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COLUMBIA FISH BILL

Columbia River fish packers are dishing up their usual brand of misinformation to voters in connection with the ballot measure *Prohibiting Salmon Fishing in the Columbia River With Fixed Appliances*. The salmon packers are experts at the art of propaganda, particularly in distorting the truth and using half facts to serve their own ends.

In connection with the current issue coming before voters at the general election, they utilize recent reports by the Oregon Fish Commission and the State Planning Board, two organizations in which the public might be expected to have a measure of confidence, as a foundation for their claims. Unfortunately, the general public does not have the time nor the interest to study these reports and learn the REAL facts.

The ballot measure would eliminate set nets, seines, traps and other fixed appliances from the river and confine the catch exclusively to gill nets. A set net may be placed in a quiet eddy and will take fish with no effort on the part of the fisherman other than placing his net and taking it out. Seines are used to surround schools of fish and draw them into a boat or to a shore station. Traps lead fish into a "spiller" from which they cannot escape. Gill nets float with the current and must be tended at all times, picked up and carried back upstream to make a second drift. Thus, while fixed gear, except for seines, requires a minimum of labor, gill nets utilize a large amount of labor.

A resource should be made to furnish as much employment as possible. The public interest lies in jobs not profits. The Columbia River salmon fishery is diminishing. Therefore, if for no reason other than that of employment, fixed gear should be eliminated.

Reports issued from scientific study of the fishery on the Columbia River show that the total take of salmon did not diminish after fixed appliances were removed from the Washington side of the river, furnishing opportunity for the assertion that elimination of one method of fishing merely permits another form of gear to take more fish. But anyone who finds such interpretation in the report has failed to read the "small type."

A study of the reports shows that prior to 1935 the catch was confined very largely to the spring Chinook salmon run. Those fish were so abundant and were of such superior quality that other species were less in demand. But a rapid decline in the spring salmon run caused the State of Washington in 1935 to eliminate fixed gear, while Oregon barred only its deadly fish wheels. The report shows total volume of salmon take to have been maintained at the 1935 level, but a study of poundages will show that the volume has been sustained at the expense of the Blueback, Chum and Fall Chinook runs, which previously were in little demand.

Salmon packers are proclaiming that gill nets take 70 percent of the total catch, while fixed appliances take only 30 per cent. That statement has an appeal to voters, but let's examine it.

In 1946, the last year covered in the Fish Commission report, 992 gill nets were licensed, while permits were issued 240 set nets, 54 traps and 18 seines. Based on these figures the unit operating proficiency for gill nets was 70.5 while for the 312 fixed appliances the unit proficiency rating was 96.1.

Sportsmen are interested in preservation of steelhead. Proponents claim the bill is a conservation measure because it would allow a much larger steelhead escapement. Salmon packers deny conservation factors. But study the following figures from the Fish Commission report:

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL CATCH BY EACH TYPE OF GEAR IN 1946

	Number	Chinooks	Bluebacks	Silvers	Chums	Steel-
	Licensed					heads
Gill nets	992	68.4	30.1	67.7	86.9	33.9
Set nets	240	3.3	1.8	9.8	8.3	2.0
Traps	54	4.2	19.2	15.4	5.7	18.0
Seines	18	13.2	17.8	16.3	7.1	27.6
Dip nets	*	12.6	3.0	6.1	8.0	17.4

*Dip nets used exclusively by Indians, who would not be affected by the bill.

Notice that 72 traps and seines took more steelheads than the 992 gill nets combined—45.6 to 35 percent.

Yet the salmon packers have the effrontery to tell the public this is not a conservation measure.

Observe in the above figures the fact that 18 seines took 27.6 per cent of the total steelhead catch. Remember that report was based on 1946 production. It's a lot different now!

The 1946 method of using a seine was to laboriously paddle the long net out into the current in a semicircle, then draw up the lead string, bring the fish into a "purse" or bag, then pull the seine ashore with horses. It took a lot of work and muscle. But that day is gone.

Now the big operators are running out their nets with Army Dukws, the amphibious vehicles developed during the war, and dragging them in under power. They can make a half dozen sweeps in the time previously consumed by one and with virtually little effort. In addition they sometimes use gill nets to sweep the salmon into a school which they then surround with seines. And the packers want us to let them continue that kind of fishing!

We are told that traps do not catch immature SALMON. Perhaps not. But visit one sometime and see the hundreds of salmon trout, cutthroat trout and other small fish killed by the traps.

Confine a hundred people for a few hours in a 10 by 10 room and they will all die from suffocation. Fish, too, can be suffocated when too many are confined in a small space.

OUT OUR WAY



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Vichnett S. Martin

There is such a thing as being too patient, don't you think? There was Sarah Penn, for instance, who had waited patiently for forty years for the promised 'new house' on the site beyond her kitchen window. Then one day as she was peeling apples for a pie she watched Adoniram breaking ground for a new barn!

"However deep a resentment she might be forced to hold against her husband," says Mary Wilkins Freeman, in the short story "The Revolt of Mother," written many years ago, "she would never fall in seditious attention to his wants. Nobility of character manifests itself in loopholes when not provided with large doors. Sarah Penn's showed herself now in flaky dishes of pastry... made faithfully... while she could see the digging of the cellar for the new barn..."

"She formed a maxim for herself, although incoherently with her unlettered thought. Unsolicited opportunities are the guideposts of the Lord to the new roads of life. Sarah made up her mind to a course of action."

The opportunity came when Adoniram went off to buy new horses to put in the new barn where fine stalls awaited them. Now daughter Nancy who had been heartick over having her wedding in the small, crowded, shabby little house, and Sam who

never had discovered until this morning that his soul was his own, cooperated valiantly, the moment their first stunned surprise at their mother's plan was over. The three worked...

Adoniram came home to receive the shock of his life. Where was he to put the horses? Well, he could put them where Sarah had put the rest of the farm livestock, in the discarded little house from which she and the children had moved into the new barn. Sarah was now living on the site where her dream-house had been for forty years, and there she was going to stay. What would the neighbors think? Well, the minister came to reason with her. Sarah was shelling peas: "she handled the peas as if they were bullets... her eyes showed the spirit that her meek front had covered for a lifetime."

"It's betwixt me and the Lord and Adoniram," she said. "I don't doubt but that you mean well, Mr. Hershey, but there are things people hadn't ought to interfere with..."

"Adoniram was like a fortress whose walls had no active resistance, and went down the instant the right besieging tools were used. "Why, mother," he said hoarsely, "I hadn't no idee you was so set on it as all this comes to."

Drawn into the trap's spiller, they soon die and, while thrashing around in efforts to escape, kill or injure any trout which might escape suffocation. We are told that the two-inch mesh of the trap nets permits small fish to escape. But remember that the strands of the netting are tarred heavily to preserve them from deterioration during long immersion, so that actually the net is reduced to about one-inch mesh.

The salmon packers are crying to the heavens that the bill would increase the cost of salmon—a tender spot with the voting public. Some of our readers may recall the tirade loosed against the writer of this column when we pointed out the enormous profit made last year by the Columbia River Packers Association. It was emphasized by our critics that the Columbia River catch is only a small fraction of that great organization's operation. If the Columbia River catch is such a small portion of the CRPA's total take, why should the price of salmon rise materially?

There's another angle to this price argument. It is of interest to the laboring man, who believes that a worker should get a square deal. In fact, it's the crux of the whole issue, although both sides shy away from it. But we believe it should be brought into the open.

The packers cry of monopoly. The gill netters want a monopoly. Is a monopoly best for the state?

As shown by the figures in the table above, set nets, although more numerous than other fixed appliances, account for only a small part of the total take. There are now 53 traps and 17 seines licensed and in operation on the Columbia. Most of the traps and seines ARE OWNED BY THE PACKERS.

When gill netters try to force a price from the packers commensurate with the labor performed in catching fish, they are faced with the fact that the packers have their own source of supply, inadequate for all purposes it is true, but enough to beat down the demand from the fishermen. Oregon, we believe, should be interested in seeing that the disparity between the price paid to fishermen and the cost to consumers is narrowed.

Washington and California banned fixed gear long ago. Fixed appliances recently were outlawed in Alaska. It is time, in our opinion, that Oregonians took steps to protect their resource. We urge a "Yes" vote on the fish bill.

By J. R. Williams

In the Day's News

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fits of approval. Ivestia says: "Millions and millions of men will be employed to execute this grandiose conceived Stalinist strategic offensive against drouth..."

The program envisages reforestation, irrigation, fertilization, crop rotation and complete farm mechanization for the vast steppes of European Russia and Siberia.

"The work will be carried out under direction of a newly-created government super-trust charged with co-ordinating the efforts of agriculture and forestry ministries of the various republics of the Soviet Union... A decree signed by the all-powerful central committee of the Communist Party made the program possible."

TO this panegyric by Ivestia, Pravda adds: "Such planning is possible ONLY UNDER SOCIALISM... In the United States there is deterioration of the fertility of the soil... Plunderous destruction of forests in the United States has already caused such soil erosion that a considerable area is being threatened with becoming a barren wilderness."

IT'S a sad picture, isn't it, mates? Russia on the rise. The United States on the decline. Russia's soil resources to be preserved and enlarged and enriched by a beneficent (Communist) government and our soil to be washed away by the rain and blown away by the wind until there isn't enough left to grow beans.

Bring on the crying towel.

WAIT a minute. One question remains to be answered: How AND BY WHOM will the soil resources of Russia and the United States be utilized? Here is the answer:

In Russia, if and when this vast rehabilitation program is completed (now that the Communist Party has given the go sign) the land will be worked in

Scene About Town

By "Stoop"

Drawin' controversy—tho' no legal procedures reported— is portable peanut wagon, allegedly owned by Frank Wickum. Latest gripe is kids fallin' to eat mother's prepared school lunches, favorin' peddlers' goods. Kids in know favor ROYAL'S hot dawgs, anyway.

Robt. Elliot cums with critique o' poor taste used affront Stephens' upholstered bistro. Sign says "Air Conditioned" in blazin' red neon. Blue, corrects Robt. to Harry Pinner, suggests chilled air.

Find that colyum alone illiterately. Jus' have listen to openin' o' recordin' o' Dick Jurgens' band on local 5-water. "Hyar cums that band AGIN'."

Seen handin' explicit orders for biscuits sans bakin' powder other nite at Duffy's wuz Ken Linder, oil man. Wasteline, ya' know.

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immense "collectivist" farms by individuals who will labor for the glory of the Marxist Communist state but will rattle no change in their own jeans pockets and can't come into town and plank down the coin and DRIVE AN AUTOMOBILE HOME.

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NO, thank you, Ivestia. You can have your millions of acres reclaimed by Communist decree and worked by your collectivist serfs. We'll take what soil we have and work it in our American way—and the chances are that by the end of the ten or 15 years you speak of we'll have more of the things that really count with liberty-loving human beings than you will.

LETTERS to the Editor

Three Competent Men From Douglas County

ROSEBURG—We are very fortunate to have three such competent, qualified men as U. S. Senator Cordon, Congressman Ellsworth and State Attorney General Neuner from Douglas County. Their past records are beyond question. It is regrettable that a qualified man like George Neuner is not a member of the United Nations. If he was a member, millions of dollars would be saved to U. S. citizens and his decisions would be given consideration. Such a man would be appreciated by all.

D. B. BOONE
Roseburg, Ore.

Democratic Deserters Face 'Discipline' Threat

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 28.—(AP)—Sen. J. Howard McGrath, Democratic national chairman, says he will ask for disciplinary action against national committee members who have "deserted" President Truman.

McGrath said last night he will make his recommendation to the national committee when it meets after the election.

SALMON TAKE DWINDLES

ST. HELENS, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Commercial fishermen report the daily catch of salmon in the Columbia is down to about 500 pounds a day.

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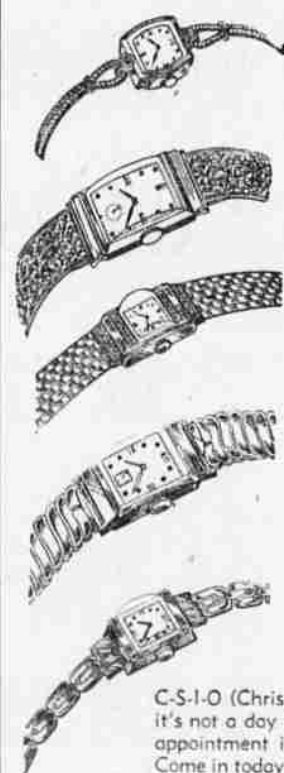
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