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RAPID DEVELOPMENT

Charles V. Stanton

No national forest in the Pacific Northwest has developed as rapidly as has the Umpqua National Forest.

Such is the report given us by L. G. Jolley and Kermit W. Linstedt who, as representatives of the regional forester, are conducting a complete and thorough study of activities on the Umpqua Forest.

Each national forest is inspected by the regional office once every four years for analysis purposes. The intensive study is used to determine trends. From data gathered by the inspectors, long-range planning is set up by the regional office to be used as a guide in appropriations, projects and assignments.

The two inspectors are amazed by the progress made in the Umpqua Forest. Only the Willamette National Forest, they state, can compare with the Umpqua in present state of development, but the process on the Willamette was much slower. The Willamette, too, had a much better beginning in that it was served by state highways prior to its heavy use for timber harvest, while the Umpqua was completely virgin.

Development of the Umpqua Forest as a source of timber for hungry sawmills actually started less than 10 years ago. During the past six years a large area has been opened by roads and a large volume of logs removed.

More Roads Needed

The two inspectors join with the local supervisory staff and with operators in recognizing the necessity for immediate construction of more access roads if the full potential of the Umpqua Forest is to be reached.

Of primary importance is the completion of the North Umpqua Highway through to Diamond Lake. Some immediate relief will be afforded by work now in progress up Steamboat Creek, opening up a virgin area and thus relieving the Little River section which has been subjected to over-cutting in recent years. With improvement of the North Umpqua road project to Apple Creek, the Forest Service is preparing to build a branch road into the Panther Creek-Cougar Creek working circle, connecting with the operator-built road system developed by the Roseburg Lumber Co. along the North Umpqua-Little River divide.

These road extensions will make it possible to maintain the present rate of cutting temporarily. Unless, however, other areas are tapped in the comparatively near future, it may be necessary within a few years to slow down on sales.

Large Basins Untapped

Construction of the North Umpqua Highway into the Copeland Creek area is of vital importance in this program. If and when the road is built up the Copeland Creek canyon, it will be possible to tap a large body of very fine timber lying to the south and east of the North Umpqua River.

Study is being given the possible route for a road into the very heavily timbered area north of Toketee and west of Lemolo Falls. This road would open the Balm Mountain country, Cinder Prairie, Thorn Prairie and other densely timbered falls.

But before these spur roads can be constructed, the North Umpqua Highway, which will be the main hauling route, must be pushed to Copeland Creek and above.

The Umpqua National Forest could be yielding more than 100 million board feet in excess of the present rate of harvest if access were obtainable. Availability of that timber would ease the pressure on privately owned lands, now being overcut at the rate of approximately 400 per cent.

It is encouraging to note that development of the Umpqua Forest is proceeding faster than has heretofore occurred on any national forest in the region. On the other hand, development is proceeding much slower than desirable for the greatest efficiency in forest management and local economy.

Hal Boyle

PINE RIDGE, S.D. — The old Sioux, in the days when they ruled the great plains, had a festival that combined in them several of the white man's holidays.

It was called the Sun Dance, and to the Indians it was Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, and a family reunion all wrapped in one.

In those times the wandering Sioux bossed the land and chased the buffalo from Kansas to Canada, from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains.

But once a year the roving tribesmen came together and were knit into a nation by the Sun Dance, a ceremonial that symbolized their unity and common faith in the great spirit.

The government, in an effort to destroy a tradition which it feared always held the danger of stirring up the fierce Sioux in fresh outbreaks, banned the Sun Dance in 1880. But it was revived more than 20 years ago, and last week Indians came hundreds of miles to the sprawling Pine Ridge Reservation here for a renewal of the symbolic centuries-old festival.

In earlier times no formal date for the ceremony was set. The Indians simply drifted together as if pulled by a magnet by nature's signals—the time when the buffalo were fat, when the choke-berries ripened, when new sage sprouts sprang foot-high, when meadows made a crisp echo in the dry grass of summer.

This year Frank Fools Crow, chairman of the festival, sent out the call. Thousands of Indians came by horse and wagon, on foot or in beaten up automobiles. They pitched their modern tents and faded tepees around a great enclosure of willow poles hung with green pine boughs.

In the center of the enclosure stood a slender young cottonwood tree. The tree, selected in advance by a medicine man, had been carried to the site and erected by

strong braves who took care to see that none of its leaves touched the ground. To the Sioux the leaves of this sacred tree stood for human hearts, and must not be bruised.

Skins of sweet-smelling sage-steaming porcupine—were placed in the crotch. From them dangled a piece of buffalo robe and a moccasined figure cut from a piece of buffalo skin, symbolizing the Sioux dependence on the buffalo.

The Sun Dance itself is designed to demonstrate the four great virtues—bravery, generosity, fortitude and integrity.

This year three young braves volunteered for the ordeal. Two were veterans who had pledged themselves to perform a sun dance in gratitude for their safe return from Korea.

To purify and prepare themselves, the three first took a sweat bath in an "ini," or sweat house, made of yellow bows covered with buffalo skins. Steam was provided by pouring water over hot rocks in a pit within the sweat house.

The dancers were then painted red for the sun, blue for the sky, yellow for the rocks, green for the earth.

Without food or water the three men then danced around the cottonwood tree to the music of beating tom-toms and the eerie, high-pitched chants of singers. They danced in turn in the direction of the four winds, pausing only when the tom-tom beaters had to rest.

I watched the dance for part of each day, but to me the dance, monotonous in itself, was less interesting than the faces of the old Indians and their squaws on the sidelines.

They were a look of mingled pride, mystic exaltation and sadness. To them this was no dance of celebration—it was the pageant of mankind's terrible struggle to survive, a victory of man's spirit over all the enemies he meets in his brief life under a blazing sun.

You Are Most Cordially Invited . . .



Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — Throwing the Communist-dominated government out of Guatemala does not mark the end of much needed reform in that Central American republic. It is just a new beginning.

The reform is needed not only within the Guatemalan government, but also to a considerable extent in U. S. relations toward Guatemala.

What the political, social and economic policies of the new three-man junta under Col. Carlos Castillo Armas may have not yet been fully disclosed.

They are said to be anti-Communist and pro-U.S.—which is a fine start.

THEY HAVE SAID that they will keep the land reform law of the old Arbenz regime, which split up the big estates and gave land to the peasants as tenants of the

government. Colonel Armas intends to make them the owners, though how the original owners are to be paid has not been explained.

What is needed is a broad program to raise the standard of living for the two million of Guatemala's three million people who are illiterate Indians.

The U. S. government has taken the first step towards a possible reform of its own attitude towards Guatemala and all of Latin America by the Department of Justice antitrust suit filed against United Fruit.

WHILE THIS COMPANY is recognized as well-managed, paying high wages, taking care of its employees and contributing a great deal to the economies of a dozen Central American countries over the past 50 years, some of its practices have been open to criticism.

One of the most impartial authoritative studies to date of the Guatemalan economy and United Fruit's position in it was made in 1952 by an International Bank of Reconstruction survey mission.

This is one excerpt from the Bank's report on United Fruit and its subsidiary International Railway control of the Guatemalan port facilities at Puerto Barrios on the Gulf.

In brief, Guatemala agreed that until the year 2004, the railway might operate free of taxation on its properties, free of payment of duties on its imports, free of control on its rates except as to very liberal maxima, and free of competition from other railways.

Ownership or control of the railway in Puerto Barrios gives the railway company a virtual monopoly on the construction and operation of piers and on the use of the inshore harbor area.

THE BANK'S MISSION recommended a complete overhaul of the Guatemalan tax system to raise the equivalent of an additional \$8 million and balance its budget, as of 1949, at around \$50 million.

A provision of U. S. law allows these corporations to be credited, for income tax purposes, with the amount of taxes on their net income paid to other countries, the bank report pointed out.

"Thus additional revenues of at least \$1 million might readily be obtained without adding to the international tax burden of foreign investors. This question cannot be solved, however, until the more general one of readjustment of existing contracts is settled."

As a long-range program, the bank mission recommended rural, educational, industrial and transport development. Only this kind of program with plenty of American technical assistance to give the Guatemalan people themselves a better break, can really resist communism.

The look on the faces of the young braves in the audience was different. Few seemed stirred by the symbolism of the dance. They were more interested in making eyes at the young Indian maidens.

For them the Sun Dance was just another opportunity for courtship. Frank Fools Crow, who wears long braids as his forefathers did, said sadly:

"The young Indians no longer care much for our old customs. This may be our last Sun Dance."

The young braves and their maidens prefer to jitterbug. Slowly but inevitably the once mighty Sioux are taking the white man's roads, roads that will scatter them to the four winds.

FPC Refuses Rehearing On Pipeline Decision

WASHINGTON — The Power Commission Wednesday refused to order a rehearing on its decision authorizing Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp., Houston, Tex., to construct a 160-million-dollar natural gas pipeline system to serve the Pacific Northwest.

Westcoast Transmission Co., Inc., Wilmington, Del., and Trans-Northwest Gas, Inc., Spokane, Wash., which had filed competing applications, and a number of intervenors had asked a stay of the June 18 order and a rehearing.

The commission said the request for rehearing did not present any new facts or allegations or any new principles of law that were not considered in reaching the decision authorizing Pacific Northwest to bring the first natural gas to areas in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Wednesday's action opens the way for a possible court test of the decision. Westcoast has said it planned to seek a court review if a commission rehearing were refused.

The petition was presented during a rally of 25,000 persons, demonstrating in front of the national palace after the suppression of a two-day rebellion by dissident units at an army base just outside the capital.

Sponsors of the petition said that the rest of the junta did not quit in favor of Castillo Armas, they would call a general strike.

The petition was signed by representatives of leading farming, industrial and commercial enterprises, student groups and other phases of Guatemalan life.

The petition also demanded punishment of those responsible for the attack Monday by military cadets and troops of the Aurora base on the irregular "liberation army" which under Castillo Armas' lead sparked the overthrow of Communist-backed ex-president Jacobo Arbenz Guzman.

Prior to presentation of the petition, the army's representative on the ruling junta, Col. Elfezo Monzon, assured the crowd the junta was firmly behind the military and state officials' support Monday night in return for disbanding of Castillo Armas' irregulars.

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WASHINGTON — A bill to remove some 2,100 Oregon Coastal Indians, members of some 60 small bands and tribes, from federal supervision, was at the White House today after the House completed legislative action.

The House also passed, and sent to the Senate for conference on minor amendments, bills on supervision of a number of tribes in the country including the Klamaths of Oregon.

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SALEM — A campaign to get unsafe drivers off the highways has been announced by Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry.

He said the program includes a "point system" to single out motorists with records of unsafe driving.

Details of the plan will be announced in Portland next Monday. Those attending the meeting will be Gov. Paul L. Patterson, judges, city, county and state officials, newspaper, radio and television representatives, and members of groups interested in traffic safety.

Newberry said that in the next few weeks, his office would adopt new procedures to revoke or suspend licenses when the drivers have been found driving dangerously.

A key feature of the plan, he said, "will be a broad expansion of the existing program for controlling drivers with an excessive number of accidents and convictions. We will have a system of assigning point values to various traffic offenses and accidents."

The points will be assessed according to the seriousness of the offense.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

SO ONE CROWD HAS RULED US ALWAYS? Salem Capital Journal

Joe Carson, candidate for governor, certainly caused those familiar with Oregon history to raise their eyebrows with his statement in Portland Monday that Oregon has been "in the firm grip of an entrenched political system for 75 years."

He added that the Republican party has "virtually controlled the financial, business and civic organizations of the state since 1880. It has perpetuated itself with almost unlimited campaign funds and a vast army of politically appointed boards and commissions. Meanwhile the public has sat by complacently while the parade of privilege has marched back to Salem, again and again."

One wonders whether Joe has forgotten about Oregon's history in all those years he spent in Washington, D. C. For Republican control has been repeatedly broken in this state. For six years beginning in 1903 George Chamberlain, one of Oregon's greatest political leaders, served as governor. He was a progressive Democrat. We do not believe anyone ever before claimed that his administration kept the iron grip of Republicanism on the state.

Then we had a short Republican restoration, from the time Chamberlain entered the U. S. Senate in 1909 till Oswald West took his governorship in January, 1911. He was also a progressive Democrat. He is still around and can speak for himself, but we don't believe anyone except Joe Carson believes or ever did believe he was in the control of Republicanism or any other financial interests.

After about four years of Republican Withycombe, Secretary of State Ben Oicott served nearly four years as governor. He was a Republican but a brother-in-law of West and hardly the type of Republican Joe Carson seems to think ruled us all the time.

Then we had four years of Walter M. Pierce. He would certainly smart at any suggestion that he served the financial interests of the state, or the Republican interests. Of course he did neither. Then we had four years of Republican Joe Carson seems to think ruled us all the time.

But in 1930 came the revolution, with Julius Meier handily defeating the Republican and Democratic nominees and installing a brand new type of administration. The state was given a complete overhaul. The one man utilities commission, the state police and many other changes were inaugurated by Meier, who was hardly on speaking terms with the Republican party during this period.

After Meier came another overturn under Charles Martin, who was much the same kind of a Democrat Joe Carson himself was in those days. Joe will remember, we are sure, but he was no Republican in any way, shape or form. He gave the state a good, vigorous administration.

After Martin's term expired in 1939 we've had five Republican governors, the number increased by a death and a resignation. They were Charles A. Sprague, Earl Snell, John Hall, Douglas McKay and Paul Patterson. These 15 years have seen the state well governed, and great improvements made to our highways, public institutions, etc. Further, the state has been right up to snuff in social welfare legislation, one of the best governed of all the 48.

Instead of being in the grip of one party or one ring for the past 75 years, Oregon has had repeated changes of political and personal complexion, some good, some not so good, but with enough variety to suit anybody.

Joe's statement may help focus attention on what a splendid condition Oregon's state government has been in for a good many years past, which poses for him a tremendous problem. How are the people to be persuaded to upset it? Particularly when, according to his line of thinking, there has in the past been no real difference between Republican and Democratic administrations?

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WHO'S SMEARING WHOM?

The Oregonian

There is an old gag about fighters yelling "foul" before they are hit, but the statement by James T. Marr, state AFL secretary, at the Portland Central Labor Council beats that. Mr. Marr predicted that Republicans are going to use "the big smear" against Senator Richard L. Neuberger, Democratic nominee for United States senator.

This is an astonishing prediction, inasmuch as Mr. Neuberger is a past master of the smear technique and has been using it indiscriminately against his Republican opponent, Senator Guy Cordon, against Secretary of Interior McKay and against the Eisenhower administration. Furthermore, Mr. Neuberger has been doing all the vocal campaigning, since Senator Cordon has been tied down in Washington, D. C.

We recall only one attack on Mr. Neuberger, to date, which came close to being personal. That was by State Senator Gene Brown of Grants Pass. And there wasn't much new in that. The two were feuding and debating all through the last session of the legislature.

On the other hand, Mr. Neuberger has tried vigorously to sell to the public the idea that Senator Cordon is a stooge of big business, the oil companies, the timber barons, the private power companies, etc., etc. At the same time he has charged—without basis of fact—that Senator Cordon "named" Governor McKay as secretary of interior, and that McKay is Cordon's "willing errand boy" in looting the public. A stooge's stooge, as it were.

These are grave charges and they were violently made. The accusations amount to an imputation that these highly respected public officials, who have sound records of accomplishment in the people's interest, actually are lobbyists for private interests. The unstated inference is that they must be profiting personally from such alleged activities.

To our way of thinking, coupled with such words as "gimme-like" used by Mr. Neuberger to describe Senator Cordon, the assaults go beyond debate of the issues and constitute a "smear campaign" such as the Republicans have not used against Mr. Neuberger.

Mr. Marr, the AFL secretary, is in a particularly unenviable position in predicting that the AFL-endorsed candidate, Mr. Neuberger, will be smeared. The Oregon Labor Press, spokesman for the AFL and edited by Mr. Neuberger's brother-in-law, has played this line of attack and misrepresentation to the hilt. It has been "smearing" Republican candidates to the limit ever since James Goodsell, a former Democratic party official, became editor.

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Reader Opinions

Parking Meter Policy Irks Glendale Resident

GLENDALE — In a recent issue of The News-Review there was a news item stating that the Police Dept. intend to crack down on motorists who feed the meter. We are of this class, just because we don't know what is expected of us, and this item didn't explain what we should do, so still we are dumb.

We are not in a class all of our own. We suppose there are thousands just like us. We drive in Roseburg (50 miles) because it is our county seat, and there are things to be looked after there. We find a place to park as near the center of the places of our business transactions as possible, then we start out, here, there and everywhere. After a while, when the hour is almost up, we manage to come by the car and drop another nickel in, and rush on. Somewhere on the rounds, we drop in and grab something to eat, and at the end of that hour maybe we are still not ready to pull out for home, so we go by and drop in another nickel. In our poor ignorant mind we thought it better to do that than to take up our time and add to the congested traffic by driving around a few blocks to hunt another parking place.

It has never been stated if the police desire us to leave town at the end of an hour, or to drive around a while and park again.

We don't go to Roseburg for a picnic. We go because we thought we had to and get out the earliest possible minute.

We have no desire to have a misunderstanding with the police, so I might be better to transfer our business to some other town.

C. E. YOUNG
Glendale

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