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Electric Energy for the Northwest

The talk of Dr. Paul J. Raver, administrator for Bonneville Power at Salem last week, drew fire from opposite sides of the state. The Astorian-Budget took umbrage at his reference to "fish" as retarding the program for developing the region's hydroelectric resources. The Bend Bulletin pointed out that a brother bureau in the interior department, the fish and wildlife service, has been putting brakes on projects such as the Pelton dam on Deschutes river. Actually Dr. Raver indulged in no criticisms. He pointed out the fact that controversies over salmon protection had disrupted the program outlined for public and private power development.

City of Tacoma dams on the Cowlitz, the PGE proposal for the Deschutes, and the army engineers' plans for dams at The Dalles and Ice Harbor on the Snake all have run into "fish" opposition, though indirectly at The Dalles where the immediate issue is settling with Indians on their tribal fishing rights.

We had thought with several dams now building that the northwest should overcome its electric deficiency. Dr. Raver doesn't favor stopping to catch one's breath. He sees the enormous hydroelectric potentialities of the northwest as goals to be realized just as fast as possible. Lacking coal and petroleum and natural gas, electricity to be generated from falling water is the only great power resource which this region has, and power is basic to industrial development.

BPA has recently published studies on an "Advance Program for Defense." Fully aware of the great value of Bonneville and Grand Coulee for defense production in the late war Bonneville is eager to move forward to provide a power surplus available in the present or future emergency. Industries to be served would include particularly light metals, electro-chemical and fabrication.

The increase in electric generation capacity to be provided by plants now in construction is known. The study undertakes also to set against this figure the anticipated requirements for civilian and defense needs. The increase in federal generating capacity (January peaking figures for minimum water year) will be 1,024,000 kw between this year and 1954-55. The increase in non-federal capacity for the same period will be 955,000 kw, or a total of nearly 2,000,000 kw. After that year there will still remain four generating units to be installed at McNary dam and 12 at Chief Joseph, by 1958-59.

As to demand the study estimates that loads will continue to increase though not as rapidly as the past ten years. An increase of 800,000 kw in demand is estimated for distribution systems between 1950-51 and 1954-55. For defense needs a report of the president is cited giving the figures of four to four and one-half million kw as required for expansion in atomic energy and metal and chemical industries. Necessarily this is somewhat nebulous. We do not know how serious the war threat will become or what the level of economic activity will be in the next ten years.

It is also an important public question as to the allocation of hydroelectric energy to great energy-consuming industries such as aluminum reduction and chemicals. If these heavy industries move in to absorb hydroelectric energy as fast as it can be produced then our great natural resources will be more or less permanently dedicated to basic industry, lifting the region only one step above the level of primary producer, which it is largely now. Somewhere there ought to be a balance struck.

There is one project which is free from the fish controversy and that is Hell's canyon. It has opposition from Idaho Power company which wants to build five low level dams on this run of the Snake river. The greater volume of power offered in the one big dam, both through its own generation and through adding to the stream flow for use in dams lower down, together with the benefit of flood control offered by the vast reservoir, makes the one federal project inviting. This however has not been authorized by congress.

Another comment with regard to our power situation: the northwest has consistently been the power deficient region for the past several years. Other regions, dependent almost entirely on private plants, have not suffered much. This has been due to two things: 1st, the alertness and promptness of private utilities to move, as compared with the slowness of the federal process; 2nd, the greater speed with which small plants, particularly steam plants, can be constructed. It takes from four to six years to plan

Bickering in Washington May Lead Reds To Attempt New Expedition of Aggression

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON, June 19—(AP)—Students of Russian tactics, following all the talk in the MacArthur investigation about a possible American weakness and efforts to avoid further conflict, would not be surprised if Moscow staged some new expedition as a test.



The great effect of U. N. intervention in Korea was to warn the Soviet Union that the United States and her allies were prepared to resist aggression even if it occurred in an area of relatively low strategic importance. But much of the strength of that warning may now have been dissipated by the resulting arguments in Washington and between the allies. The Russians might very well believe now that, in view of the quandaries

which Korea has produced, the western powers might be very cautious in their reaction to future provocation.

Communist reverses in Korea have diminished the prospect of early Chinese support for an all-out effort by the Indo-Chinese rebels. Things are settling in Burma, but Peiping is having widespread troubles in south China and may not be ready for more in that area. Iran is an extremely dangerous spot, but communist action there might involve Russia directly in war, which she appears not to want for the time being.

With increasing allied support of the Tito government in Yugoslavia, it would seem that, if there has been any change at all in the balance against war in the Balkans, that the change favors Yugoslavia, and that Russia is not yet ready to propel her eastern european satellites into a situation where she might herself be dragged in quickly.

If Russia, then, desires some

non-war test of current American determination, Germany would seem to be the safest and surest place. Russia used her blockade of Berlin in 1948 for that purpose, and backed off. Since then Russia has made no headway toward fostering a united Germany which she might eventually take over. The unification appeal has largely failed because Germans were brought to realize that under Russian terms it would not mean a new Germany, but just another Russian satellite.

Now, for several days the Russians have been playing around with the idea of another blockade. Exports of west Berlin products through the Russian zone have been interfered with, halted and then resumed. Whether the squabble is merely a form of pressure in connection with negotiation of German east-west trade arrangements, or whether it will develop into something more serious, remained to be seen.

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"His congratulations from the insurance company, dear . . . they say we can now retire and live comfortably on our \$100-a-month annuity we took out 25 years ago . . ."



A subscriber writes to say, regarding our question-answer column, that Salt Lake instead of Red Lake, Minn., is the largest inland lake surrounded by one state. And that "blood, sweat and tears" is from the bible, not Winston Churchill. He (or she) asks why McLemore's column was discontinued. Well, the question-answer comments are being referred to Gordon Features, which provides those paragraphs in the Statesman. The McLemore column (we are told) was discontinued because (1) it frequently arrived too late for publication and (2) Mac too often strayed from travel writing (in which he was very good) to editorializing (in which he was often very bad).

This week is National Bow Tie week—dedicated to Fathers who tie their bows weakly . . . And (good news for asthmatics, hayfeverists and sneezers in general!) the entire month of June is National Ragweed Control month—sponsored, not by OPS, but by the Cincinnati Citizens' Anti-Weed committee. Now if the Office of Price Speculation would only ration ragweed.

A report from Chuck Barclay, airport manager, in the city's monthly municipal report says: "The Oregon state game commission has reported they do not feel there is any practical way to remove the pheasants (Chinese) on the airport. We were instructed to make the area as unattractive as possible." One 12-gauge suggestion: A bunch of hunters in old clothes would make an unattractive sight and would probably take care of the pheasants too.

When the Marion hotel opens its new cocktail bar in a couple months patrons will probably have to use passkeys to get in. G. Clerico, hotel manager, says that steady guests will be issued keys. This, he hopes, will give the management a check on customer types and will prevent every Tom, Dick and Mary from crashing in. The key plan is being used in the east.

If you wonder what's happening to natural picnic spots in this area draw up an ant-hill and we'll take the case of Taylor's Grove, long-time favorite situated on the Little North fork of the Santiam river near Mehama. The site is in a dandy wooded area on a nice, clean, primitive-type stream with lots of room to wander or fish. Well, the owners almost didn't open the park this year. They say trouble with certain elements of the public is heart (and back) breaking. Someone came in about a month ago and took away all the outside stoves in the place, probably for scrap iron. Another time all the plywood tops of tables were taken. Then after each week end there's the matter of picking up broken glasses, bottles, etc., which careless individuals like to scatter around. Result: Pretty soon no picnic spot on the Santiam.

The Safety Valve

(Contributions to this column should be limited to 300 words. Write only on one side of paper; give name and full address. Poetry is not accepted.)

Sustains Plan for AROTC at Willamette
To the Editor:
As a student of Willamette University I believe it is my duty to clarify an issue which has been appearing on the front pages for several days. The issue is that of the proposed ROTC contingent to be established at Willamette. It seems that debate has taken place at the recent Oregon Methodist conference on whether such a unit should or should not be established, with President G. Herbert Smith arguing for it and representatives of a close-knit minority group of students arguing against it. The coverage of this incident must not in any case convey that the majority of the students of Willamette U. are against the promulgation of such a military training device. I say without reservation or qualm that if a vote were held of the student-body on whether or not the unit should stay, if the unit should prove essential to the university's continuance, the vote would be overwhelming in favor of retaining the unit. The student-body will back President Smith to the hilt on his stand for the ROTC unit at Willamette university.

The editorial in Saturday's Statesman about "realistic Christianity" is a fine expression of student opinion. Some of the "pacifists" clam at the school are still unable to see the forest of life and liberty because of their preoccupation with the individual trees of academic dogma. In a world of power politics there frequently occurs the necessity to wage war to preserve the democratic atmosphere in which education and religion can exist. A tremendous majority of the students are intensely aware of that necessity, many have already enlisted, many more have joined National Guard units and are now in summer bivouac in an attempt to train themselves for the third World War which may through-out the world consider inevitable.

Willamette university mustered men in 1896, 1917, 1941 and it stands ready today. Good luck to President Smith in his debate against academic astigmatism. Long Live Realistic Christianity.
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continent, interesting and enlightening:

"In Europe, one soon acquires a great appreciation for the dynamic character of the American economy which is contrasted so sharply at ever turn with the restrictive business practices over here. I had been told about the monopoly conditions which existed in the European economies but I was not prepared for anything so complete and all-encompassing. All of the institutions reflect this monopoly or cartelized system of production. And the results—low wages, inefficient production, high production costs and high consumer prices, very low standards of living, stagnation of technology—are abundantly evident.

"In France, for example, it is not uncommon for operators to be making a profit of 500 per cent per year at the same time that wages are so low that the operator argues that it doesn't pay to install machinery that would increase productivity and volume of output. As a matter of fact, even the tax laws of France reflect the basic arrangement by which output is restricted and high prices are maintained by agreement. These laws tax the number of units of output or transactions instead of income, and so there is a direct incentive not to move in the American direction of increased output with its lower per unit costs and lower prices. Even the trade unions subscribe to this approach and sign industry-wide agreements which base wages on what the least efficient unit can afford to pay.

To educate a people with habits so deeply ingrained in business practices to adopt a dynamic program for economic development is a major undertaking. The immediate dislocations cause strains and protests (like lowering tariff on the U.S.). The temptation is for only minor adjustments when a major operation, not only in techniques but in mental attitudes is required. And millions accustomed to old world ways simply do not want to be "Americanized."

Hurley Claims Stalin Made No Yalta Demands

WASHINGTON, June 19—(AP)—Patrick J. Hurley tonight disputed testimony by Secretary of State Acheson that concessions were made to Soviet Premier Stalin at Yalta to bring Russia into the war against Japan.

"I talked to Stalin," said Hurley, "and he made no demands because he was our ally." Acheson had given the concessions testimony at the current senate inquiry into the ouster of General Douglas MacArthur and administration's Far East policy.

Hurley, former ambassador to China and President Roosevelt's personal representative in Moscow during World War II, spoke in a broadcast. Hurley said that Stalin told him he was ready to come into the war, and he said: "I think Mr. Acheson was wrong about a number of things in his testimony. I recall that Stalin told Harry Hopkins and also probably Cordell Hull that he was ready to come in."

Pickup Crash Injures Driver

Statesman News Service
HUBBARD, June 19—A pickup truck left highway 99E and turned over near here about 4:45 p.m. today, injuring the driver, Donald Serres, 17, Oregon City.
State police said Serres was driving to Woodburn to work when he apparently went to sleep and ran off the road. The youth suffered cuts to the forehead, eye and lip in the mishap which occurred about a quarter mile from the Beacon Inn south of here. He was taken to Oregon City hospital for treatment by City Ambulance service of Salem.

Wheat Loaded For India Trip

PHILADELPHIA, June 19—(AP)—American wheat, 336,000 bushels of it, was loaded on a liberty ship today the first U.S. grain cargo bound for famine-stricken India under the ECA assistance program.
Madame Pandit, India's ambassador to the United States, stood on the deck of the brightly-painted vessel, John Chester Kendall, and said "thank you, thank you America" as longshoremen funneled the wheat into the yawning holds. The ship sails tonight.

Strike Violence Brings Death, Murder Case

SUMMERVILLE, Ga., June 19—(AP)—Violence at the strike-bound Berryton Mills brought death to a woman employe Monday and murder charges against two men and five women.
Sheriff Reuben Lyons said Miss Nellie Tucker, 45, was killed when strikers overturned a car carrying her and five other women to work. She tried to jump from the car and was crushed beneath it.
The others escaped with shock and minor injuries.
The sheriff said a water line to the mill was dynamited last night, and power lines at the mill were damaged.
Members of the CIO-Textile Workers Union of America have been on strike at Berryton since May 31. The union has won two elections authorizing it to represent Berryton workers, but TWUA and management have been unable to get together on a contract. The union struck on grounds the mill refused to negotiate in good faith. Some 300 production and maintenance workers are affected.

James F. O'Shea, manager of the northwest Georgia board of TWUA, said he had no comment on today's violence because "I facts."
"It was almost a riot," Lyons said. "Some 200 strikers were there. It happened so quickly the officers were unable to reach the automobile in time."
The sheriff listed those arrested and jailed pending a commitment hearing as Myrtle Bryson, Susie Ponder, Gladys McArthur Pledger, Viola Strange, Jessie Kinsey, Roy McGraw and Louis McGraw.

Irishmen Like Bachelor Life

DUBLIN—(AP)—Although Ireland of romantic lovers, statistics show once had a reputation as a land that the marriage rate is far below most European countries. Officials are hoping that this year's census will show that marriage is staging a comeback.
The 1946 census showed that only two out of five Irishmen between 30 and 34 years old were married—the lowest proportion in the world.

Margaret Buys Five 'Exciting' Gowns in Paris

PARIS, June 19—(AP)—Margaret Truman took a quick look at the heart of Paris today and promptly bought five "exciting" dresses. The shopping was done at the fashionable establishment of Jacques Griffe. Griffe reported later that the purchases were three afternoon dresses, a tailored suit and an evening dress. The latter a fluffy crinoline in red lace.
The president's daughter, who is seeing the French capital for the first time, was accompanied this morning by Mrs. David Bruce, wife of the American ambassador. They lunched at Maxim's and visited the cathedral of Notre Dame and the chapel of St. Chapelle.
At the end of the excursion, Miss Truman met reporters at the United States information center and said "it was wonderful. I've seen so many beautiful things."
Miss Truman dined tonight with President and Madame Vincent Auriol at the Elysee palace. Tomorrow she is to have lunch with Gen. Eisenhower at his headquarters.

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