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WHAT'S URBAN RENEWAL?

By George Castillo

A phrase which will become more and more familiar to Douglas County residents in future years is "urban renewal."

At present, only two towns in the county are in a position to show much interest in it, but as the county grows and towns expand in population, it may become a vital phrase.

The two towns most likely to have immediate interest in Douglas County are Roseburg and Reedsport. Roseburg has cast only a passing look, being more interested at the moment in working out a planning program. But Reedsport, squeezed between the Umpqua River and the hills, is taking a studied look at a need for making better use of its land.

The subject of urban renewal has become a subject for consideration by cities of the nation because of a federal program which apparently puts urban renewal in the realm of practicability.

It is designed to promote a self-help program whereby cities can convert the blighted and deteriorated tax-losing sections into new and revenue-producing industrial, commercial or residential districts. On the face of it, it sounds like good business.

Scope Imposing

The scope of the federal program is imposing. It calls for complete elimination of areas in which houses have deteriorated to the point where it is feasible to raze and rebuild rather than to try to improve them.

The program is designed to (1) conserve good housing in cities through the use of codes and ordinances effectively enforced, (2) rehabilitate substandard units by encouraging the owners to remodel in accordance with the building and housing codes of the community and (3) allow demolition of buildings too old, run down or dilapidated to lend themselves to recovery.

When demolition has been completed in an area, it would be replatted in accordance with good city planning and then sold to individual home owners, contractors and developers for reconstruction.

A program of such sweeping scope, is, of course, too much for a city. The cost of buying all the property, for example, in perhaps an eight-square block area of Roseburg would bankrupt the city. The additional costs of razing houses, carrying on studies and replating would make it impossible.

Congress in 1954 recognized both the need and difficulties and authorized a broad program of federal urban planning assistance. It agreed that the government could help pay for financing surveys and planning work necessary, furnish working capital for acquiring land and structures in a blighted or deteriorated district, site clearing and preparation for redevelopment. It also agreed to furnish capital for preparation of the razed areas for sale to private enterprise.

Two Thirds Would Be Paid

The difference between the return received from the sale of the renewed lands and the total cost of carrying out the project would be the project's net cost. The federal government will pay two-thirds of this cost and the city must pay the other third through cash, land, public facilities, demolition or other work contributed to the project operation.

Several towns in Oregon have already launched efforts to take part in the program. Portland and Springfield have received approval for survey funds and have launched the surveys. Eugene has applied for funds for a survey, and Florence and Reedsport are currently whipping up enthusiasm for projects.

Besides making sense in getting the best use from potentially valuable urban land, such projects should give cities a new start on orderly planning, which I feel is necessary to properly handle the great population increases expected in the Northwest.

It will cost less now to prepare for that orderly development than to try to patch on a piecemeal basis when developments have already taken place.

—Bruce Bioassat—

The gravity for the West in the revolt in Iraq, with pro-Nasser elements now brought to the fore, would be hard to overestimate. To begin with, Iraq is part of the Iraq-Jordan Federation and the toppling of its smaller, weaker partner would follow, to compound the damage to the western position.

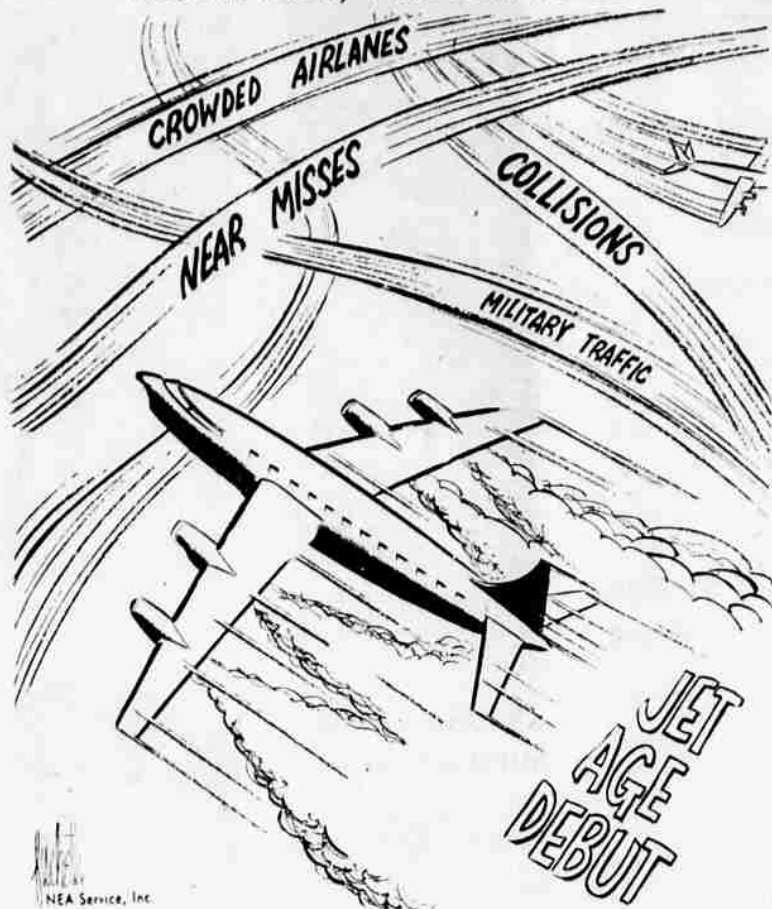
Secondly, Iraq is the one true Arab member of the pro-Western, anti-Communist Baghdad Defense Pact. The current rebellion could cut away this Arab footing and all but destroy the pact, which also embraces Britain, Turkey, Iran and Pakistan.

In so doing it could isolate Turkey, always under Russian menace, and expose the western flank of Iran. No less important it could deal a crippling blow at oil supplies for Western Europe, particularly France. Iraq is the only Middle East country from which France can get oil without going through an intermediary nation.

Altogether, the Middle East holds 75 per cent of the world's known oil reserves. Iraq's reserves are estimated at 12 billion barrels, fourth ranking behind tiny Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iran.

To put Iran's oil within Egyptian President Nasser's grasp would be not only to restrict seriously the West's supplies but to give him oil riches for the first time. The effect could be to shore up the shaky

Into the Really Wild Blue Yonder



—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP) — Man tends to spend more time yearning for what he wants than enjoying what he has.

Did you ever sit and make a catalogue of your personal pleasures, things past or present that have helped make your life add up to more—and you'd hate to be without or never to have known? It's not a bad way to while away a dull hour and you may be pleasantly surprised to find how many things in this world have made your journey through it memorable.

Here's one man's impromptu list:

Cigars, nylon socks and the Notre Dame football team in a vintage year.

Ethel Merman and Bert Lahr singing "Friendship" (The exotic face of Marlene Dietrich never mind her legs!). The crooning of Bing Crosby when the world was younger. Helen Hayes in any play.

The old movies of Charlie Chaplin and W. C. Fields.

And Corn On Cob

Vanilla ice cream, strawberry shortcake, corn on the cob, and the unforgettable taste of a lamb's eyeball at an Arab barbecue in the Algerian desert.

Climbing to the top of the Eiffel Tower in August, 1945, and to the dome of St. Peter's in Rome in 1946, and the Great Pyramid outside Cairo in 1954.

Asking the first girl I ever dated in high school to go sit in the park on the way home from the prom, and her immortal answer.

Sitting on the front porch of the old family home on a summer night long ago, listening to my father explain the mysteries of life, politics, baseball, and why women are so unpredictable.

The frightened expression on the first German non-com I saw captured in Tunisia, who was

And what's on your list?

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D. D. (Written for NEA Service)

A paper napkin may not seem like a very durable item in our daily life. However, this humble article serves a very important purpose. In its insignificant way it makes for cleaner living. It protects our clothing from accidental little spots. It cleans a sticky bit of food from our lips and from our fingers. It blots the drops of coffee which have spilled into the saucer.

Many of us overlook the significance of little benefits. We forget that a little word of appreciation may set in motion a long chain of thoughts, attitudes and events. This set of reactions once started may create a whole community of love. Overlooked, it may permit the opposite.

Jesus' little command, "Love thy neighbor," ought to be observed. It is more important than a paper napkin, yet we often give it no more thought than we give to the commonplace.

Termites can do a lot of damage before they are discovered. They devour the wooden foundations of a house without any outward signs of their being at work. These insects always work in the dark chewing away the very heart of solid timber. They cannot live and work in the open with the light of day shining on them.

Some of our hidden sins are very much like these destructive ants. Certain habits of weakness work at the center of our lives. They weaken our spiritual and moral foundations in secrecy. We often are so used to their hidden presence that we forget that they exist within us.

We must dig into our hearts and souls. If there is any tell-tale dust into the light of day. They cannot live under the light of God.

SENATOR'S NEW AIDE
WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore) has a new administrative assistant, Lloyd Tupling, formerly his press secretary.

Tupling replaces John G. Jones, who said he will go into the public relations business here.

ON STANDBY BASIS
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U. S. Gasoline, Oil Prices Upped By Mid East Brawl; Used Auto Sales Also Spurt

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP) — The brief early summer lull in the rise of the cost of living is being upset today by storm clouds building up in the Middle East.

Pressure for higher prices was rising even before Western troops moved into Asia Minor and the Russian Bear began to growl more loudly.

But the Middle East developments are acting like a booster shot. Tending toward the high road: Gasoline, tires, used cars, commuter fares, metals, wool, sugar and rubber.

Part of this is because speculators moved into the commodity futures markets, particularly in London, and ignoring the over supply of most materials bid up the prices of metals and grains.

Part of the upward price pressure is due to sober judgment of businessmen that sources of some raw materials might be shut off and distribution of others disturbed.

And this belief could lead many purchasing agents to take a second look at their inventory policies. For months stocks were being piled up. Any change toward building them up again could have a quick impact on prices.

Gasoline, Oil Lead Way

Some consumer prices already were on the rise. Example: Gasoline prices were beginning to ebb. Prices of gasoline were firming in many sectors. The threat of disruption of the oil from the Middle East with the implied strain, however temporary, on Western supplies, firming the minds of oil executives. And last week wholesale gas prices became commonplace. Talk that fuel oil prices would be next was wide spread.

Revised was the memory of the price rise in domestic crude oil that followed the closing of the Suez Canal and the spurt in Western Europe's need for our oil.

Domestic producers have moved quickly this time to reassure Americans of the adequacy of supplies here — although saying nothing of any possibility of a price rise.

They point out that domestic crude oil output now is about 6½ million barrels a day, while producing capacity is 9½ million barrels, and that at the March, 1957, peak of the Suez crisis, production

Fighters Rushed To Fires By Use Of Helicopters

OLYMPIA (AP) — An airlift was used by firefighters to the front in a battle against a forest fire 10 miles northwest of Cle Elum, the State Department of Natural Resources reported Monday.

It was one of two major fires on state protected lands that were in the final mop up stages Monday.

The larger of the fires had blackened 1,800 acres 23 miles northwest of Yakima. Foresters said it probably was started from a lighted cigarette.

The airlift involved use of a helicopter against the lightning-caused blaze northwest of Cle Elum.

Making a round trip every 15 minutes with two firefighters each trip, the helicopter lifted 40 men to the fire lines in rugged terrain at the 5,000 foot level of Yellow Hill.

The helicopter also took in 300 pounds of food.

The Department of Natural Resources said the quick action enabled the firefighters to keep the blaze down to 50 acres.

Meanwhile 31 new fires, all small in size, broke out over the weekend in a number of areas on state protected land. The total loss was 31.1 acres.

Western Farm Income Rising, Govt. Reports

By JOHN KAMPS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farm income in 10 of the 11 Western states is reported up in the first five months of this year over that for the January-May period of 1957.

The Department of Agriculture reports the five-month totals for the 11 states were \$1,921,274,000 and \$1,713,862,000.

Only decrease reported was in Utah.

The report indicated the trend in the West followed that of the nation as a whole.

A breakdown on farm income in the 11 Western states showing January-May, 1958, totals, with comparable 1957 figures in parentheses, plus totals for livestock and livestock products and crops and the comparable 1957 totals includes:

Washington — Total \$176,856,000 (\$142,381,000); livestock \$88,818,000 (\$82,035,000); crops \$91,038,000 (\$60,346,000).

Oregon — Total \$112,449,000 (\$101,533,000); livestock \$66,876,000 (\$60,083,000); crops \$45,573,000 (\$41,450,000).

Oregon Has Sharp Rise In Building Permits

SEATTLE (AP) — Led by a sharp increase in Oregon, building permits in the five Western states totaled \$1,297,705,021 for the first six months of the year, up 62½ million from last year, the trade magazine Pacific Architect and Builder reported Saturday.

Permit figures for this year and last were listed as:

Oregon, \$3,905,435 and \$59,801,247; Washington, \$150,442,536 and \$135,772,981; Idaho, \$12,616,408 and \$11,485,279; California, \$1,029,100,875 and \$1,014,674,729; Montana, \$11,809,757 and \$13,381,720.

Bill For Indian Land Sales Gets House Group OK

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Interior Committee Monday approved a bill to authorize sale of Klamath Indian Reservation timber to private industry and the government.

The bill would authorize sale to private industry of sufficient timber to pay to Indians withdrawing from the Oregon tribe when federal supervision over its affairs ends their share of tribal assets.

Whatever of this amount is not bought by private industry would be bought by the federal government for inclusion in the national forest. The bill would authorize an appropriation of up to 90 million dollars to finance the federal purchase.

Time Set Back

The bill includes language to permit sale of timber on the fringe areas of the reservation without regard to a provision which would prohibit sale of the principal timber stand prior to 1959. The committee also voted to authorize sales to begin as of April 1, 1959, instead of July 1, 1959, as originally provided.

Both amendments were offered by Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore), the bill's sponsor, in order to meet requests of lumber mills in the Klamath Falls, Ore., area which feared the restriction would leave them access to insufficient timber to continue operations.

In addition to these fringe areas, Ullman said, the bill would leave open for possible sales the estimated 33 million board feet of timber on portions of the reservation which will be retained by Indians maintaining their tribal entity.

A similar bill previously passed the Senate.

Russia Repeats One-Sided Offer For Peace Pact

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union Monday made public its latest proposals for a nonaggression treaty between the North Atlantic Alliance and the Soviet bloc's Warsaw Pact group. Basically there was little new.

The recommendations included reduction of foreign troops in Germany, a nuclear-free zone in central Europe and aerial surveys in central Europe to prevent surprise attacks. The new version of the proposal was contained in notes delivered to the big-power Western ambassadors in Moscow last Tuesday.

The Soviets proposed all foreign troops in Germany be cut one-third, or "another agreed fraction." The nuclear-free zone would cover the immediate vicinity of the dividing line of military groupings in Europe. Keeping out atomic weapons would depend only on the promises of those who signed the treaty.

Inspection and control would cover only forces massing for surprise attacks. "The Soviet government favors the idea of aerial surveys with an 800-kilometer (500-mile) zone on either side of the demarcation line between the Warsaw Treaty and NATO countries to prevent surprise attack," the note said.

One-Sided Proposal

The West has criticized such an inspection zone before because it includes almost none of the Soviet Union itself.

Other articles in the treaty would provide for East-West economic cooperation, the exchange of raw materials, sharing know-how in the peaceful development of atomic energy and development of contacts in science, technology and culture.

The proposed pact was held out by the Soviet Union as possibly opening prospects for broader disarmament agreements.

Don't Let Soviet Win Tricky Move, Morse Tells U. S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dulles sent an assistant to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Monday to keep members of the Senate in constant touch with critical Middle East developments.

William Macomber, assistant secretary of state in charge of congressional affairs, was assigned to make himself available at all times to senators.

In a Senate speech, William F. Knowland (R-Calif.), Senate Republican leader, said the Free World cannot be limited merely to talk in the Middle East crisis.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore) told his colleagues it is important that the United States not permit Soviet Premier Khrushchev to get away with "the great play" he has been making about a summit conference.

"We have a case for peace that can be defended," Morse said. "We have made some mistakes but our basic principles are right."

Morse said here that the United States should insist that any agreements reached in any summit conference be subject to ratification by the United States before they would become effective.

Radio Station Receives Report Of Plane Crash

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — A Phoenix radio station telephoned the Associated Press Bureau in Beirut, Lebanon, and got a story that an American Navy Cougar jet plane hit a ravine 15 miles east of Beirut Saturday and caught fire. The pilot was reported killed.

The story has not come to the Associated Press through its regular foreign news channels. It presumably has been stopped by military authorities on grounds of security or censorship or both in these channels.

Program director Neil Leavitt of station KFIAT said he was told the plane was on a training flight from the carrier Essex and was flying over friendly territory.

It was the first death of an American reported since the landing of Marines on Tuesday.

LAW FINES LAW

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The law paid an unexpected visit to John Law's party. Police said neighbors complained of too much noise. Law was fined \$50.

Woman Aids Her Dog In Battle With Bobcat

BURNS, Ore. (AP) — Mrs. Gordon McWilliams jumped into the fight between her dog and a bobcat, even though she was unarmed.

After that, she had to win. "It wasn't bravery. I just couldn't do anything else and I couldn't let go," said the woman.

She was walking on her ranch at Diamond, south of here, when her small shepherd dog flushed the cat. The cat had a good hold on the dog when Mrs. McWilliams came charging in with a stick she found.

She wracked away at the cat, and he finally let go. The bobcat dashed away, but the dog chased it into a sough of water. There the cat again got a hold on the dog's throat.

Mrs. McWilliams fell down in the mud, and lost her shoes in the fracas, but she finally got hold of the cat and held him under water until he drowned.

Somehow she emerged without injury. The dog was badly injured, but a veterinarian here said he probably will survive.

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