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INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITY

By Charles V. Stanton

This newspaper and the *Port Umpqua Courier* at Reedsport have discussed on frequent occasions possibilities for developing shipping facilities at Oregon's shallow draught ports. It has been predicted in both papers that coastal shipping by barges will make harbors, such as that of the Umpqua, suitable terminal points for ocean cargoes.

It now is reported that regular barge service between Northwest ports and New Orleans is scheduled to start in the very near future. Terminal points in the Northwest will be Seattle and Portland, for the present. There is no good reason, given proper facilities for overland transportation, that the Lower Umpqua port should not become a major terminal for this same operation.

The barge service, reportedly, is scheduled by the Alaska Freight Lines. It is proposed to haul lumber, canned goods, aluminum ingots, newspaper and other such products from the Pacific Northwest to New Orleans. At New Orleans cargoes would be transferred to river barges and would be transported to mid-continent markets, opening markets as distant as Chicago and Pittsburgh.

The barges would return to the Northwest loaded with steel, chemicals, machinery, fertilizers and other such products.

Freight rates, it is predicted, will be about 10 per cent below rail costs.

Now Serves Alaska

The Alaska Freight Line recently gained what amounts almost to a monopoly on water freight business into Alaska, where it has operated for considerable time.

A rival service, Coastwise Line, which handled freight in Liberty ships, has abandoned its business after nine years.

Alaskan barges carry loose cargo below decks and truck-trailers on deck and handle a total of around 1,500 tons. Larger barges, independently powered with twin diesel engines, are expected to be in operation on long hauls.

These barges can operate in ports with as little as nine feet of water.

Where shipping facilities previously were possible only in deep water harbors, this new trend toward barges makes every harbor with a passable bar a potential terminal. For barge service, the sheltered Lower Umpqua offers many advantages lacking in some of the larger harbors.

Lumber, plywood, particle board, and numerous other timber products doubtless will make up the bulk of the cargoes carried by the barges from the Pacific Northwest, into California, the South and Midwest. Food products, machinery, appliances and other manufactured goods doubtless will go from California and the Northwest to the Alaskan market.

Better Roads Needed

Douglas County is, and will continue to be, the largest producer of lumber and wood products on the Pacific Coast, exclusive of British Columbia and Alaska. If a 10 per cent freight saving could be obtained between Douglas County and the Midwest, many hundreds of thousands of dollars would be added to local economy annually.

Obviously little saving is to be made if our product must be transported to Portland or Seattle to be loaded into barges destined for New Orleans. But if Douglas County's products could be loaded on barges at Reedsport, or even Coos Bay, at a reasonable truck transportation cost, a more stable and profitable market undoubtedly would result.

But before we can take advantage of barge service on the Lower Umpqua, we must have improved highways to that area. Cost of highway improvements quickly would be recovered in improved local economy, and thereby in taxes and fuel fees, if we were in a position to save 10 per cent of the present freight cost, less, of course, the expense of truck transportation to the coast. It is this latter cost, truck transportation, where the saving could be made by improved highway facilities.

If our State Department of Planning and Development wants to encourage industry in the central valleys of Oregon, it should exert the greatest possible effort upon state officials and the legislature to open gateways between shallow water ports and the hinterland.

—Bruce Biossat—

One of the more frightening aspects of juvenile crime in this country is the broad array of weapons our young criminals and delinquents use in combat with each other or in preying upon the innocent public.

Where the problem tends to be worst, in the big cities, the arsenal is usually the most forbidding. Let alone knives and so-called zip guns seem to be the juveniles' favorites, and their control by law enforcement agencies is extremely difficult.

For example, in New York as in some other areas, the switchblade knife, whose blade flips open at the press of a button, has been outlawed for some years. But the ingenious have found a way around the ban. They have developed the "gravity knife," which opens at the downward flick of a wrist.

A CIVIC COMMITTEE in New York now is campaigning to outlaw this new menace. Evidently city, state and federal legislation is needed to effect this additional ban and keep gravity knives out of the mails.

Stopping the flood of zip guns is something else. Generally these are homemade affairs of wood and metal. But they fire 22 caliber bullets, and investigators say juveniles have had no trouble at all buying the ammunition they want. The campaign, therefore, has to be to limit ammunition sales to keep these supplies out of youthful hands.

Many hard things are said against youngsters who pack these

death-dealing weapons—and rightly so. But there ought also to be something less than a cheer for those who help to put them in the hands of potential offenders. It isn't a very nice way to make a dollar. THROUGHOUT the country the sale of long (switchblade or gravity) knives and ammunition to youngsters should be outlawed. And the laws against the carrying of concealed weapons ought to be broadened to cover any kind of bludgeoning device that may be concealed either by unscrupulous sellers or defiant juveniles.

Of course this would still leave untouched the makeshift arsenal of rocks, bricks, nail-studded clubs, chains, brass-studded belts, rough-edged pipe, and all the rest. But it would represent a substantial start at leading misguided young Americans away from their modern jungle warfare.

Rep. Porter Seeks Funds For Hills Creek Dam

WASHINGTON — Congress was asked Thursday to appropriate more funds for construction of Hills Creek Dam on the Willamette River in Oregon.

Rep. Porter (D-Ore.) asked Congress for \$4,200,000 he said would permit continued construction through next June 30.

The project is on the Willamette's middle fork.

Last summer Congress appropriated \$4,800,000 for the dam. Army Engineers later added 15 per cent to the amount.

Hardly Back and Look at That Homework



Sec. Benson Holds Speaking Schedule Down To Minimum

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Agriculture Benson is holding his out-of-town speaking schedule to a minimum to direct congressional strategy for administration farm program proposals.

Aides said the secretary is turning down most invitations for speeches in the months immediately ahead and as a consequence would do much less traveling about the country than last year.

Proposals for remodeling present farm programs will be sent to Congress by the White House in a special message, possibly next week. In general, they will call for authority to set lower price supports and to relax production control measures.

With President Eisenhower expected to be occupied principally with international and defense matters, the administration's farm policy matters will be left pretty largely in Benson's hands, the latter's assistants said.

The secretary was said to be planning to work more closely with individual farm leaders in Congress than in past sessions.

Acknowledging that the administration farm proposals face strong opposition, the aides said the secretary would not hesitate later to go out and make speeches if Congress took no action.

This speech-making, they said, could carry into fall congressional campaigns that may see farm policy's major issue in farm states.

Bulganin's Note Well Scattered

LONDON — Moscow Radio said Friday that Soviet Premier Bulganin's proposal for top-level talks on lessening international tension went to almost every country in the world.

The original Moscow broadcast said Bulganin had "sent messages to heads of government of 19 states, including all member countries of NATO."

Later, the official Soviet radio said: "At the same time the proposals of the Soviet government concerning questions relating to a lessening of international tension have been sent to all members of the United Nations and to several other states."

Switzerland was the only one of the "other states" named. Presumably another was communist China, which also is not a U. N. member.

Man Admits Killing Ex-Fiancee, Companion

FOND DU LAC, Wis. — A 40-year-old factory worker, who said he was jealous, has admitted that he shot and killed his former fiancee and her male companion yesterday, slept a few hours and then went on a rabbit hunting trip.

The admission was made in a signed statement by Clayton Lambert, 29, of Fond du Lac, who was held in the county jail. A charge was not filed immediately.

Lambert had interrupted a lie detector test he was taking at the state crime laboratory in Madison, and told Fond du Lac County Dist. Atty. Eugene McEsey.

"There's no need to go on. I did it."

Mistrial Is Declared In Policeman's Case

KLAMATH FALLS — A mistrial was declared Thursday in the case of a Klamath Falls policeman charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

Circuit Judge David Vandenberg said he took the action because Ben Goodrich, 41, the defendant's attorney, had died earlier in the day from a heart attack.

Only Wednesday a jury had been seated to hear the trial of John Wilson, 32, who was indicted after Clyde Cloud, 32, said he was taken to a jail and beaten Nov. 3. Cloud complained that he suffered arm and leg fractures.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

go back some 2,000 years into history. Rome and Carthage occupied in the world of that day almost the identical positions now occupied by the United States and Russia. They faced two choices:

1. Find a way to coexistence.
2. FIGHT IT OUT.

They fought it out. Carthage was UTTERLY destroyed. Rome, left in complete mastery of the world, rose—but finally FELL. After the fall of Rome came the Dark Ages, during which nearly everything that was good in the world disappeared.

We don't want that to happen again. We'd better find some way to get along together.

As to Statement No. 2: If we are to find a way to get along with Russia, we must remain IMPREGNABLE STRONG. There is no other way to get along with Communist Russia.

Statement No. 3 stands on its own feet. Whatever the differences between our armed services, America wants them STOPPED. A football team whose members quarrel constantly with each other wins no games.

One-Man Pentagon Rule Would Spell 'Disaster,' Claim

WASHINGTON — Adm. Arleigh Burke, chief of naval operations, said this week that to concentrate Pentagon power in a single military officer could "lay the foundation for disaster."

The admiral said it could spell the ruin of Congress and the presidency and "place our future in the hands of a single military national protector."

Defending the present joint chiefs of staff system, of which he is a member, Burke said pressure toward revamping the military command is an "illogical reaction to our not having an operational ballistic missile or satellite in the sky."

The most recent recommendation that the military be reorganized was made Sunday night by a civilian study group which argued that the nation's strategy and military forces are out of step with the tempo of the missile age.

A special 21-man panel of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund said that to meet the situation, this country must make big changes in the defense structure and increase defense spending about three billion dollars each year for the next several years.

Burke, addressing the National Press Club, said he "shuddered with a cold fear" at the thought of concentrating power in "one man, a military Solomon."

The Rockefeller report said immediate action is needed to avert a massive shift of power to the Soviets.

George Sack Is Named In \$15,000 Damage Suit

PORTLAND — A \$15,000 suit against George F. Sack has been filed by the administrator of the estate of the wife Sack killed. For the slaying Sack is serving a life prison sentence.

George Goodrich, Tillamook, Ore., the administrator's attorney, contends in the suit that when Mrs. Goldie Sack was killed in February, 1954, at the age of 36, she had a normal life expectancy of 16.2 more years. He estimates that she would have accumulated at least \$15,000.

Sack was convicted in September, 1954, of first degree murder. A jury found him guilty of putting his wife in a car trunk where she was asphyxiated.

Sack was sentenced to die in the gas chamber. But Gov. Robert Holmes commuted the sentence to life in prison.

Sack recently was shifted to the state mental hospital for examination.

Eisenhower Sends Reply To Bulganin To France First

WASHINGTON — A draft of President Eisenhower's proposed reply to Soviet Premier Bulganin's December letter has been sent to Paris for coordination with Atlantic Pact governments.

The State Department said the Eisenhower-approved version was drafted this week by Ambassador Randolph Burgess, American representative at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Council.

Press officer Joseph Reap said the American answer, which is reported to brush aside the idea of an immediate East-West non-aggression pact, will be discussed Wednesday at a meeting of the permanent representatives of the 15 allied nations.

Eisenhower is understood to keep the door slightly open to an East-West summit meeting provided substantial progress is made in advance on a lower level in easing deadlocks on such problems as disarmament and German unity.

Reap said he could not "speculate on a timetable" on when the American reply actually will go to the Kremlin.

Earlier Tuesday Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) said Russia obviously is angling for Free World "legalization" of the Iron Curtain by her non-aggression pact proposals and announced cuts in her armed forces.

Ex-Technician Admits Giving Dope To Girl

LOS ANGELES — An unemployed film technician arrested Thursday night admitted, narcotics officers said, that he delivered dope to Barbara Burns, daughter of the late comedian Bob Burns.

David J. Mack, 26, booked on suspicion of violating the narcotics law, denied, however, that he started Miss Burns on the habit and said he didn't sell her any narcotics; only delivered them for a man he has never seen.

Miss Burns, 19, arrested at her Hollywood apartment Wednesday, told officers that "I'm really hooked" as a heroin addict. She is free on \$500 bail pending a court appearance next Tuesday.

Sgt. John O'Grady of the police narcotics bureau, said Mack admitted he is a user himself. O'Grady said Mack related that "I met her (Miss Burns) through another chick four or five months ago. She was fixed then. She was a lonely, mixed up kid."

Miss Burns told police that she turned to narcotics when she was lonely after an estrangement from her mother, Mrs. Harriett Burns, following the death of her father in February, 1936.

CAB Declares Passenger Took Own Life On Plane

WASHINGTON — The Civil Aeronautics Board says a California man who insured himself for \$125,000 set off a dynamite blast which hurled him to death from an airliner over the Mojave Desert last summer.

Killed in the explosion was Sam F. Binstock, 62-year-old retired jeweler from North Hollywood, Calif.

The CAB, in a report issued Thursday, concluded that Binstock "intentionally detonated" a blasting cap of dynamite in the rest room of a Western Air Lines Convair bound from Las Vegas, Nev., to Los Angeles last July 23.

The board also said Binstock was "apparently intent on suicide."

NEGRO SINGER WINS

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Grace Bumbry, 21-year-old mezzo-soprano from St. Louis, won the Metropolitan Opera company's Western regional auditions. She is a Negro.

Miss Bumbry, a student of Lotie Lehmann in Santa Barbara, will complete the Met's final auditions in New York City.

Importance Of President's Message Indicated By Type Of Persons In Attendance

WASHINGTON — In addition to congressmen, Thursday's audience for President Eisenhower's state-of-the-nation speech included cabinet officers, supreme court members and more than 70 representatives of other nations.

The diplomats were seated in a reserved section, Ambassador Georgi Zarinin of Russia was not among them.

In recognition that this was no ordinary occasion — even for a state of the union address — children of members of Congress were barred from the floor.

In past, easier times, children have often been playing about as the President delivered his accounting of the state of the nation.

Eisenhower, rosy cheeked and looking fit, donned shell-rim glasses to read his message from the reading clerk's podium.

He wore a gray business suit, with blue tie.

President Shakes Hands

Before beginning his address, Eisenhower shook hands with Vice President Nixon and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn of Texas.

When Eisenhower was introduced by Rayburn, Republicans led a standing ovation.

Eisenhower said Mrs. Eisenhower joined him in wishing members a happy new year. Members arose and applauded the first lady, who stood and bowed.

Then when the President mentioned the birthdays of Nixon and Rayburn this week, members rose to applaud them.

When Eisenhower swung into his speech, he stumbled over some words. But his voice was strong. There was no evidence of the slurred speech that accompanied his slight stroke last Nov. 24.

Rockefeller Sees Need For Drastic Defense Overhaul

WASHINGTON — Nelson A. Rockefeller told investigating Senators Friday a drastic overhaul of defense machinery and goals must "be taken now to assure our survival."

He said this was the unanimous opinion of some 50 national leaders who participated in a study of the present defense mechanisms and long-range policies.

Rockefeller testified before the Senate Preparedness subcommittee, which has been probing deep into U. S. Missile, satellite and weapons programs. The inquiry was touched off by the success of Soviet Sputniks and indications the Russians are ahead of this country in rocketry.

Rockefeller said this nation, as a leader of the Free World, faces critical decisions in the next 10 to 11 years in the field of international security.

He said the study panel set up by a family foundation he heads will have later reports on political economy and human aspects of these problems.

Chairman Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), introducing Rockefeller to the subcommittee, said many of the Rockefeller recommendations already had been put into operation.

Rockefeller explained that the non-governmental study was made by a panel of 30 members, which he said represented a cross section of national leadership. He said its conclusions represented the thinking of more than 50 persons.

Rockefeller said the panel felt the United States could afford increased spending for such things as education and health and still cure its military deficiencies.

But he said the major effort must be concentrated now on meeting what he called "two somber threats"—one coming from domination and the other from a rapidly developing weapons technology which could destroy mankind.

Mother Slays Three Children, Then Kills Self

RENO, Nev. — "We are all bad seed," read a note left by a wealthy insurance executive's estranged wife.

Her bullet-riddled body and those of the couple's three children were found side by side Thursday on a bedroom floor of their \$20,000 home.

The victims of what police described as child killing and suicide were Mrs. D. Yvonne Cavanaugh, 34, recently released from a Portland, Ore., mental hospital, and her children, Anthony, 9, Carol, 8, and Kevin, 4.

Robert Cavanaugh, husband and father, who had been separated from his wife more than six months, was in Chicago when the shootings occurred — apparently after the two older children returned from school Wednesday.

Cavanaugh is secretary of the Illinois Commercial Men's Assn. of Chicago.

The children's bodies were riddled by bullets from a 25-caliber automatic found beside their mother.

A maid, Dora Lee Halley, found the carnage when she came to work.

Friends said the Cavanaghs, married 10 years ago, seemed happy and were active in Reno's social life until last April, when Mrs. Cavanaugh suffered a nervous breakdown.

She was committed to a private hospital in Portland but returned home in November as cured. She refused to see her husband, however.

Survivors include Mrs. Cavanaugh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Primoth of Clinton, Iowa; and a sister, Mrs. Gwen Burns of Portland.

Eugene Nazarene Pastor To Work In W. Germany

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A pastor from Eugene, Ore., has been named to open Nazarene missionary work in West Germany.

Dr. Hardy C. Powers, chairman of the board of general superintendents, announced the appointment of the Rev. Gerald Johnson at the midway point of the church's biennial conference on evangelism this week.

The Rev. Johnson is pastor of the First Nazarene Church in Eugene.

Weeks Opposed To Reimbursing States For Roads

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Commerce Weeks said Thursday the administration would oppose reimbursing the states for toll roads built along routes of the nation's 41,000-mile superhighway system.

Weeks reported to Congress Wednesday that it would cost \$2,520,000,000 to reimburse 26 states for the 1,350 miles of toll roads which meet the standards of the big interstate system.

This report was required by the 1956 act which set up the financing for the big road program. The same law stated that Congress would decide whether the reimbursement would be made.

Weeks had disclosed Wednesday that the 41,000 mile network is now estimated to cost at least \$37,622,000,000 instead of the \$27,646,000,000 set two years ago. Weeks opposed changing the tax rates.

Bottle Message Thought Faked

LUEBECK, Germany. — Opinion mounted Friday that a mysterious bottle message purportedly tossed from the sinking windjammer Pamir is a fake.

The message charges that Capt. Joseph Diebitsch, who drowned along with 79 crewmen, was to blame for Germany's worst maritime disaster since World War II.

A British postal worker found the note Sunday on a beach in Southwest England.

The original message arrived here Friday and was promptly examined by the Maritime Board, which is studying the sinking of the sailing vessel in an Atlantic storm Sept. 21.

Chairman Eckhard Luhmann said it had been written in script not taught in German schools since the war and used only by older persons. Fifty-four crewmen on the Pamir were youthful cadets.

The six survivors, who were read the text of the message, said that it was too long to have been written during the Pamir's dying moments. One of the survivors, 20-year-old Gunther Selbach, said that "the contents do not correspond with the facts."

PORTLAND FIRST CITIZEN

PORTLAND — The Junior First Citizen of Portland for 1957 is Leonard A. Forsgren, an advertising executive, the Junior Chamber of Commerce announced Wednesday.

Hi Neighbors

First, I want to thank each of you for helping us stay in business and make the past holiday season most enjoyable for us. With your permission, I would like to quote a little poem handed to me by a friend:

"I want to town six months ago.
To help the people come and go.
Just six months ago today
They say I helped them in every way
And as the time is slipping by
Ellis Cabs say 'Give us a try.'
The fares will be all the same
Ellis Cabs will be the same
And when we haul you down the line
P U C's will be the sign."

I want to tell you, you are my capital. I entered in this venture with almost nothing but now I have twice that much, if you count dollars and cents. But if I may, as this year begins, I would like to count you as my neighbors and friends. This I value more than dollars.

As you have probably noticed by reading The News-Review, our bus service has been forced to suspend operations. We, at Ellis Cabs, sincerely feel this was a most needed service by many of our citizens, especially those with lower incomes.

To the Roseburg downtown merchants, I would like to offer this suggestion for your consideration. This is a practice that has been used by merchants in other communities and is the issuance of coupons or tickets to their customers to be applied on bus or cab fares. A customer has to come into your store to receive their coupons. We will accept such coupons as cash and will bill the issuing store at the end of each month, if such action is legal.

I will be happy to meet with any Roseburg merchant at his convenience to work out anything to benefit the traveling public. I know we cannot offer public transportation as low as a city bus but we have the next best to offer.

Ellis Cabs have not been operating at a loss. We know that the only way we can enjoy a business increase is to secure more passengers. This year our insurance premium was \$870.00. If we double our number of passengers our insurance premium, licenses and other fixed expenses will remain the same. Depreciation would be slightly accelerated along with daily operation and maintenance expenses.

Again, we would like to offer a discount to our regular passengers, if such action is legal. I have been hesitant to name any one person as blocking my efforts to furnish lower priced transportation but in fairness to all individuals concerned, it is proper to call your attention to some of the actions that has helped in blocking my efforts to secure lower rates for the cab riding public.

Our city attorney has repeatedly recommended to the Roseburg City Council that it was illegal to authorize me to sell trip books for cab rides at a discount. We know and understand that as the ordinance has been written and our rates approved does not allow a discount. But there is nothing in the ordinance to prevent the council from authorizing such a discount practice. Passengers have been transported in Roseburg recently by others at a cut rate from the air port to downtown hotels. We believe if such a cut rate can be given, it would be better for all to give it to older people and regular cab riding workers than to give it to people who are riding the plane, usually on a company expense account.

You have several good men on your city council. Some of them have protested their legal advisor's actions on the advisability of price fixing. Our city attorney says, in word the council can not set prices but by approving or disapproving presented rates, they in effect are setting rates. If this is true, trip books at a discount could be approved and be legal.

I have been denied by the PUC Commissioner the authority to operate beyond a three mile air radius of Roseburg on the grounds it would injure another party's business. It has not been established this operational authority would injure the public in general. Only a private enterprise would be injured. I plan to reply for this authority, if necessary, exhaust every legal means to secure this operational permit. If I fail in this, I plan to start a one man crusade to get some of these laws changed. It is not a good idea to affect anybody in person, but more the principal that allows such a condition to exist.

I hope I never forget it