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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

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Coming up for House consideration in the near future will be at least two regular annual appropriation bills. Also, I understand the Banking and Currency Committee may be nearly ready to send some legislation on housing—especially referring to the financing of private home construction. Last week the House passed the bill extending the Veterans loan program.

The House Rules Committee has begun hearings on the bill to create a giant corporation for the purpose of constructing the United States' share of the St. Lawrence Seaway. This project, by the way, has been a subject of discussion in Congress for some 41 years. Never before, however, has the legislation come so near to passage even though all of our Presidents since and including Woodrow Wilson have recommended it. In this Congress the Senate has already passed the bill and it has been reported favorably by the House Committee. All that remains is final action on the floor of the House which I expect may come within the next week or so.

One of the greatest flood control projects ever undertaken is in the Willamette River Basin in our state. A large portion of the project is completed. Known and tabulated results from the dams thus far completed clearly indicate that the engineering calculations were very sound indeed and that the actual benefits in terms of annual flood loss saved will be far greater than estimated. It is possible, however, that until at least two more dams are built the present unbalanced situation may result in more harm than good. This is surely the case between the North and South Forks of the Santiam River and in the McKenzie - Willamette area upstream from where those two streams join. What happened in each case is that a control dam is completed on one branch and not on the other with the result in winter that flood water from the uncontrolled or higher stream tends to cut across valuable land to the lower or controlled stream.

This means that all possible haste must be made in building the dam known as Green Peter on the South Santiam, and the dam



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By **CLIFFORD P. ROWE**

As proof that one doesn't have to go back to childhood and Aesop's Fables to find a story with a moral, I was favored with one the other day as a merchant friend and I were enjoying a cup of coffee.

According to him, several years ago when he was in business in another city, a well-dressed and pleasant mannered stranger walked in, introduced himself and stated that he desired to buy some merchandise. Soon he and the merchant were chatting and joking like old friends of long stand-

known as Cougar on the upper McKenzie.

In an effort to speed the construction of Cougar, as well as to obtain additional electrical energy for its municipal electric system, the Eugene Water and Electric Board has offered to relieve the government of the cost of power facilities at Cougar and pay part of the other costs of the dam. It is hoped this offer will appeal to an economy-minded Congress and so hasten the appropriation of planning and construction funds.

It is planned also to present legislation making a similar "partnership offer" with respect to the Green Peter Dam, although in that case the question of who the local "partner" is to be left for later determination—perhaps by the Federal Power Commission.

It is believed that the Congress will like the partnership offers because they represent the saving of several millions of dollars in government funds. However, I am asking that the ordinary multipurpose authorization language be included in what is called the Flood Control Omnibus Bill on which the Committee on Public Works is now working. This will make it possible, if the flood control bill is acted upon first, for the Engineers to proceed with their plans for both of these dams with-

ing. Finally, the man having completed purchases amounting to \$35.00, tendered a \$200.00 check in payment.

He laughingly remarked to his newly-made merchant friend as the latter returned his \$165.00 in change, "Of course, the check's no good, but you don't need the money anyway." With an answering laugh and a pat on the back, my friend escorted the purchaser to the door.

Next day, he found that his late customer was indeed an honest man. The check WAS no good. In fact, he had passed ten more just like it around town. My friend concluded his story by saying, "He was the last man in the world I would have suspected of being a crook. He certainly did not look like one." And so was born our story's moral that "clothes do not make a man; and looks don't make the crook."

Too many people expect a criminal to talk out of the side of his mouth, and to peer between slitted eyelids as his gaze shifts warily to watch all entrances for possible pursuers. Just think of the difficulty I would experience trying to make a purchase in a strange town of a surprise birthday gift for my wife if she were only a couple of counters away. The clerk, if a good television and movie fan, would have the entire police force down on me before the ink was dry on the check.

Proper advice to those who are called on to cash checks would seem to be to remember that money in the bank is what makes a man's check good; his smile, his manners and his clothes may easily be his only assets.

out waiting for Congressional action on the so-called "partnership" legislation.

By good fortune two men from the Santiam region, Mr. Douglas Bradley of Jefferson and Mr. Max Landon of Sweet Home, came to Washington and were able to testify in behalf of these projects at a hearing held by the Committee last week. The hearing was on a bill Senator Cordon and I introduced a year ago for the purpose of authorizing the construction of power facilities as a part of both Green Peter and Cougar Dams. This, I hope, will become part of the omnibus bill since it is the same kind of authorization as the Detroit, Lookout Point, and other dams in the flood control system.

The Problem of School Discipline

With this issue of the Pilot, we're hoping to end the controversy which has spread around the recent expulsion of a high school boy here for smoking. Not all of the letters have been published. Some were unsigned, some were libelous, some treated the matter as amusing, which we are sure it is not.

We are sure, also, that the matter could never be decided in a newspaper. The subject has too many ramifications to be decided by charge and counter charge, and without calm discussion by the principals in the case.

Right now, we do not know whether the School administration acted properly in the case. There are too many things concerning it with which we are not familiar.

But we do feel that what has happened before should not be the criterion by which we should judge this issue. When we first came to Brookings, the cry on every tongue was that the school was too lax . . . no discipline up there, we were told. And, it stands to reason that if discipline is tightened, then future cases are not treated in the same manner as past cases are treated. Each case must be judged upon its merits alone.

It is no light matter, the expulsion of a student who is nearing his diploma. It seems to us that expulsion is the very last resort in such a matter. To stand in the way of a youth's future by such an action is taking a great deal of responsibility on one's shoulders.

But discipline in the schools is no light matter, either. If it is flouted, consistently and unreasonably, the authorities must take the means open to them to maintain order.

In the final analysis that is all anyone can say. Expulsion is a serious punishment, and should be used only to combat the most serious breaches of discipline. If the School administration can honestly say the problem merited such discipline, they were correct in using it. And none of us, from outside the problem, are really qualified to say, on the basis of our scanty knowledge, whether or not such action was necessary.

Our Local Candidates

We've never advocated the support of a political candidate on the basis of geographical location. The fact that a man is a near neighbor of ours does not, we are sure, make him necessarily the best qualified man for any public office.

We'd even go so far as to say that the support of basically unqualified men from our territory would only serve to weaken our community as well as the county as a whole. If Brookings should unite, for instance, to send an inferior officer to a county position, the action would probably be charged against us by the rest of the county for years to come.

So, when we advocate our candidates for office, it is not on that basis. We'll admit that residence in Brookings shows a great deal of common sense . . . but more than that should be required of a candidate.

But in any attempt to judge our local candidates objectively, it is obvious that there are a number running locally who merit anyone's vote.

Luther Tisdale, Candidate for county Judge, has demonstrated most effectively in the past his ability and his character. Add to that his willingness to perform a public service, at a sacrifice to himself and you'll agree that there could not be a sounder County Judge.

Sam Hall, incumbent District Attorney, has handled his office well during his past term. He has been handicapped by his distance from Gold Beach . . . but his willingness to sacrifice time and his own practice to overcome that handicap have already been effectively proven. And Sam Hall has shown great sense of responsibility in running for this office at the cost of attention to his own practice.

Paul Ronniger, candidate for Coroner . . . In his two plus years here, Paul has proven his value to the county. A well trained, conscientious M. D., Dr. Ronniger has every qualification for the office.

Charles Grayshel, candidate for Legislature: Mr. Grayshel's sound business background, as well as his long familiarity with local problems, qualified him well for the Legislative post. He is widely-known through out the state, and he should be very effective in the Legislature for this district.

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