

In The Day's News
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POLITICAL HOGWASH

By Charles V. Stanton

President Kennedy's proposals for relief of the distressed lumber industry of the Pacific Northwest seem to me to be lacking in any really constructive suggestions. He proposes to ask Canada voluntarily to limit its lumber exports to the United States. If he succeeds it will only be because Canada can win a concession somewhere that will considerably more than offset its reduction of lumber shipments.

He suggests that increased attention will be given loan applications to sawmills by the Small Business Administration.

The Small Business Administration is a financial agency supported through public appropriations. It is doing a banking business that should in my opinion be done by our private banking institutions. But it is prepared to accept applications from operations that might have difficulty locally because of a "shaky" structure or opportunity. Is it good business for a public agency to make loans to a business already in a precarious financial position while a questionable program of political manipulation is in progress?

We aren't called upon to like the situation, but I believe any person familiar with the lumber situation will agree that the present outlook is that more and more of the industry is to be centered in fewer and fewer hands. Eventually we will have a limited number of small mills. The bulk of production will be in the hands of major companies able to support a higher degree of utilization.

A Good Suggestion

Normal banking procedure would consider loans to small operations to be risky. But the President seems to believe that a double standard exists when the loans are made with public money.

On the other hand, the President's suggestions to Democratic senators and representatives from the Pacific Northwest for a program of what he termed "relief" for the Northwest's major industry had one element that to me is a good one and of vital importance to the industry. Further, it would relieve a somewhat bad situation.

Kennedy said he would ask Congress to increase the money to finance access roads to federal timber.

That's a fine proposal. But its chances, in my opinion, are poorer than those of the proverbial snowball.

Our forest industry has been begging Congress to build access roads for as many years as I can remember. It has been urged time and again that the federal government construct the principal roads leading into our forest areas. Working laterals would be built by operators.

Poor Management

But the Bureau of the Budget and Congress, two organizations that must pass on an access road program, consistently have turned thumbs down on access road proposals. Poor management of one of our greatest resources has marked congressional trusteeship of our public domain, in my opinion.

Many years ago an effort was made to get Congress to set up a revolving fund to be used for access road construction. A sufficient sum to get road work started was proposed. A fee would be charged haulers transporting logs over the roads and the receipts would be used to build more roads.

Had this method been adopted when suggested years ago we would have a very complete system of arterials in our forests today.

We would have been able to open up working circles in the interior of our forests. We could have been taking logs out of the remote areas during good weather, leaving face timber for removal in early and late months. That way we could have added a month or more at each end of our season.

Instead, we've cut off much of our face timber on the lower level and are rushed to get out and stockpile enough logs from higher altitudes during short summer season to keep our mills operating in the winter. Then our truck drivers are unemployed for a long period of time.

That feature of the President's proposal has a lot of merit. The one thing wrong is that the \$10 million additional appropriation he proposes is altogether too small—only a token. For example, we could well use something like \$20 million on the Umpqua Forest alone.

The balance of his program, it seems to me, is pure political hogwash, designed principally to get Sens. Magnuson and Morse off the hook until after election.

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

Try The Japanese Custom!

DEAR ABBY: During a party at my home, one woman spilled a little of the coffee and told me about it.

While I was mopping it up, I noticed deep holes in my hardwood floor being made by the shoes of the woman sitting next to her. It sounds unbelievable, but a child with a hammer and nails could not have done more harm. They had cut into the wax and stain and dug down deep into the raw wood. I don't know what kind of heels she had on her shoes, but there were about 50 such holes around her. My beautiful floor was ruined! What should I have said to this woman without embarrassing her? I said nothing while she sat there and dug my floor for another hour. I am afraid she will come back with those shoes on again.

STUCK FOR WORDS
DEAR STUCK: You should have told her the moment you discovered she was damaging your floor. She would probably have appreciated it. I know a woman who actually "inspects" the shoes of her guests before allowing them to enter her home. She said she would no more permit women with steel

needle heels in her home than men with golf shoes.

DEAR ABBY: I don't know whether someone is trying to cause me trouble or if there is really a mixup, but here is the situation: I have been getting letters addressed to my box number. No names are used, but only references to "Dearest Darling," "Sweetheart" and "Honey." My wife picks up the mail and opens it and she is getting very suspicious. At first we thought it was a joke. Are there people who would try to cause an innocent person trouble like this? I don't think I have any enemies. It's a mistake, I want it stopped. How?

GETTING INVOLVED
DEAR GETTING: Take the letters (and envelopes) to your postmaster and ask him to try to track down the sender. Meanwhile, ignore the letters.

DEAR ABBY: Am I wrong or not? I recently went to a shower for a bride-to-be. We all had a wonderful time, but she didn't open ONE shower gift! She just piled them into her car after the party was over and nobody got to see them. Is this the new style or what?

DISAPPOINTED
DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Half the fun of attending a shower is watching the face of the honored one as she opens her gifts. If it's a "new style," it's news to me!

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.

Abby's booklet, "How To Have A Lovely Wedding," send \$6 to Abby, Box 3365, Beverly Hills,

THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Leaving Papers To Library Gives Sense Of Immortality

By DICK WEST

United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The weekly information bulletin published by the Library of Congress contains a section labeled "acquisition notes."

Usually, the notes impart the tidings that somebody or other has bequeathed to the library a collection of personal papers to have had and to hold, and to cherish forever.

The papers ordinarily consist of old letters, scrapbooks, clippings and other miscellany that the donor, who hated to throw anything away, had been accumulating for several generations.

They are placed on file in the library, thereby enriching that institution's storehouse of trivia while at the same time providing the donor with a certain sense of immortality.

I am not certain as to the procedure used in these acquisitions. In other words, I do not know whether the library calls up someone and says "May we have your papers?" or whether someone calls up the library and says "Would you like to have these papers?"

Suspects Drop And Run
My guess is that in some cases the procedure has been for the donor to side up to the library under cover of darkness, deposit his papers on the doorstep, and run.

However that may be, I think that presenting one's personal papers to the library is a splendid thing to do. I certainly intend to

see that the library gets my papers, and I suggest that you do likewise.

By shutting my eyes real tight, and putting my hands over my ears, I can already visualize what my "acquisition note" will look like.

On the day that it appears in the information bulletin: "Don West, who represents himself as a newspaperman, has presented to the Library of Congress a substantial bundle of his personal papers, loosely bound between covers of genuine cardboard."

Papers Not Catalogued
"Although they have been neither catalogued nor indexed, the papers appear to consist of material that Mr. West regarded as educational and had put aside for future reference."

"Among the documents in the collection are a clipping about a Kansas City drycleaner who owns a 100-year-old 'goffering iron'."

"A report by the National Geographic Society disclosing that woodchucks can eat a ton of hay each year."

"An announcement that the Smithsonian Institution has discovered a frog with membranes between its toes, enabling it to 'parachute' from treetops to the ground."

"An account of a duel in which the antagonists missed each other but hit the referee in both legs."

"Applications to examine the papers should be addressed to the chief of the manuscript division, who asked not to be identified."

Peter Edson

On Diplomatic Highwire — Prince Souvanna Phouma

WASHINGTON — (NEA)—When Premier Souvanna Phouma of Laos returns to his capital in Vientiane after conferring with U.S. officials in Washington, he will have to play one of the most involved games of diplomatic intrigue in history.

In June 1961 the three Laotian Princes — Rightist Boun Oum, Communist Souphanouvong and Neutralist Souvanna Phouma — met in Zurich, Switzerland, to set forth the principles on which a Laotian government of national union might work.

It was agreed then that Laos would establish diplomatic relations with any government that was friendly. This principle is still supposed to stand.

But right after Premier Souvanna Phouma set up his new neutralist, three-way coalition government on June 23 and left for Geneva to sign the 14-nation treaty, his half-brother Prince Souphanouvong pulled a fast one.

As vice premier and leader of the Pathet Lao Communists, he announced that Laos would establish diplomatic relations with five Communist countries — East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, North Viet Nam and Red China.

When Souvanna Phouma heard of this in Geneva, he ordered his acting foreign minister to hold up on the recognition. But while Red China's envoy was cooling his heels in Vientiane, Nationalist China's ambassador to Thailand raced to the royal capital of Luang Prabang and presented his credentials to the king. And the game was on.

Back of these recent developments is a long, involved story. While serving as premier in 1956, Prince Souvanna Phouma went to see Ho Chi-Minh in Hanoi, North Viet Nam, and Mao Tse-Tung in Peking, to push for Laos neutrality.

New State Meat Regulation Due

SALEM (UPI) — The Oregon Agriculture Department said Monday it will hand down an order changing the state's meat inspection regulations within a month, the first changes since inspection of the program in 1957.

The last of three hearings on the subject was conducted here Friday.

One phase of the department's proposal is to follow federal standards on hamburger more closely. A witness, however, objected to one federal standard that is already part of the state code.

That standard permits the addition of two ingredients to hamburger — ascorbic acid for color retention and monosodium glutamate for flavor enhancement — with proper labeling.

Strong objection to these additives was voiced by Dr. M.A. Holmes, a veterinarian with the state Board of Health in Portland. Speaking as a consumer, he raised the question of possible allergies tied to the additives.

Taking the opposite stand was William O'Brien, Portland, of Fischer's flavor seal. Speaking for small meat butchers, he said a small operator cannot afford to grind meat three to five times daily to keep it looking fresh.

Liquor Sales Hit All-Time Record

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Oregon Liquor Control Commission said Monday that liquor sales in stores and agencies in the state climbed to a record high in the 1961-62 fiscal year.

The commission said the sales were \$31,799,022, an increase of \$1,740,094 or 3.48 per cent over the previous fiscal year.

The gain was attributed to an increase in prices.

News Analysis:

Emotionally, Culturally, Economically Finns Are Oriented Toward The West

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst
HELSINKI—Finland is a nation of full employment and a steadily rising income. She wants to keep it that way.

Emotionally, culturally and economically the Finns are oriented toward the West. They want to keep it that way, too.

Finland, a nation of 4.5 million, lies in the shadow of the Soviet Union and its population of more than 200 million. The realistic Finns know that their relations with the Russians must remain cordial.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Tuesday, July 31, the 212th day of 1962 with 153 to follow.

The moon is new.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Venus and Saturn.

On this day in history:

In 1777, the Marquis de Lafayette was commissioned a major general in the Continental Army by Congress.

In 1945, the French traitor Pierre Laval, denied refuge in Spain, flew to Austria where he surrendered to American occupation forces.

In 1953, Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, Republican majority leader, died in a New York City hospital.

In 1961, Great Britain moved to join the European Common Market.

A thought for the day: George Bernard Shaw, the Irish playwright, said: "Silence is the most perfect expression of scorn."

New Book On Birds Available In State

Oregon upland game bird hunters as well as bird enthusiasts will have access to a new 44-page bulletin on Oregon's upland game birds, both native and exotic, just off the press.

Prepared by W. V. Masson and Robert U. Mace, upland game bird technicians for the game commission, the bulletin covers the history of upland game birds in Oregon, the information and management program, and a description and life history of each species. Illustrations are by artist Harold C. Smith.

The bulletin is published by the Oregon Game Commission, 1634 S.W. Alder, in Portland, and may be obtained from this agency free of charge.

Even so, the Finns have managed to retain both their political and economic independence at a time when many another among Russia's neighbors simply has disappeared inside the Soviet bloc. Finland's trade with Russia accounts for less than 18 per cent of her total.

Economic Progress
In recent years, Finland's gross national product has moved steadily ahead at an annual rate of better than 6 per cent, better than the United States and Great Britain, the equal of any country in the world except perhaps those in the European Common Market and Japan.

Her income per capita is around \$1,000. Less than Sweden's, better than any country in South America.

All this has been accomplished without the Marshall Plan aid which benefited other European nations outside the Iron Curtain and despite back-breaking war reparations exacted by the Soviet Union.

But despite this obvious economic success, Finland has nagging economic worries.

Pulp and paper account for 79 per cent of her foreign exports. But Finland already is exploiting her forests at a rate slightly above the time required for regrowth and is at the limit of expansion.

Labor Supplies Fear

While she has full employment now, the next few years will see 100,000 war babies come into the labor market. For these, jobs must be found.

Finland's hopes lie in its expanding metal-working industry, which ranges from manufacture of electrical cable to heavy-duty ice breakers.

But to do it, she must maintain her trade with the West.

Here two conditions will be decisive. First she must have an association with the common market in which France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg are the present members and which Great Britain is attempting to join. Britain is Finland's best customer and she dare not take the risk of restrictive tariffs closing her products out of the European market.

Second is the attitude of the Soviet Union and the punitive action the Soviets might take if their present hostile attitude toward the common market persists.

At the moment, Finland is biding its time and hoping.

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