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FISH DERBIES

By Charles V. Stanton

One of the reports to be furnished the Oregon Legislature at its forthcoming session, starting in January, will come from an interim committee which for the past two years has been engaged in a study of coastal fishery problems.

It is our hope that the recommendations of this committee will include a protest against sports fishing derbies. We believe such derbies to be inimical to conservation, encouraging commercial rather than aesthetic exploitation of the resource.

Any legislation to prohibit derbies doubtless will be very unpopular with certain factions, particularly in the coastal area. Various derby organizations have been formed around coastal sports centers. These organizations are composed chiefly of dealers in sports equipment, resort owners and operators, and civic-minded persons interested in community development. Each derby organization seeks to attract tourist fishermen. Derby prizes have been steadily growing in value as each community competes with other communities in advertising effort.

The effect of these valuable prize offers is to cause what should be a sport to become a commercial effort. In his desire to win an automobile, or large cash award, a fisherman, even though he may be an average sportsman, is tempted to violate laws and to destroy many small fish in his attempt to capture the "lunker" needed to win the contest.

Derbies Not Essential

In his eager search for a prize winning trophy the angler is apt to forget conservation practices and to lose much of the real spirit of sports fishing.

We doubt that derbies are as effective in promoting activity at coastal resorts as some contest advocates believe. They may, it is true, attract a few meat hogs and non-conservationists, who will do almost anything in their desire for a valuable prize, but few true sportsmen will avoid a good fishing spot because an award is available at some other spot, should he be lucky enough to hook and land a real "grandpappy."

The money going into derbies, we believe, could be utilized far more effectively in advertising campaigns designed to inform the local and out-of-state tourist fisherman of the grand sport available in our coastal region. Such an advertising campaign, coupled with a more realistic license system for out-of-state anglers, and improved accommodations and services, could be of substantial aid to a desirable development of the coast's recreational resources. In our opinion, and would be far more healthy in the long run than the promotion of the derby type of sports competition.

We must recognize that all fishing is commercial, whether it be conducted with nets, troll or sports gear. Each dollar spent or earned contributes to community economy. The tourist dollar is an important part of the income enjoyed by each coastal center. But we do not believe it is necessary to see which center can offer the biggest "bribe" to attract tourist trade.

Many Problems Involved

The many conflicts existing in our coastal fishery have received extensive study by the interim committee which, we anticipate, will offer proposals for remedial legislation. Split jurisdiction between the State Fish Commission and the State Game Commission contributes largely to the numerous conflicts.

Some charter boats, for instance, are operated under sports rules and regulations as laid down by the Game Commission, while others work under commercial rules and without bag limits or individual license requirements. Some meat hogs purchase commercial licenses, although operating with skiffs and with the same gear and methods as sports anglers, thus being unlimited in the number of fish to be taken and at the same time having the right to sell their fish.

If commercial and sports fisheries are to exist side by side in our coastal waters, sharp division should be provided by law, in our opinion, with particular attention to maintenance of conservation.

We do not know what recommendations the committee will have for the legislature. Because its members are divided between representatives of commercial and sports fishery, we anticipate there will be no recommendation, such as we would like to see, to transfer jurisdiction over all coastal waters south of the Columbia River to the Game Commission as a means of making use of their full sports potential. But we do hope that the legislature, which usually seeks to avoid fish fights, will be willing to take a hard-boiled view of conservation factors, despite pressures from those who would commercialize the resources.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — "Down with office Christmas parties!" Each year about now this crusade cry rings across the land, and lurid pictures are painted of wild pre-Yuletide orgies indulged in by the white-collar peasantry before they board the last bus home on Christmas Eve.

Sin in foreign boudoirs always holds a certain attraction. But to Mrs. Jones, the average housewife, even the thought that a holly wreath has been hung up in the workaday atmosphere of her husband's office conjures up scenes of far-wilder abandon.

She has heard all about those revolting office Christmas parties. Here is what she imagines:

Promptly at 5 o'clock the office desks sprout leaves and turn into tall oak trees hung with mistletoe. Champagne begins to bubble up magically from the office water cooler.

A door opens and out comes the boss, dressed in goatskins. Over his shoulders are draped two glistening stenographers, talking nothing but "ho-ho-ho," "ho-ho-ho," "ho-ho-ho."

leaves in their hair, and a filmy white veil.

"Here, Jones, have one on me," cries the boss, tossing him the prettier girl, Jones, who by now is clad in a goatskin, too, catches her easily.

The other men and girls in the office, all decked out in goatskins and veils, then join hands and circle the water cooler in a game of ring-around-the-rosy, pausing now and then to dip their warm muzzles in the cool bubbling champagne.

Hidden pipes play a mad tune... the laughter and the songs grow louder... goatskins pursue the veils in a merry chase across the desk tops.

Jones catches and holds the coyly struggling stenographer, and panting hard murmurs, "Mrs.

"Gosh, Mr. Malik—I Thought You Were Vishinsky"



Bruce Biossat

New ideas in foreign policy are as rare as violets in January. So naturally interest is stirred by talk in certain government circles of a different kind of "Marshall Plan" for Asiatic countries.

What distinguishes this proposal from the original, highly successful European version is that the United States would not be the sole contributor of aid funds. One senator, indeed, believes we should not even be the chief contributor.

Under the terms suggested, European nations which we have helped to find economic recovery would join us in extending assistance to underdeveloped Asiatic lands struggling for higher levels of living.

There would be a sort of neat justice in the spectacle of once-prostrate European folk lending a financial hand to others as America's hand not long ago was extended to them.

More than that, with such a broad, cooperative base, the program unquestionably would have greater appeal to the Asians themselves. Too many Asians still see something "imperialistic" in almost every move the United States makes in Asia. However unreasonable this may be, we still must find means of combating it.

A third vital consideration which makes the cooperative aspect of the proposal attractive is that the American Congress is unlikely to approve a sweeping aid plan for Asia under which the U.S. alone would bear the burden. We have already borne the aid load too long in too many places.

The proposal would resemble the Marshall Plan more closely in one major respect: The Asiatic countries would be asked to form an organization of their own, like the

one in Europe, to formulate a program of needs and requests.

If such a unit could be formed, it could have a very wholesome effect on the future of free Asian peoples. They would be given important practice in the habit of working together, as they do not now do. With that practice, many nations not presently a part of the SEATO defense pact might be more inclined to participate in the common defense of Asia.

No one imagines even so imaginative a plan as this new one would have easy sledding with lawmakers grown weary of handing out U.S. aid. But certainly this proposal, rooted as it is in the idea that America would be just one of several helping nations, ought to get a very earnest look from Congress.

If we expect "coexistence" with communism to work for our benefit, we cannot sit idly by and watch Asia flounder. This Marshall-type proposal may or may not be the right one. But beyond all doubt we are going to have to devise some plan.

Today Senator H. Alexander Smith calls Butler's statement "a reflection on the American voter's capacity to elect capable officials."

GOP Chairman Leonard Hall says he may have a comment later in the day.

If I were you, gentlemen, I'd just consider the source and let it go at that. It's Butler's business to question the ability of ANYBODY BUT A DEMOCRAT to govern and unite the American people.

That's politics as the game is played.

Here's an interesting contrast: From Washington—in the United States of America:

President Eisenhower has signed an executive order giving all federal workers Friday, December 24, as a full holiday and the afternoon of Friday, December 31, as a half holiday.

From Prague—behind the Iron Curtain:

The communist rulers of Czechoslovakia are toughening up their policy because production isn't high enough. They decree that workers can't have the afternoon before Christmas off unless they have fulfilled their production quota—and they add that New Year's Day is to be considered a normal WORKDAY.

Here's what it means: In free enterprise America PRODUCTION is proceeding so satisfactorily that an extra day and a half off during the holiday season can be easily afforded.

In communist-ruled Czechoslovakia production is proceeding so UNSATISFACTORILY that everybody has to go on working even on New Year's Day.

Keep this in mind: You can't divide what isn't produced.

Free Americans are able to PRODUCE MORE than enslaved communists.

So free Americans can HAVE MORE than enslaved communists.

Douglas Students To Get Reservist Training

Two University of Oregon students from Douglas County have been assigned as cadet non-commissioned officers in the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps.

They are: George Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Barr of Tillamook, assigned to be a cadet private first class; and Stephen Danchock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Danchock, CV Rt. Box 374, assigned to be a cadet corporal.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Message By
Roseburg Ministerial Assn.

Today's Text
Isaiah 55

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." This passage may seem to imply that God sometimes makes himself hard to find. The truth is that it is our sight that grows dull, so we cannot see Him even though He is near. We need to turn to God and seek Him before long habits of indifference and the seeking after lesser gods makes it difficult for us to seek Him. It is not God who makes himself hard to find; it is our habits and attitudes that make it hard for us to take time to get acquainted with Him and to get to know Him as our Savior and our Friend.

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?"

We waste so much of our lives seeking the things which give no real satisfaction. The harder we try to find happiness, as a goal in itself, the more elusive it is. It is only when we put God first in our lives that these other things assume their real value, and life can become satisfying and complete. Without God in our lives, life is dominated by fears, unrealized hopes, and disappointments. With God as our Friend and Saviour, life assumes a meaningfulness and a happiness that nothing can defeat.

"Harken diligently unto me, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."

REV. A. S. TYSON
St. George's Episcopal Church

GOP Chairman Hits Criticism Of Eisenhower

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall, hitting back at his new Democratic counterpart, said Monday the Democrats have "thrown into the ashen" their pledge to cooperate with President Eisenhower.

Hall issued a statement replying to Sunday's assertion by the new Democratic national chairman, Paul M. Butler, that the President has shown incapacity to lead either his administration or the Republican Party.

The White House itself declined comment but Hall spoke up several hours after conferring with Sherman Adams, the President's principal aide.

"There can be no misunderstanding," Hall said, "of the fact that Democrat leaders, now that the 1954 election is over, are determined to undercut President Eisenhower in every possible way."

Butler said Eisenhower had shown a lack of capacity to lead the administration and his party and also that it had become "more and more apparent that a military background is not a full and complete preparation for a chief executive."

Portland Police Seek Assailant Of Woman

PORTLAND (AP) — Police Monday were seeking a man who Mrs. Cecilia Pedersen said choked her nearly to unconsciousness, blocked her in a closet with a dresser and then stole \$35 from her purse.

Mrs. Pedersen, 68, said the masked man attacked her Saturday when she went to the vacant home of her daughter, Mrs. William Chrysler, to check the premises. Mrs. Chrysler and her husband now are living in Medford.

Mrs. Pedersen had arranged in advance for a taxi to pick her up at the Chrysler house. The taxi driver heard her shouting and called police, who released her from the closet.

A similar attack occurred last September in the nearby home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hyatt. Then a masked man stole \$800 from Hyatt and blocked Mrs. Hyatt in a closet with a dresser.

Reader Opinions

Cutting Down On Expense

GLENDAL — We read with a lot of interest the editorial the other day about "The Sales Tax," and it filled us with a lot of unanswered questions.

We all feel the need of attracting new and more industry, and it has already been shown that our taxes are at a place where new industry is not interested. Yet it is stated that new sources of taxation must be sought.

Here is question No. 1: Is the question of cutting down on public expense ever considered?

It seems to be the policy to go right ahead with the spending and pull the taxpayers leg for the funds. Has it ever occurred to anyone that the elasticity of those legs might come to an end? What does defeated budgets and other defeats indicate?

We have heard many people express their opinions on the sales tax question, and with very few exceptions the opinion was the same. A sales tax would not be tolerated unless it takes the place of the property tax for school purposes. Now it is proposed to issue a lot of bonds as well as establish a sales tax to relieve the income tax, to some extent, and to offset property tax for state funds and, finally, if there is any left, it could go to the school fund. In other words it would be just another tax added.

Does anybody suppose that this pyramided indebtedness produced by this stimulated inflation can continue indefinitely? In view of that fact, how is it proposed that these bonds will be redeemed during a deflated period, and a taxpayer live too, when we can't live within our income now during the inflation?

In cases where the cost of an article is in consideration in any enterprise except agriculture, the salaries of management and labor are considered a legitimate production expense, but not so with agriculture. A farmer is expected to work for nothing but, in any other business the owner can employ himself at any price that the traffic will stand, without limit, and it is a legitimate expense.

And also, in other industry the capital investment is entitled to 5 to 6 per cent revenue, but not so with agriculture. A farmer may

Held To Be No. 1 Problem

have a \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00 investment, but he is never allowed a profit on that. In all industry except agriculture the management can and does pass all cost of production on to the next dealer. But not so with the farmer. Somebody else sells the price of his product and, if he doesn't make a profit, it's just too bad. But he pays the taxes just the same.

Who ever heard of a farmer calling a meeting of the Commerce Commission and telling them that his business wasn't making enough to please him, and they say to him, "Alright you set your own price and we'll see to it that you get it?" And now we read that the state will be short about \$35,000,000.00 per year during the next biennium, and this amount is expected to be raised by property tax, or maybe sales tax.

Now we would like to ask what is expected to become of the farmer? He is the only one who can't pass the tax on to the next in line. We wonder what the ideas of the budgeting committees for the future are, if any.

C. E. YOUNG,
Glendale, Ore.

Arens Renamed To Board On State Compensation

SALEM (AP) — L. O. Arens, member of the Oregon Unemployment and Industrial Accident Commission since 1939, was reappointed by Gov. Patterson Monday to a four-year term, beginning Jan. 1.

Arens represents the public on the two commissions. The other two members are T. Morris Dunne, representing employers and William A. Callahan, representing labor.

Arens came here from Klamath Falls, where he was an automobile dealer.

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