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## MISTAKEN IDEAS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. R. G. Allen of Portland who protests the lack of adequate fishways at the Winchester power dam.

The Winchester dam has long been criticised by many anglers, particularly upriver steelhead fishermen. Apparently Mr. Allen has been listening to some of those complaints and has received both correct and incorrect information.

Mr. Allen writes:

For the past several years I fished the North Umpqua river in the area above Glide, concentrating on your most elusive steelhead. When I have been fortunate enough to hook one of these fighters, it has given me the thrill of the season. But, alas, that has been all too infrequent of late.

In looking into the migration of steelhead in your North Umpqua, I find that the dam at Winchester is a very obvious barricade. Consider the conditions that prevailed during our visit:

The water was so low that the counting board in the fish ladder was barely covered.

The fish ladder was open for only eight hours a day. A fish arriving after that time could either bat his brains out on the dam for 16 hours or else consider it the end of the line and drop back downriver.

I am wondering if the steelhead run isn't valuable enough to your section of Oregon to warrant the construction of a more suitable fish ladder which would be open for the full 24 hours of each day. Could it be that some of the people responsible for this are considering this dam as a way to stop a huge pool of fish for Roseburg fishermen to enjoy, rather than allow these fish to proceed upstream in a normal manner. I am sure that if we visitors barricaded the river at some point above Idleyd Park, blocking passage of the fish so that we could go out and flash spoons or bait at them until we caught 90 percent of them, it would bring an immediate protest. Well, I'm protesting about your Winchester dam now, I don't want all the fish—no. All I want is a fair chance at the normal amount of the run which should be coming to Honey creek, Smith Springs, Maple Ridge, and the famous steelhead holes near Steamboat.

Mr. Allen is partially correct, but he has a vastly exaggerated idea of the Winchester dam as a barrier to fish migration.

The dam, it is true, does slow down upstream movement, because the fishway is improperly located. The fish normally follow the main channel along the south side of the river. The fishway is on the north side. Fish travel along the face of the dam until they find the ladder, occasionally taking a considerable beating en route.

With only an infrequent exception, the fishway is adequate to permit passage of fish. Steelhead have been counted over the ladder at the very lowest stages of water.

Steelhead have a peculiar habit of ganging up below any barrier, natural or artificial. They appear to hesitate for a time, then one will start out and the others will follow like sheep. This condition can be found at any natural barrier the same as at the Winchester dam. But because the movement can be more easily observed from the dam, the impression has been built up that the dam is acting to hold back the fish. The reason the North Umpqua river was closed between the highway bridge and the Winchester dam, upon the recommendation of local sportsmen, was because of this natural concentration of fish in that area at times, which disposes of Mr. Allen's argument that Roseburg fishermen are given an advantage, for the pool in which the fish congregate is closed. The only advantage comes when fish drop back down stream, as they occasionally do during certain water stages.

The fish ladder and the counting station are not operated on an eight-hour shift, as Mr. Allen says.

Ross Newcomb, field agent for the game department, reports that the counting station is manned consistently from daylight until dark. Occasionally the gate is closed for a short time during slack periods, but little interference is offered to the free movement of fish. Checks have proven conclusively that fish do not migrate except during daylight hours and that closing gates during hours of darkness does not affect migration.

There is no question but that conditions could be improved by a better fishway, particularly one located on the south side of the river. Newcomb has recommended this installation in nearly all of his annual reports, but to date the game commission apparently has not had funds with which to do the work.

The situation, however, is not nearly as dark as Mr. Allen apparently has been led to believe and losses or delays in fish migration due to the Winchester dam are negligible.

## Senate Rejection Of Olds Bad Thing, Truman Says

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—President Truman said Thursday the Senate rejection of Leland S. Olds for a third term on the Federal Power commission is a bad thing.

Mr. Truman was asked at a news conference if he might give Olds a "recess" appointment after Congress adjourns.

Mr. Truman said he couldn't—that he would have to find a successor to Olds.

He refused to say, when asked, whether he might give a "recess" appointment to former Gov. Mon. C. Wallgren of Washington State to be chairman of the National Security Resources board.

Wallgren's nomination was shelved by the Senate armed services committee and subsequent-

ly was withdrawn by President Truman at Wallgren's request. The fact that it was withdrawn rather than rejected, leaves it legally possible for Mr. Truman to give Wallgren a recess appointment. That would be an appointment to serve until the Senate acted on a formal nomination.

**CONCENTRATE FROZEN BERKELEY, Calif.** (AP)—Frozen apple concentrate has been developed here by Dr. W. V. Cruess, food technologist at the University of California campus.

The concentrate can be sold in cans and kept like frozen orange concentrate already on the market.

## The Bear Is A Bear At Conniving



## Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Henrietta looked around her most attractively furnished home and nodded. "Yes," she said, positively, "at a moment's notice I could pack in the back of my car all the things I value here, the things that would make the next place seem HOME to us."

Henrietta had known what it was to "break up and move" more than once. Now in her fifties, in the freedom of the fifties, she has it all figured out, and her philosophy is interesting—and practical from her standpoint anyway.

Two fine oil paintings, heavily and beautifully framed (gilded over, by the way), the tea table which closes to a narrow size by means of deep drop leaves—

It's on wheels, really a teacart; the dozen or more small but very effective "antiques" here and there; a nice set of fireplace tools for Henrietta just has to have a fireplace, she says; a few books . . .

But what about rugs, maybe you wonder? Ah, Henrietta has that figured out, too. She has very nice rugs, Indian and hook-

ed, handmade. But they are not room size; they merely "go together." Nice floors are a must, of course, to Henrietta, so the rugs are very effective on well polished, waxed hardwood. They laid a new floor over the old one, in their present home, and built the fireplace.

Beds are box-springs on legs—comfortably, attractively covered, but nothing that matters whether moved or sold. (Not like the hundred-year-old New York State four-poster a woman I know had been dragging around the country. Heavy, too, those posts-and-siderails with the original "pegs" for the ropes once used, still in place.)

Well, that's Henrietta's idea. The more I think of it, the better I like it. Sometimes it reaches a point where one wonders: do I own the things I value, or do they own me? A woman I know up and sold a huge china cabinet, a Limoges Haviland service for 12, and other things she had just moved 900 miles. She hasn't missed any of it—and feels it was a good idea.

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

### THROUGH BENEFICIAL USE Pendleton East Oregonian

Some years ago a scientist from Columbia University wrote that the natural conditions in the Pacific northwest are such that the region should become one of the most advanced, most prosperous and most populated districts in the world. He emphasized the value of our power streams, especially the Columbia. The potentiality is staggering and hydroelectric energy is the best form of power since it is not exhausted with use. Districts relying upon coal or oil depend upon energy that diminishes with use and cannot be replaced. The scientist also stressed the good climate of this region. It makes for good living conditions and energetic workers.

Until 1933 the progress of the region was moderate because our biggest asset was unused. Not until the Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams were built was the door unlocked. We are now marching but the trek has just started. Only 10 per cent of the Columbia power has been harnessed, so the main development is yet to come.

The job ahead calls for utilization of all our resources so as to have a balanced program. Industrial progress calls for a comparative advance in farming. In time the millions of acres in the desert and semi-arid regions can be settled and farmed. There is plenty of water for irrigation if farmers are permitted to use it. Dry land farmers can increase the value of their property by having some irrigated tracts. They can use sprinklers on sloping land.

Those who would "dribble the ladder to the north" and take away our most valuable resources should be turned back. But there is only one way to repulse the attack and that is by using what we have, thereby proving it is needed in the region. The principle of beneficial use applies and that fact must not be forgotten.

A little moist soap applied to the end of a screw will make it drive easier into the hardest of woods.

## Gus J. Solomon Named Federal Judge In Oregon

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—President Truman Saturday nominated Gus J. Solomon for the district of Oregon.

The list of nominees also includes the name of John F. X. McGohery, U. S. district attorney who successfully prosecuted the 11 communist party leaders convicted last Friday, to be judge of the southern district of New York.

The appointments also included the first Negro ever to be named to the federal circuit court bench. He is Gov. William H. Hastie of the Virgin Islands. He was named to the third circuit court of appeals, which embraces New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and the Virgin Islands.

PORTLAND, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The nomination of Gus Solomon, a Portland attorney, to the federal judicial post, as a liberal political views, as federal district judge in Oregon climaxed a long controversy over the appointment.

Solomon was endorsed by Oregon's two democratic national committee men—Monroe Sweetland and Nancy Honeyman Robinson; but was opposed by some other factions of the party.

In a straw poll by the state central committee, Solomon led the field. But State Democratic Chairman William L. Josselin personally endorsed Judge Earl C. Latourette of Oregon City.

Latourette was recommended, too, by the Oregon State Bar. That vote was minimized by Committee Chairman Honeyman, who argued to national democratic officials that most attorneys in Oregon represented a conservative viewpoint opposed to Solomon's.

Solomon is a graduate of the University of Chicago and the Stanford law school. He first entered the political field here when he became treasurer of the old Oregon Commonwealth federation.

Solomon had been a republican up to 1938 when he changed his registration so he could vote for Henry L. Hees in the democratic primary against the democratic governor, Charles H. Martin, who was seeking renomination.

## In the Day's News

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other country, is like an iceberg. What you see ABOVE THE SURFACE is only a trifling and relatively unimportant part of it. The bulk of it is UNDER the surface. That is to say:

The communist party is underground already in the United States. The fact that an official part of it has stuck up where we could see it hasn't changed the situation in any particular. The part of it that shows above the surface is mer booby-trap.

It is what is below the surface that causes the real trouble.

## COMMUNISM loses a round in America. IT WINS A ROUND IN CHINA.

The round the communists have lost in the United States is the first one. It looks like the round they have won in China is the last one.

Anyway, there can be no doubt that China has gone communist.

FOR many years we were told that the Chinese communists were simple, earnest, struggling peasants who were seeking for themselves and their children a way of life that the corrupt Nationalist government WOULDNT give them. This story was embroidered with the assertion that the Chinese communists and the Moscow communists had nothing in common but the name.

Note this fact: WHEN THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS GOT STRONG ENOUGH, THEY WADED IN WITH GUNS IN THEIR HANDS AND TOOK OVER ALL OF CHINA BY MILITARY FORCE.

That's what the communists will do in this country if they ever get strong enough.

HERE is a pregnant question: Will the conquest of China strengthen or weaken the cause of Russian communism?

WOULDNT know. The communists (whose hard, tough, core is Russia) now have all of China in their physical grip. The news of the past few days leaves no doubt of that.

Their next job is to make the Chinese like it.

Remember this: THERE ARE A HALF BILLION CHINAMEN. Making a half billion Chinamen like it is a tougher job than handling the relatively few million in the satellite countries that communist Russia has taken over.

And among these satellites ALREADY little Yugoslavia is showing signs of not liking the Moscow brand of communism.

It is a slim hope—probably tinged strongly with wishful thinking. But the fact remains that down through the centuries China has swallowed up a lot of conquerors, as the tar pits at La Brea swallowed up the huge prehistoric animals whose bones we find there now.

The conquerors didn't change the Chinese much. It was the Chinese who changed their conquerors. History might repeat itself in China.

## Stalin Terms West German Republic Turning Point In The History Of Europe

By DEWITT MACKENZIE (AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

Russian Premier Joseph Stalin has sent a message of congratulations to the leaders of the new Soviet-dominated East German republic in which he characterized the advent of this regime as a "turning point in the history of Europe."

That sweeping statement may be window dressing for a formal occasion, but it is one which we shouldn't dismiss lightly as just another bit of political propaganda. It is a shrewd observation by one of the world's shrewdest minds. It certainly could be an accurate forecast for it is within the range of possibility though it may not be probable.

The significance of the communist chief's appraisal, as I see it, rests in a point which this column has been emphasizing—that Germany is the heart of European continental developments. That was true before the great war, and it will be true again.

Germany is the key which will unlock the door to peaceful development or the door to trouble. It isn't just a freak of fortune that the cold war has revolved about the fallen Reich.

So if one may be permitted to try to read Stalin's mind, he is figuring on the ultimate unity of the now Red East German republic and the democratic Western Republic which recently was formed from the zones occupied by America, Britain and France. He thinks that the unified Germany will be communist.

Well, it's safe to bet that there will be a combination of the two parts of Germany. Whether the union will be communist or democratic remains to be determined. However, let's assume for the sake of argument that he is right. Then where do we stand?

The answer is that with such a development we should have as a corollary a Russo-German "alliance" which likely would dominate Europe in peace or in war. It would create the combined strength which inspires Stalin to say in his message of congratulations:

"There is no doubt that the existence of a peace-loving, democratic (communist) Germany, along with the existence of a peace-loving Soviet union, excludes the possibility of new wars in Europe, makes an end to European bloodshed and makes impossible the servitude of European countries under world imperialists (the western powers)."

The start of world war two gave us a brief preview of what a Russo-German alliance could mean. Moscow and Berlin signed the non-aggression pact which enabled Hitler to send his military steam-roller across western Poland while Russia, by agreement, marched in and annexed the eastern portion. It happened that the two fell out and a universal conflagration followed, but it didn't detract from the exhibition of efficiency displayed by the Russo-German combine while it lasted.

So with all this background it's easy to see why the cold war centers in control of Germany. The western allies are going all out to attract the eastern German republic into the western German government. The Russian government, working through the East German government, are equally bent on winning over West Germany.

And the side which wins this battle will have won the cold war.

## TIRE HAS SPRINGS

LONDON (AP)—A British tire firm has developed a non-skid tire with steel coil springs in place of the usual tread. The springs are embedded in the tire during the vulcanizing process.

The company, (Tyresoles, Ltd.), calls the invention "Wyrresoles." Sir Patrick Hamilton, its chairman, said engineers agreed that for safe driving on wet roads the film of water under the tire must be shattered and dispersed quickly. The company claims the springs do this efficiently.

## Now you Know!

The answer to everyday insurance problems By KEN BAILEY

QUESTION: I have carried twenty-five dollar deductible collision insurance policies on various cars I have owned over a period of many years. I've had two minor accidents, both under the twenty-five dollar limit so have paid the whole cost as well as the insurance premiums. Why don't the insurance companies put out a policy covering all damage, however slight, and give the premium payers a break?

ANSWER: You can get a full coverage policy but the cost is very high. In effect, you would be paying a share in the cost of all those little fender benders and headlight breakings all over the country. The repairs are small but there are lots of them. By carrying the deductible policy you pay for the small damage yourself but you make certain you don't have to foot the bill for a really staggering amount.

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