

Former Roseburg Teacher Gives Impressions Of New Job At Guantanamo Bay

(Donna Clough, a teacher at Roseburg High School last year, took up the task this fall of teaching at Guantanamo Bay in civil war stricken Cuba. Her pupils are children of U. S. government personnel. In a newsletter to The News-Review, she gives her impressions of her first few weeks there.)

By DONNA CLOUGH

Except for the noise of jets, gun salutes from ships in the harbor, an occasional lizard on the wind-down screens, and the race to keep papers from flying away in the flurry of a dozen fans, the problems of an American classroom are much the same in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as in Roseburg, Ore.

Teen-agers drive cars to the Naval Base high school, campaign for student body offices and drink soft drinks at the local "gedunk" (snack bar). Occasionally a school bus is late because the Cuban driver could not get through rebel skirmishes on his way back to the base from his home in nearby Caimanera.

Rebels wage war against the soldiers of Dictator Batista just outside the boundary fences of the U. S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, which lies in the center of revolution-torn Oriente Province in Southern Cuba. Yet, behind the closed gates of the American base, a community of some 11,000 U. S. citizens work and raise families as carefree and secure as the residents of Roseburg.

Naval Base Maintained

Since shortly after the Spanish American War, the U. S. has maintained a naval base at Guantanamo Bay. Under the terms of a treaty-lease agreement with the Republic of Cuba, signed in 1903, the U. S. has followed a strict policy of non-interference with the internal political and economic affairs of Cuba.

Students at the base schools come from all parts of the United States as dependents of military

and civilian personnel stationed at "Gitmo." Some youngsters are part Cuban and chatter Spanish as fluently as English.

A teacher first serving overseas is pleasantly surprised to hear the dutiful military "Yes mam" and "Yes sir" from every student.

The growing William T. Sampson School at Guantanamo Bay has a record enrollment for this year of nearly 1,100 children of which almost 300 are high school students.

Teachers are Civil Service employees, mostly Navy wives, but many are single women who are making a career of overseas teaching with various branches of the service and who have served from Morocco to Okinawa.

Even the sometimes tedious duty of attending PTA meetings can have a touch of color on a foreign base. Rear Admiral R. B. Ellis, tall and stately in tropical whites, welcomed teachers and parents gathered in the open-air assembly hall overlooking the bay at the first PTA meeting for the coming year.

Hurricane Strikes
Hurricane Ella sent families to shelters on Labor Day. Although no serious damage occurred, the torrential rains flooded classroom floors and made it necessary to close school the following day.

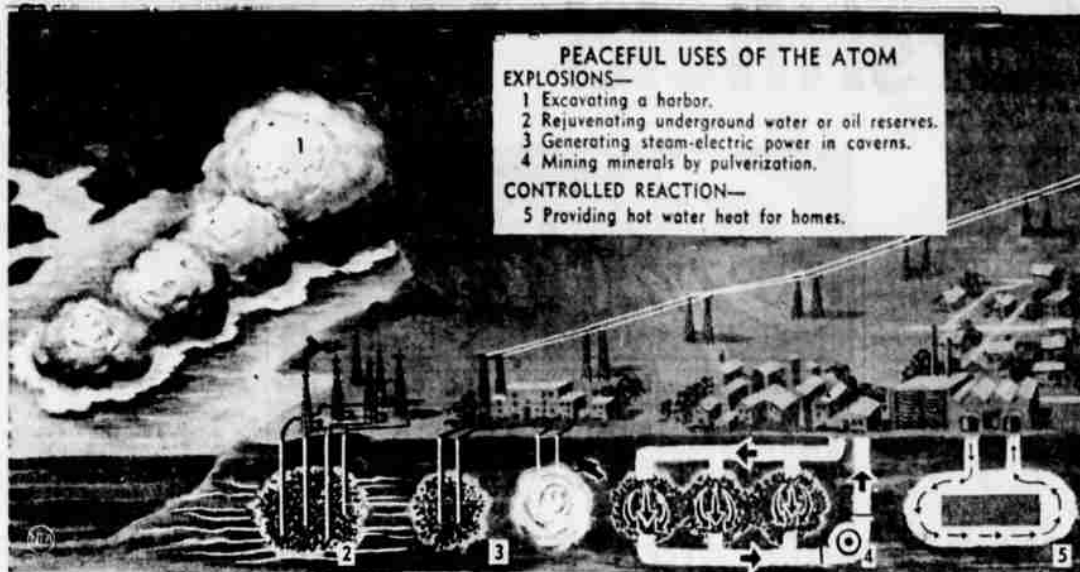
Weekend trips to Haiti and Jamaica on Navy vessels relax the confinement of the base for teachers as well as other personnel. The Navy does not provide air conditioning or deck chairs aboard their ships, but who can complain about free cruises on the Caribbean? A longer voyage to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal is available to teachers over the Christmas vacation.

The aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt is visiting Guantanamo Bay for a six-weeks training operation. FDR officers and crew held open house for two days for residents of the Base. This is a common courtesy of visiting ships, such as carriers and submarines, that are of special interest to civilians.

College Offers Schooling On Installment Plan
GRINNELL, Iowa (AP)—A plan under which parents can pay the college expenses of their children in monthly installments over as long as seven to eight years was announced Thursday by Grinnell College.

Grinnell President Howard Bowen explained the plan. "We are applying to the field of higher education the kind of financial arrangements people are accustomed to using when they invest in homes, automobiles, and other durable goods, or which businessmen use when they invest in new plant and machinery," he said.

Due to rising costs, Bowen said, Grinnell must increase its charges by \$200 in 1959-60. Beginning next year, parents of Grinnell students will be able to select a monthly payment plan which best fits their family budget. Simple interest will be charged at moderate rates, Bowen said.



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Idaho Power Co., Oregon Fish Commission Disagree On Number Of Fish Lost

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Idaho Power Co. and the Oregon Fish Commission disagreed here this week on the number of fish lost when a trap at the company's Oxbow Dam project failed during the fall salmon run.

The commission said in a report to Gov. Robert Holmes that at least 3,400 Chinook salmon perished and 12,400 were trapped and transported upstream, beyond the Brownlee Dam on the Snake River bend near the Oregon-Idaho border.

The Idaho Power Co. said 19,277 fish were trapped and later released before Oct. 23, which compared to 17,426 for the entire 12 months of 1957.

Time Will Tell

The report, prepared by Director Albert M. Day and submitted through Commission Chairman Harold T. Johnson, said, "Only time will give a clue to the total fish loss."

"Every effort was made by dipping, seining and trapping crews to save the salmon, but unfortunately, heavy losses continued. Many are still trapped in the pools which are now being pumped dry."

Regarding the fish trap failure, the report said: "It is a self-evident fact that the entire unfortunate situation arose due to an engineering error."

"Had the ancient cement apron at the outlet of the Oxbow tunnel held up, the difficulty would not have arisen."

The tunnel was cut 50 years ago through mountains that divide the Snake at the narrow point of the bend. It was pressed into service temporarily for the Oxbow construction and the fish trap was installed at the lower end. The fish trap cracked on the side adjacent to the tunnel.

Twice Shut Off Flow

Idaho Power Co. twice shut off the river flow through the tunnel to repair the trap, the report said. It added that the tunnel was restored after the trap was repaired, leaving thousands of fish to perish in drying pools of the main channel.

Day, who made an on-the-spot inspection earlier, estimated 21-

000 fish would have moved upstream if the Oxbow incident developed.

"The run was not lost," Day told a news conference. "If the fish passed above the dam survive to spawn the run will prove to be of the same magnitude as last year, well above the two previous years."

The run is substantially ended, however," he said. "We can only guess at the number that may be confused or delayed and still be netted or pass through the fish trap."

Aluminum Auto No Pipe Dream, Says Producer

SHEFFIELD, Ala. (AP)—An all-aluminum automobile was described this week by a leading aluminum manufacturer as "no pipe dream."

Abram D. Reynolds, vice president of Reynolds Aluminum Sales Co., made the assertion at a press showing of Reynolds and Ford Motor Co. aluminum operations here.

He said the car "would be competitive in cost with current production, weigh 60 per cent less, and set off a chain reaction of improved performance, economy, and beauty not otherwise available."

Reynolds said that during the period of 1955 to 1959 model cars, the average amount of aluminum per passenger car increased from 3 to 57 pounds. He said indications are that aluminum consumption in automotive use will more than triple in the next decade.

In another speech C.H. Patterson, Ford vice president in charge of its power train group, reported much work is being done on an aluminum engine block. He said many problems must yet be overcome.

"Any moving part in the car is subject to consideration for replacement by light metal," Patterson said.

Highway Death Toll Down For First Nine Months

CHICAGO (AP)—The nation's highway death toll for the first nine months of 1958 was six per cent below the same date a year ago, the National Safety Council announced Wednesday.

It was 26,180 for the 1958 period compared to 27,370 for the same part of 1957. The September toll, continuing a 13-month trend, declined slightly, but the smallest amount in nearly a year.

"But certainly no one can cheer too wildly over the one per cent drop in September — especially when we are entering the most dangerous period of the year," the council warned.

The September toll was 3,309 compared with 3,339 for the same month the year before.

The council said of the 664 cities reporting on traffic deaths, 497 had perfect records in September. The only Oregon city reporting a perfect record was Medford.

Portland safety record, with only 1.7 deaths per 10,000 vehicles, ranked second among cities with 350,000-500,000 population.

run-off water in ordinarily parched areas of the earth.
• Or, water pumped into two caverns (3), in which atomic explosions alternate, could be turned into steam to run electricity-producing turbines above the ground.
• Mining with A-bombs is yet another possibility (4). Following the explosions, leaching solution pumped through a deep-lying ore body could extract valuable minerals.
• In the controlled reaction field, a new application has been announced by Sweden (5). Here a reactor is buried safely underground, water circulates around it and is pumped through pipes to provide residential heating. This project is already underway at the city of Vasteras, near Stockholm.



NEW MINE DISASTER—Rescuers carry body from coal mine at Bishop, Va., after an explosion in the mine trapped 22 miners. All the trapped miners perished.

Multnomah County People Can Appeal Tax To State

SALEM (AP)—Multnomah County property taxpayers can appeal their assessments increases directly to the State Tax Commission, Gov. Robert D. Holmes announced here.

He said the commission would have offices set up in Portland by the middle of next week to handle the thousands of expected appeals.

He said he ordered the Tax Commission to move in because the appeals are not being considered at the county level.

Because Multnomah County Assessor Wiley W. Smith failed to send notices about the increased taxes, every taxpayer in the county can appeal.

Holmes said that in some cases, property taxes have been tripled in the county.

Special forms and application blanks are being printed to handle the appeals.

The governor said that people in the county should pay their taxes before Nov. 15 in order to get the 3 per cent discount. Then they should appeal to the Tax Commission for refunds.

MOST FUNDS PLEDGED

PORTLAND (AP)—The Metropolitan Hotel Corp. said here this week all but \$40,000 of the 10 million dollars in debenture bonds for a new Portland Hilton Hotel which was prescribed as the local quota has been pledged.

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Pork, Lamb Take Spotlight In Weekend Grocery Buys

WEEKLY FOOD REVIEW

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pork and lamb take the play away from beef this weekend in the nation's supermarkets and neighborhood grocery stores.

Some stores offer fresh ham, while others put a special price tag on smoked ham. Still others featured smoked, fully cooked ham ready-to-eat. Bacon, pork loin and shoulder cuts also are widely offered this week.

Lamb specials are mostly leg of lamb, although lamb shoulder and a combination of chops and stewing meat, sold together, are marked down in some places. Sirloin steak is the most frequent beef offering, reflecting prices lowered by as much as 20 cents a pound.

Leg of lamb is off 2 to 10 cents a pound in some areas, while pork chops are lower by as much as 16 cents a pound. Fryers mostly are more expensive.

Hog Marketing Climbs

The bargains in pork are expected to be repeated because hog marketing has started their usual fall climb.

With Halloween coming up, pumpkins are both plentiful and cheap.

Other vegetables on the outstanding list are potatoes, yellow onions, cabbage, celery, lettuce, endive, escarole, squash, radishes and green onions.

Good buys include snap beans, broccoli, cauliflower, carrots and western lettuce. Sweet corn is lower than last week, making it a fairly good buy. Cucumbers and sweet potatoes are in the same category. Tomatoes, eggplant and peas are heading upward.

One bit of bad news for the housewife: Flood waters and heavy rain have damaged the forthcoming winter vegetable crop along the lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas, a major winter supply area. Carrots, cabbage, beans, peppers and onions will be affected.

Shipowner Blames Bridges For Ship Traffic Decline

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Roger Lapham, former San Francisco mayor, contended here this week that Harry Bridges "has been a very effective means of driving the American ship off the sea."

"And I ought to know," the retired shipping executive said, "the intercoastal trade is today a dribble and I blame it largely on the tactics of Bridges."

Lapham and the president of the Warehousemen's Union were debating Proposition 13, a California initiative measure that would outlaw the union shop. Both are Republicans, although with decidedly different economic ideas.

Bridges led the successful 1934 and 1936 waterfront strikes in San Francisco and Lapham was his main employer opponent.

During the debate over television station KQED, Bridges said that advocates of Proposition 13 do not really want to strengthen democracy in labor unions because "democratic unions are more militant and it ends up costing the employer something out of his own pocket."

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To The Voters of Douglas County:—

In behalf of the candidacy of Elmer R. Metzger, for the office of County Commissioner, we would like for it to be known, that before Elmer R. Metzger went into the office of County Commissioner in 1951, that our section of the County DID NOT HAVE mail delivery, school bus, power, telephone, or a year round passable county road.

We had spent over 25 years, with five successive County Administrations, to secure these vital improvements, but in that time we were unable to get one commissioner or County Judge on the ground to even investigate our plight. When our situation came before Commissioner Metzger, he quickly brought matters to a focus and in less than two years through his efforts, we had mail delivery, school bus, power, telephone, and a well surfaced County road.

We have made it our business to investigate the character, integrity, ability, experience and qualifications of Elmer R. Metzger, for the office of County Commissioner. From our findings, we would esteem it a privilege and an honor to have such a well equipped citizen represent our community in the office of County Commissioner. We find his character unimpeachable, his integrity unassailable. As an engineer and contractor, (He built the County Court House) he ranks high. As a highway builder, his completion of the \$12 million Smith River highway project, of which he was Committee Chairman, speaks for itself. His executive capacity in the improvements of the roads in the North Umpqua, Little River and Cavitt Creek Valleys resulted in large savings to us, the taxpayers. As a bridge engineer his ability is exceptional. We found him an extremely hard bargainer for the taxpayers in the purchase of County equipment, tools, etc.

We found that he left the office of Commissioner in 1955 because of opposition in behalf of political interests, and the opposition of others inexperienced in contracting, engineering, highway building and purchasing, all matters most vital to the taxpayers of Douglas County. For this, he could not accept responsibility to his fellow citizens and the County taxpayers and was left with no alternative except to leave the office.

We are of the view the County Commissioner of Douglas County should be a non-partisan job separated from politics, and in that office the voting should be for the MAN, not for the label of either political party. It is our view, there is no better equipped citizen in the county for the office of County Commissioner, than Elmer R. Metzger.

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Despite the smear advertising of his Republican opponent in this paper a few days ago, Congressman Charles O. Porter has once again been vindicated in his stand on the possibility of accidents with atomic and hydrogen bombs — this time by one of the nation's most conservative magazines.

NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE

in its November 3 issue — now on the stands — says we can "expect to be reading soon about official warnings that an accidental atomic explosion can happen here." Newsweek says this will mean a major policy change. The magazine quotes a confidential government source as saying the chances for such accidents are going to increase because the average GI and not some specially trained officer is going to be handling them.

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