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BARRETT AMENDMENT

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Senator Neuberger has offered an amendment to the pending Barrett Bill to confirm state rights for control of waters. This would make the legislation retroactive in effect, to cancel the license granted by the FPC to Portland General Electric for constructing a dam on the Deschutes at Pelton site. Rollin E. Bowles, Portland attorney, who is chairman of the "Save the Deschutes" committee has left for Washington for a hearing on this amendment. He gave a statement to the press on his departure which began as follows:

"The Neuberger amendment is the most logical approach to the entire matter of state determination of the use of its waters since the Pelton decision.

"What all of us have been seeking is that the state of Oregon have the right to determine what use is to be made of its waters."

This leaves a wrong impression. There has never been a decision by any state body on the merits of the proposed power development of the Deschutes River. One state body, the Oregon Fish Commission, interposed its power of veto on building the dam at Pelton site. Thereupon the Oregon Hydroelectric Commission which alone had power to issue state licenses for hydroelectric projects refused to act, holding the state law gave to the fish commission this veto power.

Action Declared Biased

So what we have had in Oregon is a decision by a state agency which is dedicated to a single purpose: the conservation of fish and enforcement of specific laws with reference thereto. This connot be said to have been the action by an unbiased body with power to weigh all factors as to the use-values of the river at the Pelton section. It is true that the Legislature at one session refused to pass a bill favorable to this construction but the effect of this was to leave the decision to administrative agencies.

In 1955 following a report of an interim committee the Legislature created an agency which has no attachment to a single interest in water use, such as irrigation, power, navigation, fishing — the Water Resources Commission. This commission now has authority to resolve conflicts over water use, within the frame of reference laid down by the statues. Some time ago I suggested that PGE reopen its case and present it to this body. PGE informed me that because of the lapse of so much time, prompt action would expire and its very favorable contract on power-house equipment would run out. Therefore it elected to go ahead under its FPC license as upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court.

For this ruling the state has itself to blame. It took into federal court the issue of whether FPC power licenses superseded state water laws, and took a beating. The highest court ruled that in this particular case federal authority prevailed because of previous reservation of the lands, for an Indian reservation on one side and for power purposes in this section. The state tested the law and failed. It cannot now complain if PGE proceeds under the authority validated by the highest court.

Decision Triggers Alarm

A great deal of alarm has been raised over possible loss of state rights in water control as a result of the Pelton Dam decision. This paper was one of the first to point out that possibility. In questions on authority over power uses of waters the line of federal decisions has been definitely favorable to the federal government. I have been afraid that through this avenue state power over appropriation for consumptive use might be chiseled away. However, a close reading of the opinion by Justice Burton shows that it is based on narrow ground. Moreover, it does not relate to any consumptive use of water but merely its diversion through penstock and turbines. On the other hand the U. S. Supreme Court has consistently upheld state authority over the use of water as for irrigation. I do not believe that vested rights are put in jeopardy by this decision. PGE, lacking any state right to water use, runs a risk of not getting it if further upstream appropriation is made.

Very recently the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco denied to the federal government its claim to sovereign rights over a river for supply of the Marine base at Camp Pendleton. This was the case where papers were served on some 3,000 water users around Fallbrook, Cal. The decision came after the Pelton Dam decision. Another case is in progress in Nevada where a Navy base dropped compliance with state water law after the Pelton decision and put down wells for consumptive use at Hawthorne ammunition depot. If these cases reach the Supreme Court we shall have a clearer understanding of how the courts now interpret laws where conflicts over jurisdiction on consumptive use appear. Until then I do not think the Barrett Bill is needed.

Nor do I have sympathy for the Save the Deschutes people who now drape the cloak of "state rights" virtuously around themselves when the state itself failed to function as it should have to decide the PGE application on its merits, and after the state itself went to court in the attempt to validate the veto of a single, special-interest state agency over the PGE project.

Boycott Forces Bus Suspension

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Tallahassee's city bus system is scheduled to suspend operations tonight because of financial trouble brought on by a boycott of Negro riders.

Any hope of the last minute compromise to end the boycott and keep the buses running in this city of 40,000 appeared to have vanished last night when about 250 members of the Negro Intercivic Council voted to set up its own transportation system.

The vote came after the council turned down an offer by the city to amend the franchise of Cities Transit Co. and permit employment of Negro drivers on predominantly Negro Lines. The city also offered to permit open seating on predominantly Negro lines except for reservations of a three-passenger seat in the front of busses for white passengers.

The boycott started a month ago after two Negroes were arrested for refusing to move to the rear of a crowded bus. Charges against them were later dropped.

Another boycott of buses by Negroes brought an announcement by Montgomery (Ala.) City Lines yesterday that 21 more bus drivers and three other employes were being temporarily laid off.

Wisconsin Man Elected Lions International Head

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Clarence L. Sturm of Manawa, Wis., was elected third vice president of Lions International Saturday and will become president of the 342,000-member organization in 1959.

Sturm defeated Dr. Dan J. V. Martin of Greenville, Ohio, in a spirited campaign for the office.

John L. Stickley of Charlotte, N.C., took over as president of the Lions, succeeding Humberto Valenzuela of Santiago, Chile.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't read his mail:

That King Louis XIV of France had 413 beds and Ludwig II of Bavaria slept in a bed shaped like a cathedral.

That Cardinal Richelieu was so fond of his over-sized bed he insisted on taking it with him on his travels, and that King Richard III, who showed an equal fondness for his bed, too, did so because he kept his money hidden in it.

That a British magistrate recently ruled no bed could be called a double-bed unless it was at least 80 by 96 inches.

That the common cold is responsible for more than 50 per cent of the industrial absenteeism in America, but science still doesn't know what specific organism (if any) causes it.

That 81,750,000 Americans are now married (and cynics, of course, will say this proves only that misery loves company.)

That half of all men who are going to marry now do so before their 23rd birthday. But the greatest number of women now marry at 20.

That Americans drank more than 120 billion cups of coffee last year.

That 40 per cent of U.S. wives continue working the first year after marriage—either to help hubby finish school or get started in business.

That singer Marion Marlow, who was earning $1,050 a week when Arthur Godfrey fired her last year, has since earned up to $17,500 a week at Las Vegas, now plans her own TV series.

That in Maryland in 1794 one of the recommended cures for fever was to write the word abracadabra on a piece of paper and then leave the paper on the stomach for six hours.

That the U.S. Olympic team will wear all-wool wardrobes this year in Australia, where wool gathering is an industry and not a form of idleness.

That for some reason forest fires, which destroy larger animals, do not seem to affect the woodland mouse and ground squirrel population.

That the Kiwanis magazine gives this advice: "Girls who have tried everything under the sun to catch a husband and have had no success should try it under the moon."

That on a typical dairy farm in this country one man can take care of 40 cows, but in Russia they have a dairymaid for every 10 to 12 cows.

That despite all the hubbub over the stock market, only about one out of five of America's 7 million business and professional men and women are shareholders.

That outdoor life in the hardy suburbs is getting easier. An electric coil for barbecue pits has been invented so father can get the charcoal bed started without burning the neighborhood down.

That it has been estimated the average Londoner gets bronchitis as many times in a single year as a Scandinavian does in his entire lifetime.

In The Day's News

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strike on Thursday that soon mushroomed into a bitter rebellion. During the night shooting was still reported going on in Poznan, which has been isolated from the rest of the world by the communist government.

"This morning, heavily armed troops patrol the city. TANKS are stationed at key posts. Overhead an armada of jet planes is ready to back up any ground action."

Let's take a look at Poland.

Poland is a COLONIAL POSSESSION of Communist Russia.

It was conquered by armed might.

It is governed by ARMED FORCE.

I think someone ought to carry the news to India's Nehru. Nehru professes to believe that western colonialism is so bad that communism couldn't possibly be any worse.

So he is flirting with communist Russia. If he has even a grain of sense, he must know that if communist Russia ever gets her clutches on India, India will become the same kind of communist colonial possession that Poland now is.

I think somebody ought to put a bug in the ear of this man Nasser, who is now the Man on Horseback in Egypt. He has used hatred of Western colonialism as a boost to get himself into the saddle.

He too is flirting with communist Russia. He must know what will happen if communist Russia gets her clutches on Egypt. He has used hatred of Western colonialism as a boost to get himself into the saddle.

He too is flirting with communist Russia. He must know what will happen if communist Russia gets her clutches on Egypt. Egypt will then become another colonial possession of IMPERIALIST communist Russia.

Just like Poland.

India's Nehru must know all this. He couldn't be so dumb as not to know it. Egypt's Nasser must be fully aware of the situation. He must know what will happen if Egypt becomes a satellite of Moscow.

That poses a question:

Why do men like Nehru and Nasser flirt with communism?

There can be only one answer: Men like Nehru and Nasser know that if their countries become communist satellites they won't be down at the bottom among the common herd. They will come out on top of the heap. THEY WILL BE THE SATELLITE RULERS. They will be in the saddle. And they will have back of them the armed might of communist Russia to keep them in the saddle.

That's the way communism works.

71 Public Welfare Positions Now Open

PORTLAND (AP) — There are 71 unfilled public welfare positions in the state presently, and the turnover in personnel annually is as much as 40 per cent, Mrs. Loa Howard Mason, state welfare director, said Friday.

Mrs. Mason cited the loss of welfare workers in recommending a "realistic" approach to salary needs by the next Legislature. Not only are private agencies drawing workers from public welfare, but fewer persons are majoring in social studies in colleges and universities than in former years because of low salaries offered by counties and states, she said.

In the caseworker classification, Mrs. Mason said, there is a 39 per cent turnover in personnel, and in the child welfare supervisory group, the percentage is between 35 and 40 per cent.

Mrs. Mason's report was made at the regular meeting of the State Welfare Commission here.

Ex-King Farouk Makes Good Offer To TV Winner

FLORENCE, Italy (AP)—Ex-King Farouk of Egypt, who complains that he's a poor man now, has made good on a $4,000 promise to a television quiz contestant.

Farouk's secretary and a Rome attorney, Giulio d'Amelio, arrived at the home of shapely young Marisa Zocchi near Florence and handed her a certified check for 2½ million lire ($4,000).

Marisa won the same amount recently on the program Lascia o Raddoppia (Double or Nothing) by answering questions on bicycle racing. She announced tearfully on the program that she would stop at that point rather than try for the $8,000 jackpot in order to be sure of some prize money to help her ailing mother.

Farouk, who was watching the program, had promised in a telegram he would make up the difference.

Reader Opinions

Dillard Woman Again Lashes Dog Controls

DILLARD — The County dog control board has publicly through Darley Ware and Harold Nichols in Thursday's News - Review denied that its methods used to gas dogs are inhumane. They do not, however, deny my previous damaging statements concerning the red, dog control pickup truck. The reason is simple. They cannot deny them. And I repeat that the carbon monoxide that enters the metal container on the back of that pickup is not cooled in any fashion to alleviate the suffering of the animals as they die.

I do not know by what means Mr. Darley Ware and Mr. Harold Nichols set themselves up as authorities when they deny that their method of destroying dogs is inhumane, but I, being a layman and inexperienced in the matter of killing dogs, have had to gather opinions from experts both in and outside Douglas County to assure myself that I speak with conviction when I make my accusations.

There are many ways these gentlemen could check their opinion, and if they will pull their heads out of the sand and look at the whole picture from a humanitarian aspect, they might allow this department of the county an opportunity to progress along with the strides being make in other county departments.

One way to check their opinions would be by inquiry from men whose background and experience make them experts on the matter of dogs. I challenge the dog control board and Robert Hall to hold an open-minded conference with our three local veterinarians and ascertain whether the dog control truck, as it is presently equipped, is a humane way of destroying dogs. I further challenge Judge Carl C. Hill, who erroneously states that the county court appoints the dog control board but has no jurisdiction over them, and his two commissioners to attend such a meeting with these doctors and listen to the opinions of men who are not only widely respected but well-qualified to pass opinions on such a matter.

Mrs. Paul B. Hult

Method Of Dog Disposal Hit By Local Resident

ROSEBURG — "The quality of mercy is not strained," said the Immortal Bard, although he never encountered the brand of mercy dispensed in our community. Mrs. Hult's letter was a shocking revelation to many citizens in our county but to those who had observed the treatment of dogs it was something that had to be said. It was therefore quite a surprise to read in Thursday's News-Review that two members of the dog control board agreed that the dog control officer, Robert Hall, was "doing a good, humane, and proper job." Since there seemed to be no reconciling of the facts I checked my dictionary.

"Proper—fit or suitable, correct appropriate."

"Humane — having the feelings proper to man, benevolent, kind, compassionate, elevating."

So perhaps there is a reconciling after all. The facts are not denied. At least three people in Douglas County consider the treatment given dogs fit, suitable, appropriate, kind, compassionate or elevating. I have no quarrel with these people if they honestly believe what they say. I wonder what the people in Douglas County think?

I understand veterinarians have signed statements that it is a painful death. Surely to inflict needless pain is not considered kind, compassionate or elevating by all people. The Bible tells us man was created to have dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Man in his dominion over these dumb animals has to assume a moral obligation to them just as thinking man must assume a moral obligation to other humans in this world. Without this quality civilization would soon revert to chaos and savagery. I understand dog control laws are statewide and other counties follow what they believe to be the intent of the law. Here we seem to take advantage of a technicality to justify this treatment of helpless animals.

It is true that sheep-raising in Douglas County represents a sizable contribution to the taxes of our county, but damage for injuries and loss of livestock caused by dogs are paid from the license fund. I was told by a member of the court that this fund has a surplus each year which goes back into the general fund. Will it become the custom in Douglas County to shoot first and investigate afterwards? If someday, after investigation we find a child shot, who was playing beside the road, will we feel differently?

Possibly sheep killing is a ready excuse for those who would be glad to see no dogs in a community but their own. Dogs are blamed for every misfortune to befall sheep they can always be used as whipping boys upon which to vent anger and hate by unthinking people. Dog control is necessary, yes, but not as if they were predatory animals to be hunted and slaughtered or tortured to death. Dogs are not all good or all bad even as people are not. Dogs that are sheep killers certainly should not be allowed to go free to kill again, even as human murderers are not. But the whole race of mankind is not condemned for the sins of the few. Could we not have justice and mercy and a death, when that is necessary, that is not revolting to many (however humane is defined in the minds of some)?

Since we pay our license fees each year to perpetuate the existing situation could not some of the surplus money be used to build a dog pound? The dog owners would thus be paying the bill, and Douglas County could remove the stigma of a county with dog control laws and no dog pound.

Sally Lane
Roseburg

Bruce Biossat

It is not easy to understand why certain Europeans feel constrained from time to time to come to the defense of convicted U.S. Communist spies.

A considerable furor arose in France and elsewhere on the eve of the execution in 1953 of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who had been sentenced to death for conspiring to transmit atomic secrets to Russia.

More recently, Jean Paul Sartre, French writer, and Bertrand Russell, famed British Philosopher, took it upon themselves to declare belief in the "innocence" of Morton Sobell, a co-defendant of the Rosenbergs who now is serving a 30-year sentence in Alcatraz.

Federal Judge Irving Kaufman, in disposing of Sobell's latest bid for a new trial, has in wise and temperate language replied to these criticisms of the American judicial process. Said he:

"**FREEDOM** of speech should and does permit untrammeled discussion and differences of opinion, but judicial impartiality requires that the courts be free from extraneous and conflicting pressures.

"Therefore, the American judicial system has evolved its own safeguards and procedures for arriving at the truth—procedures which have withstood the test of centuries. These procedures and safeguards have been the sole guideposts for this court."

Kaufman noted that Sobell's case has in one form or another come before the U.S. Court of Appeals six times and the Supreme Court six times. In every instance his conviction remained undisturbed.

Is it possible that Russell and Sartre, viewing the matter from across 3,000 miles of ocean, can discern vital details not evident to the judges, who have passed on Sobell's case again and again? The prospect would seem most unlikely.

This time Sobell made a plea which did not even raise the question of his guilt or innocense. He simply alleged that he had been 'abducted" in Mexico by secret police and handed over to the American FBI and that thus the U.S. court had no jurisdiction in the case.

KAUFMAN declared that this argument had no merit, that the law states it does not matter how the defendant was apprehended. Testimony at the original trial showed Sobell actually was preparing to flee from Mexico to Europe. This hardly accords with the behavior of an innocent man.

At their worst, the criticisms of the U.S. judicial process in this case are plainly the work of Communists bent on tarring everything American. At best, they represent a misguided emotionalism which serves poorly the cause of freedom, even in its neutralist aspect.

For such ill-informed judgments as have been offered by people like Russell and Sartre in the Sobell case can only discredit those who offer them.

Sobell has in fact abused American justice by his constant recourse to the courts, often as now on evidently trumped-up arguments. We have let him do this to give him all benefit of doubt. His guilt is not shadowed by the faintest uncertainty. All doubt today surrounds the motives of those who defend him with emotion but no reason.

Subsidy Asked For Persons Who Plan To Teach

TACOMA (AP) — A California educational leader proposed Friday a system of government subsidy for top-rated prospective teachers to lift the nation's classroom standards.

In an appeal for a higher caliber of training and personnel, Dr. Arthur F. Corey of San Francisco, executive secretary of the California Teachers Assn., told an educators' conference:

"Teaching being the only major profession which is socialized, it follows naturally that teacher education should also be socialized. A few hundred, or even a few thousand scholarships, will not be enough.

"The professional school of education should be available without cost for tuition or living expenses to any student who can meet its standards. Selection standards must be severe, but anyone who can meet them and continue to do satisfactorily the work required in the professional school must be subsidized at state and federal expense.

"Nothing less than this economic advantage will provide the numbers of teacher we must have in tomorrow's America."

Dr. Corey addressed the closing session of the conference sponsored by the National Education Assn's Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards.

In deploring conditions in the educational field, he described financial support as "everywhere inadequate and in many places a shocking disgrace."

"The failure of some of our state governments and also of our federal government to face this issue squarely will be considered by historians of the future as one of the inexplicable aspects of modern American life," he said. "School finance is a patchwork of expediency."

Web Pressmen Granted Weekly Pay Increase

PORTLAND (AP) — The Web Pressmen's Union and management of Portland's two newspapers have signed a new two-year contract calling for $4 weekly wage increase the first year.

In addition the Oregonian and Oregon Journal will pay the pressmen a $3.50 weekly increase the second year. Some of the newspapers' paper handlers also are covered by the agreement. They will get a $3.50 weekly increase the first year and $3 the second.

The agreement brings the new scale for pressmen to $116 a week.

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Aerobee-Hi Rocket Hits Record 163-Mile Height

WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND, N. M. (AP)—An Aerobee-Hi rocket blasted 163 miles above the earth yesterday to set a new record for a single-stage rocket.

The old record, officials here said, was 158 miles, set in 1954 by a Viking II.

The stratosphere-piercing flight was made as test firings continued in the current series of upper-air probes in the International Geophysical Year program.

The Aerobee-Hi and Viking are among the rockets which get all their power from a single burning cell. Compound, mutliple stage rockets employ two or more cells, with one taking over after earlier units have burned out and been dropped to the ground.

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METHODISTS ELECT

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The South Central jurisdiction of the Methodist Church Saturday elected the Rev. Eugene M. Frank of Topeka, Kan., to its seven-man College of Bishops.

Frank's fills a vacancy caused by the retirement of Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

SALEM (AP) — Legislative recommendations on local government for the Portland area will be the chief topic of discussion here for a meeting of the legislative interim committee on local government July 13.

Later meetings will center discussion on medium-sized urban areas and for small and scattered area. The committee's findings and recommendations will be published in September.

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