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Teachers attending 'college in Cascades' return to classes as better instructors

Oregon's "Blue Sky College" has completed its fifth session.

Comparatively few, aside from teachers, have heard of this "college" whose campus stretches from the Cascade crest to the lowlands, reaches into alpine forests and drops into lands where sagebrush pushes out to distant horizons.

Possibly the college can better be described as a nature workshop dealing in conservation education for elementary and secondary teachers.

Headquarters of this workshop is the lodge operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thurston in the scenic Hoodoo Ski Bowl, astride the Cascades just south of the Santiam Highway at the summit.

For the past five years, teachers have gathered at the inn in the bowl to take part in an outdoor workshop unique in America. The Izaak Walton League of America helped establish this college of nature in the Cascades. Many other organizations have assisted.

The staff this summer was imposing—one that colleges or universities might envy. There were only seven on the regular staff, headed by Dr. Ruth E. Hopson of the Portland extension center, as director. But consultants, tops in their various fields, numbered nearly a score.

Represented on the staff of consultants were the U. S. Forest Service, the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, the Oregon State Game Commission, the Western Pine Association and various other agencies and a number of lumber firms.

A half dozen Izaak Walton chapters and a number of lumber firms provided scholarships for teachers.

Every one got caught in Hoffa's fire

Congress — at least the House of Representatives — voted for a more strict labor curb bill the other day than was actually necessary.

The whole purpose of the bill, quite frankly, was to curb some of the abuses of power on the part of Jimmy Hoffa and his Teamsters Union in the past.

The rest of the labor movement got caught in the attempt to clip Hoffa's wings.

The danger of this—and the danger against the Senate — passed Kennedy-Ervin bill, which was much milder—was seen last spring by Senator Richard L. Neuberger.

In a Senate floor speech then, Neuberger said:

I believe the AFL-CIO will be making a serious mistake if it opposes the Kennedy-Ervin labor reform bill in the form in which it passed the Senate by an overwhelming vote of 90 to 1.

This is a fair bill and a moderate bill. It is not an oppressive bill. It poses no threat to trade union leaders or members who are honest and upright. It is a peril only to union corruption and tyranny, not to union integrity and democracy.

As one of the nine Senate sponsors of the modified bill of rights, which is presently included in the bill, I believe that this particular phase of the legislation will guarantee the individual rights and liberties of union members without de-

The "Blue Sky College" provides an integrated approach to conservation education. In turn, teachers take to their students lessons they have learned in the hills. Provided for the teachers enrolled is a well rounded package of study of the major elements of conservation — soil, water, wildlife and forests.

Classroom work, mostly around a blazing fireplace in the Hoodoo Bowl Inn, is held to a minimum. Most of the study is in the field, where instructors visually demonstrate the complex interrelationships of wood, water and wildlife in nature's community.

Students make forays from the Santiam divide into the high-rainfall Douglas fir region to the west, or eastward into the drier region where great pines pay homage to the sky.

Not overlooked in the field work is the story behind trees, birds, plants, forests and animals. That story, so ably interpreted by Dr. Hopson, concerns to geology of the region, the saga of thundering volcanoes of long ago and the long age of ice that cooled the hot mountains.

Instructors lecturing from a glaciated rock or under a tall pine admit they have competition in getting the attention of the student-teachers: All around is the music of nature and the songs of the wilderness — whispering winds, bird calls, sounds of streams, things from which music evolved.

Teachers attending these workshops at the "Blue Sky College" in the mid-Oregon high country acquire a new awareness of the complex balance of nature.

They return to their classrooms as better teachers.

tracting from the effectiveness and bargaining abilities of the union as a whole. This was our goal when we worked together successfully under the leadership of the Senator from California (Mr. Kuchel) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. Clark), and I believe we achieved that goal.

Of course, any bill can be subjected to capricious or frivolous objections—so-called nit-picking. But as a Senator who has been sympathetic with many of the broad humanitarian objectives of organized labor, I believe the labor movement will be guilty of a serious blunder if it fliespicks the Kennedy-Ervin bill in an effort to find some obscure or trifling reasons to justify opposition.

During the 1920's and 1930's, such ruthless utility magnates as Insull and others objected violently to any Government regulation, no matter how moderate. As a result, they got a type of regulation which utility executives have been complaining about ever since.

In my estimation, no unionist of honesty or a fundamental belief in democracy need fear the Kennedy-Ervin bill as passed by the Senate. I trust the House, likewise, will enact the bill.

Quotable quotes

If I had had more bullets I would have shot more people. — Francis Blouin, 27, quoted by police after confessing to the murders of three lone workers in Long Island eating places.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Partnership seen between Pentagon and contractors

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON — The portrait of Congressman Carl Vinson, the cotton and peanut farmer of Millington, Ga., gazed sternly on the hearings in the House Armed Services Committee which he has presided over for a quarter of a century. Though the artist had struggled to portray him in his most pleasant pose, Vinson almost seemed to scowl as he looked down on the cross-examination of retired Army and Navy officers and defense contractors charged with being part of the munitions lobby.

The hearing room over which Congressman Vinson's portrait silently presided was steeped in the atmosphere of America's military might. At one side stood a walnut screen carved from the starboard and port sides of the U.S.S. Illinois. On the rear wall hung a portrait of the Great White Fleet sent around the world by Teddy Roosevelt in 1906. In the room also stood the windlass of the battleship Maine, dredged up from Havana Harbor after its explosion touched off the Spanish-American War.

And in the background of Vinson's portrait was painted the U.S.S. Georgia, a battleship Vinson had championed, but which long ago had been junked in favor of airplanes and missiles.

In the committee's witness chair on this occasion sat a manufacturer of those planes and missiles, Donald Douglas, Jr., of Douglas Aircraft.

Pentagon Partnership

It has been charged that there's a partnership between the big defense contractors and the Army, Navy, and Air Force officers who rule the Pentagon, and persistent probing by Congressman Eddie E. Hebert of Louisiana, who presided, brought out evidence confirming this.

"We discuss with Army public relations officers our advertising program every year," Douglas confessed without batting an eye. "It's part of our partnership with the Armed Forces. Our habit is

to submit to the Armed Forces a plan of what we propose in advertising and get their suggestions."

When you consider that practically all big defense contracts are now on a negotiated basis without competitive bids, and when you consider that Douglas rates seventh on the list of big contractors with two-thirds of a billion dollars worth of defense orders last year alone, this is an interesting confession.

It's especially interesting in view of the charge made by Col. John Nickerson, for which, in part, he was court-martialed: "It should be noted that the aircraft industry and particularly the Douglas Aircraft Company openly oppose the development of any missile by a government agency."

"High officials of the Douglas Company have stated," continued Colonel Nickerson, "that Douglas is paying particular attention to the possibilities of calling off the operation at Huntsville, Ala."

Nickerson referred to the Army's successful development of the Jupiter missile at Huntsville, which beat privately manufactured missiles in launching an American satellite.

Mr. Douglas, however, was not questioned about the Nickerson charges, though he was questioned about the advertising - lobbying campaign he staged to help continue the Nike - Hercules missile, which the Air Force wanted dropped in favor of its Bomarc, made by Douglas's big rival, Boeing. Both missiles are designed to shoot down enemy planes within a relatively short range; and advertising campaigns and political pressure were used by both companies to continue production.

As a result both companies are continuing to make the two somewhat duplicating missiles. In other words, thanks to their lobbying campaign and the unofficial partnership between big defense contractors and the Pentagon, the American taxpayer is continuing to pay for two duplicating missiles.

Blueprints to Japan?

Just how closely this partnership operates was illustrated by another incident involving Douglas Aircraft when it developed the DC-4 before Pearl Harbor with funds largely supplied by the Air Corps, then turned around and sold the blueprints to the Japanese for \$706,720. When this column reported this fact in 1939, Donald Douglas, Sr., issued a ringing denial. Never under any circumstances, he said, would he sell blueprints to Japan.

After the war, however, Japanese documents turned up showing how Douglas had lied. Here is a letter written by the Japanese Aug. 14, 1939, just after Douglas finally decided that with the obtaining of an export license, the news had to be discreetly leaked.

"Major V. E. Bertrandias 'Douglas Aircraft Company Santa Monica, Calif. Dear Mr. Bertrandias: Looking over the Saturday edition of the New York Times, I could not help but write this letter to compliment you for the most excellent way of disclosing the sale. Those 'in the know' will not object to the transaction as they are limited to those in our trade, while laymen possibly don't know what the ship is anyway when mentioned singly by your designation in the paper. . . . 'It was an excellent way of handling the difficult matter in a delicate situation, and I wish to share the feeling of relief, if you ever had one. Hope you had similar luck with your local papers! Sincerely yours, S. Akabane'"

Douglas could never have dared sell the DC-4 blueprints without authority from the Air Corps. Donald Douglas, Jr., was married to the daughter of Gen. Hap Arnold, Chief of the Air Corps, and the usual retired officer, in this case Major Bertrandias, handled the Japanese deal. That's how close the partnership between the Pentagon and defense contractors operates.

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Stunned labor leaders mapping new strategy

UNITY HOUSE, Pa. (UPI)—Stunned members of the AFL-CIO Executive Council met today to consider their next move in a battle against what they term union-busting labor legislation.

The council is certain to discuss future opposition at the polls to Congressmen who voted for the House-approved Landrum - Griffin Bill when the chips were down last Thursday.

Top AFL-CIO leaders, opening their summer meeting at this union-operated resort in the Pocono Mountains, appear reconciled to defeat in the legislative fight.

In the eyes of the AFL-CIO, the Senate-passed bill is bad and the House version is worse. Any compromise by Senate-House conferees could not produce legislation more favorable to labor's high command.

The losing battle in the House caused new disappointment in the Democratic congressional leadership, one AFL-CIO vice president said.

"You can say that labor is growing cooler toward the Democrats," he told a reporter referring to heavy Democratic support for passage of the House bill favored by President Eisenhower and business organizations.

AFL-CIO leaders were reported to be casually sifting the 229-201 roll call vote by which the House passed the measure co-sponsored by Rep. Phil M. Landrum (D-Ga.) and Rep. Robert P. Griffin (R-Mich.).

One union official said only a handful of 54 House members who received labor support in political campaigns last fall voted for the Landrum-Griffin proposal. The measure passed with "yes" votes of 134 Republicans and 65 Democrats. All but three of the latter were from either southern or border states.

"We did the right thing last fall (at election time) but we did not do enough of it," the official contended.

Boat accident takes man's life

ASTORIA (UPI)—Domie McDowell, 19, Portland, died Saturday when a 14-foot skiff powered by a 30 horsepower outboard motor overturned at the Clatsop Spit near the mouth of the Columbia River.

The victim's companion, Charles Dixon, 42, also of Portland, was pulled from the water by crewmembers of a Coast Guard patrol boat and taken to the Fowler Clinic here.

CLOSE SHAVE

NEW YORK (UPI)—Police rushed to the post office Sunday night to investigate a ticking package and cautiously opened it inside was a battery-powered electric razor.

Struggle starts for political power in Sicily

By United Press International
 From the foreign editor's notebook:

Sicily Struggle

The political battle for control of Sicily apparently has just started. Thus far, it has been a rough, no-holds-barred fight in which the anti-Communists have suffered repeated defeats and undermined their own prestige through a series of grave mistakes. But they are reported determined to fight on against the Reds with every available weapon of political obstructionism and sabotage. The Communists scored last week with their machiavellian masterpiece when they joined to elect a regional government of "Christian Socials" and right wing turncoats under Silvia Milazzo. In return, Milazzo gave the Communists and left wing Socialists the

support they needed to pack the seven legislative committees of the regional assembly. The catch is that Milazzo's government has only a one-vote margin in the assembly and can be overthrown by the Communists and Socialists, on the other hand, cannot be dislodged from the legislative committees which are elected for four-year terms, and thus control the real law-making power of Sicily.

Japan And Korea

Japan and the Republic of Korea, two of the United States' principal allies in Asia, still are deadlocked over resumption of diplomatic relations — and no early conclusion of current negotiations on that point appears in sight. Korea is angered over Tokyo's decision to repatriate Korean residents from Japan to Com-

munist-run North Korea. And Japan feels just as strongly about Korea's establishment of President Syngman Rhee's fishery line. Korea is delaying lifting its ban on trade with Japan as a negotiating weapon, but observers feel this kind of pressure is likely to have little influence on Tokyo.

Flood Aid

Diplomatic sources in Taipei are wondering what the Nationalist Chinese would do if Communist China should offer relief supplies to Formosa's flood and earthquake victims. Red China, also stricken with floods, rejected just such an offer from the Nationalists a few weeks ago, causing Taipei to say that Peiping felt no compassion for its needy citizens.

De Gaulle And Morocco

After President Charles de Gaulle visits Algeria on Aug. 27, the French are expected to make new efforts to arrange a meeting between "le grand Charlie" and King Mohammed V of Morocco in an effort to arrange some kind of Algerian settlement. Such a meeting appeared imminent less than a month ago when Mohammed was in Paris for medical treatment. But he left for home suddenly without seeing De Gaulle.

Philippine-U.S. Relations

Agreement with The Philippines over the long-tangled issue of U.S. military bases now seems farther away than ever. U.S. Ambassador Charles Bohlen reportedly does not expect to reach any kind of agreement. And certain influential Filipinos apparently are determined to prevent agreement at all costs so the issue can be kept alive for future troublesome use.

Ike vetoes Alaska gas, oil measure

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (UPI) — President Eisenhower today vetoed a bill which would double the maximum allowable holdings of oil and gas leases and options in Alaska. He said it was shortsighted and unsound.

In a message to the House, where the bill originated, the President said the measure might be of short-run financial help to the new state of Alaska but that: ". . . I believe this to be a shortsighted goal for it eventually could well result in depriving both the Alaskan and federal governments of substantial revenue. Sacrificing sound principle and the long-run public interest in order to achieve a limited immediate gain does not seem to me to be wise."

The bill was sent to the White House Aug. 14. It would have increased to 600,000 acres the amount of federal land an individual or corporation could take on lease or option for mineral exploration purposes. Under present law the limit is 100,000 acres in leases and 200,000 acres on options.

Just before Senate passage the measure encountered unexpected Republican opposition. Sen. Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska) said he was "mystified," since he had expected the bill to "sail through."

UNDERTOW DROWNS WADERS

KEANSBURG, N.J. (UPI) — A 23-year-old man and two boys drowned Sunday when they were caught by an undertow while wading in Raritan Bay. An 18-year-old youth and three girls who were with the three victims struggled safely to shore after being caught in the undertow. The dead were Salvatore Cacia, 23, and Michael Vizzoni, 11, both of Kenilworth, and Sandy Notte, 15, of Nutley.

Engine trouble forces landing

SYDNEY, Australia (UPI) — A Qantas Boeing 707 jet plane with 82 persons aboard returned to Sydney Airport Sunday night when it developed engine trouble but strong winds prevented a landing and the plane flew on to Brisbane.

The big jet airliner circled the airfield at Sydney for two hours, one of its four engines dead, and authorities finally ordered it to make the one-hour flight to Brisbane where it made a safe emergency landing.

Rain and winds up to 55 miles an hour at Sydney swept the only runway capable of accommodating the huge Boeing and airport authorities said it was unwise to land the plane in crosswinds of more than 25 miles an hour.

Another Qantas Boeing 707, en route from San Francisco, also was diverted to Brisbane because of the winds.

Ernest, Lauren cheer rival bull fighters

BIARRITZ, France (UPI) — Author Ernest Hemingway and actress Lauren Bacall served this weekend as rival cheer leaders in a bull fighting duel.

Miss Bacall spent the weekend cheering and consoling top matador Luis Dominguin, both in the ring and over cocktails, while Hemingway's expert applause was aimed at Antonio Ordenez, Dominguin's brother-in-law and chief rival.

Luis is a wonderful and charming man," Miss Bacall said of her favorite. Dominguin, one-time friend of Ava Gardner, called Miss Bacall "an old friend."

Group honors recent bride

Special to The Bulletin
 CRESCENT — Forty persons gathered at the home of Mrs. Orin Bowman, Crescent, on August 12, to honor Mrs. Gerald King of Glchrist, a recent bride.

Beautiful bowls of pink and white sweet peas gayly decorated the serving table while the centerpiece, a three tier cake, carried out the bride's chosen colors of pink and white.

Mrs. James Smith of Bend came for the occasion. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. C. C. Caldwell and Mrs. G. Grady. Mrs. King received many beautiful and useful gifts for her home.

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