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SERVING WRONG MASTER

Charles V. Stanton

Previously in this column I told of a meeting of sportsmen with representatives of the Oregon Fish Commission at Corvallis and the effort by the commission to prove that removal of gillnets from coastal streams is not the answer to continuing depletion of salmon populations in those streams.

You may be wondering why such a meeting was held. In fact, sportsmen were puzzled when they were invited to attend.

There are some rather interesting facts behind the gathering.

It will be recalled that a measure to close the coastal streams south of the Columbia to commercial fishing was before voters at the last election. Despite the fact that the bill was poorly drawn, it lost by only a very small margin.

Sponsors of the bill are preparing to initiate another vote. This time the measure has been more carefully prepared.

Governor Patterson, it is reported, was displeased when the Fish Commission at the last election took an active stand in opposition to the bill. He had written the commission, it is stated, directing that any requested information be furnished, but that the commission keep out of the campaign. Instead, Chairman John Veatch, with James Cellars, representative of the Columbia River Packers Association, went on the state radio networks actively combatting the closure proposition.

New Title Submitted

Governor Patterson reportedly has been furnished a copy of the new bill. He is said to have submitted it to the Fish Commission and to have demanded its criticisms. The commission's reply had not been given the governor at the time of the meeting in Corvallis.

The closure bill originates in the Albany-Corvallis area, where a group of sportsmen have been endeavoring for several years to end commercial fishing on the Alsea, Yaquina, Siletz and other streams.

Fish Commission representatives invited into the meeting the chief sponsors of the bill, representatives of organized sports groups, and various others interested in the closure proposal. The "experts" apparently were under instructions to convince sportsmen that they are pursuing the wrong tactics.

If such was the purpose of the gathering, it failed miserably. Under the barrage of arguments, the commission's representatives had great difficulty framing their evasive answers.

One thing the sportsmen wanted to know was whether the Fish Commission felt itself obligated to protect the fishery resource or whether it felt its first duty was to the industry.

The answer, of course, was that the resource occupied first place.

Only Commercial Areas Helped

But the commission's experts were hard pressed to find examples of any help given on streams not connected with the commercial fishery. They cited expenditures on several closed streams, most of them tributaries of rivers open to commercial fishing. They insisted they were giving first thought to the preservation of the resource, but could give no specific instances of expenditures on either the Rogue or Umpqua rivers after those two streams were closed to commercial fishing.

Sportsmen pointed out that the commission's funds have been used almost entirely in work connected with streams upon which net fishing still is maintained and that, at least not more than token expenditures had been made on streams closed to commercial fishing. It also was pointed out that the commission has joined with the packing industry in fighting every attempted limitation on commercial operations and has actively campaigned against closures.

It was charged by the sportsmen that the Fish Commission, as a public body, financed in large part by public funds, has in effect, been an agent for the commercial fishing interests rather than devoting itself to the preservation, perpetuation and improvement of the fishery resource, the chief duty with which it is charged by Oregon law.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Among other things, this first session of the 84th Congress, now adjourned, might also be called the session which decided to let things alone.

This appraisal is not based on anybody's list of what the President asked for, or what congressional leaders of either party wanted to give him. The characterization is based entirely on the spirit of the session.

In the customary interchange of compliments on what a great Congress this really was, it must not be forgotten that the honorable congressmen just got tired of hanging around Washington.

THE IDEA of letting things ride is perfectly understandable. Prosperity for nearly everyone was never greater. Business is booming. Stock market is wonderful. Predictions for the rest of the year and maybe next year — never higher.

With the international tension supposedly eased and no domestic crisis at hand, there was no urge to try making things better. Let well enough alone. There hasn't been a Congress in years with less desire to reform the government. There was some feeling that there had been too much of that anyway, in the new deal days. Maybe the people were tired of too much government.

Ex-President Herbert Hoover's Commission on Government Organization turned out a two-foot shelf of reports on things that

Sen. Neuberger Accuses Coon Of Misrepresentation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) Thursday accused Rep. Coon (R-Ore.) of having "misrepresented the stand" of two Oregon groups concerning the proposed John Day Dam on the Columbia River near Arlington, Ore.

Neuberger said in a statement he has asked a House Public Works Subcommittee to reject certain testimony which he said Coon gave before the group last July 26.

Congress has authorized construction of the dam as a federal project. Neuberger said Coon, sponsoring a bill to shift construction of the dam to a "partnership" arrangement, gave the subcommittee inaccurate testimony.

Neuberger said he has written Rep. Davis (D-Tenn.), the subcommittee chairman, challenging Coon's listing of 33 organizations as supporting the "partnership" bill.

Neuberger said the list included the Port of Umatilla, Ore., and the Commission of Public Docks at Portland, Ore. He said he has letters from officials of both groups "stating that neither body ever had expressed any preference between federal or partnership construction of John Day Dam."

He said the letters came from Rear Adm. Gordon Rowe, manager of the Port of Umatilla, and Thomas P. Guerin, general manager of the dock commission.

"It is obvious," Neuberger wrote to Davis, "that these emphatic corrections by Adm. Rowe and Mr. Guerin throw doubt over the relevance of the whole list of organizations read by Mr. Coon before your subcommittee as ostensibly supporting this bill."

Baptist Ministers Amazed At Soviet Union Churches

MOSCOW (AP) — Four American Baptist clergymen left Moscow Thursday on route home, expressing amazement at the number of sincere young people in churches in the Soviet Union.

Soviet newspaper stories described the touring ministers as "profoundly impressed" by what they had seen.

The Rev. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., told The Associated Press "that the impression most was the enthusiasm and sincerity of the communicants—there are half a million Baptists in Russia—and the surprising number of young men and women in the churches."

He said that older women made up most of the congregations but pointed out that the same rule applied in the United States.

"Every service we attended—in Moscow, Kiev, Odessa—there were large numbers of young people who seemed sincere worshippers," the Rev. Mr. Adams said. He is president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Others in the group are the Rev. R. V. Carney Harrover of Philadelphia, the Rev. Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago, and the Rev. Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn of Washington, D.C., general secretary of the World Alliance. Dr. Ohrn will visit Norway on his way home.

The clergymen preached at three-hour services almost every night during their two-week tour. Sermons were interpreted into Russian from the pulpit by young interpreters supplied by the Russian Orthodox Church.

The Rev. Mr. Adams said the Russians do not have religious freedom "the way we know it" but he added: "They certainly have full freedom of worship."

Town To Close Up Shop While People Pick Beans

SHAVERTON (AP) — This town of 3,100 is going to close up shop and go bean picking Friday to save the crop.

Only doctors' offices will remain open.

Growers reported a need of about 800 pickers to harvest the 500 acres of beans within a five-mile radius of here. So the Chamber of Commerce, in a store-to-store check, got merchants to agree to close and help out the farmers.

The merchants and others will pick from 5:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. when stores and offices will reopen. Pickers will be taken in the field in buses and private cars.

Growers asked pickers to bring their own picking containers.

Car Runs Over Sunbather At Recreation Area

EUGENE (AP) — A woman lying in the sun at the Fall Creek recreation area southeast of here Wednesday, was run over by a car and fatally injured.

The victim, Mrs. Mary Wiberg, 40, Eugene, died shortly after being brought to a hospital here.

The car driver, Mrs. Lois Huffman, 30, also of Eugene, was still hospitalized Thursday, suffering shock.

The report to police said Mrs. Huffman started her car and one wheel ran over Mrs. Wiberg who had been sunbathing nearby.

renewed after a struggle, but approval of the Organization for Trade Cooperation to make it work was completely bypassed.

The farm price support program was not changed and the cotton and sugar blocs couldn't even muster enough strength for more government aid and subsidy.

Action on the long-standing aid to education, health insurance and Taft-Hartley labor law revision was put off.

The draft act was extended but the President's plan to build up military reserves was greatly watered down.

One positive thing Congress did do was raise its own pay and that of almost every other government employee. That was one they decided not to delay till next year.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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ventions agreed, for example, that prisoners could be put to work if they were WILLING, but must be paid for their labor. Prisoners could send and receive mail — subject, of course, to reasonable censorship.

Torture of prisoners — for any reason, but specifically torture to force them to reveal military information — was rigidly forbidden by international agreement.

And so on.

That day is past.

We're now back to barbarism — thanks largely to communism. The communist countries wage war as savages wage war. They use ANY method — including torture of prisoners, both physically and mentally — to gain their ends.

We need a new code of conduct for the members of our armed forces. It is no longer fair or decent to send them into battle (which includes the risk of capture as well as the risk of death) under a code that subjects them to TRIAL FOR TREASON if under inhuman tortures, mental as well as physical, they reveal military information.

The latest prison ruckus is at Lincoln, Nebraska, where the Nebraska state penitentiary is located. To quell a 12-hour convict rebellion national guardsmen had to be called in with orders to shoot to kill, if necessary.

The guardsmen were called in after about 225 rebels had set fire to six prison shops and smashed equipment and furniture in the cell block. Fortunately, the show of force ended the uprising and it was not necessary to do any shooting. Facing the rifles of the soldiers, the prisoners returned to their cells.

What shall we do about these prison rebellions — which are becoming almost ROUTINE in the news?

CONSTRUCTIVE work is all I can think of as a remedy. Keep our convicts busy. At CREATIVE work. Pay them wages. Put their wages away, to be PAID TO THEM if and when they have paid their debt to society and have been released.

Someway — Let's give them HOPE. When hope is taken away from a man, there isn't much left to build on.

Our modern prisons too nearly

Chief Joseph Dam Will Start Feeding In Power

SEATTLE (AP) — Chief Joseph Dam's big generators will start feeding power into the Bonneville system on a firm basis Saturday.

The Corps of Engineers district headquarters said Thursday.

Three 64,000-kilowatt generators are on the line at the Columbia River dam, 30 miles below Grand Coulee Dam. They have been undergoing tests for a week.

The generators already have been linked into the Bonneville system at intervals for trial runs, a district office spokesman said, but Saturday is the date set for the three to go into steady production for the system. The spokesman said that last Saturday two of the generators poured power into the Bonneville lines while two were off at McNary Dam.

New Jail Is Dedicated; Escaped Prisoners Sought

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (AP) — A week ago Prince George dedicated a new \$500,000 jail it took the province 18 months to build. Thursday posters were searching for its first four prisoners.

The men, held variously for forgery, breaking and entering and making false statements to police, vanished after a late-evening check. Warden W. S. Trant reported.

Trant said the escapees were at the jail when it opened and no one knows how they got out.

"It's a new jail," he said, "and there are lots of kinks to be ironed out."

Bank Teller Is Held After Cash Disappears

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP) — Royal Canadian Mounted Police here are holding an 18-year-old bank teller wanted for questioning concerning the disappearance of \$30,000 in cash from a branch of the Bank of Montreal at Lethbridge, Alta.

The teller, identified as William Charles Farackley, was apprehended as he stepped from a Canadian Pacific Airlines plane when it arrived from Mexico City Wednesday night.

Vancouver officers said the arrest was through the co-operation of Mexican authorities.

Police said Farackley disappeared on the weekend of May 24 from his bank job and that the money was found to be missing from the bank vault a short time later.

Ranch Worker Jailed On Charges Of Assault

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — A 40-year-old ranch worker was jailed here Thursday on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Sheriff's Deputy George Foster said that Clifford Heccote had tried twice to fire an automatic pistol at him but it jammed both times.

Foster said he had stopped Heccote on a road near Beatty's question him about threats the ranch worker had made to his own family. Heccote, the deputy said, pulled the pistol and tried twice to fire it. Foster said Heccote dropped the gun after the deputy had fired a warning shot over the ranch hand's head.

approximate the picture of hell, as given to us by Dante Alighieri in his Divine Comedy. Over the gates of hell, as he pictures it in his visionary journey through "Hell, Purgatory and Paradise" was this legend:

"All hope abandon, ye who enter here."

Our prisons are too much like that.

Atomic Energy Used In Disease Resistant Plants

DAVIS, Calif. (AP) — University of Minnesota crop scientists report encouraging results from experiments using atomic energy radiation to develop disease-resistant plants.

Dr. W. M. Myers, head of the Department of Agronomy at Minnesota, told the American Society of Agronomists about attempts to resist to stem rust.

Myers said experimental grains were dosed with both thermal neutron and X-ray radiation and in each case a few plants produced were found to be more resistant to the blight.

While not stating definitely the resistance was due to the radiation, Dr. Myers said no other factors were seen responsible.

Other Minnesota scientists said they tried a similar technique with a variety of bread wheat and got a slightly smaller percentage of resistant plants.

Myers said the overall practical effect of the successful use of radiation will be to speed the uncovering of new varieties by three or four years and provide the plant breeder with another tool with which to work.

Dr. Iver Johnson, Iowa State College professor of agriculture and farm research specialist, was elected president by the society.

Georgia Pacific Lone Alaska Timber Bidder

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Georgia-Pacific Alaska Co. was the lone and successful bidder Wednesday for 7 1/2 billion board feet of Tongass National Forest timber for a pulp mill in the Juneau area.

The 50-year contract with the Forest Service requires the company to cut 100 million board feet per year at the outset, with regular increases until 160 million feet are cut annually. Construction of a 500-ton-a-day mill by July 1, 1961, is planned, with eventual production of 750 tons.

It will be Alaska's second pulp mill and was hailed here by civic leaders as signaling the start of a new industrial era for this city, which once based its economy on a now idle gold smelter and a salmon industry that is dwindling steadily.

Coincidentally, the day of the timber contract closing, was the 75th anniversary of Juneau's founding.

President Signs 20-Year Real Estate Loans Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower has signed a bill permitting National Banks to make 20-year conventional real estate loans instead of the 10 years to which they formerly were limited.

The President had asked for the legislation, contending in his economic report last January that "the present limitation of 10 years for conventional mortgage loans necessarily restricts the availability of home financing in some areas."

The bill allows the banks to make first mortgage loans up to two-thirds of the appraised value of city homes and also of improved farm property.

The loans would have to be amortized at an average rate of 5 per cent a year, so that they would be completely liquidated in the 20 years.

Fruit And Nut Crops Expected To Be Larger

PORTLAND (AP) — The U. S. Department of Agriculture's weekly fruit and nut crops review predicts larger crops of tree fruits but smaller yields of nuts in the Pacific Northwest this year.

It forecasts a prune crop of just below 108,000 tons, or half again as many as last year. The estimated crop of 51,000 tons for Western Oregon and Washington would be about one-sixth larger than that of 1954.

The Oregon-Washington Bartlett pear harvest is forecast at some 8,000,000 bushels compared to 5,600,000 last year and a 10-year average of 7,200,000.

Despite an expected drop in Oregon, a larger walnut crop is forecast but the Northwest filbert yield is expected to drop to 6,800 tons, compared with nearly 8,700 last year.

Women Told To Take Part In Education For Defense

SALEM (AP) — Women's organizations must take a major responsibility in civil defense education, Mrs. Jean Wood Fuller, director of women's activities for Federal Civil Defense Administration, said here Thursday.

She told a state civil defense conference that civil defense plans can't be effective "until there is an air of acceptance at the community level."

"Each woman has a sphere of influence which should be used in getting the facts of survival to every household,"

Gov. Paul Patterson told the conference.

"The Northwest lies in the arc of probable attack and we need your help in making people conscious of the need for preparing for a possible emergency. We must avoid any hysteria, which leads to despair."

Lawyers Control U.S. Government, Claim Of Davis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Undersecretary of the Interior Clarence A. Davis said today that lawyers "in large part control and operate the government of the United States."

Davis, himself a lawyer and former attorney general of Nebraska, discussed the Hoover Commission's report on government legal services and procedure in a speech for the Federation of Insurance Counsel.

"We may think we are not interested in federal legal personnel that the federal lawyer is a strange creature, living in a world apart, but we must recognize that he exercises a profound effect upon the whole administrative law process and indirectly upon the government under which we live," Davis said.

"We should remind ourselves for a moment of the all-powerful position which the lawyer exercises in the government of the United States. Let us not whisper it too loudly nor yet repeat it in a spirit of egotism, but the fact is that the lawyers in large part control and operate the government."

Davis rejected proposals that lawyers in government service be put under civil service, questioned the wisdom of the Hoover Commission's recommendations that the attorney general and the Justice Department become a central recruiting agency for all government lawyers and that the Justice Department act as the adjudicator in all cases of inter-agency conflict.

He added: "Although a large group of schoolchildren received complete vaccination in 1954 and very much larger groups have received some vaccine in 1955, the present vaccination program must still be regarded as an early step toward the prevention of polio."

"We can look with confidence toward a future in which the threat of paralytic polio will diminish to the vanishing point of other 'dread diseases,' such as smallpox, diphtheria and plagues of a bygone era."

Station Robber Kidnaps, Releases Girl Attendant

RITZVILLE, Wash. (AP) — An attractive 18-year-old girl attendant was seized as a "hostage" by a service station robber here Thursday but was released unharmed on a country road about 15 minutes later.

The girl, Beverly Henning, was pushed out of the car 10 miles from town and told to stay there or "I'll be back." She hitched a ride, however, gave Sheriff Clinton Rowe a statement and then returned to work.

Rowe said the gunman came into the Economy Service Station about 10:30 a.m., ordered a tank of gas and then pulled a gun on the two girl attendants. He took about \$100 in currency and ordered Beverly to get into the car. He warned the other girl not to call police.

Rowe said the robber promised to release his hostage five miles out of town. The second attendant called the sheriff.

Road blocks were thrown across highways for miles around in an effort to catch the gunman, described as a slight, unshaven man driving a 1951 green sedan with Texas license plates.

"Beverly was so excited and frightened she couldn't tell us exactly what happened," the sheriff said.

Back at the station, a girl attendant who was called in to help after the incident said business had stacked up during the excitement and that no one had time to talk about it.

Architect Talks To School Board

The Canyonville School Board heard from Salem architect Lyle Bartholomew at their meeting this week.

Bartholomew informed board members of the latest innovations in school building programs, reported correspondent Virginia Proctor. Building plans, cost estimates, lighting and heating setups and room arrangements were all touched upon by Bartholomew and the board members.

Board members also discussed the problems in getting access to property for Canyonville's proposed new school. Several townspeople were also present to air their views on this subject. This is apparently the main stumbling block before the proposed school.

In other action, the board accepted the resignation of high school science teacher Charles Dowd and named his successor, Alvin Jones of Corvallis was hired to replace Dowd.

Waterfowl Hunting May Be Based On All Species

BOISE (AP) — The fish and game commissions of the western states will be asked this year to think about basing the waterfowl hunting seasons on the habits of all the species, rather than ducks alone.

The suggestion was one of a number made Wednesday at a meeting of wildlife hunting representatives from states of the Pacific Flyway-Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

The present rule is to set the duck seasons and make the others run concurrently.

But Ross Leonard, chairman of the group and director of the Idaho Fish and Game Department, said this often works a hardship on hunters of other species. He said geese generally need a later season than ducks.

The recommendations will be relayed to wildlife commissions of the states as a guide in setting waterfowl seasons. One state, Washington, has set the dates yet. The season opens there Oct. 15 and closes Jan. 2.

Forest Service Reports Receipts Set Record

PORTLAND (AP) — The U. S. Forest Service reported Wednesday that receipts from sale of timber and other products from Pacific Northwest national forests during the fiscal year ended June 30 set a record.

Collections totaled \$38,179,777, nearly half of the total net receipts from such sales in all national forests. The Northwest figure was 7 million dollars more than for the previous year.

The Forest Service also deposited \$1,271,250 from sales on Oregon & California grant lands. Under the law 75 per cent of O&C sales revenues are returned to counties in which the lands are located.

Idaho's Polio Total Rises To 160 For Year

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's polio total for 1955 rose to 160 Thursday with the report of two new cases by the State Board of Health.

It brought the total for the first 18 days of August to 30 — six more than were reported during the entire month of 1954. During the entire year of 1954, Idaho had 132 cases.

Confidence Given Polio Vaccines By Health Officer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Asst. Surgeon General Davis E. Price of the Public Health Service expressed confidence Thursday that vaccines will reduce the threat of polio to the vanishing point as they have done with smallpox and diphtheria.

Discussing the Salk antipolio vaccine in a speech for the Federation of Insurance Counsel, Price said: "The potential value of the Salk vaccine in preventing paralytic polio has not been diminished by the 'problems' encountered this year."

He added: "Although a large group of schoolchildren received complete vaccination in 1954 and very much larger groups have received some vaccine in 1955, the present vaccination program must still be regarded as an early step toward the prevention of polio."

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Telephone Men To Resume Talks

PORTLAND (AP) — The AFL Order of Repeaters and Toll Test-boardmen and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. soon may resume the negotiations they broke off months ago.

The union has asked the company to re-open meetings, Ken Leavitt, Portland union vice president, reported Wednesday.

Leavitt said the union and the company have had no contract since June, 1953, when agreements terminated, and since 1954, members have worked under labor practices established by PT & T.

Recently the National Labor Relations Board found the company guilty of unfair labor practices. The board said the company had refused to bargain with the union and ordered it to do so.

The union had charged that the telephone company in some cases tried to force its members into the CIO Communications Workers of America.

Involved in the dispute are repeaters and tollmen from Bellingham, Wash., to San Diego.

3-State Survey Of Fish Sales Set