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BEND'S EXPERIENCE

Charles V. Stanton

Bill Niskanen from Bend was a visitor in *The News-Review* office recently.

I owe Bill an everlasting debt of gratitude. He was a member of the Oregon Legislature from Deschutes County at the time the fight was on to close the Umpqua River to commercial fishing. Bill became exasperated with some of the tactics used to block the legislation, so waded into the fight on our side with much vigor. His influence was of great help in securing passage of the bill.

He is vice-president and general manager of Pacific Trailways. He also is president of the Oregon Trail Box Company at Bend.

The Oregon Trail Box Company doesn't make boxes. It started out in the box business but ran into competition from wire-bound boxes, paper cartons, and other newer forms of box manufacture while at the same time it found a more profitable operation. The Oregon Trail Box Company now is a pine remanufacturing plant. Niskanen buys a considerable quantity of pine lumber from Douglas County mills, ships it to Bend, and there makes finished products.

Bill sold himself on the remanufacturing business. He was active in the Bend Chamber of Commerce. A few years ago the Shevlin-Hixon mill closed down and put 900 workers out of jobs. Gloom prevailed the whole community. The Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee to seek new industry for the area. Niskanen was a member of that committee. Diligently trying to sell others on possibilities of secondary manufacture in the Bend area, Bill suddenly realized that if it was a good proposition for others, it was an equally good opportunity for himself. And that's how his box company came into existence.

Bend Prosperity Growing

On numerous occasions I have mentioned in this column the importance of secondary manufacture, and how it follows the phase of primary manufacture. Bend supplies an excellent example.

When Shevlin-Hixon moved out, many Bend people thought the end had come; that Bend was doomed to be a ghost town.

But some residents, like Bill Niskanen, refused to accept a defeatist attitude. They rolled up their sleeves and began work.

Bill tells us that Bend now has six secondary wood-working plants. They are producing such things as trim, toy airplanes, sash and door, moulding, door frames, stock for toys, ladders, stools, furniture, suitcases, and others.

At the same time work was started to improve the agricultural economy of the area. Another major project was development of recreational resources. The Deschutes area today is one of the most popular recreational spots in Oregon.

Bend's general economic activity now is much higher than in the days when Shevlin-Hixon was operating full tilt, Bill reports. Furthermore, much new industry is in prospect.

Community Cooperates

The little touch of adversity suffered by Bend did much for Community spirit. For one thing it built up a program of local aid for new business and industry. The businessmen of the community were tapped for a fund to be used in financing new plants. From the fund money is loaned to an operator having some resources of his own, but not enough to complete his project. The loan is secured by a mortgage. In every case, Bill reports, investors have recovered their investment, and the community has a number of active and profitable enterprises as a result.

My purpose in discussing the Bend experience, as related by Niskanen, is that Douglas County should be examining experiences of other lumber centers. We can profit, if we will, by the experience of others.

Throughout the whole history of the industry, it has been the experience that secondary manufacture brings more prosperity than primary manufacture. But, heretofore, there has always been a transition period: a period when the community went into a bad slump before secondary uses developed.

Douglas County also will suffer a slump someday. But it need not be a serious slump if we will get secondary usage started in advance of the decline in primary manufacture. There are many obstacles in the way, but concerted community effort can remove them if we devote ourselves to the job.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Would it help cut the divorce rate in America if every year we had a week dedicated to husband worship?

A hundred Hindu wives in India recently completed a five-day festival of husband worship. In one ceremony during the festival each wife washed her husband's feet, and a Hindu mystic expressed hope this rite "will end divorce."

Well, it was a heart warming thought. But would it work here? Many foreigners accuse Americans of woman worship. They feel our high divorce rate stems from the fact the ladies have too much power in this country — that a wife loses respect for a husband she can wear like a watch or dangle like a marionette.

Hmmmm. After all, we do celebrate things like National Pickle Month. Why not set aside one measly week a year for husband worship? That would still leave us 51 weeks of wife worship — surely enough to keep any reasonable woman happy.

So, fired up with the heady prospects of launching America's first annual "Worship Your Husband Week," I broached the project to a guy I know whom everybody calls

"How About a Nice House on This Firm Foundation?"



73 Polio Cases Are Confirmed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Public Health Service this week reported 73 confirmed cases of polio among persons given Salk vaccine. Seven new cases were reported over the weekend, but one previously listed in Wyoming was deleted because of duplication.

The new cases were: Idaho, 2; and Georgia, Texas, Ohio, Virginia and Delaware, one each.

The Delaware case was the third listed among persons who had been given vaccine made by Wyeth Laboratories, Marietta, Pa. Fifty-eight cases occurred among persons inoculated with the product of Cutter Laboratories, Berkeley, Calif., and 12 developed in persons given the vaccines made by Eli Lilly Co., Indianapolis.

Suspect cases were under investigation in California, Idaho, Kansas and Nebraska, the service said.

There were no new fatalities reported. Five fatal cases had been listed previously. Sixty-five of the 73 cases were paralytic.

North Douglas Fair Again To Be In Drain

Despite a suggestion it be held at Yoncalla, the annual North Douglas Community Fair will again be held at Drain this year, according to the Drain Enterprise.

Elmer Hungerford will again be chairman of the event. Richard Duncan will be in charge of the parade, and Roy Anderson will supervise concessions.

The fair board is still without a secretary or treasurer. The posts are to be filled at the next meeting of the board.

Day is almost more than I can bear, with my wife and kids behaving like sipping idiots seeing me for the first time. You haven't thought this thing through.

"I don't get you," I murmured. "How?"

"Well, for one thing, I bet you think American wives would resent a husband worshipping week and holler against having to wash the old man's feet, like Hindu ladies."

"Of course, they'd holler."

"That's how little you know about women," said the oldtimer.

"Why, they'd go for it like a weasel goes for hen eggs."

"The wives would be fighting to show how much they worshipped their husbands. Every some soon would have a gilded bowl — something like the old shaving mugs — inscribed, 'Dear Daddykins — His Toosie Bath.'"

"They'd have all kinds of Precious Papa foot-soaps on the market — perfumed, naturally. Wives would be trading foot bath recipes, and there'd be national televised contests to pick America's leading foot-washing wife."

"Don't you think that's a bit overdrawn, oldtimer?"

"Not at all," he replied. "A husband worship week would be one long hell. A man couldn't live. He'd be smothered in feminine adulation he'd be like a fly in a barrel of molasses. And that's the way his wife would like to have him."

"Son, when you worship something, it becomes your prisoner. Nothing with any sense really likes being worshipped. That's why women enjoy it. I fought my wife for 20 years before I found out the secret of how to beat her — which was to worship her."

"I quit being her slave the day I told her I worshipped her. I've been telling her that ever since. When you keep telling a woman you worship her, she has to let you have your own way — for fear you'll stop telling her. If there is a slave in the family now, well — it ain't me."

The oldtimer paused for breath. "Let's have no more nonsense about husband worship," he said. "A thing like that could snowball and ruin every sensible marriage in America."

"Any husband who lets his wife put him on a pedestal will find he's turned his home into a museum and himself into a piece of statuary."

Sweden is traditionally neutral.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Any idea that the United States will put a sizable contingent of American ground troops on Formosa for defense of the island has now been given permanent burial by President Eisenhower.

The President told his press conference that while the United States now has a MAAG—Military Assistance Advisory Group—on Formosa to train Chinese Nationalist troops, there has been no suggestion for a major American base on the island.

The President said he had thought of everything that might be needed out there, but he had no recommendation from anyone to make it a permanent station for American ground troops.

This should lay the ghost of that rumor, which has been floating around Washington rather conspicuously. The way these flying news saucers get launched sometimes border on the fantastic.

ON FEB. 16, Joseph C. Harsch of Christian Science Monitor wrote a piece on the dangers of the administration's military cutbacks. As an illustration he cited the fact that these cutbacks would make it impossible for the United States to put a couple of divisions of ground troops on Formosa, if it were decided that should be done.

He wrote: "If ground troops of the U. S. Army were put ashore in Formosa and entrusted with the task of defending it, there can be little room for doubt that it would be defended effectively for as long as Washington was willing to leave those troops on the island."

Here is plainly a case where America can keep the peace by preventing the Communists from obtaining a prize without war. Whether the failure to hold Formosa would actually jeopardize the security of the United States is another matter. But it would be a loss in prestige which could be averted most effectively by American troops.

THIS IS APPARENTLY THE

first time this idea got out in the open. Mr. Harsch says now that he does not think he originated it, but just happened to hit on an idea which government officials also were considering.

For a month or more there was no reaction. Then one day in a private conversation with an official of the British embassy, Mr. Harsch learned that his seed idea had borne fruit and was being considered by the Pentagon.

At about the same time other reporters began to hear rumors that a proposal of this kind was in the works. But the rumor couldn't be pinned down, so nobody wrote it.

Then on April 29 the story came out. Press associations carried the report that unnamed sources in the State Department and the Pentagon were considering establishment of permanent American bases for Air, Marine or Army ground forces on Formosa.

The purpose was said to be to bolster Nationalist Chinese morale and to show the Chinese Communists that the United States meant business in defense of Formosa.

THE REPORTS WERE unquestionably justified at some intermediate level of government planning. But checks at the very top disclosed that Cabinet officers had never heard of the plan.

Four days later, when President Eisenhower was asked about it directly, he scotched the story completely.

For the United States to put ground troops on Formosa would, of course, be a reversal of every doctrine that has been advanced for defense of the island.

The big pitch of Chiang Kai-shek's supporters in the United States has always been that here were half a million Chinese Nationalist troops who were not being used.

This is, of course, a far cry from the doctrine that it will now be necessary to put American forces on Formosa.

Recent Russian moves indicate a desire for more amicable relations with the Swedes to keep them in the neutral camp.

There is a missing link in the Soviet belt, Germany.

In Western capitals, there has been much speculation that Russia's aim in giving Austria her neutrality is to persuade the Germans they may obtain unity of their divided country if they also agree to neutrality.

But Austrian government leaders say their talks with the Russians lead to the conclusion that Russia really does not want a united Germany of 70 million people — whether it is armed or completely neutral.

The Austrians feel the Russians want to keep East Germany under their control, a Communist satellite deep into Europe but prevented from creating trouble by its new military alliance with the eastern NATO formed in Warsaw.

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The bill would permit the government to continue to manage and sell timber located on unpatented mining claims. As the law now stands, mining claimants can prevent the Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management from disposing of timber on their claims. This has led to a condition in the Pacific Northwest in which countless acres of standing timber of the federal government have been tied up by pending claims, whether valid or invalid, old or new.

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ky Mountain state senators, the legislation has bi-partisan sponsorship from Sens. Anderson (D-N. Mex.), Barrett (R-Wyo.), Bennett and Watkins (R-Utah) and Aiken (R-Vt.).

Unless unforeseen obstacles are encountered by its supporters, the bill could clear both chambers and be signed into law before Congress adjourns for the year this summer.

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