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LIONS AND QUARTERBACKS

By GEORGE CASTILLO

College football is over for another season, but the post mortems and growls from unhappy alumni will continue long into 1957.

The victims of the game (coaches who had losing seasons) will soon be falling by the wayside, and the alumni will begin working feverishly to get new white hopes of the gridiron and coaches to make them great.

The idea of giving the game back to the players, even in high school, has long since been discarded. The emphasis now is to put on a dazzling show for the spectators. More important, it must be a winning show.

Up to recent years, the game has fallen in the twilight zone between amateur and professional play. Efforts were made to give the outward appearance of amateurism, but incident after incident at the nation's colleges pulled away the veil.

Game For Spectator

The game is for the spectator. This is admitted by a University of California youth who edits the school paper. He has come up with the idea of going all out for the spectator and alumnus. He urges that his school hire a professional team, comparable to the San Francisco Forty-niners or the Los Angeles Rams.

He contends nothing will be taken from the game. Weekend games will still be occasions for great rallies. The student body can still turn out to root for the home team. And the alumni can sit back happily, because the game will be spectacular and chances of losing will be small.

A Roseburg lawyer, Randolph Slocum, has come up with an even better idea for the spectator who likes to see his team do-or-die for the good old alma mater.

He says the college gridiron is achieving all the color of the old Roman coliseum, so why not complete the picture.

Slocum's solution for making every spectator happy is this: Let the supporters of the winning team be satisfied with the win. But as a consolation prize for the supporters of the losing team, clear the arena, release several lions and toss the losing quarterback to them.

More Boys Can Play

For a team which loses consistently, this might present a problem of the supply of quarterbacks, but it would certainly give many more boys a chance to play.

The practice might even be extended a point farther for the alumni who regularly berate the coach for the way he directed the game. The coach could also be thrown to the lions.

An added incentive to alumni for making the coach part of the post-game show would be that the problem of telling a coach he is through after a losing season would be averted.

It's quite apparent such a plan as Slocum's will not be generally adopted. Some of the alumni would not be sporting about it.

Wouldn't Get Support

A situation such as the one in the Pacific Coast Conference would wreck the practice from the start. The southern faction wouldn't be willing to settle for just the coach and quarterback in the arena. Judging from the scathing the Southern California sportswriters gave Oregon State College in its loss to Iowa, they would insist the whole team be turned over to the lions.

Even this system might be all right, but I'm afraid the Southern California faction would insist the practice only be used when Oregon, Washington and Northern California teams come south.

For the moment, however, it's apparent such men as Slocum are merely prophets looking ahead. The presidents of the colleges of the PCC continue their reactionary efforts to recover the amateur status for college teams.

Don't they have any consideration for the spectator?

Bruce Biossat

The immediate outlook for America's farmers in 1957 is rosy. Most of the experts think prices of farm products will advance perhaps five per cent in the next 12 months. But that will still leave levels considerably below the all-time peak.

At the end of 1956, farm prices had risen six to seven per cent above the same period the year before. But they still were more than 24 per cent beneath the highs of February, 1951, in the middle of the Korean war.

(Once again, it should be noted that the long decline had a bipartisan character, despite all political comment to the contrary.)

WHAT impresses the Farm economists as we look ahead in the new year is the certainty of sizable soil bank payments to farmers and the likelihood of substantial export surpluses. Together these factors should lift prices and reduce burdensome surpluses.

Export totals are figured for fiscal periods running from July 1 to the following June 30. Last season, America's farm exports came to \$3.5 billion. For the current fiscal year, the prospect is that a peak of \$4.1 billion will be attained.

The boost in exports appears to result partly from extraordinary government efforts to regain world markets, especially for such crops as cotton, and partly from developing crises which are handicapping output abroad.

WE should do no cheering that the misfortunes of others have given us this opportunity to improve our farmers' circumstances. But we can take advantage of the situation to speed adjustments that might otherwise take much longer.

If higher exports plus reduced production under the soil bank plan lead to really heavy cuts in farm surpluses, then the moment will be at hand to find and enact into law long-range farm programs which will substantially prevent any new buildup of excess stocks.

We cannot count indefinitely on disturbed world conditions stimulating the export market. In the end, we have to bring the problem at home, by bringing production into basic balance with U.S. consumption.

With the nation's rising population curve, this should not be an impossible matter. Nor should the extension which marks so much of the U.S. economy be denied ultimately to our farmers.

Raid At Newberg Nets Seven Men And Women

NEWBERG — Seven men and a woman were arrested early Friday when state police and Yamhill County deputies staged a raid at a tavern near here.

Fred William Wilson, 34, owner of the Nut House Tavern, was charged with permitting gambling. He was asleep in living quarters in the rear of the tavern when the raid occurred.

George H. Wyman, 57, of Newberg, was charged with conducting a gambling game. Rhine G. Gerarden, 43, of Newberg, a waitress at the tavern, was charged with permitting gambling.

Five other men were charged with gambling after six deputies and state police broke up a poker game.

"Come to Think of It—It's Our Lifeline, Too"



In The Day's News

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main at Chequers, which is the official country home of British premiers. That leaves the Edens with just one place to go—a quaint little cottage in Wiltshire which Lady Eden bought some time back. It is too small for any entertaining—and it is too far from London to commute, even if Sir Anthony had a job to commute to.

This morning, he took another step to remove himself from the political scene, which has been his life so long. After 33 years in the house of commons, he resigned from parliament.

Following tradition, Queen Elizabeth promptly offered him an earldom carrying with it membership in the house of lords—an honor that by long custom is bestowed upon outgoing British prime ministers (it's called prime minister because in constitutional monarchies the premier is the king's FIRST minister.)

He declined the offer.

Pique? Apparently not. In resigning as premier, he gave the state of his health as his reason. He gave the same reason for his resignation from the house of commons. In a letter to his constituents, he said his health was too poor to allow him to keep his parliamentary seat. He put it in these words:

"The life at parliament is a strenuous one for which I clearly have not the present health."

Let's give him credit for sticking to his guns all the way through.

In closing, one more word on England.

England now has gasoline rationing. After our whirl with it in World War 2, I think we must all agree that gasoline rationing is about the worst disaster modern living can face. It was Eden's honor at Suez that closed the canal and brought gasoline rationing to England.

Yesterday, a London lady, name of Klouda, took her son and several of the neighborhood children to the circus. They went in the Klouda family car. On the way home the car ran out of gas and Mrs. Klouda was fresh out of ration tickets!!!

Her son solved the problem. "Why not try whiskey?" he said. She did, and according to her report of the affair the car drank it up thirstily and "went off down the street like a bomb."

She added ruefully: "But at two pounds (\$5.60) per mile it left us with an awful financial hangover."

Huge Damage Suit Filed Against Pipeline Corp.

YAKIMA — In the largest damage suit ever filed in Yakima County Superior Court, three Dallas, Tex. business partners Thursday asked \$1,089,888 from Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. and Fish Northwest Construction Co.

C. Hobson Dunn, J. H. Schumacher and L. F. Visentine, partners in Eastern Pipeline Contractors of Dallas, claimed breach of contract in connection with construction of 127 miles of pipeline in Eastern Washington.

The Dallas men claimed they signed a contract with Pacific Northwest Pipeline and Fish Northwest Construction to build the line but that delays in acquiring rights of way and in acquiring pipe on time caused unnecessary increased costs.

Dunn, Schumacher and Visentine also claimed they suffered injury to their credit standing and business reputation.

Pacific Northwest Pipeline has its head office at Salt Lake City. Headquarters are at Houston, Tex.

TIMBER CUT TOLD

SALEM — Oregon loggers removed 8½ billion board feet of timber from state and private lands in 1956, state forester Dwight L. Phipps reports.

The total was about one billion less than the 1955 cut.

The state issued 11,830 logging permits during the year, or 779 fewer than in 1955.

The reduction in logging was caused by a slump in the lumber market, Phipps said.

Oregon's Delegation Starts Off On Amicable Footing

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Oregon's six-member congressional delegation is off to what looks like a much more amicable start than it ever enjoyed during the past two years of the 84th Congress.

One reason, of course, is that one side of the battling ranks was wiped out in the November election when Reps. HARRIS Ellsworth and Sam Coon were defeated by Reps. Charles O. Porter and Al Ullman.

The defeat of these two Republicans cuts the GOP strength within the Oregon delegation down to one man, Rep. Walter Norblad, and gives the Democrats the other five posts.

So now the five Democrats are rallying around one another in an open display of team work which will undoubtedly carry through much of the work they perform in this 85th Congress. They have launched a bi-weekly breakfast conference to discuss state problems and ways and means of joining to combat them here in Washington, D. C.

Nothing of this sort has been done here by the Oregon delegation in recent years, nor was it done before Sen. Richard L. Neuberger broke the Democratic jinx in 1954 at a time when all six congressional jobs were held by Republicans.

Back in those days, when Sen. Wayne Morse was a Republican and his senatorial colleague was Republican Guy Gordon, there was only superficial cooperation between the two senators. They were as incompatible in their philosophies and fields of interest as any senators bearing the same party label could be.

The closest cooperation at that time was between Gordon and Ellsworth, two deeply conservative men with similar fields of interest centered in local problems of western Oregon, principally in legislation concerning the tangled OAC forestlands.

After the 1954 election, when Neuberger and Rep. Edith Green were elected and Sen. Morse officially joined their party, the delegation was in a three-to-three split partywise. Much of the pulling and hauling between sides represented conflicting ideologies on power, timber, farm legislation, etc. But also at work was the overriding battle for control of the delegation that would be decided in the 1956 election, notably the Senate seat long held by Morse which Republicans hoped to capture with Douglas McKay.

The Democratic sweep has ended all that. The Oregon delegation is controlled by the Democrats.

Rep. Norblad could become a vocal minority and demonstrate a

No Gasoline Price War On West Coast Forecast

LOS ANGELES — The Suez situation should not cause any gasoline price war on the West Coast, Marion E. Dice, assistant to the president of General Petroleum Corp., said here this week.

Questioned about reports from Texas that a price war might result from the Suez crisis, Dice said the situation is different here.

"The reason," he explained, "is that there is no demand on California for oil to move to Europe in lieu of Suez, whereas there is much demand on Texas."

Los Angeles Cabbies To Charge For Delays

LOS ANGELES — Charges for traffic delays, requested by the Yellow Cab Co., have been tentatively approved by the City Board of Public Utilities and Transportation. Final action will be taken next Tuesday.

The cab company wants to charge passengers 10 cents for each 7½ minutes of delay at traffic signals and on traffic jams. The additional charges being registered on meters whenever the speed of cabs drops under eight miles an hour.

Neuberger Seeks Animals For Portland's Zoo

WASHINGTON — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.), who several years ago took up for squirrels accused of pockmarking the White House putting green, Friday reported initial success in a new animal venture.

To help stock the new zoo being built in Portland, Ore., the senator last month wrote ambassadors of foreign nations suggesting an international animal exchange.

The idea was that Oregon would exchange animals native to that state for those found elsewhere in the world.

Neuberger said he has his first definite acceptance. He made public a letter from Erik Boheman, ambassador of Sweden, offering to send the Portland zoo some brown bears.

The animals would come from the Skansen Zoological Garden in Stockholm. Boheman said it does not need any of the animals the Portland zoo could provide, but would send the brown bears "hoping that sometime in the future they will get some animals which they need from Portland."

Since making the suggestion last month, Neuberger said he has received replies from about 40 embassies. "The vast majority of which have indicated an interest in exchanging animals or birds," he said, and have referred the matter to appropriate authorities in their home countries.

Rally Disrupted By Fight In Paris

PARIS — Fist fights and a shower of tear gas grenades disrupted a political rally Thursday night featuring former Premier Pierre Mendes-France. The question was who started the riot—Communists or anti-Sovietists.

About 5,000 persons attended the rally in Paris' big Sports Palace. It was called to support a parliamentary candidate of the Radical Socialist Party in an interim election.

The ex-premier had been billed to attack the policies of Socialist Premier Guy Mollet under the slogan: "Peace in Algeria." But the tear gas missiles began falling before he could get started. Mendes-France's supporters and the hecklers began fighting. Riot police were summoned to protect the former premier and other notables and restore order.

Peace For Middle East May Prove Supreme Test

PORTLAND — The problem of bringing lasting peace to the Middle East may prove the toughest test ever to confront the United Nations, ex-Gov. Charles O. Sprague, a former UN delegate, said this week.

He told the Portland League of Women Voters that the UN must resolve the basic differences between Israel and the Arab states which make the Middle East a "friction spot."

Guarantees of unrestricted passage through the Suez Canal also must be a basic part of any UN plan, Sprague said.

He added that in past crises in Korea and Kashmir, the world organization fell short of completing durable settlements.

Ullman Claims Partnership Policy Reversed

WASHINGTON — The President's State-of-the-Union message to Congress "clearly indicated a complete reversal of the administration's partnership policy," Rep. Ullman (D-Ore.) said Thursday.

The first-term congressman from Baker said the indication came when the President spoke of resource development. Ullman noted his reference to "partnership between municipalities, states and the federal government" and to "partnership of federal, state and local authorities."

The President did not mention private utilities as such.

Ullman said, "The previous partnership policy, as followed by McKay-Coon and Republican administration spokesmen, was designed to turn all of the generators in multi-purpose dams over to private utilities."

In defeating Republican Rep. Sam Coon last November Ullman campaigned against Coon's sponsorship of a bill to allow private utilities to join with the federal government in building John Day Dam on the Columbia River.

"Evidently," Ullman said, "the President has read the election returns. People of the Pacific Northwest have clearly indicated at the polls that they will not stand for such resource giveaways at John Day and elsewhere."

Ullman, who also noted the President's call for development of river valleys as a whole, expressed hope that the message's phrasing indicates an administration "change of heart and not just window dressing."

Jet Aircraft Noises Has Increased Deafness

WASHINGTON — A federal agency says jet aircraft noise has increased deafness among servicemen and that it may be affecting numbers of civilians.

The Veterans Administration said Thursday it is paying out \$39,335,672 annually to 94,233 veterans suffering from hearing ailments. Thousands of these cases, it added, are attributed to jet noise.

There is no known treatment for retaining hearing to a person suffering from total noise deafness, the agency said. The disability results from nerve damage.

Air Force authorities hope research may soon solve the problem of jet noise, a problem which grows more acute with the increasing use of jets.

"Unless the noise problems are solved," a VA spokesman said, "it will affect more and more people near airports."

Oregon Continues Healthy Place In Which To Live, State Health Officer Says

PORTLAND — Oregon continues to be one of the world's healthiest places in which to live and raise a family.

This pleasant word comes from Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer, in his biennial report to the governor and the state Legislature.

The death rate of less than nine per thousand for the two years ending last June 30 was the lowest in the state's history. Maternal and infant mortality rates were among the nation's lowest.

Deaths from communicable diseases, including tuberculosis, were at an all-time low. Accident fatalities dropped 10 per cent in the two years but still ranked as the fourth leading cause of death in Oregon.

Increases were recorded in death rates for diseases of the heart, cancer and stroke, all primarily diseases of old age. In fact, two of every three of the 20,000 deaths in Oregon in the biennium were attributed to one of these three causes, the health officer said.

Heart ailments caused the most deaths—11,765—about 40 per cent of the total.

The total of 77,238 live births in the state in the period was the second largest ever recorded. Only 17 mothers and 1,802 infants died in childbirth.

Because of the wide publicity given to the Salk polio vaccination program and as a result of several outbreaks of communicable diseases, "it is probable that more people became familiar with public health services than during any other two-year period in the state's history," Erickson said.

Oregon had 999 deaths from the more than 20,000 cases of communicable diseases. Pneumonia caused 637, syphilis 71 and polio 31.

Since April, 1955, more than 200,000 persons have been given one or more shots of Salk polio vaccine, described by the health officer as "a major milestone in the prevention of disease."

Good progress is now being made in meeting Oregon's hospital needs, Erickson said, with some 25 million dollars worth of new construction complete or under way since the federal Hill-Burton assistance program began in 1947.

In the past two years, federal grants of nearly 2 million dollars were made to seven hospitals, one public health center, one nursing home and two diagnostic and treatment centers. Under the program, local sponsors put up \$2 for each \$1 in federal funds.

The state presently has about 11,000 acceptable hospital beds of all types.

"Improved sanitation and the reduction in communicable diseases," Erickson said, "has focused new attention on health problems of the aged, mental health, hazards of radiation, dental health and vector control (disease carriers such as flies, mosquitoes, and rats)."

Studies show Oregonians have one of the poorest dental health records in the nation, Erickson reported, adding that fluoridation of public water supplies is the simplest, cheapest and most effective method of attacking the problem.

For example, he said, the number of decayed, missing or filled teeth among 6-to-8 year-olds has been reduced more than 38 per cent at Forest Grove, where water has been fluoridated for three years. The reduction was more than 23 per cent.

Excellent progress has been made in stream and air pollution, the health officer said, but suggested that both programs should be strengthened in the future.

Erickson stressed the need for higher salary so state and local health departments can maintain competent, qualified staffs. He said the state health department lost 21 per cent of its staff and county health departments 19 per cent during two years.

Wilhelm Believes Demos' Tax Plan Faces Referral

PORTLAND — Republican State Sen. Rudie Wilhelm told a meeting of the Portland Retail Trade Bureau Thursday that the Democratic tax program faces the prospect of being referred to the voters.

He said that Democrats plan to repeal the 45 per cent surtax on the state income tax and then raise just about the same amount of money by increases in some brackets of the income tax.

"I think a high income tax certainly will be referred. I think any kind of a tax bill will be referred," he said.

Wilhelm was chairman of the Legislative Interim Tax Study Committee, that proposed a 3 per cent sales tax and a high-exemption income tax.

The proposal also called for this tax program to be submitted to the voters in a special election.

A number of businessmen attending the meeting spoke in opposition to a proposal for compulsory closing of banks. The matter is scheduled to come before the Legislature which convenes Monday at Salem.

Germ-laden Air Blamed For Pulmonary TB

BALTIMORE — New evidence has been uncovered that germ-laden air, rather than personal contact, is the No. 1 source of pulmonary tuberculosis.

A six-member research team, reporting its findings to a meeting of the Hopkins Society of Hygiene, also said that ultraviolet light is effective control against spreading the disease — by sweeping the air clean of germs.

The researchers were headed by Dr. Richard L. Riley, associate professor of environmental medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

They used rabbits in their experiments, subjecting them to air sprayed with tuberculosis germs and air exhausted from a ward of tubercular patients.

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