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INTERIM STUDY

By Charles V. Stanton

W. O. (Bun) Kelsay, state representative from Douglas County, expresses pleasure in the progress to date of the hearings held by the legislative interim committee he heads. This committee was assigned the specific task of recommending to the next session of the legislature whether the Fish Commission and Game Commission should be combined into one department rather than being continued as separate organizations as at present. The committee also has the secondary assignment of reporting any recommendations concerning fish and game management in general.

A series of meetings in eastern and central Oregon was completed last week. Another series will start soon to cover southwestern Oregon and the coastal region. The Willamette Valley area will be visited during the third series. The committee plans to conduct a public hearing in every major city in Oregon, giving all interested persons an opportunity to present suggestions, complaints, praise, or criticism before the committee.

The preponderance of opinion to date, as reported in the press, opposes uniting the two commissions. It is surprising, Kelsay reports, how many people are ignorant of the fact that the state has two commissions. Many seemed to have the idea that Oregon has a Fish and Game Commission and it has to be explained that the existing Fish Commission regulates the commercial fishery while the Game Commission has jurisdiction over game fish, birds and animals.

Much Interest Shown

The committee, Kelsay says, has been gratified by the interest shown in its hearings and the large attendance at each point visited. The committee, he reports, has heard some very informative discussions. People in attendance have evidenced a desire to cooperate in efforts to improve Oregon's recreational resource. In only one meeting was there a one-sided presentation, the committee chairman said. A group at Klamath Falls, opposing the hunter's choice season, advertised in the newspaper for persons of like opinion to attend the hearing and those of differing opinion to stay away. The hearing was dominated by representatives of the Klamath-Lake Big Game Association, the organization sponsoring the advertisement.

The work of this committee is extremely important. The report doubtless will get a critical examination before the legislature, as it will concern issues and controversies of long standing.

In early days Oregon had a single fish and game commission. As angling and hunting began to take on recreational form, complaints were made that the commission was interested only in commercial operation and that it regulated against sportsmen. This complaint resulted in the separation of authorities.

The law recognized salmon and steelhead as "food" fish and placed regulation in the hands of the Fish Commission. The Game Commission, until late years, had no authority to hatch steelhead or salmon or to regulate angling for "food" fishes.

Resource Failing

As angling has grown as a sport, there has been much overlapping of propagation and regulation between the two commissions. Sports fishing has taken over much of the area formerly occupied chiefly by the commercial fishery. The jurisdiction of the Fish Commission has been narrowed.

The Fish Commission, in the past, has concerned itself more with the welfare of the commercial fishing industry than with the preservation of the resource. A new commission recently was appointed by Governor Holmes. This new commission has not yet had time to prove whether it will seek to carry out the assignment given by law, that of the protection and preservation of the resource, or whether, like the previous commission, it will exploit the resource for the benefit of the industry.

If the resource can be rehabilitated through improved management processes, commercial fishing can regain its former importance as a source of industrial revenue, a fact which should be given careful consideration by the interim committee, I believe.

2 Demo Senators Challenge Budget

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two Senate Democrats prepared today to attack President Eisenhower's spending budget and his administration's monetary policies.

Sen. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) said he intends to challenge in a Senate hearing next week Eisenhower's contention that the \$73,934,000,000 budget for the year beginning July 1 will be balanced.

Furthermore, O'Mahoney said, he wants the President's economic advisers to explain how they expect to pay the interest on a proposed five-billion-dollar increase in the national debt "when they plan to cut back on wealth-producing projects in the budget."

He referred to reclamation and other domestic development projects.

Sen. Douglas (D-Ill.) said in a separate interview he wants to know what the administration proposes to do about creating an economic climate in which business will move ahead with confidence.

South America Quakes, Slides Deal Death, Ruin

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Landslides, earthquakes and snow have left a train of death, destruction and discomfort in parts of Latin America.

Peru was hardest hit. Reports, some of them delayed, said at least 128 persons perished in two landslides and recurrent quakes. Earth shocks also claimed 12 lives in Ecuador and spread panic in northern Chile.



"MOON" MAN—A/C Donald G. Farrell, 23, of Bronx, N.Y., will be the United States' first "moon" man. He will make a week-long simulated flight to the moon in a 25-foot "space cabin" at the School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Under the moon-flight conditions, Farrell will be strapped in a sitting position and will eat and sleep in this upright position.

LEAVE SOUTH POLE

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—Dr. Vivian Fuchs and his British expedition left the South Pole at midday Thursday to continue his trans-Antarctic trek. If he makes it, he will be the first man to cross the continent.

Inter-Office Memo



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Defense Experts Called To Testify In Sanity Trial

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP)—Defense experts were called to testify Friday in the sanity trial of Elaine Soule.

Three court-appointed psychiatrists testified Thursday that the 20-year-old Freeport, N.Y., typist was legally sane when she killed her roommate, Catherine (Kit) Elvins, 19, of Seattle, with an iron and a kitchen knife last July 24. She was convicted Tuesday of second degree murder.

All three agreed she met the requirements of legal sanity—that she knew the difference between right and wrong and knew the nature and quality of her actions.

However, Dr. Jerome V. Rose said under cross examination by Defense Atty. John A. Cost he had a "reasonable doubt" as to her sanity because he did not examine her until two months later.

Dr. Otto Fromm, M.D., said Elaine not only was legally sane but was not mentally ill, schizoid or psychotic.

"If she came into my office now I would tell her, Elaine, you don't need medical care. You should see your spiritual adviser and tighten up on your morals."

Western Europe's reaction to President Eisenhower's statement to Russia that any new summit talks must be preceded by lower level preparations was not as critical as might have been expected.

Many in Europe and elsewhere receive the Kremlin's peace overtures more eagerly than do we. For the most part, they are inclined to dismiss the bad faith exhibited by the Soviet Union at past conferences, and to regard such a parley with desperate hope.

We have held the door open to a summit meeting in the months ahead, with the proviso mentioned. And, somewhat surprisingly, a number of important men in Britain, France and West Germany have agreed with our basic position.

THIS IN SPITE OF the fact that they have to deal with a considerable body of public opinion calling for action at the summit, and likely to blame the United States if none is forthcoming.

In defense of our position, it should be noted that even the thoughtful Canadian foreign affairs specialist, Lester Pearson, doesn't put much stock in the "summit" approach to peace. He feels the quiet, normal channels of diplomacy afford the best chance for a

Commercial Fishing Set For Columbia River

PORTLAND (AP)—There will be a commercial fishing season this winter on the Columbia River, the Oregon Fish Commission said here.

It said it made the decision jointly with the Washington state Department of Fisheries.

Many sports fishermen in the two states had asked that there be no commercial season this year.

They said they believed the commercial steelhead catch was so big that an adequate number would not reach spawning grounds.

However, biologists for the two departments said a survey showed only about 25 per cent of the run was caught.

The winter season will open at noon Jan. 29 and close at noon March 1.

Assistant Secretary Opposes Joint Chiefs

SEATTLE (AP)—Dewey Short, assistant secretary of the Army, said here this week he was opposed to unification of the armed services which would go beyond the present Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Short, here to inspect Ft. Lawton, said most of the intra-service rivalry takes place within the Pentagon, and the President has had to knock a few heads together.

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP)—Some optimists believe one way to reform the world is to reform the present calendar.

Instead of a 12-month year, they would have us adopt a 13-month year. Each month would be 28 days long for a total of 364 days—and the 365th day would be bonus day for world wide celebration.

There would be no middle of the week holidays. All holidays would fall on weekends, thus extending these joyous periods to three days.

All such schemes to enhance the happiness of mankind by modifying the calendar, however, have so far fallen flat. Why? Not, perhaps, because of the common man's stubborn resistance to change. The true answer may be this—because the proposed changes don't go far enough. The gains achieved don't seem quite worth the nuisance of the effort required.

If we're going to make a change, why not make a real change? Why not adopt a new calendar with two Fridays instead of one?

Four-day Work Week

This might require a four-day work week instead of the present five-day one, but after all any change requires sacrifice—and

this is a sacrifice more and more people seem willing to face.

"Why not two Sundays or two Saturdays instead of two Fridays," someone might well ask. It is true that a week with two Sundays—one for playing golf, one for going to church—holds certain moral advantages. But it also has obvious disadvantages. What wife wants to cook two Sunday dinners a week? Who has the endurance to watch those Sunday night television shows twice in seven days?

It is even easier to wash out the argument for a week with two Saturdays. Saturday used to be the get-paid-have-a-haircut-take-a-bath-and-spend-a-night-out-on-the-town-day. But that was a generation ago.

For Dull Projects

Now Friday is the glamor day of the week, and Saturday is just a kind of mud-it-recover-get-well-and-take-the-leaves-day which nobody really quite knows what to do with. It is for all those dull little projects you can't get done during the rest of the week.

The ghost walks on Friday now, and it is the day he gets paid that gives the working man his greatest lift. It is then that he likes to blow his gasket, climb on Cloud No. 9, and sail serenely above his usual woes.

Double mankind's Fridays and you double mankind's cheer. Double a man's paydays and he will have twice as much fun. He will even willingly pay enough taxes to support his government in the style to which it wants to become accustomed. And, as everybody knows, a happy government makes for happier people.

Naturally, the question arises, "If we put two Fridays in the calendar, what day of the week shall we drop?"

The unanimous answer of course, is "Monday." Monday is the day without a friend, because nobody feels friendly on Monday, wants to be a friend on Monday, or listen to a friend on Monday. It is the day when men are most at war with themselves, their duties, and the whole human race. It is the day when most men would prefer to be a tree.

Anyone who can abolish dreary Monday and replace it with a second ecstatic Friday will do more than merely reform the calendar. He will turn the earth into a new Eden.

He will also make Tuesday awfully unpopular.

Eugene Leads Oregon In Fire Prevention

BOSTON (AP)—Eugene led all Oregon cities in the annual competition of the National Fire Protection Assn. for the best 1957 fire prevention programs.

The results were announced Thursday by the association, an organization made up of representatives of business, industry, fire departments and governmental agencies throughout the country.

Following Eugene in the Oregon ranking were North Bend, second, and Baker, third.

In other western states the winners were: California, Merced, Escondido and Hayward; Idaho, Boise; Washington, Richland, Spokane and Walla Walla.

Phoenix won the national municipal award for the United States and Ottawa for Canada.

\$880,000 Will Be Made Available For Spraying

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Forest Service will make \$880,000 available this year for the emergency spruce budworm spraying program, Rep. Norblad (R-Ore.) said Thursday.

Norblad said the Forest Service will release the money Friday.

The spruce budworm has infested trees in some areas of Oregon and part of the spraying program is scheduled for the state.

Portland Is Declared Labor Surplus Area

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Labor Department this week designated Portland, Ore., as a "substantial labor surplus" area. The designation gives industries in the city preferential consideration in awarding government contracts over non-surplus areas.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

(Written for NEA Service)

Various kinds of influenza have caused a great deal of suffering in recent months. In some areas the diseases have reached epidemic proportions. Public gatherings have been curtailed. Schools have been closed. Hospitals have been filled.

At its worst the suffering and death did not reach the proportions of previous scourges of disease. We now have vaccines, antibiotics and other scientific controls for germs which we did not have in years gone by. What is more, we are using the knowledge we have in order to minimize physical suffering.

We also have the means to control spiritual suffering. We have made great progress in recognizing God and His power. We need to use the redemptive knowledge which we have in order to save mankind from sin and spiritual destruction. Relief from flu and physical suffering is not enough in making the world better.

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tions since then, not to mention countless spells of shaking and rumbling and lava spitting.

The ruggedest of these occurred in 1669, when she staged a violent eruption accompanied by an earthquake. Some 20,000 persons were killed in this disturbance.

Her's a thought—

The region around the slopes of Mount Etna is the most thickly populated area of Sicily. Sicily is the big island that lies just off the toe of the Italian boot. It is in one of the oldest areas of the historically known world.

In spite of all Mount Etna's shenanigans down through the centuries, the area around her base is still heavily populated.

Moral:

People don't scare too easily. That's worth remembering in these days when too many people are peddling gloom and doom.

France Assured Of Assistance

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Times said Thursday that France has been assured by the United States that she can count on free world aid in solving her economic problems.

The total will be close to \$600 million dollars, a Washington dispatch to the newspaper added.

The New York Herald Tribune had a similar story from its Washington bureau.

The Times story said in part: The credits to be assembled for the French have not been documented.

But, according to information available Wednesday night, it appeared that 130 million dollars will

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