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Invasion of National Monument

With its zest for building big dams the reclamation bureau has forged ahead over protests of those who would protect the wilderness to gain the approval of Secretary of the Interior Chapman for building two big dams in Dinosaur national monument in northeastern Utah. This will be a violation of the reasoning on which creation of national parks and monuments was based: to conserve the scenic beauty and the primitive conditions of unique areas. And the Dinosaur monument is indeed unique. It is not merely that it has beds of fossils of prehistoric animals but that it has remarkable canyons and rock formations and desert stretches which make it awesome and impressive.

A writer in "Letters to the Times" (N. Y. Times) warns against the commercial exploitation of the monument and the breaking down of previous bars against commercialization of these areas, saying:

Now the Bureau of Reclamation has gotten its foot in the door, precedent has been smashed, and if the estimated \$165,000,000 is appropriated by Congress to build the Echo Park and Split Mountain Canyon dams in Dinosaur National Monument every national park and monument in the United States will be vulnerable to those who have long wanted to "commercially" exploit them.

According to an article in the autumn issue of The Living Wilderness, by U. S. Grant, 3rd, other dam sites are available in the region of northeast Utah with less cost to taxpayers. Local interests are shortsightedly pressing for the building of these dams, indifferent to the fact that they are primarily a national asset, which ought not to be desecrated by huge dams that flood out magnificent canyons.

Public protests should pour in to congress to prevent this invasion of our national preserves of wilderness. If we do not stop this steal the boosters will be wanting to divert water from Yellowstone falls for power, or drain Crater Lake for irrigation.

Poll in North Dakota

By way of the Grants Pass Courier we get a report of the poll taken among his constituents by Sen. Milton Young of North Dakota. Canvassing them for their preference for republican nomination for president in 1952 he got these returns: Taft 622, Stassen 314, Eisenhower 307, Warren 178, Dewey 119. Despite the considerable streak of nonpartisan league strength in North Dakota republicans there are pretty tough-minded, having been disciplined by fires of battles over Townleyism. So the poll preference for Taft is not surprising. Taft as Mr. Republican has been riding a wave since his triumph of last November. Signs indicate however that his wave is "cresting"—and the nominating conventions are over a year off.

Even more interesting to us was the result of the Young poll indicating preference on radio commentators. It showed H. V. Kaltenborn 299, Fulton Lewis, jr. 291, Drew Pearson 101, Walter Winchell 57. And Senator Young reports that the gist of many comments received was: "Give us the news straight and we'll do our own interpreting." Connecting the two polls we hardly know whether to laugh or to weep.

Tin Price Hits Skid

We have been warning that prices may get so high they'll take a tumble, and a start was

Every Day Without Serious Repercussions From Assassination Serves as Reassurance

By J. M. Roberts, Jr., AP Feature Writer

Every day that goes by without serious repercussions from the assassination of Iranian Premier Ali Razmara serves as a measure of reassurance to those who know the delicacy of the situation there.

Iran has been the scene of one attempted communist coup since the beginning of Russia's postwar expansionist campaign. That one was beaten down in Azerbaijan when the Tehran government, with strong moral backing from Britain and the United States, moved promptly with the army. But the danger that Russia would try to stage a "new Czechoslovakia" has been ever present, and especially since the bold communist attempt to take over South Korea by force of arms.

There is no indication as yet that communism played a role in Razmara's death. His assassin was a member of a fanatical nationalist Moslem sect which has sought nationalization of the Iranian oil fields, with consequent ouster of British interests. Razmara was opposed.

The group seems to be impartially opposed to Russian as well as western influence in Iran. Only a few days before the killing it held a meeting at which Stalin was cursed along with Truman and King George.

But regardless of who instigated the assassination, communist lies in wait in Iran for every opportunity of creating disruption. Razmara's death creates a period of uncertainty of which the Reds would like to take advantage. And they are known to have been active among the tribes which Moslems oppose western penetration, and therefore fight the government which permits it.

The communists also are active—through under cover since

their party was outlawed some time ago—in efforts to exploit unrest among Iran's poor, who live in what is to them one of the most hopeless economic atmospheres in the world.

Conditions are so bad, the foreign policy association has reported, that social reforms can be effected only under a virtual dictatorial system, and have been actually delayed by such democratic political reforms as have been adopted under western pressure. There are, practically speaking, two classes of people in Iran. One, very small, owns everything. The great masses have nothing. The Shah, by breaking up his own great estates, has been trying to do something about that.

General Razmara was one of the few men of importance in the country who entertained real democratic concepts. In addition, he was firmly anti-communist, although at times he had been forced to straddle the fence on east-west differences.

The shah has moved quickly to put another strong man in Razmara's place, and to take military precautions against any sort of uprising. But only time will tell what the assassination will mean. It was five weeks, you will recall, before the world understood the import of another assassination, at Sarajevo, in Bosnia on June 28, 1914.

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Of one thing we may be sure, the fence-builders are getting out their tools, if not for themselves, then for their friends.

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Miss Kerr tells her story with sparkle and zest. Her characters have color and so does their conversation. And the menus, which their gourmet palates dictate, will give women readers some worthwhile hints.

Literary Guidepost

By Adelaide Kerr THE MAN WHO KNEW THE DATE, by Sophie Kerr (Rinehart & Co., \$2.50)

What would you do if, suddenly, you developed the ability to know exactly when certain people were going to die? It happens to Richard Lovett. And what he did makes a provocative story. If you are like this reviewer, you will not put it down until you finish it.

Lovett, 35-year-old bachelor, was a successful New York inventor of gadgets, chiefly of the household variety. His work brought him forty or fifty thousand a year. His investments were sound. His friends were many. And he was footloose and free.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

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purpose will be so great that he will be forced to show his hand. To invite a cat-and-dog fight which the democratic convention would become if Truman holds off his withdrawal until the eve of the convention would be worse on the party than the scramble that would ensue if he made his announcement earlier, say at the beginning of 1952.

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Accident Benefits Extended to Pilots

A bill to give aircraft pilots engaged in dusting operations state industrial accident benefits was approved by the senate Thursday and sent to the house.

The pilots have been ineligible for the insurance because their work is not classed as hazardous under present laws. Dusting and spraying operators, under the bill, could cover their pilots with state insurance by paying \$25 for each \$100 of their payroll to the accident commission.

'Barber' Bids Good Audience Despite Snow

By Maxine Buren Statesman Music Editor

"The Barber of Seville," played before a good sized audience last night at Salem high school despite uncertainties in the weather. Although the Wagner Opera company, producers of the Rossini comic opera was not of Metropolitan caliber, they gave a lively and amusing performance, well received by the listeners.

Eduardo Rael, as Figaro the self-styled "clever" fellow was probably the most popular of the players in voice as well as character. Tiny Graciela Silvain, as Rosina and Byron Steele as Count Almaviva furnished the love interest. Deep-voiced William Wilderman was the music master Don Basilio and Ralph Telasco was Dr. Bartolo, guardian and would-be husband of Rosina. Berta was played by Ethel Swensen.

The company includes an 18-piece orchestra directed by Desire Defreze.

"The Barber of Seville" is one of the lushest of the comic operas, with many familiar and tuneful passages and scarcely a sober moment. The utter confusion which results from each meeting of the lovers, the guardian and the barber is hilariously funny and makes excellent entertainment.

Eugene Crash Kills Young Father, Son

EUGENE, March 8-(AP)—A traffic accident here last night claimed the life of a father and his 2-year-old son, and injured the mother and an 11-month-old daughter.

Donald L. Skalticky, 20, and the boy, Dennis, were killed when their car collided with a truck and semi-trailer. They were thrown out of the car and under the wheels of the truck.

The mother and daughter were hospitalized but their injuries were not critical.

George Young, Portland, was driver of the truck.

Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Both of the girls were there, and both of them seemed to like these kind of plays."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "inexplicable"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled: Luminescence, luncheonette, lugubrious, licentious.

4. What does the word "parsimonious" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with ge that means "a gesture"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "Both (omit of) the girls were there, and both of them seemed to like this kind of plays." 2. Accent second syllable, not third. 3. Luminescence. 4. Exhibiting closeness in expenditure. "Because of their parsimonious manner of living, they were able to save money." 5. Gesticulation.

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"According to this quiz, I'm the genius type. . . . Dear, are you listening? According to this quiz . . ."

RFC Probers Report Evidence President Supported Big Loan

WASHINGTON, March 8-(AP)—A senate committee investigating alleged political influence on reconstruction finance lending discovered evidence today that President Truman himself once interested himself in a \$12,000,000 loan to a Boston, Mass., corporation.

Working through a personal diary turned over to them by RFC Director L. Dunham, the investigators found an entry stating that John R. Steelman telephoned Dunham last year to communicate the president's interest in a project to build a mammoth garage and air raid shelter under Boston Common.

The entry was made part of the record in the inquiry being conducted by the senate banking subcommittee under the chairmanship of Senator Fulbright (D-Ark).

The loan was approved by the directors, but the money was never dispersed and the applying corporation did not meet the collateral requirements.

Fulbright did not inquire into the circumstances of the entry beyond drawing it to Dunham's attention and getting it into the record.

Dunham testified today that a fellow director of the RFC had tried to get him to resign two weeks ago and become "the goat" in the senate's investigation of the big government agency.

The former Detroit banker told the committee that the suggestion came from C. Edward Rowe, who is under fire himself in the inquiry.

Dunham testified that Rowe learned that he was thinking of quitting and went so far as to draft a letter of resignation for him to send to President Truman.

Dunham later told a reporter he believed Rowe had a notion no further investigation would be made of certain criticized RFC loans if Dunham would send a letter to Mr. Truman saying he was resigning to clear matters up.

In a separate development, Fulbright announced the department of justice had been called in to examine the subcommittee's records for evidence of perjury, tax evasion or other violations of federal law by persons involved in the inquiry.

The chairman said his committee had agreed unanimously to ask for the study, without pointing a finger at any witness. But Fulbright added that he sees evidence of "several cases of possible perjury" and that his staff will be available to point them out to the department of justice. The senators have charged that favoritism and political influence sometimes dictated the lending policy of the RFC, and that directors Dunham,

Rowe and William E. Willett at times allowed their judgment to be swayed by influential outsiders. The men have denied the charges.

Dunham, one of two republicans on the five-man RFC board, has not resigned, but he told the committee yesterday that he was getting out as soon as he could without being accused of quitting under fire.

Yesterday Dunham told the senate that he had been taken in by certain members of a White House social group who tried to "use" him in angling for big government loans. But he said he was not influenced by these people in any RFC matter. Donald Dawson, White House aide, was a member of the group described by Dunham, but the director said Dawson never tried to influence him.

Gen. Wedemeyer To Address Joint Legislature Today

PORTLAND, March 8-(AP)—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commanding general of the 6th army, said today he did not believe an attack by an enemy would bring any mass hysteria to the Pacific coast.

He discussed training problems there would be any wholesale evacuation of major cities "unless they were under a prolonged series of attacks."

Wedemeyer will address a joint session of the state legislature at Salem tomorrow on the importance of civil defense. He arrived here late today by plane from Seattle.

He discussed training problems of the Oregon national guard with Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Riley, adjutant general of Oregon, and other guard officers.

EAGLES NAB

PORTLAND, March 8-(AP)—The Portland Eagles took possession of third place in the Pacific Coast Hockey league standings tonight and moved a step nearer a playoff berth by defeating Seattle 4-2.

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