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Showdown Nears on Hells Canyon Bill

Pressures and trades apparently paid off in the Senate Tuesday when the interior committee reported out for passage the Morse-Neuberger, et al. bill for a federal dam in Hells Canyon. No rollcall vote was taken, instead the voting was viva voce.

What the House Interior Committee will do remains a conundrum. With Rep. Chenoweth of Colorado pledged to vote with Democrats for recommending passage it would appear the bill is due to reach the House floor. However, it takes 15 members for a quorum, and only 14 members appeared for a meeting scheduled for Tuesday—12 Democrats and 2 Republicans.

The House Interior Committee has 32 members, 18 Democrats and 14 Republicans. Two of the Democrats are delegates, one from Alaska, the other from Puerto Rico, and one of the Republicans is the delegate from Hawaii.

So much trading has been going on with respect to this bill and others, such as the Upper Colorado and the Frying Pan-Arkansas projects that the chance of getting the bill out of committee has been improving. It will take the application of whip and spur by the Democratic organization, however, to hold enough votes in line in the two houses to get its adoption.

The Oregonian points to one feature of this bill which ought to serve to defeat it, regardless of the merits of the power project. That is the provision to tie in Hells Canyon with the Mountain Home irrigation project in Idaho which is done by general reference if not by general designation.

As to the merits of a federal high dam, the cost estimates are so involved in controversy that the layman can take whichever set of figures he wants to. The reports of the examiner and of the FPC itself are so irreconcilable as to be of little value to the layman.

Let the bill come out for debate, however, and be voted up or down. The play, it is generally recognized, is for political effect in Oregon this fall.

James C. Petrillo, long boss of the musicians' union, has been running into trouble from an opposition group. He tripped them up badly however, by planting a microphone attached to a wire recorder in the room where his foes were meeting.

Real Offer of Independence for Cyprus by Britain Said Needed to End Threat to NATO

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

The news that Britain will make a new positive move toward alleviation of the Cyprus trouble comes at a time when the North Atlantic Treaty Organization needs all it can get to pull it back together.

Britain proposes to reduce her troops on the continent even beyond what was envisaged when the shift of emphasis from manpower to modern weapons was agreed upon.

This trade problem is not directly tied up with the NATO operation, but might just as well be, since the membership of NATO and of the China controls committee are almost the same.

Juliana and a Faith Healer

The Netherlands has always been a tightly administered country, with the royal family (the House of Orange) a model of rectitude. Queen Wilhelmina, who never did go in for style, was highly respected, a motherly sort of queen. She relinquished the throne voluntarily in 1948 and was succeeded by her daughter, Juliana. Of late the gossips have been talking about Queen Juliana, not in the usual manner regarding royalty, with tales of romance, tinged with scandal.

As for the faith healer, an Amsterdam reporter for the Associated Press called on the 61-year-old Miss Hofmans for consultation. He referred to her as "faith healer of the Dutch Royal Court," so she must have favor with the Queen.

Holland is famous as one of the early homes for religious and political freedom. So we assume that the Dutchmen will let Juliana consort with the faith healer, short of letting the latter mix in politics.

Summer Band Concerts

We hope the plan for a series of ten summer band concerts in Salem will materialize. Formerly the city sponsored the concerts which were held in Willson park. They were discontinued when the city council felt it could not long carry the burden.

The concerts always attracted a goodly number of people and provided a very pleasing summer evening's entertainment. One feature combined with the concert was the fountain display at the Waite memorial fountain in the park.

The revival of the concerts will be warmly welcomed by a great many people because band music is always very popular.

The Oregon Supreme Court is getting some ribbing for its delay in filing an opinion in the proceeding brought by District Attorney Venn of Lane county attacking the validity of the grand jury now sitting.

At the Maine primary election Tuesday a young (38 years) state senator Willis A. Trafton, Jr., was given the Republican nomination for governor.

For a chap that spurns capitalist United States to play footsie with the Reds, Charlie Chaplin has certainly done very well by himself during his career in America.

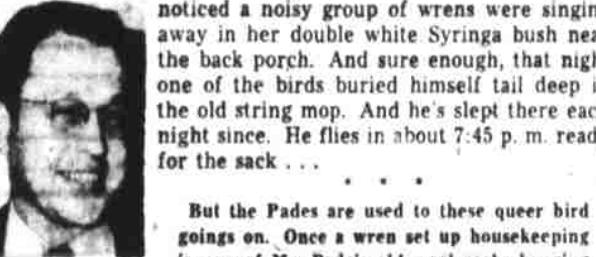
GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



... It was no place for a vacation... Tourists were so thick they were getting into each other's movies! ...

Comes the Dawn by Conrad Franke

A wren with a yen for exotic quarters moved into a vacant rag mop on the Ben Pade's back porch the other day.



But the Pades are used to these queer bird goings on. Once a wren set up housekeeping in one of Mr. Pade's old wool socks hanging on the back clothes line.

Then there was the North Carolina tourist introduced at the Salem Chamber of Commerce luncheon the other noon. He said one of the things he greatly admired about Salem was its "possessiveness."

Local Republicans are already counting their party chickens on the basis of Mark Hatfield not laying an egg in the secretary of state race this fall.

Hottest items at the city library these days (in addition on how to make your own sunshine) are books and pamphlets in the travel section.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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Safety Valve

(Editor's Note: Letters for The Statesman's Safety Valve column are given prior consideration if they are informative and are not more than 300 words in length. Personal attacks and ridicule, as well as libel, are to be avoided, but anyone is entitled to air beliefs and opinions on any side of any question.)

reasonable action. We do deplore the political charges and the fact that a great public project should ever need to become a partisan issue.

And doesn't it seem a little strange that those who now charge that undue pressures are being inserted into Hells Canyon into the coming Oregon campaign are the same people who have been telling us "Hells Canyon is a lost cause. There will be no appropriations except for the 'partnership plan'."

The very fact that this bill can come out of committee is convincing proof, win or lose, that the rights of the people are being championed by someone, no matter what party. And if this action does affect the Oregon campaign, isn't it good proof that the Oregon voters resent the careless handling of their heritage of natural resources by acts not in the public interest?

Harley Libby, President, Oregon State Farmers Union.

County Plans Expansion in Child Guidance

Greater use of the work of teachers, ministers, social workers and other outside agencies in administering the rehabilitation programs of children referred to the county health department's child guidance clinic was decided at Monday's meeting of the mental health committee.

This would result in less direct contact between guidance clinic workers and the children, but it would also greatly increase the number of cases capable of being handled, a committee member said.

Only selected cases, determined by the type of treatment called for, will be handled directly by the clinic. Type of treatment will still be determined by such methods as initial clinical interviews or psychological testing.

Wherever possible, however, the clinic will rely on outside agencies familiar with and in close contact with the youngster for supervising the treatment prescribed. These agencies will then make regular reports to the clinic.

This new scheme is part of a general expansion program in the county's mental health program, a committee member said, and is based on Monday's review of mental health services during the past year.

Prowlers Seen At Two Homes

Two Salem residents complained of prowlers early Tuesday morning, according to city police. Orville R. Houtz, 925 Wilbur St., told officers an intruder pushed against his front door while his wife was closing it about 12:30 a.m.

With respect to variable payments, it would appear that Mr. Brandt misunderstood my suggestion. There are level and declining Federal Land Bank installment plans, and a borrower may make advance payments that may apply to installments coming due later.

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Gov. Smith Backs Measure for State Rights to Water Control

A pending bill in Congress to restore state's rights to control of water resources won endorsement Tuesday from Oregon Gov. Elmo Smith.

But the governor said he feared an amendment offered by U. S. Sen. Richard Neuberger to the Barrett bill might jeopardize its passage.

The amendment would suspend existing federal power commission licenses for uncompleted projects, pending compliance with state law. This would have the effect of cancelling the federal license granted for the controversial Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River.

Gov. Smith said he agreed with the principle that additional federal licenses should not be granted before applicants comply with state law, but "this basic principle should not be confused by injecting the public versus private power controversy."

\$48 Stolen From Home

The theft of some \$48 in change from a Salem residence was investigated Tuesday by sheriff's deputies.

Taken from the Earl Viesko home, 3120 S. 12th St., were two jars, one containing \$45 in 50-cent pieces and the other with about \$3 in dimes and pennies.

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Flowers receive special attention at Barrick's

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Dr. L. E. Barrick 24 Hour Phone: 39139

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