

Countdown For Orbital Shot Starts As Weather Improves

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HYPROCRITICAL ATTITUDE

By Charles V. Stanton

Sen. John J. Williams, (R) Delaware, reportedly is preparing a bill which would limit mineral claim filings to subsurface rights. The federal government, he claims, is losing millions of dollars because valuable timber is being stripped from land through filings on tracts said to contain mineral values.

We wish him well. This same legislation has been proposed time and again, but it always gets a sound beating from the nation's mining bloc.

One of the famed cases in this connection is the Al Sarena affair.

Under existing law timber goes with the ground when patent is issued to a mining claim.

The Al Sarena properties had been developed for mineral for many years. The timber had no value. The company, desiring to engage in production, had to borrow some money. But before it could get financial backing it became necessary for it to secure patents so the land could be put up for security.

Although the land was located in a national forest, a survey of mineralization was made by the Bureau of Land Management, acting on behalf of the U. S. Forest Service. The BLM rejected the company's claim that the land was mineralized. Investigation revealed that proofs of mineralization and samples said to show minerals previously provided by the company were missing.

Records Altered

Further investigation revealed that records had been altered. All this occurred prior to a change in administration. The late Douglas McKay, as secretary of the Interior, reopened the case. He authorized another examination of the property. The examination was placed in the hands of the U. S. Bureau of Mines. The samples were taken by Bureau of Mines representatives. An assay report confirmed the presence of minerals sufficient for patent.

But the charge was raised that the assay was made by a company previously serving the Al Sarena concern, a company inexperienced in mineral assays.

McKay granted the patent.

He immediately was assailed for what was claimed to be a "give-away" of federal land. The term "give-away" aroused an intense political fervor. McKay was beaten.

The timber on the claim had absolutely no value when application was made for patent. But it became quite valuable during the time of controversy. Since the election the company sold off the timber, reportedly for quite a tidy sum.

Now some of our political leaders are wringing their hands over this "steal."

"Hundreds of millions of dollars worth of valuable timber are being lost to the taxpayers as a result of what is either a weakness in our law or a weakness in our administration," Sen. Williams is reported to have said.

Legislation Lacking

That there is a weakness in our legislation is quite apparent, I believe. But presently there is nothing in the law to prevent a claimant from getting title to the timber above ground if he can prove there is mineral below the surface of the ground.

Oregon politicians were exceedingly vocal at the time the Al Sarena case was being used as a political gimmick. But after getting elected they did absolutely nothing to correct the matter.

Although the situation is confined largely to our western states, particularly Oregon and Washington, our Oregon and Washington congressional delegates have been strangely silent about any correction. It remains for a senator from Delaware to take up the cudgel, a cudgel our own delegation used only long enough to conk political opponents.

It is true that similar legislation has been dumped in the hopper many times in former years. It has been successfully resisted by the mining bloc.

In those times, however, there was a lot of money in gold mines but timber was valueless. Now that timber has become "green gold" perhaps Congress will wake up to its responsibility.

In the meantime, however, my hackles rise whenever one of sanctimonious delegates to Congress speaks of the removal of timber from the Al Sarena properties as a "steal" or a "fraud."

They seek to make it appear the company did something viciously criminal by selling off the timber. But they never mention the fact that the mineral assets were made valueless by federal edict. If these same politicians can show me any gold mine in the country producing gold from a low grade ore and making a profit, I'll be quite interested. Until then their attitude can be classified only as hypocritical.

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

A Philosophy NOT To Live By

DEAR ABBY: What do you do with a husband who is insurance-shy? We have been married for 15 years and have four children, and he positively will not carry one cent worth of insurance unless he has to. (He has auto insurance because he can't drive a car without it.) The place where he works has some insurance for him, but in case something happened to him we could never make it on that. I am worried sick over it, but when I bring it up he says, "You're a real looker, kiddo, and if something happened to me you could get another guy in 15 minutes."

How can you reason with a man who takes this attitude? We are not "POOH." We have a bank account in six figures.

DEAR DISGUSTED: Call a reputable insurance company and ask for an agent who can talk to a man who is bull-headed and ignorant about insurance. Insist that your husband hear him out. He will get

an earful. A man who loves his wife and family OWES them this kind of protection.

DEAR ABBY: Seventeen months ago I married a nice woman. She was a thoughtful, tidy and affectionate girl. Now she doesn't even comb her hair any more, and she slips her hands down to her ankles. She smokes like a brush fire and likes to sleep her life away. I made a big mistake. I wish I could mail her back to her mother. What should I do?

DEAR DEPRESSED AND DISAPPOINTED: Your wife is obviously sick. Get her to a doctor. When a man takes a wife, she is no longer her mother's responsibility, but his! (The same thing could have happened to you.)

DEAR ABBY: Whenever we entertain, my husband and I take our guests' coats and hang them in the closet. Some of our friends ask their guests to "lay their coats on the bed in the bedroom." We think this is awful. What do you think?

MRS. FUSSY: If you have the closet space to hang your guests' coats, congratulations. But some people do not, in which case there is nothing wrong with asking their guests to lay their wraps on the bed.

CONFIDENTIAL TO ETHEL: The grinding that would wear away to nothing a lesser stone, merely serves to give luster to a diamond.

James Marlow

All-Out Medicare Fight Failing To Materialize

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Kennedy administration, which put out word months ago that it would make an all-out fight for medical care for the aged, is backtracking. If any real fight was made it wasn't very obvious.

Secretary of Welfare Abraham Ribicoff opened the way Monday to compromise at a meeting behind closed doors with the House Ways and Means Committee.

He is reported to have said President Kennedy is standing firm on only one point—that whatever a compromise program turns out to be, it must be tied into the Social Security System.

Last March White House sources let out word the administration was coordinating a massive grass roots effort. This coordinating was supposed to be done with outside organizations backing Kennedy's program.

One Plea Made Kennedy himself, aside from press conference statements, made one big public appeal for support. This was in a speech nationally broadcast from Madison Square Garden May 20.

The administration's efforts—at least to this writer—have always looked less than all-out.

There was some fighting. Kennedy got into an arguing match with the American Medical Association which has opposed his program.

But there has been very little evidence of any real fighting in the one place where it counts most: with Congress.

The big obstacle there was with the Ways and Means Committee, headed by Rep. Wilbur Mills, Arkansas Democrat. In that 25-man committee, where Democrats outnumber Republicans 15 to 10, the majority has been consistently opposed to Kennedy's program.

Leading the opposition is Mills. As chairman, he is a very important man to the administration since his committee also handles tax problems, foreign trade and other matters dear to Kennedy.

Further, Mills, along with Sen. Robert Kerr, Oklahoma Democrat, was cosponsor two years ago of the Kerr-Mills bill which became law and provides medical care for aged people but on a very limited basis.

Act Is Headache This Kerr-Mills Act has been one of the biggest headaches to the administration's hopes of getting through its own new medical care bill. It has a lot of supporters in Congress.

Its biggest outside supporter is the AMA, which says the Kerr-Mills Act is just fine although the position it can't be fine because it doesn't provide coverage for enough aged people.

Nevertheless, the administration has shied away from being harsh about the Kerr-Mills Act. At all times the Kennedy administration has limited itself to a gentlemanly skirmish while avoiding all-out war.

Mills, one of the most powerful Democrats in the House because he is chairman of the very powerful Ways and Means Committee, is a chief obstacle and opponent.

Kennedy is not in a very good position to blame the wreckage of his bill on the Republicans—many of whom have also been trying to shoot it to pieces—when the Republicans are so badly outnumbered by the Democrats.

It all raises a nice question: If he can't get what he wants with all these Democrats, how many more does he need to help him get through the legislation he asks for?

he sees as a new era in the nation's economy.

His chances of getting this concession by many businessmen immediately would seem pretty slim.

For one thing, they believe sincerely that economic laws don't change that easily, if at all. For another, many sincerely distrust the administration's vision of what would make the nation's economy grow at a faster pace.

And still others note with some alarm a growing campaign to credit Europe's striking recovery from war damage as due to abandoning old fears of deficit financing.

Books Being Closed The U. S. Treasury will close its fiscal books June 30 with a deficit. And if new spending proposed to pep up the economy, and tax cuts envisioned for next year, take final form the chances for deficit financing in the next fiscal year are strong.

Many fear this will fire up another round of inflation. To the ordinary citizen this means that the cost of living goes up because the market place value of the dollar goes down.

Others, including many of the President's close advisers, insist that the deficit spending will so pep up the economy that in following years there will be Treasury surpluses, strengthening the dollar in the long run.

The idea is only part of the administration's feeling that the government can't stand aside when the growth of the U. S. economy is at stake.

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Reader Opinions

Municipal Pool Condition Improved By Two Groups

To The Editor: I am truly glad to see the improvements that are being made at the Roseburg Municipal Swim Pool listed in the June 9 News-Review. We are fortunate in having such a good pool in our city.

I do feel, however, that some mention and credit should be given to two groups responsible for many of these improvements—the Junior Woman's Club and the Roseburg Jaycees. Through their efforts almost \$2,000 was raised, from which the fencing along Hamilton St. and around the wading pool was purchased, the sprinkler system in the small pool installed, new bleachers, ceiling tile in the bath house, new diving board, and the arrangements with Roseburg Paving Co. for the asphalt material donated. Some work was done on the grounds such as planting of ivy on the east bank, but due to little rain and many children it didn't survive. Remaining funds were turned over to the city for further improvements.

I felt compelled to "toot the horn" for these two groups mainly for information of the newcomers to Roseburg, as the older residents already know the interest the Junior Women and Jaycees have in the youth of our area.

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Former Centralians Called For July Reunion Activity

To The Editor: I am writing this in hope you will give us some much needed help. The Centralia High School of Centralia, Wash., will hold a reunion of all classes during July 13-15 at Centralia. We have close to 1,000 living alumni from the classes and we have reason to believe some are living in the area covered by your circulation. We are inviting all alumni—especially for the big picnic to be held at Borst Park on Sunday July 15, as the grande finale. Anything you will do to give us some help will be most appreciated.

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Green Urges Measure Education By Value

PORTLAND (UPI)—Rep. Edith Green told Portland State College graduates Sunday education should be reckoned in terms of values instead of costs.

She said public spending on education was an investment in the nation's future. Education needs in coming years, the Oregon Democrat said, will require higher taxes and possibly the shifting of funds from other programs.

Mrs. Green expressed special concern for high ability students who are unable to enter college because of financial reasons.

Three Policemen Killed In Crash

KEARNY, N.J. (AP)—Three state troopers were crushed to death when a bus carrying them plowed over the New Jersey Turnpike Monday in an accident involving four vehicles.

The driver of the bus, Raymond E. Peters Jr., 35, Easton, Pa., told police investigators that his brakes failed. The big Royal Blue Coach Inc. vehicle struck a passenger car, careened into the police car and sent it smashing into a dump truck, then rode over the police cruiser and settled atop it.

The bus underwent a thorough check by investigators from the state police, the Public Utility Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The dead were troopers Joseph De Frino, 25, Lyndhurst, who was driving the cruiser, Milan Simcak, 36, Paramus, and Arthur J. Abagnale Jr., 26, Cliffside Park.

Five persons were injured—Peters, the two passengers in the bus, a rider in the private car and the driver of the dump truck.

TRANSEPT OPENED LONDON (AP)—The north transept of St. Paul's Cathedral, damaged by a German bomb in an air raid on April 17, 1941, was reopened today.

Move Against Mining Claim Surface Rights Draws Blast

This is the first of two articles on Oregon mining claims. By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Federal agencies are trying to get 130 to 200 houses and cabins removed from mining claims in Oregon.

Most are in Josephine and Jackson counties. The agencies call the occupants squatters who have no right to the land.

They say the mining claims are without mineral value, so no longer can be occupied. They are pursuing a slow, steady campaign, they say, to get long-established houses removed. And they add they're moving aggressively against recent construction.

Blast Given All this has brought a sharp and bitter blast from Hollis M. Dole, director of the state Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

"If ever there was a dead and dying industry, it is mining," said Dole. "And the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service would deliver the coup de grace."

Mineral claim locators, said Dole in the current issue of Oregonian, have "exclusive right of possession and enjoyment of all the surface included within the lines of their location." That, he said, is law. And he added, it "should not be open to administrative frustration."

Then Dole added his hope that BLM field employees have not been told how to "contrive some administrative procedure" to get around the law.

What stirred Dole particularly was this from a 1961 BLM report:

"The wild character of the Pacific Northwest 30 years ago required a miner to live near his work for efficient operation and for the protection of his equipment. Today, a miner can often live in a nearby town and commute to his mining operation. Where this is possible, residence on the claim is unnecessary and seldom desirable since a residence could conflict with the uses of surface resources."

Contradiction Noted It is a statement, Dole said, in flat contradiction to law.

He said it is all a part of an effort "to build up ill will toward the miners."

Russell Getty, director of the Portland BLM office in which the statement was prepared, said it was unfortunately phrased. BLM headquarters in Washington, he said, raised an eyebrow over it and wanted to know where authority for such a thing was found.

If there is a valid claim, Getty added, miners can probably build a house on the claim without trouble. But, he went on, it would be a mistake for one to rush in and build before validity of the claim was established.

And, put in Jack Groom, chief of the minerals management branch of the Forest Service in Portland, "We are so seldom dealing with valid claims."

It is the BLM and Forest Service view that a mining claim too often is a false front for a summer home in the forest beside a fishing stream. They cite a \$75,000 home on the Rogue River downstream from Grants Pass.

Dole dissents. He agrees there are some abuses; but he says new construction is needed on new locations and that the great majority of cabins the agencies would remove are small shacks built by and used by miners.

Getty says Dole is "a dedicated mining man. And he is suspicious of us."

Next: What is a valid claim?

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