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Where Was The Driver?

A good many years back, when most of Central Oregon's roads were of the macadamized or plain dirt type, a strange piece of equipment seasonally appeared in Bend.

It was an electro-magnet road sweeper.

In recent years there has been little mention of the magnetic sweeper locally, and we presumed that it had been junked, as something not needed in this era of asphalt and concrete.

From the Oregon Statesman we learn the road sweeper is still in use, and in its annual sweeps of every main highway in Oregon continues to gather a huge amount of metal.

A study of some of the junk gathered from the highways by the powerful electro-magnet in the Salem area included items ranging from bottle caps, wiper blades, bolts and screwdrivers to breather caps, a hubcap, a fender skirt and a drive shaft.

Recently, the magnet gathered an average of two pounds of scrap metal per mile from the traveled surface of the Baldock freeway between Salem and Portland.

Purpose of the huge magnet is to remove from highways junk that might cause flat tires, blowouts and accidents.

The amount of metal being swept from the modern highways is indeed impressive, but it hardly compares with the "take" of early years, when roads were corrugated and dusty.

We recall long ago that a Bend Bulletin reporter asked an operator of the electro-magnet unit for a list of the stuff he had picked up that day in a sweep of Central Oregon roads.

"Son", he said, "I believe we got every part of a Model T except the driver."

Off the Cuff

A girl with plenty of personality is one who can make men glow without getting burnt.

Tears that can be turned on and off at will usually come from a shallow person.

People who plan the TV programs to stump the experts are smart enough not to invite questions by five-year-olds.

"Educating" Mice

By "educating" mice, forest researchers are hopeful of saving millions of dollars.

Mice, it has long been known, are destroyers of forest seeds. Left on the ground, these seeds will produce new forests of pine, fir and spruce.

The first thought of researchers was to eliminate the mice in areas where new forests should be growing. But when one population of mice was eliminated, another moved into the "vacuum".

Eradication obviously was not the answer. Then came the suggestion from the Department of Interior's fish and wildlife service that the mice be "educated", not eradicated.

Mice within a certain area are to be left there, to protect the territory from invaders. But they are to be taught that tree seeds are not good for their systems.

Repellents had been tried earlier, but mice ignored them and continued to eat up 90 per cent of the forest seed.

In experimental work, nonlethal amounts of toxic chemicals were included in material used to coat seeds before they were planted.

The mice eat these coated seeds, but do not die. They just get terrible tummy aches, which tell them never again to eat the little seeds.

These "educated" mice remain around to keep out "uneducated" invaders. The results have been so good that researchers have developed a new four-fold coating for forest seeds.

The toxic materials which sickens and "educates" mice is, in addition, fatal to some insects. Another chemical provides protection against a fungus common to seeds.

Still another ingredient makes the seeds unattractive to birds.

Protected from the seed to the saw, the little trees will have nothing to fear but hungry deer and gnawing porcupines.

Quotable Quotes

Had anybody told me when I was a kid that I'd one day fly around the world in 45 hours I probably would have thought he was crazy. When I was a boy we were just struggling then to lift a plane across the Atlantic. Progress in air transportation has certainly been terrific.—Lt. Col. James H. Morris of San Antonio, Tex. on participating in the world nonstop flight record.

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Things got warm for 'em right quick.—Warden Al C. Tucker calling for reinforcements when 20 white prisoners refused to work because of the cold weather.

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I assume that Jackie is going to do a show on television next season and if he does a show, I hope he will use me.—Art Carney scotching rumors that he had a falling-out with Jackie Gleason.

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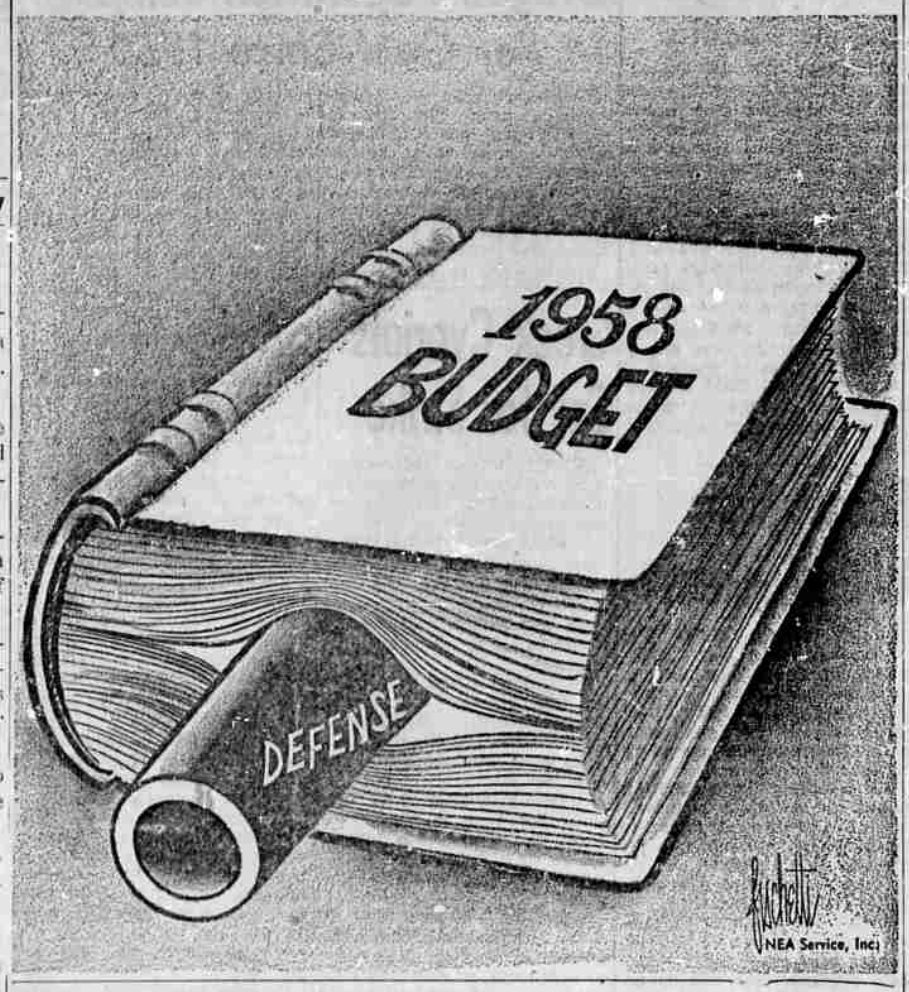

Foreign Spotlight

India About to Turn Back On Self-Determination Talk

By CHARLES M. MCCANN
United Press Staff Correspondent

India is about to play the unaccustomed role of a country that does not want to talk about the right of self-determination.

The United Nations Security Council meets Wednesday to discuss the future of the state of Kashmir, which has been in dispute between India and Pakistan since 1947.

Pakistan wants the United Nations to conduct a plebiscite so that Kashmir's people can decide for themselves whether to unite with India or Pakistan.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India is one of the world's foremost supporters of the right of peoples to self-determinations.

In this instance, however, Nehru is on the other side. He does not want a plebiscite.

The trouble is Nehru knows that if a plebiscite were held, the Kashmiris would vote to join Pakistan.

Full Debate Opposed

He said at a meeting of his governing Congress party in New Delhi last Tuesday that the United Nations should confine itself to the question whether Pakistan has been the aggressor in the dispute over Kashmir.

So on Wednesday, the prospect is that V. K. Krishna Menon, India's chief delegate to the United Nations will argue that the plebiscite issue should not even be debated.

When India and Pakistan were given their freedom in 1947, what had been British India was divided between them.

The division was made on the basis of religion — Hindu areas to India, Moslem areas to Pakistan.

Kashmir is a Moslem area which has long been under the rule of Hindu maharajas.

After the 1947 partition, both India and Pakistan moved troops into the area. There was bitter fighting between Indian and Pakistani troops, and tribesmen who supported one side or the other, from October, 1947, to the end of 1948.

Then the United Nations drew a cease - fire line between the contending forces. India remained in occupation of two - thirds of Kashmir. Pakistan stayed in the remaining one-third.

The United Nations called for a plebiscite after both Indian and Pakistani armies had withdrawn.

Double Defiance

Nehru agreed to the plebiscite at one time, but he started to specify conditions that blocked it. Chiefly, he demands that Pakistani troops get out first. He also wants troops to be stationed in Kashmir during the vote — in the proportion of seven Indian soldiers to one Pakistani soldier.

More than three million of Kashmir's 4.4 million people are Moslems.

Indian officials have said privately that if a plebiscite were held, the vote would go 60 per cent for Pakistan, 40 per cent for India. They hardly can be assumed to have over estimated the Pakistani majority.

Another angle of the situation is that the United Nations specified that there should be no change in Kashmir's status until the plebiscite was held.

But the part of Kashmir which India holds has adopted a constitution under which it is to come under the Indian constitution on Thursday, the day after the U.N. debate starts.

So Nehru, the self - determinationist, seems to be in double defiance of the United Nations as regards Kashmir.

President Seeks Permanent Plan For Refugees

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. says President Eisenhower wants Congress to authorize a permanent anti-Communist refugee program.

Brownell said the program would:

1. Cover admission of refugees from Communist terror in all Iron Curtain nations.

2. Permit admission of a "certain" number each year—the number to be set annually by Congress.

The program also is expected to include a request for authorization to admit many more thousands of Hungarian refugees.

Brownell outlined it Sunday during a televised interview. It is scheduled to be submitted to Congress in the near future.

Other congressional news:

Inaugural: The House and Senate called late morning sessions prior to the presidential inauguration. However, they were expected to transact little business before recessing to attend the ceremonies.

Southerners: Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill) said the Southern Democratic leadership in Congress fails to represent the Democratic Party or the people. He said he would "be very happy" if some unnamed Southern conservatives left the party.

Racketeering: Sen. Karl E. Mundt noted the AFL-CIO Executive Board would instruct officials of the Teamsters Union to cooperate with a Senate labor racketeering investigation. A group of Teamsters officials has refused to answer subcommittee questions.

Budget: Sen. Styles Bridges (NH) accepted the "invitation" of Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey to cut President Eisenhower's record budget proposals. Bridges, ranking GOP member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said there is "some foundation" for Humphrey's fear of depression if federal spending is not reduced.

Housing: A House veterans committee reported that housing loans to veterans are going up through certain discount practices. The committee said lenders now are discounting loans at as much as 6 to 5 per cent.

Sage Brushings

by Ile S. Grant

Hearing the spoken word while watching television makes us wonder what language we've been using all these years. Surely not English. Or maybe styles have changed. Perhaps we used good grammar and acceptable pronunciation years ago, but we're just out of fashion at the moment.

An announcer informed us yesterday that so-and-so was the "modera -TOR." Accent on the last syllable. Everyone I know says "MOD-er-A-tor," to rhyme with "GLAD-iator." (Don't tell me they're saying "gladia-TOR" these days!)

The Rev. Robert Richards appeared on "What's My Line" as one of the challengers Sunday night. As Bob Richards, he was champion pole vaulter in the Olympics in 1952 and 1956. He did not give the panel too much trouble.

The usually meticulous Dorothy Kilgallen made the telling thrust. But the way she phrased her question was unexpected, to say the least. "Are you a reverend?" she asked.

This just goes to prove that yesterday's boner is tomorrow's accepted form. Perhaps even now, "reverend" is listed in new dictionaries as a noun as well as an adjective. But I have to be shown!

George Gobel ad libbed effectively as "mystery challenger" on "What's My Line." The Chief made a profound observation, to wit:

"If they'd fire that guy's writers and let him just act the fool, he'd be the biggest hit on television."

That's what the man said.

A collection of seemingly unrelated trifles may have more significance than you think. For instance: Seed, cable, moss, garter, feather, and fan. A growing number of women will recognize the words as a list of traditional patterns in the old craft of knitting.

Television may have had something to do with the revival of the craft. Maybe women can keep the needles clicking and flashing while watching their favorite programs. In this way, they overcome feelings of guilt for "wasting time."

The knitted look is very high on the fashion honor roll again, according to press releases that have reached my desk. Style-conscious women have found that they can make a relaxing hobby, yield dividends in custom-made wardrobe accents.

In my days as a knitter, I belonged to the "Auntie Pearl" school. That is, I knitted on round needles only, and knew but one stitch. That's right Anti-purl.

Smiley and his little brother enjoyed the ride to town, when we took them in Saturday for their rabies shots.

It was a little embarrassing to discover that most of the city dogs walk on a leash and obey simple commands like "sit" and "come."

We explained selfconsciously to everyone within hearing that country dogs seldom have occasion to go anywhere, and therefore have little use for party manners.

That's why I've never learned to read. Someone might give me a book.

It has been estimated that there anywhere from 20,000 to 40,000 different species of fishes.

OFF FOR GERMANY

Special to The Bulletin

MADRAS — Pvt. Walter K. Garrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd B. Garrison of Metolius, is one of more than 2100 replacements en route to Germany to join the 10th Infantry Division, according to a news release received here today from Fort Ord, California.

Garrison, whose wife Linda lives in Willamina, Ore., will make the 9000-mile voyage to Bremerhaven in 18 days. He is a 1956 graduate of Linfield college and a member of Theta Chi fraternity.

Trip Through Southwest Taken By Two Couples

Special to The Bulletin

SILVER LAKE — Mr. and Mrs. Don Schumacher and Mr. and Mrs. Al Baert returned January 15 from an extended trip through the Southwest which took them nearly 4000 miles.

Leaving home December 30, the couples stopped over in Las Vegas New Year's day to watch the Rose Bowl game on TV. Their first visit to the Grand Canyon preceded a four day stop at Phoenix where the Schumachers, well known Hereford operators here, attended the 60th anniversary meeting of the American National Cattlemen's Association. There among Oregon friends they met were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bradbury of Paisley, formerly of Silver Lake.

At Tucson they visited Mr. and Mrs. Guy Martin, long time Silver Lake residents, now of Bend, who are spending the winter in the Arizona city.

"I was impressed most of all, other than the Grand Canyon," Mrs. Baert reports, "by our visit to America's newest and largest ghost town, Jerome, Arizona. An old mining town of 30,000, built on a hillside, it is sliding downhill. The 15 or so hotels, schools and other large buildings, just empty, were a peculiar sight," she related.

Of interest to the Schumachers were the range and cattle. Although the drouth has been severe it rained on the travelers during most of the journey. Other points visited were the old mission at Tumacacori, entering Old Mexico at Nogales for sight-seeing, and a stop at Scotty's castle in Death Valley.

Following the enlarging of the log pond and installation of a larger pump at the Silver Lake Lumber Company, owned and operated by Baert, he and Mrs. Baert expect to leave for a two weeks trip to Pittsburg, Kansas to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Baert.

FEWER DEATHS

Special to The Bulletin

MADRAS — Jefferson county was one of 21 counties in Oregon to report fewer traffic deaths in 1956 than in 1955, according to a report received today from the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission. Thirteen of the state's 36 counties recorded higher death tolls.

The mongoose is not immune to the venom of the deadly snakes it kills and eats. Keen vision and lightning agility enable it to evade their poison fangs.

Savings Bond Sales High

Sales of Series E and H Bonds in Oregon during 1956 amounted to $10,699,421 which is the second highest amount of sales in over ten years.

December sales amounted to $2,265,605 as compared to a record December month sales of $3,586,849 in 1955.

Sales in Deschutes county in December amounted to $24,877 bringing sales this year to $357,470 according to Clark Price, county savings bonds committee chairman. The county's total for the year was 66.8 per cent of the quota.

Five counties, Curry, Jefferson, Malheur, Umatilla and Wheeler, have achieved their 1956 sales quota. These counties, along with Coos and Tillamook Counties had higher sales than in 1955.

4-H Scholarship Winner Named

Special to The Bulletin

MADRAS — Bill Kauffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kauffman of Grizzly, has been named winner of a $25 scholarship to 4-H summer school, June 11 to 21 at Oregon State College, according to a news report received today from OSC. He won the award in a state 4-H livestock breeding contest.

The 14-year-old youth, a freshman at Madras Union High school, has been active in 4-H work since 1952, receiving his Fifth Year 4-H award this year.

There are nearly 2,000 varieties of bats.

Nuclear Weapon Set Off by Reds

WASHINGTON (UP) — Russia has exploded another nuclear weapon, the Atomic Energy Commission announced Sunday.

The reminder of Soviet power came only two days after three U.S. B52 H-bombers circled the world non-stop in a demonstration of American strength.

The AEC said Russia exploded the nuclear weapon Saturday.

The terse announcement gave no indication whether the test involved an atomic or hydrogen weapon or its size.

The blast apparently was the fifth in Russia's current test series that Russia announced it had completed. The series started in August.

The announcement brought to 17 the number of times the United States has reported a Soviet nuclear test.

As usual, the AEC gave no indication where it got its information. However, this country has an elaborate monitoring system for detecting Soviet nuclear explosions.

TAKEOFF ON AN EXPERT

WASHINGTON (UP) — James T. Pyle, one of the nation's top pilots, was grounded Thursday. Pyle, who is head of the Civil Aeronautics Administration and has 4,000 flying hours, was baffled by the controls of an automatic elevator until a mechanic showed him how to get it off the ground.

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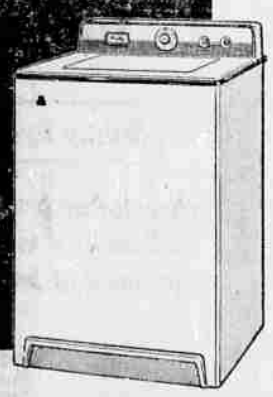

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