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DANGEROUS BOTTLENECK

By Charles V. Stanton

Difficulties encountered in handling traffic occasioned by the Douglas County Rodeo last Saturday and Sunday made it plain to every observer that better access between east and west sections of town is a necessity.

The City police department, reserve police, sheriff's officers and reserves are all entitled to high praise for the way in which traffic was handled. But, despite the best efforts of traffic officers, the congestion was so great as to be very dangerous.

The bottleneck is found principally at the Oak Avenue bridge and awkward limited access to the highway. With so many vehicles forced to filter through those channels, traffic was backed up for blocks, despite the best efforts of police to keep cars moving.

The need for replacement of the ancient Oak Avenue bridge with either one or two structures carrying more lanes of traffic is obvious. An increased carrying capacity on the bridge, however, should be supplemented by improved access to the highway. The existing awkward turn for southbound traffic on Military Ave. may be reasonably acceptable at normal times, but it is impossible when the movement of vehicles is as heavy as at Rodeo and County Fair times.

South Bridge Needed

A large measure of relief could be gained if a bridge could be built from Stephens and/or Mill street near the south city limits. Such a bridge would divide the traffic and would particularly relieve the congestion on the east side of the Oak Ave. crossing as cars funnel in from all directions and pile up at intersections.

It is doubtful if either the county or city will have funds for a bridge at the south end of town in the immediate future, however, inasmuch as the Oak Ave. crossing is definitely of first priority and probably will require cooperating funds from both the county and city. When the present bridge on Oak Ave. is replaced, it might be possible to move that structure to the south limits of town, but the question then arises whether it would be of greater value there than at Cloake's Ferry where it is now tentatively scheduled to be erected.

In any event the city and county, I believe, should be giving consideration to a bridge from the south end of town to the fairgrounds, whenever the financial situation of both bodies will permit.

Would Aid Defense

Civil defense needs also should be considered in any analysis of the urgency for bridge construction.

Let's imagine that word came through suddenly to evacuate Roseburg's population! After viewing the congestion and confusion existing last weekend, when the number of vehicles was far smaller than would be involved in an evacuation, we can get some idea of the helplessness of our people subjected to enemy attack.

Roseburg, of course, is not considered a military target. There is little danger that an evacuation would be required.

The civil defense plan, however, does call for Roseburg to be a reception area for evacuees from the upper Willamette Valley. While distribution of traffic from the Oak Ave. bottleneck can be accomplished with more ease than movement in the opposite direction, there still is a concentration and congestion of dangerous proportion—a condition that should be remedied as quickly as possible.

A friend was complaining to me a few days ago because one of our leading brewing concerns is tying its advertising in with the Cascades. He objected to an alcoholic beverage being compared with the Great Outdoors.

Aside from any other reasoning, if my unhappy friend will visit any part of the Cascades, he'll find empty beer containers scattered in and along every road, trail, stream and picnic spot.

Certainly if distribution of the trademark means anything, the beer concern has every reason to claim the Cascades.

Hal Boyle

By JOHN FIEHN For HAL BOYLE

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—"Man, this German throws me," is one of the frequent comments of the 300,000 American servicemen on duty in West Germany.

While most Germans understand a little English, the American soldier finds it hard to reciprocate. For him language troubles are manifold.

The American forces network in Germany is giving the men "the German word of today," translated, explained and spelled several times during the day. This is to acquaint GIs with the language of the host country.

Still many German words puzzle the soldiers. The Germans, it appears to them, obstinately stick to some words defining known geographical spots which, in the native tongue, mean nothing to Americans.

The other day an American soldier drew a blank stare from a railroad official when asking for a ticket to Cologne. It's Koeln in German.

Munich, famous beer-happy capital of Bavaria, is known as Muenchen to the Germans.

Neuburg, a German town near an American air base of the same name, is in American pronunciation, Newbeeburg, with the accent on New.

"Ah," says the German, "You mean Noybeebourgh," this being the closest to its native pronunciation.

The Main, one of the Rhine's tributaries is, of course, not Germany's principal river.

Reader Opinions

Hells Canyon Belongs To All People, Claim

I read with interest Dr. Miller's letter. I am not a Socialist except that I favor public ownership of utilities. The Washington Post said that private capital cannot build these large dams or the three small dams in Hells Canyon without financial assistance from the government. This is the reason the Idaho Power Co. accepted the fast tax writeoff given by the government.

Now the Idaho Power Co., which has been investigated by Senator Kefauver, has cancelled the write-off certificate. If it was honest and honorable to accept this writeoff, which would amount to \$83,500,000, why did they cancel it? The only conclusion that a person can arrive at is that it was dishonest, that it was causing the Republican leaders embarrassment, and it would have a bad effect on the congressional elections in 1958.

I do not blame Senator Morse for the righteous indignation displayed to those who granted the writeoff certificate.

Dr. Miller gave a lot of figures to prove his point in favor of erecting the three dams by private ownership. In Oct. 1956 Senator Warren C. Magnusson of Washington had a debate with Gov. Langley in regard to Hells Canyon. Magnusson, in favor of public ownership, and Langley for private ownership. Magnusson presented many figures to prove his case, also Langley produced many figures to prove his side of the question. The voters accepted Senator Magnusson's side of the issue and he was elected by a landslide, 250,000 plurality.

Hells Canyon, in all its majesty, splendor and beauty, was created by God and belongs to all the people in the United States. Forty Democratic senators and five Republican senators voted in favor of one high dam in Hells Canyon. These great senators had the courage to stand for principle and dignity, for all the people rich and poor.

We must stand with these good men so that selfish interests cannot exploit our natural resources. We must drive the money changers from the Temple.

Warren L. Webb
1030 N.W. Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Ore.

Recalled School Board Members Said Respected

To let the Camas Valley recall go by without a word for the men recalled would be doing them a great injustice.

These men are well known and respected in the Douglas County and Roseburg business areas. They pay a fair tax and they like to know where it is going and what it buys. In trying to get the school on a business basis they met many objections.

"Hank" Cummings has worked harder for the benefit of the school and its taxpayers than any member on the board, a fact the chairman will verify.

The recall was done for spite, and spite alone. Not one of thirty recall petition signers ever attended a local board meeting while these men were in office.

The recall has done two things besides splitting the valley. It has given us a modern dateline, so we don't have to use B.C. and A.D. any more, and has proven beyond doubt that the people of Oakland are much smarter than we are.

Dave Thrush
Camas Valley, Ore.

City Manager Praises Newspaper Cooperation

To The Editor—I would like to thank you on behalf of the City Council for the cooperation and assistance you, your reporting staff and, in fact, your entire organization gave us during the recent budget election.

The service rendered us with reference to the budget project was excellent and brought quite a bit of favorable comment to your office. I should like to particularly commend you on the cooperation of your reporters and the type of news coverage given this issue. Thanks and best wishes.

George W. Farrell
City Manager
Roseburg, Ore.

In The Day's News

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strongly against the Kremlin and its methods than we already are. Human nature is human nature the world over.

That brings us back to the touchy situation involved in the presence of American troops on foreign soil. I think we must all agree that AS OF NOW we must keep bases scattered as widely over the world as possible. The reason for that is that we have renounced aggressive war. We have said that we won't attack first. That gives to Russia the priceless advantage of the initiative.

The advantage of the initiative can't help putting in communist Russian minds the thought that if we can be KNOCKED OUT ALL AT ONCE, so that we can't retaliate effectively, Russia will be master of the world. Our surest way to get around that is to have bases scattered so widely around the world that Russia can't knock us out all at once.

That is the basic reason that compels us to keep American troops on foreign soil.

Again—Let's turn the situation around. Suppose foreign troops were on OUR soil. We'd RESENT them. No matter how agreeable they might be personally and individually, no matter how much money they might spend in our towns,

Glide Soldier On Furlough; Other Glide Residents Visit

By MRS. ARTHUR SELBY
Neilan Callers of Glide arrived by plane recently at Eugene from nine weeks basic training at the San Diego, Calif., naval base on a 10-day furlough. He was met by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Callers.

Neilan graduated from Glide High School in 1954, completed his junior year at University of Oregon this spring and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He will leave by plane June 28 for Chicago, Ill., to attend three months journalism school at the Great Lakes Naval Base.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pratt and family of Portland, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Brook.

Mrs. Clarence Ware returned recently from a two weeks visit at Santa Ana, Calif., with her mother, Mrs. Dudley Caldwell, her brother Ernest Henry and family and niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gow. Mrs. Ware returned with Mrs. Ware for an indefinite visit at Glide.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cunningham of Portland left this week after spending a week visiting friends in the area. Cunningham, a foreman with the John R. Saxton Construction Co. was on a business trip inspecting timber access roads at Steelhead Creek near Steamboat for his company.

Oregon Supreme Court Rules In Rent Dispute

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that a Baker firm doesn't have to pay rent for a building in which it had left some of its property.

The company, Gifford Phillips Wood Products, gave up part of a piece of property it had been renting and a new lease was drawn, covering the smaller area. However, when the company failed to remove all of its equipment from the larger area, the owner went to court to collect \$50 a day rental.

The case went to the Supreme Court on appeal from a decision holding that rent should be paid.

The court also ruled in a Umatilla County case that Stewart V. Baker had forfeited a lease he held to resort property at Langden Lake by failing to make payments.

PLANS TO RETIRE

PORTLAND (AP)—Robert E. White, head of the Pacific Coast headquarters of the Department of Agriculture grain division, said Wednesday that he is retiring at the end of the month. A successor is to be named soon.

We'd resent their presence bitterly. Human nature is just human nature.

When can we get our troops off foreign soil and back home? This, I'd say, is the answer.

Not until it is SAFE for us to do so. Our national existence is at stake—and we can't take chances with our national existence.

It won't be safe for us to get our troops off foreign soil until our friends and allies are ready and willing to assume their share of the burden of RETALIATION against Russia if Russia should decide to try an atomic Pearl Harbor.

surveying timber access roads in the North Umpqua area of the national forest. Lunches are packed for the group.

Don Rolund, former resident in the area in 1951-53, spent the weekend visiting friends. He operated the Steak House at Dillard and now is logging at Myrtle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Messing and son, Robert, of Salem, were weekend guests of the former's sister-in-law, Mrs. Carl Messing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harvey and son, Jimmy, of Portland, spent the weekend visiting Harvey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Harvey. They brought home Harvey's brother, Richard, who had been visiting them for two weeks. Richard, a 1957 Glide High School graduate, returned to Portland Sunday to begin his employment with the Bell Telephone Co.

FATAL INJURY
FORT KLAMATH (AP)—Vernon Guild Wimer, 34, Fort Klamath, was fatally injured Tuesday afternoon while loading a logging truck at Klamath Marsh. He was crushed when a hydraulic lift accidentally released and dropped logs on him.
Survivors include the widow and five small children.

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