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Engineer, Spare the Stream

The Statesman consistently favored granting a license for the development of power in the canyon of the Deschutes River, in the belief that this was putting the resource of that section of the stream to a superior use—ever since 1910 it had been designated as one for power development. But it does protest the invasion of the upper McKenzie with power dams, diversion canals and generating plants as is now proposed by the Eugene Water and Electric Board. Hearings have been held at Eugene by the Federal Power Commission and the State Hydroelectric Commission. Their decisions will be awaited with deep concern.

Hardly enough publicity has been given to this project, outside the Eugene area. Yet the resource is not local in its values. It belongs to all the people, and their interests ought not to be ignored just for local advantage.

The project calls for a dam at the outlet of Clear Lake, one of the gems of the high Cascades, formed in recent geologic time by the pour of a lava dyke across its outlet, with water so clear the drowned timber is easily seen. This is the source of the McKenzie, and lower on the course of the stream are its falls. Engineers would divert water from these falls, reducing their flow and at times shutting it off altogether, in the business of producing electric energy from its drop. To those who have visited the falls this seems a desecration.

Frankly we do not understand why the people of Eugene who have taken such pride in the McKenzie country and shown such awareness of its commercial value as a tourist attraction have permitted its public body to launch this project. Surely it is not so impoverished for electric energy that it must destroy this heritage of beauty and source of recreation. We do not feel that we are getting out of our territory in protesting this development, recalling that The Statesman was the first to object to dams on the McKenzie in the Blue River vicinity when first proposed by the Corps of Engineers, on the ground that the recreational values of the river should be preserved. Fortunately the Corps later decided on dams on tributaries which will not impair the values of the main stream. Similar foresight is needed now to conserve the upper McKenzie and Clear Lake region against violation at the hand of man.

At last Congress has acted to halt the grab of government timber under the mining laws. A bill has passed both houses which limits rights to timber on mining claims to that needed for the mine operations. This is expected to put a stop to the practice of filing on timber lands as mining claims which in the past has resulted in tying up tracts from proper management and required court action for termination. Senator Neuberger thinks the bill is not strict enough, but he hasn't been in the Senate long enough to know the power exercised by mining interests in protecting their privileges under old mining laws. This bill met with the approval of associations representing both mining and forestry.

A South Korea general is quoted as predicting the Communists will launch a new war by 1958, probably in Korea. This long-range guessing doesn't carry much weight. After all we got by April without the predicted attack on Quemoy and Matsu. None of the nations seems to be in a mood to start another war.

Strange Shantytowns Huddle Behind Clean Buildings in Moscow, Correspondent Notes

By STEWART ALSOP

MOSCOW — What is Russia really like? The best answer seems to be that Russia is like whatever you want it to be like. In the Soviet Union, you can find what you have come to find. Suppose, for purposes of argument, that you are a visiting "progressive," as pro-Communists are called in these parts. You can then report with enthusiasm and unchallengeable accuracy to the comrades back home.

You can report that Moscow has broad streets kept scrupulously clean and lined with handsome buildings. You can report that the people look reasonably well fed (the ladies a trifle too well fed, by Western standards) and fairly decently clothed. You can report that the standard of living has risen continuously since the war.

You can report that industrial production is increasing at a considerably greater rate, in percentages, than in the United States. You can further report that the Soviet Union has scored great technological achievements, notably in such key fields as nuclear energy and jet propulsion.

If you happened to be in the right place at the right time, you might even be able to offer eyewitness proof of such an achievement. This is unlikely, since Moscow is a very big city and the sky is often overcast. But as all Moscow knows, the Soviets have been flying their remarkable new aircraft over Moscow continuously, although at irregu-

lar intervals, ever since the famous overflights in early May.

As a "progressive" your list would by no means end with such technical triumphs. You could point also to such marvellous artistic achievements as the Moscow ballet. You could even report—accurately, in the view of all Western observers—that the Soviet people feel a greater sense of personal security than they have felt for years.

All these things, from the clean streets to the jet planes, are unquestionably true. But suppose that, instead of being a "progressive," you are a "decadent bourgeois." On the most decadently selfish level, you may complain of a lack of such small luxuries as well turned out women and good food in pleasant surroundings. But your doubts may go a bit deeper than this level.

For example, behind the handsome buildings on the clean streets, you may find strange shantytowns which remind you of the American South in the thirties. With their unpaved roads and hand pumps and sagging walls, these wooden villages inside a great metropolis are a curious phenomenon, oddly out of place in Utopia.

Again, as a decadent bourgeois, you may be surprised by the close-packed, shoving crowds in every store and market, and dismayed by the prices these crowds are willing and eager to pay. In Western eyes, these prices look strangely un-Utopian.

But what you miss most, naturally enough, are precisely those "decadent, bourgeois" things that make up the Western and especially the American manner of

New Chancellor

It is proof of the stabilizing of the situation in higher education that a change in the office of chancellor is effected smoothly, without the tensions that once attended the selection of the chief executive officer of the state system. Today Charles D. Byrne retires from that position to be succeeded tomorrow by John Reese Richards, who has been serving as vice-chancellor for some months past. Dr. Byrne will take a leave of absence and then rejoin the system in a position of lighter responsibility.

Dr. Richards has been in Oregon long enough to gain a fairly wide acquaintance, particularly in legislative circles for he was a principal spokesman for the state board on matters dealing with higher education at the last Legislature. He has made a very favorable impression both on the campuses of the institutions and among the public. He therefore gets off to a good start as he assumes the heavy duties of coordinating the work of the eight institutions of higher learning now maintained by the state, just at the eve of what will be a period of marked expansion in college enrollments.

No Atom-Powered Ship

The proposal of President Eisenhower for constructing a merchant ship powered by atomic energy which would visit the principal ports of the world on a goodwill mission has been scuttled in the Senate. Opponents say the ship would cost too much for the good it will do. President Eisenhower is said to be disappointed with this Senate action which was confirmed by the House in passing the appropriations bill for atomic projects, without the peace mission ship.

This time the Congress may be correct. Considering the fact that the United States has taken the lead at U.N. for a pooling of development on peacetime uses for atomic energy, and has offered atomic reactors to other countries it would seem that we are doing our part. The main thing is to perfect instruments for the practical utilization of the power locked in the atom. When that is done the world will have something really usable, and not just a demonstration project.

Though Congress passed a law vesting title to offshore lands in states to their "historic boundaries" defining this term has caused difficulty in the case of Louisiana. The Texas boundary was ten and one-half miles, and Louisiana claims the same distance. The federal government, however, concedes it only three miles. Now it comes about that both the state and the Department of the Interior are bidding for oil and gas leases on the same 29 tracts on the same date, July 12th. This controversy will wind up in the courts, but the rival bidders must be in something of a tizzy as they are caught in the middle of a government "jurisdictional dispute."

House Democrats who thought they had a good gimmick in lowering the social security pay age for women from 65 to 60 balked when they were told what it would cost the country—some two billions a year. Now the ways and means committee is considering a compromise in which only women who were widowed after age 55 would get social security benefits. Giveaways are always popular except for those who are taxed extra for government generosity.

The City of Memphis has decided to build its own electric generating plant. Peeved over the federal Dixon-Yates construction across the Mississippi the city commission ordered its utility division to get busy with plans for a city-owned plant. This seems to be carrying peevishness to an extreme. Why didn't the city come forward earlier with an offer to build a plant? No need for it to lean indefinitely on TVA.

A Portland jeweler has been arrested, charged with obtaining \$200,000 on fraudulent sales contracts. He lost the money betting on sports events. The singular thing about embezzlers is that they never seem to win when they play the stock market or the races. Or is it that we never hear about the winners?

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty Wiscarson



"We'd like a new iron-clad clause in our pension plan, chief! ... We want you to prohibit us from working for our wives when the company retires us!"

IT SEEMS TO ME

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by other Communists that Lattimore was a Red agent, but admitted he had not turned in his name in his lengthy disclosures to the FBI.

McCarthy backed up somewhat on the espionage charge and accused Lattimore of being the "chief architect of our Far East foreign policy." This didn't hold up when it was found that Lattimore had not been a regular staff member of State, and only an occasional "consultant" along with others.

In 1951 the McCarran committee pulled Lattimore in again. This time they had in hand the files of the Institute of Pacific Relations, of whose magazine "Pacific Affairs" Lattimore had formerly been editor. Here were letters that were more damaging to Lattimore, revealing in the pre-war years certainly a great tolerance toward Russia and the Chinese Communists. It was out of the lengthy interrogation of Lattimore in this hearing that the indictments grew.

In 1952 a federal grand jury indicted Lattimore on seven counts of perjury. The charges were based on collecting excerpts from his writings or testimony which were said to show he followed the Communist line or was

a Communist sympathizer. When the case came before Judge Luther Youngdahl of the federal district court he struck out the indictments, declaring they ventured into mind-reading, setting up charges which could not be proven. On appeal the circuit court sustained the dismissal of the two principal counts. Again the grand jury labored and indicted Lattimore on similar grounds but phrasing the charges differently. When the case came before Youngdahl the government attorney petitioned for another judge, bringing accusations against Youngdahl which bordered on contempt. Youngdahl rejected the petition and boldly defended the integrity of the court against the government attack. In this instance Lattimore was only an incident. The judicial system was on trial, and thanks to the courage and clarity of thinking of Youngdahl, the independence of the courts was sustained. He later threw out the new indictments, and again was sustained in the principal issues by the circuit court of appeals. Now Brownell has moved to wind up the affaire Lattimore. Once again the courts have intervened to preserve the civil rights guaranteed in the constitution.

As for Lattimore, he has been on leave from his position with Johns Hopkins and is presently in Europe on a lecture tour. It seems to me that while evidence did not support any charge that he was a Soviet agent or was disloyal, it did show that he was pretty fuzzy as regards the advance of Communism. At no time did he seem aware of efforts of Communists or their ilk to subvert the Institute. And for all his specialized knowledge of the Far East he seems to have been wrong on his judgment as to forces operating there—but in the period before 1945 there were many who were fooled about the Orient.

McCarthy, however, didn't wait for the windup of the Lattimore case to take his "fall." He got that a year ago when the Senate passed a formal resolution of condemnation.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "They displayed all sorts of pictures, and I thought they were tastefully arranged."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "circuits"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Seccession, propulsion, coercion, condescension.
4. What does the word "inexpedient" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ma that means "pertaining to the sea"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "They displayed all kinds of pictures, and I thought they were tastefully arranged."
2. Pronounce ser-ku-i-tus, u as in cube, accent second syllable. 3. Coercion. 4. Not practicable, or advisable. "Such action is inexpedient at this time." 5. Maritime.

CITY HORSE THIEF
PHILADELPHIA — There's a boss thief loose in the metropolis, men. Blackie, a western mount, was stolen from a riding stable. It was the first such instance of 1955 and the first in most police memories.

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Wins Science 'First Award'

A national "first award" was won Wednesday by Larry Wiscarson, 13-year-old Leslie Junior High student, for a National Science Achievement entry in competition sponsored by National Science Teachers Association and the American Society for Metals.

Young Wiscarson's entry was a report on an exhibit of microscope, coil, transformer and other items he made on the subject of "Reactions of Microscopic Life to Electrical Energy."

This exhibit had won a first honor at a science fair sponsored this spring by North Salem High School and had been one of the top four winners at the Northwest Science Exposition in Corvallis. His sponsor in undertaking the project was Miss Carmelita Barquist, biology teacher at South Salem High.

The national award, consisting of a pin and a bond for Larry and a plaque for his school, will be presented this fall at Leslie Junior High where he will be a 9th grader.

Mrs. Waddle Dies; Services Saturday

Mrs. Lois Ethel Waddle, 33, wife of Carl Waddle of 3320 S. Commercial St., died Wednesday at a Salem hospital she entered Sunday following a long illness.

A resident of the Salem Heights area all her life, Mrs. Waddle was born Dec. 5, 1921 to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Douglas of that district, who survive. She attended Salem Heights School and Salem High, marrying Waddle here in 1942.

Besides the widower and parents she leaves a daughter Judy, brothers Floyd and George Douglas of Salem; sisters, Mrs. Leo Kilber and Mrs. Leslie Bates of Salem and Mrs. Earl Parker, DeLake, and Mrs. Richard Larson, Ocean Lake.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Virgil T. Golden chapel. Burial will be in Belcrest Memorial Park.

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Key Posts in United Fund Drive Filled

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Robert Ebersole is the member of the UF cabinet responsible for these divisions.

Hearings on the coming year's budget, agency by agency, will begin next week under the direction of Budget Chairman Loyal Warner. Establishment of the Fund budget will follow.

Suit Settled For \$8,000

An \$8,000 settlement between Barbara Bauman, plaintiff in a damage suit now under way in Circuit Court No. 4, and two of four defendants was made Wednesday.

The settlement was with Marcia Labar, driver of a car in which the Bauman girl was riding when an accident occurred in 1953, and Phillip L. Labar, owner of the car.

Other defendants in the case are Frances B. Kaufman, owner, and Verlin Kaufman, driver of the second car, involved in the accident. The accident took place on the Woodburn-Monitor Road. The complaint, filed by the girl's guardian, sought \$40,000 general damages and \$500 special damages for injuries allegedly incurred in the crash.

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To be listed on the honor roll, a student must earn a 3.50 or better grade point average and must carry not less than 12 term hours. The grade point average is figured on a scale with 4.00 being A, 3.00 is B, and 2.00 is C.

On the honor roll from Salem are Marion S. Baum, sophomore in psychology, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Baum of 850 Prospect Pl.; Betty Lou Boehm, sophomore in liberal arts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Boehm of Rt. 6, Box 286; Sally Jo Greig, junior in English, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Greig of 935 Academy; Sharon JoAnn Johnson, sophomore in music, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Johnson of 1490 N. 16th; Douglas Liechty, senior in law, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Liechty of 1064 Cascade Dr.

William Mainwaring, junior in journalism, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mainwaring of 3660 Dougherty; Urlin Scott Page, senior in physics, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Page of 885 W. Lincoln; Loretta Schelske, sophomore in liberal arts, daughter of Gottfried Schelske of Turner; and Sandra Ann Schori, sophomore in music, daughter of Muriel J. Schori of 606 Tryon Ave.

Of the group, Mainwaring and Miss Schori made perfect grade point averages of 4.00.

Although the Roman god Mars usually is considered a war god, there is some evidence that he was, in the earliest times, also a god of agriculture.

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