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FORESTS NEED HELP

By Charles V. Stanton

Here in Douglas County we think of national forests in terms of raw material for sawmills. We are vitally concerned with access roads to permit removal of stumpage and also to salvage a large volume of windthrown and pest-damaged timber before infestation causes more damage.

We read of controversies concerning jurisdiction over forest lands, payments to counties in lieu of taxes, and many issues involving forest management.

But our national forests also have other values, one of which is recreation. Recreation on the nation's 157 national forests is "big business," says the National Wildlife Federation, which, in a recent bulletin, compiles statistics on use of the forests as playgrounds.

The bulletin says in part:
 There are (in national forests) 4,398 camp and picnic areas whose combined capacity is 280,370 persons. 40,703 families can be accommodated at any one time. 191 swimming areas offer 28,055 people clear, sparkling water in which to swim. Organizations, such as youth groups and older clubs, find wonderful areas for recreation. 711 such places are owned by the United States, 404 are privately owned. Combined, they can take care of 43,877 people at any one time. 22,102 people can be accommodated every day in the 461 resorts which are found in the forests. The Forest Service wisely issues permits for summer homes which must be built to fit into the surroundings. No shacks, no building-paper huts are permitted. There are now 15,520 such homes scattered from Maine to California. Many of them are pretentious—all of them are substantial and commodious. The wilderness and wild areas covering 14 million acres provide solitude for canoeing, camping, hiking and scientific study.

Roads Provide Access

In these forests are found 133,920 miles of developed roads and 129,200 miles of trails—enough to satisfy the most ardent hiker. And let us not forget the 81,000 miles of fishing streams, and the 2,189,857 acres of reservoirs and natural lakes. In these fastnesses and along these streams are to be found 2,400,000 game animals.

How many people use these various areas and for what purposes? Last year there were 29,950,252 separate visits to these harbors of contentment. They remained for about a day and a half on the average. Of course many stayed longer and many came and went the same day. 12,810,000 used the public camps and picnic areas. 1,929,000 went to the winter sports spots. To the government-owned organization camps another 117,000 wended their happy way. 312,000 made use of the established wilderness areas. 361,000 used the organization camps not owned by the government. The resorts took care of 2,133,000 while 636,000 visits were made by forest home owners.

In addition to these figures, more than 65 million people just traveled through the forests by auto, not stopping—just looking and admiring the stately trees and the magnificent scenery. Over 5,000,000 visits were made into the forests by fishermen and 2,656,000 hunters sought their game. Surely all of this is big business. It requires a large staff to take care of this great number of recreationalists. Camp tables, fireplaces, wood, sanitary facilities must be installed at all established areas. This involves not only manpower but money. Last year several of these more popular areas were closed by health authorities, cooperating with forest officials, because the sanitary provisions were inadequate and the danger of pollution and disease from over-use threatened.

Recreational Use Issues Debated

The National Wildlife Federation quotes its statistics in support of the Tackett Bill, a measure introduced into the last session of Congress and providing that 10 percent of forest receipts be earmarked for installation and maintenance of recreational facilities. Similar legislation is expected at the next session of Congress, as the Tackett Bill was not passed.

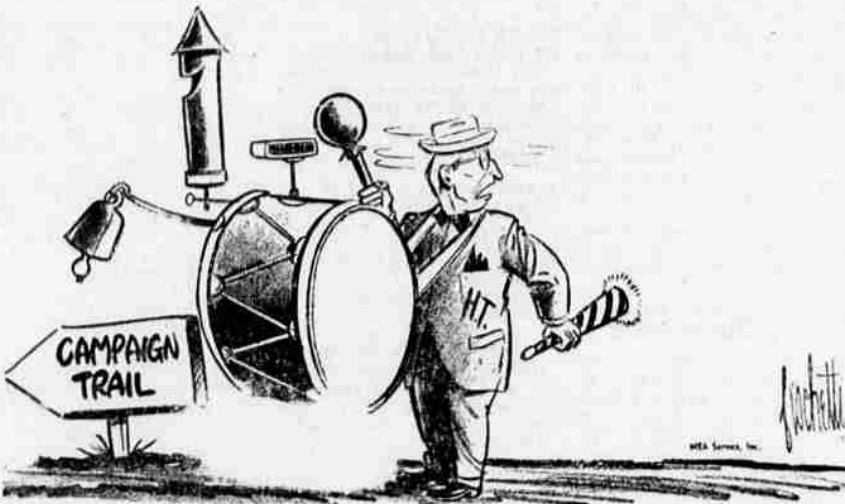
The plan met opposition from stockmen and from some counties who feared that earmarking 10 percent of the receipts might cut into their share in revenue. Another argument against the bill is the matter of precedent. Congress wants to control all expenditures by appropriating specifically for each item, rather than permitting agencies to handle funds without congressional supervision and control. Another group of congressmen oppose the measure on the theory that recreational use of the forests should be self-supporting. They propose to collect a fee from the public utilizing the public resource in much the same manner as is done on National Parks.

It is to be hoped that something will be done by the next Congress to make money available for construction, improvement and maintenance of recreational facilities. Public camps built during depression days by the Civilian Conservation Corps are critically deteriorated. Funds allotted for recreational purposes have been totally inadequate. Yet, as shown in the bulletin by the National Wildlife Federation, forest recreation truly is big business and deserving of financial support.



450 acres of wheat ruined by the hail and the 70-mile an hour wind we had over our place," said Harlan, "that hail got our place in Colorado, TOO. 450 acres of these trouble times! Last evening we listened to the farming adventures of a young Kansan farmer who, his missions as Air Force officer accomplished, returned to Kansas. Harlan Popp was the chum of our Seelye when both were in Long Beach Junior College. Both went to the end of the year to Harlan's home farm in Kansas. The one joined the Air Force; the other the Navy. Harlan's son is named after Seelye. Last June Harlan and his lovely young wife, Nadine, had 450 acres of wheat ready for harvest. A thunderstorm blew up; turned to hail. "The hail at our place was the size of golf balls," said Nadine, "and further on it was the size of baseballs. Windows were broken, roofs ruined and so on."

The "home-place" is near Dodge City, Kansas; the other farm is 300 miles over in Colorado. The young couple drive back and forth, even with machinery, and farm both places! "Although there were farmers a mile away who didn't feel a breath of air, much less



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 — One of the most painful accusations that can be made against the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization from the Organization's standpoint—is that it is promoting world government.

UNESCO denies this. It is unfortunate, for UNESCO, that many of its spokesmen do not.

World government has been a dream for generations. Caesar had it, Roman style. Stalin had it, Russian style. Hitler had it, Nazi style. UNESCO speaks of a "world community," or a "world society." And always on a humanitarian basis, as though an ideal, if pursued to its ultimate end, would cure on a political basis what Christianity has been struggling with since the birth of Christ.

The state of Kansas is a UNESCO workshop wherein all the pressure and propaganda available to the international organization is brought to bear through schools, civic groups, churches and civil government agencies. Many prominent Kansas residents have aided UNESCO in furthering its work. Among those, as I mentioned previously, is Milton Eisenhower.

I have no conception of Mr. Eisenhower's politics. I care less, insofar as his views are related to domestic issues inside the United States. I am forced, however, to quote Milton Eisenhower as an authority on UNESCO. He was a member of the United States Commission for the organization. He was also one of the promoters of the Kansas Commission on UNESCO.

In the January, 1952, issue of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women, an organization heavily propagandized by UNESCO and the United Nations, K. Frances Scott is quoted as writing:

"In my two years on the National Commission for UNESCO, I have never heard world political government mentioned, nor have I seen it referred to in UNESCO publications. It is not on UNESCO's program nor on the program of the United Nations."

In the "Kansas Story on UNESCO," U.S. Superintendent of Documents, 20c, Milton Eisenhower, in a speech at Wichita, Kansas,

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

GETTING READY TO VOTE?

Albany Democrat Herald
 It is important in a democracy such as ours that as many citizens as possible take enough interest in the affairs of the country to vote at the elections in the various governmental units. That is something that can be arranged in the late weeks of the campaign.

Even more important, and requiring much more time, is the matter of getting prepared to vote intelligently. For that, maybe, some of us should have made a start years ago. But, anyhow, "now is the time for all good men" and women to begin paying serious attention to the questions we're soon to be expected to vote on.

When the public-spirited groups get busy flushing up the vote in November, they're going to succeed. My mother didn't understand too much about the farm my dad had, and when he passed away there was considerable confusion. Nadine and I are partners in every way, and I'm waiting now for the boy to grow up and take a hand in things."

In the Day's News

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there was little chance the organization would do otherwise. MEMBERS, however, still vote as they choose.

The News-Review has "endorsed" General Ike, but I strongly surmise that come November 4 they will vote as they jolly well please. Anyway, I hope so. Nothing worse could happen to this country than reaching the point where some big shot up at the top can decree how everybody MUST vote at elections.

More on politics:
 Don't get the idea General Ike has a walkaway. For example:

Federal officeholders, along with their families and relatives, are supposed to control about ten million votes. They will want to keep on getting their federal paychecks. It is estimated (by the Los Angeles Times) that at least 25 million voters will receive federal checks this year. A lot of them will want to KEEP ON getting the checks.

It was a member of the first New Deal brain trust who said gleefully, when the effect of "the gentle rain of government checks" first began to be apparent in the balloting:
 "We'll tax and tax and tax and spend and spend and spend and ELECT AND ELECT AND ELECT."

We'll see this fall whether the scheme still works.

Foreign policy note:
 The Greek press is raging again that American officials are butting into Greek politics—and there are demands that U.S. Ambassador John Peurifoy get out of Greece.

The latest uproar in Athens follows Peurifoy's remark the other day that a NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT would be in a better position to handle country's financial problems.

Suppose some foreigner butted in and told us to throw out our present government and get another in its place.

Shucks! If that happened, we'd re-elect Harry Truman President — if we had to WRITE HIS NAME IN to get around the fact that the Democratic convention didn't nominate him.

Human nature is human nature, the world over.

What I mean is if we're going to run the world we'd better get a little smarter and not rub other people's feet the wrong way.

We'd have hung 'em both up by the toes!

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Lewis' Action Conveys Threat Of Coal Strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government officials said Friday that John L. Lewis has given formal notice that his contracts with the coal industry will expire at the end of September. This set up the possibility of a nationwide coal strike at that time.

The Taft-Hartley labor act requires that the government be informed of a labor dispute at least 30 days before the work contract expires.

Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers Union, gave federal mediators the required notice that contracts with both the soft and hard coal industry will run out then, these officials said.

This could — as it has done before — precede a strike providing no agreement on a new contract is reached by the end of September.

Lewis has been negotiating off and on since July 24 with Harry M. Moses, president of the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, and Joseph E. Moody, president of the Southern Coal Producers Association.

Required Notice Given
 His negotiations with Moody did not start until the beginning of this month.

Sixty days notice is required before the expiring contracts between the UMW and the industry can be ended.

Lewis gave his 60-day notice to Moses, who bargains for 240 million tons of coal a year, on July 22. That means he could legally take his northern soft coal diggers out of the pits about Sept. 22.

His contract expiration notices to Moody and the anthracite industry were given on Aug. 1.

Thus Lewis' hard-coal miners and southern diggers could not legally strike for a new work contract until the end of next month.

Retired General Thorpe Cleared Of Disloyalty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army says a retired general, who said he quit running for Congress because of questions about his loyalty, has been cleared of any suspicion of disloyalty.

The officer is retired Brig. Gen. Elliott R. Thorpe, one-time counter-intelligence chief in the Southwest Pacific and in Japan.

In Westerly, R. I., Thursday, Thorpe said he had withdrawn as a Republican candidate for the House of Representatives because federal agents were questioning people about his loyalty.

The office of the Army adjutant-general, when queried, said a letter had been forwarded to Thorpe "exonerating him completely."

An Army spokesman said investigation started last Nov. 13 after the N.W. York Daily Worker, a Communist paper, published statements it said Thorpe made in a speech a year ago. In the speech Thorpe said, among other things, that the Japanese peace treaty deprived Japan of needed food-growing areas.

The Army spokesman said investigation showed the Daily Worker version of Thorpe's statements was distorted. There was no explanation of why the investigation took so long.

Catfish Learn To Respond To Summons To Meals

SULLIVAN, Ind. (AP)—Byrd Squire says when he stands on the bank of his pond and calls, "fishie, fishie," catfish assemble by hundreds as close to him as they can get.

Charles Brown, Sullivan newspaperman vouches for the claim. He says he and more than a hundred other persons have watched Squire's fish-calling act at random spots around the pond.

Squire, holding engineer for a coal mine, says it's easy.

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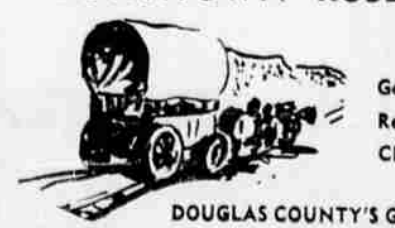
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