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LOOK: The Far West

Last month this page commented in rather lukewarm terms on a Pacific northwest guidebook of the labored homegrown variety that failed to do justice either to the author's good intentions or to the country itself. Now, here's one that makes up for all the inadequacies of the former.

It is "The Far West" (Houghton Mifflin, 1948) by the editors of Look magazine with a foreword by Joseph Henry Jackson, the San Francisco Chronicle's able literary editor. This is one of the "Look at America" regional volumes in a series of seven completed, two to go.

The geological and historical past of Washington, Oregon and California described in non-academic and factual but appreciative terms in Jackson's essay form a fitting background for the contemporary west displayed thenceforth. His comments are indeed an introduction to the far west and in his closing paragraphs he embodies the spirit of westerners:

"What is happening is actually, another Great Migration. For better or worse, the new pioneers of the new century's Roaring Forties are on their way. Like their predecessors of a hundred years ago, they are pretty generally the same kind of people, the young and strong, the imaginative, the people who don't believe that their country has reached (maturity), who won't be told that there is nothing left to invent, no unspoiled place to go, no big things to be done. They are right, of course, and they are coming to the right place."

"For the far west is one part of the United States where there are plenty of tomorrows, where nobody is ashamed to broach a new idea. . . . This new land looks up and down its 1,200 mile stretch, considers the variety of its scenery and the variety of its opportunity and takes pride in both. It knows, as others are fast coming to know, that the shift is to the Pacific, that it is on the shores of the greatest ocean of them all, and to the west of the youngest mountains, that the newest New World will be made."

Then follow the geographical sections — western Oregon, for instance — with brief factual text and maps showing major highways, cities and attractions. Sectional illustrations — some by the late Ralph Gifford of the state highway commission are the best photographs included — are followed by short descriptions of points of interest. In the local section, there is a panoramic double-page picture of the Willamette river winding past farms and woodland, near Salem, a detail of one of Salem's cherry orchards and the capitol.

The appendix — most useful to the traveler — contains thumbnail sketches of the cities and towns in three states, a recreational directory, a list by the month of annual events like the rose festival (someone slipped up: our cherry festival isn't mentioned), and maps showing principle railroad lines and distances between key points. And an index.

There are a dozen vivid color photographs that record faithfully, without subjective "interpretation," the character of the land. One shows a row of golden-rust maples shedding their leaves on a Willamette valley hilltop, and other pictures, though not in color, tell the tourist much more precisely than impassioned words of the hour-hidden misty Oregon valleys, the seamed and friendly faces of the people here, the hundred unpublicized beauties not listed as "points of interest."

So, for the eager-footed tourist as well as for the wistful stay-at-home "The Far West" is a useful, practical and entertaining guide to a fuller knowledge of this magnificent land.

Throwing Curves at Vandenberg?

Comment was made from Washington that the house leaders were throwing curves at Senator Vandenberg when they approved bills which the house then passed on extension of the reciprocal trade agreement act and appropriating money for ERP. The reputed purpose was to make the Michigan senator fall out with the national convention if he stood up to oppose these house-endorsed measures.

Perhaps that was the intent of the framers of these bills. But we doubt if it is necessary to accept any such theory of devious intrigue: for the bills themselves reflect the prevailing attitude of the house majority. There is also the danger in throwing any ball at a batter that he may knock over the fence for a home run.

Vandenberg appears to have won his battle in the senate to reduce the effect of the house proviso on the reciprocal trade act. The compromise he proposed is acceptable to Knudson of the house ways and means committee. And on Wednesday Vandenberg made a spirited appeal to the senate appropriations committee to restore the full amount of appropriations authorized in the ERP act. It is probable that he will win in the senate — he always has on any showdown on foreign affairs; and the house will accept the senate version, if it follows its previous pattern of performance.

What effect all this will have on Vandenberg's political fortunes is hard to tell. He shouldn't worry. He likes his job in the senate. Why should he at age 64 take on the presidency?

Truce in Palestine

Count Folke Bernadotte has succeeded in getting the Jews and Arabs to agree to a four-weeks truce. He is the only man in the recent history of the Palestine troubles who has gotten them to agree on anything. And it remains to be seen how faithfully the truce is observed.

The object is not just to suspend the shooting but to give more time to work out a settlement. The Arabs have made such a poor showing thus far in the fighting that they may be willing to concede a Jewish state. Otherwise peace will not come without further warfare for the Jews will not relinquish Israel's newly proclaimed sovereignty without a struggle.

Onus rests both on Britain and the United States for the debacle in Palestine; and it is hard to see how they can recover face in Palestine diplomacy.

Four years and a day after D-day in Normandy General Eisenhower became president of Columbia university. There may be times when he is riding herd on deans and professors and students the general will wish he was back in the army. Anyhow he'll not have Churchill in his hair.

The so-called monopoly states — the ones that handle the retailing of liquors — range up a sizable profit on their operations last year — \$147,000,000. There are 16 states in the group, with Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan leading in sales volume. Oregon is one; and the revenues from the liquor administration have borne most of the cost of public welfare since it was assumed by the state.

The Columbia river flood is suffering from no lack of top brass to view the outspread waters. More privates to pack the sandbags are needed more than the generals.

Figuring to get campaign expense accounts within legal limits may have been harder for some candidates than computing their income tax. However the public is not as nosy as the internal revenue boys.

The way they are adding speaking stops for President Truman in Oregon makes one think he is doing a fellow-up on the Stassen-Dewey doorbell circuit.

Soviet Strategy Called for Arab Arms Embargo

By Stewart Alsop

LONDON, June 9 — "For some days, were on the edge of an abyss," an official here remarked recently. He was discussing the Soviet-sponsored and American-supported United Nations proposal for sanctions against the Arab states. The proposal was defeated in the security council but it may be reintroduced at a later date. And it is worth recording the unanimous conviction of the British officials concerned that the proposal threatened to force the Middle East into the Soviet sphere of influence, together with the reasons for this conviction.

These reasons mainly concern Iraq. The economic position in Iraq is already desperate. If imports from the west were stopped, even the present appalling low standard of living in Iraq could not be maintained. And solid information available to the British Intelligence Service indicated that the Soviet Union was fully prepared to take advantage of this situation.

As soon as sanctions were imposed, a violent political explosion in Iraq would have been inevitable. The pro-Soviet political group in Iraq, more powerful than in any other Middle Eastern country, except possibly Iran, was clearly preparing to use this explosion to its own ends, with Soviet support. Soviet support, according to the intelligence reports, was to take the form of a Soviet gold loan. This loan had already been promised to pro-Soviet Iraq leaders, even while the discussions in the United Nations were in progress. It was to be made available after the sanctions were imposed, in exchange for certain concessions to the Soviet Union. There is no doubt at all that these concessions would have assured effective Soviet political control of Iraq.

By-Pass Anglo-U.S. Line

The results were wholly predictable. Extension of effective Soviet influence to Iraq would mean the by-passing of the whole Anglo-American holding line to the Soviet Union's south, in Greece, Turkey and Iran. Moreover, with their backs to the Soviet sphere, other Middle Eastern countries would certainly soon have followed suit. Pakistan, also subject to sanctions under the Soviet resolution, and where the economic situation is as desperate as in Iraq, could only have turned to its western neighbor, Iran, if it was believed, would have been the next to go. In short, the process of destroying the whole Western position in the Middle East would have been well begun, and the Western nations faced with a wholly catastrophic strategic defeat.

All this may sound alarmist. Yet it is, in broad outline, the serious British estimate of the situation which was repeatedly communicated to Washington in the days during which the Palestine issue was being debated in the United Nations. This British estimate may have been incorrect or exaggerated, although the report of the proposed Soviet gold loan to Iraq was considered solid information here, and seemed clearly enough to indicate Soviet intentions. At any rate, the repeated warnings from London were for some days not even acknowledged by Washington, which seems at this distance a remarkable example of moral cowardice. Acknowledgement was finally forthcoming from Washington only after a special meeting of top British officials and military leaders were convened, and their unanimous estimate of the dangers of the situation forwarded to Washington.

Facts 'Under Rug'

All this is now water over the dam. Yet it serves to illustrate the immense dangers implicit in the whole Palestine situation. Few here will defend in detail the policy on Palestine which has been until recently pursued by stubborn British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin. No one proposes that Washington should slavishly follow London's lead on policy toward the Middle East or any other area. But there is a general conviction here, shared by responsible American observers, that Washington has consistently disregarded or shoved under the rug the ugly facts of the situation in the Middle East. The central fact is simply that the British plan clearly intend to use the Palestine issue, first to drive a wedge between the British and American partners, and second as a means of extending Soviet power into the Middle East.

Great Britain Wary

The Middle East is an agonizingly sensitive spot in the whole painful British postwar position. When the spot is prodded the British reaction is apt to be tinged with hysteria, simply because the loss of the British Middle East position would spell immediate disaster for Great Britain. Yet in the long run the extension of Soviet power into the Middle East would be equally disastrous to the interests of the United States. American policy must be formed in the light of that harsh reality. Fortunately, a realistic joint Anglo-American policy is now possible, since the bull-headed Bevin policy has been shelved by the British. A determined joint effort to achieve an agreed settlement between the Israeli leaders and Transjordan's King Abdullah may yet provide the solution to the explosive and tragic problem of Palestine.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT



"I think the distinguished Senator is confused — that happens to be last week's foreign policy he's criticizing!"

County Third In Number Of Industries

Marion county, with 789 industries covered by the state unemployment compensation law, ranks third among Oregon counties, the unemployment commission said Wednesday.

Multnomah county comes first with 5,815 such industries, and Lane county tops Marion with 1,244. Covered industries comprise virtually all of a county's main industries.

Marion ranked next to Multnomah in the number of food processing plants (31 to 141), financial, insurance and realty (33 to 418) and in miscellaneous manufacturing. This county, however, fell behind Lane county in construction industries (118 to 150), paper and printing (10 to 11), lumber and logging (83 to 402), transportation and utilities (28 to 39), wholesalers (55 to 71) and service industries (cafes and other retailers).

Linn county ranked in sixth place with a total of 536 industries. Benton county has 282 covered firms, Clackamas, 523, and Polk, 180.

Approximately 12,673 covered workers were employed in Marion county's industries during a count last December. Total payroll in this county last year came to a record \$36,521,261, the commission reported.

On a state-wide basis, the commission reported that employment in pulp, paper and paperboard plants has recovered in the past two years to slightly above the 1937 peak. Payroll in these plants has soared to more than double pre-war figures and well above wartime totals.

A survey covering 12 years of this industry's development shows employment again well above 4,000, while 1947 wages passed the \$13,000,000 mark and promise to be much higher this year, the commission reported. The number of workers reported for May was 10 per cent higher than a year ago, and summer and fall prospects indicate the level will be maintained.

Firemen to Meet in Salem

The Marion County Firemen's association will meet in Salem Sunday afternoon to draft a countywide disaster relief program to function in case of local emergencies.

Capt. E. L. Smith of the Salem fire marshal's office, Wednesday, said representatives of the state fire marshal's office, Red Cross and municipal and county agencies have been invited to take part in the meeting at 1:45 p.m. in central fire station at city hall.

Fire Chief Joseph Bercholdt of Mt. Angel will preside.

Salem-Silverton Road Project May Be Finished Soon

Possibility that the improvement on a section of the Salem-Silverton highway will be completed this summer was reported Wednesday.

L. G. Franklin, resident engineer of the state highway department, told County Engineer Hedda Swartz that a six-mile section from near Middle Grove school to Stebbins corner may be completed as a federal aid project by the highway department.

Franklin said he was not certain whether the highway commission will be ready to call for bids on the project at its next meeting in July. The contemplated improvement would realign the road and resurface it to a point about a mile east of Central Howell school.

The rest of the road into Silverton will probably not be reconstructed for at least another year, Franklin said. It will include a new entrance into Silverton, an overhead railroad crossing at the west entrance and a new bridge over Silver Creek.

By Lichty

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enacted promptly, and a whole basketful of other important legislation awaits consideration.

Pending are such measures as: Selective service — UMT being regarded as dead for this session.

The Taft-Wagner-Ellender housing bill.

Federal aid to education. Extension of Reciprocal trade agreement act.

Appropriations for European recovery.

Legislation for civil rights.

Program for support of farm prices.

Oleomargarine bill.

Extension of social security coverage.

Action on reappointments of members of the atomic energy commission.

Mundt-Nixon bill to hedge communists.

If congress adjourns with only appropriations bills enacted it will not have a very strong record of accomplishment. It has, under the leadership of Sen. Vandenberg, cooperated with the administration in foreign affairs, and the adoption of the Marshall plan (if the required appropriations are voted) is in itself a great achievement.

With the tide still running toward the right the failures of the present congress do not offer much threat to individual members. But they do build up pressures which later can cause another revolt as in 1932. Republican representatives do not seem to realize that fact.

Willamette U. Plans to Returf Football Field

Willamette university began preparing Sweetland field for the 1948 football season Wednesday when equipment from Doerflinger and Sons Nurseries plowed most of the field for leveling off and seeding purposes.

Though officially the status of Willamette's new athletic field at Bush's pasture will not be known until the university's trustees meet Saturday, it is virtually certain that Sweetland will have to be used again.

To date, the university has completed the seeding of the new athletic fields at Bush, including the football field, practice football field and baseball field. And this spring the 10-acre site has been enclosed with a new fence. However, before the football field will be ready for play, a grandstand will have to be constructed and a graded track installed.

Also being landscaped the past week, in preparation for seeding, was the adjacent grounds to Baxter hall, new men's dormitory. Poor spring weather had delayed the project. Robert Fenix, Willamette business manager, said that landscaping will also be done at the southeast corner of the campus behind the tennis court, infirmary and Chresto cottage.

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Prepare for Model Flight Tests



Members of the Salem Cloud Chasers, model airplane club, and model plane builders in the Salem district will compete in gas engine powered U-control plane contest being sponsored by Salem Plymouth automobile dealers Sunday, June 20, in connection with a nation wide contest being sponsored by the Plymouth corporation. Model fliers from the surrounding area, including Albany and Woodburn, will try for places for the regional finals to be held at Portland later this summer. Shown above with some of the models to be flown are, left to right, Tom Pomeroy, 375 N. High st.; Edward Knapp, 1525 Chemeketa st.; and Earl Cayton, 758 S. Commercial st. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Services Set Friday for Mrs. Groves

Funeral services for Mrs. Etta Calvert Groves, Salem native who died Wednesday in her home at 421 Court st., will be held from the W. T. Rigdon chapel Friday at 1:30 p. m.

The Rev. Wilbur King will officiate and concluding services will be in the IOOF cemetery.

Mrs. Groves, the daughter of the late Charles and Martha Ann Smith, pioneer Salem residents, was born Jan. 23, 1871. She was married to Thomas Kneives and a son and daughter were born to the couple. The daughter died several years ago. Following the death of Mrs. Kneives, she was married to Clark Groves who died many years ago.

Surviving are a son, Gerald Kneives of Salem; a daughter, Mrs. Betty VanCleave of Salem; and three sisters, Mrs. Ella Craig and Mrs. Ada Skiff, both of Salem, and Mrs. Ethel Tweedale of Albany.

Increased Water Rates Approved

Increase in rates of the Cannon Beach Water company, due largely to increased operating costs, were approved by Public Utilities Commissioner John H. Carlin in an order Wednesday.

Carlin said investigation disclosed that the return of the company for 1947 was minus \$504.84 which was inadequate if the company is to continue in business.

Under the order, the company is required to make certain plant improvements, including installation of new water mains.

Hebo Road Closes As Bridge Moves

The state highway department was to have closed U. S. highway 101 at Hebo this morning between the hours of 2 and 6 a.m. During that interval the old bridge was to be shifted aside to make room for the new structure. The old bridge will provide a detour during the balance of construction work. Tom Lillebo of Reedsport has the contract for the bridge construction.

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