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FIREWORKS COMING

By Charles V. Stanton

Republicans all over the country doubtless will be hailing the Senate action on the proposed Hells Canyon high dam as an outstanding political victory. Obviously it is that. It also is possible that the vote, in which the project was beaten 51 to 41, is an omen of a far more heated battle within the Democrat party at its coming political convention.

Advocates of the federal Hells Canyon dam are uttering shrill protests about the "pressure" exerted by the Eisenhower administration.

Let's consider that angle, too! Possibly the Eisenhower administration did pressure Republican members of the Senate. It certainly was consistent in its policy if it did so, for the "partnership" program of the Eisenhower administration is one of its fundamentals in resource management.

But don't think the Democrats were failing to put the heat on members on their side of the aisle! Hells Canyon has been built into a tremendous political issue. Democrats, seeking to aid Pacific Northwest Democratic senators in their campaigns for re-election, have been pressing the federal Hells Canyon bill to build prestige for those candidates. We can be sure that no more pressure was exerted from one side than from the other. Republicans have as much cause to complain about pressure as do the Democrats.

"Giveaway" Repudiated

Democrats have been striving to build a propaganda structure with repeated charges of "giveaway" of natural resources. The Hells Canyon project was exhibited as the most flagrant evidence of these so-called "giveaway" policies. But the Senate action is a stinging repudiation of the propaganda effort, leaving our two Oregon senators, in particular, out on a limb. Not that we expect them to change their tune in the least, however. They have never been known to be discouraged by proof of their misrepresentations.

The Hells Canyon controversy, which never was a political issue, except as it was made into one for propaganda purposes, has now lost much of its effectiveness as a political hammer.

But, I believe, one of the interesting developments in the case is to be found in the voting record of the senators.

Southern Split Indicated

In the debate on the floor of the Senate there was considerable discussion about Americans for Democratic Action, the Socialist-dominated organization controlling the northern wing of the Democrat party. Southern Democrats, who still cling to Jeffersonian traditions, especially states' rights, proclaimed their antagonism to ADA socialist principles. Seven of the eight senators voting with Republicans against the Federal Hells Canyon bill, were from southern states.

What does this presage at the forthcoming party convention?

Naturally, we can only conjecture. But we may be sure the ADA will press for a strong civil rights plank in the party platform. Southern delegates will be vigorously opposed to such a plank. Refusal of the seven southern senators, despite pressure, to go along with the party vote on the Hells Canyon measure, indicates the strength of the southern rebellion, which may be expected to reach a crisis at the Democratic party convention.

It is probable that we'll see some interesting fireworks in connection with that meeting.

SWIMMING POOL FAVORED

Discussing water safety in this column a few days ago, I apparently failed to make my opinions clear with regard to the matter of supervised swimming pools. I have had several calls from people who assumed that I was opposed to public swimming pools.

If anyone formed such opinion, I hasten to make correction. I believe pools to be most desirable and, in fact, essential, and I would encourage every effort to develop more pools for the community. I believe they are necessary for recreation and for instruction in fundamentals of swimming.

The point I was trying to make was that of the importance of a "transition" between the pool and flowing water, and the danger of overconfidence on the part of the swimmer who might not be aware of the hazards involved in bathing in rivers.

Bruce Blossat

If there is one thing that most Americans would agree they don't want in their politics, it is the idea that they should be influenced in their decisions by the attitudes of other nations — or political parties owing allegiance to other nations. But no matter how many times this is made clear, there is always someone who is willing to try again. This time it was some misguided individuals either on or directing the staff of the Senate Republican Policy Committee.

The committee prepared a memorandum which declared that the Communists want a Democratic victory in the American elections this November. The memo referred to various newspaper articles in substantiation.

Mistake Evident This was a sad mistake, and men representing both wings of the Republican party wrongly voiced their disapproval of such tactics. Senator William Knowland of California, Senate GOP leader and a conservative, stated his view that both major parties are "devoted to the interests of the United States." Senator Alexander Smith of New Jersey spoke similarly for the liberal wing.

Even though this country is given to some of the freest swinging political argument on the entire globe, this device of trying to daub one party or the other with alien colors should be voluntarily outlawed.

"Your Fault!"



Reader Opinions

Opinions Expressed On 'Safe' Swimming

ROSEBURG—It is, of course, honest differences of opinion which causes horse races, and horse racing, per se, is not an evil thing. I believe that Charley Stanton's Wednesday's editorial may have slipped from his usual position of logical and sound pronouncements in many of the statements he made concerning drownings, rivers, recreation and so forth. First of all, let us heartily agree with him that it is an utter impossibility to provide supervision of every river beach and swimming hole on the Umpqua river. Also, that river swimming is infinitely more hazardous than pool swimming cannot be doubted. Thirdly, we all agree that swimming is a great sport and should be denied to no child. And last, we also agree that no child should ever go around a river alone. From these points we start questioning the editorial's premise, concluding, that supervised swimming will result in overconfidence after a few lessons, which will tempt youngsters to try their wings on something more dangerous.

In that case, would it be better to send soldiers into battle without basic training, on the theory that if you train a man too much, he gets cocky and exposes himself to too much gunfire from the enemy? Proponents of the new city pool do not expect that the pool will prevent all drownings of course. They feel however, that even one life saved would justify the project, and in this I agree. Mr. Stanton hazards the opinion that in his youth there were fewer drownings, and kids learned to swim by being shoved into water over their heads. This is an excellent way to learn to swim when it is successful, because it is quick. It might also be a fine way to instill a morbid fear of water into a potential swimmer, and might conceivably drown somebody.

Kids are going to swim whether there are safe facilities or not. Courage is the badge of youth; caution, of adulthood. The old know from experience, and would protect their young. The bold and daring of youth is a constant thorn in the side of mature judgment. But we are not going to change things much by talking. Where we would prohibit, we must encourage and supervise. Where we would pass laws, we must provide constructive answers.

Probably there were fewer drownings in the last generation. Undoubtedly, there were fewer people, too. There seems to be more of everything nowadays and there are certainly a lot more people.

Our present municipal pool, built in 1948 when the local school enrollment was 2,975, has done a fine job within its physical limitations. But the last school census in 1955 showed 5,233 pupils. Authorities figure an increase of 300 a year. Take the back of an envelope and a stub pencil and see how inadequate our present pool is, with a top capacity of 150.

A few years ago the comparatively small community of Drain built, among other civic improvements, a fine swimming pool. There are a great many civic-minded persons in Drain. Let us hope there are proportionately as many in Roseburg. Make out your check now to the Eugene Engle Memorial Fund, City Hall, Roseburg. Mrs. Engle will personally acknowledge each contribution. Already contributions have been received from people who hardly knew the Engle family. Let's heed the admonition to his students by Horace Mann as he lay on his death bed: "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity."

Clarifying Of Oregon Dog Law Held Needed

ROSEBURG — A few years ago a law was passed in Oregon to stop dogs from running at large. The law reads: "ORS 609.080. Muzzling of dogs running at large. No dog shall run at large or off the premises of the owner or keeper thereof, in any county, precinct or city which, by vote, comes under ORS 609.040 to 609.130, unless it has a shepherd's muzzle made of wire or cord and properly fastened around his nose and neck sufficiently strong to prevent him from biting or injuring any person, or sheep, goat or other domestic animal."

ORS 609.080 states how the election to determine whether dogs shall run at large, covering the county or one precinct or city, shall be held. ORS 609.050 deals with ballots and canvass of vote. ORS 609.060 tells how the election result will be made public and the penalties of dogs running at large in the district outlawing dogs running at large. "When any dog is found running at large in any such county, city or precinct, every citizen is subject to a fine of \$10 for the first offense and \$25 for each subsequent offense. Nothing is said about disposing of the dog."

ORS 609.090 I want to copy in full, for this is most important, and certainly is not being followed by this county. Why? That's what I want to know. This section says: "(1) When any dog, coming under ORS 609.080 (the voted district or, as all other counties interpret this law, the whole county) is found running at large, every chief of police, constable, sheriff or deputy sheriff, or any other police officer shall impound it. However, this section does not apply to the herdsman using the dogs for legitimate protection of his flock against the ravages of animals. (2) All dogs taken up and impounded under this section shall be held in an adequate and sanitary pound to be provided by the county court out of funds obtained from dog licenses and from the redemption of dogs so impounded. However, in lieu of the establishment of a dog pound, the county court may contract for the care of such dogs. Any dogs so impounded shall be held for at least five days from the date of such impounding before being destroyed or otherwise disposed of. If the owner appears to redeem the dog he shall be paid out of the dog fund for each dog chapter as required by this section."

ORS 609.100 deals with dog licenses and records. ORS 609.130 covers issuing and payment of warrants from the dog fund. This county is following part of the law but not all of it. How can they legally sell dog licenses (609.100) and then turn around and ignore ORS 609.090 as written above? They state that the laws 609.040 to 609.130 apply only in the Dixonville area. If they interpret the law this way, they must follow it to the full extent, collect for dog licenses only in the Dixonville area; the dog control officer should have jurisdiction in the Dixonville area only; the Dixonville area should have an adequate and sanitary dog pound, and there must be a humane way of disposing of the dogs. There is no

Defense Chief Plans To Employ Extra Air Funds

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Wilson says he plans to use some of the extra 200 million dollars the Democratic congress added to air funds requested by President Eisenhower.

Wilson stated his intentions in a letter to Sen. Symington (D-Mo.). At the same time he denied that "there were inconsistencies" between his own testimony and that of top air officers as to what is needed to keep America ahead in the air power race. He did concede there were differences of view but said that was natural.

Symington, chairman of a special Senate air power investigating committee, had told Wilson in a face-to-face exchange that what the secretary told the Senate group was in conflict with what uniformed Pentagon spokesmen had to say.

Wilson asked a chance to reply and Symington made public his written answer Thursday after a studying it overnight.

Wilson repeated his view that "in our over-all air strength we are ahead of the Russians" and added that he and other administration leaders plan to keep that lead.

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There had been some talk at the Capitol that the extra cash might be left idle.

Wilson proposed to carry out the intent of Congress, subject to the limiting factors proposed by the Congress itself and to the recommendations of the secretary of the air force and to my own best judgment as to the security needs of the nation," Wilson said.

As to relative U. S.-Soviet air power, Wilson said "any one of a number of assumptions could be proven by the best intelligence estimates available," depending on how a question was phrased.

He added that it is his belief "based upon evaluation of the facts, that in our over-all air strength we are ahead of the Russians today and we intend in the future to build and maintain total air strength capable of preserving the security of the United States, as a visible deterrent to wars of any kind."

Wilson said he had restudied the testimony before the five-man Senate subcommittee and disagreed with Symington's comment about inconsistencies.

The secretary said the military problems being investigated by the Senate group "are extremely complicated." In seeking solutions, he went on, he has asked "the advice and opinions of the most highly qualified experts our country can provide."

Fire Razes Warehouse Of State Forestry Dept.

SALEM — The State Forestry Department's warehouse at La Grande was destroyed by fire Thursday night, burning up fire fighting equipment for 350 men.

The department said the cause is unknown. The building was valued at \$17,000.

Emergency fire fighting equipment was rushed to La Grande immediately after the fire.

Included in the destroyed equipment were power saws, hand saws, shovels, portable cooking equipment, sleeping bags and thousands of feet of hose.

other path to follow. This is clearly the law. I wish the county court would make clear why conditions are as they are. How many other laws are they treating in the same manner?

I sincerely hope that the people of this county, whether they like or dislike dogs, insist that the county obey the laws of the state. Barbara-Lee Winterfield, Roseburg, Oregon

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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of disaster we ALL chip in and lend the unfortunate victims money with which to tide themselves over the emergency and get back on their feet.

I think we're all glad to do it, and feel that the few cents per person we contribute in the form of added taxes are spent in a good cause.

After a resounding battle that has echoed from the Pacific to the Atlantic, the senate of the United States, by a vote of 51 to 41, refuses to authorize the building of a high dam in Hell's Canyon (on the Snake river, between Oregon and Idaho).

The federal power commission had already licensed a private power concern (Idaho Power Company) to build three lower dams in Hell's Canyon, and the company has begun construction of the first of the dams. If the bill to authorize a federal high dam had

Algeria Liberty Asked By Three Foreign Nations

BRIONI, Yugoslavia — The neutralist leaders of India, Yugoslavia and Egypt called Friday for freedom for Algeria and a ban on nuclear weapons.

Presidents Tito of Yugoslavia and Nasser of Egypt and Indian Prime Minister Nehru announced a 2,000-word platform of mutual principles the day after concluding their two-day conference on the secluded Adriatic island of Brioni.

"Fissionable material should in the future be used only for peaceful purposes and its further use for war purposes should be prohibited," the statement declared.

The trio also called for suspension of test explosions of nuclear weapons. The statement said such experimental blasts violate international morality.

Disagreements over the wording of the communique delayed for five hours the departure of Nehru and Nasser for Cairo. "The solution was to leave out what every one did not fully support," an Indian informant said.

The conference did not result in the formation of a neutralist list "third force" alliance between the Russians and the West, which some observers had expected. Instead the three deplored the division of the world into power blocs.

4 Dodge Death When Plane Crashes, Burns

LAKEVIEW — Two California couples escaped injury when their plane burned after a crash landing here Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Swain, Martinez, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Kimberling, Livermore, were flying north on a fishing trip. They ran into thunderstorms over Alturas, Calif., and, unable to land, flew on here.

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