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WHOSE FINGER?

By Charles V. Stanton

The special message delivered by Governor Holmes to the Oregon Legislature Wednesday on the subject of resource development sounds to me as if it were written in Senator Neuberger's office in Washington, rather than the governor's office in Salem. If it was not written by Neuberger, it at least follows the crafty line of political conservation practiced by the vocal Oregon Senator. Inasmuch as Neuberger has made no bones of his desire to run Oregon politics, there is room for suspicion that he at least collaborated in the Holmes' plan.

Oregon has had the services of a group of public spirited citizens, who have worked diligently to improve the state's industrial economy. The commissioners, Joseph W. Smith, Portland; C. L. Smith, John Day; Glenn L. Jackson, Medford; T. J. Sandoz, Astoria; Ehrman Giustina, Eugene; Henry W. Wessinger, Portland, and Kenneth Davis, Portland, have served without compensation, other than expenses. They are men of outstanding character and reputation. They are men who have been successful in business enterprises of their own — men who know something of the business and industrial field.

Extended Field Sought

Governor Holmes, has, while expressing appreciation of the commission's service, indicated his opinion that the commission has failed in its assignment, and that he can do a better job by hiring consultants and a salaried director.

The Governor proposes to replace a commission of citizens, who work for the state without charge, with a high-priced department under the political thumb of the executive department.

It is my opinion that no director can do more than can the existing commission, given equal finances, if we leave out political possibilities.

Obviously the Governor intends and proposes to spend more money in the development field. The commission has been begging for funds since it was created. It has had only enough money from the legislature to be chiefly a research body, yet, despite the lack of funds, it has given great aid to local communities and has been of much influence in laying the groundwork for economic advancement. Having gathered data upon which to base a more direct and detailed program, the commission now is to be discarded, if the Governor has his way, and its achievements to date used by a political arm of the governor's office — an arm that can reward or punish.

The commission has been non-political. Its membership represents both parties. It has given politics no thought in the development of its program. But if Gov. Holmes is to have his way, the Development Department will be a very vigorous and active political factor.

What I suspect to be the Neuberger finger writing in the governor's report is to be found in those sections dealing with "river-basin development . . . on a comprehensive, river-basin-wide, full-use, multi-purpose water resource program . . ."

Public Power Vehicle

Throughout the message the Governor makes it plain that his proposed Development Department is to be an advocate of public power.

Now tie in Holmes' proposals with the trial balloon recently sent up in San Francisco by Gov. Rosellini of Washington State that Washington might be willing to trade Columbia River water with Southern California for new industry.

Is Oregon's governor willing to make a similar trade? Don't forget that a blueprint for a "Ladder of Rivers" is still very much in existence, but that the water proposed to be shipped to California isn't from the Columbia but, rather from the Umpqua, Rogue and Klamath. And don't forget, too, that these three rivers support the Copco hydroelectric system, a system which stands very much in the way of public power taking over Southwestern Oregon and Northern California. And don't forget that Neuberger, et al, have public power as a primary political objective.

Bruce Blossat

FBI estimates indicate that juvenile crime increased substantially in 1956. The rise on a national level is sufficient to cast doubt on the effectiveness of many programs of juvenile aid.

The figures for New York City, as released by its police commissioner, are especially sobering.

New York often reflects marked exaggerations of national trends. But evidently its crime showing is more typical. And the size of the figures gives them great impact.

For 1956 it had a 32.5 per cent increase in crimes committed by children under 16 years. In the 16 to 20 group, the rise was 12.7 per cent.

Altogether, 8,714 boys and girls under 16 were arrested, as against 6,578 in 1955. Those seized for major crimes were 4,848, an increase of 21 per cent over 1955.

In the 16 to 20 group, all arrests totaled nearly 14,000 in 1956, with arrests for major crimes rising to 5,418 for a percentage advance of 15.9.

NOT only the number of offenses but their nature gives cause for deep concern. This seems to be the age of pointless crime, excessively cruel crime, and crime for mere sport.

To get \$75 from an old man in a wheel chair, three boys tortured him.

For a little "sharpshooting" fun, four boys aged 13 to 15 singled out a 12-year-old lad on a street below their vantage point and killed him.

Three sailors hunting for a church in Brooklyn on Christmas Eve were stabbed by a pair of 15-

year-olds. One sailor died of his wounds.

These are extreme but not isolated instances which can be multiplied not only in New York but in many cities in the United States.

WE don't need to remind ourselves that the overwhelming proportion of American youth leads a normal, crime-free life. Nor can we brush the matter off by observing that crime—committed by both young and old—has always been with us.

The point is that, particularly among youthful Americans, there is more of it with us than ever before. And this despite much intelligent, energetic effort aimed at directing the physical and emotional "drives" of our young people into healthy, useful channels.

What has been done may have prevented matters from being worse. But obviously all this effort had not made matters better.

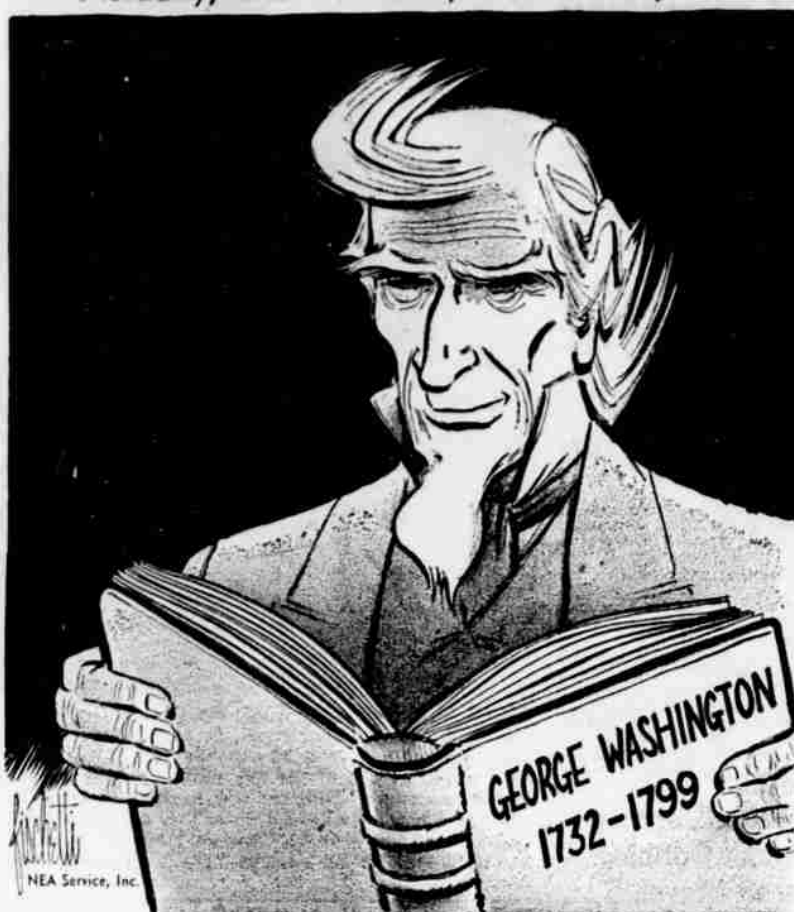
We need a long, hard and completely fresh look at juvenile crime and the factors which produce it. For we are not making good progress in a field that is fundamental to the development of sound character in our future citizenry.

KILLED IN PLUNGE

SCIO, Ore. — A tractor Monday dropped over a steep bank into a creek, killing the driver, 75-year-old Scio farmer James Trolinger.

The accident occurred when Trolinger was grading a road near this little town northeast of Albany.

"Actually, That's the Day I Was Born, Too"



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Hal Boyle

By ROBERT TUCKMAN

TEL AVIV, Israel — Hanoth Nenner, the energetic mayor of Eilat, usually starts off the day asking his secretary "What's the population today?"

His town is growing so fast he can't keep up with it.

Since November, when Israeli forces broke an eight-year Egyptian blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba, the tiny port has doubled its population of 850 and soon is expected to reach 2,000.

By any comparison it still is tiny. But Israel is making big plans and pinning high hopes on Eilat's future. Israeli envision it as a great shipping and commercial gateway to East Africa and Asia. They see it also as major terminal of a projected overland route across Israel that would be at least a partial alternative to the Suez Canal.

Eilat lies at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba on the southernmost tip of Israel. It is Israel's only access to the deepwater gulf which flows into the Red Sea 100 miles to the south. Israel owns only a six mile stretch of shoreline on the gulf around Eilat. Along the rest of the shoreline are Jordan and Saudi Arabia on the east and Egypt on the west.

For Israel, Eilat's future depends on free navigation of the Gulf of Aqaba for their ships and the vessels of other nations carrying cargo to and from Israel.

For that reason, the Israelis are desperately determined to keep open their newly won "Gateway to the East" with its potentially rich trade with East Africa and Asia.

And for the same reason Israel, for the time being at least, is defying the United Nations by refusing to withdraw from the southern tip of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula which commands the narrow strait between the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba.

To protect its access, Israel set up a naval command at Eilat soon after the November Sinai campaign. Last week the Interior Ministry established the port of Eilat and Eilat Airfield as official frontier posts for entry and exit from Israel. In recent weeks eight merchant vessels have docked at Eilat, which before November was completely idle.

The closing of the Suez Canal and the simultaneous opening to Israeli shipping of the Gulf of Aqaba accentuated Eilat's potential importance as an alternative to the canal and the route around the Cape of Good Hope as well as an outlet for Israeli's products and a possible new route for the supply of oil to Western Europe.

The new Negev oil pipeline which starts at Eilat and runs to Beersheba in central Israel is eight-inch pipeline intended to carry 800,000 tons annually or about half Israel's annual consumption.

A proposed larger pipeline from Eilat to Haifa or another outlet on Israel's Mediterranean coast is shaping up as an alternative to Suez as a means of supplying some Middle East oil to Western Europe.

This project already is in the blueprint stage and negotiations are under way for French financing.

House Votes Additional Home Mortgage Funds

WASHINGTON — The House has voted to give the government another 500 million dollars to help increase the flow of home mortgage money.

In doing so Wednesday, the House cut in half President Eisenhower's request to increase by one billion dollars the amount of money which the Federal National Mortgage Assn. can use between now and July 1 to buy government-backed home loans.

A Senate banking subcommittee took a similar action two days ago.

An increase in FNMA's mortgage-buying authority is aimed at making more private capital available for home loans at a time when the supply of such funds is tight.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

Oregon Statesman, Salem

Oregon friends of Harris Ellsworth are pleased that he has been nominated to an appointive position by President Eisenhower, to be a member of the Civil Service Commission. Ellsworth broke his newspaper associations at Roseburg to enter politics where he served 14 years. He is still vigorous in mind and body, has a good background of knowledge of government. It's a lame duck appointment to be sure, but defeat at the polls ought not to mean scrapping all who trust their careers to the hazards of politics. Ellsworth is a man of conservative judgment who will do a workmanlike job in the new office.

Whatever the outcome of the political dispute over the Gulf of Aqaba, little Eilat is for the present at least a boom town. Warehouses and huge oil storage tanks are being built near the shore. Harbor installations are being improved. Bulldozers are carving new roads and improving old ones.

Zwicker May Be Recalled To Answer McCarthy

WASHINGTON — Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker will be recalled from the Far East to reply to an accusation by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) that he lied during the McCarthy-Army hearings three years ago.

Chairman Russell (D-Ga) of the Senate Armed Services Committee said he could not tell when Zwicker can appear.

The committee is considering whether to approve Zwicker's promotion to temporary major general and permanent brigadier general. In Tokyo, Zwicker said President Eisenhower's action in nominating him for promotion "indicates to me affirmation of my past service and confirmation of my ability to serve the Army and our country well in the future."

McCarthy, who once said Zwicker was "unfit to wear the uniform," spent more than two hours yesterday telling the committee why he opposes the general's promotion. The session was behind closed doors.

McCarthy has said in the past that Zwicker lied under oath in denying at the McCarthy-Army hearings that he had given McCarthy information from secret Army personnel files. McCarthy said this happened before he and Zwicker fell into dispute.

Shortage Of Engineers Seen By Dean At OSC

CORVALLIS — The federal aid highway program will make even worse the shortage of engineers, George Gleeson, dean of engineering at Oregon State College, said Wednesday.

He estimated 24,000 additional engineers will be needed for the road program.

Engineering schools turned out 28,000 graduates last year, but that met only 60 per cent of the demand, Gleeson told the Northwest Conference on Roadbuilding. Two hundred engineers attended.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes said the federal road program will mean some 650 million dollars of road-building for Oregon. He said roads are the key to increased tourist business in the state.

REUNION DAY

CORVALLIS — Saturday will be reunion day for Oregon State College forestry graduates.

One part of the annual Fernhoppers gathering will be the election of officers for the Forestry Alumni Assn.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes and Dr. John R. Richards, chancellor of the state system of higher education, will be guests at an evening banquet.

Reader Opinions

Dimick's Statement Draws Sharp Criticism

The voters of Douglas County must indeed be in mourning today. For in a small news item on the front page of our newspaper, a man to whom the voters have so recently given their confidence has exposed his true nature.

Senator Dimick, in support of his bill, has chosen to attack the personal morals of a man, who, as a public servant (County dog control officer — Ed), has been doing the bidding of his superiors. I have no way of knowing, whether Senator Dimick's choice and use of description were deliberate or accidental, but, in view of his education and position as an elected representative, I find this use most reprehensible.

In how much filth can our politicians indulge themselves and still hide behind the skirts of justice in the form of political immunity?

Bert L. Allenby
Umpqua Road,
Roseburg, Oregon

Gypsies Given Ultimatum On Attending School

PORTLAND — Portland gypsies were told Wednesday that their children will be taken away from them unless the youngsters start going to school regularly.

Judge Virgil Langtry of juvenile court said that if the children do not begin attending school, they will be put in an institution or in foster homes.

The 17 sets of gypsy parents in court gave out with a murmur. And later, two of their leaders assured the judge that from now on, the children will go to school.

Langtry was acting on dependency and delinquency petitions, covering some 30 children, filed against the parents.

"Some people tell us we can't do this, that the gypsies will never attend school," he said. "I think when they realize we mean business, they'll keep their kids in school. We intend to follow this thing up."

Earlier a Portland school official said records show "no gypsy child ever has finished the eighth grade here."

The judge said too, however, that gypsy children do not come before him for "stealing or beating up on people."

Truman Says His Sympathy With Eisenhower But He Opposes Israel Sanctions

ISLAMORADO, Fla. — Former President Truman said Thursday his sympathies are with President Eisenhower in the current ticklish Mid-East crisis but added that he is opposed to sanctions against Israel.

Truman said he interpreted Eisenhower's nationwide television and radio broadcast on the Mid-East problem Wednesday night as outlining a policy which says "we can't interfere with strong nations but we can make small ones behave."

Truman said Israel should not be singled out because it is a small country while Russia, a major power, is permitted to commit acts of aggression, such as in Hungary, without penalty.

"The only way to handle Russia is the way it has been handled in the past," Truman said. "Things like the aid to Greece and Turkey, Berlin airlift and this country's intervention in Korea."

Truman voiced his opinions during a news conference at this Florida Keys retreat.

"The situation (in the Middle East) is a very delicate one," the 72-year-old former Democratic President said. "A fellow who has been President of the United States shouldn't try to tell his successor what to do."

Asked if he thought Israel was wrong in attacking Egypt, Truman said he didn't know the full story. "I don't believe everything I read in the papers," he said.

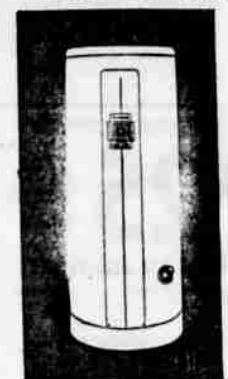
"A free press is a wonderful thing but the press is run by city editors and publishers and we don't always get a fair deal in news columns. Give me a fair deal in the news columns, and I don't care what they say in their editorials."

Truman then added with a smile that the press had always given him a fair deal while he was President.

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