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THE SALMON PROBLEM

Charles V. Stanton

A reprint from this column, reporting the meeting at Corvallis between an invited group of sportsmen with representatives of the Oregon Fish Commission, was carried recently on the editorial page of the *Oregonian*. It was accompanied by comment in the editorial column.

The *Oregonian's* editorial writer pointed out that I did not mention in my arguments, favoring removal of gillnets from coastal streams south of the Columbia River, the heavy toll taken by the offshore fishery. He declared that better control of the offshore troll is essential to rehabilitation of salmon populations.

The position assumed by the *Oregonian* is elementary. The offshore troll is exceedingly destructive. It is taking far too many fish. It is a wasteful fishery because it kills so many immature fish.

A salmon doubles its weight in the last year of its life. In preparation for its exhausting migration upstream to its fresh-water spawning bed, it stores energy by increasing its size.

As the fish congregate prior to migration, however, two and three-year-old fish are to be found in the same schools. Offshore trolling vessels, following the movements of fish along the coastline, catch great numbers of these young fish, which are only half, or less, their potential size.

Agreements Sought

These facts are recognized in studies of the offshore fishery. The Pacific Marine Fisheries is an organization including fishery management agencies of the states of Washington, Oregon and California. Exhaustive studies are being made. The three states already have cooperated in regulating seasons and length limits, and in imposing conservation measures. British Columbia cooperates in the Pacific Marine Fisheries but is not a member. Without full membership by British Columbia, and its concurrence in regulations, the conservation program cannot be made fully effective.

At the same time there is an international fishery treaty between the United States, Canada and Japan. This treaty offers many obstacles to realistic conservation in maintaining salmon populations.

Much work is being done, however, to improve offshore fishery practices. It will take many years to obtain needed results. In the meantime, unless we protect sources of our salmon migrations, there will be few salmon contributed by Oregon's coastal streams.

The salmon harvest by trolling fleets, while steadily increasing percentage-wise, is declining alarmingly in tonnage. This is because salmon population is dependent upon spawning beds in fresh-water streams. If not enough salmon reach spawning beds to maintain populations, all forms of salmon fishery are doomed eventually.

Larger Escapement Needed

Elimination or drastic reduction of the troll fishery would go far toward recovery of the dwindling salmon resource, but only if gillnets were regulated in a manner to permit a larger escapement. Heretofore the gillnets have been permitted to take the major percentage of all fish escaping the offshore fishery.

Although the Oregon Fish Commission has in recent years posted quotas on its coastal streams, indicating to the public it was protecting escapement, the fact is that in only a few cases has the quota ever been reached. The quotas are made high enough that few fish are allowed to reach spawning beds. By removing gillnets, escapement would be materially increased.

By increasing the spawning rate, coupled with better regulation of the offshore fishery, it is possible that we could at least preserve the remnant fishery we now have. With luck, we might even rehabilitate some runs. But unless we take some action in the very near future, it is doubtful if Oregon will have much of a salmon resource left after two or three more cycles.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — Translation copies of the Soviet scientists' papers delivered at the U.N. conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy, just ended in Geneva, are being scrutinized by Washington atomic experts. They want to determine how much of the Russians know.

They appear to have given their data as freely as the Americans, British and others. But in general the Russians did not reveal that they were ahead of the Americans. The U.S. scientists gave out far more technical data on commercial reactor design, for instance.

The Russians seem to be putting more emphasis on developing atomic energy from thorium 232, which is regarded in the U.S. as a secondary and as yet untapped source of power.

Russian emphasis on thorium may be due to the fact that it has larger supplies of thorium. It may also explain why the Russians have been wooing the Indians politically. For India has some of the world's richest thorium deposits.

THE RUSSIANS revealed that they were quite up to date on basic physical data on uranium. But they gave practically no technological secrets on reactors using thorium.

The Russian scientists mentioned only 10 to 15 per cent enriched uranium as the maximum quality of nuclear energy material in their use. By contrast, the U.S. has used uranium of over 90 per cent enrichment.

The U.S. is offering 20 per cent enriched uranium for use in research reactors to be built by friendly countries. This is apparently too low a grade for use in weapons. It is also too low a grade to be used in reactors moderated

Vacationing On Cape Cod Is To Try To Relax In Path Of Approaching Hurricane

By A. ROBERT SMITH

News-Review Correspondent

CAPE COD, Mass. — To vacation on Cape Cod this time of year is to try to relax in the possible path of a swirling hurricane—or so it seems to many—a condition which Cape Cod's chamber of commerce president would cheerfully strangle the Miami Weather Bureau for creating in the minds of tourists here.

Capt. John R. Peterson, who owns two fine resort hotels here, will take his chances with storms blowing in from the Atlantic—but he is plenty burned up at the weather forecasters in Florida for scaring the wits out of vacationers who chose Cape Cod for their summer holidays.

Capt. Peterson is firmly convinced the Miami Weather Bureau is in cahoots with the competitive Florida resort to put the fear of hurricanes into every tourist who picked a resort north of Florida on the eastern seaboard, especially Cape Cod, New England's finest.

Sitting in the lobby of one of the captain's hotels during the recent epidemic of hurricanes helps explain his attitude. The television set in the corner has the attention of everyone with nothing better to do than sit in the hotel lobby.

Here is a bulletin from the Miami Weather Bureau, "breaks in the eager announcer, as though he were about to announce the bombing of Pearl Harbor. A hush settles over the lobby, the guests lean forward, and the announcer says another hurricane has been discovered several hundred miles from the mainland moving at 7 miles per hour.

That's all he need say for the moment, embroidering on the bulletin for days thereafter as its speed and direction change unpredictably. It's enough to give the lobby sitters on Cape Cod and elsewhere a running start on speculating the possible devastation and path of the storm.

The hurricane theme is quickly picked up by the corps of cocktail waitresses and bellhops that staff your resort hotel. They need

Reader Opinions

Planning Commission's Authority Questioned

ROSEBURG — It is my understanding that the county zoning law was submitted to the voters at our last election and subsequently defeated. I cannot recall reading or hearing any more on this measure until the recent notice appearing in the News-Review informed us that the County Building or zoning law was now in effect.

I have discussed this with several people but can find no one who understands it well enough to explain how, if this measure, having been submitted to the voters and rejected could suddenly be declared law.

I believe an editorial in your paper clarifying this subject would be greatly appreciated by the majority of readers. Who are those directly responsible for inaugurating this law? Who is the zoning authority? Lastly, if this is legal what is the procedure to nullify same?

County zoning may be worthwhile and highly desirable but until the pros and cons are brought before the people so that they may thoroughly understand and have an opportunity to express their approval or disapproval by ballot, I am willing to make the least contribution toward a fund to erase this measure from the county books.

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Government Operation Of Mills Idea Attacked

PORTLAND — (To The Editor) —Your editorial "Federal Sawmills Next" conjures up the possibility of Uncle Sam's sawmills competing with privately owned mills, an assumption that might not be at all fanciful if we extend the philosophy of full utilization of water to include timber as well.

You state that the "federal government, with unlimited funds, could give full utilization—a crying need in the industry."

Yes, the government probably could, but that doesn't mean that the enterprise so conducted would be run at a profit, like your newspaper has to or any other American business. Chances are that the full utilization attained would be run at a loss, but no one would know it, because the taxpayers would foot the bill. That's a popular way these days to make hitting yourself on the head with a hammer feel good.

Full utilization is possible only when there is an economic return to the investors of capital. Where there is such a return, private industry will go to any "length" to recover milling leftovers. Pope and Talbot at St. Helens, Ore., recently did so by building a 4700-foot conveyor linking its two sawmills with the kraft pulp mill of St. Helens Pulp and Paper Co. Thus chipped milling by-products find an economic destiny—and there's a profit in it, like there should be.

The government has good men in its ranks, but they're no better than men in private industry and have no superior claim to brain power. Somehow the public associates federal custodianship or management as being synonymous with good business, but it isn't necessarily so.

In the forest products industry, the government's experiments with full utilization sometimes turn sour—when they're not subsidized with tax dollars. Witness the plight of the war-spawned alcohol plant at Springfield, Ore. High price of alcohol for a brief period made its operation seem possible, and plummeting post-war prices—and technological troubles—eventually

caused its demise. Today kraft pulp mills in that area are devouring the milling by-products which the alcohol plant hoped to consume. Why? Because that process is proved and because private industry finds it a profitable operation.

You state also that "private industry is extremely wasteful of the resource." A fairer statement would be "full utilization of milling residues is being attained gradually by the forest products industry, where economies such as freight rates, cost of raw materials and other factors permit it."

We're shipping wood chips over 200 miles in the Pacific Northwest. A Montana mill sends its chips 400 miles. Within the last year two new kraft mills have been announced for the Willamette valley, joining a third already in operation. Another timber company at North Bend, Ore., is considering construction of a kraft pulp mill there. So, we're making progress—fast. It means new outlets for leftover wood, both logging and milling.

Maybe the full impact of this has not yet tapped the tremendous supply of chipable material in Douglas fir country, but you're getting closer to that day, I am sure, and private industry will do it, if they can solve the economic problems. And nobody will have to pay taxes to Uncle Sam for losing money in an unprofitable operation. I don't think any of us want that kind of a subsidized business.

Albert Arnst
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PORTLAND — Wayne Morse said Thursday he is confident of winning reelection as U.S. senator against any candidate Oregon Republicans nominate.

He told reporters "it doesn't make any difference" who it is. Morse, returning home from the recent session of Congress in Washington, would not guess who his opponent might be. Anyway, he said, the people would be voting for or against him more than they would be for his opponent.

Morse expressed belief that Adlai Stevenson would be the Democratic presidential nominee and that he would defeat President Eisenhower. He questioned the accuracy of polls showing Eisenhower with a high popularity rating.

Morse was critical of Congress for not staying in session until it passed several pieces of important legislation. He said he believes next year Congress should give first attention to legislation providing more federal aid for highway construction, aid to education, improvement of social security laws, strengthening anti-trust laws, farm price increases, and to stiffening the corrupt practices law.

Morse will address a Democratic picnic here Sunday. Later he will go to Los Angeles to speak at a Labor Day meeting.

INDIA BANS FILM
NEW DELHI, India — Indian government censors have banned the United Nations international movie "Man Without a Star." It was learned Thursday.

Censors said the film—starring Kirk Douglas, Claire Trevor and Jeanne Crain—is filled "with brutal fighting, killing and violence interspersed with scenes of excessive drinking and without any redeeming qualities."

Bruce Biossat

The sort of hearings conducted recently by the House un-American Activities Committee in to Communist infiltration into the entertainment world inevitably must produce some puzzled reactions.

Only one of the 23 witnesses called in New York acknowledged Red affiliation, saying he was formerly a member of the Communist party and naming eight others as having such links.

The others either invoked the Fifth Amendment, the First Amendment or generally bucked committee questioning without falling back on constitutional support for their resistance.

Constitutional protection is intended to be real, not fictional. Nevertheless, when individuals publicly decline to answer questions put by a duly constituted congressional committee, they must understand that some suspicion is sure to attach to their performance.

Their reasons for refusal to answer these queries candidly may be important to them. But by now they certainly must realize that their reputations suffer as much or more by that action as they would if they frankly admitted party membership.

So much for that side of the matter. The other aspect is the more baffling.

The House committee's purpose evidently is to elicit public confession of Red affiliation, at some time or other in the individual's life. But the tactic is a risky one for American liberty unless the whole business is put in some kind of intelligent perspective.

What are these people being asked to confess? At the most extreme, apparently, it is membership in the Communist party.

Under U.S. law, such membership is not and never has been a crime, though most of us may regard it as a grave mistake and

Virginians Angry At Picking Joplin For Stamp Release

WASHINGTON — Outraged Virginians are "totally unable to find or imagine any possible reason" for the Post Office Department to pick Joplin, Mo., for the first day issue of a new Patrick Henry stamp.

This was reported Friday by Rep. Tuck (D-Va.), who quoted from a letter from John D. Guthrie, vice president of the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation.

The department has scheduled the issue of the new dollar stamp in Joplin for Oct. 7—to tie in with a convention of the 4-State Federation of Stamp Clubs.

The ire of Tuck and the foundation is particularly aroused because the new irritation comes before the dust of battle has finally settled over the department's plans for the new Robert E. Lee stamp.

The Lee stamp is going on covers for the first time in Norfolk, Va. Virginians protested that Norfolk was in Yankee hands during most of the Civil War and was the base for Grant's final operations against the rebel commander. They weren't able to get the ceremony switched, however.

The department says it tries to schedule first day issues for cities where stamp collectors are meeting so as to avoid the "burdensome" practice of issuing at several localities.

Regulations Governing Quarantined Feed Starts

SALEM — Regulations governing quarantined feed lots for both beef and dairy cattle became effective Friday. M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the division of animal industry, State Department of Agriculture reported.

Under federal law, all dairy cattle crossing county borders and all beef cattle going to compulsory brucellosis test counties must be tested—unless they are going directly to slaughter.

The new order will permit cattle held in quarantine feed lots to bypass these tests.

Nautilus Goes To Sea For Combat Duty Tests

GROTON, Conn. — The atomic-powered submarine Nautilus was at sea Friday for what Washington sources said last Saturday would be "combat duty" and special vibration tests.

Atlantic Submarine Force Headquarters at the submarine base would not say when the submarine left her berth at the wetdock of the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp. or when she would return.

Let's put it this way: Suppose you lived under a system in which everything you did was ordered by the government and run by the government.

Suppose you knew the government was going to pounce on you every time you went in the hole and were going to TAKE THE SURPLUS AWAY FROM YOU every time you did pretty well.

Would you lie awake nights devising cheaper and more efficient ways to do the job?

I doubt it.

Let's suppose I wouldn't. When I went in the hole, I'd just sit back and wait for the government to reach into other people's pockets and take out the money to PULL ME OUT OF THE HOLE.

If Mr. Jacobs' observations are accurate, that's what is happening in Russia.

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We threw out the steam table and from now on, Chef Joe Bella will cook each dinner to order. This means a well-deserving 20 minute wait but worth every minute of it.

We highlight all cookery with wines and herbs.

Watch for our Labor Day Weekend all Italian Food Menu to be published in your News-Review this coming week. We want to thank all the people of this entire area for having received us so generously.

To better take care of your wants, to cater to your needs and properly serve your appetites, we find it necessary to open the dining room and lounge daily at 5 p.m. and will remain open 'til the last hungry man has been fed. On holidays and weekends, we will open at 11:30 a.m. 'til the wee hours.

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