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## DEMAND FOR PARKS

Charles V. Stanton

Things happen around a newspaper office that simply can't happen. And they always happen to us.

For instance: We had a galley of garbled type matter come off the machines. We ran a corrected galley. Then someone forgot to dump the bum type and, of course, it got into the paper while the corrected type went on the time bank.

That was the reason the story appearing in our paper Friday concerning the Highway Commission's park plans was practically unreadable.

And, it was an important story, of course, dealing with a matter of great general interest.

There has been much criticism of the policies of the State Highway Commission with regard to its parks system. Organized sportsmen throughout the state have been especially critical. At the last session of the State Legislature a bill was introduced to separate park management from the Highway Commission and to organize a State Parks Department.

Although I am in full sympathy with park expansion and development, I believe I can understand why the Highway Commission has been reluctant to give the program the attention and cooperation it deserves. I am of the opinion that the commission has now recognized public demand and is endeavoring to establish a more satisfactory system. If the Highway Commission will give us a satisfactory parks administration, I can see no reason for creating another agency.

### Money Hard To Get

The Highway Commission's reluctance to spend money on parks in the past stemmed, I believe, not from lack of interest in parks, nor from lack of realization of the importance of parks, but rather from the fact that funds were limited. The Commission, with not enough dollars to meet demands for highway improvements, and seeing our highway facilities steadily outdistanced by the increasing load of traffic, had to decide whether dollars should go into road maintenance or park acquisition and improvement. Faced with that choice, the commission grudgingly put a very limited amount into parks, while trying to patch up the deteriorating road system.

Authorization for highway bonds, however, changed the picture. Bond money has financed badly needed relocation work on principal highways. This money, though not nearly enough, has at least relieved some of the pressure. The improvement has been so pronounced, I am hopeful the people of Oregon will demand continuance of the development program and will provide adequate funds, either through more bonds or higher gasoline taxes.

I believe, too, that the Highway Commission underestimated public sentiment favoring extension of the park system. When it found its policies unpopular it immediately set out to revise its activities, as a good public agency should do. I believe it should be given an opportunity to prove its good faith.

### Separation Expensive

Setting up a separate department would, in my opinion, be an unnecessary expense. Efficiency also could be impaired.

The Highway Commission has the administrative and field personnel to handle parks jobs. If we had a separate parks department, much administration and field work would be duplicated. Duplication is always expensive. It also is possible for the highway department to coordinate much of its highway maintenance with park maintenance, whereas duplication again would be involved if a separate agency were to be set up.

It is my opinion that we can get better parks at less cost by keeping the system under the Highway Commission, but only if the Highway Commission adopts and maintains a favorable policy. If the Commission's new attitude towards parks and a parks' system is sincere — and I have had no reason to doubt it — it is my belief we should leave the administrative set-up unchanged and give the Highway Commission an opportunity to work out a program to the best of its ability and to the limit of funds available.

Paul Harvey, in his article which appeared in such badly garbled form in our Friday paper, questioned constitutionality of a separate parks department, inasmuch as the State Constitution provides that all highway revenue must be used for highway purposes. So long as parks are a part of the Highway Commission's program, appropriation of revenues for parks purposes is legal. But he questions whether a transfer of highway funds to a parks department separate from the Highway Commission would be legal.

That question, however, needs little consideration. I believe the public wants and will demand a state parks program. If it doesn't get it from the Highway Commission, public demand doubtless will force an amendment to the Constitution.

But, if we will show a little patience and tolerance, I believe the Highway Commission will come up with a good job on parks.

## Never Underestimate the Power of These Reds



Peter Edson

## Reader Opinions

### Parade Entry Criticized As Being Too Risque

ROSEBURG — The Rodeo parade was for the most part, clean, decent, and amusing. However, there was one entry, which I will not describe, that did not have enough humor to relieve its indecency.

Any act that oversteps the boundaries of propriety and good taste is not amusing. When adults lay aside their dignity to such an extent, is it any wonder they have lost the respect of many youngsters today? Entertainment need not be risqué to bring laughs from children or adults. It would be extremely embarrassing to have a child attempt to describe that particular part of the parade. We should not have to be ashamed of any part of the parade.

This thought comes to mind, if those fellows think they were a success this year, what will they dredge up next year for the Douglas County Rodeo parade?

Evelyn Williams  
Roseburg, Oregon.

### Argentina Frees Nineteen Leaders Of Recent Revolt

BUENOS AIRES, (AP) — Argentina Monday released 19 leaders of the Radical Party who had been detained since the June 16 revolt against President Peron's regime. Four other party members were still held.

Simultaneously, police at Eva Peron, in Buenos Aires Province in eastern Argentina, announced the arrest of two persons identified as Communists and two Radical Party members, on charges of spreading rumors. The nature of the rumors was not disclosed.

The Radical Party is the main opposition group, holding 14 of the 156 seats in the Chamber of Deputies, lower house of Congress. All the other seats are held by Peronists.

Among the 19 released is David Michel Torino, former director of the Salta newspaper El Intransigente. The Peron government closed that newspaper in 1950, and Torino was imprisoned for nearly two years on charges of contempt of court and fraud. Last year the Inter-American Press Assn. awarded him the "Martyr for Freedom of the Press" medal.

The government Monday lifted all remaining restrictions on flights of planes over Argentine territory imposed after the revolt. Censorship of news dispatches also was ended.

Sunday police furnished protection for thousands of Catholics thronging churches in Buenos Aires. The worshippers knelt amid wreckage before improvised altars in churches damaged during the revolt and prayed for victims of the uprising.

This vicinity in recent months. The first, Fir-Ply Inc., and the second, Oregon Veneer company, are now under construction. A fourth plywood operation, Medford Veneer and Plywood, has been operating here for some months.

## IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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gestures. They finally agreed to a decent treaty with Austria. They agreed to a meeting of heads of state of Russia, the United States, Britain and France to be held next month in Geneva. The No. 1 purpose of this meeting at the highest level is obviously to see if present world tensions can be relaxed and the possibilities of war reduced.

United Nations is holding its tenth anniversary session in San Francisco, where it was born, and relaxation of world tensions has been the theme of this session. Molotov made a stubborn speech there the other day, but he made it in a manner that for him was mild and conciliatory.

Then — Bang! — Comes another unprovoked attack by Russian warplanes on an American warplane.

About the only conclusion one can draw from it is that the Russians are an unpredictable lot.

What shall we do about it? I don't know. I doubt if anyone knows. But there's one thing I'm pretty sure of. We mustn't let ourselves fall into the delusion that we can get together with the Russians and settle everything on a friendly basis.

Suppose we did get together and agree to settle everything on a friendly basis.

How long would such an agreement last?

We must talk and talk and talk with the Russians—whenever and wherever they are willing to talk. We must dicker and dicker and dicker with them—whenever and wherever they are willing to dicker. Talking and dickering are cheaper than shooting.

But always we must keep our fingers crossed. And always we must keep our guns loose in their holsters.

The news on our domestic front is more cheerful.

Wholesale food prices as measured by Dun & Bradstreet are easing downward. At \$6.49, the Dun & Bradstreet wholesale price index compared with \$6.51 the week before and \$7.28 in the same week of 1954.

### Local News

Back From San Francisco — Miss Janet Morris has returned here, following a week in San Francisco visiting friends.

Vacationing — Miss Darlene Hammond, record librarian at Mercy Hospital, is taking her two week vacation at this time.

Here From Coast — Mrs. Jack Snook and daughter, Laura, of Coos Bay, are in Roseburg visiting the latter's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Snook.

Suffers Fall — Ann Linder of Roseburg suffered a bruised face Saturday, when she accidentally fell at the airport. She is able to be out again.

Go To Steamboat — Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Burr and son, Larry, of Roseburg have gone to Steamboat to spend the summer.

Back From Coasa — Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Laird have returned to their home on Winchester Street, following a visit with relatives in Brewster.

Back From Portland — Mrs. Verner Anderson has returned to her home in the Oak Hill apartments, following a week in Portland visiting her parents.

Arrives From California — Bob Micelli of Santa Monica, Calif., has arrived in Roseburg to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Micelli.

Visiting in Eugene Leslie and Susan Langfellow of Roseburg are spending this week in Eugene visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen.

Returns Here — Vondis Miller, supervisor of Umpqua Forest, has returned here, following a week at Wolf Creek and up the South Umpqua on business.

Move To California — Mr. and Mrs. Hal Roberts and sons, Wayne and Dick, have moved from their home on Kildeer Place to Redding, Calif., where Roberts has been transferred.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY PUSAN, Korea — The U. S. Army Saturday marked the fifth anniversary of the start of the Korean War by returning the huge port of Pusan to South Korea.

In anniversary ceremonies, the Army also dedicated its vast rear area supply zone and the Republic of Korea took over the task of supplying South Korean forces at the front.

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L. L. "Jim" Powers

Hal Boyle  
NEW YORK (AP) — The poor man's adventurer: My child, my child!  
This world lies before you, the great unknown. So many boundaries unexplored. The mighty Greeks, and they did many things, said "know thyself."  
The Romans, boisterous prisoners of the Greek mind, after robust centuries said the same thing.  
The torch of inquiry, handed down by every wandering tribe who held the sword of conscience then, remains both a question and a commandment.  
My child, my child!  
We work by the back door. We try to understand nature while refusing to try to admit even that this is only a window glimpse into ourselves.  
But magnificent new research power can now be massed to take a deeper look at this human race. . . the poor things we are after all these centuries, the great things we have been endowed with the ability to become. . . and that power must be used if we are to realize ourselves.  
Here is our time. Here are our weapons.  
The weapons by the grace of God—if that is the word—have always lain like dust in the world. The main tool is the mind of man. If man is destined to survive on this crowded earth and raise the