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JOHN BOYLE'S "BABY"

By Charles V. Stanton

Copco's North Umpqua power project has attracted attention from as far away as Asia.

An Asiatic ruler, we are informed, has asked for an engineering report on the project, planning to duplicate the system in his own country where land and water conditions are very similar. It is possible, if the report indicates duplication to be feasible, that the country's prime minister and a group of engineers will visit the North Umpqua next year.

The Asiatic engineers, if they come to Douglas County, will be only another group of engineers, insofar as Copco is concerned. The registration book at the Toketee guest house maintained by John C. Boyle, chief engineer, is loaded with names of prominent engineers from all over the world who have come to study the remarkable job the California Oregon Power Company is doing.

The project is serving as a testing ground for many new ideas. Engineers are constantly running experiments. One man currently is making a study to determine the effects of impoundment, operation of turbines, etc., upon water temperatures.

Work Progressing Rapidly

As a guest of "Doc" Wells, local Copco manager, we visited the Copco project last weekend. Despite the fact that a tour was being made at the same time by an association of professional engineers, Boyle, who recently was chosen "Oregon's Engineer of the Year," spent almost the full day guiding our party over the widely-spread project, while his capable assistant, Phil Humphreys, took care of the professional group. We were deeply appreciative of the fact that John would give us the "VIP" treatment while undoubtedly craving to spend more time with his professional friends.

It is a wonderful experience to travel over the North Umpqua project in company with Boyle. It is his "baby" from start to finish. Into the job he has incorporated the experience of a lifetime of engineering. He has utilized many unique and original ideas to keep costs low. Of especial interest to professional engineers is the control system, permitting one man at a central switchboard to operate the eight widely scattered power plants with combined capacity of approximately 200,000 kw.

John engineered a road down a precipitous 1200-foot canyon wall where access was said to be impossible. He had a sawmill packed in on horseback and cut the lumber for all buildings, bridges, forms and other structures. He laid out villages, built a modern schoolhouse, constructed a hundred or more miles of roadway—including a river-level road to connect with the North Umpqua Highway—all in addition to building dams, canals, flumes, tunnels, and powerhouses and installing thousands of tons of heavy machinery.

Exceptional Craftsmanship Shown

The story of how a remote wilderness area was conquered and its waters harnessed to serve a growing industrial empire is an epic in itself. But to the men who have accomplished this miracle it is commonplace.

However, one can sense in Boyle, as he shows a person over his vast project, a sense of deep pride. This pride and enthusiasm has been communicated to the men who have developed the job under his direction. It shows in the skilled craftsmanship, especially the little "extra" things, such as the finish on concrete work, the extra dabs of paint, here and there; a "smooth" job where a "rough" one would have served the purpose just as well. The men working on the power project—and there are about 850 of them—have captured some of John's love for it and they show it in the exercise of their various skills.

The North Umpqua project is of rare engineering interest because it demonstrates how a small flow of water can be used over and over again in the generation of power. It stands out sharply in contrast to the mammoth dams and installations designed by federal agencies. But it also shows how, under private enterprise, the cost of installation may be pared, while operating costs are kept far lower than in federally-designed plants, yet without impairment of efficiency.

It is little wonder that professional engineers from as far away as Asia are evidencing interest in John Boyle's "baby."

Just a Sample



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 — Point 10. of the official Communist manifesto written by Marx and Engels demands control of education of all children in public schools.

This has been accomplished in Russia. Textbooks have been rewritten, Stalin deified and the superiority of the state over the individual has been drilled into the heads of Russian teachers and students.

Russian children, of course, have never heard of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. This may be to their advantage. So far only American schoolchildren are targets of the international organization's immense propaganda campaign in the U.S.

In its formative stage in 1946, UNESCO held a conference in Paris. Senator William Benton, then assistant secretary of state, headed the American Commission. He had as his assistants Chester Bowles, now U.S. ambassador to India; Milton S. Eisenhower, then president of Kansas State College, and others. A report on the 1946 UNESCO session states:

"The United States delegation will also press for a conference to rewrite the world's textbooks, so that old, ultra-nationalistic misunderstandings would not be passed on to school kids; international exchange of students, teachers, artists, scientists; international agreements to end restrictive copyrights, censorship, etc.; a study of the cause of national misunderstandings; a worldwide war against illiteracy."

As one of UNESCO's godfathers, Senator Benton helped establish the international organization's pattern of behavior. He did not, apparently, envision a nationwide propaganda campaign on UNESCO's behalf in this country. In 1946, in Philadelphia, Benton delivered an address entitled "A New Instrument in U. S. Foreign Policy." He could hardly wait to launch UNESCO right into Premier Stalin's lap. He said:

"Premier Stalin gave the world some interesting words last week — Alexander Werth, a British correspondent, asked Stalin what in his opinion could help in the establishment of friendly relations between the Soviet Union and Great Britain. Here was Stalin's sibilant of friendly relations between the Soviet Union and Great Britain. Establishment of such relations would be appreciably helped by strengthening political, trade, and cultural relations between these countries."

At this point Benton really got warmed up:

"I am greatly encouraged that Premier Stalin goes on record that he desires to strengthen cultural relations with Great Britain. And my hope is that implicit in his statement there is the idea that he wants to strengthen cultural relations with the United States. The State Department advocates a program of exchange of students, professors, technicians and specialists with the Soviet Union. We have been informed, however, that the physical conditions of life in the Soviet Union, and the present lack of facilities, make it difficult for the Soviet Union to provide for the welfare of American students. I

For thorns are mixed with the blooming flowers
No matter which path we tread..."

MY PAPER HASN'T ARRIVED YET

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BETWEEN 6:15-7PM

Fabled Atlantis Found, German Pastor Claims

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — A German clergyman claimed Saturday he has found the fabled land of Atlantis in the North Sea off Helgoland.

The Rev. Juergen Spanuth of Bordelum said a diver from his expedition saw the remains of the legendary kingdom at a depth of 30 feet.

These included walls six to eight feet high and 270 feet long of stones up to six feet in circumference.

The ruins, the pastor said, covered at least 60 acres on the sea floor. Spanuth has been looking for years for Atlantis, convinced that writings of the Greek philosopher Plato and inscriptions in ancient Egyptian temples indicated the sunken land was located in what modern man calls the North Sea. Other persons have claimed in the past to have located Atlantis. A German professor said in 1936 he had determined it was the Sahara desert south of Tunis.

Spanuth said the ruins are five nautical miles from Helgoland in the direction of the German coast.

If you hope inflation can be controlled and our nation saved from going through the inflation wringer, you'd better put your trust in men like Commerce Secretary Sawyer, who has the courage to sound a note of warning while there is still time.

This one's from Chicago:

"Postmaster John Haderlein resigned from his \$12,970-a-year job yesterday as a result of an investigation of charges that at least 38 (of his) employees paid (presumably to him) from \$300 to \$1800 FOR JOB PROMOTIONS."

He aid (for publication): "The publicity during these political times, which has attended the pending general inquiry concerning postal procedures and the postoffice, has made it exceedingly difficult for me to continue as local administrator of postal affairs."

What he means is that if the investigation had been kept a dark secret and nothing had been permitted to leak out to the public NOBODY WOULD HAVE BEEN HURT.

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MENDING BASKET

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In these days of get-there-fast and never mind the scenery, it is refreshing indeed to read about John and Ute Perry of Moapa, Nevada, as told in the Aug. 21 issue of the Drain Enterprise. Pictures by the Klamath Falls Herald-News add to the interest. The Perrys rode horseback from Moapa to Yoncalla, Oregon, to visit the John Wubbers there, a ride of about 1,000 miles. The excerpts from their interesting diary in the Enterprise reminded me of "Saddles East" by Chaplain John Beard of Portland (Binford & Mott, 1949), a delightful story which came to me as a gift from Muriel Mitchell, Roseburg librarian. Miss Mitchell is one of the good friends this column has given me.

When I read that Chaplain Beard had passed on, I thought how satisfying it must have been to him to have held in his hand the attractive little volume which summarized his 30-year dream of riding horseback over the Oregon Trail. With Mrs. Beard, he started out in April 1, 1949, from Portland, reversing the route by ending at St. Joseph, Mo., August 14. Saddles East is dedicated "To My Wife, The finest companion that ever rode the trails of life with

her man." Perhaps the young married Perrys have already found both pleasure and inspiration in reading Saddles East written by the kindly long-married chaplain and his wife who celebrated his retirement age by preparing two years, and then taking the trip. "Our dream of youth to follow the Old Trail did not die with our youth. He who keeps his dreams will not hesitate to... ride into Tomorrow." Surely an inspiring thought for each reader who undoubtedly is following his own dream.

The poet said (Browning, wasn't it?):

"Ah, but a man's hope should exceed his grasp,
Else what's a heaven for?"
But I like to think each one's dream may be realized here! And when the dream does come true, we must quickly, quickly, — soon have given thanks to the Giver of all good, — find another dream. For isn't the working toward the realization of the dream a large part of the joy and satisfaction to be found in it?
"What should we do in this world of ours
Were it not for the dreams ahead?"