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NO NEED TO CALL NAMES

By Charles V. Stanton

O. J. Fett, chairman of the Douglas County Planning Commission, finally has hit back at his critics. I have been wondering how long he could continue to take it. He stood still for personal criticism and abuse a lot longer than I would have done.

Now that both sides have reached the name-calling stage it is time, in my opinion, for all citizens truly interested in orderly county development to engage in some sober thinking and analyzing.

It is unfortunate that the squabble, which has generated so much heat over a long period of time, has had to reach the stage of personalities. I cannot, however, find the heart to be overly critical of the commission chairman for blasting back at those who have been needling him for so long.

It seems to me that instead of offering a constructive program as a substitute for work now in progress, critics of the commission, after winning a victory by swamping the zoning proposal, are now seeking scalp. Their attacks have been directed at personalities rather than policies.

Program Pushed Too Fast

The planning commission, in my opinion, has made some mistakes. One of its mistakes has been that of moving too fast, particularly with regard to the building ordinance and zoning proposals. Had the commission, in recommending the building ordinance to the county court, preceded its action with public meetings throughout the county to acquaint the public with the proposed program, there probably would have been much less trouble. Much of the existing criticism stems from misunderstanding and a feeling that people are being "pushed around."

Public resentment has centered chiefly around the county's building code. The planning commission's part in that activity was, at the request of the county court, to recommend a building code and to exercise some measure of oversight. There was much complaint against the building inspection program. The code has since been amended and is still under study by the county court.

Though the planning commission only served as midwife at the birth of the building inspection department, and later was tagged as godmother, it has had to bear the brunt of an emotionally charged opposition campaign.

This campaign has become personal — abusively personal. It is unfortunate that the chairman of the commission could not contain his resentment and had to use such words as "sinister," "scheming," "rabble-rousing" in reference to his critics. He did refrain from using names, which has not been true of the opposition. His violent reply to his critics was perhaps indiscreet, but it did prove that he is human.

The chairman, in fact, has upon several occasions furnished fuel to the opposition by undiplomatic and inexpedient acts and language. There was no good reason, for example, except his sincere earnestness and dedication to the job at hand, for his display of rotten wood from schoolhouse partitions at a recent public meeting. He should have known that people are proud of schoolhouses, particularly new ones; that architects and builders are certain to be resentful of any public display which might be accepted as a reflection upon their workmanship.

Tolerance Lacking

It was obvious to any impartial observer, however, that the chairman had only in mind a demonstration through physical evidence of the need for, and value of, building inspection; that he intended no criticism of anyone. But he has been accorded no tolerance in the interpretation of his statement and his exhibit. Instead, they have been used to arouse emotions and inflame sentiment.

There can be no denying that errors have been made in the handling of the building inspection system. The errors, however, have been more in the field of public relations than in other departments.

The fact that errors have been made does not in my opinion, justify demands that someone's hide be hung on the fence.

There may be room for argument and disagreement relative to planning, building inspection, enforcement of sanitary code, etc., but it is my opinion that these issues can be discussed without resorting to abusive name-calling.

Bruce Biossat

We haven't read any reports by management specialists which would tell us clearly whether the Post Office Department is or is not more efficiently run since the Republicans took over in 1953.

But in all fairness we've got to give the department good marks for imaginative effort in certain directions.

For one thing, there's all that bright paint.

They've spruced up the mail trucks in red, white and blue, so they no longer look like prison vans. And they've daubed the mail boxes in red and blue so even the blindest eye can spot them a block away.

THEN there's this matter of dogs biting the postmen on their daily rounds.

The department tried everything on the dogs from candy to kind words, without avail.

But the agency was not without further resource.

It hired Clarence Harbison, dog psychologist, to be consultant on "problem dogs." He's been on the job only half a year, but he's already come up with some answers that may keep a lot of miscreant dogs off the streets.

In Harbison's view, it's not really the dogs' fault that they bite postmen. The dogs' owners may

be more to blame for not treating sensitive canines with more understanding.

He points out that, like humans, dogs get bored. You can't coop them up all day without anything to do and expect them to behave. If they get restless, they can't turn on TV or pick up a book.

WHAT he seems to be saying is that you've got to plan your dog's day, to keep him busy.

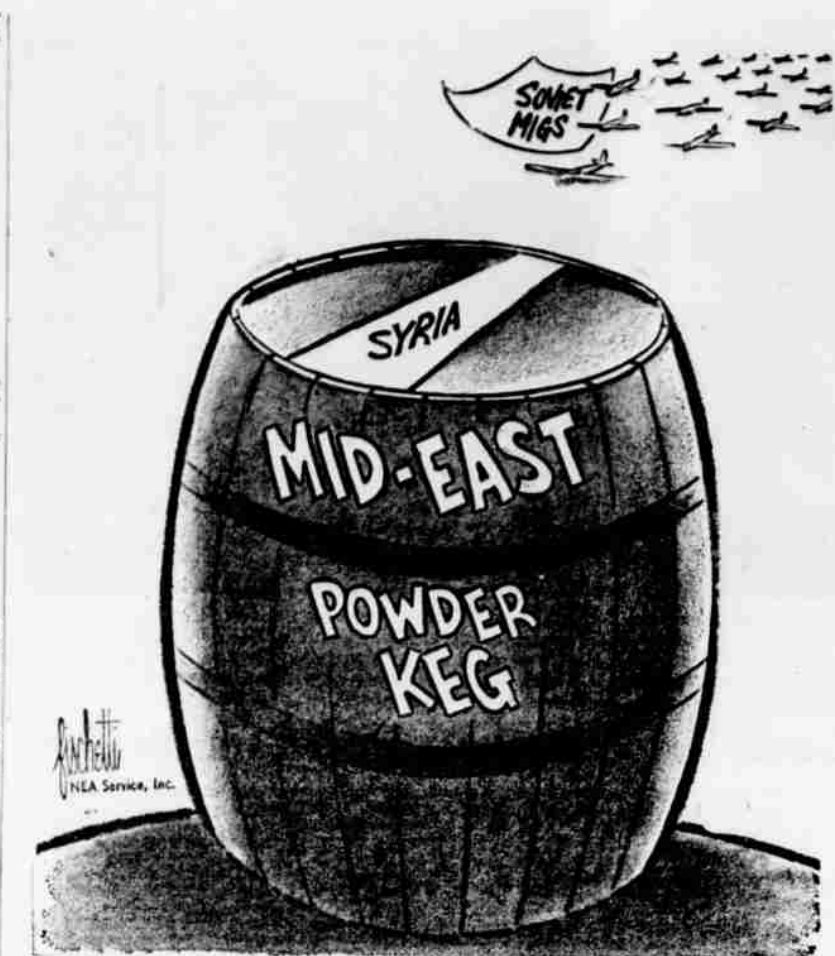
"Leave him a bone to gnaw on," says Harbison to those who would thoughtlessly leave the hound home alone in a room.

The penalty for ignoring the dog's need for attention is that man's best friend, moved by pent-up energy and perhaps a spirit of revenge, attacks the leg of the first friend he sees. More often than not it's the mailman.

These days Harbison is touring the country telling school kids and their parents how to take care of a dog so he won't be enraged when he gets a glimpse of postman's gray.

It'd be interesting to see how his experiment works out. But, success or fail, we have to admit the Post Office Department for daring to bring psychology into it.

There's more than mischief behind that three-cent stamp.



Sweden Claims Russia Seeks Data On Defense

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Security officials said Thursday a large-scale Soviet attempt to probe the secrets of Sweden's underground defenses against A-bomb attack is involved in this country's latest spy plot.

A 32-year-old Turkish Armenian engineer, Bedros Zartarian, has been jailed. He is awaiting trial next week for "grand espionage in favor of a foreign power." Two Swedish engineers, described as his employers, have been charged with "gross carelessness in handling secret documents."

Security officials said there is no doubt the foreign power involved is Russia.

They said evidence to be presented at the trial includes 30 minutes of films of meetings between Zartarian and Soviet embassy officials, taken by Swedish security police.

The engineering firm which employed Zartarian was engaged in work for the government's fortification administration.

This is the government department which is building a country-wide network of underground atomic bomb-proof naval bases and air bases.

Security officials said Zartarian had handed Soviet Russians blueprints and information of underground military establishments and fortifications of the utmost importance to Sweden's defense against an invasion.

The prosecutor's indictment consisted of one public and one secret part. Most of the trial was expected to be held in secret in order not to disclose the precise extent of the damage done to Swedish security.

Porter Accuses FPC Of 'An Act Of Effrontery'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Power Commission was accused Wednesday by Rep. Porter (D-Ore.) of "an act of effrontery to the citizens of Eugene, Ore."

He was referring to the FPC's grant to the Eugene Water and Electric Board of an 18-month extension of its deadline to start construction of the proposed Beaver Marsh power project on the McKenzie River.

Porter and Oregon Democratic Sens. Morse and Neuberger have opposed the project.

Last March, Porter said in a statement, Eugene residents "turned out in greater numbers than in any previous special election in the city's history to deny finances for this questionable venture."

The congressman said the Eugene board also has "shown disrespect" for Eugene residents. He asked that the board give assurance "that no attempt will be made now or in the future to exercise this permit."

The FPC extended from Jan. 1, 1957, to July 1, 1958, the date by which the board must start construction of the project under terms of its federal license.

In seeking the extension the board said it was needed because voters defeated its proposed bond issue at an election last year.

Conservation groups have strongly opposed the Beaver Marsh project on the ground that it would despoil the McKenzie River watershed's scenic resources.

The project, which would have an installed generating capacity of 30,000 kilowatts, would cost \$8,538,000.

'WINS STRUGGLE'

BUDAPEST (AP) — Soviet-backed Premier Jozsef Nador declared Thursday his Communist regime has won the "struggle for power" against the "bourgeoisie."

The government-controlled Budapest Radio broadcast a speech Nador made to party "activists" in the Budapest industrial center on Csepel Island.

The premier charged that "reaction" in the party, enabled by the "counter-revolution" to achieve partial success.

Federal Income Tax Due April 15, But There's No Law Against Being Early

(This is the first in a series of eight articles describing procedures in filing federal income tax returns.)

By WILLIAM O. VARN

AP Newsfeatures Writer

"This is the time of year when Uncle Sam is ready to receive greetings from you in the form of your income tax return, along with the money if you owe any tax."

On the other hand, if you have overpaid your tax, you're in line to get a refund check soon after you file your return. The sooner you file, the sooner you can expect that refund, if you have one coming.

If you haven't collected the figures on how much you earned, together with details on possible deductions you may take, now is a good time to start.

You can fill out your income tax return now and send it in as soon as your employer (or employers, if you worked for more than one) provides you with his record of how much he paid you and how much taxes he deducted from your pay during 1956. He will give you these figures on Form W-2.

If you work for salary or wages, you must attach this Form W-2 to your return when you send it in. If you are self-employed, you don't have to wait for the W-2. You can use your own records for your income and how much you already have paid on your estimated tax for 1956.

The tax deadline, April 15, comes on Monday this year. You have until midnight that night to mail your return to your district director's office. You can get this address from the instructions that come with your tax forms or from someone in your post office or bank.

Everyone who had income of \$600 or more in 1956 must file a return, regardless of whether any tax is due. However, if you are 65 years of age or older you do not have to file a return unless your gross income was at least \$1,200.

If your income was below those minimums, you should file to obtain a refund of any tax withheld by your employer.

This series of articles is designed primarily to aid the vast group of taxpayers who file and settle.

Murder Charges Against Two Persons Dismissed

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — First degree murder charges against two persons now being held in the state mental hospital were dismissed Thursday by the Linn County grand jury.

Mrs. Shirley Albeke, 22, had been accused of drowning her two-year-old son Steven, at their Knox Butte home Nov. 10, and Thomas Richard Reppetto, 21, was accused of the bludgeoning death of his stepmother, Mrs. Mattie Reppetto, at their Lebanon home, Jan. 5.

The grand jury said it based its action on reports from mental hospital authorities that both Mrs. Albeke and Reppetto were incapable of assisting in their own defense and were not aware of the gravity of their actions.

Legislative Committee Slates OTI Inspection

SALEM (AP) — Members of three legislative committees have tentatively set Washington's Birthday — Feb. 22 — for a trip by chartered bus to inspect facilities at Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls.

The legislators were called to the vocational school by W. L. Purvine, director, this week during a House Education Committee hearing on a proposal to transfer administration of the school to the Board of Higher Education.

Legislators planning to make the trip are members of the House and Senate Education and Joint Ways and Means committees.

Reader Opinions

Youth Center To Keep Decent Kids Decent

This letter is to explain to the people of Roseburg more of the real purpose of the Youth Center.

It was stated recently in The News-Review that the people are not entirely "sold" on the idea of a Youth Center because we will not be able to reach the real delinquents and that if we do the "decent" kids will withdraw.

Will somebody please tell me who said that we are trying to reach the real delinquents? Of course, if we can help them "go straight" in anyway, we would be sure and try. But our real purpose is to help the "decent" kids stay decent.

I also would like to take the time right now to thank the people who have telephoned me and have donated money to the Youth Center project. We would feel proud, and pleased, to get more calls. But, to get back to the subject, I just wanted to make things clear on the real purpose of the Youth Center. We are not trying to reform anybody. We are just trying to keep the "decent" kids decent.

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In The Day's News

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carry sensitive instruments that record exactly what happens to them as they drop into the eternal night of space 90,000 feet above the earth.

All the protective equipment that can be devised out of the knowledge gained from these experiments will be provided before he makes his jump. But the whole story can't be told by man-made robots.

Before what will happen can be known, some living human being must try it out. Captain Neilsen has volunteered to make the trial.

Why must the experiment be made?

Well, the air force says it must know how to make escape safer in an era in which planes may travel routinely 17 miles above the earth.

More modern world stuff: The U.S. government says nuclear weapon production is EXPANDING SO FAST that a multi-million dollar plant expansion program is needed.

The atomic energy commission's semi-annual report, which has just been issued, says the commission has stockpiled nuclear fuels and explosives at a record rate during the past six months.

Moscow papers please copy.

At his press conference this week, President Eisenhower describes as "very unwise" Defense Secretary Wilson's draft - dodging statement about the National Guard. He tells the Washington reporters that the men who joined the National Guard could not have been slackers when they enlisted under proper provisions of the law.

He added that he doesn't believe the secretary of defense wanted to damage the National Guard but "certainly made a very unwise statement without stopping to think."

There can be little doubt by this time that while "Engine Charley" Wilson is a good man he shoots off his mouth far too often and far too readily.

I sometimes think a deaf mute would be the ideal cabinet member.

Hal Boyle

By SAUL PETT
For Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — I had a crazy dream last night. Real crazy.

We were sitting in the living room when the front door chimed chimed. My wife said, "If it's that Britannica salesman again, you handle it."

I opened the door and there he was, in person, tall, bearded, smiling, imposing in his long robes—King Saud of Saudi Arabia. He was, of course, surrounded by his 70 fellow travelers, including the guards with gold sabers and tommy guns. They filled up the walk and two-thirds of the dead crab grass. Except for the robes, it looked like the mortgage company taking possession with a direct frontal assault.

An interpreter explained that the King thought it might be informative if he could drop in, unannounced, at an average American home. See how Americans live, that kind of thing. I said come in and they did, most of them.

Eight guards remained out front standing guard on the dead crab grass. Eight others slipped around the back to case the yard. The others filed into the living room and it quickly filled up like a crowded, elbow to elbow cocktail party in costume. Saber sheaths clanked against furniture.

We lost two small vases. I introduced by family. My wife looked faint. The two girls squeaked. The younger one, a ham who has learned all about modern etiquette from "Kismet" and the "Jungle" on TV, made a broken-legged curtsy and murmured excitedly, "Sahib! Here sister!"

"This is your only wife," the King stated politely through his interpreter.

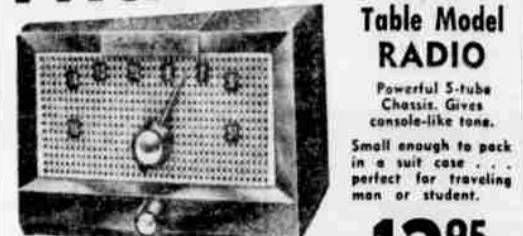
"The one and only," I laughed.

"But surely there are other women who..."

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Two official tasters came in and tried the casserole. One paled upon his robes, the other shuddered. Some mumbled Arabic words excitedly between them. Shortly after the King and his party left. Something was said about having to get back to the Arabian embassy.

"Well!" my wife snapped.

"I hope we don't lose those air bases," I said.

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