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CABINET JOB FOR CORDON

Charles V. Stanton

Guy Cordon of Roseburg, U. S. Senator from Oregon, is frequently mentioned by qualified political observers as a possible appointee to Eisenhower's cabinet as Secretary of the Interior.

In our opinion, Eisenhower can find no more suitable or qualified man for this job, nor one more apt to conduct the office along the sound principles and philosophies it needs.

The Department of Interior was made a political agency of the New Deal and Fair Deal. Its operations have been handled on a basis of political expediency rather than along efficient businesslike lines. It has, in fact, become a little government all its own, ruthlessly beating down free enterprise and competition and introducing socialistic political doctrines into the conduct of its affairs.

Cordon would not tolerate such practices. He would demand an honest trusteeship of the federal domain and would manage the affairs of the huge department in accordance with constitutional intent. We know Cordon would do this because we know Cordon.

We know, too, knowing Cordon, that he has the ability to serve as an efficient administrator and that he has intimate knowledge to guide him in setting up desirable policies.

Drastic Changes Needed

The Department of Interior has been built into a powerful bureaucracy.

Its administration of Oregon and California grant lands, through the Bureau of Land Management, has been conducted for political effect rather than for most efficient use and conservation of the timber resource. It has deliberately stirred up friction between so-called "little" and "big" operators for political effect, at the same time double-crossing both classes of operators by its freak road right-of-way demands and fees. Although legislation exists whereby conflict over "controversial lands" intermingled with national forests could be eliminated, the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture still maintain a double headlock while the resource, particularly in Douglas County, awaits full development and our economy remains adversely affected.

The Department of Interior is responsible for a stupendous waste of public funds through the operation of the Corps of Engineers in extravagant planning of public works. Instead of a conservation program, based on sound conservation practice, it builds costly monuments to engineering genius.

The Department of Interior needs an administrator able to conduct its affairs efficiently and economically and without regard to political effect. It needs an administrator who knows conservation and proper management of the public domain. Senator Cordon is a man who meets those qualifications.

Cordon Knows Problems

Perhaps no one in the country today is more familiar with the problems of the Department of Interior than Senator Cordon. One of the major functions of this department is to administer public lands, other than those included in National Forests and military reservations.

Cordon, while serving as Douglas County assessor, was called to Washington to participate in hearings on O. & C. lands and establishment of policies for payments to counties in lieu of taxes. Under the supervision of his former law mentor, Senator Charles L. McNary, Cordon wrote the reports and bills approved by Congress.

He was made legal counsel for Oregon land grant counties and later became public lands counsel for the Western States. He was serving in this latter capacity when appointed U. S. Senator to fill the unexpired term of Senator McNary.

We believe there are few, if any, men in the United States more fully informed on problems of public domain, with related factors of forestry, grazing, mineral development, etc., than Senator Cordon. He has made a thorough study of hydroelectric development, public works and other functions of the department. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, he has had opportunity to familiarize himself with the budgetary demands of the Department and the projects it supports through congressional appropriations.

The major part of the Department's activities center in the Western States. Therefore it is logical that a westerner be appointed to the job of administration.

Cordon, in our opinion, is one of the best suited men in the nation for the cabinet job.

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET
by Vahnett Martin P.O. Box 574, Drain, Or.

Mr. Algernon Bitwuns had been feeling a bit weary, due to a cold and so on, and he decided come Sunday he would just stay the day in bed, but then as he lay there he got to thinking about the "three hundred boats down on the river below the Scottsburg Bridge," and around noon he decided he could get over his cold just as well on the river as elsewhere. So Mrs. Bitwuns packed a "bite to eat" as per instructions: "Wrap up those pieces of chicken, and put the bread and butter separately, and toss in..." You know, a regular Bitwuns table d'hôte. Away they went.

Could they get a boat? Don't ask silly questions. You know the answer to that one. But they could and did find a piece of rock where they could—no, no, where Mr. Bitwuns could cast out into the channel. In fact sometimes trolling boats had to be dodged. Mrs. B didn't think she wanted to fish. Not until she found out that Algie had ducked down to the river without rigging up her line! The key to the tackle box was down in his pocket. Should she half-slide down that steep bank, come back up to the car? No! She just half-slid down without any tackle and asked Algie why he hadn't fixed her rod up, too? She sort of bore down on that "too" and Algie didn't like it. Hadn't she said she would rather stay in the car than stand down on that bank and freeze to death? He supposed she knew what she wanted etc. etc., etc. And then Matilda added an etc. or two. Then they forgot the whole thing. The rocks were slippery. "Watch your step!" said Algernon. Matilda

The New Campaign Begins



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WASHINGTON — One unfortunate aspect of the election is that the new Republican administration will be unable to clean up the mess in the United Nations as it will the mess in Washington.

As in all well planned left wing and Communist operations, there is a sort of political action group in the United Nations. It is known as the Division of Economic Affairs and it is in charge of doling out our cash under the guise of stabilizing and developing countries other than the U.S. Just as the cashier is vital in any corporation, so is this cell important in the United Nations set-up.

So far 30 American employees of the U. N., mostly from the Division of Economic Affairs, have testified before the McCarran International Security Subcommittee of the Senate. Seventeen have refused to confirm or deny whether they ever belonged to the Communist party; two have admitted they were members and one other has confessed his part as a courier in the Communist underground in Washington, D. C.

That's quite a record, and if any of the major corporations in the country today found a like situation in its financial department the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be called in. It's a cinch the employees would be fired and probably all jailed.

It doesn't work this way with the United Nations, however. Trygve Lie, secretary-general of the U. N., is heading a multi-million dollar international corporation but he has a vastly different attitude about cracking the bad eggs in his organization.

When Senator McCarran's subcommittee lifted the lid on the comrades in the U. N., Lie fired three of the employees and placed 10 more on leave, with full pay. And before you yawn over that one, let me remind you that full pay at the U. N. is a pretty juicy proposition. First, all salaries are untaxable and hardly anybody of importance earns less than \$20,000 a year. In addition, there are 30-day paid vacations as well as free medical service, rest periods, bars and coffee shops on almost every floor of the U. N. building, with adequate time off to visit them.

Lie, early in the game, informed the State Department that he would not tolerate any American Reds on UN payrolls. The State Department agreed that this was a noble outlook, and promptly recommended all of its embattled Reds as fit for U. N. employment. Now, however, none of them will be recommended for the jobs they hold.

We American taxpayers for 1952 paid out \$15,844,860 to help run the U. N. That is 36.9 percent of the entire budget. Russia, ballyhooed as an international power equal to the U. S., paid in 9.85 percent.

The regular UN budget tells only a tenth of the fiscal story. The UN has a technical assistance program, which is costing us \$33,000,000 this year. Other U. S. government agencies have allowed UN to muscle in on their own spending, to the tune of \$21,485,417.

The UN actually is all of the New and Fair Deal spending schemes under one roof, and any similarity to UNRRA, lend-lease, Point Four, NATO and the others is purely intentional.

But don't get the idea that we are getting our money's worth. For instance, UNESCO, the bleeding heart branch of UN, has just completed an international survey of obscene publications and traffic in women and children. To give you an idea how much this is worth, the Soviet Union, with gigantic slave labor camps, reports no traffic in women or children, and, along with Great Britain, says its citizens seldom look at obscene publications.

The most frightening aspect of the UN, however, is that it shares in our atomic energy secrets. The atomic energy act forbids the Atomic Energy Commission to reveal information to a foreign government. Apparently this does not apply to international organizations.

For instance, not long ago the atomic energy center at Brookhaven, N. Y., developed a new theory about the cosmotron. A machine to prove the value of the theory will be built in Switzerland. Guess who is running the show over there? Nobody but the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organization. Pierre Auger, head of UNESCO's natural sciences department, stated recently:

"If we knew just what the machine was going to produce we wouldn't be building it. We're like explorers going out into an ocean. We know something of what lies ahead, but we do not know all that we are going to find."

We don't need to waste time wondering how long it will be before the Russians know what is going on in that department. They're all over UN every day, along with the American Communists on the payroll.

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to confuse and MUDDY the news instead of clarifying it. That's bad. I'm sure you'll be wise if you use your press conferences to give the reporters an accurate background of the news as it shapes up from week to week. If they ask honest questions, give them honest answers. In that way, you will gain their confidence. Once you gain their confidence, they'll work WITH you instead of AGAINST you.

After all, these Washington reporters are among the ablest men in our nation. They have to be in order to get where they are. If they TRUST you, they can be of immense assistance to your administration. Treat them right and they'll treat you right. The way to treat them right is to give them the news STRAIGHT. That's all they ask.

From Washington:
A new role in congress may be building for Independent Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon. Democratic Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota (who is an ULTRA New Dealer) says he thinks Morse should be welcomed into Democratic caucuses, if he wants to come.

Humphrey adds that Morse's desertion of Eisenhower and the Republican party was an act of real courage and he says the Oregon senator should be rewarded by important Democratic committee assignments if he will accept them. Pursuing his war to the knife and the knife to the hilt tactics, Humphrey says Democratic senators who shunned the national Democratic ticket should GET IT (from the Democrats in the senate) right where the chicken got the ax.

The dispatch adds:
"Whether the Republicans will take action against Morse is uncertain. He COULD be deprived of his present choice committee assignments."

If I were dealing with Morse I'd give him the absent treatment. I'd ignore him, and concentrate on making the new Republican administration the best the country has had in a century.

If like and his administration FAIL, Morse and his kind will be HOT STUFF. But if President Eisenhower and the new Republican congress ignore poisonous partisanship to go intelligently and sincerely and SUCCESSFULLY about giving the country the kind of government the country wants and NEEDS the Morges and the Humphreys and the rest of their tribe will fade away into oblivion.

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PORTLAND (AP) — The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners changed presidents Thursday, getting rid of one who opposed leniency in the abortion law.

Dr. Forrest I. Goddard, Salem, vice president, succeeded Dr. Paul B. Firth, Portland, as president. Firth later said he had been railroaded.

The action came after Firth opposed an amendment to the state law on abortions. At present only medical doctors are authorized to perform abortions, and then only when necessary to save the patient's life.

The proposed change would allow others to perform an abortion if a doctor had certified it was necessary. It also would free a chiropractor of criminal action if he reported an abortion within 24 hours and said he performed it as an emergency after being unable to get a medical doctor in for consultation.

Firth said he wrote to all chiropractors in the state: "It is my opinion that chiropractors are not properly trained in the following: Use and dispensation of drugs; practice of obstetrics and of surgery, these being entirely in the realm of other healing arts."

The Oregon Association of Chiropractic Physicians plans to offer the proposed amendment to the Legislature.

Girl Shuns Food, Water, Doesn't Lose Weight

MADRAS, India (AP) — Medical men puzzled today over a 17-year-old girl who says she has taken neither food nor water for the past six months and hasn't lost an ounce of weight.

The girl, whose name is Dhanalakshmi, has been under medical observation in a hospital in Mercara, capital of the Southwest Indian state of Coorg, for the past two weeks.

The state's health minister told newsmen: "Her case is astonishing. While we wait for an answer, Dhanalakshmi lives gay and vivacious as ever."

The girl reportedly developed an aversion to food and water in 1949 and six months ago began refusing to take any at all.

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