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LET'S FACE FACTS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

A more cooperative position has been reached by the Douglas County Court and Oakland-Sutherlin proponents of the so-called "Short Route" road project, we are informed. The public meeting Monday is said to have cleared away many misunderstandings. Less stubborn insistence from both sides and more willingness to consider all factors involved seem to have resulted from the discussion. It will not be difficult, we believe, to find the solution to the controversial road issue if the approach is made in a spirit of tolerance and cooperation. General rather than special interests must be served, at the same time keeping in mind the economic factors involved. Since Monday's meeting, we are advised, several alternate proposals have been suggested. One, which seems worthy of consideration, is construction of the so-called "Short Route" to logging standards only, at the same time building agricultural access roads on the "River Route." Neither road would be built to highway standards and the total sum involved would be no more than required to build either route to highway specifications. Improvements then could be made from year to year as money becomes available.

Longer Study Required

It is obvious that neither the "River Route" nor the "Short Route" should be undertaken until more engineering data are obtained. Only preliminary surveys have been made. Many assertions concerning each route are based on assumption rather than proven fact. With limited manpower it will require at least a year to gather all the engineering facts necessary to permit a truly sound decision, the court says.

The Sutherlin-Oakland community is in critical need of access to federal timber. It will be at least five years, however, before any appreciable amount of timber becomes available from the Umpqua National Forest. Access roads must be built up the main river and up Steamboat Creek before the full allowable cut from the forest can be maintained. The Sutherlin-Oakland area should have assurance that it will be given access by the time the timber goes on the market. Secondary industry would then be assured of equality in competitive position if located in the Sutherlin-Oakland area.

We would like to suggest to the County Court that it hold a final decision in abeyance until all engineering data are at hand; that, during the year required to do the engineering, the court earmark in a special sinking fund as much money as it can possibly spare for this project, thus assuring the Sutherlin-Oakland community the road will be built; that, after a final decision is made, based on adequate information and estimates, construction be started immediately and pushed through to the earliest possible completion. There should be little difficulty, if an adequate sinking fund is set up, to build the road, or roads, within the five-year deadline.

Long Range Planning Needed

The Sutherlin-Oakland community is not the only section of the county deserving road improvements. Much of the County Court's time is taken up by delegations appealing for road money. Yet the county has very limited sums available for new construction.

As the cut of timber progresses, roads must be extended to permit transportation. Economy of each of our producing areas rests on transportation. The situation will become increasingly critical as we reach out farther and farther for our supply of raw material.

We believe the county could well afford to employ some qualified firm of consulting engineers to make a study of our road needs. This study should cover each producing community, agricultural requirements, etc., determining how soon a certain road must be extended to a specific point to reach timber needed by a definite time. The engineers should consider what part of the cost should be borne by the public and how much should be paid by industry. The road plan should be correlated to the state and federal pattern. Industrial expansion must be estimated and future transportation volume calculated.

Better Coordination Possible

From this study should emerge a long range road building program coordinated to community needs with construction planned to correspond in time to community requirements. Priorities could be established on a basis of economic worth. Instead of a hit-and-miss program, based on individual ideas, local pressures and aggressive demands, the Court would have a systematic plan designed to correspond with or be in advance of need, rather than constantly lagging behind as at present.

If the plan indicated the need of more road money than now being raised annually, as it undoubtedly would, we would have some idea of how much we would need and could then work on some system whereby more funds could be made available.

The county cannot make such a study with the limited engineering force it employs. An impartial survey by professional consulting engineers would eliminate any possibility of accusations of politics or local influence. Doubtless the program submitted would be more ambitious than our finances would permit, but we could tailor the pattern to fit the cloth.

Our county road program will cost millions of dollars in coming years. It is a vital program. We believe we can well afford to use a substantial sum in conducting studies upon which to spend more efficiently the road money of the future.

Hiccup Victim Gets Avalanche Of Letters

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hiccupper Jack O'Leary has received 1,132 letters from well wishers as a result of an Associated Press story Jan. 29 which said he was down to 78 pounds.

O'Leary has lost 57 pounds since he started hiccupping at the rate of at least once per second June 13, 1948.

Prior to the latest avalanche of mail to reach their home at 4044 Garden Ave., Los Angeles, Jack

had received more than 20,000 letters, mostly suggested cures. None has worked. More than 200 doctors have failed to stop the hiccupping.

Mrs. Margaret O'Leary, Jack's mother, said that an anonymous New York doctor may be able to help her son. She is attempting to raise funds to take him east.

More than two-thirds of the 50,000 population of the Camiguin Island in the Philippine Islands had to be evacuated when the volcano on Hibokhibok Mountain erupted in 1948.

Looks Like We Are Being Taken for a Ride



"Our boys go to great lengths to Americanize the kids, some of whom are only 6 or 7 years old," reports the NEWS AND VIEWS correspondent in the Korean theater in the January issue of a General Motors publication of fine format that goes to dealers. "Over the months," says Lt. Col. Ross K. Doughty, "dozens of American suits, cowboy outfits, bikini shirts, football uniforms and similar clothing have been mail-ordered and it's something to see the get-up of the young Koreans along the way. They're smart as all get out and many speak very good English."

"I have a Korean orderly who attached himself in a little town of Ijangkok near Chonan. He already understands most of what I say and is quite a boy for getting clothes washed, wherever we may be, and doing all the things that make life more comfortable. He went accept over 2000 Won for a month's pay and that in U. S. coin amounts to 33 cents. He gets food and clothing and doesn't work anywhere near as hard as he would at home. His name is Ha Chen KJ, but as usual the name has been

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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intelligently) with your... minister, your employer or employees, your school teachers and other well informed people? 10. Do you oppose making demands on the Federal Government for things which your community can do for yourself?

If you'll stop and think seriously about it, you must agree that in democratic countries GOVERNMENT STARTS WITH THE PEOPLE. This is the process:

The PEOPLE ARE SUPREME. They elect representatives. Their representatives make the laws and administer the laws. If the laws are wise and good and if they are honestly and wisely and intelligently administered, the people are well governed and prosper.

History confirms that statement.

Here is what I'm getting at: The people ARE THE BOSS. They elect the officials. They have the power to FIRE the officials.

That is to say, there rests upon the shoulders of the people of democratically governed countries all the responsibility that in private business rests upon the shoulders of the boss.

Having the power to HIRE AND FIRE, it devolves upon the people to see to it that within the limits of human judgment and frailty good people are hired in the first place. If a normal human mistake of judgment is made and it turns out that someone is hired who doesn't measure up to the responsibilities of his job, it is up to the people, AS THE BOSS, to fire the incompetent.

The first duty of a boss is to choose an organization of good and able people. If that is done, the business will be well run. The second duty of a boss is to see to it that when someone is hired and later turns out to be incompetent he is FIRED. That, as all employers will tell you, is a tough and disagreeable job, but if it isn't done the organization will deteriorate.

What I'm trying to say is that

Russians Slew 10,000 Polish POWs, Finding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Col. John H. Van Vliet has explained to a Congressional hearing why he is convinced the Russians, not the Germans, were responsible for the Katyn Forest massacre in World War Two of some 10,000 Polish war prisoners.

The American officer is the author of a long-missing secret report on the slaughter. He said the Germans showed him and several other war prisoners the bodies in 1943 in an effort to prove the Russians had committed the atrocity shortly after the Soviets captured the Poles in 1940. Soviet propagandists have long claimed that Hitler's armies killed the Poles when the Germans overran Katyn Forest, 33 miles west of Smolensk, Russia, in 1943.

Van Vliet told a special House committee Monday that when he saw the bodies stacked in eight layers "like sardines in a can" — the uniforms and boots on most of them were new and showed few signs of wear.

His experience in prison camp had taught him, Van Vliet said, that clothing and shoes of live prisoners were not quickly and were slow to be replaced.

Van Vliet said that before the Germans took him under guard to view the bodies he had been convinced the Germans were responsible but what he saw changed his mind.

The congressional group asked Van Vliet questions designed to clear up whether his original report on the atrocity had been hushed up.

He said his five-year silence was imposed at his own request.

Truman Praises Noble Character Of King George

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman Wednesday expressed "deepest sympathy" to the British people upon the death of King George VI.

He said in a statement that the king played his part in world affairs "nobly" and with full understanding of his responsibilities.

Secretary of State Acheson and many members of Congress joined the President in lamenting the King's death and in wishing a long, successful reign to the new Queen Elizabeth.

The House adjourned out of respect to the King after adopting a resolution asking the President to convey its sorrow to Great Britain.

Mr. Truman had sent messages of condolence to Queen Elizabeth and other members of the royal family.

The President said in a statement: "A world personage who maintained the highest traditions of the English Constitutional monarch passes in the death of his majesty King George VI."

"From his accession to the

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

WASHINGTON — This idea may unduly shock one-worlders and find few takers among hopeful presidential candidates, but U.S. diplomatic recognition of Soviet Russia has long outlived its usefulness — if it ever had any to start with.

Since President Roosevelt extended formal recognition to the Soviet Union in 1933, we've had nothing but trouble with the Reds. And to those who say that Russia would not have been our ally in World War Two unless we had extended that recognition, I can only say that she wasn't. We were on her side in fighting Germany, but she wasn't on our side in fighting Japan until the shooting was virtually ended.

Roosevelt was thoroughly warned about the futility of Soviet recognition. There were historic diplomatic precedents which should have served as caution signals. At one time or another England, China and Mexico had booted out the Red representatives, and France, Germany and Poland had reduced Soviet representation in their own countries to a mere housekeeping detail.

Just as now, however, pressure groups inside the State Department worked in 1933 on behalf of the Muscovites. An apt comparison, for instance, is the urgency with which pro-Soviet State department officials attempted to force U. S. recognition of Communist China recently. In 1933 the heat was really turned on Roosevelt, and he succumbed.

There also was, at that time, a staunch group of officials headed by Undersecretary of State William Phillips. Who didn't want the U. S. to have anything to do with Russia. Nobody listened to them, of course, but it is valuable in the light of subsequent events to review what they had to say. Phillips submitted a memorandum to Roosevelt in 1933, which now reposes in the Roosevelt archives at Hyde Park, N. Y. It warned the then President that Soviet recognition was useless until the Russians stopped infiltrating the U. S. with their agents.

"The fundamental obstacle in the way of establishment with Russia of the relations usual between nations in diplomatic intercourse, is the world revolutionary aims and practices of the rulers of that country," Phillips wrote. "It is obvious that so long as the Communist regime continues to carry on in other countries activities designed to bring about ultimate overthrow of the government of those countries recognition is out of the question."

Phillips and his staff knew the Russians. And the same conclusions that they reached then are applicable today. Phillips told Roosevelt in 1933 that the major prerequisite to U. S. recognition should be the abandonment by Moscow of "direction, supervision, control, financing, et cetera, through every agency utilized for the purpose, of Communist and other related activities in the United States."

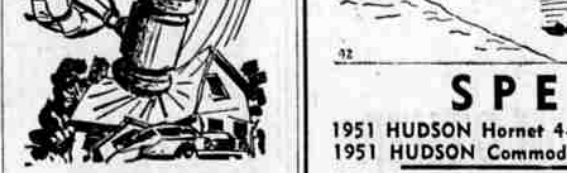
Phillips, of course, knew that the Communists would not abandon their revolutionary tactics outside the Soviet Union any more than they would inside Russia. He told Roosevelt this and was ignored. But that does not detract from the wisdom of his remarks which was his.

Friendly relations with Russia are out of the question. Nor have there been any indications since 1933 that the Soviets are any more

throne through all the ills which beset the world throughout the years of his reign—including the most disastrous war in history—he played his part nobly and with full understanding of the responsibility which was his.

"His heroic endurance of pain and suffering during these past few years is a true reflection of the bravery of the British people in adversity."

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Small Defense Plants Agency Established

By STERLING F. GREEN - WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman Tuesday issued an executive order establishing the Small Defense Plants Administration as the government's spokesman and guardian for small business during the mobilization period.

The SPDA, headed by Telford Taylor, was instructed to take over most of the funds, personnel and functions of the Office of Small Business in the National Production Authority, which operates in the Commerce Department.

The NPA's small business agency was created by Congress last fall with uncertain authority in many respects and a token appropriation. Secretary of Commerce Sawyer opposed the transfer of powers from NPA.

This jurisdictional dispute was settled last month after the Senate Small Business Committee rebuked Sawyer for what it called a "presumptuous" effort to define the scope of the SPDA's activities.

His proposals, the committee said, would have reduced Taylor to the role of "moderator of a debating society."

The year of highest U. S. farm income was 1947 when the total reached \$17 billion.

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