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POLITICAL CONNING

Charles V. Stanton

A copyrighted story appearing in the Coos Bay Times created a political furor over the state this week.

The newspaper reported it had information that U.S. Senator Guy Cordon, if reelected, planned to resign and that Governor Patterson would appoint William E. Walsh, Coos Bay attorney and former State Senator, to the vacancy. The story indicated that a "deal" had been cooked up.

Quite naturally, the item started politicians buzzing.

Senator Cordon and Governor Patterson have each issued heated denials. It should be quite apparent to anyone that neither is in a position to even consider a plot of this type. Both are facing elections. While it is our personal belief that each will be returned to office, any collusion such as intimated by the Coos Bay Times would contain too many "ifs" to even be considered at this time by astute office seekers—and neither Cordon nor Patterson can be accused of lacking astuteness.

Trial Balloon Indicated

Observers, of course, well knowing that publication of the story had some hidden motive, are endeavoring to discover the motivation.

The Coos Bay Times is one of the few Oregon newspapers consistently supporting New Deal philosophies. Some observers are endeavoring to tie the paper's editorial policies into an attempt to smear Senator Cordon, a Republican.

The reporter insists he was given the information from what he believed to be reliable sources, that he checked with Senator Walsh, and that the story was written in good faith and without bias. We are inclined to believe the reporter is truthful and that he was sold a bill of goods.

That the item stems from a political plot, however, seems obvious.

Some observers feel that it was aimed at Governor Patterson rather than at Senator Cordon and was perhaps instituted by supporters of a rival candidate. We would be more inclined to accept this theory than to believe that the conning was directed against the Senator.

The forthcoming gubernatorial race in Oregon promises one of the most heated campaigns in years. It is shaping up as a slam-bang contest in both parties. We anticipate a lot of political jockeying and quite a bit of fouling as the campaign progresses.

But still another school of thought, and the one seeming most reasonable, is that the item was in the form of a trial balloon—a standard political strategy.

Walsh Wants Senate Job

Senator Walsh, who spent many years in the Oregon Legislature, is known to be receptive to a seat in the U.S. Senate. He is openly mentioned as a probable Republican candidate for Senator Morse's seat in the 1956 election. The story published by the Coos Bay Times doubtless will bring out a great deal of sentiment throughout the state relative to the qualifications of Senator Walsh and expressions of opinion from various communities. The information would be extremely valuable in planning any future campaign in which the Coos Bay aspirant might engage.

We fear, however, that the incident may have harmful effects upon Senator Walsh's future. It may even be that the story was concocted and delivered to the news reporter by political enemies of Senator Walsh in an effort to stymie his aspirations as an opponent of Senator Morse. Until the Coos Bay reporter reveals the source of his information, something he probably won't do, it will be difficult to pierce the motive behind the story.

But, in any event, the embarrassment to Cordon and Patterson, considering the fact that each has a large and loyal following, is apt to have repercussions unfavorable to the candidacy of the veteran Coos Bay legislator.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Many people complain about what television has done to American home life.

But what can television do for home life? Can it, for example, give every American home what it deserves most—the better housewife?

Yes, can television take an ordinary scrubby bride and mold her into the kind of wife she yearns to be—a charming, informed, all-around woman worthy of traveling down life's rocky road shoulder to shoulder with that fine fellow, the average American husband?

Well, television is going to try. It is already a guest in your living room. Soon it will be a guest who tells your wife how to make that living room look less crummy, and how she herself can also look less crummy. . . I mean, . . . look more attractive.

This video adventure in wife education will be launched March 1 via an NBC TV daily one-hour net work program called "Home."

The mere announcement of this program upset a friend of mine, who said he had two objections: "First, I have spent 20 earnest years trying to improve my wife, and the only result is that she is older. How can television do a better job on her in an hour a day? The program should be at least eight hours long, seven days a week, if it is to teach wives even half the things they really need to know."

Second, every wife who watches that 200,000 set is going to feel sorer or later her husband ought to buy her a \$200,000 house. Well that simple girlish goal help make your home life more peaceful?

Beautiful Ariens Francis will act as editor-in-chief of the program, assisted by a staff of experts, she will give illustrated

Super Sales Resistance!



Bruce Blossat

India's call for an early February session of the United Nations to consider Korea's future failed. Thirty-one nations were required to endorse the plan, but only 22 did. Twenty-eight voted against it and 10 did not trouble to reply.

The call was ill-advised from the start. It was issued at a time when there were still fair hopes of arranging a political conference through the negotiators at Panmunjom. The Allied effort there has been to try to confine participation in a conference to the actual belligerents in Korea. To shift the whole conference issue to the larger UN forum might be to yield this principle.

Furthermore, when India took the initiative for the future of 22,000 UN-held prisoners was unsettled. The Indian leaders no doubt imagined that if a UN session could be set on Korea, it might compel the UN command to hold these prisoners until such a discussion might conclude. That would have gotten the Indians off a hook they did not like.

In their capacity as chairman of the Neutral Repatriation Commission, the Indians were obliged under the Korean armistice terms to free the 22,000 prisoners on Jan. 23—whether or not a conference had occurred by that date. Since that meant a smashing propaganda victory for the West, Prime Minister Nehru did not wish to appear as an instrument in producing it.

Foreseeing the failure of his call for a UN session, Nehru passed the repatriation buck to the UN command by turning the prisoners back. In doing this he had the temerity to suggest the UN would violate the truce if it freed the men. It was he who violated the truce terms.

Reports from India say Nehru is now happy the UN meeting will not come off. He realizes there would be harsh criticism from many sides for Indian's irresponsible behavior as chief neutral at Panmunjom.

Nehru is also said to be chagrined at the poor intelligence

which told him his call for a session would be approved. Rightly or wrongly, blame for this is falling on Krishna Menon, India's UN delegate. If he was responsible, he vastly misread the signs.

The possibility of renewed talks at Panmunjom is not quite dead. When and if they are renewed that might be the time to consider discussing Korea again in the UN proper. For the alternative to that one more try, would be to accept the prospect of a Korea divided as sharply as Germany. Before that is taken as inevitable, every avenue to a solution ought to be explored.

If a UN re-appraisal of Korea does become desirable, the initiative for the study ought to come from some other nation than India. India's recent dismal showing as a spokesman for neutral forces has robbed it of the right to speak as leader. If it wants that right again, it must earn it through responsible world behavior.

Snow And Ice Take Heavy Toll In Production

PORTLAND (AP)—Snow, ice and sleet took a heavy toll of Douglas fir lumber production during January, dropping output to the lowest figure since 1950.

Shipments of lumber from the fir region west of the Cascades in Oregon and Washington also fell off from last year, according to Harris E. Smith, secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, and were undoubtedly held down by two weeks of stormy weather.

Production for January totaled 769,995,000 board feet, compared to 875,887,000 in 1953 and 799,283,000 in 1952. Smith said. Orders of 813,272,000 board feet for the month were below previous years and shipments were 785,561,000 feet, he pointed out.

The weekly average of West Coast Lumber production in January was 183,332,000 b.f., or 95.3 percent of the 1949-1953 average. Orders averaged 193,636,000 b.f.; Shipments 187,038,000 b.f.; Weekly averages for December were: Production 168,945,900 b.f.; 81.9 percent of the 1949-1953 average; Orders 174,371,000 b.f.; shipments 267,480,000 b.f.

One month of 1954 cumulative production 769,995,000 b.f.; One month of 1953, 875,887,000 b.f.; One month of 1952, 799,283,000 b.f. Orders for one month of 1954 are as follows: Rail & Truck 580,820,000 b.f.; Domestic cargo 171,519,000 b.f.; Export 28,302,900 b.f.; Local 32,531,000 b.f. The industry's undilled order file stood at 777,531,000 b.f. at the end of January, with gross stocks at 1,661,476,000 b.f. Figures for 1953 have been adjusted to latest information available.

Two File Candidacies For Seats In Congress

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Rep. Sam Conon, Baker Republican, and Albert C. Ullman, Baker Democrat, will run for nomination as congressmen from Eastern Oregon in the May primary election.

Both announced their candidacies Thursday, and Ullman said he would make the Hells Canyon Dam issue the big one in his campaign.

Ullman, who favors a high federal dam at the Hells Canyon site, is president of the Idaho-Oregon Hells Canyon Assn.

Conon has favored the Idaho Power Co. proposal to build three low-head dams along the Snake River in the Hells Canyon area. Conon was elected to the office in 1952 after Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, retired. A stock rancher, Conon announced his decision in Washington, D. C.

Ullman, a real estate man, announced his candidacy while riding from Portland to Baker on a train with Stephen A. Mitchell, Democratic national chairman.

Cole Says Make Atomic Energy Head Top Man

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R-NY) proposes to make the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) one of the nation's top planners because he says "atomic energy is now at the very heart of all our plans for military preparedness."

Cole, chairman of the Senate House Atomic Energy Committee, planned to introduce legislation Friday to make the AEC chairman a permanent member of the National Security Council, the country's top strategic planning body.

The present chairman, Lewis L. Strauss, has attended council meetings at President Eisenhower's invitation, Cole says. But, he adds, the chairman should be "a full-fledged and permanent member . . . to serve as such no matter which party has the presidency."

The Security Council, charged with coordinating global military, political and economic planning, includes the President, vice president, the secretaries of state and defense, administrator of the Foreign Operations Administration and director of defense mobilization. It meets weekly.

Cole outlined his proposal in a Lincoln Day speech Thursday night at Binghamton, N. Y.

Brannan Claims Ike's Philosophy Is Incorrect

SALEM (AP)—Charles F. Brannan, who was secretary of agriculture in the Truman administration, urged the Oregon Farmers Union Thursday night to continue its battle to retain price supports at 90 per cent of parity.

He declared that the Eisenhower administration is trying to sell the farmers a false theory that low prices bring about reduced production.

"Farmers try to produce a little more when prices are down in order to get the necessary dollars to pay mortgages and to send the kids to school," Brannan said. "Brannan said there now is a strong move to destroy all price supports, and that it is based on the theory that low prices will reduce production."

Brannan said the Eisenhower administration also is trying to convince the people that cheap prices to farmers mean cheap prices to consumers.

"It is only two cents worth of wheat in a loaf of 28-cent bread, how much reduction would there be even if the farmer gave the wheat?" he asked.

He said "we have scarcity of imagination in our leadership" as to how America can use its abundance of farm commodities.

Brannan paid tribute to Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind-Ore), calling him an intelligently courageous, forthright and efficient.

Brannan declared that Morse's "decision to stand alone in the Senate and criticize both parties as his conscience dictates, represents an unselfish dedication to the principles and the people's welfare worthy of an Andrew Jackson or an Abraham Lincoln."

Two Men Arrested After Service Station Holdup

EUGENE (AP)—Two men were arrested here at 1 a. m. Friday, minutes after a service station attendant was held up, beaten and robbed.

Paul Patrick Moran, 22, and Mike Lowry, both of the same address here, were jailed on a charge of armed robbery. State Police Sgt. Vern Hill said they had a pistol and \$48 and admitted the robbery.

Alo Junior Emmons, 22, Eugene, was the attendant at the station in suburban Glenwood. He was in Sacred Heart Hospital with a severe head cut, which he said came from being hit with a pistol butt. Emmons, tied after the robbery, worked his way free swiftly and called police.



The colorful personality of the French coureur de bois is known to every school boy whose reading in history has followed the western fur trade from Montreal to the Pacific coast. He was a strange admixture of savage and European, a gentleman, as gentle as a child or a wanton killer if the occasion warranted. Yet the doughty Scots who eventually bossed the fur trade of America could not, had they tried, have bred a type so well adapted to conquer the wilderness as were these children of the forest accidentally produced by the corruption and cruelty of the French government in the day of its kings.

In its effort to hold a monopoly of the fur trade either for itself or its favored contractors, the colonial French government in Canada attempted to confine the business of trapping fur bearing animals to the Indian, from whom the French governments representatives would purchase the season's catch. Great fairs were held to which the natives were invited to bring their peltry. Under the excitement of whiskey, the baubles of the Frenchmen took on great value, and the Indian was shamelessly cheated of his goods.

The poor peasants who had been brought from France to serve the church and the aristocracy were denied the very rudiments of life. They were slaves to the parish or the rich landowners. But perhaps

Contempt Action Against Gambler Ordered Dropped

NEW YORK (AP)—A federal judge Thursday granted a government motion to dismiss a contempt of Congress charge against gambler Frank Erickson.

The charge grew out of Erickson's refusal to answer questions before the U. S. Senate Crime Investigating Committee in the spring of 1951.

Federal Judge John F. X. McGowan dismissed the incident after U. S. attorney J. Edward Lumbard explained that recent court decisions made it "impossible to convict" Erickson.

The moon-faced Erickson, one-time kingpin of a multi-million-dollar book-making empire, currently serving a six-month federal prison term for income tax evasion at Milan, Mich.

He had been facing trial on the contempt charge, after his release. Erickson's refusal to reply to 74 questions posed by the crime investigators. He claimed answering them might tend to incriminate him.

Lumbard said that court decisions, handed down since the crime hearings, have "broadened the scope of the privilege against self-incrimination under the fifth amendment."

Under these decisions, Lumbard added, the courts "have generally found that the very nature of the hearings conducted by the Kefauver (Senate crime) committee . . . was such as to create a setting adverse to the witness."

He said that as a result the prosecution has been unsuccessful "in the case of virtually every witness who was indicted for contempt for hiding behind the fifth amendment before the Kefauver committee."

Self-Employed Social Security Guide Sheet Out

A special guide sheet to help self-employed persons in correctly reporting their net income for social security tax purposes is now available, Claude E. Dawson, manager of the Eugene social security office, announced today.

This leaflet, "Helpful Guides on Reporting Your Self-Employment Tax," he said, has been issued by the Social Security Administration in supplement instructions given with the Federal income tax forms.

Pointing out that social security benefits payable to a self-employed person and his family in his old age, or to his dependents in case of his death, are based on earnings credited to his social security account, Dawson stressed the importance of correct reporting. "It costs the worker as well as the Government additional time and expense when an incomplete or incorrect return has to be straightened out," he declared.

This guide to accurate reporting of self-employment net income is available for the asking at the Eugene social security office.

Dawson urges all self-employed persons whose trade or business is covered by social security to get a copy before making out their 1953 federal income tax form. The social security tax of 2 1/2 percent must be paid at the time the form is filed on or before March 15.

A representative of the Eugene Social Security office will be at Roseburg at the City Hall Tuesday between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and noon to assist individuals in filing claims for old-age and survivors insurance and to answer any questions about the Social Security Act.

15-CENT COFFEE

PORTLAND (AP)—The 15-cent cup of coffee came to the major Portland hotel dining rooms Friday.

Bill Boyd Jr., secretary of the Portland Hotel Assn., said the increase was necessary to continue serving a good cup of coffee. The price had been 10 cents.

The 15-cent price, he said, is only for the cup ordered separately from meals. Refills, he said, are free.

Seven Cities Using New Sewage Plants

PORTLAND (AP)—Seven communities began using sewage treatment plants and 11 others started building them in the past year, the State Sanitary Authority reported Thursday in an annual review.

Many of the 11 started will go into operation this year. The 11 communities are: Albany, Coos Bay, Conquille, Corvallis, Eugene, Lebanon, Myrtle Point, North Bend, Springfield, Tualatin Hills and Grants Pass, where the plant is being enlarged.

The seven that opened last year were at Athena, Cottage Grove, Heppner, McMinnville, Oregon City, Woodburn and the Mt. School for Boys near Woodburn. Portland and West Salem expanded sewage systems in the past year, the report said.



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