

Lights in the Wallows

Blue lights are bouncing around mountain peaks again over in the northeastern part of the state. Earlier in the year they were reported in the Blue mountains, more recently they were spotted dancing around the Wallows.

The Wallowa Record has this to say about a weird light recently observed in the Wallowa foothills. "The object was a bright blue light, large, low and near. Roy Leverenz, of Lower Valley, saw it for several seconds, watched it drift slowly and disappear into the dusk . . . He could see the mountains beyond it, so he knew it must be with the valley . . . He described the light as being about the size of an average room. It was round, somewhat oval in shape."

That light was not only dancing around the timbered hills, but, as the story is told in Wallowa, it was emitting smoke. And a smaller blue light dropped off the bottom and glowed separately for an instant.

Ernest Snuffer of Diamond Prairie also saw a similar aerial object and notified a skywatch post, which in turn passed the information on to the Portland filter center.

Those bouncing blue lights of the Wallows should have expert attention, so we called in our star and meteor expert for a conference. Such lowly lights, with their background showing, are out of his province, we were assured. But our meteor man came up with an idea:

"Why not get a triangulation on one of those blue lights? Once its location had been pinpointed, the mystery possibly could be solved."

Odds are that a snow plow, its blue lights flashing on frost-covered trees, would be found in the vicinity. We are inclined to hold to this theory unless the lights are again seen in midsummer.

Good Choice

(Eugene Register-Guard)

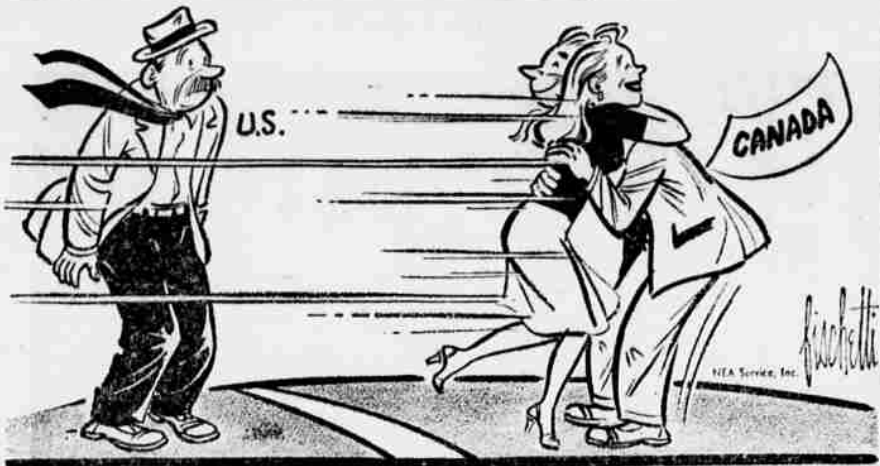
Newspapermen all over the Pacific Northwest were delighted last week to read that George S. Turnbull had won the Edith Knight Hill award for outstanding service to Oregon. Mr. Turnbull, an editorial writer in Albany for many years, was a professor of journalism at the University of Oregon. Just before retirement he was dean of the journalism school.

A modest man who never presumed to have all the answers, Mr. Turnbull sought to instill that feeling of humility in generations of students. The fact was that he had many of the answers and was always able to throw more light on a dark subject. Of course, he would be the last one to admit that.

Even today editors take an extra long look at the editorial columns of the Albany Democrat-Herald. They hope that the humble man with no pretenses of omniscience will have given them something as he used to do on the campus. They are rarely disappointed.

Quotable Quotes

- Women are learning that cigar smokers are contented men. No cigar smoker ever beats his wife. — Walter Lyon, president, Cigar Institute of America.
- They (NAM) had better read history. They had better read when you stand in the way of progress you get run over. — Walter Reuther.
- We have reached a point where atomic weapons are now conventional and their use is being fully integrated into our strategy and tactics. — Adm. Arthur Radford.
- We have reached the point in Asia where we can't yield without losing the whole thing. — Rep. Walter H. Judd (R. Minn.).
- I have just learned of Senator Neely's attack on President Eisenhower. I hope this attack will not discourage him from further churchgoing. — Billy Graham.
- Some of the tennis amateurs would be foolish to turn pro. There have been instances of top players getting \$700 a week. You can't beat that. — Gussie Moran.
- You and I will live many long days and many long nights before we meet the equal of Robert R. McCormick. — Rev. Robert B. Stewart.
- I am 36 years old. I can't play one day and rest four. I've got to play regularly if I am to stay in condition. — Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn infielder.
- If he's (Jackie Robinson) got any complaint he ought to come and see me instead of going to the press. — Walt Alston, Brooklyn manager.
- Nothing could be further from the truth than to say I was criticizing religion. But religion should not be placed on parade or paid only lip service. — Sen. Matthew Neely (D. W. Va.).
- If the Republican party keeps splitting, Mr. Eisenhower won't want to stick his neck out by running again. — Sen. Allan Ellender (D. La.).
- You (Otto Graham) are only 33. Seems to me you're pretty young to be hangin' 'em up. — Paul Brown, coach Cleveland Browns.
- No fair-minded student of events will deny that the mess we are in now stems entirely from the destruction of the League of Nations. — James M. Cox, Ohio newspaper publisher.



Edson in Washington
Watchmakers Continue Battle

By PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — The flap over the Swiss watch case in Washington has now reached utterly fantastic proportions.

Both the American jeweled watch manufacturers and the importers of Swiss movements are wearing injured airs of high moral righteousness in their full-page ads and press releases to injure each other. But what this has boiled down to is international cut-throat business competition.

It is a long economic warfare that goes back to the days when wrist watches were invented, and the alert Swiss began to capture the American market.

The last chapter began in July, 1954, after a U. S. Office of Defense Mobilization committee recommended protection of the American jeweled watch industry skills as essential to American national defense. President Eisenhower then approved increases of up to 50 per cent in tariffs on Swiss watch movement imports.

President Truman had once refused to grant such an increase. So the Swiss importers immediately began a publicity counter-attack to upset the Eisenhower decision.

First move was to secure release of a 1952 Department of Defense report which declared that the American jeweled watch industry needed no "special nor preferential treatment." In 1951 the American jeweled watch industry had produced a record three million movements and seemed to be solidly on its feet.

But by 1954 production had fallen to 1.7 million movements. The prospects for 1955 production were even lower. It was feared that Waltham, one of the four American producers which had been in trouble for years, might fold. The Waltham plant in Massachusetts and the Bulova plants on Long Island, N. Y., were also found to be in potential bomb target areas.

On the basis of these findings, the ODM committee of Defense, State, Treasury, Commerce and Labor Department secretaries reviewed the situation. They recommended that American jeweled watch production be supported at a minimum of two million movements a year to preserve the skills of 400 watchmakers needed for national defense.

This decision confirmed a National Security Resources Board recommendation of 1952, when the Democrats were still in control in Washington. Watch importers' representatives, however, immediately set up a yak that the new ODM decision and the Eisenhower tariff action were prejudicial.

It was pointed out that Gen. Omar Bradley, now head of Bulova's research, had been chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and was a close friend of Ike's. It was pointed out that Marc Levy, former Department of Defense Chief counsel, was now counsel for Bulova. And it was further mentioned that the law firm of Louis Johnson, Truman's Secretary of Defense, was retained by the American Watch Manufacturers' Assn.

How all these Democrats could be expected to get favors from a GOP administration wasn't explained, and didn't make sense.

But the plot was thickened by assertions that Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks and President Eisenhower's former special assistant in charge of National Security Council affairs, Robert Cut-

Easter Seal Appeal Made

An appeal for persons to respond to the Easter Seals they received from the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults has been issued by Nelson L. Leland, county treasurer, who reported that state returns are more than \$40,000 behind a year ago.

Mr. Leland said there are many thousands of Oregon residents who have failed to make any return, and he expressed hope that "a majority of them really intend to do something but just haven't gotten around to it as yet." Returns can be made to Easter Seals, care of the person's local post office.

"The fact that Easter is now past doesn't make any difference," Leland said. "We hope that people will continue to use and buy Easter Seals so that the great work of the society can continue without curtailment."

Easter Seals were mailed to approximately 400,000 residents of Oregon and so far only a very small percentage of the people have responded, the records show.

London Papers Raise Prices

LONDON (UPI)—London's three afternoon newspapers raised their prices by one third today when they resumed publishing after a 27-day strike.

The papers, the Evening Standard, the Star and the Evening News, will cost two pence (about 2.2 U.S. cents) beginning Friday instead of 1 1/2 pence (about 1.7 U.S. cents). Most evening newspapers elsewhere in the country have been two pence for some time.

The price of London morning newspapers will remain unchanged. They now range from 1 1/2 pence for the Daily Mirror to four pence (about 4.4 U.S. cents) for the Times.

The four-week walkout which was ended late Wednesday cost an estimated \$11,200,000. In addition, publishers face higher wages as result of the agreement which ended the strike.

Fleet Street's presses roared again after the strike with a maximum of blunders and a minimum of backlogged news.

London's two big tabloids, the Daily Sketch and the Daily Mirror, both front-paged the two-week-old story of a blonde model accused of shooting her racing driver boyfriend to death.

The Sketch and the Mirror also found space inside for pictures of blonde Marilyn Monroe riding a pink elephant at opening night of the circus in New York early this month.

There was a minimum of re-orientation. The rightwing press decried in restrained tones the wage strike of 700 mechanics and electricians that tied up London's newspapers since March 25. The leftwing press had no reorientation at all.

Isolated Island Seeking Change

OCRACOKE, N. C. — (UPI) — This isolated island of the famed Outer Banks, once the hideaway of Blackbeard the Pirate, is demanding a change of county government.

Since 1885, Ocracoke has been a township of Hyde County, N. C., serenely satisfied to be separated from its seat on the mainland by Pamlico Sound.

To reach the county seat at Swanquarter, residents of Ocracoke, traveling by established highway and ferry routes, must make a 300-mile round trip via Beaufort, New Bern and Washington, N. C.

A new highway stretching down the Outer Banks from Nags Head to Cape Hatteras on adjacent Hatteras Island has prompted a petition from Ocracoke islanders to transfer their allegiance to Dare County which has its seat at Manteo. Via the new Hatteras highway, commercial ferry at Hatteras Inlet and the beach trails on Ocracoke, the travel time to Manteo is only about three hours.

The Dare County board of commissioners has approved the idea, adopting a resolution stating that the "general expression of this board is that Ocracoke would be welcome in Dare County."

Problems of Distribution Primary Cause of Lag in Vaccine Program
Clement Attlee Takes Command For Labor Fight

EDITORS NOTE
What's the slowdown on the new polio vaccine? Is production and distribution going as planned? How long may it be before the supply meets the demand?

In an effort to get the answers to these and other pertinent questions on the new vaccine the United Press surveyed all the drug companies that are in production. The results are included in the following dispatch.

By JACK WOLISTON
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK (UP)—A survey of the six drug companies producing the Salk polio vaccine showed today that only a trickle of the fluid would be available for commercial channels until the "no charge" program of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is completed.

Even the foundation's program was lagging, but primarily it was a case of distribution — not production. The chief reason was the intensive scrutiny which each batch of the vaccine must be given by government scientists to decide if it is safe for public use.

The survey of drug company officials showed that unless a child is between the ages of 6 and 10—the ages generally covered by the foundation program—his chances of getting the anti-polio vaccine through commercial channels in the next eight weeks are rather slim.

Vaccine Shipments
The foundation announced Tuesday night that five of the six companies manufacturing the vaccine had shipped enough of it to provide first shots for 4,173,120 children. This is not quite half of the 9 million throughout the United States and its territories who are slated to get the two-shot, anti-polio treatment at foundation expense.

The shipments went to 24 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and Southern California. Most of the 4,173,120 cubic centimeters of vaccine (one CC represents one shot) went to southern states, the foundation explained, because of the earlier incidence of polio and the earlier closing of schools in that area.

Officials said they felt sure that vaccine for first shots for the rest of the 9 million children and for second shots for all of them would be available by the original target date, June 1. It depends on the speed with which the government certifies the product as to safety, purity and potency.

Infinitesimal Amount
It was disclosed that to date only an infinitesimal amount of the vaccine had gone into commercial channels — not enough, drug firm officials said, to form the basis for any profitable "black market."

Most of the drug firms said they would not supply vaccine to commercial channels until they have completed their commitments to the National Foundation to supply two shots each for the 9 million children. These include all children in the first and second grades, all children who participated in the 1954 field trials of the vaccine, and the 400,000 children who actually received the vaccine in 1954. The last group will receive booster doses only.

One unavoidable factor delaying shipment of the vaccine, drug firm officials said, was the strict tests which samples of each batch must undergo at the biologics control laboratory of the National Institutes of Health in Washington.

Eli Lilly Co. pointed out it had nine months' production on hand when the vaccine was approved for use by the government following release of the vaccine evaluation study April 12. It said each batch produced by the company during that period had to be re-tested after April 12 and the results of those tests sent to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for its okay.

Testing Period
The company said it took from 21 to 28 days to re-test each batch and prepare the scientific data which accompanied the test sample to the NIH. There, the sample and the written material comes under closest scrutiny by NIH scientists who approve it only if it meets federal standards as to safety, purity and potency.

Manufacturers said the NIH at this time probably was "overwhelmed" with a considerable number of samples, but they agreed that such cautious and minute checking was necessary to safeguard the public health.

In Washington, an NIH spokesman said the government had not rejected any batches of Salk vaccine through Tuesday. He said that in a few cases final clearance of batches had been held up pending receipt of technical data required by law from the manufacturer.

Another factor contributing to the shortage of the vaccine for a time was the lack of rhesus monkeys, whose kidneys are used in the production of the vaccine. But this shortage, caused by a government ban on export of monkeys from India, was only temporary and a sufficient supply of the animals now are at hand. The Indian government cancelled the ban only a few weeks ago.

He Recorded Pleased Buyers

PHILADELPHIA — (UP) — A North Philadelphia salesmen recently added a new gadget to his bag of tricks.

Hank Linsky was impressed with the nice things his customers had to say about their newly installed gas house heaters. So he bought a tape recorder for \$150 and asked these satisfied customers to "tell the machine" how much they liked his product.

The second call he made, playing the recorded plug, brought another sale, and Linsky figured the machine paid for itself right there.

Dogs Sought By Air Force

MINNEAPOLIS — (UP) — If you are a German shepherd between the ages of one and three, Uncle Sam wants YOU!

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