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A POOR OUTLOOK

By Charles V. Stanton

We have reason here in Douglas County to be fearful, I believe. Perhaps I am mistaken. I hope I am. But I am afraid that our lumber industry—an industry that destroyed the forest cover from coast to coast—will do the same thing here if we aren't careful.

A committee from the U.S. Senate has been conducting hearings in the Pacific Northwest, supposedly to find ways and means of saving our lumber industry from disaster. Canadian imports presently are taking over markets that once were served almost entirely from the Pacific Northwest.

But, as I read reports from the hearing at Portland, little was said about possible amendment of the Jones Act. The Jones Act forces our coastal mills to use boats of the U.S. registry. Canadian mills may use foreign bottoms. Canada's transportation cost is far less than our own mills must pay. But I anticipate that any attempt to invade the realm of the transportation industry would bring down a strong resentment against anyone who might offer such a solution. I note that the subject was avoided by those with political leanings.

It is my opinion, however, that the hearings resulted in some action that bodes ill for us if we don't watch our P's and Q's.

Prestige Threatened

Our industry has cut off a very large part of the privately owned timber in Washington and Oregon. Many mills, particularly small mills, are totally, or almost totally, dependent upon logs from the public domain—our national forests and grant lands.

The Forest Service operates on a sustained yield program. Roughly the idea is that it permits the cutting of trees only as rapidly as timber grows. Thus we will, if this policy is maintained, be able to cut timber forever off our national forests.

Some of our Oregon counties that once had a large timber industry are devoid of mills today. Operators cut, slashed and destroyed the timber resource without thought for the future. They made no provision for coming generations. They ruined watersheds.

Douglas County was fortunate in one respect. The policy of sustained yield had been adopted before the timber industry moved in. Consequently we'll always have an industry; that is if we are willing to stand up to pressures.

As a result of the hearings, it is noted, Regional Forester Herbert Stone is to be called to Washington, D. C. He will be faced there with a lot of charges that the Forest Service isn't cooperative with industry.

A good many of the lumbermen at the recent hearing in Portland are said to have made a "whipping boy" of the Forest Service.

The Forest Service, they said, isn't giving the industry enough logs; the allowable cut isn't adequate and in keeping with timber volume; regulations are too strict, stumpage prices are too high, and so on.

Is the timber industry seeking to destroy the prestige of the Forest Service as a first step in breaking down the sustained yield program? If the sustained yield program is ever broken down, how long will it be before Douglas County is devoid of timber as is Clatsop or Washington counties, once big producers?

Internal Issues Fought

As previously predicted in this column, the Portland hearing was devoted more to the quarrels and the issues between the big and little mills than to the general problem of Canadian competition.

A speaker claiming to represent some 130 small mills contended that the Forest Service and the Interstate Commerce Commission should supply more logs, should lower stumpage appraisals, reduce requirements on road construction, restore in transit transportation practices, dole a part of the log supply out to small mills which, admittedly, are unable to compete with the better capitalized "biggs."

Should the logs from our forests be put to their most efficient and best use? If the Forest Service is to dole out timber to keep small mills alive, the first job will be to bring cutting capacity into line with supply. Should the Forest Service supply which mills are to live and which are to die? Roads into the forests will be kept in operation forever, if we keep the policy of sustained yield. Should roads be permitted on a temporary basis only, to be rebuilt sometime in the future?

It seems to me that a very determined effort is being made to destroy the sustained yield principle; that one of the first steps is to get "Herb" Stone back in Washington where the headline-seeking politicians can work him over and help destroy public confidence in the agency.

The Forest Service unquestionably is surrounded with too much red tape; too much career management. But, what will happen to Douglas County's industry if we allow the sustained yield program to be thrown out the window?

Panel Of Experts To Study Effect Of Smoking On Health

WASHINGTON (AP)—Surgeon General Luther L. Terry announced Thursday he is naming a committee to study the evidence as to whether smoking has any impact on health. The committee will be made up of experts in the field of lung cancer.

Terry's action was understood to have the approval of the White House. Informed sources said earlier in the week that a Public Health Service recommendation for such a panel had been forwarded to the White House.

President Kennedy brushed aside at his last news conference a question as to his views on whether smoking causes lung cancer. He said he did not want to say anything about that contro-

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DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

How To Keep Friends...

DEAR ABBY: I want to know if I am wrong in feeling very much annoyed over this incident. I recently called on a friend (by invitation) and I had only an hour to spend with her. While I was there (I hadn't been there ten minutes), her telephone rang. It was a mutual friend and not a long-distance call. My hostess hung on the phone for twenty minutes, making small talk, while I just sat there twiddling my thumbs and getting madder by the minute. She knew I had only an hour to spend with her. What should I have done?

STUMPED
DEAR STUMPED: You should have STUMPED out after the first five minutes.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter-in-law has just informed me that she doesn't want me or my husband spending too much time with our grandchildren (ages 2 and 5) because she doesn't want them picking up our "accents."

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ing to do except to abide by her wishes if you want to see your grandchildren. You can only feel sorry for such an unperceptive woman, and pity your son, who is obviously acting under her orders. Pray they wake up before it's too late.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's sister wants to come and live with us and go to school. There are better schools in her home town. She is a divorcee and has two children and is not yet 20. I have children, too. This has upset me something terrible. Abby, I don't have the nerve to write and tell her not to come, and yet I know if she were to come it would not work out. What should I do?

NERVOUS
DEAR NERVOUS: Let your husband tell her. It's HIS sister.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "MISSING SOMETHING": What you are missing can live without. Count your blessings. No woman has everything.

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In Dusty Little Streets Of Vientiane, There's Little Hint Of World Tension

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI)—Life is leisurely in Vientiane, and in its dusty streets there is no hint that this is a center of world tensions.

Along its two main streets, pedicab drivers lean into their handbells, towing passengers on errands which have no urgency, and in their open-front shops Vietnamese, Thai or Chinese merchants flick their mops in a tolerant war against the dust which drifts over floors, counters and merchandise.

Coconut palms rustling in the hot wind, the brilliant red blossoms of the flame trees and the neat, high-peaked, white stucco houses of former French colonial administrators create the atmosphere of a colonial city at the turn of the century. They add to the illusion of a people living in a more peaceful, less urgent time.

No Need to Hurry
Nor is it all an illusion, for the Laotians are a people to whom urgency is foreign, whether it be in work or war.

In contrast to the terrorism which occasionally breaks out in Saigon and is a way of life in Algiers, there is none of that here.

If there are Pathet Lao in Vientiane, they come only to purchase small transistor radios, which are a favorite equipment among the guerrillas. Hotel room doors are left unlocked, for thievery is not a sin of the Laotians.

The United States has little to show for its \$300 million investment in Laos. Open sewers run along Vientiane's streets and the city has no water supply. Buildings still show the scars of machinegun and mortar fire which

erupted in the coup of 1960, depositing neutralist Souvanna Phouma and installing Prince Boun Oum.

Unworried People
But to the people of Laos these, no more than the communism which threatens to engulf their country by force, are matters of small concern.

Of more concern is the new fountain which the government has built in the center of the sunbaked city square. When it is running in the evening, they gather by the score to watch the play of the water.

By nature the Laotian is a neutral.

When Phoumi or Boun Oum speak of a war to the death against communism or accuse the United States of deserting them, the Laotian couldn't care less.

Let the Indians, the Thais or the Chinese become the merchants and let others fight the wars.

Nuclear Ship Due
PORTLAND (AP)—The nuclear-powered merchant ship, Savannah, is scheduled to pay a visit to Portland soon.

Mayor Terry Schruink said this week that he had been advised of the impending stop by the U.S. Maritime Administration's office of research.

Hal Boyle
NEW YORK (AP)—Jumping to conclusions—(And how many do you agree with?)

We are always taken aback when we meet a fat man or woman with a really mean disposition. They are supposed to be jolly—but why?

The theory behind the average Hollywood epic today seems to be, "If we can't make it good, we can at least make it long."

Anybody who drinks more than five cups of coffee a day is leading a misspent life.

It is popular to knock our modern educational system, but the average high school graduate today can spell better than his parents and has a larger vocabulary.

A man who always wears a white shirt to his office either has an inferiority complex—or no imagination.

For some reason it gives me a secret pleasure when my doctor informs me he has to go see his dentist.

The one thing in the world most people are sure of is that their shoelace never breaks except when they're in a hurry.

Mankind owes a monument to the fellow who first thought up the idea of putting fresh strawberries on vanilla ice cream. It's the best dessert ever invented.

The honeymoon is over when she tells him for the first time: "Lunch money? What did you do with all the money I gave you yesterday?"

The longer and lower the car, the higher the ego.

If you had one year of your life to live over, which would you take? I'd choose the year I went to kindergarten. Isn't it really the happiest period most people ever know?

Manhattan has never been quite the same since they banned organ grinders from the street. Their tinkling music lifted many a brooding passerby out of his blue spell.

Many pretty women have mastered the art of smiling pleasantly, but rarely do you meet one who knows how to give a real hearty laugh. Yet it is one of the pleasantest sounds in nature.

A husband usually suspects his wife is hiding something when she insists that he take the best part of the steak.

The last thing you'll see on an ordinary golf course is a stroke of genius.

Many people get a reputation for having fine literary taste simply because they were too lazy to

James Marlow

Kennedy's Made It Clear That He Is Standing Pat

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy has made it clear—at his first news conference since the shocking stock market dip May 28—that he is standing pat.

With one exception—a promise to ask Congress for an income tax cut for everyone but not effective before next year—he is offering no new proposals to juice up the economy.

This is the position he takes: 1. Stock market prices were too high anyway and figured to dip a bit.

2. The economy—although it could be better—is sound and should continue to improve.

3. He is not going to be stampeded into emergency actions. He is simply asking Congress to put through proposals he made before the stock market dive. He will make a new proposal on the income tax cut later.

4. He will insist—despite protests by some business leaders—that prices and wages be kept down to prevent inflation. It was his previous insistence on this that brought on the steel dispute.

At Thursday's news conference he rejected any thought of excited reaction to the stock market with this statement:

"I think most financial experts have realized for some time that an overpriced market could not hold up once investors recognized that inflation was ended."

This was a reminder that he had laid down his national anti-

inflation policy last spring when he pressured the steel industry and the steel union into a settlement without wage or price boosts.

His purpose: To call a halt to the endless spiral of rising wages and prices.

Kennedy's optimism about steady improvement in the economy reflected the optimism of his own advisers whom he consulted in a special meeting the morning after the market plunged.

He said Thursday: "While our recovery from last year's recession has been a good one, production, profits and employment are at all time highs, and the prospects for continued economic expansion remain favorable."

"In view of corporate and consumer cash on hand, we should take every appropriate step to make certain that recovery is stronger and longer than before and is not cut short by a new recession."

Then he outlined the steps he wants to take to keep the economy sound. With one exception they were all proposals he had made before, some as long as a year ago, but which are still pending in Congress.

The exception was his promise to propose to Congress an income tax cut for everyone, but a cut which he does not want to be effective before Jan. 1. This means the cut would not affect the tax on income earned in 1962.

Rusk plans to try to smooth over U.S.-French policy disputes in conferences with French President Charles de Gaulle or other government officials in Paris. At Bonn he expects to offer new assurances to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer about U.S. support for West Berlin.

There had been previous reports that Rusk would make the trip. The formal announcement, giving his itinerary, said that Rusk will arrive in Paris June 19 for talks with Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville and other officials. He will also meet with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Council.

He will fly from Paris to Berlin June 21 for a visit of a few hours. That evening he will go to Bonn for a visit of a little more than 24 hours.

On June 23, Rusk will fly to Rome and on the