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CLEAR DECKS FOR ACTION

By Charles V. Stanton

Bob Shoemaker of Roseburg, now working for the Oliver Iron Mining Company in Duluth, Minn., sends us a clipping from the Duluth newspaper. The item reports impressions gathered by a couple from Freeport, Maine, who visited in Duluth after a tour of the Pacific Northwest.

The visitors told the Duluth reporter:

The Pacific Northwest is great country if you don't mind the cloudy weather, but it is living on its reputation made during World War II. If it wasn't for the government shoveling money into the area, the state wouldn't be worth the powder to blow it into the Pacific. The sun shines about two months of the year — the rest of the time it is cloudy or rainy. The soil lacks lime and west of the Cascade Range is mighty poor farming. There is a great deal of unemployment there at the present time due to strikes.

Oregon is in worse shape. Portland is a depression city. Taxes are very high — in Washington there is a 3 per cent sales tax.

We like Minnesota, Maine and Massachusets as the finest places to live. Of course my home town is Freeport, Maine, and I may be prejudiced — but the east coast has it all over the west coast.

Our Chamber of Commerce won't like that! It is definite libel! Certainly we couldn't recommend that Maine couple for powers of observation and research.

The last few days we'd have appreciated some of those clouds described by the unhappy tourists. As for the government money being shoveled into the area, the government is taking about three dollars out of the State of Oregon for every dollar we get back. Maybe our farming land isn't the best, but our farmers stand very high in the rate of farm income. We may have unemployment from strikes, but we're in a labor-short area. We'll agree with the tourists on one point, however. Taxes ARE high.

We've reported this scurrilous misrepresentation of our glorious Pacific Northwest. We'll leave the rest up to our Chamber of Commerce.

Incidentally, Bob, son of Mrs. Shoemaker and the late Sam J. Shoemaker, is working in the mining company's research laboratory at Duluth, but will go to Madison, Wis., this fall to work for his M. S. degree in metallurgy. He already holds an M. S. degree in chemistry from Oregon State College.

FOREST SPECIALIST EMPLOYED

Douglas County rings up another first.

It is the first county in the state to employ an extension forester.

This is a most progressive step. It should return financial benefits far offsetting the small cost involved

The farm wood lot today is recognized as an important agricultural resource. We have turned from the practice of "mining" wood to scientific "tree farming." Few counties in the Pacific Northwest have more timber on private agricultural lands than Douglas County. These farm wood lots, properly managed, are worth many millions of dollars. Some of our landowners have sold their stumpage for far less than it was worth. They would have enjoyed much higher returns had they been able to secure expert advice.

The time is coming soon when tree farming can be made to yield annual profits, in those cases where wood lots, which occupy 53 per cent of our farm acreage, are adaptable to sustained yield management. Other wood lots will be more profitable if clear-cut. Employment of a specialist will enable the landowner to obtain management advice.

The importance of the job will grow as we succeed in bringing in more industries capable of utilizing thinnings, prunings and assorted wood, other than saw timber.

Douglas County, in our opinion, will have reason to be proud of being first in the state to make the service available to its private timber owners.

Scraps From the Mending Basket

by Vidnett Martin - P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

In a reply to a query about something else, the U. S. Navy remarked that I "might be interested in the WAVES' tenth anniversary" and that the "nearest WAVE was Miss Genevieve Blake of Roseburg." So I contacted Miss Blake, who is now Mrs. Don Allen, wife of a forest ranger, living 65 miles up the North Umpqua at the Big Camas Ranger Station.

Mrs. Allen's reply was most interesting. She explained a little delay in her reply as due to the fact that she has two children, 22 and 6 months old, who are a twenty-four hour job. . .my life now is in direct contrast to my WAVE experience. . .correspondence seems passe.

"I am adamant in my defense of a career as a WAVE. I loved it! I realize I was most fortunate in having the job I had, as few of us were selected to fly at that time. I had excellent opportunities to meet outstanding people and go places that I couldn't possibly have gone as a civilian.

"I made flights to Panama, the West Indies, Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Newfoundland and Alaska. My Navy career has been one of the most important and influential parts of my life. Personal contacts made during that time have been of permanent value. I was a first class petty officer when discharged and was flying with a NATS (Naval Air Transport Service) squadron, as hostess on flights between San Francisco (or Moffett Field, Calif.) and Honolulu.

"We also flew transcontinentally, and after repatriation of our war prisoners (Guam, Wake, Philippines, etc.) we flew special hospital flights with the former prisoners, a great number of whom were hospitalized.

"I was in the Navy three years, and was flying all of that time with the exception of 'boot camp', and about three months duty in Convoy and Routing — plotting of the courses of ships — in the Port director's office in San Francisco."

I should say Mrs. Allen's "present life is in direct contrast!" What an interesting treasure-trove of memories she must have stored up to enjoy, and share with her family.

Automobile Accidents In Oregon Take 2 Lives

SALEM (AP) — A car plunged off a road nine miles north of Albany Monday, killing a passenger, Anne Louise Woodmansee, 19, of Salem.

Driver of the car, J. R. Wikoff also of Salem, suffered shock and face cuts.

Miss Woodmansee was the daughter of a Salem dentist, Dr. A. D. Woodmansee.

PORTLAND (AP) — Lon Martin, 27, injured Friday when his car rammed a traffic divider in a Portland suburb, died in a hospital here Monday.

His death was the 22nd traffic fatality in Multnomah County—excluding Portland — This year.

THOROUGHBREDS FOR TURKS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Iraq government has agreed to export 500 thoroughbred horses for use by the Turkish army, the newspaper Lewa Al Istiklal reported.

Summer School

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — Was Alger Hiss framed?

No evidence has ever been produced to indicate that the convicted liar, perjurer and Communist spy belongs anywhere but where he is — in prison.

Hiss has undergone months of investigation by congressional spy hunters; he has had his life and times searched dilligently and intelligently by the full resources of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; he has been submitted to two trials by jury; he has had presented on his behalf voluminous contentions that he is entitled to a third trial. He has had the services of at least 16 qualified attorneys, three experienced private investigators, a psychiatrist and psychologist, an expert on paper analysis, and various handwriting and typewriting experts plus a metallurgist.

Hiss has been the beneficiary of untold thousands of dollars, contributed by friends and relatives—people who could pay $7,500 to reconstruct a typewriter on the fatuous theory that it would prove the opposite of what his lawyers admitted in court; that is, that the typewriter he admitted owning is a fake.

Having destroyed the contention by Hiss that Whittaker Chambers, unaided and unskilled in manufacturing typewriters, could have built a Woodstock machine to trap the State Department official, the U.S. attorney in New York was forced to set about proving the Hiss typewriter that sat in mute evidence during his trials, had never been tampered with. He called in the FBI again.

In a re-trial motion Hiss, after first admitting the typewriter belonged to him, then denying it could have been introduced by Chambers as evidence of his espionage, returned to the initial position, by charging that the typewriter really did exist but had been tampered with; that keys had been substituted to match the typing on the incriminating documents.

Hiss now concludes that if Chambers did not manufacture his own Woodstock typewriter, he at least added some type accumulated from somewhere to produce a machine that typed figures identical with the Hiss machine.

A metallurgical expert hired by Hiss took a sample of solder from various keys of the Hiss machine. He noted that the nickel content varied; that there is more nickel in the solder on the so-called altered keys than on the so-called unaltered keys.

The metallurgical expert had access to the manufacturing procedures of the Woodstock Typewriter Company, but either ignored it or found it useless to prove his contention.

Conrad Youngberg, a plant superintendent at Woodstock from 1929 to 1933, and Otto Hokanson and Joseph Schmitt, also long-time employees of the typewriter concern, collectively testified in re-trial depositions that nickel was never intentionally mixed with solder at the Woodstock factory.

The typewriter bar, to which the keys are attached, is dipped in a nickel bath. The actual keys, never. Thus an irregular accumulation of nickel is normal on typewriter bars and as a coating on the solder. If altered or fake keys were soldered to the Hiss typewriter bars, there would be less, not more, nickel, since not even Whittaker Chambers has been accused of re-dipping the Hiss machine bars in a nickel bath.

Hiss next turned his attention to the number of threads in the ribbon on the Hiss typewriter. He asserted that the machine that typed the documents did not use the same ribbon. The government has never contended that one typewriter ribbon was used to type all of the hundreds of secret documents Chambers got from Hiss.

Next, Hiss asserted that the Woodstock plant could not have manufactured the Hiss typewriter because the steel content in the various bars and keys varied and could not have been produced at the same plant.

Woodstock did not in the period in question, 1925 to 1929, produce the steel used in their machines. They do not do so now. The steel, asserted government and Woodstock witnesses under oath, was purchased from many sources, and the bars and keys were manufactured continuously and dumped into common bins. No given texture of metal was ever deliberately routed to a particular typewriter, or batch of them.

Claims were made that the Hiss typewriter keys had abnormal tool marks on them. Government experts proved the marks were made by natural wear.

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Japanese Cities Differ In Blame For Atomic Ruin

HIROSHIMA, Japan, (AP) —Seven years ago Wednesday the city of Hiroshima was crushed by the searing blast of the atomic bomb.

Survivors of that awful holocaust gathered Wednesday at a memorial under the center of the aerial explosion to pray for the thousands who died.

The memorial is inscribed, translated:

"Sleep quietly. The mistake will not be repeated."

Japanese are quick to say that the "mistake" was not the atom bombing but Japan's war-starting attack on Pearl Harbor.

At Nagasaki, smashed by the second atomic bomb, officials of the two cities gathered to protest what they called America's "Cold attitude" toward victims of the bombings.

Kyodo news agency said spokesmen for the world's only atom-bombed cities charged that the United States was responsible for the explosions and should provide relief for the victims.

Death Toll In Dispute

Kyodo said the Nagasaki conference proposed that the U. S. grant long term loans to help rebuild areas leveled by the explosions.

There is considerable disagreement over how heavy a toll the Hiroshima A-bomb claimed.

Estimates based on the U. S. Strategic Bombing Survey show about 80,000 were killed.

But the Japanese press insists that more than 200,000 died. A scroll containing more than 200,000 names was placed in a crypt under the A-bomb memorial during ceremonies Wednesday.

TREATY RATIFIED

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — A royal decree ratified a friendship treaty recently concluded between Jordan and Italy.

In the Day's News

(Continued from Page One)

known changed suddenly before our eyes.

Even in the midst of war, this had been a world not wholly lacking in beauty and in human satisfactions.

Then—

Within the span of minutes—

As the significance of what had happened seeped into our consciousness, the beauty faded and the picture was filled in with black horror.

Well, it hasn't been as bad as we thought in those hours of shivering terror of the new and the unknown it would be. With the power to do so in their grasp, men haven't yet destroyed the world.

Therein lies HOPE.

Hope is mankind's most precious possession.

Hope?

Here's more of it:

In Los Angeles last night, General Dwight David Eisenhower gave to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and through the magic of the radio, television and the modern newspaper gave to ALL of us a soldier's prayer in the form of a ten-point program for a peaceful, prosperous and happy America.

Here are his ten points—which he outlined as the objectives of his campaign for President of the United States:

1. Increase America's strength.
2. Win a just and lasting peace.
3. Build a peaceful prosperity.
4. Make the promise of equality a fact.
5. Strengthen the security and welfare of the people.
6. Fight high prices and high taxes.
7. Subject all policy to the test: Is it good for America:
8. Restore honesty to government.
9. Insure loyalty in government.
10. Revive hope of a better life in every American.

Thank you, Ike.

I thought you'd do it. Now you've DONE it.

You've ignored the traps and the pitfalls and the booby traps strewn in your path by the professional politicians and have given us a picture of the America that we're all YEARNING for.

You're being yourself.

Keep it up.

That's all you need to do.

Another ray of hope:

In Missouri, Stuart Symington WINS BY A LANDSLIDE over Truman's choice for the Democratic nomination for U.S. senator.

Truman's own precinct goes nearly SIX TO ONE against Truman's man.

At the same time, Sheriff Callanan (another Missouri machine politician) loses his bid for added power in St. Louis.

This morning's dispatches tell us his machine was all but wrecked when it ran head-on into an UPRISING OF INDEPENDENT VOTERS in St. Louis.

It was a clear case of revolt against what has been.

What's been wrong with Harry Truman?

This is it:

He has surrounded himself with little, scheming men. These men have been placed by him in positions of power. Men in power MAKE POLICIES. The kind of policies we have determine the kind of government we have. Little, scheming men are inclined to make little, scheming policies.

That's the kind of government we've had.

What will Ike do?

Here's what I have FAITH he'll do:

He'll surround himself with BIG men. Able, PATRIOTIC men, who want their country to be what the Founding Fathers designed it to be. He'll put these men in the places of power. They'll use their power to build a better America.

That's how good government comes to the people.

Foresters Suggest Grading Regulations For Hardwoods

Log and lumber grading rules for west coast hardwoods would benefit loggers, millmen and consumers in buying and selling, according to Oregon forest products laboratory technologists.

Such a system would insure a uniform product for particular uses. And it would eliminate the guesswork in estimating log worth.

These statements have been issued by A. C. Wollin of the U. S. forest products laboratory, Madison, Wis., who was adviser for an Oregon hardwood grading study. Jack Pfeiffer of the Oregon forest products laboratory was field director and Clyde Randall assisted.

Alder, one of 10 major Oregon hardwoods, was selected for the initial study. The laboratory plans to make a thorough study of all Oregon hardwoods in the near future.

More than 500 alder logs at the L. R. Smith Hardwood Co., Longview, Wash., and the Veal and Son Furniture Co., Albany, were checked for exterior defects. Overgrown knots, limbs, bark distortions, splits, mechanical injuries and other defects were recorded.

From the information gathered on the three-week summer field study, Pfeiffer will be able to determine the percentage of various lumber grades that can be expected from specific alder logs.

In Oregon, alder has been considered an inferior species because the logs have been judged poor by their external appearance. Lumber grades from these logs have compared favorably with lumber obtained from second growth stands of eastern species, Pfeiffer continued.

National Hardwood Lumber Association grading rules are well adapted to Pacific Coast hardwoods used for factory lumber, the wood technologists said. About 18,000,000 board feet of alder are cut in Oregon each year, mainly for furniture use. Alder grows predominately west of the Oregon Cascades.

An increased Oregon hardwood market has failed to develop because of a general "lack-of-appreciation" attitude, Pfeiffer remarked. Lack of rules for a standard product and an irregular source of supply also have hindered the hardwood business, Pfeiffer concluded.

Stevenson Plans Strong Control Of His Campaign

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Gov. Adlai Stevenson's campaign manager hinted Wednesday that Stevenson will keep a strong hand on the conduct of his presidential campaign and perhaps shift the center of influence from the Democratic National Committee to his own Springfield headquarters.

This indication came from Wilson Wyatt of Louisville, Ky., who has taken over the direction of the Democratic nominee's headquarters here.

Wyatt disclosed a group of leading Democrats have been invited to meet here next week to map campaign strategy and the course of the campaign.

Then Wyatt strongly denied to a news conference that he himself is a "left wing" influence in Stevenson's campaign or that Stevenson is a captive candidate of the Americans for Democratic action (ADA), a pro-New Deal political organization.

Shares Stevensons Views

Wyatt — one - time head of the ADA — pictured himself as a middle-of-the-road Democrat who shares completely Governor Stevenson's own views on civil rights, domestic and foreign policies.

"If there is any place that I differ with Stevenson," he said, "I don't know where it is."

Then he went on to say that in fact he was among the "conservative" members of the ADA although he had not been active in the organization for some time.

CHECK CHARGE FACED

James Lloyd Hunt, 30, Gardiner, was lodged in the Douglas County jail in lieu of $1,000 bail on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, Sheriff O. T. Carter reports.

Hunt waived preliminary hearing in Justice Fred Wright's court in Reedsport. He is accused of passing a bad check.

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