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COOPERATION PLEDGED

By Charles V. Stanton

An interesting resolution was adopted unanimously by the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club at its regular meeting this week.

The club expressed its willingness to cooperate in the establishment of pulp and paper operations in Douglas County, urging that such operations provide fullest possible utilization of the resource, while setting up as a condition of cooperation only that protection be afforded against damaging water pollution.

The club boldly asserted that it was putting its position on public record because it has been accused of standing in the way of industrial development.

A resolution, almost identical in wording, was adopted by the Oregon Wildlife Federation at its recent meeting in Bend. The Roseburg club is affiliated with the Federation.

A specific declaration of position on the part of the Rod and Gun Club is, in my opinion, most commendable. It also is my opinion that the club is on solid ground in the conditions it stipulates as necessary before cooperation is forthcoming. There is nothing in those conditions, I believe, that should prove objectionable to any reliable concern interested in developing the pulp and paper potential of this area.

Water Protection Required

The club's principal stipulation is that adequate measures be taken to keep water pollution below the danger level.

Much study and experimentation now is being given the pollution problem. We do not know exactly how much pulp and paper mill effluent fish life can tolerate. We do not know the accumulative effect of such wastes. Each of the fish species, we know, will have a different degree of tolerance. Thus a river with a heavy population of salmon and steelhead probably could withstand only limited pollution and still retain its fish life, while another stream, inhabited principally by spiny-ray species, could tolerate a heavy load of pollution.

The discharge of pulp and paper mill effluent into the Umpqua River drainage system can be arranged to limit, if not to eliminate any damage to fish life. Many treatment methods now are available. It is expected to be only a short time before continuing research greatly reduces both water and air pollution from pulp and paper operations.

The Rod and Gun Club in its resolution makes it very clear that it seeks only the protection of the recreational resource of the river, together with the best possible utilization of the timber resource, as conditions to full cooperation in the establishment of a pulp and paper industry within the county. The resolution points out the need of such an industry for the economic benefit of the community.

Conservationists Blamed

By definitely stating its position, the Rod and Gun Club can escape unwarranted charges that it is preventing new industry from locating in the county.

Because conservationists throughout the United States have interposed demands for resource protection in both public and private ventures, they have gained a reputation of being obstructionists. Conservationists have objected to several of the high dams proposed by government agencies or politicians because those dams would destroy valuable recreational areas. They also have demanded that pollution be removed from the streams of the country. This demand has cost private industry millions of dollars.

The position has been maintained by conservationists, however, that industry or development, either public or private, should proceed without destruction of recreational resources, or with at least a minimum of damage. Industry has found that the money paid out to eliminate pollution from streams has, in most cases, paid off in improved public relations and a more stable working force. The recreational uses of the adjacent water often keeps an employee working for the firm when he otherwise would have moved elsewhere.

More and more people are accepting the premise that recreational values should be weighed with other factors in considering the worth of any project. Since recreation has become big business, every community with recreational resources has a very large stake in preservation of those resources.

Idaho Power Co. President Denies Subsidy Wanted

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Thomas E. Roach of Idaho Power Co. testified Thursday that "as emphatically as I can say it we are not" asking the federal government to subsidize two dams in the Hells Canyon area.

In sharp disagreement, Sen. O. Mahoney (D-Wyo.) insisted that a fast tax write-off the Office of Defense Mobilization granted Idaho Power did constitute a subsidy.

Sens. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) and Carroll (D-Colo.) took a similar stand.

The dispute, at a hearing before the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly subcommittee, went directly to a key point in the controversy over whether the dams will be built at no cost to the government and taxpayers.

R. P. Parry, Idaho Power's chief attorney, said Kefauver was using "never-never land figures" in estimating that the write-off will cost the government \$35 million dollars in interest in borrowed money while the Treasury waits for deferred taxes. He denied there was any "bad faith" in company statements that the dams will be built without cost to the government.

Roach argued that the company is saving the government 700 mil-

Senate Approves Welfare Funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate took a step backward in its economy drive this week by passing a \$2,885,290,781 money bill for labor, health, education and welfare activities carrying \$38,459,200 more than voted by the House.

It was the first appropriation bill, with one minor exception, in which the Senate voted a larger total than the House allowed for the new fiscal year beginning July 1.

The measure provides operating funds for the departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare and related agencies. Passage was on a 71-0 vote.

Even with the Senate increases the bill still was more than 96 million dollars below President Eisenhower's budget requests.

Earlier, amid a bitter dispute over claims of savings, the Senate passed 72-0 a \$5,378,394,800 bill supplying the Veterans Administration and some 24 other independent agencies.

lution to a billion that a single big federal dam would cost.

Meanwhile Rep. Porter (D-Ore.) introduced in the House a bill aimed at canceling the Idaho Power fast amortization certificate. The measure, retroactive to Jan. 1, would permit fast write-offs only for facilities to produce new defense materials.

Harry Holt Tells Difficulty Promoting Orphan Program

By A. ROBERT SMITH

News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Two years ago this month Harry Holt first went to Korea to see about adopting a few youngsters who were the orphans of American soldiers and Korean women "and ever since then I haven't been able to let go of it."

"When I was in the sawmill business," said Holt, "all I could talk about was the lumber business. Now all I can talk about are orphans."

Holt was here last week talking about the plight of hundreds of babies in Korea and elsewhere around the globe, wherever U.S. soldiers are and have been stationed, trying to get government officials off dead end on legislation that will permit orphans to be brought to America where thousands of families would like to adopt them.

Holt has personally brought about 400 orphans to new homes in this country from Korea the past two years, plus eight he and Mrs. Holt have adopted themselves. He has faced problems at every step of the way.

"When we first went over there two years ago," he recalled, "the American embassy wouldn't even admit that it was possible to adopt those orphans unless the parents went there in person. It took us four months to get that straightened out."

He explained that he was prepared to make the adoptions on a proxy basis for parents who didn't have the money to go to Korea so that "the orphans would be on an equal basis with the rich."

Holt was profuse in his praise of the help he received then and ever since from Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) to remove stumbling blocks along the way.

"If it hadn't been for Senator Neuberger, none of this would have been possible," he declared.

The Holt girls, out in Korea paint a graphic picture of conditions in their letters written every few days to the Oregon senator. Here are some excerpts:

"Yesterday we received four more children making 48 in 24 days. One is a beautiful four-year-old girl with curly brown

hair. She has had polio and should be in the States receiving treatment. She just has to sit until someone comes and moves her to another place. Today we are very happy as the sun is shining and the clothes are drying, but yesterday it rained and we had quite a time as there weren't enough clothes as they all got in the wash. It takes a lot of clothes for 64 children. We hope you can help us."

"It is very hot today. I took our little boy that had polio to the hospital and walked back a long way with him on my back. Everyone thought he was my own boy. We have written to the commanding general of the army here and asked if he could help get some food supplies for us at cost through army sources. We must buy everything on the Korean market and it is so expensive. It seems that the army could help out its own children."

"It rained today, so we are short of diapers again. Barbara was up all night last night, not only do we have to feed 30 bottle babies, but it takes all night to boil water for the next day."

"Many of these little ones will die if they have to stay here all summer. Is there any encouraging news at all? Even as the Lord provided relief last winter, we are praying he will move the hearts of our legislators before the terrible summer comes. The little ones are crying in the next room, so I must close now."

"The weather is hot already, and there are many flies. Soon conditions will be impossible. I wonder how many of these little ones will die here because Congress has been so slow passing your bill (to reopen the orphan admission program). Are there those that oppose these little ones being adopted to American families (Holt has had inquiries from nearly 10,000 families wanting these orphans for adoption)? Do they think we will overpopulate America with her great wealth of land and resources? Would we refuse to allow these little ones a home, who resemble so closely their American fathers?"

Only Congress can answer their questions.

NEW YORK (AP) — "God waits until you are ready, then calls for you."

That is the simple faith of Erin O'Brien, a young singer who knocked for years at opportunity's door and found no one at home.

"So many times I wanted so hard to have a career, and nothing happened. And then, after I had done almost nothing for three years, everything seemed to happen at once."

Erin got her first break in an appearance on the Arthur Godfrey Show. Then Steve Allen put her on four programs. Coral Records asked her to do an album for them, and Warner Brothers signed her to a term contract.

In her first picture she will play the second feminine lead in "Marjorie Morningstar," a film version of Herman Wouk's best-selling novel.

Erin is as dramatically beautiful as a royal palm tree bending in the wind, and it is hard to see how Hollywood overlooked her for so long, particularly since she's a home town girl.

"I actually was born in Hollywood," said Erin, "but that's like being born in New York City—nobody really believes you when you tell them."

She is one of 14 children—six sons, eight daughters—of a California milkman, and she first learned to sing in the family choir.

"Mama played the trombone and piano," she recalled. "And Dad sang a fine baritone. He could have had a professional career himself if he hadn't had such a large family—or so Mama says."

From earliest childhood, Erin, who is dark-haired and has a petal-fair complexion, dreamed of being an actress.

"From the age of 13 to 19 I went all the time to the studios," she remarked. "They all said, 'You're beautiful, and you have a voice, but you are immature and need experience.'"

"I hoped they'd offer to give me training, but nobody did. Then I got on television—and suddenly all doors seemed to open."

During this search for a break that never came Erin married Jimmy Fitzgerald, another young singer, and had two sons.

"Now I'm mature. Somebody told me it was the babies that did it. I don't know. What does make you mature?"

"It's a funny thing. When I was 16, I thought I was so grownup. But the more you're out in the world, the more you find you want to know—and need to know."

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Employee Welfare Trust Disclosure Said Necessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Washington State official said Thursday public disclosure of the details of employee welfare trust funds is of "paramount importance" in any laws to govern such funds.

A. M. Holbrook Jr., deputy in charge of the health and welfare division of the Washington State Insurance Commission office, said his state's law, which took effect June 23, 1955, "is primarily one of disclosure."

Holbrook told the House Labor Committee that the administration of the law "we have not uncovered willful wrongdoing" or a actual theft.

In some instances, he said, investigators had found "lack of good business practices—the details of carrying out good business practices." As an example he said some fund boards of trustees failed to meet once a year or even once every two years.

"We try to get all trustees to feel their responsibility," Holbrook said. He added that investigators had sometimes found lack of concern over the funds, "especially by employer trustees."

Asked why Washington citizens became concerned about welfare funds in 1955, Holbrook said "they had been reading about these disclosures" in a New York State report and a Senate investigating committee. He said he thought the people became worried "about abuses coming out of the eastern area."

He said only a small percentage of the number of funds in his state had been guilty of any questionable practices.

"We can show you fund after fund that is as well managed as the best of the businesses in the state," he said.

The committee opened hearings Wednesday to determine whether new federal laws are needed to safeguard employee welfare funds.

Farmer Loses Life In Cavein; Wife Rescued

TOWER, Minn. (AP) — A 75-year-old farmer lost his life and his 77-year-old wife was rescued when a cavein dropped them into a 40-foot well at their farm home near here Thursday night.

John Ollila drowned. His wife was pulled out with a rope held by her grandson.

Deputy Sheriff John Bolka said the two were sitting on their porch when they noticed the pump on the nearby well was shaking.

Ollila went to investigate. The ground around the well gave way and he fell in. His wife, who was following him, got too close and slid in after him.

Her screams brought a grandson, Norman Ollila, 18.

She warned him not to come too close, but to get a rope and toss it to her. While she held on to the rope, he pulled her out.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

GETTING MORE SAVAGE?

Astorian-Budget

Sen. Neuberger, commenting on the death of Sen. McCarthy, says he was disturbed because some of his liberal friends exulted over the tragic occurrence.

Sen. Neuberger uses this example, which he deprecates, to comment that "politics has taken on a kind of savagery" and wonders if we have "lost the capacity for separating the man himself from his political views."

Sen. Neuberger suggests that among the factors contributing to the increased savagery which disturbs him are the following:

—Political campaigns based on television and radio are concentrating more and more on personalities.

—Increasing dependence of the Democrats on funds from Labor to offset Republican benefactions from big business sources, tends to create bitter schisms between the parties.

—Use of the investigative process in government to "expose" people has a corroding impact on the atmosphere of government and politics.

Sen. Neuberger longs for the day when politics can be discussed on the basis of issues rather than personalities, as in Canada and Britain, without personal rancor and character assassination.

We concur with Sen. Neuberger in deploring personalities and character assassination in politics, as well as savagery that can exist in the death of a political foe. But we wonder if the senator is correct in thinking that such savagery is increasing?

United States politics has always been a matter in which personalities tended to overshadow issues, and has been characterized from the beginning by savage personal attacks.

History is full of incidents involving cruel personal attacks upon political figures, or glorification of personalities.

At the very beginning, Aaron Burr killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel — and what savagery of today can equal that sort of political attack?

We have elected many a president because of his personal popularity and a military reputation, rather than skill in government.

VAGRANT FINED

Edwin A. McGhee, 53, Melrose, today was fined \$25 and \$5 costs when he pleaded guilty to vagrancy before Dist. Judge Warren A. Woodruff. He was arrested by the sheriff's office Wednesday.

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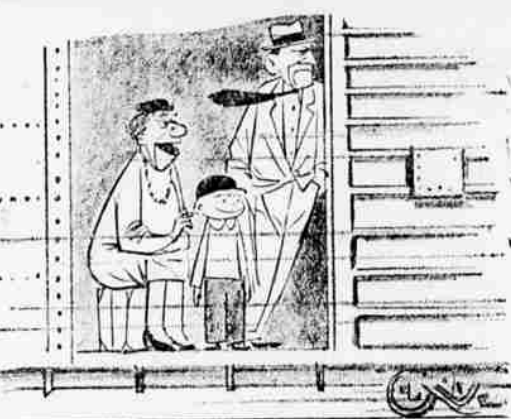
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