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ARGUMENT BREWING

By Charles V. Stanton

A critical controversy is in the making between the Oregon Forest Fire Association and the Bureau of Land Management, we have been informed.

The Association is composed of private timber land owners organized for protection of their property from fire. Claiming to have paid more than \$400,000 in costs which should have been borne by the federal government during the past 10 years, the Association now says the government's malingering has gone far enough.

At the time the O. & C. grant lands were transferred to the Department of Interior in 1938, contracts were made with the fire association to provide protection.

The OFFA works in cooperation with the State Board of Forestry. The operation is directed by the State Forester. Directors of the Association cooperate with the state forestry department in setting up fire fighting procedure. Land owners pay the cost of forest protection.

In contracting with the O. & C. Administration in 1938 considerable difficulty was encountered in reaching a formula. It finally was agreed that the government should pay the Association 3 1/2 cents per acre. The Association, in assuming the job of protecting forests on O. & C. lands, sought an actual cost basis, the same as imposed on its members. The government, however, managed to get a contract on the flat-fee basis.

Claims Government Delinquent

In 1941-42 a new contract formula was adopted setting up a budget rate.

The Association claims that since 1942 the Bureau of Land Management, which now administers O. & C. lands, has paid only 75 per cent of the actual cost incurred in fighting fires on the intermingled federally-owned lands.

For the fiscal years of 1941-42 through 1948, the Association charges, there exists a deficiency of \$363,483.51 caused partially by using budget rates of the protection agencies rather than actual cost, and partially insufficient budget appropriation.

For the years 1948 to 1952, it is claimed, the BLM deficiency is \$81,503.80 caused by the Bureau not obtaining sufficient money to pay its way. In this latter period, it is explained, claims were made to the BLM on an actual net cost for protection as expended by the patrol associations.

The only year the government's share was paid in full was in 1950, the Association claims, the amount being \$212,215.23. The following year the cost was slightly higher, but, because the department's appropriation was short, an agreement was reached to pay the same amount as in 1950. The Association complains that this deal was apparently accepted by the BLM as setting a precedent.

The BLM, it is pointed out, now claims to be paying in full, although payment is made a year and a half late. For the current year, says the Association, the payment should be \$389,235.15, whereas the BLM asserts it is able to pay only \$225,000. Compiling deficits accumulated since 1941, the Association claims the private owners have paid out \$444,987.31 palmed-off on them by the federal government.

Responsibility Issue Involved

Another argument pertains to responsibility for slash clean-up. Any operator working on private lands is required to clean up his slashing. If he fails, the land owner is held responsible.

The OFFA wants the BLM to assume the same responsibility as the private owner. The BLM now provides that the logging contractor must dispose of the slash, but refuses to accept responsibility if the work is not done, it is charged.

Our informant states that the Association is growing tired of carrying the government's load and plans to insist upon a more realistic contract.

One reason for the Association's concern is the rising cost of protection.

In 1941 the average of 3 1/2 cents per acre was sufficient. The cost, however, has increased annually. It amounted to 11.557 cents per acre last year and is expected to reach 12.154 cents during the current season.



Scrap MENDING BASKET
 From the
 by
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I had just rolled this sheet of paper into the typewriter when the telephone rang. "I just read tonight's Mending Basket, Mrs. Martin, in which you asked about starfish in Oregon waters. I just want to tell you there are millions!" G. J. also asked if I didn't mean Devil's Elbow State Park. (No, the place I mentioned is Neptune State Park, nine miles north of Devil's Elbow. Looks like an ordinary wayside, but a worn path leads down to the rocks.) "There's dandy fishing on those rocks below the Heceta light-house," G. J. continued. "Takes a bit of climbing, and you want to look out for the tide if you fish off that cone-shaped rock. Nearly caught me there! We caught nice sea perch there. You can see seals, too. You know it's not far north of the Sealion Cave."

We had stopped there on the way up 101. Didn't have boots with us, and thought we'd need them on those rocks. If you don't know the place do stop next time, you drive north on 101. You pass through the Devil's Elbow tunnel (680 - feet bore) and across Cape Creek bridge high above the beach, then turn sharply to the left and follow a good road down to the sand. Rocks to the left and right. Picnic tables, etc. Such a lovely place. Easily overlooked, too.

Another reader, HWB, writes: "I was particularly intrigued by a recent piece about memories. . ."

Hog Quarantine Clamped On Five More Areas

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department Wednesday clamped a quarantine on hog shipments from five new areas because of the swine disease vesicular exanthema.

The department announced the infection has been discovered recently in Arkansas and Minnesota, the 24th and 25th states the disease has hit.

Quarantines were lifted in some areas in Illinois and Oregon, the latter in Multnomah County.

One Force They Understand—a Light for Dark Places





Fulton Lewis Jr.
WASHINGTON REPORT
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WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 — The good people of the State of Ohio managed to retain their collective calm when Senator Robert A. Taft appeared on the same speaking platform with Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin. In fact, they did it without even trying.

In Ohio there is a large conviction that the Democratic administration was loaded with Communists at one time, and that there may be a few hiding here and there even at this late date. Therefore they don't get as excited over charges that their senior senator and the senator from Wisconsin are sometimes labeled proponents of "McCarthyism."

Senator Taft can read as well as the next senator, so he is fully aware that McCarthy's so-called "victims" have been biting the dust with commendable regularity owing to Loyalty Board investigations. In fact, 14 of those the Wisconsin senator has tagged have since been dropped from the federal payroll or allowed to retire with suitable Democratic administration pensions.

Outside Ohio there seemed to be little excitement about Taft's visit in Wisconsin. It appears that the left-wingers who continually bait McCarthy are waiting for the arrival in Wisconsin of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Taft is a pretty poor target for them, since he has no hesitancy about charging President Truman with coding Communists.

The lefties will really cut loose when Eisenhower arrives, however. He has already been heckled about the Wisconsin senator and has not stayed put on the issue. This makes him a set-up for more of the same, although since he first skated around the issue McCarthy has received an overwhelming vote of confidence from his state.

Owing to the good sense of some of the GOP National Committee advisers who have managed to get Eisenhower's ear, there have been nibbles in McCarthy's direction for his open and vocal support of the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket. He has offered his services but so far nothing definite in the way of speaking engagements has been announced.

Eisenhower will meet McCarthy in Wisconsin. In fact, they are to

share the speaking platform on a number of occasions, just as McCarthy and Taft have shared it. This will be the signal for the anti-Eisenhower newsmen and radio reporters to heckle the general for precise details of his affection if any for the Wisconsin senator.

The general ought to tick them off this time. All he needs to do is reply that if the voters of Wisconsin have had that much confidence in the senator, then he isn't going to argue about the finer details of driving Reds off the federal payroll.

Actually it matters little what Eisenhower says about McCarthy. The reporters who love to bait him undoubtedly can corner him on the issue. But McCarthy is doing right well without an endorsement from the general, and there are no signs that he is asking for anything more. In fact, it seems likely that the senator will lead the general in the November elections unless there is a considerable upsurge of Wisconsin support for Eisenhower that apparently does not exist at present.

The general is planning to say more about domestic Reds. He has, besides McCarthy, two others around who know considerable about the subject. They are Senator Karl Mundt of South Dakota and the General's beleaguered running mate, Senator Richard Nixon.

Mundt served with Nixon on the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and he has a desk full of information on Communists. He is expected to be on the train when Eisenhower whistles - stops through Wisconsin, and he is also expected to be in on the speech-writing chores in preparation for Eisenhower's talk there.

Mundt is finding it easier to sell his ideas to Eisenhower ever since the Nixon incident. He stood by the vice president when it was hard to get past a collection of "get

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ample of it. He told a crowd at Whitefish, Montana, yesterday:

"Now I like Ike, and I like him fine—but as a commanding general. . . If you like Ike as I do, you will vote to send him back to the army where he belongs." And so on.

Well, Harry, I kind of like you. In many ways, I like you FINE. I just can't help it. You're a human little cuss, and everybody has a sneaking fondness for people of that sort.

But, in simple honesty, I'll have to add that I'm not too enthusiastic about you as President of the United States—or as President EMERITUS, as you will more or less be if Stevenson is elected with your blessing. I haven't cared too much for the company you keep, and besides I think you're too extravagant with the people's money.

As you say, you like Ike, but you think the thing to do with him is to send him back to the army. In the same way, it seems to me the thing to do in your case is to send you back to Kansas City.

I want to make it clear sir, that in speaking thus plainly I mean no disrespect to the high office you hold. You yourself in your whistle-stop tour have been using rugged, Anglo-Saxon words in an effort to make your sentiments understood, and I am sure that in speaking your mind with complete and uninhibited candor you mean no disrespect to the people of the United States whom you have been addressing. It is in the same spirit of candor that I am addressing you here.

In closing: Texas Senator Tom Connally says in Washington this morning that he's all for Adlai Stevenson for President, and adds that he very likely will campaign for the Democratic ticket in Texas.

Senator Connally is a professional politician, and one of the first laws of practical politics is that it never pays a professional to change horses in the middle of the stream.

Nixon's advisers blocking the door to the General's suite on the train. Now he is being listened to, so the Democrats may be in for some surprises when Eisenhower gets to Wisconsin and starts working over the Communists.

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily On KRNR, 9:15 P.M.

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Wonder Drugs' Appraisal Call For Caution

By FRANK CAREY
 AP Science Reporter

WASHINGTON — Doctors should be wary of appraising the power of the wonder-drugs in the way grandma measured the success of onion poultices, a Washington physician says.

Declaring that medical practitioners are all too prone to credit a wonder-drug like penicillin with the cure when a patient treated with such a drug for a poorly defined ailment—especially of the nose and throat—gets well, Dr. John A. Washington told the annual Scientific Assembly of the District of Columbia Medical Society late yesterday:

"Like grandmothers with onion poultices we credit our success to the medicine in use at the time the temperature drops."

The George Washington University pediatrician said that while the antibiotic wonder-drugs are valuable foes of certain specific infections, there are others against which the drugs have no power at all—and that some of these ailments are subject to spontaneous recovery.

Hazards Listed

He made the remarks in cautioning doctors against "unnecessary" use of the antibiotics lest they:

1. Needlessly expose a patient to the risk of some kind of a reaction from the drug; 2. subject a family to unnecessary expense for the drugs; 3. cause mothers to waken needlessly at all hours of the night to give the drug to a sick child; and 4. build up fears in a child of a "needle-wielding doctor."

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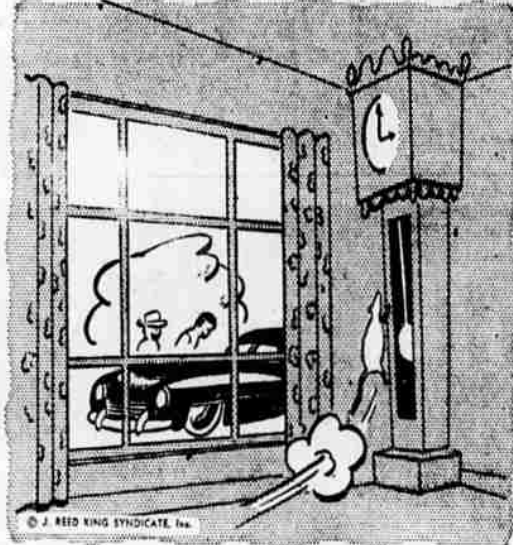
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