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DOUGLAS LEADS THE WAY

By Charles V. Stanton

Memorial Day it was my happy privilege to be permitted to join in the dedication of another of Douglas County's fine parks.

Established by order of the county court in 1950, the Douglas County Park Department reports it now has 37 parks.

There wasn't much need for parks when the county first entered into acquisition of recreational land. But there was an expectation—which since has been realized—that the county would undergo rapid development and that it should be securing park sites in advance of need.

For the first few years the county was interested chiefly in obtaining properties. The principal development activity was creation of Salmon Harbor, the Pacific Coast's unique fishery at Winchester Bay, the mouth of the Umpqua.

But in late years the county's population has begun to need improved picnic and playground spots. Consequently acquisition is being coupled with development.

A very fine park-playground, a memorial to former County School Superintendent and Mrs. O. C. Brown, was the last to be opened for public use. Others are in the course of building, including the one park of which I am "button bustin' proud," the park at Canyonville. I haven't words to express my gratitude to the park department and the county court for the honor conferred upon me by giving the park my name.

Examples Furnished

But while, of course, I am particularly happy about the park at Canyonville, I'm proud of the whole park program in Douglas County. It is my opinion that Douglas County has led the way in a "grass roots" program that will grow, and keep on growing, in the years ahead.

Many of the counties of Oregon have followed the example set in Douglas County, using our own plan as a pattern.

One reason for pride is that we're doing the job ourselves. We aren't going to Washington with tin cups, asking for alms from the Great White Father. Instead we're making it pay. Improved assessed valuations in and around the recreational areas will bring in considerably more tax revenue, in time, than the parks are costing us.

Another project that in my opinion stems from Douglas County's independent start in the acquisition and development of parks is CORDA. That name stands for Call-Ore Recreational Development Association.

CORDA embraces counties of southern Oregon and northern California. It takes in the mythical State of Jefferson. In the area is to be found the finest recreational resource of the entire Pacific Coast. Yet much of this resource is so far undeveloped.

The association has been formed to coordinate recreational development programs of federal, state and local agencies. Half the land in the area is controlled by the federal government. But on this public domain is to be found 80 per cent of the best recreational acreage.

Tourist Trade Promoted

The association also is formed to develop tourist trade through various advertising and promotion methods.

During the past year it has developed its management organization, secured office equipment and has made a very exhaustive survey of resources, accompanied by a tentative plan of development. This study proposes expenditures of around \$3 1/2-million over a three-year period. It names sites believed deserving of first priority.

It commends federal agencies for such recreational work as has been done, and also endorses plans for future recreational development on federal lands. But it points out, too, that federal development of recreational potential in the area is lagging from 10 to 20 years behind need.

Douglas County can be proud of the fact, I believe, that the man chosen to serve as executive vice-president of CORDA—the man who is doing the detail work—is Charles S. (Chuck) Collins, for many years supervisor of our Douglas County Park Department. And one of the prime movers, a vice-president responsible for much of the policy and planning, is Elmer R. Metzger, a Douglas County commissioner.

CORDA is supported by modest appropriations from each of the participating counties, coupled with contributions from various corporations, banks, industries and individuals.

It is my opinion that the association is one of the most vital organizations in either of the two states. Given cooperation from the several counties, contributing industries and business, and with the help of all individuals, it should become one of the very important and beneficial activities of the area.

And we can feel much pride in the fact that Douglas County led the way.

Red China Refugee Sees Chance For Early Revolt

CHICAGO (UPI)—The head of the first family of Red China refugees to be admitted to the U.S. under President Kennedy's emergency program said recently the chances are "very good" for a major revolt of Chinese against communism "in the near future."

Eng Se-Suey, 45, who arrived yesterday with his wife and three children from Hong Kong, also told a news conference that the Nationalist Chinese government is "not doing enough" to resettle Red China refugees on Formosa.

He said mainland Chinese could launch their revolt against the Reds without outside aid but "it would be better" if it were supported by a nationalist Chinese invasion.

Eng, a prosperous landowner in his native province of Kwantung before the communists seized his holdings and imprisoned him, said the last news he had out of Red China indicated that the agricultural situation is poor and the rice ration has been reduced to five ounces a day per person.

Eng, who managed to flee from Red China in 1953 with his family, said he hoped that the Formosa government "will extend wider admittance to refugees and open some remote areas for resettlement."

Eng and his family were admitted under speeded-up procedure because his father, a restaurant owner in suburban Park Ridge, is seriously ill with cancer.

Other developments: Estes — The Senate's permanent investigations subcommittee announced it would begin public hearings June 27 into the complicated farm manipulations of Billie Sol Estes.

Stockpile — A retired executive denied that the Eisenhower administration allowed his company to reap windfall profits from cancellation of a government stockpile contract. The witness was Arthur H. Bunker, former president of Molybdenum Co.

Aid — Rep Frank J. Becker, R-N. Y., said the United States should halt all aid and trade with Poland until the communist leaders there stopped persecuting Catholics. Becker made the statement in a letter to President Kennedy.

Communists — a witness at a hearing by the House Committee on Un-American Activities said most of the money raised at a Methodist church party in Cleveland went to communist causes. Mrs. Julia Church, a former FBI informer in the communist party, testified that the party took place

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

Use Your Ingenuity, Lady!

DEAR ABBY: Has a woman ever proposed to a man? I've been going with this fellow for three years. He's told everyone he knows that he wants to marry me, but he hasn't told me yet. We aren't kids, either. He is 33 and I am 31. He talks about marriage and he never comes right out and asks me to marry him. How can I get him to propose or do you think I should ask him?

DEAR WANTS TO MARRY: Your man is a bashful one. Make it easy for him and get him on the subject again. If he talks about it long enough, he'll talk about you, or think he did.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think about a friend who has the nerve to ask you to make a dessert for her dinner party and then, at the dinner party, when everyone is telling her how delicious it is, she just says, "Thank you," and never opens up her mouth about who really made it. She has done this to me more than once.

DEAR READY: I think she is a small, insecure, begrudging, ungrateful fraud. Now, ask me what I think of a "friend" who would supply dessert for this kind of person twice.

DEAR ABBY: What makes wom-

en like you tick?

CURIOS MAN DEAR CURIOUS: Would like you who get us all wound up!

DEAR ABBY: There is much controversy over the fact that where there are children a couple should stay together even though there is constant bickering and quarreling. I believe that children are better off raised in the quiet atmosphere of a peaceful home with only one parent. How do widows manage? I depend on my answer.

DEAR TROUBLED: Widows "manage" because of circumstances beyond their control. Divorced couples make their own misery. If married people would exercise one-half the effort toward making a peaceful and pleasant home for their children as they do in less important activities, they could eliminate the bickering and quarreling they find so impossible to live with. Amen!

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? For a personal reply, write to Abby, Box 3365, Beverly Hills, Calif. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Hal Boyle

No Time For Remembering Past In Our Crowded Now

NEW YORK (AP) —In our crowded now there is little time for remembrance.

So it was this week the 18th anniversary of the Allied D-Day landings in Normandy caught me by surprise.

Then the feeling of surprise gave way to a feeling of guilt. How, even after 18 years, could I for a moment forget the incidents of that mighty hour?

I went into the kitchen and from a cabinet pulled out an old and time-lovely silver dish, made by a fine craftsman centuries ago.

Things tie us to our past, and this small silver dish is my souvenir of D-Day.

On that fateful morning that now seems so long ago I was in an encampment outside Winchester in southern England. Our group of correspondents was scheduled to go ashore the following day with Gen. Omar Nelson Bradley, the American field commander.

Waiting was hard. A number of us went into town.

We entered famous old Winchester Cathedral, one of the world's most beautiful buildings. Some of us who weren't used to saying prayers said prayers then.

Leaving, we passed a small antique shop. I saw this lovely silver dish in the window, and went in and bought it for my wife. But it has become a bridge across time for me.

Later we went to the nearest port and interviewed the first surviving casualties as they were ferried back from France. Their stories were true and awful.

On subsequent days through long months it was my privilege to help chronicle the unfolding splendor of our men's defeat of the German juggernaut.

It is hard now for me to realize that the great sea armada that forged our landing in France has long since been dismantled. That the vehicles on which we rode to victory are rust. That the armies of men who wielded so tremendous a purpose are forever time-scattered and can never be bugled together again, not at least as they were then in their prime.

On the morning of the 18th anniversary of D-Day, after looking again at my souvenir silver dish, I went into my living room. I pulled from a shelf a book called "Brave Men," written by a brave, dear dead friend named Ernie Pyle.

I opened it at random and these words caught my eye: "We have won this war because our men are brave, and because of many other things—because of Russia, and England, and the passage of time, and the gift of nature's materials. We did not win it because destiny created us better than all other peoples. I hope that in victory we are more grateful than we are proud. I hope we can rejoice in victory—but humbly. The dead men would not want us to gloat."

"All of us together will have to learn how to reassemble our broken world into a pattern so firm and so fair that another great war cannot soon be possible. To tell the simple truth, most of us over in France don't pretend to know the right answer. Submersion in war does not necessarily qualify a man to be the master of the peace. All we can do is fumble and try once more—try out the memory of our anguish—and be as tolerant with each other as we can."

about 10 years ago at a private home. She said the sponsor of the party was a Communist.

WASHINGTON (UPI) Republican spokesmen accused the administration Wednesday of using the promise of an income tax cut as political bait for next fall's congressional elections.

Sen. Thurston B. Morton, Ky., former GOP national chairman, challenged administration leaders to shelve the present pending tax reform bill pending submission of tax-cut legislation.

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Democrat Vic Davis, Portland, for state labor commissioner \$341.

Circuit Judge Lyle Wolff of Baker, for State Supreme court justice, \$204.

Attorney Raymond L. Jones, Portland, for state tax judge \$1,498.

Among those attending were Gov. Mark Hatfield, Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., State Treasurer Howard Belton, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton, ex-Gov. Charles A. Sprague; Mrs. Earl Snell, widow of a former governor; and Robert C. Notson, managing editor of the Oregonian.

The body was cremated after the simple rites.

Pettit was 78. He retired in 1959.

Bruce Bissat

Billion-Dollar Temptations

When a Billie Sol Estes case breaks into the national spotlight, it raises some fundamental questions about the relations among men, government and business.

Is immorality, in the broad sense, more common today than it used to be in the larger realms of practical affairs? Particularly, is government more corrupt, more subject to improper influence?

On the wider question, much argument rages, with somewhat inconclusive result.

A panelist on a recent television discussion of religion and morality suggested that men today are no more wicked than ever before in history. He believes simply that the world's much greater absolute numbers mean, however, that wrongdoings must inevitably bulk larger on the human scene and make more striking impact on men's affairs.

Possibly this can be safely made on the broad matter of immoral practice.

But a look at the more specific inquiry into the present moral vulnerability of government puts another important aspect on the issue.

The vastly enlarged scale of government's activities has greatly maximized the opportunities for wrongdoing. A federal government spending upwards of 90 billion dollars a year acts as a powerful magnet to thousands who find its temptations well nigh irresistible.

Today Washington passes out billions in payments to farmers, to welfare clients, to other needy persons. It pumps money into faltering small businesses and depressing areas. It makes fantastic outlays for defense and foreign aid.

Huge sums are spent for what seem mere incidental phases of larger government programs.

Much of this money passes through many hands. Much of it is subject to many individual judgments as it is being paid out. Billions flow from place to place and from hand to hand in quiet backwaters far from public glare.

All these conditions spell opportunity today to the obviously larger numbers of men who are themselves corrupt, and seek to corrupt or unduly influence others.

It should not be thought that such men limit their corrupting efforts to the lavish activities of government. There is ample recent testimony to the existence of such practices in business and labor. And it should not be forgotten that in the matter of improper spending in government programs, it often takes two to tango — including the corrupt outsider.

Yet the big point is that in an age when morally weak men are inescapably more numerous, the steady dispensing of billions of poorly monitored federal funds represents an unparalleled opportunity for serious abuse.

State Politics Report Expenses

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Editorial Comment

IMPROVEMENTS IN JOURNALISM Salem Capital Journal

The news reporter is an awfully important fellow to the citizen of a democracy. Whether he works for a newspaper, wire service, magazine or broadcast media, he is the voter's eyes and ears. His ability to describe the activity and inactivity of government greatly affects the citizen's ability to vote intelligently.

Do reporters prove equal to this great responsibility? Sometimes they do and sometimes they don't, of course. There is much disagreement about the quality of American journalism. But nearly everyone agrees that it's improving.

A recent study of Washington correspondents for news media has produced interesting results. William L. Rivers has brought up to date an extensive survey conducted in 1937 by Leo Rosten. His results demonstrate considerable change during the past 25 years.

Reporters now have a much greater sense of freedom to write the truth, he has found. Answers to one question in the 1937 survey indicated that 60 per cent of the Washington reporters felt a certain subtle pressure to mold the story to conform with the attitudes of editors and publishers. Today, only 9.5 per cent replied "yes" to the same question.

Another question asked if reporters had seen stories played down, cut or killed for "policy" reasons. In 1937, 53 per cent said "yes." Today, only 7.3 per cent agree.

This is true despite the fact that most Washington reporters consider themselves political liberals, while most publishers are more conservative. More than half of all Washington correspondents are "independents," while 23 per cent are Democrats and fewer than 10 per cent are Republicans. More than 55 per cent consider themselves liberals, while only 27 per cent consider themselves conservatives.

Answers to other questions noted that educational standards have greatly increased. And so has pay, which now averages \$11,579 per year for Washington writers.

Increasing freedom, education and pay don't guarantee a flawless performance from the men and women who let us know what's going on in Washington. But they indicate that standards are rising in a profession which is vital to the welfare of our society.

NO PAUPER'S OATH Salem Oregon Statesman

We note that Frank L. Roberts, Multnomah county Democratic chairman calls for abolition of the "pauper's oath" for those seeking medical aid under the state welfare laws. There is no "pauper's oath" as Roberts would find out if he inquired. As with the case of all persons seeking assistance from the welfare department they give a statement of their financial resources and income. This is to assure the governing commission that they do need public assistance. Otherwise, with no tests of need the commission would be overrun by applicants.

The solution Roberts proposes — medicare under social security — makes no provision at all for the neediest, those in destitute circumstances who are not under social security. They can get aid under the federal-state plan now in effect. Nor would the medicare plan provide "health insurance." It does NOT provide aid in payment of doctor's and dentist's fees, but limited hospital and nursing home care, and limited diagnostic service.

The people need to know just what is being "sold" them under medicare, and what the elderly people in need have under the medical-hospital plan now in operation in Oregon.

HANDCUFFS AND HANDOUTS Sutherland Sun-Tribune

Just about everyone has heard the old saying that "he who pays the piper calls the tune."

A perfect example is found where government does the paying — and it's true of small matters as well as big.

Oregon, for instance, once used yellow dividing stripes on its highways. These, most motorists found, were easier to see at night and under bad weather conditions. They were distinctive, too, and acted as guides to tourists.

No more. For the federal government is paying most of the costs of major highways — and Uncle Sam says that all highway stripes must be white. Uncle — taxpayer-filled pocketbook in hand — is the boss.

It's also been proposed, in order to brighten the landscape, that Oregon bridges be painted in bright colors. But Uncle, with his 50-state rule book, wouldn't accept that either.

The point is that handcuffs come with handouts.

James Marlow Kennedy Has Been Vague On Aid Given S. Viet Nam

WASHINGTON (AP) — There is probably no activity in which the Kennedy administration has been so vague — or silent — as on the economic and military aid it is giving South Viet Nam.

The United States, under the Kennedy and Eisenhower administrations combined, has put about \$2 billion in aid into South Viet Nam in its fight against Communist guerrillas.

President Kennedy has sent a force of perhaps 6,000 military men there, plus various kinds of military equipment, including about 80 helicopters.

Exact information on the equipment, the men, and what they're doing is supposed to be classified technically as a military secret.

The French, before they gave up, held South Viet Nam as a colony. Now the country, with its own government under President Diem, is in effect a dictatorship. The Communist guerrillas had been making a lot of progress.

When Kennedy was a senator he emphasized repeatedly that South Viet Nam needed economic aid and reforms to give the masses of the people a tangible reason for opposing the Communists and their promises.

Last October Kennedy sent his military adviser, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, over there to see what was needed. Last December, after Taylor's return, the administration let out this information:

That military help to Viet Nam would be increased and that the Diem government had agreed to a dozen new steps—including social reforms and more representative government—to make the anti-Communist fight tougher.

Everything since then — on the subject of reforms — has been extremely vague.

But what kind of help the American military forces are giving South Viet Nam has also been extremely shadowy. Kennedy has said this is a sensitive subject.

Here are some bits of information picked out of AP stories which have come out of South Viet Nam in the past six months about the American military role there.

American fliers ferry South Viet Nam troops in helicopters to the battle zone. U.S. pilots are in the cockpits of Viet Nam's fighting planes, instructing Diem's pilots in "the learn while you fight" principle.



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At mid-morning of the day after, with returns in from a little better than half the California precincts, Nixon and Shell, combined, have a total of 969,667 votes.

- Republican: Nixon 587,108; Shell 313,559. Democratic: Brown 781,850; Hamilton 42,066; Moore 48,000; Stuart 45,660.

Big political question: Will the Shell voters sit on their hands come next fall? Or will they all come over to Nixon?

Nixon Wednesday made prompt peace overtures toward Shell. The early morning dispatches report that Shell leaves much doubt as to whether he will swing his support to Nixon.

Time will tell.

At this same election at which they chose party candidates for governor, the voters of California passed on nearly a BILLION dollars in bond issues.

With returns on the bond measures in from about a third of the precincts, a \$200 million state school bond issue is running ahead by a vote of 682,485 yes to 419,240 no.

A \$250 million veterans' bond issue is ahead by a vote of 618,223 yes to 487,088 no.

Which is to say: California's voters are apparently supporting schools and veteran assistance.

But — A \$270 million state construction bond issue is running behind by a vote of 440,264 yes to 610,281 no.

A \$100 million bond issue for housing for the elderly is running behind by a vote of 427,871 yes to 694,895 no.

A \$150 million PARK - RECREATION bond issue is running slightly behind by a vote of 532,397 yes to 538,128 no.

In spite of the GREAT popularity of recreation proposals in these modern days, the California voters are obviously looking at their hole cards rather thoughtfully in the case of this proposal to spend \$150 million more for recreation.

And — In conclusion — A proposal to EXTEND daylight saving time (presumably by starting fast time earlier in the spring and continuing it later in the fall) is ahead so far in the count of votes by NEARLY TWO TO ONE.

It is at least interesting to note that in what will soon be the biggest state in the Union, the voters are beginning to look with a somewhat critical eye upon proposals to GO STILL DEEPER INTO DEBT.

Murderer Dies In Gas Chamber

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP)—Henry Adolph Busch, 31, who strangled three women because of an uncontrollable urge to kill, died calmly in the prison gas chamber Wednesday.

Busch was sentenced to death for the first-degree murder of his aunt and was convicted of strangling two other Los Angeles women.

The U.S. Court of Appeals rejected Tuesday a plea for a writ of habeas corpus. His attorney, Al Matthews of Los Angeles, contended the prosecution inadvertently had failed to introduce the report Busch had killed his aunt, Martha Briggs, 53, after an argument.

The court noted the state supreme court had already turned down a similar plea and ruled that "there does not appear enough here to present a federal question."

The two other 1960 strangulations by Busch involved Elmyra Miller and Shirley Payne. Each was ruled second-degree murder.

LABOR STRIKES RISE WASHINGTON (UPI) — Strike activity increased in April, the Labor Department's Statistics Bureau reported today. It said 460 strikes involving 135,000 workers occurred in April and accounted for 1,240,000 man-days of idleness.

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