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THE TAXPAYER PAYS

Charles V. Stanton

The Al Serena controversy, which anti-administration politicians have made into a sensational propaganda effort, is to be renewed at hearings in Washington by the Senate Interior subcommittee, according to press reports.

A. Robert Smith, Washington correspondent for *The News-Review* quotes the acting chairman, Senator W. Kerr Scott as saying: "The purpose of the hearings in Washington will be to determine why—and upon whose orders—good judgment and normal procedure were thrown out the window in order to bestow upon the Al Serena corporation \$500,000 worth of public property."

Does that statement indicate an objective, fair and impartial hearing? When the acting chairman of the committee—a committee which should have as its purpose the development of accurate information—has prejudged the case, what opportunity exists for the public to learn the truth, if the truth differs from the committee's preconceived ideas and—we can add safely—purposes.

Here in Oregon we have seen the pattern of these hearings. The same pattern has existed in other states. The committee calls up witnesses to put into the record the information wanted for political ammunition. The hearings are so timed that the other side of the controversy gets little if any of its argument into the record. Witnesses not heard are told they can journey to Washington if they want to appear in person, or may file statements in writing.

Rebuttal Opportunity Denied

That was the procedure used by the joint committee on timber sales at its hearings in Oregon recently. Groundwork for the Al Serena case was laid at Roseburg, but the issue was brought into the open until the closing hours of the hearing in Portland. Then there was time only for the witnesses the committee wanted to get on the record. Congressman Harris Ellsworth managed, by reason of his position, to get a statement into the hearing, but waiting witnesses from the company were denied an opportunity to speak because time had run out.

A special House subcommittee on recommendations of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, the Hoover Commission, held a hearing in Portland recently. Mrs. Louise Humphrey, acting manager of Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc., told me that the committee's advance organizer contacted only those persons who would oppose the recommendations of the Hoover Commission on water resources. The same accusation was made in the latest issue of *Oregon Voter*.

Mrs. Humphrey rounded up witnesses and testimony to support the recommendations and managed to get some of the statements into the report. Public power advocates and critics of the recommendations were allowed rebuttal testimony, but supporters were denied equal privilege by the simple expedient of ending the hearing.

Missuse Of Tax Funds

I have said before, and I repeat, that congressional hearings when conducted in an honest, objective, impartial and judicial manner are greatly to be desired. But politically motivated hearings, resulting in half truths, misinformation and propaganda, are reprehensible, and especially so when made at the expense of the taxpayer.

The Congress, which through control by the Democrat party is able to give each committee a favorable party balance, has initiated dozens of these investigations all over the country. Millions of dollars of tax funds are being expended. The purpose is to discredit the present administration. This is achieved by getting only part of the story before the public. The opposing testimony will be heard or read in Washington and little of it will get into the press.

If the Al Serena case were to be given an honest, impartial and objective hearing, some of the people using this issue for propaganda purposes would find themselves out on a limb. But it is doubtful if the kind of a hearing the case deserves will ever be given, because the truth would ruin propaganda purposes and possibly some politicians as well.

Bruce Biossat

There could be no better time than this for the making of a renewed show of solidarity. That's why it is heartening to learn that Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden and Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan will come to America in January to confer with President Eisenhower.

The fall Geneva conference and the subsequent actions and utterances of Russian leaders make it plain that the Cold War is being prosecuted with new purpose by the Kremlin.

At Geneva the West stood together against any concessions that would have turned the meeting into a Soviet triumph. But they scored no major victory for themselves; they merely held the line.

THIS IS NOT enough for the combat in which we are now engaged. The Russians are bringing economic and political weapons wherever there is the faintest sign they may make bloodless new conquests.

When the United States and its friends were alarmed by the Communist military aggressions of a few years back, they rose to the challenge magnificently. Today the challenge takes a different form, but it is just as real and must be met just as vigorously.

If we are to keep the rest of Asia and Africa out of Red hands, we must devise a fresh, imaginative political and economic strategy for the task. Right now the only thing that is saving us is the stupidity and the rigidity of the Russians.

No doubt many Americans are weary of digging into their pockets for money to be sent beyond our shores. But if we do not assist in the steady uplift of the backward lands of Asia and Africa, then all the evidence indicates the Russians will, in fact they are

Probable Leader of the Parade Next Year



Daily Bible Reading

Message By
Roseburg Ministerial
Association
TODAY'S TEXT
John 14:15-31.

It has been truly said, "God is the Hound of Heaven." He has done, is doing and will do everything possible to call into His Kingdom the sons of man. At the beginning of the human race, He appeared as God, the Heavenly Father. During the dark days of spiritual decay He came, born of a Virgin to be God, the Son, that He might live among men. Then after the Ascension of Christ, on the birthday of the Church, He returns to live among us as God, the Holy Spirit so He could comfort and guide the family of God.

The Bible passage for today sets forth the workings of God as the Holy Spirit. The eternal presence of God becomes by the process of the New Birth, our Divine Counselor. Let Him guide and counsel you at all times that you may come into the Truth as given us by the Father.

REV. SEWELL MORGAN,
First Christian Church

McKay Declares NW Power Needs Only Half Enough

HONOLULU (AP) — Secretary of Interior McKay declared here this week in a discussion of Pacific Northwest hydroelectric power needs, that "in the past 10 years Congress has appropriated only about half as much as will be needed in the future."

"And the outlook in Congress is certainly not favorable to the great increase in appropriations which would be necessary."

He estimated a three billion dollar outlay in the next 10 years is needed for power development in the region. He told the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce that the need could be met only by "partnership between the federal government and local groups," both public and private.

He said the great development problems must be "approached on a cooperative basis," and he added, "The issue is not, as you may have heard, public versus private power."

He predicted giant strides will be made in the partnership program of power development in the Northwest.

Skate, Swordfish Names Picked For Atomic Subs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy this week picked the names Skate and Swordfish for its third and fourth atomic powered submarines.

The Skate is under construction at the Groton, Conn., yards of the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp. The Swordfish is being built at the U. S. Naval Shipyard at Portsmouth, N. H.

The world's first nuclear powered vessel, the submarine Nautilus, has been operating with the Navy for many months. The second atomic submarine, Seawolf, is nearing completion at Groton.

The Skate and Swordfish have had predecessors of those names.

Truman's Ex-Secretary Waives Right To Hearing

NEW YORK (AP) — Matthew J. Connolly, appointments secretary for former President Truman, waived a hearing this week on charges of conspiring to defraud the government in a tax fix and was held in \$5,000 bail for appearance Monday in St. Louis.

Connolly, 48, appeared before U. S. Commissioner Earl N. Bishop.

He has a public relations office in New York. He surrendered on a warrant Monday.

Japanese Hotel Operator Fed Up With U. S. Sailors

ATAMI, Japan (AP) — The U. S. Navy has landed again at this resort town south of Tokyo, and Fujiro Suzuki, operator of a hotel and aquarium, says this time he's just about had it.

His latest brush with the Navy, said he, cost him the front door to the aquarium, some furniture and the sweet disposition of his favorite dolphin.

"I have run this hotel and aquarium for the last five years and the same thing happens over and over again," Suzuki said.

Recently about 30 American sailors in a festive mood were waiting for launches to take them to their destroyer escorts in Atami Bay.

It started to rain. The sailors broke down the front door of the aquarium to get in. The dolphins, who were in the pool, were scared and jumped out of the water.

While employees covered in the corner, the sailors amused themselves by throwing tables, chairs

and six rowboats at the dolphin, which was not hit but lost its playful disposition.

Suzuki says this is bad business, because the dolphin is one of his best attractions.

This crew was a bad one, he said. "The others usually break into the hotel, poke holes in the shoji (sliding paper panels) and peep at honeymooners. They're ruining my business."

Suzuki called the police, who called the U. S. Navy, which had no comment pending an inquiry.

After the sailors had withdrawn the police came and took pictures of the wreckage.

"I don't know which is worse—the sailors or the police," Suzuki fumed.

The newspaper Asahi said two destroyer escorts anchored in Atami Bay this week were Nos. 412 and 414. Those are the numbers of the Walter C. Wann and Le Ray Wilson.

The U. S. Navy said it was not involved in the incident.

The operation started Tuesday when a group of loggers at Campbell River, 108 miles northwest of here on Vancouver Island, spotted a wounded trumpeter swan.

The men stopped their logging operations Wednesday and captured the rare bird with gentleness and kindness not usually associated with their kind.

The bird was carried carefully to first aid man Dave Campbell, who exhibited the same gentleness as he carried it into Campbell River.

A silver of wood five inches long was taken from the great bird's wing. The swan, protected by federal laws, then was given penicillin and water.

The game warden was contacted and the bird flew again within the hour—via a Pacific Western Airlines plane to Vancouver.

The crated bird was taken from the airport to the zoology department of the University of British Columbia, where officials are confident of saving its life.

U. S. Court Of Appeals Upholds Portland Grant

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U. S. Court of Appeals this week upheld the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in granting permit for a channel 12 television station at Portland, to Oregon Television, Inc.

Northwest Television Broadcasting Co., a third applicant for the permit, did not appeal.

In a unanimous decision, the court held the evidence did not show the commission acted arbitrarily in choosing between Oregon Television and Columbia Empire Telecasters.

The Journal Publishing Co., publisher of the Oregon Journal, and its one radio subsidiary, KFOJ Inc., own 40 per cent of the stock of Columbia and had an option to buy 75 per cent.

Montana Cowboy Didn't Know About Liquor Ban

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — A Montana cowboy, who expressed surprise that minors aren't allowed to drink liquor in Oregon, was held in the county jail this week, charged with supplying wine to two boys, 12 and 14 years old.

John Mack Williams, who said he was fresh from the Montana range country, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Woody Joe and George Foster on the Klamath Indian Reservation.

At his arraignment before District Judge D. E. Van Vactor Williams was given until next Monday to decide on a plea in lieu of \$400 bail. He was remanded to the county jail.

Sen. Anderson Would Give Public More Information About Atom Peacetime Uses

CLEVELAND (AP) — Sen. Clinton Anderson (D-NM) says the Atomic Energy Commission should tell the public all details about its quest to harness the H-bomb for peacetime purposes so that more heads and brains can join in the recently announced project.

He expressed that opinion this week after telling newsmen the AEC had even kept members of the joint Senate-Atomic Atomic Committee in the dark about the project for a while. He is chairman of the committee.

Anderson said that last March he took some of the members of his committee on a tour of the AEC's atomic laboratory at Los Alamos, N.M.

But, he said, "I was not allowed" to take them through one area where he found out later, research on the controlled fusion, or H-bomb reaction, was going on.

"The atomic energy law says the commission shall keep the joint committee informed of all developments," he said, "but they thought that this was so secret a project that the joint committee should not be told about it."

He spoke at a news conference before addressing the Nuclear Science and Engineering Congress at which he again called for the AEC to tell more details about the project in contrast to the limited disclosures it has made hitherto.

"The job of seeing whether hydrogen energy can be controlled is an immense job," he told the scientists. "It may eventually require the work of thousands of people and the task may extend over decades. Even so, success is neither assured—nor even probable."

"This is a field where we badly need new ideas. The surest way to keep from getting such ideas, in my opinion, is by posting a 'keep out' sign around our controlled hydrogen program."

"I have heard no sound military reason advanced for keeping our work on this project classified," Anderson added.

Huge Mail Volume Is Being Handled In Christmas Rush

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Post Office Department estimated Friday it will handle something more than 17 billion pieces of mail in the final quarter of this year.

The figure, about a billion pieces higher than that for the last three months of 1954, amounts to an average of more than 300 pieces for every family in America.

This month's deliveries alone, reflecting the holiday rush, are expected to reach a record of about 7,300,000,000 pieces, or 2½ billion above the normal 1955 month. The December handle last year totaled 6,900,000,000 pieces.

Postmaster General Summerfield urged in a statement that return addresses be put on Christmas cards.

"For some obscure reason," he said, "many persons seem to feel it is hard to put a return address on Christmas cards."

Actually, it is in the best of taste. It saves friends and acquaintances much time and effort in keeping their mailing lists up to date and assures the sender, if he uses three-cent postage, that he will know if a greeting is not deliverable."

Summerfield also noted that extra deliveries are now under way in many city and suburban neighborhoods, and that the usual heavy seasonal mailings are under way through Santa Claus, Ind., North Pole, N.Y., North Pole, Alaska, Christmas, Fla., and Bethlehem, Pa.

Many people send their greeting cards to the postmaster in those places for re-mailing, to get the benefit of a Christmas spirit postmark.

The postmaster at Santa Claus reported this week that mailings there are running around 85,000 pieces a day and will reach a peak of 125,000.

The tract is described as rough, rocky, with heavy underbrush and small conifers and two mountain peaks for cultivation.

One of the tracts, 642 acres in Coos County, is sought by the BLM's Coos Bay forest district. The other, 649 acres in Lake County, is desired by BLM's Eugene forest district.

Opponents of the withdrawal have 30 days to notify the bureau's Portland office of their objections. BLM's notice of withdrawal, published in the Federal Register, was accompanied by a similar notice announcing restoration for disposition of an 80-acre power site along the Sixes River in northwest Curry County.

That can be interpreted only as a threat—and a rather grim one.

The Kremlin tiger is showing its stripes.

U. S. Denounces Russian's Veto Of Japan Entry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States this week denounced the Soviet veto of Japan's bid for United Nations membership as a "blatant injustice" and called for Russia to reverse its stand promptly.

A State Department spokesman said the Soviets are engaged in a "cynical action" to preserve a "bargaining pawn" in their negotiations with Japan over a peace settlement.

Russia accepted 15 countries for U. N. membership Wednesday but blackballed Japan.

In accepting the 15, the Soviet Union reversed an earlier policy by which it vetoed all free nations proposed as new U. N. members because Nationalist China had vetoed Outer Mongolia.

In pulling off the dramatic switch, the Soviets proposed that both Outer Mongolia and Japan be temporarily dropped from the package deal. U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge put in an amendment in the Security Council at New York to add Japan to the list for admission. Soviet Ambassador Arkady Sobolev vetoed this.

State Department press officer Malcolm White told reporters the United States government still hopes the Soviet Union will "withdraw its veto of Japan" before the end of the present U. N. Assembly session which is to be concluded this week.

He also spoke of "the tremendous pressure of world opinion" on Russia.

In Tokyo, U. S. Ambassador John M. Allison called on Foreign Minister Shigemitsu and said the United States is "extremely sorry" that Russia has once more vetoed Japan's admission to the U. N., White reported.

Boeing To Control Jet Noises, Landing Speeds

SEATTLE (AP) — Boeing Airplane Co. reported here that it is on the way to controlling the noise and the runway landing speeds of its jet planes.

The firm announced it has overcome "the basic problems of jet engine thrust-reversing and sound-suppressing." Engineers are developing a unit that can be installed on the tailpipe of its big 707 jet transport to do both jobs.

The thrust reverser will make it possible to stop a jet quicker on the runway, as reversible propellers do for the standard commercial airliners.

Four Grave Registration Teams Enter E. Germany

BERLIN (AP) — Four U. S. Army grave registration teams entered Communist East Germany this week to search for the World War II graves of 121 Americans still believed buried there. They will dig for the remains they find for reburial in Western territory.

The agreement for the entry of the three-man teams was negotiated between Soviet and U. S. occupation forces in Berlin.

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has been, I feel that he's wrong on that point. After all, tax money is TAX money. It all comes out of the pockets of the people because there is nowhere else for tax money to come from.

The tax dollar we send to Washington comes back to us all shrunk—out of shape.

With considerable regret — because I like and respect him — I find myself in disagreement with Governor Patterson on a number of points.

He has expressed disapproval of Gile's French's proposed federal system for the apportionment of the Oregon legislature. Under the French proposal, the Oregon houses of representatives would be apportioned according to population, but EACH COUNTY would have one senator.

It is called the federal system, because that is the way the membership of the U. S. congress is apportioned among the states.

Question: Why is this "federal" system better for Oregon?

Answer (according to my way of thinking): Because it keeps the cow counties in control.

Another question: Why is it better to keep the cow counties in control?

Answer: Because (generally speaking) there is more horse sense and less something-for-nothing thinking in the cow counties.

Stepping over from local to world affairs, Secretary of State Dulles is in Paris for a meeting of the North Atlantic Council of Ministers (NATO in alphabet language).

He told the NATO ministers this morning that the East-West cold war is ON AGAIN. He said the Kremlin chiefs have opened dangerous new cold war fronts in the Middle East and South Africa.

He added: "In the past, the 15 Atlantic Pact nations have overcome even greater dangers by remaining vigilant with hard for nearly an hour."

This was his boiled-down advice: "United, we can stand; divided, we will FALL."

Before the council session, Canada's foreign minister Lester Pearson called on Dulles and conferred with him for nearly an hour.

It is believed the Canadian foreign minister told Dulles of his recent trip to Moscow — where Kremlin leaders had bluntly recommended that Canada QUIT THE NATO ORGANIZATION.

Reportedly, the Russian leaders told Pearson that Canada fortunately escaped destruction in two world wars BUT WOULD NOT BE SO LUCKY IN A THIRD WORLD CONFLICT.

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