

Secretary Krug Opposes Idea Of Naming CVA Directors By Popular Vote

WASHINGTON, July 15.—(AP) Secretary of the Interior Krug said yesterday he is opposed to letting Columbia River Valley voters select the directors who would administer a proposed Columbia Valley Administration.

In reply to a question by Rep. McDonough (R-Calif.), Krug told the House Public Works Committee:

"It is of paramount importance that the President and Congress retain control of a program requiring such large federal expenditures."

Krug said he believes three directors would be enough and "the three best qualified men in the country" should be chosen without regard to where they live.

The bill to set up a CVA would require two of the directors to be residents of the area.

Under cross examination on his testimony supporting a CVA, Krug told the committee:

1. He opposes sale of public power to private utility companies at any federal dam because it could give a private utility company a monopoly over power distribution.

2. He does not want the proposed CVA to have power of condemnation of private power companies.

3. He does not favor retail sale of power by the government.

4. Municipalities and cooperatives who distribute public power can now build transmission lines to the government dams and the government should construct the backbone transmission systems.

5. The Hoover Commission recommendation for a Department of Public Works to consolidate the work of the Army Engineers and Reclamation Bureau would be an improvement over the present river basin development system but should not be used in the Pacific Northwest in place of a CVA.

6. The CVA should report directly to the President until such time as creation of other regional river agencies makes it an impossible burden for the President to handle. Then, he said, a cabinet officer may have to be named to handle river authorities.

7. He wants to "keep politics out of the CVA" and "wouldn't care if all the directors are Republicans."



NEW BUSINESS TO OPEN—Cliff Howard and Dick Stoll of Coos Bay have announced they will open a Crosley car agency to be known as S & S Motors, located at 707 S. Stephens. The building, pictured above, is two doors south of the Drive-in Cleaners, and was formerly occupied by Love's Motorcycle shop. The business is a branch of Stoll's Coos Bay dealership. Howard, a former resident of Roseburg, will manage the new business. Bud Hansen of Coos Bay will be employed in the mechanical department. Considerable renovations have been made to the building. (Picture by Paul Jenkins.)



NEW BUSINESS RISES—Occupying a portion of the familiar circus and carnival grounds on Garden Valley road is this new building, which is being erected by O. B. Digby to house a drive-in food market. Digby plans to operate the business himself under the name of Digby's Food Market. The building when completed will include a 20-foot extension on the rear, and 26 by 40 foot quarters above the store. Digby erected a drive-in market bearing his name north of the city in 1937, but sold the business in 1944. (Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

Gotrocks Tries Out His Friends, Then Decides He Wants Quarters In The Zoo

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — (AP) — Once upon a time there was a wealthy man named J. Waddington Gotrocks.

Money ran in his family—but it never ran out.

Waddington lived up to his armpits in four-leaf clovers. He kept a staff of thirty girls who did nothing all day long but clip his bond coupons. And every five years he had to retire them and hire a new crew—they got musclebound.

He lived in a neighborhood so snooty that people baited their mousetraps with Rembrandt etchings rubbed with 100-year-old cheese. Once somebody asked Waddington how much dough he really had. He hired the National Cash Register Company to build him a special machine to do it. The machine got up to ten digits—something like \$1,000,000,000—and then it blew a gasket.

"Well, anyway I'm not a pauper," concluded Waddington.

Waddington had an odd trait for a rich man. He liked to spend money—with both hands. But the faster he spent it the more it piled up.

He was a real philanthropist. People got so they were shooting their parents so they could come to him and say they were orphans and enjoy his bounty.

When the zoo asked him to finance a project to cross-breed an ostrich and a giraffe—they merely wanted to see if the offspring would have feathers—he imported 30 acres of Africa to give them plenty of elbow room.

Naturally a man like Waddington was surrounded by friends. One time he walked through his 999-room castle and counted 1,998 friends who were staying with him. And they all had ordered breakfast in bed—quail on toast, washed down with French champagne.

"What a lucky man I am to be so well liked," he said.

Came The Stark Truth

But then a chorus girl, angry because he had given her an emerald four carats lighter than the Hope diamond, said:

"Yeah, Waddington, but do they like you for yourself? Maybe it's your money they're after."

Well, as I say, Waddington was a simple rich man. This thought had never occurred to him. Just for a joke he had four butlers blow a silver bugle call and rounded up all his pals for lunch in the main dining room. It was so big that the waitresses had to use roller skates.

When they were all gathered around, Waddington said:

"What do you know, fellows? of arms" to western Europe.

"There is danger some of the governments might become Communist-controlled," he said.

Flanders called extension of the Monroe Doctrine to Western Europe a preferable alternative to the North Atlantic pact and arms for Europe.

The Taft-Flanders resolution was introduced after the Democratic leaders tried to get an agreement for a Senate vote Saturday on the pact. Senator Watkins (R-Utah) blocked it. He said he would not agree to a vote before Wednesday.

My last check just bounced!"

Panic broke out. In exactly 27 minutes every guest had packed his bag and left. Most of them went to the Grand Central Station. A rumor had spread that an innocent Texas oil millionaire was arriving in town.

Only two of his chums even bothered to tell Waddington goodbye. They couldn't help it. They bumped into him on the way out.

Waddington walked through his castle, room after empty room. It was completely deserted. He picked up a telephone and called the zoo.

"I'm donating you another \$10,000,000," he said. "In return will you do me a small favor?"

"Why certainly—what is it Mr. Gotrocks?" replied the zoo director.

"Fix me up a small room near the Gorilla cage," said Waddington. "I feel a little lonely."

Moral: Rich men are never satisfied with being admired for their penmanship.

Referendum Vote On Pension Bill Is Assured

SALEM, July 15.—(AP)—Completed referendum petitions against the 1949 Legislature's old age pension bill were filed in the State Department yesterday.

This means that the bill will go on the November, 1950, general election ballot, and that the bill's operation will be suspended until then.

Sponsors said they had about 23,000 names, or about 8,000 more than were needed.

The bill was attacked by Joe Dunne, Portland, and other leaders of old age pension groups.

It provides for \$50 minimum monthly pensions if enough money is on hand to pay them, and gives the state prior claims on the estates of pensioners whose children refused to contribute to their support.

The old age pension leaders want a mandatory \$50 minimum pension, and they object to "a prior claim provision."

Today is the deadline for filing completed referendum petitions.

Law Banning Strikes In Public Utilities Upheld

MADISON, Wis., July 15.—(AP)—The Wisconsin Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of a 1947 state law prohibiting strikes in public utilities.

The law challenged by Local 18, United Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers of America, CIO, bans strikes, lockouts and slowdowns in public utilities.

COPCO WAGES UPPED

MEDFORD, Ore., July 15.—According to a statement issued by A. S. Cummins, president, The California Oregon Power Company has approved wage increases effective July 1, 1949, aggregating approximately \$184,000 on an annual basis. This adjustment, which represents this company's fourth general wage increase since the war's end, is applicable to both union and non-union regular employees, and results in average increases of about five and three-quarters per cent, Cummins said.

Revision Of Armed Services Bookkeeping OK'd

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(AP)—The House armed services committee yesterday unanimously approved a sweeping revision of bookkeeping for the billions of dollars spent by the armed services.

The measure would create a comptroller in the secretary of defense's office with full authority over the whole military budget. Under him would be comptrollers for each of the three services.

Backers of the central accounting plan contend it will permit substantial savings in military costs. Each service now does its own bookkeeping. The accounting practices of the three are not uniform.

Committee members said House action on the measure will be asked immediately. It is one section of the unification bill which the committee sidetracked last Tuesday.

Communism Is Slavery Threat, Elks' Chief Says

CLEVELAND, July 15.—(AP)—The new national leader of the Elks said yesterday, "Communism is the greatest threat to the freedom of every man, woman and child in the United States in jeopardy and threatens us all with ultimate slavery."

Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson of Tacoma, Wash., called the United States "the greatest, if not the only obstacle to the Kremlin's scheme to subjugate the people of the world."

He quoted William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist party of the United States, to support his assertion that this country is in "jeopardy."

Anderson made his attack on Communism in his acceptance speech; he was elected head of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Tuesday at that organization's 85th national convention here.

Next year's convention site will not be chosen for several weeks, but Washington, D. C., has bid for it.

The great Salt Lake now covers 1,500 square miles, less than one-tenth of its original area.

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Monroe Doctrine Extension In Lieu Of Atlantic Treaty Urged By Two GOP Senators

WASHINGTON, July 15.—(AP)—Republican Senators Taft of Ohio and Flanders of Vermont proposed yesterday extending the Monroe Doctrine to Western Europe as an alternative to the North Atlantic treaty.

Their idea would be to leave

the United States as the sole judge of what steps to take in the event of an aggressive move against any Western European nation.

A resolution calling upon President Truman to extend the Monroe Doctrine to Western Europe was offered by Flanders for himself and Taft during Senate debate on the 12-nation North Atlantic pact.

"This is a unilateral action we can control," Flanders told reporters.

Both Taft and Flanders have announced their opposition to the Atlantic Pact. It would bind each of the 12 signers to consider an attack against any one of them as an attack on all.

The Monroe Doctrine, as proclaimed by President Monroe in 1823, was designed to protect Western Hemisphere nations from European designs.

Flanders said he sees danger in this country sending "vast masses

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