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RIVER ACCESS STUDIED

By Charles V. Stanton

Studies are being made along the Umpqua River as a part of a statewide project to provide public access to fishing streams.

The project is initiated by the Oregon Game Commission.

Congress last year passed what is known as the Dingell-Johnson Act. This Act levies an excise tax on fishing tackle. The income is apportioned to states, which must match federal allocations. The legislation is almost identical with the Pittman-Robertson Act, levying excise taxes on hunting equipment and distributing funds to the states to aid that sport.

The Game Commission for several years has been using Pittman-Robertson money to buy or lease lands for public shooting grounds, acquiring waterfowl refuges, etc. It now proposes to use Dingell-Johnson revenues to open up more angling areas.

Approximately 20 access points already have been approved on the McKenzie River, the Commission reports. Development through easements and agreements with private landowners, is planned. Improvements will include roadways to the stream, boat launching skids and slips, parking areas, brush removal, graveling, fencing, etc. The access points usually are less than an acre in size.

A similar project on the Rogue River has brought 41 sites under study. Surveys are in progress along the Umpqua River to determine the most important sites for access.

Will Distribute Pressure

The major value to be found in this project is in distribution of fishing intensity.

When only a comparatively small section of a stream is open to angling, concentration of pressure is extremely destructive to fish life. If, however, equal intensity can be spread over a larger area fish survival is improved.

Many miles of the Umpqua River now are inaccessible to anglers. A particularly fine stretch of fishing water lies between Wilbur and Glide. We find there approximately 20 miles of river with very limited access. This section becomes particularly important because of the recent protection thrown around the "nursery" section of the river, from Rock Creek to Soda Springs, where anglers are restricted to use of artificial fly only. This restriction works a hardship on bait and spinner fishermen now limited largely to the waters between Glide and Rock Creek.

Part of the Wilbur-Glide area will be opened when the County builds the projected road along the north side of the river from Glide to Sutherlin and Wilbur. But many miles of the road will be built against the base of the hills at considerable distance from the river. It then will be essential to establish access ways.

Early Action Desired

It will be several years, however, before access can be gained along the north side of the river between Wilbur and Glide. In the meantime it should be possible to open up a few access points along the south bank. We hope it can be done this year. While more than average cost would be involved in opening up a road at Oak Creek, to cite one example, we believe no time should be lost.

Inasmuch as the Commission has found it necessary to impose restrictions on the upper portion of the river, we are of the opinion that it has an obligation to its many other licensee holders who prefer other fishing methods.

Because the river below Rock Creek is much wider and cannot be so completely covered by anglers; and because it contains few resting places for salmon, which usually migrate further upstream; and because few downstream migrants are congregated in that area during the summer season, fishing with bait and flashing lures would be far less damaging than on the upper river. But until something is done to open the now inaccessible areas, such as Sunshine Valley, Oak Creek, Whistler Bend, Short's Bar and others, bait and spinner fishermen are at a great disadvantage.

Our situation is not as critical as on the McKenzie and Rogue Rivers where so much of those streams has been closed off and where landowners have been charging access fees. But, because of recent restrictions imposed on the Umpqua River, we urge the Commission to open access points between Wilbur and Glide at the very earliest possible date. The Commission also should cooperate with the County Court, when the road is built along the north bank of the stream, to develop ample access sites.

"Two men looked out through prison bars; One saw mud, the other saw stars."

Although it may seem that outward circumstances such as the international situation, internal strikes, and various limitations on our freedom as a nation and as individuals, may constitute "prison bars" of a sort, still much can depend upon the mental viewpoint of the one surveying the scene. After all, no one can get inside our thinking, our inviolate sanctuary where we can commune with the Father of us all, unless we open the door to the sanctuary of our mind by doubt, anxiety, fear or a feeling of frustration.

I can remember shedding tears because the presidential candidate I had chosen didn't get into the White House. Imagine anything as ridiculous as that when the tear-shedder was firmly convinced she trusted God! Well, she learned a lesson about politics, once and for all (I hope!) I never was more interested in a presidential campaign than in this one, and I can remember a lot of them as if I were the "salty" El put down on my fishing license for my age. That's what comes of — well, never mind, we're talking about candidates not husbands, in this case not the same!

It seems to me if I pray earnestly to be guided when I cast my ballot, and give intelligent consideration to what things seem important beforehand — heaven preserve us from listening to all the speeches! — that I can then feel I have contributed my part to the business, and if the candidate I think the best doesn't get into the White House, I shall just accept the fact with equanimity, knowing that no matter WHO is president, it is in "GOD WE TRUST" as a people.

Undoubtedly the hulla-balloo we have in electing a president is a

Natural Result of Mistaking Fairness for Weakness



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON—President Truman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson have been disguising themselves as ardent humanitarians over the issue of returning non-Communist Chinese and Korean troops to the Chinese Reds.

Both the President and Acheson have assured the American people that instructions were issued to our Korean truce negotiators not to yield to Communist demands for the 100,000 prisoners who said they would forcibly resist return to their native land. In fact, Mr. Truman and the Secretary of State eagerly accepted public plaudits in response to their statements.

Mr. Truman and Acheson are 24-karat phonies on this issue. Both, in August of 1949, instructed our U. S. minister to Switzerland, John Carter Vincent, to approve an agreement with the Soviet Union, China and other nations which stated that "Prisoners of war shall be released and repatriated without delay after the cessation of active hostilities."

Vincent was running the show at Geneva, Switzerland, in 1949 at a diplomatic conference when two treaties were signed dealing with the protection of war prisoners and civilians in time of war. Vincent, on page 239 of State Department document 2938, published in August of 1950, has this to say: "The government of the United States fully supports the objectives of this convention."

He was right, but only about one branch of the government, the executive. When he hot-footed it back to the United States, Mr. Truman and Acheson couldn't wait to lay the agreements before Congress. They acted as though they were slipping their minions in Congress a prize plump. They sat back to await the happy day when Congress would ratify the sellout.

The only trouble is that Vincent wasn't actually representing the American people when he signed up with Moscow. He was just an errand boy for Mr. Truman and Acheson.

Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee took one look at the sleazy treaty and tucked it into the waste basket. They aren't quite the suckers Vincent and his bosses thought they would be. And nobody in the White House or State Department had an answer when asked why Russia, a signatory, didn't start displaying good intent by returning the thousands of Germans and Japanese she has today in slave labor camps. In fact, the questions got so embarrassing that Mr. Truman and Acheson started making speeches about how sympathetic they are with the non-Communist Chinese and Koreans who don't want to go home.

Vincent had to hang around afterward only long enough to shake loose a clearance from the Loyalty Board before he went back to good thing for us — like cleaning house and shaking up the feather beds and beating the carpets, and just about as old-fashioned, come to think of it. Now we have air transportation instead of horse and buggy, seems like we could modernize our political system somewhat, too, don't you think? But whatever it is and how ever it is, let's thank God daily that the United States country opposing factions CAN stand up and shout and call each other names. It may be bad manners, and it's often funny, but it's one of the signs we are still free, and for that precious freedom we are grateful.

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Taft Sees Only One Hurdle For Nomination

WASHINGTON — Sen. Robert A. Taft said Saturday the sole remaining hurdle to his nomination for President by the Republicans is a "mistaken belief" by some delegates that he can't win in November.

The Ohio senator told a news conference he believes he has developed successfully of every other argument raised against his selection as the party standard bearer at the Chicago convention opening July 7.

Rev. Gavin Appointed Portland U. President

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The Rev. Michael J. Gavin of Portland, Ore., Friday was appointed president of the University of Portland by the Congregation of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame here.

Father Gavin, 43, succeeds the Rev. Robert H. Sweeney who will remain in Portland as head of the university's foundation.

Campaign May Echo Fight Over Wages, Prices

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON — In the summer of 1950, just after the battle for Korea started, Bernard Baruch came to Washington and warned Congress there'd be bad inflation unless it slapped on price and wage controls.

President Truman wasn't impressed. But Congress was and voted Truman price-wage control power before the summer was over. The 1950 elections were coming up in November. Truman didn't set up the price machinery until after the elections.

But it takes time to get machinery like that in motion. It was early in 1951 before the government was able to put a lid on controls and wages. And by that time living costs had begun to climb.

In the 18 months since controls went on, living costs have risen 4.1 per cent. They reached a peak last January, dipped a bit, and in May surged up again, almost equal to the January mark.

The Republicans have dumped the blame at Truman's door, for his tardiness in starting controls in 1950.

But those controls will end June 30, unless Congress votes to continue them. Now the Truman administration, a few months before the 1952 elections, wants them continued.

The Senate listened and voted to keep them eight months to a year longer. But the House voted Thursday—it was a combination of Republicans and Southern Democrats who did it—to kill practically all controls except wage controls. It voted to keep wage controls.

Veto May Eventuate

This isn't the last word, of course, since action by Congress isn't final until both houses agree.

If the final result is to end controls and then prices shoot up, Truman isn't likely to overlook during the political campaign the stand the House Republicans took on killing price controls.

If the final result from both houses permits continuance of price controls, but so badly cripples them that prices go looping upward, Truman, who has never been considered a poor politician, will hardly forget to mention the Republicans.

The President seems certain to veto any final bill that kills price controls but keeps wage controls. Most people, meaning most voters in the presidential election, work for wages and salaries. A bill that kills price controls but keeps wage controls will provide Truman with a talking point to the most voters—particularly organized labor, whose support he has courted and whose ballots he wants for the Democrats in November.

Congress Upsets Truman's Veto

WASHINGTON — Congress wrote the McCarran-Walter immigration bill into law Friday over President Truman's veto. Truman called the bill infamous.

Truman vetoed the bill Wednesday. Co-sponsored by Sen. McCarran (D-Nev.) and Rep. Walter (D-Pa.), it revises and codifies all existing U. S. laws on immigration and naturalization.

The President said he was in favor of some of its provisions, but said its flaws outweighed its good points. He said that to him the bill smacked of thought control.

The Senate overrode the veto by 57 to 28. This was five votes more than the two-thirds majority needed to overrule a presidential veto.

The House on a 7-1 Thursday was 278 to 113—17 more than a two-thirds majority.

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Kefauver, who up to now has more delegates in his bag than anybody else and who has shown great strength in the primaries. Kefauver just "ain't got a chance," the big boys say.

Neither, they pontificate, has Russell or Kerr, or Harriman. They're just OUT, period. Stevenson, they insist, is the fair-haired boy. (Stevenson says he doesn't want it, but carefully refrains from stating categorically that he won't have it if it is handed to him on a silver platter.)

The professionals prophesy that if Stevenson backs firmly out of the picture Veep Barkley will be IT.

An so on — ad infinitum or ad nauseam, whichever way you choose to look at it.

I wonder if we aren't seeing at least the beginning of the end of the convention system of nominating candidates for President.

We started out by choosing electors — one elector in each state for each senator and representative. The electors got together and chose the President. That didn't work too well. The states decided on the methods of choosing the electors. In a lot of them, the electors were chosen by the state legislature. In some of the states, a group of the "right people" just got together and picked the electors. You can imagine, I think, the amount of finagling that must have gone on.

Anyway, the system began to smell, and the odor wasn't too pleasant in the nostrils of the public. So we invented the political party convention system under which the parties at their conventions choose their candidates and at the general election the people choose AMONG the candidates.

That system, it seems to me, is in its turn beginning to decay slightly at the edges. Anyway, as I sniff the political winds, I seem to detect something faintly resembling the effluvia of a dead whale several miles upwind.

It certainly isn't the odor of violets and roses that floats downwind these days from the highly political doings and utterances of the highly political professionals on both sides of the fence.

Take the case of Pennsylvania, for example. Pennsylvania has 70 delegates to the Republican convention. Quite a large number of these delegates are supposed to be held in the hollow of the hand of the governor of Pennsylvania.

When the governor gives the nod and holds up a finger, this body of delegates is supposed to vote however the governor says.

Experience tells me that under such conditions it would be little less than astonishing if the governor of Pennsylvania didn't do quite a little dicker on his own account before he gave the final and decisive signal.

The whole party system lends itself to a whole lot of such dicker. It gives too much power to the PROFESSIONALS. It seems to me that any system that puts that much power in that few hands isn't too good.

I'm not starry-eyed about the idea of a national Presidential primary, conducted simultaneously in all the states. I'm not even positive that such a system would get better men than the present system gives us. I just find myself less and less enthusiastic about the party convention system of making Presidential nominations.

Anyway, I imagine quite a lot of people are beginning to feel the same way and if so we're likely to try something else before too long.

Goy Cason Given Time To Plead To Charge

Goy Cason, Roseburg, charged with drunkenness, has been released on \$50 bail and given until July 1 to enter a plea upon arraignment in Municipal Court today, reported Judge Ira B. Riddle.

According to Police Chief Ted Mazac, Cason took a taxi to a local hospital and told the taxi driver to charge the fare to the city, and also attempted to get medical care, charged to the city.

Roger G. Goldston, a transient, arrested for vagrancy, was given a \$20 fine, suspended upon provision he leave town. Earl G. Ames, Roseburg, was committed to the city jail in lieu of payment of a \$20 fine for drunkenness.

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Big 3 Bids For Talk With Soviet On German Unity

LONDON — The Big Three foreign ministers agreed Friday night to meet with Russia on the question of the unification of Germany.

Informed sources said that was the substance of the reply to be sent to the Soviet Union by the United States, Great Britain and France.

The three foreign ministers concluded discussion on that reply at a meeting here Friday afternoon. They also agreed to consult more closely among themselves on military operations in Korea.

A terse communique issued at the end of the foreign ministers' meetings in London gave no indication what the reply to Russia said.

Attending the sessions were U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman, and their advisers.

Their discussions covered a number of topics concerning Europe, Korea and Southeast Asia, including a review of developments in those areas since their last meeting in Paris in May, the communique said.

"They reaffirmed their agreement on the necessity for closer cooperation and consultation in regard both to Korea and Southeast Asia and considered means to insure this."

"The three ministers considered the draft reply to the Soviet note prepared by the Washington drafting group. They reached agreement on the substance of the reply which will now be put in final form."

The foreign ministers are reportedly seeking a way to make the Soviet show its true hand — to pin the Russians down on whether they are sincere in demanding four-power talks on a unified Germany.

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Personal income tax collections were \$42,629,993, up \$7,000,000. The corporation income tax collections totaled \$21,340,608, a gain of \$7,300,000.

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