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CONVENIENCE FIGHTS NEED

By GEORGE CASTILLO

The Roseburg City Bus Co. is at the crossroads of success or failure.

Only an increase in passengers will save it. And that presents a problem of dilemma proportions. Are there enough prospective customers interested in saving it?

A considerable commotion was raised when the former busline went out of business. Many people felt a dire need for bus service. They felt the city and Chamber of Commerce should take steps to start buses running again. It was apparent from figures released by the former operator, Joseph Abeln, that big buses did not draw enough customers to bring about a profit. Like any other business, no profits meant no service.

Need Apparent

A need for the bus service was apparent. A Chamber of Commerce survey indicated that more than 500 people depended on inexpensive public transportation. The results of the survey appeared solid enough to indicate a comparatively large need.

J. W. Sayre then entered the picture with the prospect that smaller buses and resulting lower operating costs might spell a profit. He started the service with small Volkswagen buses. The daily fares soon reached about 300. But when the newness wore off, fares dropped to about 200. This is not enough patronage to make the operation break even financially, Sayre says. He estimates an additional 25 per cent patronage is necessary.

It appears now that the people who indicated they depended on public transportation through buses did not form a big enough patronage to turn the trick financially.

The dilemma is this: Most people, businesses, civic groups, etc., indicate appreciation for the service, but this cannot be converted into enough paying customers.

Many people have contacted the Chamber of Commerce, the city government and Sayre himself expressing appreciation for the service. Several said they couldn't even travel around town without it. Secretary-Manager Harold Hickerson of the Chamber of Commerce says there is no question of the need, and now is the time to take steps to solve the problem. "It is easier to assist an operating concern than to revive one that has become inactive," he says.

Service Excellent

The looming failure apparently isn't due to poor service or poor operational practices, either. City Manager George Farrell calls it "excellent." He says he doesn't know of any busline having as regular or frequent service as the Roseburg Bus Co.

Both men indicate the service does, and can even more, alleviate the clogged parking situation in downtown Roseburg. The Chamber has even issued a plea that downtown businessmen and employees use the bus more.

Despite these indications of need and the obvious fact that money would be saved over operation of an automobile and parking costs, the patronage is still not great enough.

In this age of convenience, many automobile owners have indicated that while the need may be there, the bus just doesn't fit their schedules. They don't want to wait for a bus when it is much easier to go out and step in the car when they are ready to go to town. It may cost a little more and it may be difficult to find parking places, but it's easier than waiting. Others take part in convenient car pools which started when the city had no bus service.

This impatient segment of the population is the only real hope for continued operation of the busline, and yet this population isn't willing to forgo the immediate convenience of a car.

The busline can't tailor its schedules for each individual, and the individual car owner isn't willing to take the bus on someone else's time table.

Either the car owners must change their habits and begin taking the bus, or the city government or downtown merchants must subsidize. Neither seems likely.

Speed-Up Of Missile Program Considered

WASHINGTON — Neil H. McElroy, new secretary of defense, said Wednesday serious consideration is being given to speeding up this country's ballistic missile program.

In a news conference held less than five hours after he had taken office, McElroy said such a speed-up, especially in testing, would be "selective."

He indicated indirectly that particular attention would be given to the intermediate missiles, Thor and Jupiter.

McElroy said the aim is to "iron out bottlenecks," especially in the matter of overtime payments at some of the big missile centers like Patrick Air Force Base in Florida and the Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Ala.

At his own news conference a short time earlier, President Eisenhower said the missile program already had top priority.

Eisenhower also said he wishes we were further ahead and knew more about such matters as the effect of corrosion and heat on the materials that go into missiles. McElroy conceded, during questioning, that Russia's launching of a satellite is a factor in the missile program speed up question.

PASS STILL CLOSED

OLYMPIA — Snoqualmie Pass will be closed to through traffic at least three more weeks because of last Friday's earth and rock slide that took three lives. William A. Buge, state director of highways, said Wednesday.

Buge said it had been hoped enough debris could be cleared away to permit one-way traffic by Monday, but the plan was abandoned.

Norblad Says U. S. Isn't In Bad Shape

TILLAMOOK — A 5,000-mile missile wouldn't necessarily give Russia any advantage over the United States, Rep. Walter Norblad said in a Kiwanis Club address here Wednesday.

The reason, he said in his prepared remarks, is that the United States has convenient locations for its 1,500-mile missiles.

"In order to attack us by land-based missiles," Norblad said, "the Russians need a 5,000-mile range. We have many land bases 1,500 miles or less from the heart of Russia."

Our intermediate 1,500-mile missile can provide immediate retaliation without the need for the 5,000-mile missile," said Norblad, a member of the House Military Affairs Committee.

"The Soviet knows this and of our power to immediately act in the event he launches his long range missile."

"Our farflung bases all the way from Iceland across Europe up to Formosa and Okinawa provide close-range launching sites as a complete answer for the Russians' recently announced intercontinental missile."

ENROLLMENT UP

PORTLAND — The University of Oregon Medical School, which last week had an initial enrollment smaller than a year ago because of late registration of nurses, reported Wednesday an increase of 29 over last year.

Of 578 students registered, 303 are medical students, 233 are in nursing programs and 22 are in medical technology courses.

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thrusting a 180-pound satellite 500 MILES ABOVE THE EARTH they have a rocket capable of thrusting a guided missile WITH A NUCLEAR BOMB IN ITS NOSE a long, long way—maybe as far as the United States of America.

What the President (who is a capable soldier) is intimating is that we'd better get down to business and catch up with the Russian scientists.

Let's change the subject slightly and talk about people. Our department of defense has a new boss today. He is Neil McElroy, former head of the big soap-making firm of Procter & Gamble. He took his oath of office at the White House the other morning.

Our nation's military machine is poised for a race into outer space and missile supremacy with the Soviet Union—and guiding it will be McElroy's job.

Let's admire his courage. Boy! What a job he's letting himself in for.

Now for a word about the departing head of the defense department.

He has been a great man. He left the highest paying job in modern industry to accept a \$25,000-a-year salary working for his country. In order to qualify for the job, he sold his General Motors stock and had to watch while it went MUCH higher. When he sold (in order to enter the service of his country) he must have known that GM stock was due for a big rise.

During his term, he took about all the abuse it is possible to heap on a man.

To cite only one example, he made a speech fairly early in his career as secretary of defense in which he said that "what is good for the U. S. is good for General Motors." His words were twisted into this: "What is GOOD FOR GENERAL MOTORS is good for the United States."

His crime, of course, was this: He did better than most of us. So he aroused our envy.

But—The men who knew his work best say unhesitatingly that NOW, when he is leaving, our defenses are in infinitely better shape than they were when he took hold. I think the rest of us—who know him and his work only by what we have read and what we have heard—will concede that he is a good man who served his country well and spoke his mind plainly in the pinches.

So—Engineer Charles Wilson—Hall and farewells.

And happy landings at your ranch in Florida where you will raise purebred cattle and have a lot of fun, free from grinding responsibilities. Let's hope America can find more men like you.

We're going to NEED them.

A 'Just And Generous' Payment Being Sought

CHICAGO — The president of the Pacific Coast League expressed hope Wednesday that a "just and generous" payment be made to his league for its anticipated wrecking by the shift of the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants to the West Coast.

Leslie O'Connor, PCL. p. r. x. y. z. whose home is at nearby Crystal Lake, Ill., said the official decision to move the Dodgers to Los Angeles means "the end of the Pacific Coast League."

He said the next regular PCL meeting is set for Nov. 1 and he did not plan calling an emergency meeting unless the league directors request one. The Giants already have elected to move to San Francisco.

O'Connor is former assistant to the late Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis and a general manager of the Chicago White Sox.

Perfection Of Long-Range Missile Is Only 'First' Left After Russ Achievements

WASHINGTON — Spectacular Russian achievements in outer space have left the United States with only one first to win in the field—perfection of the 5,000-mile intercontinental ballistic missile.

If Russian claims are to be believed, there is strong doubt whether even that race is still open for the winning.

Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev announced more than a month ago a Russian test of an ICBM. Defense Minister Georgi Zhukov said in Belgrade yesterday Russian forces have been equipped with first-class arms including "jet and rocket techniques in the framework of which are also intercontinental ballistic missiles."

The Navy revelation of the Russian missile achievement, following up Russia's launching of a satellite now orbiting the earth, may spur a long-delayed Pentagon decision over which of two candidates for an American intermediate ballistic missile will be chosen for development.

Brags Big

Neither claimed that Russia actually has ICBMs ready for use, but American spokesmen have carefully noted, but Khrushchev came up with a boast this week that his Russians have it all over the United States in the long-range missile field.

The talkative Communist boss said at an embassy party in Moscow that manned warplanes are no match for Russian intercontinental ballistic missiles. He went further to state that "the age of bombers is over. You might as well put bombers and fighters in the museum."

The Kremlin chief was backed up in part by the United States Navy when it made public for the first time this week the hitherto secret knowledge that the Soviets already have 1,500-mile ballistic weapons placed so as to threaten all major American and Allied bases in Western Europe.

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Won't Hasten Things

There is little likelihood that the furor caused by the Soviet achievements will hasten by many hours the perfection of a 5,000-mile American ballistic missile.

As of now, the only American intercontinental ballistic weapon ready for testing has flown little more than 5,000 feet—not 5,000 miles.

The prospects in the American ICBM field are much better. The Army's candidate for the job, its Jupiter missile, has been launched successfully and with extreme accuracy at least twice. The Air Force entry, the Thor, has done much less well in its tests. But the Pentagon has delayed deciding in favor of Jupiter because some scientists and engineers have convinced top defense officials that the Thor, once all of the bugs are taken out of it, will prove to be a more advanced hydrogen bomb carrier.

130 Bison Can't Be Given Away

LAWTON, Okla. — The great American bison went begging here today — apparently very few people want him, even for free.

Last month 225 buffaloes from the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge herd near here were placed on sale with zoos and parks getting first picks for nothing but transportation costs.

Individuals were also offered buffalo at a price on the hoof or chopped and in the carton.

Since that time, only six buffaloes have been reserved for zoos. Eighty-nine have been sold to individuals or organizations, leaving 130 more to be disposed.

Market Slow

Julian Howard, refuge manager, who last year saw 200 of the buffaloes snapped up in no time at all, says he can't understand why his "merchandise" is moving so slow this year.

The buffaloes are being sold from the refuge herd to keep it down to 1,000 — believed to be the largest in the world.

Last year 30 buffaloes were sent to zoos and parks. Most of those sold to individuals went to ranchers, although Howard said meat orders have come from all sections of the United States.

A live buffalo under two years of age costs \$125 at the refuge corral. There's an extra charge for dressing the animal.

Buffaloes are not fit subjects for pets," says Howard, "but they make mighty tasty eating."

ARABS GUILLOTINED

ALGIERS — Three Arabs convicted of terrorist acts were guillotined in the Algiers civil prison Wednesday.

The executions brought to 79, by unofficial count, the number of rebels guillotined since the Algerian insurrection started nearly three years ago.

State Police Preparing Crime-Reporting System

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.

SALEM — The Oregon state police are setting up a mechanized crime reporting system that should make it harder for criminals to get away.

H. G. Maison, superintendent of the force, plans to have the new system in operation on July 1 of next year.

The 1957 Legislature ordered that it be set up, directing local law enforcement agencies to file their crime reports with the state police.

Gov. Robert Holmes vetoed the bill, saying it would require fingerprinting of persons arrested for minor crimes. Then he ordered the state police to proceed with the same system as provided by the bill, except that co-operation of local police and sheriffs would be voluntary.

Service Being Expanded

George Kanz, director of the state police Bureau of Identification, will expand his operations to provide 24-hour service, instead of the present 8-hour operation. He now is conducting the mass of research that is needed.

Here's the way it will work: A burglar robs a service station in a small town. The police chief will send, on the statewide police teletype network, a description of the crime, and a description of the burglar, if available, to the state police.

The method of operation of the burglar and his description will be put on business machine punch cards, and compared with the methods of operation and descriptions of other known burglars. This information is sent back to the local police chief, so he can know who is suspected. It also will be sent to other law enforcement agencies so they can be on the alert.

Gals Cooperation

Every felony arrest, plus misdemeanor arrests for crimes involving sex, will be reported to the state police—if the voluntary system works. Kanz thinks it will.

Former Judge Dies Thursday

COLOMBO, Ceylon — William L. Clark, 66, a former federal judge who battled two administrations, died of a heart attack Thursday. Clark was on a visit to the resort city of Nuwara Eliya in central Ceylon when he was stricken.

The outspoken jurist was involved in a transatlantic controversy with the Eisenhower administration in 1953 when he was notified he would not be reappointed chief justice of the U.S. Appeals Court in Germany.

Frequent Critic

As a member of this court, set up to hear appeals from U.S. military government courts, he was a frequent critic of the U.S. High Commission policy in Germany. He charged this was the reason for his removal and refused to step down.

The State Department took up his passport and he returned to his home in Princeton, N.J., early in 1954, charging he was "fired and deported" from Germany.

A wealthy man, Clark nevertheless battled the Truman administration all the way to the Supreme Court in an attempt to collect back salary he said was due him as a judge deprived of his rights under the GI bill.

He was a holder of the Silver Star for heroism in World War I, and held an Army lieutenant colonel's commission in World War II.

Negligent Homicide Charged To Pair

THE DALLES — Two men were charged with negligent homicide Wednesday because of a four-car collision that killed a family of three last Friday.

The charge was signed by Justice of the Peace L. M. Martin after a coroner's jury returned a negligent homicide finding against Rosewell Edgar Davis, 53, Moro, Ore., and Roy J. Harris, 43, of Pasco, Wash.

The two men were in separate cars involved in the crash that killed Mr. and Mrs. Earl West and their year-old son, Terry, on Highway 30 a mile west of Mosier.

Davis has pleaded guilty to drunk driving. He was fined \$300 and sentenced to 10 days in jail. He is in jail here.

Police said a gun was found with Harris. He is charged with carrying a concealed weapon. He is in a Portland hospital with a broken leg.

Dist. Atty. Harry Hogan said the matter would be taken before a grand jury, probably in about a week.

Czech Family Proves Too Slippery For Reds

VIENNA — Police today told the story of a Czech family that proved too slippery for their country's Communist rulers.

Hoping to get to America, 43-year-old Antonin Liska and his wife Jarumila took their children, 9 and 5, and slipped into one of the empty oil tank cars that is sent to Austria regularly to pick up the oil that Russia exacts as reparations. They brought a long old military gas mask — in case the car's air was bad — and a large nylon sack of clothes and food.

After a 36-hour trip, they arrived safely in Austria Sunday, completely covered with oil from the residue in the tank.

judging from the excellent co-operation he gets in the reporting of finger prints to his office.

However, an effort probably will be made in the Legislature to compel local agencies to report.

Maison says that, for the first time, criminal statistics will be available.

The punch cards will be analyzed to determine where waves of certain crimes are taking place. This will enable the local agencies to concentrate on those crimes.

Another new wrinkle is that information on moving traffic violations will be compiled. This is being set up by Lt. Farley Morgan.

Permits Assignment

The purpose of this phase of

the mechanization is to permit assignment of officers to those stretches of highway where there are the most accidents and violations. Since the Highway Commission compiles such information on punch cards now, the state police should be able to use those cards, saving time and money.

The state police Bureau of Identification now has a finger print card of 525,000 persons, and has complete history files on more than 200,000 others. Generally, these include persons convicted of crimes in the seven Western states.

Now, it often is a laborious task to link up criminals to their crimes.

But when the punch card system takes over, it will become a matter mostly of minutes.

Pravda Says Russia Plans To Send Up Live Animals

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union will send larger satellites into outer space with live animals to study the possibilities of interplanetary travel, Pravda said today.

The man-made moon now circling the globe is the first step toward "winning cosmic space," the Communist party newspaper said in a long account of its construction and launching.

Pravda confirmed that the satellite has been transmitting reports on temperatures and other outer space conditions by coded radio messages which presumably only Soviet observers can decipher.

Some Soviet scientists previously have denied that any code was being used.

No Indications

Pravda gave no indication that the information from the satellite will be given other nations participating in the International Geophysical Year. The nations previously had agreed to share such data.

Neither did the account indicate when satellites carrying animals might be launched.

Soviet scientists claim to have sent live dogs on rockets to heights of 62 miles without injury. "A satellite will be launched with animals as passengers and there will be detailed observations of their behavior and physical reactions to cosmic flight," Pravda said.

The satellite story, which covered two pages, did not mention that the baby moon might be losing altitude. British scientists

have reported that it is.

Pravda said radio transmissions from the satellite are likely to end soon because its battery power will be gone. But the newspaper said optical and radar observations will be continued "for a long time."

The story said lack of knowledge of outer space makes it impossible to predict when the satellite and its two fellow travelers—part of the rocket which took it up and a protective cone—will fall into the atmosphere and be burned up.

Looks Like Globe

With the account was a photograph of the satellite, shown on a small support. It looked like a silver globe with four trailing antennae.

Pravda repeated that the diameter of the satellite is one foot 11 inches and its weight 184 pounds. It was described this way:

The outer hull is polished aluminum covered with a special protective material. Nitrogen gas is sealed inside.

Two antennae are about seven feet, nine inches long and two are about nine feet, five inches. The four together apparently carry the transmissions of two separate radios operating on different wavelengths.

Pravda said the successful launching was a result of the "high constructive perfection" achieved by Soviet science. The moon was sent up by "powerful rocket engines," the newspaper said, but it gave no details of the actual launching.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — Sidewalk scrawls of a pavement Plato: America, the richest country on earth, is also the land of the half-well.

It has millions of people who dwell in twilight health — they aren't sick enough to go to a hospital and they aren't well enough to feel good.

They are chronically fatigued and feel there must be something seriously wrong with them. But in a majority of cases the only thing wrong with them is themselves—and their bad living habits which—let's face it—would kill an airdale or break down a buffalo.

So what do they do? They take a pill... another pill... and still another pill. Pills, capsules, tablets—every year they spew out of the machines and down the gutlets of half-a-million Americans by the millions and billions. And to what effect? Remarkably small one, many honest doctors would be the first to agree.

Many of the most persistent delusions of many otherwise sensible people is that the fountain of health lies in a well-stocked medicine cabinet.

Actually, what this country needs is an organization called "pill-takers anonymous," composed of people who have broken themselves of the habit by taking pills and potions needlessly.

The pill-taking habit, if overdone, is in its way as harmful as excessive smoking or drinking. The reason: It lulls people into a false sense of well-being, prevents them from making the changes in their living habits that alone can restore them to real health. (I am speaking, of course, not of pills prescribed for genuine organic ailments, but pills for "that tired feeling.")

Recently a friend of mine who was taking 15 pills a day (thyroid pills, vitamin pills, pep pills, tranquilizer pills, and a pill to make his body shed fluids faster) became extremely nervous and decided he was "over-medicated."

"I went to another doctor, a general practitioner too busy to give sympathy," he said, "and was told that all I needed was to take off some weight and live like my grandfather had—simply."

"So I threw away all my pill bottles. Every one I went on a diet, cut down on my drinking, got more sleep and started walking home from work every night. I feel better now than I have for 20 years. And because I feel better I don't worry like I used to."

The average middle-aged pill-taking American who has nothing seriously wrong with him can achieve the same results the same way. Aristotle gave the key to healthful living long ago: "Moderation."

Pills are in too many cases merely a kind of crutch, a form of bottled psychiatry which can often hurt more than help.

Here is the prescription that will put more zinc into living for America's jittery pill prisoners than all the wonder drugs ever invented:

1. Quit feeling sorry for yourself. Self-pity will make even a whale sick.

2. Get an hour more sleep every night.

3. Eat only the foods you tell your kids are good for them.

4. Spend at least half an hour a day in some kind of moderate exercise—even if it consists only of patting yourself on the back.

5. Never take a pill except when you have a nosebleed. The pill won't help the nosebleed, but on the other hand do most of the pills you gulp now do any more to make you really healthier?

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