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New Organization for Fish, Wildlife

An announcement that the Department of the Interior would split commercial fisheries off from the fish and wildlife service provoked such a protest from the wildlife people that this step may not be taken, pending possible action by Congress on a pending bill.

The Senate passed a bill to set up a fisheries division, but the House amended it to substitute its own type of reorganization. This would set up the office of assistant secretary for fisheries and wildlife in the interior department, and the office of commissioner of fish and wildlife.

We have not seen whether the Senate agreed to the amended bill as it came back from the House, but it looks as though this is the administrative organization which will be established.

"Moby Dick" in Movies

Herman Melville's great novel "Moby Dick" has shown remarkable power of survival, perhaps resurrection is a better word than survival, for this great novel of the sea and of men and whales was rated a near-failure when it was published in 1851.

So there is widespread interest in a new movie of "Moby Dick" directed by John Huston, which is opening now in a number of cities. Gregory Peck is the obsessed "Captain Ahab" whose driving passion is to run down and kill the great white whale.

Another film to be welcomed when it reaches these parts is "The King and I," adapted from the famous stage musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Sales of U. S. savings bonds in Marion county the first six months of 1956 were \$1,334,924, up a little from the \$1,315,208 reported in 1955.

Federal Plan

While Oregon will not vote this year on a federal plan of apportionment for its state legislature (one senator for each county) the idea survives and its promoters will continue to urge it.

It is true that the United States has flourished under its constitution. But the apportionment of two senators to a state is not without its faults. It does give to small states a very large voice in national legislation.

The argument for the bill was that manganese is vital to the steel industry, and that this country should not be dependent on foreign manganese.

We have no doubt that our stockpile of manganese is substantial, as much as we require on the basis of security. The treasury is being taken for a ride for a subsidy for the mining interests, just as it was in FDR's time with the silver purchase act.

Laying the first communications cable between Port Angeles, Wash., and Ketchikan, Alaska, has just been completed.

Editorial Comment

ELECTION IN JAPAN—THE LONG VIEW Do Socialist gains in the Japanese upper-house election spell a setback for United States policy in the Far East?

In the short-range view they do, for they postpone Japan's formal rearmament for at least three years. But the long-range results could be beneficial if the election is taken as a warning.

To the United States the election served notice that feeling against rearmament is still strong in Japan, and that Japan's present self-defense force of 193,551 men is about all the contribution the island nation can be expected to make to the free world's forces in the Far East for some years to come.

To the Japanese themselves the Socialist gains were impressive. They meant that if present trends continued the Socialists might soon be in a position to challenge the conservative forces' nine-year hold on the government.

But the conservative Liberal-Democrats still hold a comfortable majority in both the upper and lower houses of the Diet (Parliament). And their basic alignment with the West in general and with the United States in particular will continue, for it is an alignment that is as much economic as it is political.

Within the framework of that basic attachment, however, emphasis will probably shift from a rigid defense posture against the Communist bloc to a more flexible policy permitting various degrees of economic interchange with Moscow and Peking.

In the light of the Communist bloc's apparently successful shift from direct military threats to economic and political blandishments, particularly in Asia, there are indications that Washington has begun to rethink its defense posture in East Asia.

The pre-condition necessary to make application to the "Hilfsfonds" is that the applicant was on March 13, 1938 an Austrian citizen or was living in Austria from March 13, 1938 to March 13, 1939 without interruption.

Two Illnesses Paradoxically Increasing Eisenhower's Desire to Remain President

By STEWART ALSPH GETTYSBURG—When President Eisenhower stepped out of his car here the other day, the small crowd of reporters and other onlookers craned forward with eager, somewhat morbid curiosity.

The Democrats' favorite version of the President's twice-repeated decision to run despite serious illness is simple and sinister. The President, so the line goes, has been the victim of a "snow job."

There are always shades of truth and untruth in such matters. But the shrewdest observers are coming to believe that the President, himself, far from being the victim of a snow job, wants very much indeed to be President for four more years.

A couple of years ago, such a prospect would have seemed to him like a prison sentence. The fact that the President thoroughly disliked his job at least during the first two years of his Presidency is amply documented, for example in Robert Donovan's sympathetic but revealing book.

But in the last year, and especially, oddly enough, since his heart attack, there has been plenty of evidence that the President has come to enjoy his job thoroughly. The outpouring of affection which reached him from all over the country after his heart attack unquestionably moved him deeply.

Mastery of politics is essential to mastery of the Presidency. Only since he acquired this mastery has the President omitted the true Presidential glow, which derives from an inner sense of great personal authority.

SAM-O-CLES



Washington Mirror

Capital Reporters Needle Harriman

By A. ROBERT SMITH Statesman Correspondent WASHINGTON — One of the assumed functions of the Washington press corps is to needle the mighty—a practice that could only happen in a democratic government such as ours.

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), the loud and angry man of yesterday, isn't heard from very much in the chambers of Congress these days.

McCarthy lives just a few blocks from the Capitol in a section of the city that is being restored as a fine residential area. He approaches his house, which is just around the corner from where this reporter has lived for several years, via a narrow alley just wide enough to accommodate the big black Cadillac which he received in his holiday from a group of Texas admirers.

One day he swung into the alley and found a truck parked there doing a quick unloading job. Like any driver of a well equipped car might do, McCarthy reached for the horn and gave the truck driver a blast.

When the driver didn't immediately light it out of the alley, McCarthy leaned on his horn and began a flow of rapid fire curse-words, according to a neighbor within earshot. The trucker made an embarrassed retreat.

It happened again when a passenger car was parked in "Joe's alley." Honking and raising Cain until the driver appeared to remove his vehicle, McCarthy got the results that a United States senator is sometimes accustomed to getting when he thunders forth upon the world.

Hot Video Set Brings Firemen A hot television set at the residence of Mrs. Adelia E. Mize, 1363 Ruge St., brought city firemen about 8:45 p.m. Saturday.

WAGE PACT REACHED CINCINNATI — Negotiators for the United Rubber Workers and the B. F. Goodrich Co. Saturday night reached agreement on a wage reopening clause less than two hours before a midnight strike deadline.

"Rugged Individualist" To the Editor: As an ex-Oregonian I look with interest and affection on every thing Oregon does and stands for. One of the things that pleases me most is to observe the activities of Senator Wayne Morse in the Senate.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Salem is shown to be a more prosperous market, with a pent-up spending potential greater than that of most cities in the country, according to sales management's new survey of buying power.

25 Years Ago

Salem will have one representative on the Gold Star pilgrimage which will start from New York July 22. This will be Mrs. Mary Mohr, whose son, Charles Melvin Mohr, died in action July 15, 1917.

40 Years Ago

Thanking the Statesman for its part in fighting for terminal rates to the mouth of the Columbia River, a telegram was received from J. R. Delaney, president of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce.

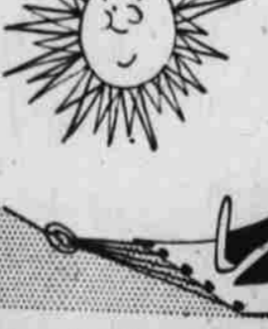
Blast Causes Quake Scare

EUGENE — A quarry blast Saturday caused many Eugene residents to believe they were experiencing an earthquake.

L. P. Stubbfield, a contractor in charge of loosening thousands of yards of rock for a river bank control project on the McKenzie, said no advance notice of the blast was given to avoid attracting spectators.

The blast—using 32,000 pounds of powder—was set off about 6 a.m. Saturday at the Eugene Sand & Gravel Co. quarry on the McKenzie River. It jarred loose approximately 100,000 yards of rock—and brought a flood of telephone calls to police here and the surrounding area.

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CHURCH and CHEMOKETA STREETS

Their Names Remain

Scion of Pioneer Put Family Name on Map

Back in 1882 young B. F. Hall moved downstream from his father's donation land claim to buy the ferry which remains the only mid-valley map record of a prominent Oregon pioneer family.

B. F. Hall was the youngest son of Reason B. Hall who had added the family name to a ferry of his own earlier where his farm jutted into a bend of the Willamette at the present site of Buena Vista.

The Halls Ferry that survived in name only, actually was started back in 1889 by Noah Leabo. The ferry itself has long since been discontinued, but the name lives on in the community along the Oregon Electric tracks southwest of Salem.



B. F. HALL Bought Ferry in 1882

IT SEEMS TO ME

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years' imprisonment excepting where their sole offense was possession of narcotics. Second offenders face mandatory sentences of from five to 25 years imprisonment; third, 10 to 40 years. Juries may prescribe death for those selling heroin to peddlers under 18 years of age. Heavy fines also are required.

When the bill was pending in the Senate, Senator Lehman of New York made a plea for greater use of therapeutics, with emphasis on penalties. Senator Morse made a long speech, condemning the death penalty provision and denouncing as a wrongful invasion of civil rights, provisions granting unusual powers to officers for search and seizure.

Will the new Boggs-Daniel bill lick the problem of drug addiction? A medical authority, Dr. Herbert Berger, president of the New York City Medical Society and chairman of the state medical society's committee on alcoholism and narcotics, is very doubtful.

"We have created a new criminal class. We have a flourishing narcotics racket. We have ever more drug addicts. Our narcotic problem is now the worst in the world. Our addicts are younger than ever. They face a lifetime of crime and addiction—mostly to heroin."

Dr. Berger mentions three solutions: 1. Destroy all addicts, —not to be thought of. 2. Confine all addicts for life, —an admission of defeat. 3. Recognize the addict for what he is — a mentally sick person — and attempt to rehabilitate him, without drugs if it is humanly possible to do so and with them if nothing else can be done."

The rate of relapse from persons jailed for addiction is almost 100 per cent, and the rate even for those who have been in hospitals is very high. Clearly we need much more thorough research and experimentation to

Votes Noted of Oregon Solons

WASHINGTON — How Oregon members of Congress were recorded as voting on recent roll calls:

House On passage, 217,165, of bill to increase postal rates: For—Coom (R), Ellsworth (R), Norblad (R); Against—Green (D).

Senate On ratification, 85-2, of international wheat agreement: For—Morse (D), Neuberger (D).

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