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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

By

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IN CAMPAIGN speeches in the 1952 campaign, in the power policy announced as administrative policy by Interior Secretary McKay and in the recent budget message of the President, the principle of partnership of states and local communities with the Federal government in the development of multiple purpose dams has been repeatedly endorsed by the administration.

In a recently published magazine article, Secretary McKay wrote: "The Department will not compete with the states and local communities in the development of the nation's water resources. It will cooperate and not hamper the full development of these resources, in strict conformity with existing laws."

The President's budget message which was sent to Congress just last month contains the following two sentences:

"Federal activities in projects or plans will not imply any exclusive reservation of such projects to Federal construction or financing, or preclude local participation in them. . . . The power policy of this administration recognizes the willingness of state and local groups to participate in providing additional power facilities."

The city of Eugene, which owns its own electrical generating and distribution system, has grown to the point where its utility needs more power. Meanwhile the construction of a dam on the South Fork of the McKenzie river has been authorized by Congress as a part of the Willamette Basin Flood control project. Power could and should be generated at that dam. Why not, reasoned the management of the Eugene Water and

Electric Board, let us pay a part of the cost of the flood control dam plus all of the costs of the power generating facilities and transmission lines, and let us get the power we need from Cougar Dam, which will be built anyway, and thus relieve ourselves of the job of building another dam in the same area?

They asked me that question last fall and I agreed that they not only had a sound idea but that it conformed with what I understood to be the policy of this administration. They proceeded to develop their plans for a partnership proposal and brought them to Washington. Mr. Ray Boals and his assistant, Mr. Byron Price, together with their engineer, Mr. Byron Taylor, spent several weeks in Washington recently. It was a pleasure to work with them and help them. They wanted no deal unless it was a good thing for the government as well as being fair to the city of Eugene. The plan they have worked out is clearly both. It is sound, clean-cut and workable. If adopted, it will save the government a considerable amount of money and will provide power for Eugene at a reasonable rate.

Senator Cordon and I helped in the final drafting of a bill which legalizes the arrangement, which we introduced in both houses of Congress. It should, we think, have favorable congressional action.

When the President learned of the bill he gave the plan his personal blessing with a strong favorable statement. He said the project is a good example of his administration's policy of encouraging local participation in such projects wherever feasible.

The Eugene proposal is not the first legislation offered which embodies the general idea of "partnership." I have not had an opportunity to study others—they may be good, too. I note, however, that the Eugene plan is the first one to be endorsed by President Eisenhower.



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH
By
CLIFFORD P. ROWE

ALTHOUGH everyone gets a big laugh out of the amount of time that Dagwood, newspaper comic page character, spends in the bathtub, I believe that the cartoonist who has created the idea has captured an important aspect of modern American living.

That very thought came to me just the other day as I was lying, full length, soaking in a hot tub. I have always felt that such a form of relaxation has it all over the psychiatrist's couch when it comes to relieving taut nerves or a troubled mind.

But it was not always thus. I can remember as a youngster fighting with all the tricks at my command to somehow escape the ordeal or the inevitable Saturday night bath. In view of the fact that my own youngsters are continually fighting over who is to have the first bathing opportunity, a modern student of the American scene might come to the conclusion that a desire for cleanliness is a sudden development of our own decade.

Such is not the case, however; and if the one who made such a statement had ever gone through the agony of the weekly ablutions in those years B.B. (before bathtubs), he would know that the youngsters of gone generations weren't fighting cleanliness.

Those who have perched on the rim of a galvanized tub, the same in which mother did the weekly washing, while they went through the contortions of bathing will understand and be sympathetic.

The huge wash boiler on the wood stove furnished the hot water for the attack on the week's accumulation of the good earth, but the last bather, and there were eight in ours, usually ended up with about the same proportion of hot water as he did of chicken at the Sunday dinner.

The little ones got the big break though for they could sit down in the water; the rest of us had to perch and swoop.

Bonus Claims Being Checked

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is still processing 1,110 World War II veterans' bonus claims. Robert J. Williamson, bonus supervisor, reported this week.

Most of the claims are awaiting information requested of applicants in order to establish their entitlement, Williamson said. Another 142 represent appeals by veterans from disallowed claims, on which decisions have not yet been made.

Since the bonus deadline of last December 31, the department has received 49 applications or requests for application forms. None of these can be acted on because they were filed too late.

The bonus has been paid to 126,036 veterans or their survivors in the amount of \$50,124,990. The living veteran's average bonus payment was \$392.84 while payments to survivors averaged \$528.21.

HERE FROM IDAHO

Mr. and Mrs. George Finke of Southwick, Idaho, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Guerrettaz last week. Mr. Finke is Mrs. Guerrettaz' brother.

Quilt Display Attracts Many To Grange Hall

The Quilt Display, Hobby and Antique exhibit at the Grange hall last Saturday drew many entries and attracted many people to enjoy the many fine quilts and other things on display. Thirty quilts were hung around the sides of the hall and on racks, which with the hobbies, antique flowers and curios also on display, made a colorful, interesting impression as one entered the door.

The judges, Mrs. Sylvia Lee, Curry county home demonstration agent; Mrs. Kenneth Priest, wife of the county agent, and Mrs. Edith Ackley, chairman of the Curry county Pomona Grange Home Economics committee, had a difficult time deciding which of the quilts merited the grand championship. The Ohio rose pattern quilt entered by Mrs. Clara Kerns was finally chosen, with that of Mrs. Florence Davis a very close runner-up. The other prize was given for the oldest quilt entered, and that prize was taken by the quilt entered by Mrs. Dora Beaulieu. It was a log cabin pattern made in Pennsylvania about two hundred years ago by the grandmother of Mrs. Verne Cross, who gave it to Mrs. Beaulieu about eighteen years ago.

Ribbons were given for the quilts in the different classifications as follows: Patchwork quilts, Mrs. Florence Davis and Mrs. Alice Spence, with honorable mention for Mrs. Edith Ackley and Mrs. Eva Springer; applique quilts, Mrs. Clara Kerns and Mrs. Darrell Garrett; embroi-

dered quilts, Mrs. Ellen Jagers, and the second oldest quilt which was entered by Mrs. Violet Wallace. It was made by Mrs. H. Horner in 1870 in Ohio and brought across the plains to Nebraska in a covered wagon.

Another item of interest was a crocheted bedspread entered by Mrs. Edith Drorbaugh which had been made by a Negro slave about ninety-five years ago. Mrs. Neil Martin took both first and second in the crib quilt classification.

When the door prize was drawn for at 9 o'clock, Mrs. Manilla Hassett held the lucky number. Other winners were Mrs. Verna Mendenhall, Mrs. Ellen Jagers and La Vere Hewitt.

Mrs. Alvina Eickhoff, chairman of the committee for the affair, wishes to thank everyone for their interest in entering their quilts, hobbies and antiques, so that the show was a great success.

STAYING AT BONN

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamann and children are guests at the Bonn Motel until they can find suitable housing. Mr. Hamann is superintendent of Lake Pleasant Plywood Company.

TO VISIT FAMILY

Mrs. H. A. Wilbanks left Monday morning to spend three weeks with her family in Seattle.

She rode as far as Portland with Mrs. Charles Wersch who returned home from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Samuels, and family.

TO GO OVERSEAS

Pvt. Glenn Orton, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Orton, was home on a ten-day leave before shipping out for overseas duty.

BENEFIT DANCE

Del Norte Indian Welfare Ass'n.

Smith River Community Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Dancing 9:00 to 2:00 a.m.

Added Attraction
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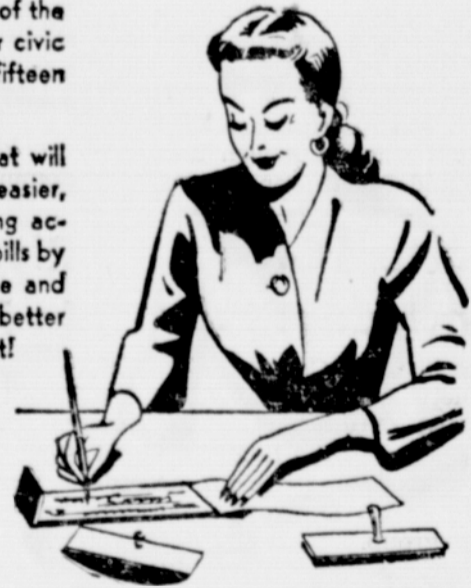
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