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THE OREGONIAN AND THE TVA

Last week the Oregonian began publication of a series of articles on the Tennessee valley authority which, as a foreword explains, "has formed a pattern for legislation proposing a Columbia valley administration."

We quote the beginnings of Saturday's article: The Tennessee Valley authority is not a government. TVA has no police, no army, no courts of its own.

Read those sentence again, please, and note in particular the one mentioning TVA's right of eminent domain, "a common instrument," the sentence concludes, "of public agencies."

Here is the eminent domain story. The right of eminent domain is, as the Oregonian article says, a common instrument of public agencies.

In the Tennessee valley the instrument is the same but its method of use is different. The story of the TVA should tell these facts.

Perhaps this TVA method, presumably to be duplicated in the forthcoming CVA bill, is the better one but we think that the fact should be demonstrated rather than taken on faith as does the Oregonian writer.

That eminent domain arrangement seems to us to be something toward justifying that TVA reputation of "super state".

Having begun this comment let us look further into the Oregonian's Saturday article. Again we quote:

One issue that always arises in the discussion of TVA's policies is that of its practice of building dams and other major projects by "force account"; that is, TVA hires directly all engineers, technicians and workmen, rather than letting the jobs by contract.

The Associated General Contractors of America does not like the force account practice. The contractors contend it is unfair government competition with private industry.

Now it may be that the Oregonian writer intends to return to this subject of the force account practices of the TVA. In this article would have been a good place, however—paying no attention to the Associated General Contractors—to present something more of a justification than that "TVA liked the (force account) system."

Oddly enough we find the Oregonian editor, in an earlier portion of the article from which the last quotation was taken, saying "TVA gets its work done by contract."

If the reader will get the facts and study them he will see the light. TVA, as those opening sentences of that Saturday article stated, is not a government. It has no police, no army.

Oddly enough, too, we find the Oregonian writer himself explaining why TVA has adopted the force account practice.

We hope that the Oregonian editor who has written this series of articles will find time to discuss the questions raised herein.

WASHINGTON COLUMN

By Peter Edson (NEA Washington Correspondent)
Washington (NEA) — Fifty-one republican congressmen, sparked by Rep. Robert Halle of Maine, recently sent a letter to President Truman asking seven pointed questions about U. S. policy on China.

Here—in condensed form—are the highlights of his seven questions: Does the U. S. consider it has met its obligations to China under the Potsdam and Yalta agreements?

Does the U. S. consider it has met its obligations to China under the Potsdam and Yalta agreements? What does the U. S. government intend to do to make Russia meet its obligations to China? ... What is present U. S. policy towards China? ... To what extent is it based on the Wallace report of 1944 and the Wedemeyer report of 1947? ... What changes are contemplated on present policy towards China? ... Does the administration intend to support elements in China which are resisting subjugation of that country by communists? ... If the Chinese government brings the matter of communist aggression before the United Nations as a threat to the peace, will the U. S. government support its action?

These are all good, tough, leading questions. There is no use suspecting the motives of the 51 republican congressmen who asked them. They are genuinely concerned about the Chinese situation.

There is of course a domestic American political angle to this business. All republicans from Governor Dewey on down have used the Chinese issue to beat the democrats over the head and to cause them as much political embarrassment as possible.

But in this process an amazing amount of misunderstanding has been built up about U. S. responsibilities to China. Also, an amazing amount of misunderstanding in China has been built up about U. S. responsibilities to China.

It has been generally assumed by people hipped on this Chinese question that the United States has guaranteed for all time the independence and integrity of China.

The United States has fostered the independence of China ever since the founding of the "open door" policy in the 1840's. But it did this as much to protect the rights of Yankee traders and American missionaries in the foreign concessions of China as it did for the good of the Chinese themselves.

Is there anyone in the U. S. ready to advocate sending a million and a half or ten and a half million men to make Russia live up to its Potsdam and Yalta agreements with respect to China? This would involve making Russia return sovereignty of Manchuria to the Chinese nationalist government. It would involve making Russia live up to its 1945 treaty promising to respect sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Chinese government. How do you do that?

Any impartial and independent commission going into China today would probably have to find the country so torn by civil war that its report would undermine what little strength the nationalist government has left.

This nationalist government has proved itself so corrupt, so weak and so inefficient that it is now almost beyond support. It has lost more battles through its own ineptness than it has for lack of American aid.

The United States used its best efforts to bring peace to the warring factions when it was invited to do so by both nationalists and communists. When, by bad faith on both sides, those peace efforts broke down, the United States could only withdraw from the situation.

As for presenting this case to the United Nations, the nationalists themselves have backed down on making charges of communist aggression. The question of U. S. support for charges that don't exist therefore hardly enters into the picture.

Washington Scene
By Harman W. Nichols (United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, March 21 (UP) — Okay, mama. Wrap a herring around your neck and we'll go out and kick a couple of gongs around!

Sounds a little silly. But actually, when the little woman puts on a dog collar of artificial pearls, she is wearing herring.

And right now, according to the herring and pearl department of the government, the herring (clupea harengus of the order isospondyli) is having a bigger boom than filet of sole at the 21 club, the shrimp at Leon and Eddie's and the sardine between twin slices of rye at the White Tower.

Actually, the phony pearls are made from the scales of juvenile herring.

Think that's new? My research proves it is not. Pearl essence, or pearl paste, has been made for centuries by many ways in many lands.

The silvery scales of the little fish which hardly ever grows more than a foot long are the source of the luster. When applied to glass or plastic beads, you can hardly tell them from the real thing.

Digging into the files, you find some interesting things. Before the turn of the century, cagey man had learned that the sardine herring was excellent for other things than eating purposes. The fishermen up in New England saw the light.

And across the sea, Norway's herring fleets supplies scales to the chemists of Germany. They finished the job by processing a pearl paste for customers in other lands.

Popularity of the pearl necklace—so-called—has come back into its own in recent years. The last dozen, to be exact.

You can't spot the phony at 10 paces. And if your lady happens to be wearing a choker which cost you \$8.69, let her strut her stuff at a White House reception. Chances are she'll get by.

These new-fangled pearls—made of the herring (which also is good to eat) look as good to the untrained eyes as a string that cost \$1,000. A string of cultured pearls that came from Japan, or a \$10,000 collar of matched pearls imported from another land.

Business now is hoppin'. When you consider the necklace business, you've also got to think about the postwar rage for ear-rings and costume jewelry. The five trade alone must keep at least a fleet of herring vessels busy!

New England and Norway are the big winners in the phony pearl sweepstakes. Both have factories for "pearl essence" which doesn't smell as bad as it sounds. In fact, it doesn't smell at all.

A pound jar of essence today costs five times what it did in 1937, in case you are interested. (The stuff in the jar is used to make "pearls".)

The scales are collected from the bottoms of fishing boats, sifting through the slatted floors as the fish are handled.

But don't get the idea these paste pearls aren't made the right way. Each bead is hand-dipped in the pearl lacquer. Then there is the finishing and sizing. And the matching. A lot of labor involved.

Some of the phony pearls come as high as \$100 a string. Pretty high. But run down to Tiffany's and price a necklace of real ones!

Christiansen Elected President of Central Oregon Elementary School Principal Group

Prineville, March 21 — Maynard L. Christiansen, principal of the Pine Grove school in Hood River county, was elected president of the Central Oregon Regional Elementary School Principals Association at the annual conference held at the Ochoco grade school here Saturday, succeeding Virgil L. Moss of Bend.

Election Noted
"It is a sad commentary that, in our recent election to provide adequate school facilities, the very people who voted down such a necessary improvement, voted last November for a spending program that beggars all description and that further greases the skids to statism and loss of individual liberty.

It seems that our schools are fertile grounds for communist infiltration; particularly in our institutions of higher learning. The incident at the University of Washington a short time ago, and the more recent occurrence at Corvallis, should serve as a reminder that our educators must guard every moment if we are to preserve our way of life.

Chief speaker of the morning program was J. F. Daggert, division general manager of the Alexander-Yawkey Lumber Co., here, who in an elaboration of his theme, "American Business, Its Past, Present and Future," warned the teachers that current government trends lead away from the safeguards of the republican form of government.

People Short sighted
In closing his address, Daggert declared: "I believe that we business people have been woefully shortsighted in failing to realize the important role our educators play in our communities. We should have seen to it long ago that our teachers be acquainted with some of the complexities of our business structures and the problems we must meet each day. No other group of people in our land, save our ministers of the gospel, have such an opportunity to influence the course of our republic. The schools are the wells from which we must draw the citizens of our future—our business men, professional people, artisans and artists. No other group of people has the opportunity to instill in the minds of our future governors the principles of personal liberty which are the foundation stone of our country. While we were busy building our empire, you educators were trudging to the little red school house, underpaid—and you still are—

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poorly housed, perhaps with a local farm family, and generally forgotten. That was a mistake. It still is.

Lunch Served
Following a speech of welcome by R. H. McAtee, principal of the Ochoco grade school, where a lunch was served at the school's cafeteria, President Moss presented the following county school superintendents, each of whom introduced the delegations from his or her county: Ralph Jones, Hood River county; T. F. Brumbaugh, Wasco; Wiley W. Knight, Sherman; Lorena S. Palmer, Gilliam; Wayne Foster, Jefferson; Dee McLinn, Wheeler; Cecil M. Sly, Crook; and Velma Buckingham, Deschutes.

The program of Saturday was devoted chiefly to a discussion of technical matters pertaining to administration of elementary schools.

PRINEVILLE MAN ARRESTED
Prineville, March 31 — Earl Shaw, Prineville chief of police, reported yesterday that Dean Leslie Ostrander, 35, was a "repeater who believes in a proper celebration of anniversaries." Ostrander was arrested here on March 16 of last year, Shaw recalled, on a charge of vagrancy. This year, on the first anniversary of the 1948 episode, Ostrander was again apprehended and held on charges involving bad checks and parole violation. Portland police came here and returned him to that city.

PTA TO MEET
The regular monthly meeting of the Kenwood PTA will be held tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria, with all members urged to attend. This meeting will center around final plans for the Kenwood PTA carnival this Friday and Saturday nights, 7 to

Treatment Listed
"I feel that there are three things that we must keep before us: "First—We must work for a spiritual regeneration among our people, especially our young people. The principles of right and wrong, as exemplified by our religious teachings, are priceless. "Second—We must try to understand the difference between regulation and control. Business needs to be regulated, labor needs to be regulated. There must be rules of the game in which gov-

ernment should be only the referee. Control means absolute power. Our young people should be taught the difference. "And, third—That individual liberty cannot be maintained in the social state. It never has and it never will be."

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