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Growth in use of wilderness areas must lead to change in handling

A rather obscure story on the back pages of a number of newspapers recently pointed up a problem which is rapidly becoming serious in the West's various Wilderness Areas.

The story told of a group of members of the Sierra Club, and their summer "vacation".

The members took the trail from Lone Pine, Calif., to the top of Mt. Whitney, and spent several days picking up tin cans, burning papers and garbage strewn along the trail. The group spent one night and two full days on the summit of the mountain, cleaning up the mess left by others, and spent ten other days on the trail.

The problem is not confined to Mt. Whitney, either. Broken glass lines the bottom of many Oregon lakes and streams. Discarded trash can be found in our own outdoor areas. The state and Forest Service spend considerable amounts of money each year picking up after those who use these areas.

Unburned tin cans are practically indestructible in fewer than 30 or more years. Bottles, broken or whole, may last nearly forever.

Twenty-five or so years ago, one saw little of this litter in the scenic back country. Fewer people used the trails, and they seemed to be more careful than some of our present-day users.

Use of the areas, of course, has

School sawdust pile has chance for fame

Sawdust from the Bend school district's big pile near the east city limits of Bend, source of many fires this summer, is being put to use in the production of a new forest.

It is being hauled to the Bend pine nursery, on the Butler Road four miles east of town, and scattered over ground preparatory to the planting of Ponderosa pine seed for a new crop of seedlings.

More than 100 loads of the sawmill waste have already been taken to the nursery. The work will be continued through the season, as time permits. A considerable hole will be made in the miniature mountain on the district's property.

This is not the first use of sawdust on the nursery grounds. Seasonally, sawdust is spread over the cultivated area, when soil is prepared for a new crop of pines.

The sawdust lightens and enriches the soil. Nitrogen is added, as a "booster." Then a "green top" crop is planted, and more nitrogen is added.

Most amazing discovery in connection with the soil enrichment work

Whole system, not just Jake, on trial

As was to be expected, there has been considerable discussion of the state parole board's decision to grant parole to Jake Pinson.

For Pinson during his lifetime has been an honest-to-goodness bad guy. It was only 12 years ago he committed the supreme crime of killing a state policeman who was trying to stop him from committing robbery.

During his first five years in the penitentiary, he attempted escape three times. Sentenced to life in prison, he has served only 12 years.

With Pinson's record prior to pris-

on, and his record early during his prison career, one would suspect he would stay there for many years.

But such is not the case, and he is to be released soon. The parole board and prison officials have decided he has changed, and will be a good parole risk. We hope they're right. Release on parole of a convict of Jake's past record is a gamble for the whole parole system. If Jake understands this and acts accordingly, the decision will have been correct. If he doesn't the whole system will suffer damage.

Recently it was discovered that where sawdust is applied to the soil, the loss of seedlings from pines has been low. Possibly this decrease is due to the careful fertilization of the soil with sawdust, nitrogen and the "cover crop." Possibly there is in the sawdust a chemical or soil antibiotic that kills or retards the root rot bacteria.

This might be worthy of further study and an effort to isolate the deterrent. It would have great use in the field of agriculture and forestry.

Then the Bend school district's burning pile of sawdust could be set aside as a monument to a new discovery.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Labor leaders to have hot debate with Khrushchev

By Drew Pearson
WASHINGTON — The public knows that Nikita Khrushchev of Russia is sitting down in the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco tomorrow to be cross-examined by a group of AFL-CIO leaders. But the public doesn't know what happened behind the scenes before this meeting was arranged.

When James Carey, president of the United Electrical Workers, arrived at Unity House, Pa., for the recent AFL-CIO executive council meeting, he had no sooner stepped inside the door than he was paged. It was Ambassador Menshikov in Washington calling.

"It is important," he said, "that Khrushchev get the views of American labor leaders. We will agree to such a conference."

Carey went into the dining room, sat down at the most important table, No. 8, called the "captain's table," usually occupied by David Dubinsky, head of the International Ladies Garment Workers which owns Unity House. On this occasion it was occupied by President George Meany and Jay Lovestone, the reformed Communist who is Meany's anti-Communist adviser. Meany didn't look too hospitable as Carey sat down. He had heard him paged by the Russian ambassador.

"George, I was paged on my arrival here by Ambassador Menshikov," said Carey, "and he has agreed to a meeting between labor and Khrushchev. Khrushchev has a very tight schedule but he will agree to meet with us in San Francisco. I wanted to know what re the wishes of labor."

"Jim," replied Meany, "you delivered the message and you know how I feel."

"That I do," replied Carey. Jay Lovestone remarked that he would like to tell Khrushchev a thing or two, to his face.

"Do you want me to set up a meeting?" asked Carey.

"Khrushchev would no more meet with Jay Lovestone," replied Lovestone, "than the chief rabbi would eat ham on Yom Kippur."

"I don't think Khrushchev knows of your existence," replied Carey, "but I'll try to arrange it — with Meany's permission. Suppose we put you both on television and give you 20 minutes and Khrushchev 20 minutes."

"I'll take ten," snapped Lovestone.

Asking For Punishment

Later, at the closed-door AFL-CIO executive council meeting, Meany expressed his blunt disapproval of any labor conference with Khrushchev. Obviously Meany hadn't realized the amazing changes that must have taken place inside Russia when its No. 1 man was not only willing to face a battery of Press Club questions but sit down with blunt-talking American labor leaders who have taken the lead in opposing Communism. This would never have happened under Stalin, nor under Malenkov, his successor, nor under Foreign Minister Molotov. They did not tolerate debate or disagreement.

However, Deputy Premier Mikoyan had stuck his head in the lion's mouth at a luncheon with Carey, Walter Reuther, Bill Doherty, head of the letter carriers, Jack Knight, head of the oil workers, and Joe Beirne, head of the communications workers. They had heckled and cross-examined him. Despite this, Khrushchev with Ambassador Menshikov's blessing was ready to return for similar punishment. Meany knew all this. However, he exploded at the closed-door executive council meeting.

"If President Eisenhower and the State Department want to welcome this tyrant to the United States that's their business," he said. "But I want no part of it and neither do the great majority of the working people we represent."

Meany added that he understood Carey had already arranged a meeting with Khrushchev through the Soviet embassy.

"What's wrong with some of us meeting with Khrushchev?" shot back Carey, who has waged a bitter battle to purge Communists from labor unions. "It doesn't mean we agree with him or condone Communism. On the contrary, we want to sit down with this man and set him straight on a few things, including how American labor feels about events in Hungary."

"We also want to set him straight on the high living standards and democracy enjoyed by American working people."

Meany countered that the Khrushchev visit would be interpreted as "appeasement" by our NATO allies in Europe.

"I feel the same way about it," Meany added. "If the White House and State Department want to wine and dine this guy with blood on his hands, American labor doesn't have to get into the act."

Reuther Disagrees

Walter Reuther immediately spoke up to say that there was no "appeasement" in talking to Khrushchev "straight from the shoulder in the usual American way."

"This is a golden opportunity for American labor to speak its piece in the cold war," Reuther said. "Khrushchev is a former workman, a miner. He may not understand the State Department, but we can talk to him in his own language."

"Communications is my business," interrupted Joe Beirne, president of the American Communications Workers. "It is the bread and butter of my union. Everyone says that the way to world peace is through understanding. How are we going to understand this guy if we don't communicate with him? It was the Apostle Paul who said if you are going to convert the heathen you must carry the gospel to them."

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Employment up during summer

SALEM (UPI) — Oregon employment rose by 13,300 persons from mid-July to mid-August, bringing the work-force to 719,000 the state employment department reported Friday.

This figure is exceeded only by the all-time employment high of August, 1956.

Most of the recent gain was in non-agricultural jobs which is unusual for this time of the year, the department added.

Canning and construction industries both noted gains and lumber remained steady.

The number seeking work dropped 3,300 from 27,600 in mid-July to 24,300 in mid-August. The state's unemployed numbered 41,900 in August, 1958.

HONESTY BEST POLICY

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—Honesty paid off for Charles A. Lupine, 31, when he admitted Friday in an accident case that he'd had six or seven bottles of beer and was "too drunk to drive." Judge Lorran L. Lewis, noting it was the first time he'd heard anyone admit to more than "one or two beers," suspended Lupine's 30-day jail term and put him on probation for a year.

Nikita's disarmament plan Dismissed as propoganda

By Henry Shapiro
UPI Staff Writer

NEW YORK (UPI) — Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's Utopian proposal "to turn swords into plowshares" within four years was dismissed Friday by veteran United Nations delegates as another astute propaganda device of world communism's No. 1 traveling salesman.

Propaganda it may be, but there were few who would deny the effectiveness of its potential impact on a war-weary world terrified by the prospect of a nuclear war of universal annihilation.

Unrealistic as the project may be, it is likely to appeal particularly to the have-nots and to the under-developed peoples to whom Khrushchev promises to convert guns into butter.

Free-for-All Inspection?

If the three-stage program for total disarmament is accepted, Khrushchev, in effect, pledges to open up the once hermetically sealed borders of the Soviet Union to free-for-all inspection for, as he said Friday, "states will have nothing to conceal."

He would then be willing to accept President Eisenhower's open skies plan of 1955 for complete aerial inspection.

By the Soviet premier's own admission, he did not just conceive the idea of total disarmament. A few days ago, he quipped before the National Press Club in Washington "repetition is the mother of knowledge."

The plan had been proposed to the League of Nations in 1927 and 1932 by the late Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinov, the pre-war champion of collective security who coined the phrase "peace is indivisible."

Question Nikita's Sincerity

Whether or not total disarmament is realistic, and aside from the obvious propaganda value of expounding his plan from the world's most important forum, the question is being asked whether Khrushchev really means what he says.

Sir Winston Churchill once lay down the criterion for judging a country's policy on the basis of

weather such policy was in its national interest. Do the Russians stand to gain or lose from partial or general disarmament?

During his short presence in this country, Khrushchev has expressed bluntly to American audiences what he has repeatedly said in Communist countries—his conviction that time is on his side.

Khrushchev has staked his career and is deeply committed to the materialization of the current Soviet seven-year economic plan which, he says, will eventually produce a higher standard of living than America's.

Although Communist Russia has scored impressive economic achievements since the end of the war, it suffers incomparably more than the United States from the crushing armament burden. Much less than America, Russia can produce both guns and butter. It would presumably gain relatively more than America from partial or total disarmament.

A totalitarian, planned economy like Russia's could convert from military to civilian production more easily than a free enterprise country.

State visitors spend new high

Special to The Bulletin
SALEM — Visitors to Oregon during the 1959 travel year spent more than \$175 million, a record amount.

Travel industry income figures were released by Frank Jenkins, Klamath Falls publisher and chairman of the advisory committee to the Travel Information Division of the Oregon State Highway Department, at its regular annual meeting held Friday in Portland. The new high represented an increase of 19 per cent over 1958, previous high year. This record tourist income was due to an increase in traffic, a larger expenditure per day per person and the fact that each of our visitors stayed an average of a quarter day longer, Jenkins said.

At its meeting the committee approved the Travel Division's budget, which outlines a strong advertising program for 1960. Frank H. Loggan, Bend, is a member of the committee and attended yesterday's meeting.

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