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SOUND RECOMMENDATIONS

Charles V. Stanton

Recommendations by the District O & C Advisory board to the Bureau of Land Management are significant pointers to the rapidly changing condition of Douglas County's timber industry.

The board urged an immediate inventory of O & C timber, an increase in annual allowable cut, earliest possible removal of overripe and diseased timber, more access road construction, and acquisition of private roads blocking access to federal timber.

These are sound recommendations. They are essential to good forestry and conservation. They will be presented to a committee from Congress which will be holding a public hearing in Roseburg in the near future.

Press reports would indicate that the committee's inquiry, urged by Senator Neuberger, was instituted to bring criticism upon practices of the U. S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. This would be in keeping with the senator's past efforts to embarrass the administration.

However, if the committee does an objective job of inquiry, it will find that Congress, rather than the forest administrative agencies, needs investigation. Congress consistently has refused to take a realistic approach to the forest problems of the Pacific Northwest. It has denied funds necessary to efficient management. It has rejected time and again the recommendations of agencies charged with forest administration. It has used politics rather than sound business practice as the standard for discharging its obligations as trustee of the public domain.

If the committee does an honest job, it will carry back criticism of Congress rather than criticism of the administrative agencies.

Inventory Is Pressing Need

Proof of Congress' failures is found in the recommendations by the advisory group. Every activity emphasized in those recommendations would have been handled long ago had Congress made available the needed money. Expenditure of funds to permit efficient forestry management would have been good business investment, for the federal government would have been paid back, many times over, from timber sales, increased income taxes and generally improved economy.

Perhaps the committee, despite our suspicion of political motivation, will have the honesty to carry back a report showing the past failures of Congress and outlining a realistic program designed to meet the swiftly changing situation in the Pacific Northwest.

Heading the factors of industrial change is the growing shortage of logs.

Here in Douglas County we are just beginning to feel the impact of shortage. But in the state of Washington and in Oregon's Willamette Valley this shortage has been acute for several years. Yet adjacent to the manufacturing centers of Washington and northern Oregon are large bodies of public domain timber which could be contributing to local and national economy if adequate access road systems were developed.

At the same time, allowable cuts could be increased if inventories were made on standards of present usage. Such inventory is critically needed, yet funds have been denied by Congress for this essential work, even though it has been recommended time and again.

More Logs Available

An inventory would immediately make more logs available to hungry mills. The existing allowable cut, for the most part, is based on usage practices of 20 or more years ago. Mills today are utilizing far more of the material from the forests than in previous years. If inventories were based on modern usage, the allowable cut could be greatly increased without impairing the sustained yield practice.

But, again, access roads enter into the picture for, if the allowable cut is to be boosted, it will be necessary to build the roads to bring out the logs available under the larger quotas.

In Douglas County, for example, the Forest Service and BLM only recently reached the allowable cut, and then only by overcutting areas of mature or salvage timber. Unless the road system is extended materially within the next few years it will not be possible to maintain the allowable cut even on the old inventory. Without improved access there is no possibility of getting out logs available under a more realistic inventory.

Other factors to be considered include the shift toward wood fiber uses, permitting removal of materials unsuitable for sawmills.

Bruce Bioss

A distinguished lawyer and former national commander of the American Legion, Ray Murphy, has afforded us striking insight into how great organizations like the Legion are sometimes maneuvered into approving ill-considered resolutions on topics of national concern.

At its recent Miami convention the Legion by voice vote condemned UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on grounds that it was Communist, atheistic and sympathetic to world government.

Murphy was chairman of a special Legion committee ordered by the 1953 and 1954 conventions to investigate these charges. He now says that five or six members of this group, including himself, then had a bias against UNESCO on the basis of what the Legion already had said.

The committee set about probing the matter, examining 23 specific charges against the organization. One, for example, was that Alger Hiss fathered UNESCO.

In the course of its inquiry, the committee visited Communist bookshops and scanned the files of the Daily Worker, hunting for boasts for UNESCO. They found none. They could not find evidence to support any of the charges.

"After a thorough study," says Murphy, "we changed our minds." The group decided instead that UNESCO was doing effective work in reducing illiteracy in backward lands, that it was trying earnestly, though sometimes ineffectually, to lift general standards of health, nutrition and education all over the world.

Interestingly enough, a similar committee named by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States had come to the same conclusions about UNESCO: "We looked for evidence and we could not find it."

Last May, Murphy presented his committee's findings to the Legion's national executive body in a two-and-a-half-hour speech.

"At the end," he says, "I received a rising ovation, which was unheard of."

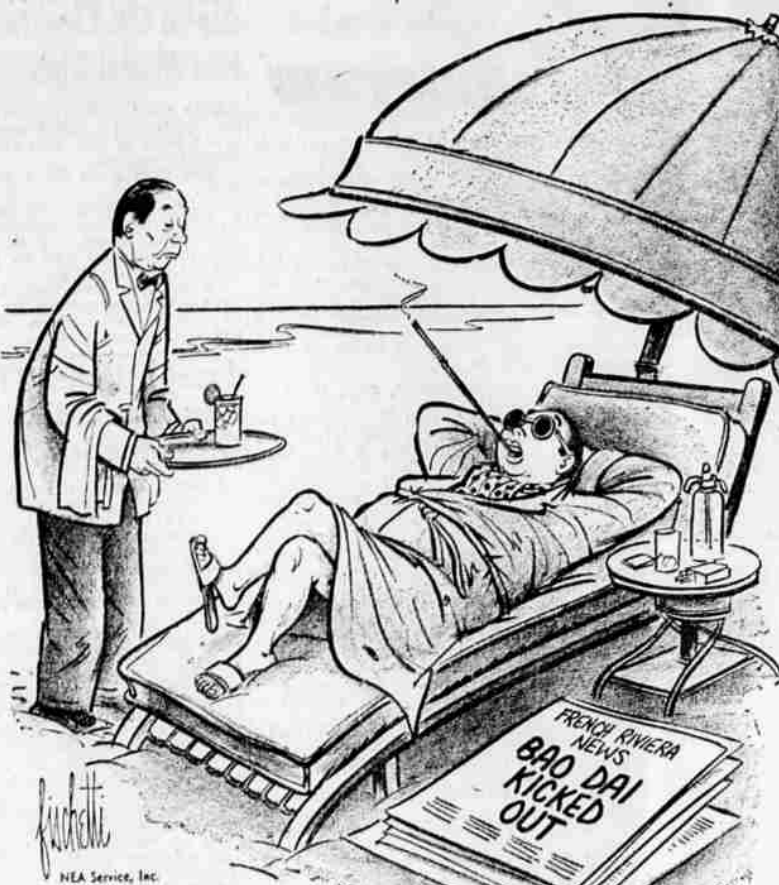
But Murphy and his group did not "campaign" to put over their report with the full convention at Miami. It is estimated that fewer than 50 of the 2500 delegates ever read the painstakingly prepared document. There was no debate on the subject.

Instead, the convention proceeded to endorse a resolution which denounced UNESCO on all the counts Murphy's committee had found to be false.

Murphy attributed this astonishing result to a "vociferous" and tightly organized minority of extremists whose views do not represent the Legion rank and file. In the absence of an organized effort to support the committee's findings, the extremists stamped the convention.

It's a sad lesson. Evidently facts alone are not enough. They must be vigorously championed, and the rank and file must be willing and eager to hear and accept them.

"How Will Those Poor People Ever Do Without Me?"



Consulting Engineers Make Public Terms To Finance Priest Rapids Development

SEATTLE (AP) — A consulting engineers firm made public this week terms under which the Grant County Public Utility District plans to finance the Priest Rapids power development on the Columbia River.

The cost of the proposed 1,170,000-kilowatt project, previously listed as 249 million dollars, was raised to \$262,337,000 because of added transmission costs.

Sol Schultz, northwest manager of H. Zinder & Associates, which made the study, said purchasers of power under 50-year contracts would be committed to pay \$27,581,000 a year for 45 years to service. No payments would be made during the 5-year construction period.

The firm represents the Grant County PUD as a consultant. The analysis, Schultz said, shows that the bonds, drawing 3 1/2 per cent interest, could be paid off in

30 to 35 years and the annual cost per kilowatt power would drop from \$20.16 to \$13.91 during the last 10 to 15 years of the contract.

Power purchasers would also pay the cost of getting the power delivered to their load centers. Sixty-five per cent of the power would be allocated to Washington, 31 per cent to Oregon and 4 per cent to Idaho and Montana.

Schultz, former chief engineer for the Bonneville Power Administration, said proposed contracts had already been given to various cities, PUD's and private utility companies.

The Puget Sound Utilities Council, which includes Seattle and Tacoma City Light, the Puget Sound Power & Light Co. and the Snohomish and Chelan County PUD's, is having its own analysis made of the proposed contract terms, a spokesman said.

Gloomy Outlook In Offing For People Of Argentina

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — A policy of "austerity, work and sacrifice" with no promise of "pie in the sky" was before the Argentine people today as the new government called for a stringent program of economic rebuilding.

Provisional President Eduardo Lonardi said last night Argentina is confronted with the "most disastrous situation in our economic history."

He put the blame squarely on ousted President Juan D. Peron, saying the "irresponsible and corrupt" 10-year rule of the fallen dictator had left economic chaos.

Making a detailed report over a nationwide radio hookup, Lonardi said the nation's gold and dollar reserves totaled \$1,680,000 at the end of World War II. Now, he said Argentina has an

internal debt of five billion dollars, a foreign debt of 757 million dollars and reserves are down to 450 million dollars.

Argentina piled up vast reserves during World War II by selling wheat and meat to the Allied powers. When Peron came to power at the end of the war, Argentina was at its highest pinnacle of wealth from wartime profits.

"The system of hiding the truth has ended," Lonardi said. "Ten years of irresponsibility and corruption have led us to the most disastrous situation in our economic history."

"I do not come to hand out cajolery nor to promise pie in the sky. I address the nation not to give but to ease efforts of abstinence sacrifices."

Atom To Supply One-Fourth Power Generating Capacity In 25 Years, Says Engineer

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE

Associated Press Service Reporter

NEW YORK (AP) — The atom will supply one-fourth of all installed power-generating capacity in the world within 25 years, a nuclear engineer predicted Friday.

"The world atomic enterprise is doubling every two years," Samuel Intervenor Jr., General Electric Co. told the National Industrial Conference Board's conference on atomic energy in industry.

This booming growth rate is due both to development in those countries which have atomic power, and to atomic industry expanding into new countries.

He said the amount of power derived from the atom would double every four years between 1960 and 1980.

Improved methods of safely handling some of the radioactive "garbage" of the atomic age were urged by Walton A. Rodger, Argentine National Laboratory, Le Mont, Ill.

This garbage is radioactive atoms—some highly active and dangerous for many years—produced in operating power or research reactors, or in some chemical processing activities.

Unless they are kept safely contained, they could be a "vociferous" and tightly organized minority of extremists whose views do not represent the Legion rank and file. In the absence of an organized effort to support the committee's findings, the extremists stamped the convention.

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trolled or safely dispersed at low levels in air or water, they could spread to harm human health and human heredity, affecting future yet-unborn generations.

The problem of safe disposal is being met now, but as the atomic age expands, the problem will become bigger, Rodger said.

He said one need is for methods of concentrating the huge amounts of radioactive liquid wastes into smaller volume, or turning them into solids for safer storage or disposal. Research has produced some promising methods of meeting this kind of problem.

Carloadings Up 14 Per Cent In September

SEATTLE (AP) — Pacific Northwest freight carloadings in September were 14 per cent above the same month last year and the nine-month total was 13.6 per cent above the same period of 1954.

The figures for Washington, Oregon and North Idaho were reported here this week by the Pacific Northwest Advisory Board.

The nine-month total of 945,292 cars compared with 817,751 in 1954; the September totals were 139,138 and 119,292.

Loadings of forest products continued at a record high. They were 47,394 cars for the month, compared with 45,602 in 1954.

Loadings of 1,904 cars during September compared with only 1,080 last year. The nine-month figure of 12,383 cars was listed as the highest since 1944. It compared with 7,383 in the first nine months of last year and 10,077 in 1953.

In The Day's News

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bare fists after their ammunition ran out.

"That would be bad, but it would be better than letting a little war in the Middle East spread into another world war."

But—Our informed Washington officials say the communist bloc undoubtedly plans to step up pressure in the months ahead by channeling weapons to the Arab countries.

And—Our state department says it has information that soviet bloc sources have been approaching Israel on supplying the ISRAELI FORCES WITH ARMS.

That is to say: The communies are planning to slip guns to both sides.

So — You see — We can't work with Russia to keep the peace. You just can't work with people you can't trust.

This is a bright spot. IKE GOES ON IMPROVING.

That is important because in some manner peculiar to himself Ike has gained the affection, the trust and the confidence of the people of all the world. What leaders like that can do is immeasurable.

And — If his health holds — We'll have at least 14 months more of Ike's leadership.

Shucks! Let's turn to the lighter side of life.

The BBC, the government-controlled British radio — which is normally as solemn and stuffy as a government-controlled affairs have to be — aired its first joke this morning about the Princess Margaret-Peter Townsend romance.

One of its comedians pretended to read a news bulletin saying: "Britain facing another crisis: they had tea together again today."

He got a laugh that echoed all over the United Kingdom.

Of course — You know — If Meg and Peter eloped and got married and LIVED HENCEFORTH ON WHAT THEY COULD EARN their crisis would be resolved and there wouldn't be anything that anybody could do about it.

In Norwalk, California, 29-year-old William Pivar (arrested on a charge of malicious mischief) up and threw a heavy ashtray through a plate glass window in the sheriff's office.

Asked what the heck he explained, "I just had an urge to break a window. I feel much better now."

If I had been the sheriff, I'd have had an irresistible urge to lay him over a barrel and apply a barrel stave to the seat of his pants.

After which, I'm sure I'd have felt much better.

CAB Won't Reimpose Restrictions On United

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Board has refused to reimpose upon United Air Lines restrictions which would prevent United from nonstop flights between the Pacific Northwest and Eastern cities.

The CAB said this week unrestricted competitive service by Northwest Airlines and United was warranted to help insure the most desirable quantity and quality of service.

The CAB in a ruling Sept. 1 removed a certificate restriction which had prevented United from operating nonstop between the Pacific Northwest and cities east of Salt Lake City.

Northwest asked that the Sept. 1 order be reconsidered.

RED CROSS DOLES OUT NEW YORK (AP) — The American Red Cross estimates that its total aid to victims of the August and October floods of the East Coast will exceed 15 million dollars after all payments are completed.

Attorney General Wants Democrat For Issue Debate

SPOKANE (AP) — Atty. Gen. Don Eastvold has declined to debate the power issue with the Spokane secretary of the Hells Canyon Assn. but says he would debate it with any Democrat who holds an elective office.

Eastvold suggested to Thomas P. Delaney that Delaney's challenge to the attorney general should be answered by someone in the Spokane County Republican Club.

Delaney, a Spokane attorney and United States commissioner here, wired Eastvold Oct. 18, questioning his views on the power issue and challenging him to a series of debates on it.

"I would be most happy to discuss or debate in any forum properly defined issues of great concern to the citizens of our state," Eastvold, a Republican, wrote Delaney this week.

"I, however, would prefer to enter such public discussions of a political nature with the duly elected members of your party from either the state or national levels of government."

Delaney took exception to an Eastvold speech here last week on the public-private power question. Delaney has announced he will seek the Democratic nomi-

nation for Congress in the Fifth District next year. Eastvold, in his letter, said he and Rep. Coon (R-Ore.) did a lot of good.

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