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LET 'ER BUCK!

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We're all set and primed for the big rodeo. The annual event, sponsored by the Sheriff's Posse, promises to be bigger, better, more colorful than ever, maintaining its record of steady growth and improvement.

Started on a comparatively small scale, the rodeo has been enlarged each year. More and more of the top riders and performers are being attracted to the yearly Roseburg show. Our Douglas county rodeo now ranks high.

Much credit must be given a small group of men who have labored hard and long, and at much personal expense, to make this show the success it has become. These men have had no reward, except the personal satisfaction of a job well done, and the fun of participation in the event. No money, other than repayment of loans, has been received by the sponsors. All profits have gone into the hands of the county fair board to be used for further improvements of the grounds.

When the idea for a rodeo was conceived, most of the money for necessary installations was loaned to the county by posse members. Each addition had to be similarly financed. But gradually there has been constructed an exceptionally fine entertainment facility.

Deserves Wider Use

Few communities can boast of a more attractive scenic background or better installation. From the spacious stands, spectators can look beyond the arena, with its neat cluster of corrals and chutes, to a beautiful panorama of river and hills. Nearby are a restful park and picnic spot. Stables and paddocks are flanked by exhibit buildings set up for county fair purposes.

The rodeo was started with the purpose in mind of providing funds for an annual county fair. While the fair has been revived, it has not, as yet, been "sold" to the public. Attendance has been light. Fair advocates have suggested merging the rodeo and the fair. This, in our opinion, would be a mistake.

The two events are of widely separated character. They should be held at different periods of the year. Rodeos attract best crowds in early summer. Fairs must be held after fall harvest.

True, some of the larger western shows are held in the fall. These are the major attractions to which performers, stock contractors and others have been pointing throughout the season. A smaller show, held in the fall, probably would have a hard time drawing either stock or performers. Too, we would be taking chances on weather, for fall rains are unpredictable.

The rodeo and the fair, we believe, should maintain their separate identities. We need more not fewer shows.

We have a large and expensive plant, yet it is used infrequently. It could be expanded through acquisition of more land and installation of additional facilities, to an exceptional recreational center.

Manager Is Needed

It has been urged repeatedly that a full-time manager be employed to promote recreational and entertainment use of the fairgrounds property. He should be an experienced entertainment and publicity man, able to provide interesting events.

Horse racing, midget car racing and dog racing could be promoted. Night shows could be arranged. Athletic contests could be staged. Construction of needed softball diamonds, tennis courts, outdoor handball courts, etc., could promote wider recreational use of the grounds.

An experienced promoter doubtless could arrange entertainment beneficial to the county fair. Some entertainment must be furnished, other than agricultural exhibits, if city dwellers are to be drawn to the fair, for too few are interested in seeing who can raise the largest squash or the fattest calf.

The Sheriff's Posse has started and carried to success a most worthy project. It has built an outstanding rodeo program—a program that should not be called upon to loan its prestige. The posse deserves the fullest possible support for its annual show, in which the spectator receives far more than ticket cost in the way of exciting entertainment. The posse, instead of carrying the ball alone, is entitled to cooperation from other interests, willing to work with the same enthusiasm and unselfish purpose exhibited by the posse in further developing the project.

So here's our thanks to the posse and to all those individuals and groups assisting in the big show.

The chutes are open!
 Let 'er buck!

Scrap from the MENDING BASKET
 By Vianett Martin

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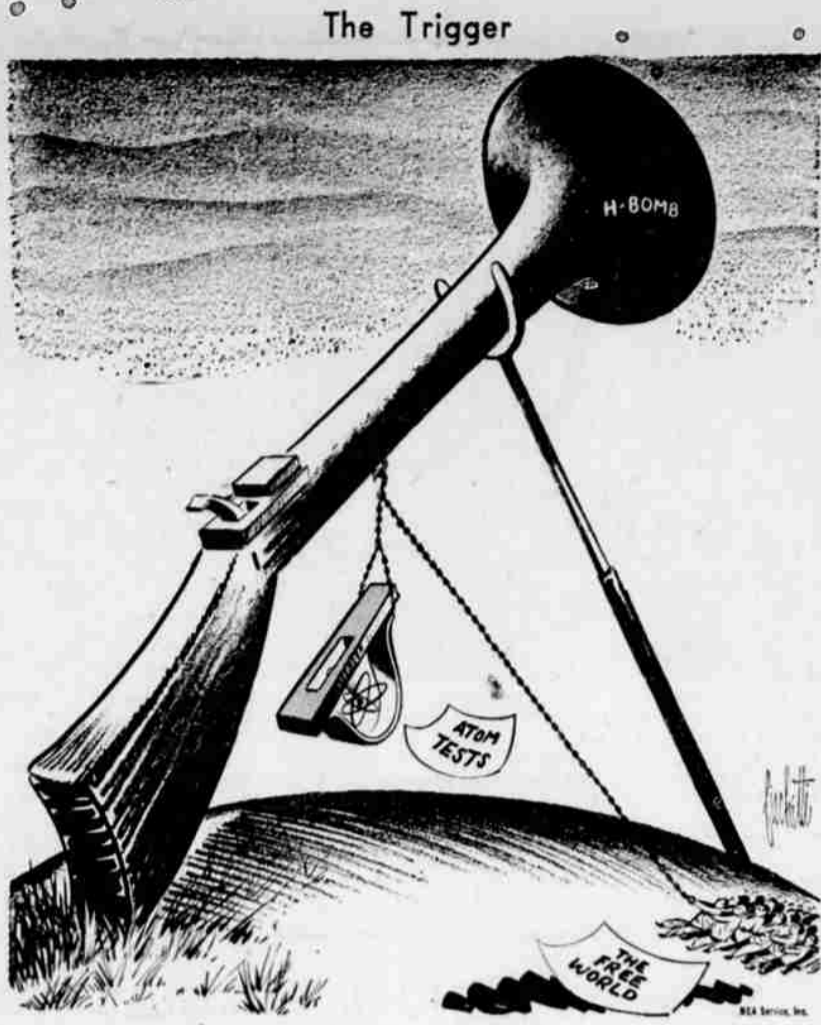
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Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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Lieut. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer was being polite when he described the sell-out of China to the Russians at Yalta as a blunder. He had listened to Secretary of State Dean Acheson describe how Defense Secretary George C. Marshall and the Russia had convinced the late President Roosevelt that the United States had to be given control of China so she could aid us in the assault on the Japanese homeland.

Acheson said he didn't know about Japanese peace feelers in 1944-45 and explained that along with Marshall he feared we would take a terrific drubbing if we jumped on Japan alone in the closing months of the war. All of which is poppycock. Washington knew that Japan was looking desperately for a way out.

One of the big secrets of the Pacific war was the fact that we had broken the Japanese diplomatic code. This was accomplished early in the war and it enabled this government to keep track of almost every big deal the Japs had cooking with other nations. In fact a lot of Japs lost their lives because our cryptographic experts were able to decipher coded messages.

In late 1944 and early 1945 the Japs had been pounded to pieces, our military leaders now admit, and her political leaders were snooping around trying to figure out a way to get out of the mess. They appealed to Russian and Swiss representatives. The Japs wanted our Soviet Allies to ask what kind of surrender terms we would settle for.

The Russians never bothered to pass along the information to the Pentagon or the State department, since they wanted in the worst way to get into the Jap war to claim some of the booty. But Marshall and Acheson knew all about those surrender feelers. So did Gen. Douglas MacArthur and probably Chiang Kai-shek.

The reason everybody knew the Japs were ready to quit is that every time they sent a message to Moscow, squealing for help, we intercepted and decoded it.

That was done at the Pentagon and it was done at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in the Pacific. The reason I know is that military aides in his headquarters have told me so.

Despite this, Marshall and the State department pumped Roosevelt full of boloney about how badly we needed Russia in the Japanese war, so he was softened up as an easy touch for Stalin. Of course, Stalin had told Cordell Hull in 1943 that he would come into the Japanese war anyway, without any demands American Communists were smarter than Stalin on this one. They fixed it up so Roosevelt was completely sold on the idea that we had to hand over half of China before they would help us out. As it was, they were in the war only 10 days before the Japs called it quits.

Neither Gen. MacArthur nor Chiang Kai-shek was invited to Yalta where the sell-out was consummated. They knew too much about how punchy the Japs were and both would have balked at bribing the Russians with Chinese territory.

So when Acheson and Marshall got and get by with the lame excuse that we had to hand over chunks of China to get Russia in the war, they are talking down a vital tunnel. The idea they are services; the army buys the lumber and so forth."

It's good reading. Do send for it. Just a request to the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report, 142 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 2, Pa., and ask for "Will We Be Ready?"

Life Insurance Bids Rejected By Oregon Board

SALEM — (AP) — The State Board of Control has thrown out all 22 bids of insurance companies for writing the newly authorized group life insurance policies for the 324 state policemen and 150 prison guards.

The board's action followed an opinion by Attorney General George Neuner that all of the companies had technically violated the rules by not filing their proposed rates on the insurance with the state insurance commissioner.

The board will call for new bids in 10 days.

Business Men's Assurance Co. of America, Denver, bidding \$2.55 per month for each policy, was the low bidder on the police policies. Standard Insurance Co., Portland, with a \$3.25 bid, was low for the guards.

The board got an offer from the Lomen Commercial Co., Seattle, to store state records in the old Great Northern railroad tunnel, near Everett, Wash. The company is taking over the old tunnel to be used as a vault.

But the board turned down the offer, asserting Oregon has good places, such as the Oregon caves, to store records in case of enemy attack.

The Board of Control decided to meet soon with the State Forestry board to try to work out details for putting convict work camps in forest areas.

These camps were ordered set up by the recent legislature, with the Forestry department to pay all the costs.

Fur, Jewel Burglars Spend Busy 2 Weeks

NEW YORK — (AP) — Police have disclosed the fourth and fifth of a series of jewel and fur burglaries in fashionable upper east side hotels—running the total loot to almost \$150,000 in the past eight weeks.

Police said that \$20,000 in gems and furs were taken May 18 from the Beekman hotel penthouse apartment of Eugene K. Denton. Denton is owner and president of the Tailored Woman store on Fifth avenue.

On Tuesday night, police said, burglars took \$8,200 worth of furs and jewelry from the Park Lane hotel suite of Charles W. T. Stuart, head of the safety car heating and lighting company.

In three other burglaries since April 20, \$121,000 in jewels disappeared from the Ritz Tower Hotel, the Hotel St. Regis and the Mayfair House.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

(Continued from page One)

\$5000 to \$8000 and the mayor's salary from \$6000 to \$9500."

BUT—

The voters of Portland, by SUBSTANTIAL majorities approved two school district measures—a current expense levy of \$1,970,000 and a building program involving expenditure of \$2,780,000 a year for ten years.

As to the \$600,000 for civil defense, Portland voters may have said to themselves that up to now they don't believe anybody—so why spend \$600,000 for defense against something that may not happen.

If it does happen, that will turn out to be a short-sighted decision. But there is a lot of lack of belief of what is being said by our leaders.

In regard to upping the salaries of the mayor and the city commissioners, the voters of Oregon's metropolis could easily reason that since there is no shortage of applicants at existing rates of pay, why raise the ante?

But on the two school measures, involving vastly more money than the other two combined, they left no doubt of their willingness to go on straining themselves to provide money FOR EDUCATING THE YOUNG.

Whatever else we may have lost faith in, we haven't lost our faith in the importance of mass education.

That is encouraging.

We are living in a troubled world. A world in which startling new developments are upsetting old, familiar ways.

There is the atom bomb, which has been surrounded by so much mumbo-jumbo that about all we can know about it is that we are SCARED OF IT. There is a little while, as time goes in this world, we may travel through space from planet to planet, as we now fly from continent to continent.

There is the upsetting possibility that if we go about it right we can MAKE WEATHER TO ORDER as we now put ingredients together in a skillet and make hash.

All this progress—if you choose to call it that—is happening to us so fast that we haven't yet had time to digest it.

Interests Argue Proposed Dam

PORTLAND — (AP) — Fish and power interests continued to argue Saturday on whether or not the proposed Pelton dam on the Deschutes river should be built.

The Federal Power commission is holding hearings on Portland General Electric company's license application to build the \$22,000,000 project.

William R. Farley, chief of the division of licensed projects for the FPC Bureau of Power, said the economic worth of the project would exceed its cost. If a study did not include data on fish runs.

William Puustinen, representing the Columbia river fishermen, said the upriver spawning ground might be the margin that would enable the Columbia salmon runs to continue. He said the army engineers estimated the salmon runs' value at \$17,440,000 annually.

Thomas W. Dezell, chairman of the board of PGE said power produced at the proposed dam would be sufficient for industries employing 17,000 men.

A. G. Sunda, FPC hydraulic engineer, testified that the annual value of Pelton power would be \$3,435,000.

He said power interests had indicated privately that their "second project" would be a dam on the Metolius river, eight miles above the Pelton site. He said no application for the Metolius project had been filed with FPC.

QUADS BORN; ONE DIES
 BAYONNE, N. J. — (AP) — Quadruplets were born here to a Lyndhurst, N. J., housewife, but one was born dead.

Three girls and a boy were delivered to Mrs. Selma Kronenberg at Bayonne hospital. The last, a girl, was stillborn.

Hospital authorities said the three others and the mother were "doing fine."

The father, Irving, operates a variety store here. The couple has one other child.

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