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FUTURE IS THREATENED

By George Castillo

Monday was a hot, sultry day. The county courthouse was stifling. It was just the kind of weather for smoldering tempers. To fray tempers even more, pressure was mounting for reappraisal of budget items before the budget adoption after the July 2 public hearing.

Difficulties started in the afternoon as Leo Butts, representing the Oregon Public Employees' Council, urged a wage increase for Road Department employees. It was opposed.

But that was only a preliminary to the main event Monday night over a requested item of much less consequence. Actually, it amounted to \$8,250, less than one-tenth of a mill, but it took on proportions of a principle at the meeting of the Douglas County Water Resources Advisory Committee.

The County Court, representing the Budget Committee, took a stand against the item. The Advisory Committee and many members of the audience were in favor of its inclusion. Unkind and unfair words resulted.

It is too bad the budget committee doesn't see its way clear to allow the amount, but members cannot be personally familiar with every item in the massive budget they consider.

I think the members sincerely feel they are right in not allowing the \$8,000-plus. That difference of opinion and courage to stand by it is commendable. It needn't, however, have reached such proportions of public expression of disdain on the part of the spokesman for the court and budget committee, Judge V. T. Jackson.

Convictions Are Strong

He must certainly have realized that the convictions of the Water Resources Advisory Committee were equally as strong as his. They are honest citizens who, without pay, have devoted their efforts unflinchingly to making this a better county in which to live. They are dedicated, and dedicated people will fight for a cause.

Perhaps their efforts appear too enthusiastic at times, but it is this kind of enthusiasm which gets things done. It is not something designed to "stir up trouble." This and other statements by the judge were not in good taste, despite the weather.

But there was a more important aspect involved. It was the indication by the judge that the court is prone to scrap the Advisory Committee and the county Water Resources Survey office if the Bureau of Reclamation or the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers do not return favorable feasibility reports on dams in the next year.

This attitude could spell a waning of interest by these very agencies which might pave the way to improvement of the county's water resource. And disbanding the two groups would probably spell doom for future help from governmental agencies.

Aside from this point, the court appears prone to disqualify other important functions the committee and survey can and do perform. One of the first is the flood warning network by which county dwellers are apprised of impending floods. As the judge says, one of the reasons for great flood damage in recent years is that people have built houses on the flood plains. But this is now an established fact. It's too late to change that. It doesn't, however, mean their plight should be ignored.

Economy Will Benefit

Another function being performed is that of making information on the water resource readily available to companies who may want to set up plants here. This was evidenced in the surveys of International Paper Co. and Sandwell and Co. on potential for a pulp and paper plant.

C. Dean Smith, city manager at Sutherlin, discussed still another important function of the two water resources agencies. They can give towns like Sutherlin help in solving its water problems where no other agencies are equipped.

This is not the end of the list, but it gives an idea of many functions performed which are vital to an orderly county future.

True, the most dramatic aim is to secure impoundments for many purposes, but it is not the only function for which the two agencies exist.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D. D.

(Written for NEA Service)

Few people are involved in serious accidents on trains or planes. They take their happy landings for granted without pausing to think that someone else is praying. Recently a big airliner came into one of the nation's leading airports during a storm. The pilot had to make an instrument landing and the plane missed the runway by a few feet.

As the plane bumped along on the uneven ground an engine caught fire and one whole wing was enveloped in flames. Few passengers were aware of the seriousness of the situation, but at least one passenger prayed for God to perform one of His frequent miracles.

More than 50 people came under God's protective umbrella. Maybe a man-made fire extinguisher did put out the fire. Possibly it was the pilot's ability to gun three engines when one went dead that kept the plane from nosing into the ground. In any case God was at the scene and one prayer helped every passenger whether he knew it or not.

Ordinarily, Walking Is a Healthy Thing . . .



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—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP) — Many lifelong scholars of the great American frozen female face have thought it could be improved.

Their varying approach to the problem probably measures their age and optimism.

Being older and perhaps therefore more cynical, I leaned to the theory that it was better to get along with life than fight it—and I came to accept the great American frozen female face as inevitable.

I came to feel it was natural to shake womanhood by her lifted nose rather than her withheld hand.

American girls! Then I met Sophia Loren. A living bonfire. A lawn surprise. A girl with an unfrozen face, a tall-stemmed girl cursed as she walked away with a rearward muscular schizophrenia, some muscles going clockwise, some counter-clockwise.

A male human heart could only extend sympathy to her in her handicap.

Her walk, though, had a mixture of crudeness and kindness—half-panther, half-gazelle. It was all the art of Italy, ambulant.

Race of Rainbows

She had the presence and security of a nun. Her expression from moment to moment was a race of rainbows.

"I am still young," she said. "Life is always exciting to me. I am never bored."

"I have worked since I was 15. I have worked hard. I have made 26 pictures."

"I don't know what it means to have a holiday. I don't know what I want one. But yes, now that I am married, I want a holiday."

Unlike most American women, whose conduct is ruled strictly from a cerebral level (as every fellow knows), Sophia moves as the amoeba does.

"I never took a lesson in acting," she said. "I am very instinctive."

"If I feel something, I can do it. If I don't feel it, it is very difficult for me."

"But everything is still new to me. It is nice when you can learn something new every day. I have just started life. I haven't lived yet."

Crusts of Familiarity As she talked Sophia ripped fragments of bread with long slender fingers and stoked herself with them, these crusts of familiarity in the hour with the stranger.

"I eat everything and anything," she said. "But the only American food I like is cottage cheese and fruit salad."

"I don't like to eat when I work, however, because I like to fall asleep afterward."

Sophia, who is rehearsing for her next film, "That Kind of Woman," brings to each new role a sense of personal adventure. The only thing she admits to hating in her life is "to be an amateur."

"Nothing bores me. Acting is an excitement to me. I want to do more, not because of ambition, but because it is a pleasure to me—a release."

Her honey-warm eyes widened. There was this sudden indefinite feeling, the eternal tug of awe and surrender that a man feels in facing a leopard, a leopard suddenly intellectual and without claws.

There is something vital and alive and warm and human and near about the face of Sophia Loren.

And there is only one difference between it and the great set frozen American female face you can see every day on any street. One looks alive.

T33 Jet Trainer Lands On "Greased" Runway

SPOKANE (AP) — A T33 jet training plane, its landing gear broken, came down safely on empty wing tanks Wednesday at Geiger Air Force Base after ground crews "greased down" the runway with a layer of foam.

Lt. Daniel P. Warwick of Portland, the pilot, and his passenger, Lt. Robert Ottaviano, a passenger, escaped injury.

Crash crews were summoned after Warwick radioed that he couldn't get the landing gear down. The foam was laid out over the runway and the plane skidded to a stop.

Lt. Col. Sam Ward Jr., acting base commander, said the empty wing tanks acted as pontoons and cushioned the shock of the landing. The jet was not badly damaged.

The proposed women's prison, he said, should be used both by women sentenced for minor crimes as well as for major crimes.

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hind his national recovery loan. The government discloses that Frenchmen gave up 11 million dollars worth of hidden gold when 3 1/2 per cent French government bonds went on sale for gold. French Finance Minister Antoine Pinay says:

"If the gold subscription keeps coming in at this rate, we will have to enlarge the vaults of the Bank of France."

That, also, calls for a little explaining. Since (practically speaking) the time of the memory of man runneth not to the contrary thereof, the French have had little confidence in their government. So, instead of buying government bonds, they have BOUGHT GOLD and buried it in the back yard, or hidden it in the mattress, or stashed it away in holes dug in their basements.

Private ownership of gold has long been illegal in France, but all French governments have known that if they started jailing Frenchmen for hoarding gold there would be another Reign of Terror.

If the French are digging up their gold and buying French bonds with it, it's a sure sign they have confidence in De Gaulle.

Frivolous note in closing: You've heard of the mythical Perfect Salesman who was so good he could sell refrigerators to Eskimos.

Well, he's been found. Mr. C. J. Gibbs, president of an electric appliance manufacturing company in Greenville, Michigan, reports that one of his salesmen has actually sold an electric refrigerator to an Eskimo family near Churchill, Alaska.

FIVE SENTENCED VIENNA (AP) — A communist court in Sofia has sentenced five Bulgarians to prison terms of one to 15 years for alleged espionage for American and Turkish intelligence services. Sofia Radio said the defendants were "criminal and depraved elements."

It charged two were trained as spies in Istanbul.

Ex-Gov. Smith Says Adams Should Have Leaned Over Backwards In Taking Gifts

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — Getting gifts—most of them rather useless—is a common experience for governors. Elmo Smith, Republican ex-governor of Oregon, said Wednesday.

Commenting on disclosure that Bernard Goldfine, friend of presidential assistant Sherman Adams had given gifts to governors as well as to Adams, Smith said most gift-giving was in hope of getting publicity for a product or a firm.

He said he saw no hint of corruption in this type of giving and added he never was asked for favors as a result of gifts.

But, he said, Adams can't expect people to be so naive as to believe that when a man in his position called a government official it meant no more than if some Joe Doakes called.

Should Avoid Influence

Because of Adams' position it was imperative, he said, that Adams "lean way over backward" to avoid a hint of influence.

Now, he said, "I think Adams should get out." In the mind of the public Adams is going to be a liability from now on. As a matter of judgment (which he

did) is completely inexcusable. But he said, he thought he would not favor a Republican move to censure Adams. That, he said, was a task that should fall to President Eisenhower.

Returning to the gifts received by governors, Smith said most came during the conference of governors and "we figured they were just a gesture from their state and their industry."

He said he got a sunlamp, which he did not need, from a New Jersey manufacturer; a modern version of a gasoline lantern; cosmetics; great numbers of hats which rarely were the right size, and various food items.

He got such things as turkeys, he said, from turkey growers who sought to publicize their industry. Smith said the governor would pose for a picture with the giver and was happy in that way to help the industry.

Among gifts of sentiment, he said, was an autographed bone from the Grants Pass Cavenem.

Most gifts, he said, could be prized only by those people who like gadgets—and have a place to store them.

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House Approves Omnibus Rivers; Harbors Measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House put its okay Wednesday on a compromise bill to authorize future construction of water projects which would cost more than 1 1/2 billion dollars. The vote was 374-17.

The bill is designed to avoid a possible third veto by President Eisenhower. It is almost identical to one passed Tuesday night by the Senate. Sen. Robert Kerr (D-Okla.) said the Senate version is acceptable to the administration. Only five projects are in controversy between the two branches.

Federal costs of the 153 projects listed in the House bill total \$1,555,746,000, compared with the Senate bill of \$1,556,225,600.

The President earlier this year vetoed a measure with a total of \$1,577,379,800. A somewhat similar bill was vetoed by Eisenhower in 1956.

Appropriations of \$19,800,000 for Yaquina Bay and \$1,700,000 for the Siuslaw Harbor projects are contained in the bill.

The Senate passed the bill Tuesday night and Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said that controversial projects in the bill to which the President objected have been eliminated and noted "we have high hopes he will approve the bill in its present form."

Grants Pass Woman Will Head P.E.O. Sisterhood

MEDFORD (AP) — Mrs. E. E. Vehrs, Grants Pass, was elected president of the Oregon state chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood at the Tuesday session of the state convention here.

Other new officers are: Mrs. E. L. Bartholomew, Medford, recording secretary; Mrs. Fletcher Fish, Medford, treasurer; Mrs. Emerson B. Hough, Milton-Freewater, first vice president; Mrs. Kenneth Rauch, Portland, second vice president; Mrs. R. C. Lindberg, Portland, organizer, and Mrs. Joe Longfellow, Corvallis, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Wilfred P. Jones, Portland, was honored at the Tuesday meeting for her activity in the state chapter since 1912. She has been a member of the board of the supreme chapter since 1933.

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