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Anderson Appointment Good One

The news wires recently carried a story telling of the appointment of Clayton Anderson of Springfield as Oregon's first recreation director.

The job was created by the 1959 legislature to provide some additional liaison between the state parks department and the various cities and counties.

Clayton Anderson is particularly well fitted for the job.

He recently has been superintendent of the Willamalane park district, and before that was chief guide at Rainier National Park, director of the Tacoma Community Center, recreation director of the Ft. Lewis child welfare council and director of the Springfield park district.

The state is fortunate to get him. We hope now the state uses him, instead of someone less qualified, to advise the governor on the amount of recreation "in big piles of sand."

We recommend that every effort be made to get Mr. Anderson to come to La Grande at the earliest possible date to look over the local situation and make recommendations pertinent to our own parks and parks for the future.

Adlai Wants Red China Admitted To UN

A two thirds affirmative vote of the General Assembly of the U.N. is needed to admit a new member. The last vote in 1958 on Red China was 44 against, 28 for and 9 abstaining. Red China is certainly not a "peace loving nation" within the terms of the U.N. charter, as its recent actions have proven again, so there was even less reason than usual for support of her bid for admission this time.

Yet, there are some, such as Adlai Stevenson, who continue to advocate that Red China be admitted despite her bloody record. Stevenson's reasoning is that the world would be better off with this belligerent nation "in" rather than "out" of the U.N. because if it were in, the Reds "would have to answer almost daily for some of the things they have done."

What Stevenson advocates, then, is that the U.N. take on the role of reformer. He would accept this bad egg among nations into the respected peace councils of the world on the assumption that it would then behave better. There would be more logic to this line of reasoning, if any precedents could be cited. Has Russia, for example, treated its neighbors any better after the formation of the U.N. than before? Certainly, membership in that body didn't deter the Krenin in its use of force in Hungary.

Another consideration that must not be forgotten is that if Nationalist China is evicted from the U.N. to make way for the conquerors, the Communists' position on the Security Council will be immeasurably strengthened.

The Price Of Fun Comes High

The current annual bill for fun? About as much as the nation's defense budget or in the neighborhood of 41 billion dollars. By fun we mean a wide range of leisure-time activities such as boating, photography, travel and even gardening.

The expenditures in the major areas of this loosely organized body we call fun are staggering. Consider the figures compiled by the magazine Printers' Ink: over two billion dollars each for boating, photography and overseas travel; five billion for radios, TV sets, phonographs, tape recorders and repairs; three and a half billion on gardening equipment; 16.8 billion on recreation and domestic travel.

Even the totals of power lawn mowers and swimming pools make you look twice: 300 million dollars for lawn mowers and 600 million for your own dipping trough.

A number of factors contribute to the growth of "leisure spending." The \$4,000-\$7,500 middle-income group has expanded rapidly during the 1950s. A 36 per cent increase in the number of people moving to the suburbs recently has helped accelerate living "around the barbecue."

Perhaps as important as anything in people spending more to have fun is the basic change in American attitudes to-

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Senator Dirksen Stuck Foot In Mouth On World Series

WASHINGTON — The Chicago White Sox managed to beat every other team in the American League to win the pennant, but they were baffled recently by their home state Senator, Everett Dirksen of Pekin, Ill.

Attending a luncheon for the White Sox, the Republican leader of the Senate modestly conceded he knew "very little about baseball. And then proceeded to prove the fact."

"I hear you boys are headed for the American League pennant," he told the visiting ballplayers. "Now, where will the World Series be played, in Comiskey Park or Wrigley Field?"

The ballplayers exchanged startled glances. Finally one of them, convinced that Dirksen was really serious, explained that they would, of course play part of the World Series in their own stadium, Comiskey Park, if they won the A.L. pennant.

Wrigley Field, he explained, is the home of Chicago's National League club, the Cubs.

The Illinois senator has proved an able minority leader and he swears by him. But in this case he was not to be diverted from his attempt to prove his incapacity on baseball matters.

"Wouldn't it be wonderful," suggested Dirksen, "if the World Series would up in a tie between the American and National League contenders, and they played it off at Soldier's Field?"

That night, the White Sox were still so shaken by their encounter with Dirksen, they lost to Washington, 8-2.

**Kiss-Off for a Friend**

About two weeks before Premier Khrushchev arrived in the United States, the Italian government made friendly representations to the United States that it could be dangerous if Premier Segni, who was due to arrive two days after Khrushchev, got a kiss-off reception.

It was discreetly pointed out that if the U.S. government went all-out for Khrushchev and then was merely polite to Segni, repercussions in Italy might be serious. For in Italy, the Communist party is the second largest in the world and has been trying for years to end all Italian ties with the United States.

On the other hand, the Christian Democratic party, which Segni now heads, has stuck his neck out for American friendship, and immediately agreed to U. S. missile bases on Italian soil. The Communists have been demanding that these bases be removed and the Christian Democrats kicked out of office.

The State Department agreed with the Italian government. But it reckoned without President Eisenhower. At first he wanted to go to California to play bridge and golf with his old friend, George Allen, even before the Italian premier arrived. Segni's visit had been arranged one month before Khrushchev's, but Ike wanted to go anyway. Finally he agreed to remain until after the official White House luncheon for Segni.

However, there was little time for the two men to talk at the luncheon Wednesday, nor for Segni to get a real report on the Khrushchev talks. Shortly after

the lunch, Ike pulled out for California.

Note—Italian Communists are already boasting that the top Communist now rates higher in Washington than the top member of the Christian Democratic party.

**Down-to-Earth Diplomacy**

The Coon Rapids farm visit of Nikita Khrushchev was reported in detail, from the newspaper chaos to the temper of corn farmer Rosewell Garst. But what wasn't reported is that in between the corn Khrushchev got some friendly advice on disarmament which he apparently followed during his talks with Eisenhower.

It happened in the car riding 70 miles from Des Moines to Coon Rapids. Garst, who had met Khrushchev in Moscow and has sold seed corn to the Soviet bloc countries, went to Des Moines to meet his famous visitor.

"You people can't afford heavy armament," Garst told the Russian as they drove through the Iowa countryside. "We can afford it better than you. We just take 10 per cent out of our luxuries and our automobiles. We've already got so many automobiles we can't find roads to drive them on or places to park them."

"But when you spend 18 per cent on armament, it comes out of utter necessities," Garst continued. "We want disarmament, but you'll gain more than we."

"But you'll have to go for international inspection and controls. And you'll make yourself a hero if you agree to go just as far as the United States on controls."

"If you give a little, you'll probably find that we'll give a little and we'll meet each other halfway," concluded Garst in his talk on "common sense" diplomacy.

Interesting fact is that Khrushchev did exactly what Garst suggested. He later agreed to international controls for disarmament. Hitherto Russia has been adamant against them.

**Nixon Bandwagon**

Assistant Secretary of Commerce Henry Kearns has been bombarding his acquaintances with letters, urging them to get aboard the Nixon bandwagon.

"During 1960, a decision will be made regarding the leadership of this country," his letters declare. "Some of us have had the privilege of observing the increasing public appreciation of our great vice president. We would like to take part in a campaign to assure the election of Dick Nixon as our next president. If you agree with me in the importance of such action, would you let me know at your convenience? I would also invite you to suggest the names of acquaintances of yours who might have a similar interest."

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

**United Press International**  
HOLLYWOOD — Screen star Elizabeth Taylor commenting on her contract battle about the role of a prostitute she is scheduled to play in the film version of "Butterfield 8":  
"I just don't want to play the role."

ATLANTA — The wife of convicted atom spy Morton Sobell on her request to conceive a child by her husband in prison:  
"Unless this action is taken at this time we can very well lose our future as we have lost the present."

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Gov. Michael V. DiSalle who regurgitated while inspecting filthy conditions at Columbus State Mental Hospital:  
"The odors and smells made me ill."

BUFFALO, Tex. — Government investigators probing the crash of a Lockheed Electra airliner which killed 34 persons:  
"There has been no indication that the fuselage exploded from a bomb."

UNITED NATIONS — U.S. Far Eastern expert Walter S. Robertson after his heated argument with Philippine Ambassador Leon Guerrero:  
"I consider this young man to be both arrogant and rude."

**SEGRI FLIES HOME**  
NEW YORK (UPI) — Italian Premier Antonio Segni flew back to Rome today after expressing the conviction that his five-day U.S. visit has brought "even closer economic and political relations" between Italy and the United States.

Say 1960 Construction To Set New High Record In America

By ELMER C. WALTER

NEW YORK (UPI) — Construction in 1960 is going to set a new high record, according to the annual forecast of Architectural Forum.

If it does, it will be the 16th annual record in a row. And that in itself is something of a record.

The rise over 1959 is expected to be small—1.5 per cent in current dollars, and 0.5 per cent in 1947-49 prices.

It's a small gain because 1959 was so big. The 1959 construction figure is placed at \$54.9 billion, a jump of 11.8 per cent over 1958. That's three and a half times the average increase of the past few years and more than twice the most optimistic prediction.

The Forum expects 1960 building to reach \$57.7 billion, with private building at \$39.3 billion, up almost 2 per cent and public at \$18.4 billion, up only 0.5 per cent.

**No Rise In Housing**

The 1960 rise is slated to come without benefit of a rise in housing.

Forum estimates that privately-financed one and two family starts probably will fall 11 per cent from 1,112,000 units in 1959 to 990,000 in 1960.

However, it points out, expenditures for housing will fall less—about 6 per cent—because of a big carryover of work begun in 1959 and the trend toward larger, higher quality, and more expensive homes. The giant size of the 1959 building figure was caused in large part by government use of construction as an anti-recession tool, it is pointed out.

Hence, the Forum suggests the years 1959 and 1960 be taken together for appraising the trend.

**Use As Pump Primer?**

Now that the industry is back to a more normal basis and no longer an anti-recession tool, the Forum wonders if it were worth while to use this industry as a pump primer.

"In a major recession," says the Forum, "federal pump-priming with construction dollars may benefit the economy and the industry alike, but in a minor recession like that of 1957-58 it may do both more economic harm than good."

Wall Street regards the construction industry as one of the three major industrial forces that may influence a new bull drive. The other two are automobile and steel.

These three, running at full tilt, could lead a smart industrial rise. They will need financing from banks and hence will exert more pressure on the money market.

It is admitted that tight money could slow things down, but somehow market men are convinced that some increases will be made in the credit base to keep the boom booming. And that in turn, they hold, could well send the stock market to new highs.

Nikita Subdued Type Person Addressing Chinese Throngs

By CHRISTOPHER DOBSON  
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PEIPING (UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev came quietly and subdued to Peiping. When he stepped out of his huge silver TU-114 at Peiping airport and waved his hat over his head to the clapping crowd that surrounded him, it seemed as if this was going to be the old rambunctious, rough and tumble Mr. K.

But he made a quiet speech at the airport, shook hands all round and comported himself as a perfect diplomat. He was matched in style by the grey-tinted Mao Tse-tung, as cool and imperturbable as only a Chinese can be—if anything, he is more unflappable than British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

Khrushchev, I thought, looked a little weary. He has had a grueling time in these past two weeks. Certainly Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, who arrived with him, looks as tired a foreign minister as ever I have seen.

**Chinese Poured Past**

Wednesday night I was a guest at a fabulous banquet given by the Chinese leaders for Khrushchev in the huge New Congress Hall. It was a velvet blue evening following an afternoon of violent thunderstorms.

Cars bearing diplomats and the world's top Communists drew up in what must surely be the world's largest public square. Streams of Chinese poured past on their bicycles, and old Chinese women, their feet tiny and crippled from the binding ritual performed in the old days, held their grandchildren up to see the foreign visitors—people who not so very long ago were "foreign devils."

Wednesday night, in Congress Hall which completely dwarfs the old Imperial Palace which used to dominate this area, it was completely different.

**Spoke Moderately**

Here, in a huge dining room, 3,000 persons sat down to eat exquisite Chinese food and drink toasts in rice wine.

Chou En-lai made the first speech. Cool and restrained he made a moderate speech in which he congratulated Khrushchev on the success of his visit to the United States and of the talks he had with President Eisenhower of the United States.

Western diplomats were pleasantly surprised by Chou's approval of the communique. Hopes were raised that possibly this might mean the beginning of some sort of accommodation between the United States and China.

NEWS CHUCKLES

**GAINS THROUGH THEFT**

DENVER (UPI)—T. E. McCluskey, of Vancouver, Wash., was naturally happy when police found his car, which had been stolen here Aug. 10. But when he saw the car he was overwhelmed. It had been outfitted with a new set of whitewall tires, a spotless interior, a new clothes rack, a repaired generator, and a retuned engine.

**SAD MEMORIES**

LONDON (UPI)—"I can't forget it quickly enough," wrote A. Goldberg in the Evening Standard of England's long, hot summer, the driest in 200 years. Goldberg is a raincoat manufacturer.

**POLITICAL DOG-FIGHT**

LONDON (UPI) — Liberal Party candidate Oliver Smedley reported today that his wife—while helping him campaign—was bitten in the hand when she tried to stop a fight between her bulldog and a "dog of a different political persuasion."

**OUT, NOT IN**

LONDON (UPI)—Former Panamanian ambassador to Britain Dr. Grobert Arias, who recently fled Panama after an abortive revolt, confirmed reports Thursday that he is free to return home.

"I've always been free to return to Panama," he said before boarding a plane for Paris. "It's getting out again that worries me."

REMEMBER WHEN

... 25 years ago, the enrollment at Eastern Oregon Normal School here was slightly over the year before. A total of 242 students had registered, according to H. E. Inlow, school president.

Mrs. Joel Richardson hosted the Wakelita Bridge Club session. Winning high score prize was Mrs. Jack Oliver, with Mrs. Clyde Chorton as second highest.

Therion F. Hampton and Mayetta Zollman, both of Enterprise, were issued a marriage license at the Union County clerk's office.

The Swedenborgian Society met at the home of Mrs. William Kennedy for a social.

... 15 years ago, Grant Milling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Millering of La Grande, was home on leave from Texas service duty. He had just been commissioned as an ensign in the Navy.

Mrs. Harry E. Smith was guest of honor at a stork shower given at the home of Mrs. V. D. Dexter. Assisting Mrs. Dexter as hostess was Mrs. George Powell.



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