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UMPQUA EXPERIMENT

By Charles V. Stanton

Judging from the tone of its news releases, the Oregon Game Commission is greatly encouraged by the gain in spring salmon migration in the Umpqua River this year.

The Commission is watching the Umpqua experiment with much interest. It has here a natural laboratory in which to work out procedure as a guide for rehabilitation activities elsewhere.

In the Umpqua River the Commission finds a stream which once was one of the Pacific Coast's finest recreational assets. The Umpqua was known throughout the world for unexcelled angling. People came from every part of the country for its salmon and steelhead fishing. Then, within a period of a few brief years, the resource was critically depleted through a combination of circumstances.

One of the principal factors toward depletion was mismanagement by the Oregon Fish Commission in removing millions of eggs for transplanting in other streams. Operation of hatchery racks in the North Umpqua halted upstream migration of salmon and blocked progress of many steelhead. Because salmon carcasses were removed from the stream, to be used for food in hatchery ponds, fertility of upstream waters was damaged.

Fishing Intensity Excessive

At the same time the river was undergoing excessive commercial fishing intensity. Nets were concentrated in the narrow channel at Brandy Bar, where it was possible to capture virtually every fish except those small enough to escape through the mesh and those managing to pass through commercially-fished waters during weekend closures. Then the few fish that managed to escape the nets were halted at the hatchery where their eggs were taken and shipped elsewhere while the bodies were ground up for hatchery food.

By the time a partial halt was obtained on commercial fishing in 1947 and complete closure by 1949, the migrations of salmon and steelhead were almost gone. Where hundreds of thousands of salmon once entered the Umpqua, the count had fallen off to less than 3,000, when river studies were started in 1946.

The Game Commission had its doubts about rehabilitation of the river's fish population. Those doubts still exist. There is, however, some reason for a more optimistic outlook.

Last year we had a substantial increase in the migration of spring salmon. Much of this gain, however, was nullified by loss of brood fish on the spawning beds through use by anglers of spinning and flashing lures. Because of this loss, the "nursery" section of the river was closed this year to all except artificial flies.

Current Migrations Encouraging

This year's spring salmon run has been especially encouraging; largest since the river studies were started. We still do not know the results from hatchery operations. Until recently the Game Commission was not permitted by law to propagate salmon. Salmon were classified exclusively as food fish and were under management of the Fish Commission. But in late years the Game Commission has been propagating salmon on the Umpqua River.

It previously was believed that salmon could be held in hatchery ponds only for a short time. The Game Commission, however, succeeded in holding salmon in fresh water at the Rock Creek hatchery until they were 18 months old. By the time of their release, they had reached sufficient size to warrant belief that their chances for survival were greatly improved. We will have evidence during the next two years whether this experiment is working. Already a few jack salmon—two-year-old males—have been caught by anglers, which is encouraging.

These jack salmon were identified as hatchery propagated fish by the fin clips used to mark all fish released as a part of the experiment.

Many experienced anglers hold the theory that salmon are the "control" factor in a stream. As salmon die after spawning, their carcasses fertilize the river. Fertilization provides more food. Thus the river can support more fish. It is a well known fact that a large run of salmon is followed by correspondingly large migrations of other species.

This year our record spring salmon run is paralleled by a record run of summer steelhead. Is this just happenstance, or is the "control" theory a fact? Biologists will be anxious to learn the truth.

Can a stream, once one of Oregon's best, be restored after being most critically depleted? Will it be possible to rebuild fish populations in the face of forest removal, improved access to fishing waters and increased angling intensity? Is the practice of holding fish in hatcheries to larger size better than releasing them as "swimmer-uppers"? If salmon migrations can be restored, will other species gain also? What are the depletion effects of commercial fisheries?

These and many other questions will be answered, at least in part, by experiments now in progress on the Umpqua. To date, answers are very encouraging.

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET
by Vidnett Martin, P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

Well, I guess my scrambled thoughts regarding the two political conventions are jiggling into some kind of a pattern. So skillfully were the two weeks served up to the listening radio audience that both Mother and I listened in more than we have ever listened to the radio before in our lives. We had fun! And learned a lot! And two pairs of hands kept right on busily with what ever was engaging them at the moment. EJ could—and would—listen in only in the evenings, and part of the time he preferred to read, even so. Maybe he was just as far ahead. I wondered sometimes if the

speakers forgot they were having the services of an amplifier? Surely some of their shouted remarks could have almost dispensed with the radio's services, too, and reached the home folk! I wonder how large a percentage of the listeners felt strongly that it would be nice, hereafter, to have a national primary and do away with all that buffing and puffing. The national primary ballots would serve far better. Can the President "step out" of his dignified office as president of the greatest nation in the world, as a chairman will do when winning to speak, but is prevented by his chairmanship? I always

Getting Harder and Harder to Hear



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — A simple method is available to political convention chairmen that will halt the endless television mugging of delegates on roll calls.

The steady stream of humorists who arose to state that they doubted the accuracy of the vote from their own delegation, delayed the Democratic convention by at least 4 hours. Anybody could ask for a personal polling of the delegation by telling the chairman that the count was suspect. Nobody believed the doubters, including the chairman, but under convention rules a poll had to be undertaken. The remaining delegates yawned, read newspapers or shifted uneasily on slat-bottomed chairs while the boredom was underway.

Even after delegates had been accused of seeking a poll for the sole purpose of obtaining a moment of glory on a nationwide television network, the demands continued. So, if that is the major reason for delegate polls, it can be stopped in its tracks without hurting anyone's feelings or depriving the doubters of their rights to call delegate chairmen liars.

Instead of publicity polling delegations after a demand has been made, the official tally clerk of the convention could send an assistant down to the floor for a private poll. Convention proceedings could continue while the private poll is underway. When completed, the tally clerk's assistant could report back to the rostrum and the clerk would announce the results.

No television glory would be connected with this procedure. Other delegations could continue answering the roll call.

At Chicago there were two explanations for the repeated demands to poll individual delegations. One is that a public statement of support for a particular candidate is supposed to put each delegate on record, and reveal to the chairman any double-crossers in his delegation. This could be done just as easily on the floor under the supervision of an assistant tally clerk.

The second explanation is that polling delegates is used as a delaying tactic to give floor managers of various candidates time for their horse trading. This is a fiction. At both conventions the horse trading was done by the political bosses, and the delegates

feel "let down" somehow when the man in the office of the presidency of this great Republic speaks in a manner less than on the high level it would seem the office rates.

"The press is controlled by big business. Look at the advertising pages if you don't believe it. I, as always been against me, and if it was for me, I'd know I was wrong." (Mr. Truman)

I personally know of one great newspaper that is not controlled by big business, and I think there are others. And I have been looking at the magazines and newspaper advertisements very earnestly lately, noticing how many, many of the great businesses seem under the control of a great desire to turn to God for wisdom, strength, and guidance in this national crisis. Never have I seen so much "religion," non-sectarian, earnest appeals to the reader to ask, to pray in his own way at his own convenience, for divine aid, comfort, and help in finding the leadership we need. The bulletins of the two conventions would suggest such advertising of great value. Don't you think so?

In the Day's News

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lows the steel strike on the steel industry. That raises this question:

Which came first — the hen or the egg? Did prices go up because wages went up? Or did wages go up because prices went up?

Personally, I think what brought on the steel strike was too much power in too few hands.

If we can keep too much power from getting (and STAYING) in too few hands, we'll have it pretty good in this great and growing country. But if we let too much power get into too few hands and stay there we WON'T have it so good.

This changing world note: Egypt's reform government has swept away titles of nobility, but the land of the Nile will remain a constitutional monarchy.

It will all depend on the MONARCH and the kind of men he picks to head his various ministries.

AND—The kind of men the people choose to compose the PARLIAMENT that is an essential part of a constitutional monarchy.

In other words: Everything depends on LEADERSHIP. The kind of leaders we have determines the kind of government we have.

Egypt's deposed King Farouk holds his first news conference this morning on the Isle of Capri, where he fled into exile. He started it off by telling the more than 100 newsmen and photographers who showed up that he's no longer a rich man.

He's learned one fact of life in his short experience as a commoner—NOBODY LOVES A RICH MAN. (Except his heirs—and they can hardly wait for him to die.)

Does sending 100 reporters and photographers to Capri to interview a fat and good-for-nothing ex-king seem to you to be a terrible waste of money and manpower?

Wait a minute. Will you read about fat Farouk BEFORE you read the meaty and IMPORTANT news of the world—and with much more interest.

So did I. That's why we newspapers print so much of the shallower and fluffier stuff—for which everybody blames us.

Six Swedes have been found guilty of handing vital Swedish military secrets to Russia in return for cash. They were charged with giving the Russians complete details of the Swedish defense system that guards against any Russian attack across Finland.

If you should travel to Sweden, you would see REAL democracy in action—with great good accruing to ALL the people as a result thereof.

You CAN'T travel to Russia, of course—but if you could you'd wonder why any Swede would try to promote the Russian system in Sweden.

Many strange things happen in this world.

H.A. Winston's Will Admitted To Probate

The bulk of the estimated \$25,000 estate of the late Harry A. Winston will go to his widow, Utah R. Winston, according to a will admitted to probate Thursday.

Civil Rights Issue Given GOP Stress

Democratic Party Bolt In Four Southern States Looms As Possibility

By The Associated Press
Republicans kept the civil rights pot boiling Thursday for the purpose of cooking the Democrats' goose.

Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, chairman of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's campaign advisory committee, said the selection of Sen. John J. Sparkman of Alabama as the Democratic vice presidential nominee shows the Democratic party intends to do nothing constructive about civil rights.

Sen. Richard M. Nixon of California, Eisenhower's GOP vice presidential running mate, told newsmen in Fresno, Calif., however, that Sparkman is not a true Southern candidate and is known to be completely pro-Truman.

It was President Truman's insistence on federal civil rights legislation that split the Democratic party in 1948 and lost the electoral votes of four Southern states. Some Democratic leaders in the South are unhappy about the party's 1952 stand on civil rights and have not yet decided whether to support the Democratic ticket of Gov. Adlai Stevenson and Sen. Sparkman.

Chairman Arthur Summerfield of the GOP National Committee rubbed more salt in the wounds Wednesday with the assertion that Stevenson and Sparkman are "hand-picked candidates of President Truman" and will be "expected to carry on the Truman tradition."

Sparkman Will Reply
Sparkman, in Washington, said he will have something to say about civil rights in response to a series of questions in a telegram from Rep. Powell, New York Negro Democrat. Sparkman said Powell's communication is one of 15,000 he has received since his nomination and will be answered in his turn.

At the Illinois capital, Gov. Stevenson made a few remarks on civil rights issues in his first news conference since the Democrats nominated him for the presidency last Saturday.

He repeated a previously expressed view that fair employment practices legislation is primarily a state responsibility. He said the federal government should hold off unless a state fails in its duty.

He said all citizens should have "equal opportunities and equal political rights."

Stevenson told the newsmen he hopes major campaigners in his behalf will "stay within the framework of my ideas." One of the major campaigners will be President Truman.

Law Needs Revision
Stevenson also said he believes the Taft-Hartley labor law, a prime target of union labor leaders, needs substantial revision but not necessarily repeal. He said he views the Democratic platform pledge of repeal as merely a method of accomplishing the same result through an entirely new law.

Commenting on Eisenhower's expressed goal of an eventual 40 billion dollar annual cut in federal spending, Stevenson said he hoped "neither candidate or party would offer hopes that are forlorn and at the same time be demanding a defense establishment to accomplish our common objective."

Eisenhower has said he wants the GOP campaign to give as much emphasis to the congressional races as to his bid for the presidency.

Eisenhower announced he will not take sides in primary contests between Republicans, but will support the winners "to the limit."

Medal Of Honor Vet Risks Life To Ban Suicide

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Congressional Medal of Honor winner proved Thursday he was still a hero by risking his life to save a grief-stricken young mother from the ledge of a six-story building.

Mrs. Lucille Whombe 21, mother of two small children and despondent over the death of a third last week from pneumonia and heartstroke, had climbed to the ledge of the downtown YWCA building.

Maynard H. "Snuffy" Smith, who during World War II fought a single-handed battle over the English Channel to save a burned-out bomber, saw her and inched his way along the ledge as a crowd watched tensely below.

He said later she screamed at him that she didn't want to live, that she had just lost her five-month-old child.

Smith said he told her to think of the other two, and asked her if he could hold her hand for a minute.

"Then a fireman came up and helped, because I couldn't hold her alone," he said.

DREDGER HITS MINE
BOULOGNE SUR MER, France (AP)—A French dredger hit a mine in the harbor here Friday and port authorities said 11 men were missing and feared dead. Seven others were rescued.

'Captive' Label Put On Stevenson By Sen. Nixon

COLUMBUS, O. (AP)—Sen. Richard M. Nixon of California said Thursday night Gov. Adlai Stevenson is a "captive candidate" who would have no choice as president but to continue Truman policies and to keep in power the men who made them.

Nixon, opening his quest for the vice presidency before the Ohio Republican State Convention, said the Democrats offer the nation a man who is captive to the CIO, big city machines and President Truman.

The fact that Truman hand-picked Stevenson and the Illinois governor then picked Sen. John J. Sparkman as a running mate "is going to be one of the major liabilities that Mr. Stevenson is going to have to carry in this campaign," said Nixon.

The running mate of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told it's audience that "Ike" will be a fighting candidate for president "right down to election day."

"Ike" was more determined than ever about that, Nixon said, "after he heard what the Democrats in the Chicago convention were saying about him."

Nixon said Stevenson and Sparkman would continue Truman's policies if elected.

The South knows Sparkman as a "Truman man," said Nixon. But he declared the Democrats lost the South when they failed to put Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia on their ticket.

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