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FAVORABLE OUTLOOK

Charles V. Stanton

Continued improvement in Umpqua River fish populations has resulted in proposals for liberalization of 1956 angling rules.

Regulations now under consideration by the State Game Commission would add 25 days to the spring chinook salmon season. The trout season also would be lengthened.

Liberalization was extended also to other waters of the State, through longer seasons and opening some sections previously closed.

Success of the Diamond Lake poisoning experiment is shown by announcement that the lake will be open to angling this season. Trout planted after rough fish were killed off have made phenomenal growth. Bottom feed has been steadily increasing in volume per acre.

Easing restrictions on the Umpqua's spring salmon season will be welcomed by local anglers.

The population of chinook salmon had dropped so low that it was feared the race would become extinct. Only a remnant of a once abundant species remained.

Attempting rehabilitation, the Game Commission drastically reduced bag limits and seasons.

Local sportsmen, for the most part, have shown remarkable patience and tolerance while restrictions limited their bag on salmon to half that on other rivers, as well as a shorter season, prohibited fishing with other than artificial fly in the nursery section of the river, established lower deadlines, and otherwise limited angling.

Patience Pays Off

The patience exhibited by sportsmen, however, is paying off in steady improvement to the river's sports fishery.

The past year furnished most encouraging evidence of recovery of the river's critically depleted fishery.

The spring chinook salmon run continued to make gains. There was some evidence that a "summer run" of chinooks, mentioned in early records, might have survived and is showing a comeback. It is much too early to be certain, however. The most remarkable feature was the exciting increase in the number of fall chinook salmon tallied at the counting station.

There also were encouraging reports that silver salmon were found in large numbers on tributary streams from which they had been absent for a number of years. The only discouraging note is failure of the summer steelhead run to show signs of improvement.

The Umpqua River has furnished the Game Commission an excellent laboratory for experiments in fish rehabilitation, and the commission has a right to be proud of the results so far achieved.

Authority Extended

Prior to 1947, the year in which the Umpqua River was partially closed to commercial fishing, the Game Commission had no authority to hatch salmon. Oregon law classifies salmon and steelhead as "food fish." Only in the Rogue and Umpqua Rivers are salmon legally listed as "game fish." Thus the propagation of salmon and steelhead was left to the Oregon Fish Commission.

Armed with a new authority bill in 1947, and given a river in which salmon populations had been reduced to a bare remnant, the Game Commission entered into salmon propagation at its Rock Creek hatchery, on the North Umpqua, with some revolutionary ideas. At the same time it imposed drastic management regulations and started exhaustive scientific studies. The Umpqua River experiments have resulted in many improvements in hatchery methods and have demonstrated effectiveness of control regulations.

For many years the Game Commission has been forced to reduce bag limits and seasons throughout all of Oregon in order to better distribute fish to the steadily increasing number of anglers. New regulations, making minor relaxations, indicate that the low point in fish populations may have passed and that even more relaxation may come in the comparatively near future.

One great forward step may be realized in November of this year, when voters of the state will again have opportunity to close coastal streams, south of the Columbia, to commercial fishing, thus affording other streams a chance to recover from salmon depletion as has the Umpqua River.

Bruce Blossat

Unmistakably President Eisenhower holds both his country and the office of President in the highest esteem. Possibly millions take that for granted. But there is reason why fresh realization of the fact is important right now.

A lot of people, including politicians whose necks are out this year, seem to have been suggesting that Mr. Eisenhower might properly serve through a second term as a sort of consultant to his Cabinet. This concept of the presidency might be likened to a semi-retired board chairman of an industrial corporation.

The President has clearly rejected that view of his responsibilities. His personal comments show that he believes an occupant of the White House should be fit for the fullest exercise of his duties or should put himself out of the picture.

SOME CRITICS have said they thought Mr. Eisenhower was undervaluing the importance of his post because so many suggestions have been made for trimming the President's functions. As far as the President himself goes, they appear to have misread his purposes.

He agrees with those who want to cut down on the ceremonial and purely administrative aspects of the job. But this is not the vital part of the task.

The heart of the task is the work of making the great decisions that affect the safety and well-being not only of 163 million Americans but of other millions in free lands abroad.

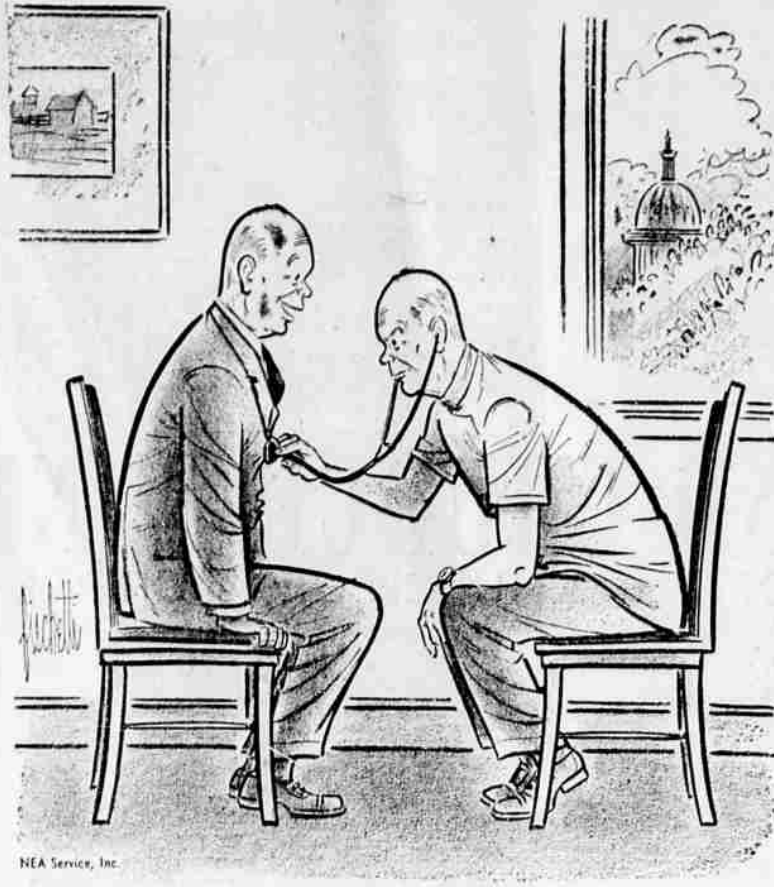
Mr. Eisenhower knows this work

All Quiet Following Heavy Shelling Of Isles

TAIPEI, Formosa, Jan. 21—All was reported quiet across the Formosa Strait today after yesterday's big bombardment by the Chinese Reds that affected the safety and well-being not only of 163 million Americans but of other millions in free lands abroad.

Mr. Eisenhower knows this work

"Well---What Do You Think?"



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In The Day's News

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primary — or any other state primary.

Reasonable enough. He didn't enter his name. Somebody else did it. It was done by petition. The constitution of the United States guarantees to the people the right of petition.

Entry of his name in a Presidential primary commits him to nothing.

The big question: Will he or won't he?

Put it this way:

We'll see what we'll see. It is Ike's decision, and his alone — because it is Ike's life that is at stake.

At the conference, the President reaffirmed his complete faith in State Secretary Dulles, but declined to get into the controversy over Dulles' "brink of war" statement in a recent magazine article.

He told the reporters that in his own view, in waging peace, our country has got to stand firmly on essential matters. He added that if that brings on the danger of a conflict because of aggressive actions by others, you can regard it as a brink.

As I see it, that's about the way it is.

If you're to amount to anything at all in this world, you must have principles. If you have principles, you must be willing to stand up for them. If you have to FIGHT for your principles — well, you have to fight for them.

Any other course involves RUNNING AWAY — and if we ever start running from the communists we're gone.

In conclusion, France's new national assembly (chosen at the recent French election, and corresponding roughly to our congress) has convened in Paris. It is expected that French President Coty will begin his search for a new French premier (the French nation's chief executive official) early next week.

In France, that's a good deal like starting a new search to find your misplaced glasses. That is to say, it's a search that in France is going on more or less all the time.

What's wrong with France? The answer is simple: TOO MANY POLITICIANS AND TOO FEW STATESMEN.

Neuberger Wires Protest Against Power Co. Dams

WASHINGTON — A protest against an Oregon state license being issued to Idaho Power Co. for construction of its Snake River dams was wired this week by Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) to Lewis A. Stanley, secretary of the Oregon Hydroelectric Commission.

The commission has scheduled a hearing Friday at Baker on the Idaho firm's application.

Idaho Power Co. already has a federal license to build the dams. It applied for a state license, too, to meet the state's claim of interest in the Snake River which is the boundary between Oregon and Idaho.

Neuberger said the state "should not sanction a program against the best interests and welfare of Oregon."

He said that "development of Hells Canyon by Idaho Power, rather than by the United States government, will result in loss of nearly three million acre feet of water storage now urgently needed for flood control."

to say nothing of loss of 400,000 kilowatts of firm power.

"If the state of Oregon approves Idaho Power as development agent at Hells Canyon, it will be signing Eastern Oregon's economic death certificate."

He asked that his views be read into the record at the Baker hearing.

Local News

Returns Here — Miss Charlotte Hyre has returned to Roseburg, following a day in Salem on business.

Leave For California — Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Forrest of Roseburg left Friday for California to spend several days attending to business.

Goes To Market — Mrs. F. L. VonSchrantz of Laverne's Shop in Roseburg left today for Seattle to attend the spring fashion market.

Goes To Meet — Miss V. Vivian Logsdon of Roseburg left today for Portland to attend a board meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Go To Game — Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pickens and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McClintock of Roseburg drove to Eugene today to attend the basketball game.

Expected Home — Mrs. Bernice Wilson, employee of Umpqua Valley Hardware here, is expected to return here the first of the week, following the last two weeks vacationing in Chicago.

Back To Portland — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fisher have returned to their home in Portland after spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Mangas, their son-in-law and daughter.

Visitors Leave — Mr. and Mrs. Earl Day have returned to their home in Medford, following a visit here with the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Foster. Mr. Day is an uncle of Miss Patricia Mayo of this city.

Attends Meeting — Miss Carol Trimble, Douglas County librarian, has returned here, following a trip to Salem to attend a meeting of the Library Development Committee of the Oregon Library Association.

Returning Sunday — Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rasmberg and small son, Douglas, will return to their home in Roseburg Sunday, after spending the last several days in Portland, where the latter received special medical treatment. Douglas has been in a body cast since a year ago in November. The cast is now removed for a period daily. It is expected that he will be able to have the cast removed entirely within the next six months.

Leaves Friday — Lloyd Stutsman, advertising manager of the News-Review, left Friday night for San Francisco to spend several days attending to business, before leaving for Los Angeles and other points of interest on his vacation. At Harbor City, he will visit Mr. and Mrs. Frank Samson, formerly of this city. Mrs. Samson was formerly Cora Rogan, an employee of the News-Review advertising department.

California's Timber Operations Hit High

SAN FRANCISCO — Timber operations on California's 18 national forests were greater last year than ever before. B. H. Payne, regional chief of timber management for the U. S. Forest Service said.

In 1955, loggers on the national forests cut a total of one billion board feet, and an additional \$1,200,000,000 board feet were sold under contract for future logging, Payne said.

The total cut, he said, was worth more than 15 million dollars and the timber sold was valued at 25 million.

Wednesday at Yreka, the California Shasta Lumber Co. was high bidder at \$54,000 for 14,500,000 board feet of timber in the Klamath National Forest.

The timber—about half fir and half pine—must be cut to salvage it after big fires in the forest last summer.

HUGHES RESIGNS

WASHINGTON — Rowland R. Hughes resigned Friday as director of the budget, effective April 1. President Eisenhower announced he would appoint the deputy director, Percival F. Brundage, to succeed him.

East Germany's House Votes For Army Force

BERLIN — Communist East Germany's lower house of Parliament voted unanimously this week to establish a "peoples army" and defense force.

The action was taken only a few hours after the Communist government requested creation of the land, sea and air force.

Deputy Premier Willi Stoph, appeared with three stars on his East German Barracks Police uniform, and made the request. He said the defense force was needed to stand a "peace watch" against what he called Western plans to invade the Communist East.

Stoph, 41, a former interior minister, was considered an almost certain choice to head a new Defense Ministry.

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