

First We Have to See if There REALLY Is a Fire



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"Without or with friend or foe, we print your daily world as it goes"—Byron.

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The Quest For Oil

A number of dry holes, including two in Central Oregon, have been drilled by oil companies in recent years, but the search is not at an end.

Word from Salem indicates that interest in possible oil and gas deposits in the Willamette Valley may lead to further drilling in that region before the end of the present year.

A number of oil companies have leased Willamette Valley land. However, the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries reports that the companies have not yet asked for permits to drill, as is required under Oregon's new oil code.

Apparently, one of the hot spots in the Willamette Valley is the Lebanon country. Traces of oil and gas have been found there. But, of course, such traces cannot be taken as proof that there are large oil reserves under those rounded hills that crown into the western shoulder of the original Cascades.

Yet, if we were just drilling a hole for the fun of the thing, without having to pay the half-million dollar cost, we know of no more interesting locality than that around the western slopes of those old Cascades.

Oceans for many eons swept over that region. Once it was part of a vast embayment into which poured the debris of volcanoes on the ocean flank, as well as on the inland flank.

Under the Willamette Valley soils are the beds of many ancient seas. Through those old sea beds emerged the volcanics in the "Ring of Fire" that crowd to the western foothills of the Cascades.

Nor is interest in oil east of the Cascades of Oregon entirely dead. Biggest

operation in the oil and gas field is the Humble Oil and Refining Company's exploration on some 300,000 acres in Lake county. This was leased earlier in the year. Only recently, the county of Lake made additional land available for leasing to the firm.

Humble over a period of several years has been carefully probing the region. The probing reached well into Central Oregon, and once Humble had a field office in Bend.

But when leases were made, only Lake County land was sought.

Probing through seismic and gravity methods must have yielded some encouraging results, judging from the big leases being made by Humble.

There are two guesses as to what Humble is seeking in the Lake county region. One is that the company hopes to find gas or oil in the upturned, trapped edges of old tertiary lake beds of the region.

The guess is that Humble is attempting to find in south-central Oregon some of the same formations that have yielded gas or oil in California. Geologists have long known that the old Cretaceous formations of California extended into eastern Oregon. In the Mitchell country, one horizon of the Cretaceous, the Chico, has been given a California name.

Possibly the preliminary probing in Lake county by Humble has been encouraging. But it will take real money, represented by the drilling of several wells possibly to a depth of 10,000 feet, to find out.

We will watch from the sidelines, and wish the probers the best of luck.

See You At The Football Game!

Football season got off to a rousing start locally Friday night as La Grande and Union squared off in the opener for both clubs.

Enthusiastic fans urged their teams to win. There was only one thing wrong—there just weren't enough fans.

The weather was good and both ball clubs fought hard. They were playing both for the fun of the game and for their communities.

The boys deserve the support of the community. The stands should be filled to overflowing to encourage the team. They are doing their fair share to bring honor to us. Let's give our support in person.

This year the Tigers are playing in a new league which Coach Franz Haun believes will be "tougher." The local boys will be facing Bend, Prineville and Redmond for the first time.

The next home game is Oct. 2 with La Grande playing Bend in what should be a good game.

This Friday night the game is at Baker. It's not a very long drive. Why

not take it in and give the Tigers a good boost before the "counters" start.

See you at the ball game.

Barbs

Women economize by doing their own cooking, says a writer. Maybe because hubby eats less.

A Maine man claims he broke a tooth on a cherry pit in a piece of pie. Now he wants to put the bite on the restaurant.

When a girl gets to reading too many men like a book, she's likely to be left on the shelf.

A doctor says the happy-go-lucky girl carries her years lightly. And, as she gets older, starts dropping them.

Beauty gets a girl a lot of dates that keep her from getting her beauty sleep.

A dentist's bill often clearly indicates that there is gold in them thar ffls.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Soviet Educational Goals Suppressed By White House

WASHINGTON—U. S. Survey of Soviet education is suppressed for one year; it might have influenced Congress to pass an aid-to-education bill; U. S. commissioner of education was also censured.

Ten days before Nikita Khrushchev was due to meet President Eisenhower in Washington, the Eisenhower administration released a highly laudatory report on the educational system built up by Mr. Khrushchev.

The report, prepared by Eisenhower's office of education, warned: "We cannot afford to be apathetic about educational developments in the USSR. Clearly the Soviet Union is bent on overtaking and surpassing us as a world power."

The official report then went on to tell how money was no problem to Soviet educators; how Russia was spending 10 to 15 per cent of its budget on education compared with our 5 per cent; how laboratory and teaching equipment were excellent, classes small, and teachers qualified. In contrast to overcrowded American schools where some classes have to operate in shifts, the small classes in Soviet schools made "the most profound impression" on American investigators.

But there was one very extraordinary aspect of this report about which nothing was said. It was suppressed for one year and three months.

The American educators, including Lawrence G. Derthick, U. S. commissioner of education, had gone to Russia in May 1958. Their report was not published until September 1959. Why was it that the Eisenhower administration did not want the American people to know that Russian education had made a certain degree of progress toward Khrushchev's threat that "we will bury you"?

careful inquiry around the office of education found officials either mum or running for cover. There was red-faced silence. But from reliable sources it was learned that the suppression went even deeper than the 15-month delay in publishing the report. For on June 13, 1958, shortly after Commissioner Derthick returned from Russia he made a speech before the National Press Club in which he said the Soviet educational system had "made a tremendous impression" on the U. S. educators and warned:

Red-Faced Silence

"Russia regards education with a kind of grand passion and is using it to reach and overreach the United States."

Shortly after Commissioner Derthick made his speech, however, he received a stop-order from the office of his boss, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare Fleming, telling him to make no more speeches. He was not to publicize the alarming findings on Soviet education.

Simultaneously the report was kept gathering dust for one year and three months. Meanwhile, Russian education continued to boast that Russia would surpass the United States, and the Eisenhower administration continued to oppose the federal school construction bill to help American schools keep up with Russia.

It happens that Secretary Arthur Flemming, Derthick's boss, is one of the more liberal members of the Eisenhower cabinet and a strong believer in education. However, he had received orders direct from the White House to pigeonhole the report on education.

Reason for this was very simple.

... 25 years ago plans were being made for the annual Union County Fair to be held later in week. Mrs. Kate Hanley headed the Fair committee.

A Northeast Oregon high school football and athletic league was organized. It was known as the Blue Mountain Football League, with teams from La Grande, Baker, Pendleton, Union, Enterprise and Milton-Freewater.

A La Grande man, Ira Woodie, headed the new athletic conference.

The JFW post of La Grande hosted joint conference of veterans in observance of the 35th anniversary of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The local American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps ranked fourth in state competition and attended centennial celebration at Boise, Idaho.

... 15 years ago the La Grande High School football season prepared for opener against The Dalles Indians. Starters for La Grande were to be Sherwood and Marrs, ends; Hyde and Cyr, tackles; Smythe and Eldridge, guards; and Carey, quarterback; Courtney and Camp, halfbacks, and Terry, fullback.

A big fire at Elgin, estimated at \$200,000, destroyed the Elgin warehouse. Alfred T. Owsley, of the Union Grain Growers Association, termed the fire a disastrous one.

REMEMBER WHEN

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Sen. Stuart Symington, (D-Mo.) commenting on Russian Prime Minister Nikita S. Khrushchev's visit: "I passed by Blair House this morning (Tuesday) and it was something to see the huge Communist flag flying outside. It made me wonder what would have happened 10 years ago if Mr. Truman invited Mr. Stalin over here. He probably would have been impeached."

WASHINGTON — Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, making a toast at the White House dinner in his honor: "If we were weak countries, then it would be another matter, because when the weak quarrel, they are just scratching each other's faces and it takes just a couple of days for a cosmetician and everything comes out right again. But if we quarrel, then not only our countries can suffer colossal damage but the other countries of the world will also be involved in a world shambles."

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QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—General Assembly President Victor Andres Belaunde of Peru, opening the 1959 session: "The past centuries lived under the false and presumptuous sign of the so-called 'will to power.' Today, mankind not only needs to live but also must live under the sign of 'will for justice.'"

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Konrad Adenauer 'Looks Back' On 10 Years Of West Germany

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Staff Writer

A man of seemingly frail physical stature but a Hercules in the shaping of free world destinies observes an anniversary today.

In the hullabaloo surrounding Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's U.S. visit, it might pass almost unnoticed.

It was 10 years ago, at the age of 73, that Konrad Adenauer took over as chancellor of the newly established Federal Republic of Germany.

He has held the job ever since, standing as a stubborn rock against which the political ambitions of lesser men have shattered in his own West Germany and as a bulwark frustrating the aims of this same Khrushchev to take over the whole of Germany for Communism.

Khrushchev has reserved some of his bitterest words for Adenauer whose parchment skin, sunken eyes and outward frailty would seem at odds with the spirit of a man who thrives on a battle and who has proved himself one of Germany's most astute politicians.

Champion Against Communism

And as a champion against Communism, it was significant that it was Adenauer whom President Eisenhower first sought out in Europe to explain the purpose

of this week's talks with Khrushchev.

Adenauer's chief concern was that there should be no "sell out" of West Germany, and especially no sell-out of West Berlin.

In Germany, Adenauer affectionately is called "the old man."

In 1933 it seemed that his public career should be finished. The Nazis ousted him then as mayor of Cologne. He came back to the job after 12 years of enforced idleness which was fired again by the British in 1945.

But at the age of 70 he founded the Christian Democratic Union which came to power with the birth of the new republic in 1949 and elected him chancellor by the margin of a single vote. The voters re-elected him in 1953 by an amazing majority and he has remained in power ever since. With his political allies, he is assured a working majority of approximately 100 votes in the German Bundestag.

Believes in Adenauer Alone

This amazing man is both a guaranty of German democracy and at the same time the opposite of the democratic spirit. He believes firmly in no one but Adenauer.

Thus it was that in June he reversed himself on a previous decision to run for the West German presidency, a job of pomp and circumstance but little real

power. In doing so, he ruthlessly cast aside Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard, the man credited with most of West Germany's present prosperity but a man whom Adenauer did not trust to retain the unyielding line followed by Adenauer himself in his international relations.

His high-handed action against the popular Erhard caused both consternation and resentment within the party, but Adenauer held fast and won.

Today, at 83, he is West Germany's chancellor for the foreseeable future. He still loves a fight, is one of Communism's most implacable foes, and one of a united Europe's most zealous champions.

OBITS

United Press International

VENICE, Italy — Marcel Caveller, Belgian composer and conductor, died here of a heart attack Monday night.

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Clinton Mozley Washburn, 63, developer of Hog Island on the Gulf Coast of Florida, died at his office here Monday.

WASHINGTON—Maj.-Gen. Olaf H. Kyster Jr., 56, former senior U.S. member of the U.N. Military Armistice Commission in Korea, died of cancer in Walter Reed Army Medical Center Monday.

NEW YORK — Pauline Wilson Officer, 48, picture editor of the medical magazine "Scope," died Monday night at a hospital here.

KATHMANDU, Nepal — L. P. Dvokota, 51, former education minister and noted poet, died here Tuesday after a long illness.

America Holds Fascination For Soviet Union's Chief

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Colorful and articulate Nikita S. Khrushchev today began to translate into reality one of his favorite adages: "To see once is better than to read one hundred times."

For Khrushchev as well as for Lenin and Stalin, America always has had a strange fascination. He publicly told a group of American governors who visited Moscow this summer, "We would like to be like you and what is wrong with that."

Lenin lived in a period of extreme, externally imposed isolation. Stalin preferred to immerse himself inside the Kremlin walls. Khrushchev alone, the first genuinely proletarian Soviet leader, has made extensive travel an instrument of national policy.

Issues Genuine Challenge

Stalin spoke of a goal "to catch up and surpass the most advanced capitalist country." Khrushchev has turned this slogan into a genuine challenge to give Russia a standard of living better than America within the foreseeable future.

For the next 13 days, the Soviet premier will have a first-hand look into the realities of American power of which he has read a hundred times.

When Khrushchev visited England in 1956 he complained that British authorities erected an artificial barrier between himself and the people. He claimed that he was not permitted to see everything and everybody he was interested in.

There are no grounds for such charges with regard to the American tour. The United States is wide open to the Soviet visitors and everything within reason has been made accessible to them.

Only Bird's Eye View

It is only due to the normal se-

curity precautions, the extensive trans-continental itinerary and the attempt to crowd too much within a brief time that the Khrushchev party will get no more than a bird's eye view of the United States.

Some Americans have justified the unprecedented invitation to Khrushchev on ground that it would be useful for his personal education on American affairs. It has been said that the visit might help to remove some of his possible misconceptions about American power, about the unity of the people and the government, and the firmness of American foreign policy.

But it is by no means evident that Khrushchev suffers from such misconceptions or, if he does, that this brief visit will eliminate them. On the contrary, there is evidence that he is reasonably well briefed on America. "I do not have to go to America to see how strong and rich that country is," Khrushchev said recently and added, "that I know already."

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