal We dislike exceedingly to be so trite as to repeat that everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it.

Sombody has done something about it and he is Col. Eckley S. Ellison, senior meteorologist of the U. S. weather bureau. Col. Ellison has been courageous enough to stretch meteorological science a bit and give us some good news.

This August of 1948 has literally caused more talk than the spy hunt in Washington, the blockade in Berlin and the conversations in Moscow.

The 25-year-old item on The Journal editorial page, Tuesday, related: "Freak weather, overcast in August, has worried government scientists, who are insisting this question: 'Has the sun gone on a strike?'"

Col. Ellison states, nevertheless, that he had gone back in weather chronology to 1910 in order to find an August so abnormal as the present month.

The rainfall so far, has been four times normal. The sun has been conspicuous for its absence. All sorts of conjecture can be heard whether the atom bomb blasts at Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Bikini are still collecting their radio active dues of penitence in the form of upset weather.

This, the meteorologist shrugs aside. The dark days and the rainfall, he says are simply explained by weather circulation, with low pressure areas from the north supplanting high pressure areas in the south.

But—and this is the good news—Col. Ellison forecasts, even if not officially, that August in its last days will be brighter, with a adequate sunshine, although probably with overcast mornings.

And then he expects that September will come in smiling. There will be a squishy, bright, warm weather to ripen those tarted tomatoes. These might be a series of dry days extended enough to induce us Oregon people, who always pray for rain when it doesn't, again to send up our petitions.

But we won't until the tomatoes ripen.

### "GOVERNMENT BY HEADLINES"

The Bend Bulletin The Oregon Journal is disturbed over what it calls "Government by Headlines" and in its editorial discussion under that head refers to legislation by appropriation bill riders. This, described on the Journal's editorial page as an "invasion by the 80th congress of the executive or administrative branches of the government," it calls "grotesque and objectionable."

The Journal continues: "This congress moved into the executive field by employing a technique of legislation by appropriation. For example, it wrote 48 different restrictive and regulatory provisions into department of interior appropriations bills. And it actually wrote job descriptions that had the effect of 'firing' Mike Straus, bureau chief, and Richard Boke, chief of the Central Valley project, next January 1."

"These crudely disguised usurpations of judicial and executive authority by the legislative branch are beneath the dignity of the congress of the United States. They set a dangerous precedent. They should cease."

To the uninformed reader these words from the Journal editorial give the impression that use of the appropriation bill rider is an evil thing invented by the republicans who ruled the present congress. This, of course, is not the fact. There have been such riders attached to appropriation bills in congress after congress, democrat or republican. In other words, the 80th congress set no precedent, though the Journal would have its readers think otherwise.

A rider in its effect not unlike that relating to Messrs. Straus and Boke was attached to an ap-

## Abuse of Freed Yankee Prisoners By Russians Told

SEATTLE, Aug. 28 — (AP) — Radio Commentator George Moorad said yesterday American prisoners of the Nazis were mistreated after liberation in Russia in 1945. They were forced to sign pledges of silence.

Moorad, former chief of the Moscow Bureau of Columbia Broadcasting Company, spoke at the national convention here of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He now is with station KGW at Portland, Ore.

Some 10,000 Americans, British and French prisoners of the Nazis were liberated in March of 1945, Moorad said. "To wander across eastern Poland and Russia, sick, fed by the grace of the starving Polish peasants, often beaten and robbed by Soviet Secret Police of the few personal possessions the Nazis had allowed them to keep."

Moorad said the Russians would not allow waiting American rescue teams to aid the liberated prisoners "until our boys had struggled a thousand miles to the Black Sea port of Odessa, where they were clapped behind barbed wire waiting our repatriation ships."

The commentator said he and five others reached Odessa at the time "quite by error of our Soviet pilot, and were strictly forbidden to see the concentration camps."

"But they somehow learned we were in town," he added, "and that night some of them tried to scale the fence. Two of those boys who had spent months in a Nazi prison camp were shot and killed by Soviet guards."

"These stories were never permitted to be told. They were censored by the Soviets, of course, and each American who boarded the repatriation ships was required to sign a pledge that he would not write or talk about his experiences with the Russians."

## International Rule of Antarctic Regions Proposed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 — (AP) — The State Department said today the United States has opened talks with seven other nations aimed at some form of international administration for the Antarctic.

It said "some form of internationalization" would be the most effective solution of conflicting claims to territory in the frozen far south.

Approaches already have been made to the governments of Argentina, Australia, Chile, France, New Zealand, Norway and the United Kingdom.

London dispatches said Britain has agreed in principle to the proposal for an international regime, Argentina and Chile are reported to have raised objections.

The State Department said talks so far have been informal. It added that until they are completed no international conference is planned to try for settlement of the various claims.

The U. S. has not made any official claims to Antarctic territory.

The State Department has emphasized it reserves all rights there. American explorers have taken the lead in scientific expeditions and have raised the American flag over wide areas.

## French Landlords Given Nod to Increase Rents

PARIS, Aug. 27 — (AP) — The French National Assembly authorized landlords today to raise rents, for the first time since the liberation.

The new law established a system for determining new rents every six months in accordance with space occupied, sanitary installations and location.

Legal rents, set before the war, have become ridiculously outmoded by postwar inflation and under the successive devaluations of the franc. For example, the legal rent of a moderate-sized apartment in a fairly fashionable section of Paris has been 6,000 francs (roughly \$20) a year.

proportion bill in 1943 by the 78th congress. This congress was controlled by the democrats and the rider was intended to deny salaries to Robert Morris Lovett, Goodwin Watson and William E. Dodd, Jr. Did the Journal protest that rider? What riders has it protested?

Having given this expression to its views of what it calls the invasion by the congress of the executive branches of the government and "These crudely disguised usurpations of judicial and executive authority by the legislative branch" we wish the Portland paper would make known its opinion on legislation by the executive branch. There was such legislation in the widely discussed solicitor's opinions relating to Grand Coulee power rates. We have it on the words of democrats and republicans alike that congress intended to have its word in certain legislation mean a definite thing and thought it had done so. The reclamation bureau solicitor said it had but his superior, the solicitor for the interior department, ruled to the contrary. The present bureau head has fought bitterly to maintain the solicitor's ruling though the bureau of the budget has said it is wrong. He insists that since congress has not restated its original intent, an act he has done his best to prevent, the ruling is now law.

How about this for crudely disguised usurpation of legislative authority by an executive branch?

## All-West Europe Parliament Plan Backed by U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. — (AP) — The United States gave its backing today to a move led by France to set up an all-Western European parliament with advisory powers.

The State Department said in a statement that "this government strongly favors the progressively closer integration of the free nations of Western Europe."

A spokesman said the department is "very sympathetic" to the proposal for an assembly made by France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

American officials assume this group probably would be expanded to include all the 16 countries which are taking part in the Marshall plan for European recovery.

France proposed specifically a conference of the Brussels pact countries, to be held not later than November, to make recommendations to their governments as to the membership, date and place of meetings and the agenda, for a proposed European representative assembly with advisory powers.

Britain's Labor government has indicated it may not want to go ahead at this time. Prime Minister Attlee wrote Winston Churchill recently that the movement was premature, and the project would call for consultations with the British dominions.

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