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MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

According to current rumors there is a possibility of installing a municipal swimming pool within the next year or so and if we get the information correct, the project is not a matter of wishful thinking, but is entirely feasible. Under one proposal profits from the softball association may be turned into a swimming pool fund, the pool to be built as soon as sufficient money is available for such purpose. Other organizations of course would not be barred from participating.

Incidentally as you probably know the softball association surprised the critics and is closing a very successful season. Regardless of the nature of the proposal made, we have those who say it can't be done and will go back in history to cite where similar efforts have been made and failed. But the efforts of the softball association shows that history does not always repeat itself. In other communities softball is an established institution and not a passing fancy and it appears very likely that such will happen here.

To get back to the proposition of the municipal swimming pool, profits from the softball association would provide a means of its construction without cost to the taxpayers, who are pretty well loaded at the present time. Other communities have made the swimming pool pay its way with proper supervision and the same possibility is not unreasonable here.

LEADERS OF "I AM" CULT INDICTED IN LOS ANGELES

Mrs. Edna Ballard and her son, Donald Ballard, leaders of the "I Am" cult, are now under indictment in Los Angeles, with others of the religious group, on charges of misusing the mails and conspiracy to obtain gifts by promising followers immortality. A federal grand jury returned the indictment.

The estranged wife of Donald Ballard, who is president of the group since the death of his father, told reporters that Mrs. Edna Ballard lived in a \$1,000-a-month hotel suite, wore orchid corsages that cost \$50 apiece, and had many diamond "love gifts" presented to her by members of the cult. According to her daughter-in-law, the co-founder of the "I Am" group usually carried a black satchel, allegedly containing jewels, wherever she went.

Besides the many large diamonds and other jewelry, Mrs. Ballard allegedly had trays of costume jewelry and enough coats, hats, artificial flowers, gloves, and other accessories to start a store.

The cult teaches reincarnation, sex abstinence and intense patriotism, and allegedly guarantees immortality to those who present the Ballards with gifts. While no money is solicited, the gifts are expected from all followers. The organization issues decrees of annihilation against various people. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Westbrook Pegler are said to have been named in these decrees.

It is said by many observers that most cults are started for the sole purpose of obtaining large amounts of money from the people it attracts to membership. Many people fall for the extreme promises made by such organizations. The "I Am" group claims thousands of converts.—Scottish Rite News.

DEATH IN MEXICO

A man named Leon Trotsky was murdered in Mexico City the other day. His death teaches no lesson except that those who live by violence usually perish by violence. But his life carries its moral for all Americans and all men of good will to read.

Perhaps more than any other individual of our times, Trotsky represented the view that theories of government could be applied wholesale and made to change the economic habits of single countries and then, ultimately, of the whole world. He preached destruction of existing systems, promising that after the old ways had been discarded the new ways that replaced them would mean "a heaven on earth" for all the earth's people. But the only part of Trotsky's program that bore real fruit was the destructive one.

What is the lesson involved? Surely it is this:

Theorists invariably feel that if they had their way they could remake society in very short order. It is their conception that the end justifies any means. They are not content with the slow progress of peaceful business and commerce, wherein thorough orderly production the number of goods and services used by the average person is steadily increased. Out of books and theories, they want to change everything in a single day.

All theorists are not as ruthless and inhuman as was Trotsky. But all are more or less victims of the same poison; all are willing to destroy instead of produce, feeling that after the "class struggles" and the regimentation and the wreckage are over, they can build a perfect society.

Trotsky lived long enough to see the world chaos that his theories achieved. He was probably too sure of his own genius to admit his error. But Americans can see the tragic results of his way—and are not likely to succumb easily to the argument that "the end justifies the means!"

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PROPOSED . . . OREGON COAST NATIONAL PARK

The following article, presented in co-operation with the Oregon State Motor association, is one of a series designed to promote travel in the Pacific northwest. Today's article has been condensed from a motorlog appearing in The Sunday Oregonian

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WHITE MEN first saw Oregon from the sea. Four centuries ago a Spanish mariner, Bartolome Ferrel, sailed north of the 42d parallel and from the poop-deck of his frigate sighted a majestic coastline.

Capes jutted into the ocean. Grim headlands frowned down on the water, Mediterranean-blue where it dashed against the rocks. Breakers greeted the silent wilderness with a dull roar. Grassy swales and dark hills framed the horizon. Fir trees fringed the ridges. Here and there the verdure was pocked with broad meadows.

This spectacle that the swarthy navigator saw is still to be seen, outliving the maritime dominance of the country which discovered it. Today it is the most impressive stretch of seacoast along the western rim of the United States. Nothing between Puget Sound and the Mexican border matches it. Soon it may be the major national park in the nation bordering exclusively on the ocean.

Now only two parks touch either ocean. A narrow strip of the Olympic park has been extended to the Pacific, and the small Acadia park in Maine encompasses some beaches which border on the Atlantic. The Oregon park would take precedence over both of these in the magnitude of its seacoast vistas.

The proposed park has been tentatively outlined to include 30,000 acres of land in Curry county, which forms the extreme southwest corner of the state. It would be approximately 21 miles long and four miles wide at the broadest point. It would start just south of the town of Gold Beach and would end slightly north of the town of Brookings, which is only six miles from the Oregon-California interstate boundary.

This is the story of a motorlog trip to the area which may become a federal playground for people from all over America. The motorlog, sponsored by The Oregonian and the Oregon State Motor association, numbered as travelers Wallace Sprague, secretary of the Oregon Statesman; Ralph Gifford, photographer for the Oregon State highway commission; Glen O. Stevenson,



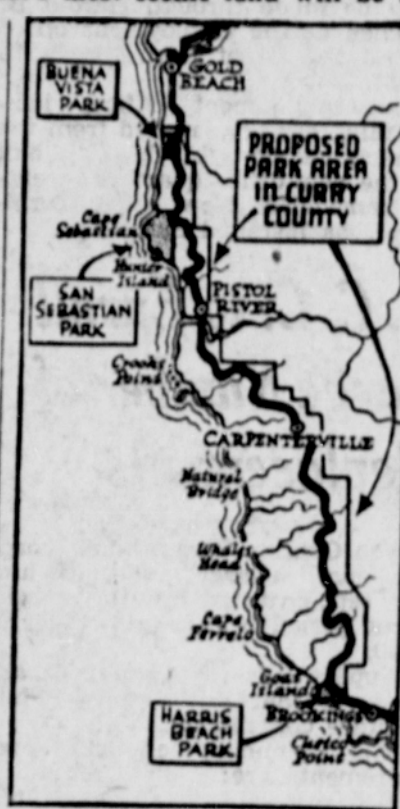
Some of the Oregon coast's most scenic land will be included in the new park.

landscape architect for the state department of parks, and the writer of this article.

The national parks of the United States are inspiring to see. The Grand Canyon and Yosemite Falls make the heart beat faster. The one criticism of these magnificent regions is that there is not sufficient recreational activity to keep the average American occupied. The contemplated Oregon coast park would remedy this deficiency. If any park could, it would have virtually all the recreational facilities available in the outdoors.

There would be surf-bathing, of course. At several places the slopes level out into enough flat land to make a golf links possible. The ocean is generally smooth and tranquil and boating would be safe. Easy trails would be suitable both for hiking and horseback riding. Beaches and grassy hillsides would make ideal spots for picnicking. Above the steep headlands are open areas where hotels, inns, tourist cabins, tennis courts and other structures might be built.

Most favorable circumstances confront the Oregon coast park. A bill providing for a national park along the coast of Curry county, not to exceed 30,000 acres in size, has been introduced by Senator Charles L. McNary, Oregon's distinguished senior senator. His measure has been approved by Secretary Harold L. Ickes and other officials of the department of the interior.



The proposed Oregon Coast National park on the map.

Violent bickering has shaken recent efforts to establish new parks but the Oregon coast park is menaced by none of this grumbling. The park would encompass comparatively little land of economic importance.

And it would be only 30,000 acres in extent, as contrasted with the 452,000 acres of Kings Canyon and 898,000 acres of the Olympic. There is scarcely any local objection to the idea. Governor Charles A. Sprague favors the proposal. Nor is the scheme confused by the long-standing and extremely bitter dispute between the national park service and the United States forest service.

This dispute has intruded into nearly every attempt to create new parks. This is because the bulk of the new parks have been areas taken from the jurisdiction of the forest service and placed under the sovereignty of the park service. Rivalry has been intense. The Oregon coast area, although only a short distance west of the Siskiyou National forest, is not within the forest proper. Thus the controversy between the two government bureaus is escaped.

It is estimated that the park would cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000 to buy out the private land holdings in the park area. This includes the upper slopes and the meadows above the capes. The tidal lands along the ocean, thanks to precautions taken many years ago by Oswald West when he was governor, belong to the state of Oregon. For half a million dollars it is believed the national government can acquire a playground of matchless grandeur.

Paradoxical History

EARL E. COOPER
Death Takes A Holiday

The strain upon nerves during war time causes many odd incidents to occur which people in less trying circumstances would not be guilty. One such of these took place near the beginning of Germany's air attack upon England.

The Nazis had already dropped everything which might aid in winning the war from pamphlets to bombs, therefore the British were expecting to receive something new anytime. They had learned from past experiences that the Germans are tricky fighters and the most harmless appearing object might be capable of dealing death. Fountain pens loaded with gas and helmets that when lifted would set off charges were left behind by the enemy in the last war to catch unsuspecting English in search of souvenirs. With this in mind we can more fully appreciate the serious side of the following.

A report came to headquarters that a balloon was seen on an English airport where none should be. Officials waited only long enough to learn that it likely belonged to the Germans to hurry into action. Fire engines, police cars, soldiers and officers in armored machines, and hundreds of citizens rushed to the scene. They scanned the entire field and landscape in a vain search for a dirigible. Then an airport guard stepped forward and with a shaking finger pointed to a toy, rubber balloon on the ground a few feet away.

"Be careful," he told the disappointed throng, "I ain't lettin' those bloomin' Heinies put nothing over on me. It's probably loaded with gas."

Noxious Water Hyacinth

The water hyacinth has been named a noxious weed in Australia and penalties provided for harboring it, after divers found it growing 10 to 35 feet high in rivers and becoming a "menace to navigation."

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