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DEDICATION TO SERVICE

Charles V. Stanton

It is somewhat rare in these days of self-starting politicians to find a man who rejects opportunity for personal honor and glory, even in an office where he could be of outstanding service, because he believes he can do more good in a less conspicuous spot.

L. C. (Jack) Binford, vice-chairman of the Oregon Water Resources Board, has turned down an opportunity to enter the race for Governor, because he prefers to keep organized conservation out of politics and because he believes he can do a better service to Oregon in his present position, and might damage confidence in the Resources Board if he should enter the political campaign.

Binford, a Portland attorney, probably will never have a better opportunity to seek the governorship.

Representative Walter Norblad already has announced his candidacy. Elmo Smith, who became Governor upon the death of Paul Patterson, is expected to be a candidate.

Binford, long a vigorous leader in the conservation movement, past president of the Izaak Walton League, prominent in Portland business and legal circles, would have had a large, ready-made, following. With Norblad and Smith both campaigning for the Republican nomination, Binford, had he become the third candidate, probably could have made it a close, three-way, race.

Had Strong Urging

It is known that he was under very heavy pressure to enter the contest. Conservationists throughout the entire state were urging his candidacy. There is much concern in Oregon about the need for better conservation practices. Binford is known as a vigorous conservation leader. He would be the natural candidate to represent conservationists.

It was a tempting opportunity. To be Governor of Oregon is indeed a great honor. Even more important to Binford than the honor involved, would be the ability, if elected, to use his authority in helping advance the cause of conservation to which he has devoted so much of his time, energy and money. He could have entered the race with a solid block of votes and hundreds of political and financial friends in every part of Oregon to assist in his campaign.

Binford definitely was interested. He considered not only the personal honor at stake in the contest, but also the service he could render conservation. He made numerous contacts throughout the state, learning that he could muster enthusiastic support. Many workers volunteered to help with his campaign.

But he has decided not to be a candidate. Unquestionably, it was a hard choice to make. But his reasons for rejecting the offer indicate the calibre of the man.

A True Statesman

In a personal letter to friends, to whom he had previously announced that he had the matter of entering the race under consideration, Binford shows the thinking of a true statesman — one who places service above personal ambition.

As president of the Oregon Division, IWLA, he insisted upon a non-partisan approach to conservation matters. He used his influence to keep sportsmen's organizations out of party politics.

Although he recognizes that his participation in conservation work is no disqualification for political office, he feels that people would connect his candidacy with the conservation movement and that his many friends throughout the state, in supporting his campaign, would tend to bring chapters and clubs into politics.

He is also appreciative of the trust imposed in him by the Late Governor Patterson, as evidenced by the appointment to the Water Resources Board. He believes that this is a position in which he can give an important service. Confidence in the board might be damaged, he believes, if anyone should form the opinion that membership could be used as a stepping-stone to political office.

Because of those reasons, he has rejected the opportunity to become a candidate.

"Jack" may not appreciate my giving publicity to his "temptation." I didn't ask his permission to report his decision. But I believe the people of Oregon have the right to know the kind of citizen he is.

Would that we had more such dedication to public service!

Hal Boyle

DENVER — Ted Bakken, a lean, red-haired, 29-year-old mountaineer, is one of America's most unusual big game hunters.

He hunts avalanches. When he finds one that is ripe, he brings it down with artillery fire.

Ted — he uses a 75mm. howitzer — is the chief marksman in a spectacular snow-fighting technique developed by the Colorado Department of Highways.

Keeping roads through 21 high mountain passes free of snow is an arduous and sometimes hazardous task this time of year.

Avalanches, roaring unchecked from high peaks and burying highways under hundreds of tons of snow, rocks and broken trees, have been more than a nuisance to motorists in the past. Between 1945 and 1952 they claimed six lives in Colorado.

Today highway engineers are less often taken by surprise. They create more than half the mountain pass avalanches themselves, in a unique snow control program. It is done with the precision of a military maneuver.

When snow builds up dangerously in an area, a section of the road is blocked off, and a high explosive shell is fired into the snow mass.

Usually after the man-made avalanche cascades down the waiting snow removal machinery can clear a lane through in less than an hour.

"The snow is brought down at our convenience—not Mother Nature's," says Ted.

LENTEN GUIDEPOSTS

THE INVISIBLE HEAVENS

By IGOR SIKORSKY
World - Renowned Plane Designer

Not too long ago I had the good fortune to visit that gloomy wilderness overlooking the Jordan Valley where Jesus was led up of the spirit to be tempted. It was a fitting place to forget the frenzied life of modern life and contemplate the world, the flesh, and the devil.

On the ground were thousands of flat, smooth stones, the same stones that the tempter asked Jesus to turn into bread. Even now they seemed remarkably like cakes of bread.

The desert monoliths and precipices suggested the thoughts about the turrets of Jerusalem, from whose ancient temple top Satan challenged Christ to jump without harm as a sign of his superhuman power.

Above the heavens which covered all the kingdoms of the earth which were offered to Christ by the devil.

His Thoughts Wandered

My thoughts wandered from the stones to the heavens. What is this invisible heaven? It is not the foolish invention of the astronomer. And what is the vast, invisible heaven? The universe itself?

Five centuries ago man saw the stars shining and beautifying only the earth. Now, he knows they shine and beautify the entire universe, the beautiful as well as the visible heavens.

While sitting there I felt the heavens were indeed one of the realities of God's creation, and re-

flect all His wisdom, power and glory.

And I became suddenly, and keenly, aware of the relation between resurrected man and the mysterious immensity of the universe. I was a part, if only a minute part, of this tremendous creation. The thought awed me. Such thoughts can. And they should be approached with care.

A Sixth Sense

From time to time I have had such an inner feeling. That sixth, indefinable sense that goes beyond mere mechanical intellect, intuition, or even inspiration, if you will.

It is one of the faculties of the spiritual component of human personality. It is also sound proof that there is something beyond brain, eyes, nerves, tissues.

The same intuition stands behind the scientific discovery, the discovery and exploration, Columbus, but one of thousands of examples. Facts did not tell Columbus that America was here. Inspiration did. And I believe it is no mere coincidence that Columbus was a praying man.

My present convictions are not the result of a sudden awakening or conversion. I arrived at them slowly. It was an inner process, carried out mostly in complete solitude, often in the woods, or while climbing mountains. It is not necessarily the only road, or the best road, but it was my road.

Belief in God

It would be difficult to explain within the limitations of human language, but it did bring me to the fundamental conclusion of my faith: Belief in God Almighty, the Creator of the earth, and all the visible and invisible heavens.

While I was in the desert of temptation, I looked down at the flat, smooth stones and up to the endless heavens again and considered the temptations Jesus resisted so firmly, and only He knows with what torment. These temptations exist today perhaps as vividly as when Christ faced them.

The change to turn stones into bread finds its evil today in the malevolent desire of the godless to control all food. There is no more powerful argument than bread. Feed them first, and then it is easy to compel their obedience.

The devil dared Jesus to cast Himself down from the pinnacle of the temple. The objective of a miracle in such a place was to control and capture the imagination and obedience of the crowd by sheer demonstration of supernatural forces, and without attempting to influence their souls or opinions. The nihilist of our day seeks to capture the minds of men by exhibitions of overwhelming power and frightening them into submission.

They Worship the Devil

The devil is surely worshipped today by those who use the means of lies and murder to justify the end of world conquest.

There at the site of Christ's temptation I thought, this is surely one of the darkest hours in human history. We are endowed with wealth that the earth has ever seen before; yet in the last 40 years over 100,000,000 people have been destroyed by planned, or preventable, hunger; by the Red revolution; by the two world wars; and the ceaseless bloodletting that followed each.

The future may seem ominous, but the victory of darkness is never an enduring one. Faith confidently foresees the triumph of life, truth, and light.

Before leaving the desert I looked at the vast, visible heavens and felt the challenge of the vast, invisible heavens. I know for the thousandth time they would prevail because, in the final plan of the Creator, the power of life, truth, and light is infinitely greater than the sum of evil.

YOM KIPPUR Raymond Thornburg gives an interesting and inspiring report on religion in business and industry, a great spiritual awakening from coast to coast. (From the magazine Guideposts and copyright, 1956, by Guideposts Associates, Inc., Carmel, N.Y.)

Ex-Official Urges One-Man Control On Missiles Plan

WASHINGTON — Trevor Gardner says Congress should give to a single official full control of missiles development and of the funds appropriated for it.

The suggestion, made by the former Air Force chief of research in an NBC-TV interview this week, went farther than Secretary of Defense Wilson's announced plan to name a coordinator for the program. Wilson said nothing about giving the official direct control of the funds.

To keep pace with "the Russian threat," Gardner said, more money should be provided not only for missiles but also for bombers and fighters. Funds proposed for next year, he said, can guarantee this country no better than "the second best air force in the world."

Production of long-range B-52 bombers should be tripled, to at least 45 a month, he said.

U.S. Must Be First

He said missiles will not replace manned aircraft in the foreseeable future. But he contended the intercontinental ballistic missile to ward which the Air Force is working represents such an important step that this country must be the first to achieve it.

Calling the present organization for missiles development "confused and inadequate," he said its coordination under a single, powerful official will become more and more necessary as the various programs advance. The Army and Navy, in addition to the Air Force, are working on missiles development.

Gardner quit early this month as assistant Air Force Secretary for research and development because of what he called "an honest difference of opinion" with higher officials.

Britain Announces Plan For Stream-Lined Army

LONDON — Britain announced plans Tuesday for a new, streamlined hard-hitting army equipped with American guided missiles to meet the new pattern of nuclear war.

Training in use of the American land-to-air missile "Corporal" will begin this year, War Minister Anthony Head disclosed.

The entire army pattern will be revamped with the emphasis on smaller, fast-moving, mobile units, comprising both infantry and armor and equipped with the most modern weapons available, he said.

Manpower will be cut from 405,000 to 374,500.

Head said special equipment to protect troops from the effects of atomic radiation has been developed.

DILL APPOINTED

SALEM — Donald F. Dill, who has been public information officer for the secretary of state for the past four years, was appointed this week to a similar position for the Oregon Civil Defense Agency.

The appointment, made by Civil Defense Director Arthur M. Sheets, is effective March 1. Dill succeeds Tom Brueck, who will join the staff of the federal civil defense regional office at Santa Rosa, Calif.

Further south, in the state of Sonora, they're developing a new irrigation project that makes one's eyes bug out. I don't know the statistics of it. When, in a country that speaks Spanish, one possesses only a handful of Spanish words, information isn't easy to come by.

But it is vast. One drives for miles alongside huge irrigation canals. These main canals cross the highway at intervals of about a mile, and wherever they cross, a new bridge is under construction, compelling a detour.

At this point, I'd like to bring into the picture a resident of the Mexican state of Sonora. He is a new resident. He came down from the states a couple of years ago, or such a matter. I fell into conversation with him at a gasoline station in the rapidly growing agricultural town of Obregon. He had come in to get some gas for his truck, and he was standing near the pump.

This is a very busy season of the year for him, he said, and he added with a grin that he likes to come into town and chew the fat with the Americans whose cars are filling the highways as their owners seek warmth and sunshine.

I wasn't too sharp yet at this time of the year, he said, and he failed to catch the word.

A small crowd of spectators that had assembled was visibly disappointed.

"Guess I didn't earn my pay today," said Ted, as he finished firing.

But it had been worthwhile. "We know the snow there is stabilized until there's some kind of weather change, and kind of. Actually Ted has a pretty good box score. He has fired about 500 shells in the last three years brought down 40 avalanches that reached the highway, and about the same number of smaller avalanches that didn't.

And the net result is that the highways are kept open and the motorists feel a lot safer.

U. S. Developing Weapons To Block Reds, Senate Told

WASHINGTON — Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor told Senate investigators here that the Army is developing weapons with which this country and its allies can "hold the Communist armies" in check in the event of aggression.

"I believe the United States and its allies have the capability, if they have the will, of producing ground forces able to counter the Communist land forces," the Army chief of staff told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Secretary of the Army Brucker, who testified with Taylor, also told the committee that the Army's experience and know-how in the field of new weapons is invaluable. They said a whole family of robot missiles has been developed to destroy enemy forces.

They testified behind closed doors but a synopsis of their testimony was released by the committee.

Both Brucker and Taylor emphasized that in every case of Communist armed aggression, the dominant military forces employed have been land forces and that wherever resistance has been successful "non-Communist land forces have been the decisive military element."

Taylor cited the numerical strength of the Communist bloc.

OFFICES TO CLOSE

PORTLAND — Government offices will be closed in Portland Wednesday in observance of Washington's birthday anniversary, a legal holiday in Oregon.

The closure will affect city, county, state and federal offices. Post offices and state liquor stores will be closed.

Most stores, banks and schools will be open, however.

but he said "quality offsets a simple head-count," and free men things as leadership, training weapons can be depended upon to maintain a superiority in qualitative heart."

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