

The Oregon Statesman

"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"
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Elk Hills Oil

A year ago when some assistant attorney general denounced a contract covering the opening of the Elk Hills oil reserve by the Standard Oil company (California) for the navy the contract was held up though the president had signed it. The assistant, Norman Littlefield, of the lands division made the statement then that the contract was "worse than the contract made 20 years ago with Doherty and Fall." Such a comparison of course made the contract a "hot poker" which everyone in the government from the president down hastened to drop. Now the contract has been revised and has gone before a senatorial committee for scrutiny.

The new contract however, follows the scheme and philosophy of the old contract, according to Mr. Stevenson, special assistant to the secretary of the navy. While some of the features of the first agreement have been modified the important terms respecting the exploitation of the reserves jointly by the navy and the oil company which owns adjacent or intermingled acreage remain the same, and the agreement has been studied and approved by the department of justice.

It is fair to the Standard Oil company which had negotiated with the navy to quote what Senator Walsh of Massachusetts, chairman of the committee said when the hearing was concluded:

"I think I ought to say to you that the navy department indicated that your company has shown an attitude of cooperation and a desire to be fair and to reach a conclusion that did not disregard the public interest in this problem."

This confirms comment which this paper offered at the time to the effect that the sound-off of criticism seemed political and premature, and that the oil company was too conscious of its risk if it tried to "put over" a deal like the old Doherty lease. The logic of geography called for the joint development of the area, and the government is wise to work out such an arrangement rather than to go into the producing and refining business on its own. Perhaps the ghost of the Canol project served to warn against such a venture. At any rate the terms of the new contract seem to exonerate the oil company from the imputation of jobbing the government on an oil deal.

House Has Opportunity

The house has the chance to exercise real statesmanship in revising the bill extending OPA authority. The senate put in some trippers which will make price control difficult and which definitely open the way to inflation. Worst is the Bankhead amendment permitting price boosts on textiles. This is admittedly a sop to the cotton-growers so they can get higher prices for cotton. There are other evidences of fixing the bill to meet interests of special groups.

OPA is not popular; it hasn't done too good a job; but it is a necessary evil in wartime if we would avert greater calamity. Compare prices in this war with those in world war 1 and note that generally they are much lower. Yet profits are excellent in nearly all lines of industry. Grangemaster Morton Tompkins assails OPA prices as being below cost of production in agricultural products, but the facts do not bear out such claims. Farmers themselves are not making such complaints, the most recent criticism being not that berry prices were below production cost but that California growers got a better break.

Congress is sensitive to local pressures and the senate has yielded. Whether the house members have the intestinal fortitude to stand up against such pressures is doubtful in this election year. But Lord save us if the wild horses of inflation are turned loose.

Phosphates for Fertilizer

The west has long heard about huge deposits of phosphate rock over in Idaho. There was considerable talk about using Bonneville power in reducing them to fertilizer, but it didn't go beyond the talk stage. Now an Idaho-farmer-industrialist, Jack Simplot of Caldwell, is moving in on the job himself. He is building a plant in southeast Idaho to convert the rock into fertilizer for sale to farmers of the northwest. His investment is said to be around half a million dollars.

Simplot is the man who owns and runs the big potato dehydrator at Caldwell, the largest in the country, employing about 1200 persons when running at capacity. He owns a number of big farms himself in the Idaho-Oregon irrigated country, and seems to combine successfully the roles of farmer and industrialist.

In Montana the International Minerals and Chemical corporation is locating a pilot plant to explore the milling quality of phosphate rock in Granite county. So it begins to look as though these mineral resources would be realized at an early date. The chief benefits however will not be from the industry but from the use of fertilizer in northwest agriculture.

The Atlantic wall proved to be no more of a barrier than the famed Maginot line. Fixed defenses are impotent before an enemy with fire-power from the air and sea and with mobile units moving rapidly on the ground. This demonstration gives ground for hope that the push across France and into Germany will not be too difficult or costly.

St. Louis streetcar men and bus drivers went on a strike this week. What could they do on their holiday, with no streetcars or buses to take a ride on?

D-day in Astoria: "Astorians Sober Over Invasion; Churches Open," says an Astorian-Budget headline.

Italy is shaped like a boot, and the Germans are using it as a summer up its leg.

Forest Resources Adequate

The American Forest Products Industries, Inc. says that present uses of wood could be doubled under forest management policies which protect growing trees from fire and if mature trees were harvested to speed the growth of a new crop. It asserts that forest lands can produce all the lumber needed, indefinitely, under proper conservation.

These statements are undoubtedly true. We have vast areas of natural forest lands which under scientific methods of cropping can produce ample timber to meet present and reasonable future demands. There is extreme waste in present logging operations, general neglect of reforestation, inadequate protection of existing stands, and heavy losses through over-ripe timber. It will take many decades for this prodigious country to adopt forest plans which will give a balanced regularity of growth and harvest, but eventually it must come. There is a growing realization of the need, and the great public favor which the Keep Oregon Green movement has received proves the readiness of the public to respond to appeals for cooperation in saving of forests.

There is need to recognize though that mature trees should be cut when ripe. Otherwise they deteriorate while occupying the ground which might be growing another tree. Oregon has a large amount of this overripe timber. We need not grieve over its being cut, though the cutover land should be got back into production without delay.

The assurance given by the organization referred to is timely, because too many people fear the country will be bereft of timber before many years which is not true and need never be true. What we do need is aggressive action in reforesting old cutover lands and constant vigilance to protect present forests and the reproduction growth.

Mrs. Roosevelt says she knew beforehand the date for the invasion. She says her husband told her. But she sticks to that one that he hasn't told her whether he is going to run for a fourth term or not.

The center of Caen (pronounced cane) was reported as blown to pieces in one minute by naval bombardment. That was surely raising Cain.

Portland gave its traditional welcome to Jane Powell, who as Suzanne Burce was known as the Oregon Victory Girl — a downpour of rain greeted her on her arrival from Hollywood.

San Francisco is hiring women for traffic cops. That will make the halted motorist stutter and stammer when he gets a ticket, cramping his styles of expression.

The pope has offered thanks to the Lord for the sparing of Rome. That will probably make Hitler jealous, because the latter claimed the credit himself.

Editorial Comment

From Other Papers

INDICTMENT OF SCHENLEY'S

The indictment of Schenley's, one of the "Big Four" liquor distillers, by a federal grand jury in Newark, N.J., on a charge of conspiring to sell whisky to the black market, emphasizes what has been our contention all along: that the only effective way to get at the black market is through the distilleries.

Schenley's is charged with violating price ceilings and with falsifying records intended to show where its liquor was going. It seems likely, from a look at results, that the offenses which distilleries in general are committing range all the way down to the extra-legal but still harmful one of failing to carry out a public trust conscientiously.

The Justice Department is doing an excellent piece of work in investigating, through its criminal and anti-trust divisions, the distilling industry. It would add to its public service if, in addition to prosecuting violations of law, it would hold up to the public's scrutiny the failures of duty by which distilleries, however much they are not actually outside the law, are playing into the hands of the black market and the criminal traffic in whisky. —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

UNHAPPY STORY

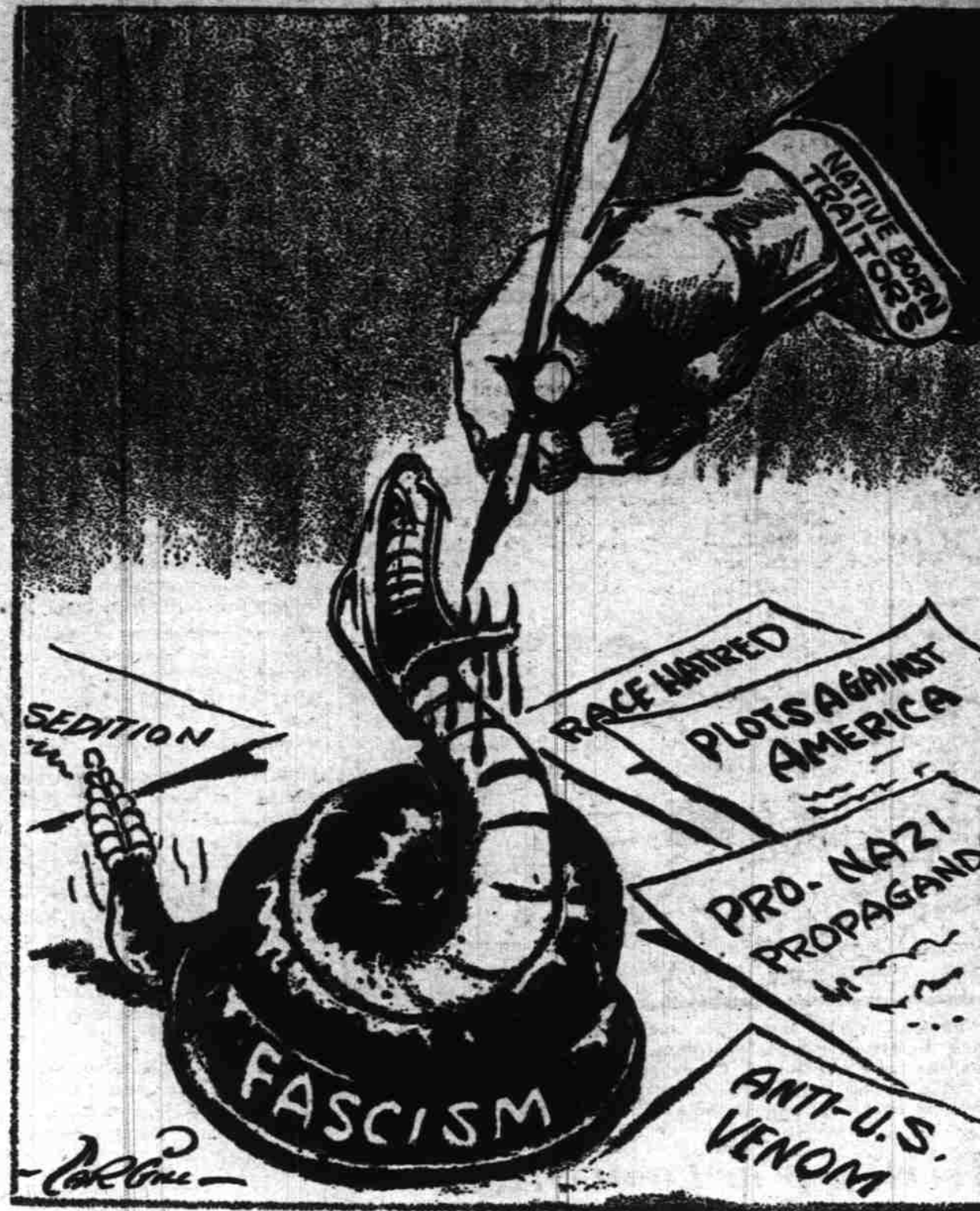
Very sorry, Japanese cannot trust Hindu. Japanese commandants carefully select 12 of Indians taken prisoner in Malaya. Treat very polite. Slap face, make them understand Japanese superior people. Tell them Englishman no good. Americans much worse. Cannibals. Eat Hindus if they catch 'em. Japanese promise Hindus happy life. Slap faces again so they believe. Teach them all very nice Japanese sabotage, also best kind of propaganda to make trouble in India. Hindus say this very kind of Japanese. Glad to oblige. Get faces slapped again so they remember. Japanese give Hindus money, also some diamonds if they need more expensive money. Put Hindus ashore in India by Japanese submarine. Hindus right away hunt up British constable, tell all about Japanese arrangement. Very bad Hindus. Japanese officer get court-martial, maybe. Neglect of duty. Not slap Hindu faces enough so they appreciate co-prosperity with superior kind of people. —San Francisco Chronicle.

IMPOSSIBLE BUT INTRIGUING

Some writers have been smacking their lips over the prospect of a possible clash of wit and beauty between Rep. Clare Luce, the brilliant, comely, playwright republican congressman from Connecticut, and Helen Gahagan, actress, wife of Melvyn Douglas of the movies, and democratic nominee from a California congressional district.

But there's the possibility of a dud. Playwrights aren't usually performers (Mrs. Luce is far from being a persistent orator in the house). Actresses, however compelling, are almost always dependent upon others for their lines.

Now Mrs. Luce and Miss Gahagan were on the same side of the political fence, and could collaborate—that, friends, would be something! —Eugene Register-Guard.



'Poison Pen'

Today's Radio Programs

KSLM-MBS-Wednesday-1200 Kc.

6:30-It's The Truth.
6:45-News.
7:00-News.
7:15-Farm & Home Program.
7:30-Happy Man.
7:45-Today's Top Trades.
8:00-OK for Release.
8:30-News.
8:45-Orchestra.
9:00-Boake Carter.
9:15-Pastor's Call.
9:30-Midland U.S.
9:45-Amazons Jennifer Logan.
10:00-News.
10:15-Jack Berch.
10:30-Luncheon with Lopez.
10:45-American Woman's Jury.
11:00-Cedric Fester.
11:15-Waltz Time.
11:30-Skyline Serenade.
11:45-Around Town.
12:00-Organalities.
12:15-News.
12:30-Hillbilly Serenade.
12:45-Nashville Varieties.
1:00-The Smoothies.
1:15-News.
1:30-Interlude.
1:45-Afternoon Melodies.
2:00-Your Army Service Forces.
2:00-News.
2:15-Broadway Band Wagon.
2:30-Don Lee Show.
2:45-Songs by Virginia Spencer.
2:55-Radio Town.
3:00-News.
3:15-Concert Hour.
3:30-Johnson Family.
3:45-Raymond Henly.
4:00-Happy Moon.
4:15-Lullaby in Rhythm.
4:30-Roundup Revelers.
4:45-News.
5:00-Superman.
5:15-Tom Mix.
5:30-Cordell Burke.
5:45-Gabriel Heatter.
6:00-Nick Carter.
6:15-First Nighter.
6:30-War Commentary.
6:45-Lowell Thomas.
7:00-Lane Ranger.
7:15-Don Lee Show.
7:30-Jan Garber.
7:45-Bulldog Drummond.
8:00-News.
8:15-Cecil Brown.
8:30-Raymond Henly.
8:45-Old Times Orchestra.
9:00-News.
9:15-Sign Off.
9:30-News.
9:45-Don Lee Show.
10:00-News.
10:15-Sign Off.

KGW-NBC-WEDNESDAY-620 Kc.

6:30-Daw Patrol.
6:45-News.
7:00-Mirth and Madness.
7:15-News.
7:30-Labor News.
7:45-Journal of Living.
8:00-Parade.
8:15-Reveille Roundup.
8:30-News.
8:45-Sam Hayes.
9:00-Stars of Today.
9:15-James Abbe Covers the News.
9:30-Music.
9:45-David Harum.
10:00-Personality Hour.
10:15-Music.
10:30-Ruth Forbes.
10:45-Art Baker's Notebook.
11:00-The Guiding Light.
11:15-Today's Children.
11:30-Women in White.
11:45-Rhymes of All Churches.
12:00-Women of America.
12:15-Ma Perkins.
12:30-Pepper Young's Family.
12:45-Right to Happiness.
1:00-Bachelor's Wife.
1:15-Stella Dallas.
1:30-Lorenzo Jones.
1:45-Young Widder Brown.
2:00-When A Girl Marries.
2:15-We Love and Learn.
2:30-Just Plain Bill.
2:45-Front Peter Farrell.
3:00-Road of Life.

AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFT



Wounded when struck by antitank and artillery fire, Staff Sgt. George W. Mollitt, Indianapolis, dismounted from his tank to assist a wounded crew member. Unable to stand because of his wound, he directed his vehicle to cover, crawled back to safety under heavy machine gun fire. He lives—and wears a Silver Star. We who are protected must say more for Bonds than ever before!

U. S. Treasury Department

Dental School Purchase to Be Left Up to Legislature

PORTLAND, June 13 (AP)—The proposal to incorporate the dental school, North Pacific College of Oregon, into the state system of higher education was handed over to the state legislature today.

Willard L. Marks, president of the state board of higher education, said the board would be willing to administer a dental college "if the legislature decides that the state should enter this field and will make the money available."

Dr. Harlan H. Horner, head of an American Dental association committee, estimated that the plan, proposed by the Oregon Dental association, would call for \$500,000 for initial equipment and about \$75,000 annually.

Plans for a \$750,000 general hospital at the medical school with 60 of the 200 beds devoted to neuropsychiatry and 15 to child psychiatry, were adopted by the board. The hospital, part of a 10-year building program, is subject to appropriation of funds by the state.

The board tabled for future consideration a Portland retail trade bureau proposal that the school of business administration at Eugene and the school of pharmacy at Corvallis be transferred to Portland to enable returning veterans to attend classes and work part time in retail stores.

The bureau also recommended additions to the business curriculum at Eugene, and adding schools of dentistry and optometry to the state system at Portland.

The field of candidates for the University of Oregon presidency has been narrowed down suffi-

ciently so that personal interviews may be begun soon, Marks said.

Other board action included: Appropriation of \$27,850 to construct a shop building at the University of Oregon, and allocation of \$10,600 from civilian pilot training balances for a large lecture room.

Gifts, chiefly for scholarships and research, accepted in sums of \$7250 for the medical school, \$4264 for Oregon State college, \$2056 for the university, and \$1336 for Eastern Oregon College of Education.

Personnel changes: Dr. Margaret L. Fincke appointed head of department of foods and nutrition at Oregon State college to succeed Mrs. Jessamine Williams, retired; Dr. Josephine Gardner appointed assistant professor of foods and nutrition at the college; E. F. Torgerson, assistant professor of soils, granted leave of absence for war work; Miles B. Hatch, returned from leave, promoted to associate professor and associate food chemist at the college; resignation of John Stark Evans as professor of organ at the University of Oregon accepted; Edwin J. Westerman appointed instructor in education at Southern Oregon College of Education to succeed Dr. A. S. Taylor, associate professor, granted leave; and Virginia Hales, assistant professor of physical education at Southern Oregon, granted leave.

OSC Approved For Chemistry

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—This institution is listed as one of three on the Pacific coast where both chemistry and chemical engineering are on the approved list compiled by a committee of the American Chemical society.

The list, published in a recent issue of the Chemistry and Engineering News, includes the University of Washington, California Institute of Technology, and Oregon State college as approved for both chemistry and chemical engineering. Six others approved for chemistry alone are Washington State college, University of California, UCLA, Pomona, Reed college, and University of Idaho.

Today's Garden

By LILLIE MADSEN

I. D. and L. T. both ask today if the seed pods of rhododendrons should be removed and if the plants should be dug around when through blooming.

Answer: It is wise to remove carefully the pods. But I mean CAREFULLY. If one isn't careful one will break off the little new shoots which should furnish the bloom next year.

No digging should be done around the rhododendrons, and again I mean NO DIGGING. The little feeder roots grow close to the surface and these will be cut off with even a little hoeing. Mulches should be provided instead. The mulch may be of weathered sawdust, peat moss, leafmold (oak leaf mold is excellent), or well decayed cow barn fertilizer. The latter is excellent to use occasionally.

The Safety Valve

To the Editor:
Charles E. Heath of 465 North 14th street is not the Charles Heath who wrote the article appearing in The Statesman's "Safety Valve" June 8.

CHARLES E. HEATH,
465 North 14th Street.

7:15 P.M.

DON LEE-MUTUAL

LOWELL THOMAS NEWS TIME

Standard of California

AMERICA'S WAR PLANES

WRIGHT FIELD, Ohio—(This is one of a series of brief sketches of American warplanes produced under the supervision of the AAF materiel command, which is charged with the development, procurement, production and inspection of all army air forces equipment. Authoritative data on a different plane will appear daily.)

THE CG-4 CARGO GLIDER
The first tactical glider to be used by the AAF. Played an important part in the invasion of Sicily, the Markham Valley in New Guinea, and in Burma.

DESCRIPTION: Glider, Waco design. Built by several manufacturers. Crew consists of pilot and co-pilot.

DIMENSIONS: Span: 83 feet, 8 inches. Chord: 10 feet, 6 inches. Wing area: 832 square feet. Weight: (empty) over 3,000 pounds. Design gross weight: over 6,000 pounds.

USEFUL LOAD: Over 3,000 pounds. Carries 15 fully equipped men, or a jeep and six men. DESIGN TOP SPEED: 150 miles per hour.

CONSTRUCTION: Fuselage—tubular steel, fabric covered. Wings—wood, plywood and fabric.

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Modernize Her Ring

Her diamonds installed in today's modern setting will enhance and bring out the beauty of the stones.

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