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WE DON'T NEED IT

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Hydroelectric power is advantageous as compared with atomic energy because of the fact the atom plants use up raw materials that are in limited supply and are irreplaceable, while water may be used over and over again without diminishing the flow or reducing supply of any material resources.

Such is the argument used by the *East Oregonian*, Pendleton, in support of the proposed Columbia Valley authority. The *East Oregonian* is one of the few newspapers in Oregon supporting the CVA proposal.

We can agree fully with the *East Oregonian's* conclusion that hydroelectric power is preferable to other forms of energy requiring utilization of exhaustible resources.

More electrical energy is being produced through use of oil and coal than through water power in the United States, despite the fact that both oil and coal are becoming limited in supply. Why, therefore, should we not harness rivers and save the previous resources so vital to our economy but now being so recklessly expended?

But, by way of digression, we are not in accord with extremists in the hydroelectric field, who would harness all waters without thought of either fish and recreational resources. It is just as impractical to waste recreational resources as to waste coal and oil.

Nor can we agree with the *East Oregonian's* assumption that the only way to obtain development of the Columbia river's power potential is to surrender state rights and set up a communist-type political cell answerable only to itself and with unlimited power over the area and its people.

If we adopted recommendations from the Hoover commission for consolidating and coordinating activities of federal agencies, while providing, at the same time, a method for cooperation from affected states, we could develop water resources without an executive dictatorship over the nation's potentially richest empire.

Says the *East Oregonian*:
The problem is how to make use of what we have and the success of the TVA makes it logical to apply the same method to facilitate resources development in this region. There is opposition but there always is. The Hudson's Bay company objected to the settlement of the Oregon country and to the formation of a government. The company had so many hirelings that when the settlers took their famous vote at Champeog those favoring American sovereignty won out by a margin of only one vote.

The *East Oregonian* it would seem to us has its analogy in reverse.

Just as the Hudson's Bay company virtually ruled Oregon and had its own way until a government was established, the executive branch of government is striving to set up a similar political corporation which would wipe out the government established at Champeog and place the entire Pacific Northwest under dictatorial rule by a three-man commission, pledged to conform to the President's wishes, and with no control from congress.

As to the matter of "hirelings," we are being flooded with them. Interior department officials are stumping the country arguing for CVA. Cabinet members have apparently been forced to give reluctant testimony favoring the proposal. One prominent official, speaking at a Democratic convention in Portland, after having told his personal disapproval of CVA, pulled out a speech, evidently prepared for him, in which he spoke vigorously in favor of the project.

High officials have spoken against permitting the people of the affected area the right to vote on the issue, but "hearings," where testimony may be directed and controlled, are suggested. Suppressive activities by CVA proponents should be enough to convince any neutral observer that the proposal is not entirely on "the up-and-up."

CVA supporters make much use of arguments in which TVA is presented as a bright and shining example. TVA was imposed upon a section of the country in which living standards were extremely low and where land productivity had been exhausted by one-crop farming. Conditions couldn't have been made worse. Almost any change had to be in the nature of improvement.

But here in the Pacific Northwest we have standards of living comparable with the best in the country. Wages are higher than in any other section of comparable size. The rate of population growth is highest in the nation. Industrial and business expansion is unequalled elsewhere.

We seem to be doing quite well without placing our Empire under the control of an absolute dictatorship.

Truman May Stump For Demo Candidates in 1950

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—(AP)—President Truman said Thursday he may stump for Democratic candidates next year.

At the same time he acknowledged with a smile that he had intentionally implied earlier in the day that he would not seek reelection in 1952.

The President was asked at a news conference about a short speech in which he said he could not promise any appointments five years from now.

Talking to a group of teenage girls who called at the White House, Mr. Truman said the reason was "because that is a year or two beyond the time when my term will expire."

Smiling, the President said that was the implication intended. However, he refused to say flatly that he would not seek reelection.

He did say that next year he may make a personal campaign in behalf of the Democratic candidates for Congress.

That is a possibility, he told the correspondents.

TUNA PRICE UPPED

NEWPORT, Ore., Aug. 27.—(AP)—The price of tuna was up to \$380 a ton here today, but catches were slim with the fleet scattered from California to Washington.

Silver salmon prices were down to 15 cents a pound with catches also light. Landings were averaging 100 pounds a boat.

The Awkward Squad



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET
By Vahnett S. Martin

I should have known better. That particular Scrap, a tribute to ex-President Hoover for Aug. 10, was in a stamped addressed envelope. But did I mail it? No! I'd be passing right by—we'll, within two or three blocks, any way, of The News-Review: "I'll be only a minute," I assured EJ, who views with frank suspicion any minute concerned with a newspaper plant or a library, and in I went.

Oh-oh! The very air was charged with urgency, that atmosphere which comes each day at a certain hour, if it be a daily, and each week, if it be a weekly, in a newspaper office.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

NO SHOTGUN IN THIS PLAN
(The Bend Bulletin)
A friend wrote us recently saying, "I know of no other broad current subject being discussed by so many people with such limited knowledge of the essential and basic facts as are currently discussing the CVA issue."

There is, for instance, the frequently repeated assertion that Portland interests, the chamber of commerce and the power companies, opposed the Bonneville development. Nothing could be further from the fact but the charge is made and then conclusions regarding CVA opposition drawn from the false assumption.

There are assertions regarding the responsibility of congress of the CVA board under the terms of the pending bills. The makers, quite obviously, have failed to study the bills with care and many words are necessary to point out the error and the actual meaning of what the bills propose.

One such evidence of misinformation and misunderstanding frequently observed in pro-CVA argument is the assertion that the Pick-Sloan plan was devised to defeat a proposed Missouri valley authority. There happens to be an engineer corps-reclamation bureau or Pick-Sloan plan for the Columbia. It is likened to Pick-Sloan and said to have been developed as a means of defeating a CVA just as it is mistakenly charged, Pick-Sloan was out together to defeat an MVA. It is not the fact as recently as-

American Legion Forecasts Its Record "Show"

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Delegates to the 31st national American Legion convention began streaming into Philadelphia today with many apparently intent on naming a world war veteran as their new command.

As the city gradually took on a holiday atmosphere, two veterans of the last war plunged into the business of meeting delegates and lining up support. They are George N. Craig, Brazil, Ind., attorney, and Earl Cooke, farmer and railroad man, of Dawson, Ga.

A third candidate is expected to establish campaign headquarters by tonight—James F. Green, Omaha, Neb., attorney.

Election of one of those three would mark the first time top control of the Legion passed out of the hands of World War One veterans.

Legion spokesmen have indicated they believe the race will narrow down to a three-way scrap between Craig, Cooke and Green.

But while the \$15,000-a-year job is of intense interest to every legionnaire the big show, as far as the public is concerned, will be Tuesday's parade of 18,000 marchers.

Legion officials say it will be the biggest and showiest ever put on. One official said costumes, musical instruments and equipment for the 15-hour parade are valued at \$5,000,000. He added that the national championship band from Joliet, Ill., is bringing uniforms and instruments worth about \$65,000 alone.

Roseburg Auto Dealer Fined, Given Probation

TACOMA, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Roy F. Smith, Roseburg, Ore., automobile dealer, was fined \$750 and placed on probation for two years here today when he pleaded guilty to using forged War Assets Administration certificates.

Smith's defense counsel said the dealer had obtained the certificates from "a dishonest employee of the WAA for \$50."

Child's Trapped Arm Is Unscrewed From Pipe

FARGO, N. D., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Three-year-old Neil Olson went round and round last night before Fargo firemen got his arm free from a fuel oil intake pipe.

The child was playing outside his parents' home when he stuck the arm into the hole, right up to the elbow.

To avoid injuring Neil, the firemen—five of them—picked the boy up and carefully circled him while the pipe threads unscrewed. Then he was taken to a hospital where, with the aid of plenty of grease, the pipe was removed.

Couple Found Slain; Child Sits On Mother's Body

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Police found a two-year-old girl sitting on her slain mother's body in a wooded shed Friday.

Nearby was her father's body, sprawled near a .410 gauge shotgun.

Police Chief Ray Howard said the couple were Cpl. and Mrs. J. D. Hildreth, Hildreth, who recently re-enlisted in the army, had just returned from his station at Camp Hood, Texas.

Howard said that early Friday afternoon Ellis Stone, 12-year-old brother of Mrs. Hildreth, phoned and said the corporal had "pointed a gun" at him.

Howard said he drove immediately to the John Penrose home, where Mrs. Hildreth was living while her husband was in Texas, and found the little girl and the bodies of her parents.

He said it appeared to be a murder and a suicide. No motive was immediately apparent, he added.

The city of Babylon possibly as early as 3,000 B. C. was a market place to which metals, wool and grain were brought.

Texas leads the nation in producing spinach for fresh-market sale.

Red Cross Aids At Fairgrounds

During the Douglas county fair, a uniformed Red Cross volunteer is being maintained by the local chapter at the south end of the grandstand during the ten-day racing program.

Dirt and sawdust has been removed from the eyes of several persons, and numerous cuts, sprains and bruises have been cared for by the volunteer workers on duty.

John Zenor, Red Cross first aid chairman, reports that in addition to himself, the following qualified men have been on duty: Bob Harvie, Clarence Rand, Clair Pettit, Earl Henbest, J. A. Strassburg and Ray Hampton.

Dr. B. P. Shoemaker, track physician, provides the necessary medical supervision.

American steel mills produced 8,500,000 tons of ingot steel in 1948. The figure on finished steel was almost 68,000,000 tons.

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IN THE DAY'S NEWS

TURNING the chip over, we find this bug under it: Britain is in a bad way financially. She has been spending far more than she can afford. So have we, for that matter, but our resources are greater and we can go on LONGER mortgaging the house to pay the grocery bill. All the signs indicate that a showdown on Britain's finances may be approaching. (Among other things, the price of British bonds has been falling.)

HERE is what COULD be in the wind: The present British government ("administration" is our term more nearly corresponding to it) may realize that trouble is approaching on homebark. It may have a premonition that Washington might balk at putting up enough more dollars to keep the British system going indefinitely.

In such an event, the card house of British finance would come tumbling down and when drastic, terrible things like that happen THE NEXT THING THAT HAPPENS is likely to be the throwing out of the existing government and the putting in of a new government.

In this case, that would amount to throwing out the Labor party and putting in the Conservative party at the British election which must occur in about a year.

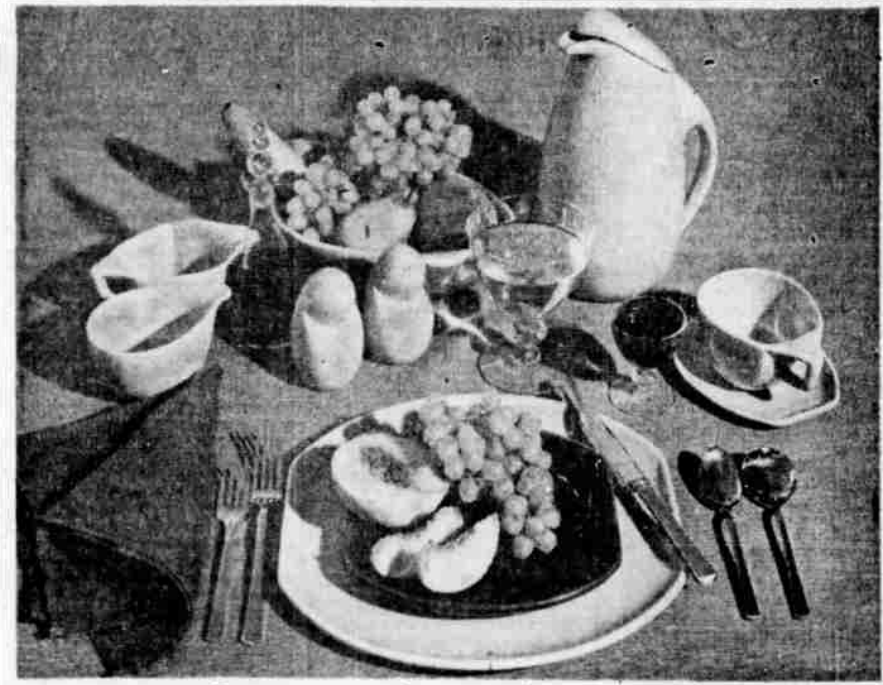
S—The present British government may have in mind a very old and usually quite effective political dodge. It may be planning to say to the British voters: "Our troubles are due entirely to the wicked and parsimonious United States, which will no longer put up the money to keep us solvent. Because of this miserly policy on the part of the U. S. you may have to give up your free medical services (including monocles and toupees for those who want such things.)"

"We, your loyal and devoted servants, have done and are doing our best to prevent such a calamity, but we are helpless in the face of the American skinflints who will no longer come to our aid."

THAT, you see, could turn the wrath of the British people AWAY from whatever shortcomings there may have been in the present British government and toward the Americans, who are no longer willing to shower down.

It would make the present British government the under-dog in a contest with powerful America.

There has been no CVA shotgun in the picture. The Pick-Sloan plan was not worked out as a means of defeating an MVA proposal. The Pick-Sloan plan has not been developed because of any CVA threat.



Pottery in the modern mood

The present ever-increasing hunger for simple, pleasing shapes has led pottery designers into a search for utility, the golden standard.

Modernistic pottery is designed for informal living and entertaining. Like nothing else it can lend colorful informality to an outdoor patio dinner and to indoor winter entertaining as well.

The "Bantu" pottery designed by Esther Warner, authoress of Literary Guild book "New Song in A Strange Land" is a fine example of this utilitarian approach to dinnerware. Every shape has a component example in nature. The lustre as well as the shape is soft and pleasing to the eye. The colors are like all outdoors in "Thatch," "Guinea Gold" and "Cola Brown."

The best feature of this pottery however, is its usefulness. The cups fit smoothly and naturally to the hand. The coffee server lid cannot come off while pouring. Salt cellars need not be turned upside down and shaken to produce salt. Every piece has been carefully designed to grow in your esteem with use.

Shown in the photo above is "Bantu" pattern in Denwar Ceramics in the three colors. Cost is 4.50 per 5 piece place set. Also shown is the "Empress" pattern in dirilyte (12.20 per place setting) and Imperial's "Continental" glass pattern (13.20 dozen).

Knudtson's are so proud of this new pottery they want everyone to come in and see it. Accept our invitation, won't you?

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