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ROSEBURG SHOULD HURRY

By George Castillo

Less than a month from now, the state launches its biggest show in history, its 100-year celebration. Perhaps as many as eight million people will visit Oregon. The state will be one of the major showplaces of the nation. People will come to see a show, not only at the Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair in Portland but all over the state.

They will expect to become infected with the centennial spirit by the people who are showing their pride of 100 years of statehood. Many towns of the state are doing everything they can think of to set that climate of the centennial. Roseburg, so far, has not been one of them.

An example of an all-out effort to recapture the theme of the Oregon of 100 years ago is Damascus, a little town of less than 600 people.

The town lifted its face with false fronted buildings and stagecoaches. It even built a "saloon" of the old days. Only soft drinks are sold there.

The effort has already paid off. It is obvious the town has captured the kind of atmosphere people want. A release from the Centennial Commission says 40,000 people have already visited the town.

Others Going All Out
Other towns, many of them with far fewer resources than Roseburg, are also going all out.

Iris Helliwell, chairman of the county Centennial Committee, summed up the situation neatly. She pointed out that Douglas County has taken the lead over all other counties with its building at the centennial grounds. It will serve as a three-dimensional postcard of the lures of the county. But we have to show the visitors something beside the built-in beauties and other attributes when they come to the county. We have to show them we did something special for them because we are proud of our history and want them to share in our pride.

The idea of building an Indian village proposed last week should be a drawing card. Many towns are using the false front idea for stores downtown and many others are working on ideas to stop tourists passing through. They all lend to the centennial spirit.

These ideas have been accepted as projects by a promotions subcommittee of the county Centennial Committee. Work needs to begin on them immediately so the town will be ready for the centennial. A great deal of support is needed from many people.

The base of support has to be broadened. It cannot be just a Chamber of Commerce affair. The chamber has stretched its efforts just about to the limit. It borrowed the money to finance a covered wagon in the On-To-Oregon Cavalcade and is now selling "sisters of the swish" and "brothers of the brush" buttons to pay off the debt. It has laid plans for strong promotions at the centennial building in Portland.

Help Needed Immediately
The centennial subcommittee appears to be the answer in the latest project of "centennializing" the city of Roseburg. It will lead the way, but no doubt businesses, industry, city government, clubs and service organizations will be called on to help. The help should be forthcoming immediately, because time has almost run out.

Provincial pride has set the stage for many wondrous things. It can work miracles again in Roseburg. With its resources and people, Roseburg should be second to none in spreading the centennial spirit.

The thousands of out-of-state visitors who come to Roseburg will remember the town if it gives them something to remember.

Hal Boyle

Newspaper Columnist Tired Of Tired Remarks

NEW YORK (AP)—Remarks a newspaper columnist gets tired of hearing—or overhearing: "Be careful of what you say—or ole 'Big Ears' will have it in the newspapers, the next thing you know."

"You mean that's all you do is write just one piece a day? How in the world do you spend your spare time?"

"I've got a young nephew that doesn't know what to do with himself. How can he go about getting a job like yours?"

"Personally, I don't have much time for reading, but my wife says she likes your column very much. What's it about?"

"Personally, I don't find much time for reading—just the really important things. But my husband says he gets a laugh out of your column. What's it about?"

"If you can't help me get a parking ticket fixed, just what does the power of the press really amount to?"

"Where do you get all your ideas—steal 'em?"

"What's life like on a free pass? Do you guys ever pay your way in to see anything?"

"Well, how's the ole press agents' lifesaver today?"

"It's a really cute idea. We're holding a canary singing contest to introduce a new bird food, and if you'll just agree to serve as a judge you'll find plenty of really cute material."

"What if it is made up? Do you think a thing has to be true to be interesting?"

"I been reading that Khrushchev is sick. How sick is he actually?"

"Don't tell me a guy in your position doesn't get a really good Wall Street tip now and then. How about passing one on, ole palsy walsy?"

"Dear sir: You cur. Why are you always picking on women in your column? Are you mad at your mother? (signed) 'Angry Wife.'"

"Dear sir: You jek! Why do you always give wives the best of it in your column? Are you a man or a mouse in your own house? (signed) 'Old-fashioned Husband.'"

"Sure I know it's a tough job and you could use a raise. But look at it this way. There are at least six guys on the copy desk who are tired of writing headlines—and would love to have your problems—and your working hours."

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A woman office worker in Los Angeles admits she embezzled \$12,000 from her employer over a two-year period, but claims she spent most of the money buying liquor to numb her conscience. She tells the judge she drank herself into unconsciousness nearly every night to drown the memories of her evil deed.

This one's from Texas: There's plenty to shoot with, but nothing to salute with. That's the problem of Lt. Col. James H. Hickerson, officer in charge of the military reception planned for Belgium's King Badouin at Dallas Love Field on Armed Forces Day come May 18.

He has put out an urgent call for 21 blank cannon shells. He explains that military units have plenty of guns for a royal 21-gun salute—but have nothing but lethal ammunition on hand.

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James Marlow

Khrushchev's Prediction Panning Out At Geneva

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Soviets—with help from the West, which let itself get tangled in childlike tabletalk—are turning the foreign ministers meeting into the kind of spectacle predicted by Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

The ministers, he said, would get bogged in details. He wanted first a summit meeting of the "heavyweights." After they had reached agreements, he said, the ministers could get together to stew over the details.

Khrushchev finally consented to a Big Four foreign ministers conference—United States, Soviet Union, Britain, France—because the West insisted. The meeting was to open Monday. So what happened?

Before the ministers could even hold their first session they got snarled in an argument—over the kind of table to use—which for all practical and realistic purposes was strictly kid stuff.

It hardly added, in the eyes of the world, to the dignity and seriousness of the meeting.

The West, allied with West Germany, refuses to recognize the legitimacy of the East German Communist government, which is a Soviet satellite. But the U.S.S.R. wants exactly this kind of Western recognition for the East Germans.

Conference Confused
While all this was being hashed over, the Soviets' Andrei Gromyko got the conference further confused. He demanded both West and East Germany be allowed to take part in the Big Four conference as full participants.

This is exactly what the West didn't want—for East Germany, that is—for fear that Western permission for East Germany to sit in as a full participant might be interpreted as Western recognition for East Germany.

To avoid such an interpretation, the West had been willing for the two Germans to sit in the conference room but with the understanding they would be merely consultants—who couldn't speak unless asked a question.

A compromise was worked out. The two Germans couldn't be full participants, but instead of having to wait to speak until spoken to, both could ask permission to be heard on any subject.

So the first brief meeting of the Big Four was held and finished. Then Gromyko messed things up for the second meeting. This time he demanded that the Soviet satellites, Poland and Czechoslovakia be allowed to take part as full participants.

Meeting Breaks Up
The West objected. So the second meeting, Tuesday, broke up. It, too, was brief.

None of Gromyko's demands—that the two Germans, plus Poland and Czechoslovakia take full part in the Big Four conference—should have caused any surprise.

Last March, when the Soviet Union agreed to a Big Four meeting, he demanded the full participation for the two Germans and Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The reason Gromyko was able to snarl up the meeting now with this demand for those countries was that the Big Four foreign ministers hadn't worked out details before they met. They are tangled in the details now.

But the way Gromyko handled all this can be interpreted as a form of Soviet contempt for the whole idea of a foreign ministers meeting.

He could have made all his demands at one time on the first day. Instead, he stretched them out, delaying by that much any effort by the Big Four to get down to the business which brought them to Geneva, the discussion of Germany.

Reader Opinions

Banquet Record Held At County Fairgrounds

To The Editor—There has been some fuss made here recently concerning the largest number of people served at any one banquet in Roseburg. The "record," if such is necessary or fitting is not 307 served at a downtown location, but approximately 1,400 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. This latter number was served at a church convention a few years ago.

It seems inappropriate to boast of the quantity that we can serve. We should take steps to insure that regarding the quality served, the quality of the service they receive is the very best. Only in this way can Roseburg gain the reputation of being a good convention city.

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Peter Edson

World's Split Personality Reflected On News Wire

WASHINGTON (NEA)—News today goes to two extremes. It takes a discerning reader not to be confused or misled by what he finds in his favorite newspaper.

There is bad news from many parts of the world. The significant point is that most of it is of Communist making.

In far-off Tibet, Chinese Communists overthrow the Dalai Lama, kill and imprison unknown thousands in a ruthless display of force to crush opposition to Peiping's aggression.

In Malaysia, the young governor accuses the Chinese Reds of a plot to take over their country.

In Iraq, the Communists appear to have seized much power in Premier Abdul Karim Kassem's revolutionary government, subverting it to Moscow direction against the Arabs.

And in East Germany, the Russians themselves, acting directly, threaten to drive American, British and French forces out of Berlin to push the iron curtain west.

THE NUMBER ONE job of the world's statesmen today is to find some way to curb the growing material power of the Communist countries, or to direct it into peaceful channels.

For the possibility of war breaking out in any one of the above-mentioned countries or in other areas like Formosa, Korea or Viet Nam—by accident if not by design—is something real and frightening.

Couple this with the still uncertain news on the rate of strontium 90 fallout from nuclear weapons testing—it's enough to make stout-hearted men say, "Oh! What's the use!"

BUT FORTUNATELY, there is no mass movement of people streaming into the night, leaving home and family for a final fling before it's all over.

One reason may be that there's another side of the news these days. It makes any kind of escapism seem foolish.

For the word from scientists and others who are trying to do something useful in this world is all to the good.

On a hundred or more laboratory fronts researchers probe cause and cure for the killer cancer.

Progressive research to improve polio vaccines and develop "four-in-one" shots offer the prospect of healthier generations to come.

In a completely different field, the second voyage of the atomic submarine Skate under the polar ice cap is something more than discovery of another site from which to wage missile warfare.

It is another chapter in man's exploration of this earth, to learn

National Wildlife Federation Opposes Several Dam Projects On Columbia River

WASHINGTON (AP)—Opposition to several dam projects on the Columbia River system because of danger to fish spawning grounds has been voiced here by an official of the National Wildlife Federation.

Charles H. Callison, conservation director for the federation, outlined the group's views regarding a number of Northwest water projects before a Senate appropriations subcommittee hearing. He urged appropriations for several projects.

He opposed a high Nez Perce Dam, saying it would wipe out major runs on the Salmon River, an urged deletion of a proposed \$800,000 appropriation to finance engineering studies for Monumental Dam on the Snake River in Washington.

He said Monumental Dam would impede the movement of Chinook salmon and steelhead trout to spawning waters. Callison said fish cannot pass high structures.

"We cannot risk further obstruction of any of these rivers by the proposed dams at Bruce Eddy, Penny Cliffs, Nez Perce, High Mountain Sheep below the Imnaha River, Wenaha, Asotin, Lower Canyon, Freedom Creech or by other projects," he said.

Projects Opposed
Listed by Callison as projects opposed by the federation and most local and regional conservation groups were Bruce Eddy and Penny Cliffs in Idaho; Mountain Sheep on the Idaho-Oregon border, if built below the mouth of Imnaha without adequate fish passage facilities; Wenaha Dam, Oregon, and Long Meadows, Kootenai and Ninemile Prairie Dam in Montana.

Other dams, Callison said, would "comparatively speaking" inflict minor losses on wildlife and recreation resources while satisfying requirements and hydroelectric power production needs by the Northwest. Those projects included:

Libby Dam, Montana; Paradise or Knowles Dam, Montana; High Pleasant Valley Dam, Idaho and Oregon; Garden Valley-Scraper Creek, Idaho; Enaville Dam, Idaho; Gate Creek Dam, Oregon, and Strubbe re-regulating reservoir, Oregon.

He said dams with large flood control storage capacities like Libby, Paradise, High Pleasant Valley or Mountain Sheep—if built above the mouth of the Imnaha in Idaho and Oregon—are considered the best alternatives to the opposed projects.

Bumping Lake OK'd
Callison endorsed the Bumping Lake project in Washington and requested \$450,000 to finance an Army Engineer research program to "help resolve the problems of perpetuating the sport and commercial fisheries" in the Colum-

bia River Basin. He also approved the \$250,000 budgeted for river basin studies by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Alex Radin, general manager of the American Public Power Assn., also testified and differed with Callison on several projects.

Radin supported the budgeted \$800,000 to complete the planning for Monumental Dam and urged an appropriation of an additional \$1,700,000 for start of construction.

Radin urged an increase of \$5 million dollars in the budget—recommended amount of \$9 million for John Day lock and dam in Washington and Oregon.

Other budget—recommended funds for which Radin sought approval were for Ice Harbor lock and dam, Washington; Hills Creek Reservoir, Oregon; the Lower Columbia fish sanctuary program; The Dalles lock and dam, Washington and Oregon; Chief Joseph Dam, Washington; Cougar Reservoir, Oregon, and planning funds for Bruce Eddy.

Funds Recommended
Planning funds not in the budget but recommended by Radin included: Little Goose Dam, Washington, \$500,000; Lower Granite Dam, Washington, \$250,000, and Rampart Dam, Alaska, \$100,000.

Radin also supported the budgeted amounts for Bonneville Power Administration and asked that funds be provided for a study of a transmission line to connect the Bonneville Power System with the Central Valley project in California and to begin work on generating facilities at the Trinity River Division of Central Valley.

Radin's testimony on Pacific Northwest projects was supported by Ken Billington, executive secretary of the Washington Public Utility Districts Assn., Seattle.

Bruce Blossat

Inflation Vigil Advised

You have watched inflation corrode the dollar in your pocket year after year.

Now and then the eating away process tapers off or even stops. In recent months it's been like that. But today the threat of a new inflation binge is over you.

New big union wage contracts have to be talked out and agreed upon in the days ahead. If higher wages are the result, and they are followed as so often before by price boosts, then the corrosion will begin again.

There's more. If the federal government, deep in the red this year, should run a sizable deficit next year, big borrowing will be needed. That will add to the money supply, and hence to the inflationary pressures.

ALMOST EVERYBODY recognizes the painful pointlessness of the wage-price spiral. Samuel Lubell's newest research for United Features indicate that most steel workers don't want another pay raise for that very reason.

Most of us realize, too, that our pocketbooks are going to get thinner if government steadily spends more than it takes in.

We understand that a big country can't be run by a small government. You can't power a tractor-trailer with a bicycle motor. We're aware also that as we grow, our needs will go on multiplying.

BUT BIGNESS is not and never was an excuse for inefficient, wasteful, duplicating, unnecessary spending of your money. You have a right to demand that every dollar be well spent and fully accounted for, and to ask that the unneeded dollar be left in your pocket.

Because essential spending today is so immense, it becomes daily more urgent that the executive agencies of government and the watchdogs in and out of Congress carve from the budget every last unessential penny.

If you don't think this job is being done as well as it should, use your citizen's privilege and make your voice heard. You can clip out this editorial, and send it to your senators or your representatives, or copies to all three, at their Washington offices.

Maybe with some sharp prodding from you, our watchdogs will do more than bark at shadows. Maybe we'll get the sound, sensible, sizable savings we're entitled to have in this continuing battle with inflation.

Alaska Banker Elected NW Trade Assn. Leader

SEATTLE (AP)—E. J. Rusing, Fairbanks banker, was named president of the Pacific Northwest Trade Assn. at a directors' meeting here.

Fairbanks was picked as the site of the fall conference, Sept. 3-5. Other new officers chosen included: E. M. Gunderson, Vancouver, B. C., senior vice president, and Reg T. Elmer, also Vancouver, associate vice president; and regional vice presidents, Kenneth Sheppard, Anchorage; J. S. Shakespeare, Vancouver, B. C.; Norman L. Krey, Spokane; G. M. Henderson, Portland; and N. Henry Gellert, Seattle.

California Governor Denies Veep Candidacy

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Gov. Edmund G. Brown here rejected talk that he might be a candidate for the Democratic vice presidential nomination next year.

"I am not considering anything but a four-year term in Sacramento," he told his news conference.

A news story from Washington Monday said California's new governor is beginning to get some close attention for the second spot on the Democratic ticket.

The Cartoonist Says:

The Cruel Sea



President Requests Pan-American Bank

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower has asked Congress to approve U.S. participation in establishment of an inter-American development bank.

For the United States to join, Eisenhower said, will be a most significant step in the history of economic relations with our Latin-American neighbors.

Establishment of the billion-dollar bank was recommended by representatives of the 21 American republics after a three-month conference here starting last Jan. 8. The participating nations would provide the capital.

The United States would invest \$50 million dollars. The Latin-American republics would put up the rest.

The President said he is strongly of the opinion the United States should support creation of the bank because of this country's special relationship with Latin America, and because of "the pressing economic and social problems in the area."

Building Costs Seen For PGE

SALEM (AP)—Portland General Electric Co., seeking an annual rate increase of 13.4 per cent, said here its construction costs in the next five years would total \$18,735,000 a year.

The testimony was given at the second day of a hearing before Public Utilities Commissioner Joseph Hill. The company is asking an increase of \$5,190,000 a year.

The company submitted exhibits to show that its proposed construction costs would cover high-voltage lines, distribution systems, substations and generating plants.

The company said that if it received the proposed increase, its 1959 earnings per share would be \$1.96. It would climb to \$2.34 in 1960, and to \$2.41 in 1961.

It said its earnings were \$1.74 in the 12 months ended last March 31.

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