

"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"  
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### Report on Rogue River Development

Sure to touch off the controversy between sportsmen's groups and those interested in economic development is the report of the Reclamation bureau following its extensive study of the water resources of the Rogue river watershed. R. J. Newell, regional director of the bureau, admits that not all of the four special interests—irrigation, power, flood control and sport fishing—can benefit to an equal extent in a single development plan. Accordingly the bureau engineers submit two plans which are offered for public consideration. Newell says the decision as to what development, if any, should take place "should rest with the people of the valley." There the sentiment is divided, so vigorous and perhaps sharp argument is sure to arise at the hearing set for June 8 in Medford.

Plan A involves nine storage dams and six power dams. Seven of the dams would be built on the Rogue starting at Lewis creek and going upstream; eight would be on tributaries of the Rogue.

Plan B contemplates building 11 storage dams and five power dams. Its lowest storage dam would be at Lost creek. Seven dams would be on the main stream and nine on tributaries.

Irrigation provision would be same under each plan: water for 73,540 acres and supplemental water for 40,300 acres where water for irrigation at times is short. In power production, Plan A would give 96,250 kilowatts and Plan B 68,450 kw.

The power would form a welcome addition to the supply in southern Oregon and northern California and part of its revenue receipts would be needed to carry the cost of the irrigation features.

For flood control Plan A would protect lands along Rogue river and Bear creek, while Plan B would give no protection along the former.

Fish and wildlife authorities say that both plans would have bad effects on sports fishing, with Plan A causing the greater injury. The report says that "spawning areas remaining accessible after development of either plan would have capacity for more fish than are now believed to spawn in the Rogue river.

Construction costs are estimated at \$89,824,700 for Plan A and \$83,903,200 for Plan B. The entire cost would be returned to the treasury from repayments by water users and from power revenues except the portion allotted to flood control.

The bureau has tackled one of the most ticklish situations in the state. The go-getters of southern Oregon feel they must have more water for irrigation, more power. They also recognize that the Rogue has great values as a scenic and recreational resource which must be protected. Fishermen and those catering to them see red whenever dams are proposed to stop fish migration. The local fish interests will be joined in protest by the large and aggressive and vocal wildlife organizations over the state and nation who hold the Rogue sacred to steelhead and trout fishing. Just how the reclamation bureau can determine the wishes of the valley people is hard to say.

The wise thing is for the leaders of Jackson county to try to get the people of diverse views together on a program so a front fairly united may be presented to government officials. Otherwise, the second Rogue river war will drag along for years. Table rock is still there. Why not hold another peace parley on it, with instructions to leave all tomahawks at the foot of the rock?

### Message from the Indians

In times of troubles men look to the past for guidance and understanding. One example of that trend today is the new and unique book, "The Indians of the Americas" (Norton, New York, 1947) by Ethnologist John Collier.

This is more than a readable, well-documented, dispassionate history of American Indians from their migration from Asia to their present uncertain status. As though interpreting smoke signals from ages past when the enlightened Indian civilizations blossomed, Collier offers this message:

"What the American Indians had, the world has lost and the world must have again, lest it die. World War III or the atom bomb... these... will mean the end if they come—racial death, self-inflicted because we have lost the way, and the power to live is dead.

"This power to live is the ancient, lost reverence and passion for human personality, joined with the ancient, lost reverence and passion for the earth and its web of life... If our modern world should be able to recapture this power... true democracy... would become the realized heaven on earth. And living peace—not just an interlude between wars—would be born and would last through ages... (Instead) the externals we have made our gods are in the saddle now...

"Through his society, and only through his society, man experiences greatness; through it, he unites with the universe and the God, and through it he is freed from all fear."

Collier knows whereof he speaks. U. S. commissioner on Indian affairs for 12 years and one of the world's foremost authorities on Indians, he now devotes himself to work for the United Nations. He organized the Institute of Ethnic Affairs, concerned with the world's decadent peoples, in recognition of the need for creative effort in the field of understanding the nature and meaning of man's societies.

In studying the societies of the Indians, Collier has reached the conclusion that contemporary man has much to learn from his predecessors. His respect for the Indians' inward tranquility expressed in their preservation of group life and their harmonious relations with the laws of nature is as deep as his dissatisfaction with the materialism and selfish isolationist individualism of modern civilization.

Collier's authentic account of the exploitation and enslavement and destruction perpetrated upon the natives by Spanish and Americans is summed up in the statement of a U. S. government official in 1871; "When dealing with savage men, as with savage beasts, no question of national honor can arise... the sole question is expediency."

In contrast, Collier quotes the basic rule of some "savages;" "Do not kill or injure, wrong or hate your neighbor, for it is not him you wrong, you wrong yourself. Moneto, the Supreme Being, loves him also as she loves you."

The national CIO has ousted Harry Bridges as CIO director of northern California because Bridges is lined up with the third party and Henry Wallace for president. This is an indefensible mixing of politics with labor union matters. It has the effect of denying political freedom to those holding offices in labor unions. This is not said in support of Bridges or of Henry Wallace; but in defense of the principle that the individual should be free to vote and work in politics as he chooses. What a howl would go up if a corporation fired a CIO worker because he insisted on supporting Harry Truman for president!

It is so dry in California bureau of fisheries men are planning a detour through irrigation ditches for salmon trying to swim up the San Joaquin river. Soon the stories of California's drought will sound like those of Kansas in the 1880s.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"You're being rash, young man—I warn you, no one ever got money from us who didn't eventually regret it!"

## MATTER OF FACT

### Oregon Primary Crucial Test for Stassen after Gamble for Ohio Vote

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop  
OREGON PRIMARY 3-18-2  
WASHINGTON, March 6—The habit has grown up of lightly discounting ex-Governor Harold Stassen as a youthful political amateur whom the republican professionals will eat for breakfast at Philadelphia. Among the professionals, however, a quite different theory has gained ground rapidly in the past month. The new theory pictures Stassen as himself one of the toughest professionals in the business, and a bolder gambler than any of his rivals in the bargain.

Unlike most pre-convention theories about candidates, this one actually seems to be supported by the facts. Stassen has kept his name before the public. He has kept his candidacy building steadily despite handicaps. And he has now maneuvered himself into a remarkable and little understood position. For he may be able to deal a heavy blow to one or both of the front-runners, Governor Thomas E. Dewey and Senator Robert A. Taft, and even if he cannot make the grade himself, he will have an excellent chance for the vice presidency on a ticket headed by any republican but Taft or Dewey.

The New Hampshire primary this week, in which both Stassen and Dewey are bidding for New Hampshire's eight delegates, will give some notion whether Stassen carries enough weight with his party to make his strategy stick. But more important tests will be the Ohio primary on May 4, in which he is pitted against Senator Taft in the latter's own bailiwick, and the Oregon primary on May 21, in which Stassen will again challenge Dewey.

**Situation Well-Publicized**  
The Ohio situation has already been well publicized. Stassen is running for 10 to 12 delegates from Ohio's 53. He has entered 22 candidates in the race, concentrating them in the industrial districts where Taft is believed weakest. Thus he has Stassen men running in such big towns as Youngstown, Dayton, Springfield, Toledo, Akron and Canton. He has also entered one delegate-at-large, the popular former Chief Justice Carrington T. Marshall, whose name is expected to help the Stassen slate.

Taft spokesmen claim that Stassen is butting his head against a stone wall in Ohio, that the republican organization is absolutely solid for Taft and that Stassen will be lucky to capture a single delegate. Stassenites assert with equal vehemence that there are serious rifts in the Ohio republican organization just below the top level, and that there is mounting enthusiasm for Stassen among the rank and file. At any rate, the Ohio Stassen group headed by his henchman, Earl Hart, is hard at work and Stassen himself will descend on Ohio on March 19 for a series of speeches in the most hotly contested districts.

If the Stassen showing in Ohio is poor—two or three delegates—his gamble will have failed. But if he succeeds in capturing 10 or 12 delegates from Taft he will have dealt the Ohio senator a blow from which it is difficult to see how Taft can recover. Moreover, a Stassen success in Ohio will increase the chances for a Stassen success in later primaries, and particularly against Dewey in the crucial Oregon primary. A considerable number of the younger men in the Oregon republican organization are all-out for Stassen. Republican National Committeeman Ralph Cate has even privately flattered predicted that Stassen will win. If that happens, only a month before the convention, Stassen will have

hurt Dewey almost as badly as his supporters hope to hurt Taft in Ohio.

**Strategy to Maim**  
Thus it is the Stassen strategy to maim, or at least seriously to wound, both the leading contenders, at the same time inheriting the strength they lose. Obviously this strategy has not endeared him to either Dewey or Taft. It is hardly to be expected that after such treatment either man will throw his support to Stassen in the event of a deadlock. Indeed, Taft supporters are already circulating the report, not doubt somewhat colored by wishful thinking, that negotiations are under way to prevent the mutual disaster of a deadlock. It is hinted that the search is for some formula for assuring that if a deadlock threatens one or the other of the two men will blow out.

Whether or not there is any substance in this report, Stassen's strategy obviously amounts to a bold all-or-nothing gamble. The odds may fall—indeed, the odds are against its success. But if it succeeds, Stassen will have at least an outside chance for the grand presidential prize. And failing that, he will have an excellent chance for the consolation prize, the vice presidential nomination. For the betting is now heavily on Senator Arthur Vandenberg if the long-heralded

Taft-Dewey deadlock does develop. There is reason to believe that if Vandenberg were nominated, Stassen might gladly accept the half-loaf of second place on the Vandenberg ticket. He has recently compared Vandenberg to Abraham Lincoln. He could swing a sizeable bloc of delegates to Vandenberg at the convention. He would thus be an entirely logical running mate for the Michigan senator. But there is no doubt that at least for the present he still has his eyes firmly fixed on the first prize.

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## County Refuses To Take Over Santiam Road

Marion county Saturday declined to assume authority over a one-quarter mile detour road on the North Santiam highway. District Attorney Miller Hayden advised the county court to allow the state highway commission to retain its jurisdiction over the stretch of county road 972 east of Gates. A controversy had arisen between the county court and the state highway department as to jurisdiction over the road.

The controversy came up Saturday when a logging operator in the North Santiam area said that when he attempted to get a log hauling permit to haul logs over the detour stretch recently neither the Kuckenberg Construction Co., the state nor the county was willing to assume jurisdiction.

In a letter to Marion county court last week the logger, Russell L. Hecox, stated he was going to haul logs over the road without a permit anyway because no one would authorize a permit for him.

Judge Murphy said Saturday that it was up to the state highway commission to grant the permit if it so desired. Hayden's decision Saturday stipulated that any law enforcement agency, whether county or state, had authority over criminal matters on the detour, such as traffic violations.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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gnarled apple trees in the old orchard still bloom in season and bear fruit, red or yellow, to surprise hikers or hunters who chance that way in the fall. A lilac bush may survive when the house it stood beside is torn down; and a rosebush planted by loving hands may continue to bloom long after the one who set it out has passed on.

Those of us who daily have walked by these blocks where once homes stood, which now look desolate as though a bomb had laid them waste, homes that give way to towering state buildings or to glamorous business establishments, draw comfort from the trees which seem to enjoy a brief stay of execution; and particularly from Mrs. Walton's flowering almond. As it unfolds its blooms this year in response to its instinctive urgings, oblivious to the changes all about it, the conviction grows that life manages to go on in spite of turmoil, and beauty will survive in the midst of desolation.

## Dog License Fees Totalled

A total of \$3,927 in dog license fees was collected by Marion county during February a report issued by Marion County Treasurer E. J. Butler showed. The dog license fund now totals \$4,875. The treasurer's report also indicated that at the end of the month \$383,068 was in the county's general fund, \$358,375 in the courthouse construction fund, \$580 in the general road fund and a tax advance suspense fund of \$1,035,453.

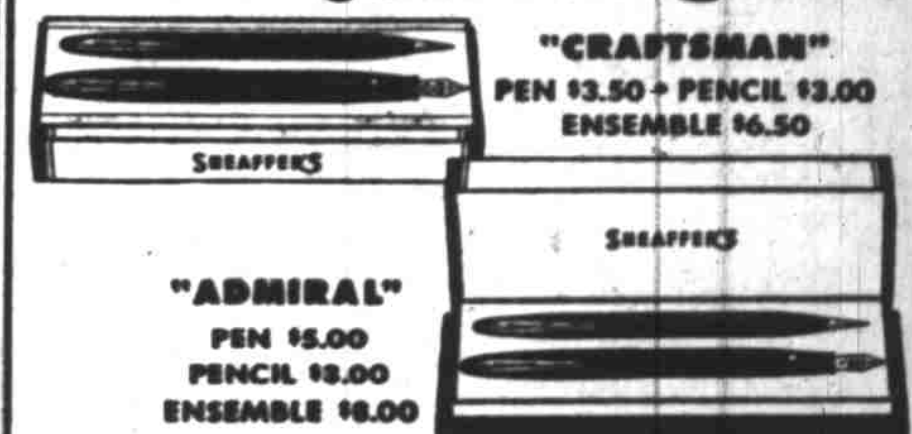
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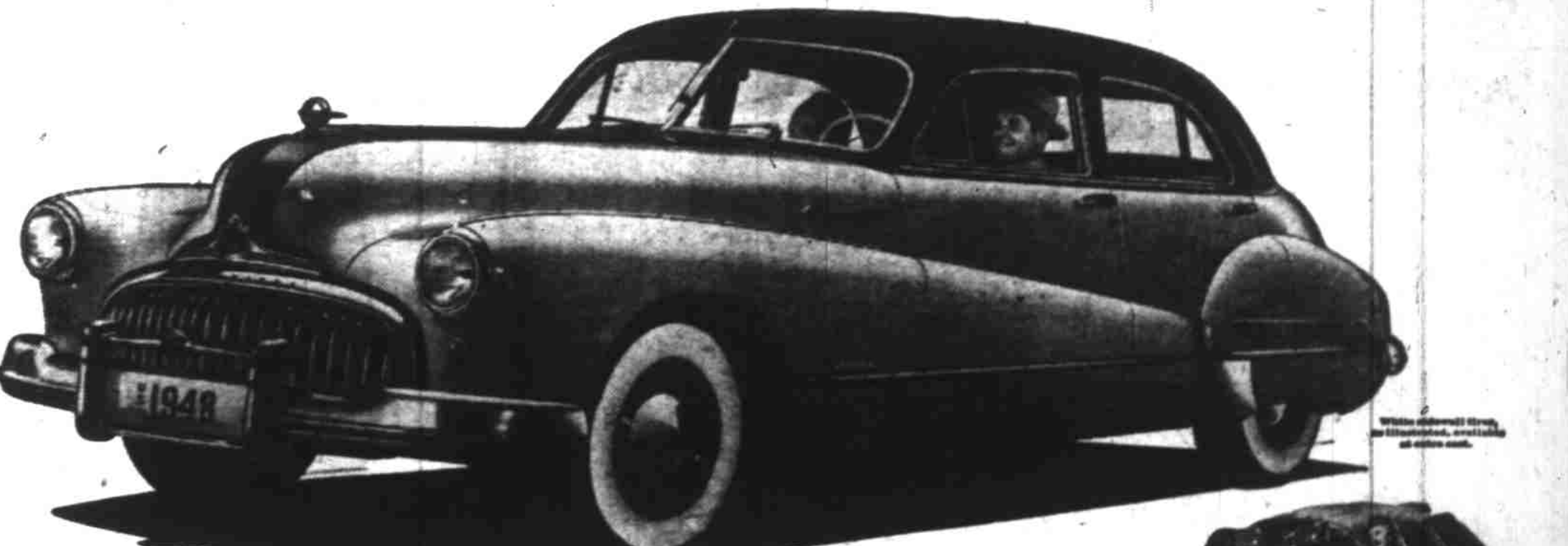
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