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## PITY THE POOR OCEAN FISH

A report issued by the Technical Assistance Committee of the United Nations on projects in operation in many regions, declares that 17 nations are receiving aid in exploitation of their fisheries resources through technicians provided by the Food and Agricultural Organization.

Using electronic devices evolved during World War II to help the navy locate enemy subs and craft to locate schools of fish, the uncertainty is being taken out of fishing.

Among the devices the echo sounder, developed since the war, has proven the most valuable. The discovery that the schools of fish are shown on the graph led to its adaptation in modern fishing vessels. Even the kind of fish can be identified by characteristic patterns on the graph.

Aircraft have been used for spotting fish for some years but has now become common. Planes and helicopters locate schools of fish in sufficient quantity to insure profit to fishing fleets. Cameras are utilized to reveal location and density. Electric shocks are utilized, principally for tuna. The fish taking the bait are stunned by electric current from the hook and resistance eliminated.

Even the whales which have been decimated for over a century, are now located by a new device employing high frequency sound waves to locate the aquatic mammals up to over a mile and follow their course. The electric waves are also utilized on small fish like sardines which are responsive to differing wave lengths sent through the water, according to depth and location.

The FAO has not only improved the types of native fishing craft but also has popularized edible domestic fish in regions where they were hitherto ignored, thus increasing food supplies for hungry people.

It has always been assumed that the supply of edible fish in the ocean was inexhaustible. That's what they used to think of the salmon in the Northwest—but when the balance of nature is systematically destroyed by ceaseless slaughter, and no artificial restocking possible, even the ocean's supply of fish can be eventually exterminated.

These new shortcuts to large catches mean eventually just that. And what is taking place in our fresh water streams and lakes will take place in the ocean as human population increases and fish population decreases. The fishing fleets of the seas catch millions of fish to the scores of the stream fishermen and practice no conservation. Ain't civilization wonderful?—G. P.

## GUY CORDON WILL RUN

Guy Cordon will seek re-election to the U. S. senate from Oregon, he announced from Washington Tuesday. He would evidently have just as soon, maybe a little rather retired, but we dare say virtually every letter, telegram, word of mouth and other contact with his constituency has urged him to make the race.

It is highly desirable from the standpoint of the Republican party and all who believe in its general policy line that Cordon do this. The senior senator is not one for whom the public feels enthusiasm, nor does it feel antagonism. He is a quiet, often behind the scenes worker. He is a power in committees where his thorough understanding of legislation gives him a strong advantage in making his views prevail. Cordon is one of the least known nationally, but one of the most effective of all the senators.

Few Oregonians have seen Cordon. This writer, who has prided himself with at least a speaking acquaintance with every prominent Oregon politician for a generation, never has, possibly never will. In this Cordon resembles McNary, who was seldom seen by the home folks, but who was eternally on the job in their interests and who enjoyed a life tenure under the big dome once the people of Oregon had taken his measure.

Cordon can make a much more effective stand in behalf of the Eisenhower administration and the Republican approach to the nation's problems than could an inexperienced man such as the Republicans would have to present if Cordon had decided to step aside.

And Oregon Republicans should make no mistake. They will have quite a job, even with Cordon as their candidate, to keep intact a remarkable record of electing every G. O. P. candidate to the U. S. senate since 1914. No other western state has done this, and Oregon Republicans should brace themselves for a determined fight to keep Cordon on the job at Washington.

## THE 22,000 ANTI-REDS ARE FREE

The last of more than 14,000 anti-Communist war prisoners has now reached Formosa and 7500 North Koreans have been released in South Korea, so the U. S. and U. N. have won their long fight to prevent the return of these men to their former masters.

It was a hard, costly fight. Some 7000 Americans lost their lives during the period of argument over the fate of these P.W.s, which probably though not certainly delayed the armistice. But our government held that a vital principle was at stake, held out to the bitter end and won.

At the very last we had to risk resumption of warfare when we sent the Chinese to Formosa and released the North Koreans, for the enemy threatened it. We disregarded his threats and he did not resume the fighting.

Now the oppressed peoples of Asia and of Europe know that in any future war if they surrender to us they will not be returned to the Reds if we have it in our power to prevent this.

It has cost us a heavy price to establish this policy in the eyes of the world, but it has been done and may prove worth its weight in gold, first in discouraging a Russian attack, second in weakening its effectiveness if it is launched.

And it marks just about the only victory we have won over the Communists since the Berlin airlift.

## THE MOTHERS WILL MARCH

The house to house solicitation of the area by mothers interested in saving their children and other mothers' children from the curse of polio is a remarkable project which should have the enthusiastic support of every public spirited family.

The plan is for all households willing to be called upon for a donation to the March of Dimes campaign to put their porchlights on at seven o'clock Thursday night. Hundreds of mothers have been enlisted in this effort, and if all goes well and there is just a little cooperation from the weather man all the homes with burning lights will be visited during the evening.

This is a remarkable idea, both for broadening the base of support for the polio fight, and for dramatizing to all the vital need. Chairman Art Atherton, and his Mothers March co-chairmen, Mrs. Robert White and Mrs. William Crothers, together with all who are helping them, are to be warmly commended for their efforts.

## NOT EXACTLY THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT



## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Hawaii, Alaska Statehood Stirs Committee Wrangle

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON — Only a n angry rumble could be heard through the heavy mahogany doors, but senate interior committee members pounded on the table and roared at each other last week in a free-for-all over Hawaiian-Alaskan statehood.

It is strictly against senate rules for one senator to question another's motives. Yet, at one point, Chairman Hugh Butler of Nebraska angrily accused those who had thwarted him on Hawaii of "some ulterior purpose." Meek-mannered Senator Frank Barrett, Wyoming republican, also turned red in the face and shouted: "I may be against the whole works before we get through with it—Alaska, Hawaii, and the whole damned mess!"

What set off the fireworks was a neat parliamentary move by Senator Clint Anderson, New Mexico democrat, which tied Hawaiian and Alaskan statehood together. This upset GOP strategy to rush through statehood for Hawaii but not for Alaska, with its two probable democratic senators.

Republican leaders thought they had all the needed votes ready, but were flabbergasted when Idaho's conservative (GOP) Senator Henry Dworshak jumped the traces and voted with the democrats to keep Hawaii and Alaska together in one bill.

The resulting blow-up rocked the secret hearing, but this column can report what happened.

Chairman Butler, flushed with anger, rasped: "I want to say for the record that I am keenly disappointed at (this) action. . . I think it is irregular and it done for some ulterior purpose. I am frank in that I think you are doing an unfriendly act to the Territory of Hawaii."

Senator Long of Louisiana, a democrat who had earlier switched to the republicans, was also irritated by the surprise vote.

"I will be very frank," he said, "that as far as I am concerned, I anticipate there may be a filibuster on this bill, and if there is a filibuster. . ."

"I object to such remarks," blurted Senator Dworshak heatedly. "I do not want motives imputed by any member of this committee."

"I did not impute your motives," snapped the Louisiana senator.

"I do not regret what I said," shouted Dworshak, pounding the table with his fist. "I have heard for several years around here that everybody is in favor of statehood. I think that every member of the senate ought to have an opportunity on the floor to come out for or against statehood. . . and not just continue to talk from now until doomsday about being for statehood for this territory and statehood for that territory without being courageous enough to go on the record."

Realizing that the Republicans were determined to kill Alaska and its two probable democratic senators, Washington's Democratic Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson asked whether the White House would veto Alaska statehood.

"As far as the chair is concerned," replied Butler, "he has no assurance whatsoever of what the action of the White House will be on either bill."

"The President has announced he is in favor of statehood for Hawaii," Jackson reminded him.

"But what he does to a bill that passes the senate is a different thing," argued Butler. "The president is in favor of statehood for Hawaii and I am

not sure that he is not in favor of statehood for Alaska under the right kind of bill."

## Salem 42 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

January 27, 1912

Capital Journal had declared "Salem churches are now ready to plunge into the greatest campaign for souls this city has ever known." Evangelist Bulgin had arrived in town and all churches except the Methodist were to close individual services come Sunday and, forgetting differences in creed, unite in concentrated action to overcome the power of sin.

When Councilman Warning had undertaken to halt a runaway on Commercial street near Townsend's creamery he sustained a broken collar bone and bodily injuries.

New Multnomah hotel in Portland had scheduled its grand opening with a banquet for newspapermen.

City council had about completed arrangements for acquisition of a municipal dump near the fairgrounds.

H. S. Belle, Co., 124 N. Liberty street, had the agency for Ford automobiles. The five passenger touring model (75,000 were to be manufactured in 1912) had a Salem delivery price of \$785 equipped with two, six inch gas lamps, three oil lamps, horn and an automatic brass windshield.

John Maurer who had started to work as a machinist in Ben Forstner's gun store in 1885 and who had come to be regarded as the best machinist in Salem, had a new shop under construction near the corner of Center and Liberty streets.

Police Captain Duke of San Francisco had declared: "I am satisfied that almost every resort on the Barbary Coast does business with crooks and uses knockout drops."

## THE WORLD TODAY

### Berlin Conference Starts Normally

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON — Everything's normal at the Big Four foreign ministers meeting in Berlin: the United States and Russia spent the first two days blasting each other.

And at this conference in a Berlin room to find solutions for the world's ills, first of its kind in five years, the United States and Russia began doing closeup what they had done longrange before: they battled for France.

Before the talks began there was small hope East and West would reach agreements. Judging from what's been said so far, this meeting may become, as was suspected, across a table.

For Russia the whole business will be a success if it can weaken the links between the United States and France. For this country it probably will be a success if France comes out of it a tighter ally.

What the ministers—the United States' Dulles, Britain's Eden, France's Bidault, Russia's Molotov—said in the first two days they had said before. They just restated their positions.

The Western position, as in the past, was this:

There must be a single European army, called the European Defense Community (EDC). France and West Germany must be part of it. This means rearming West Germans.

This, Dulles argued, was the best way to keep Germany from being a military threat again to her neighbors. With her troops in EDC, she'd never have an army of her own again. Here he was talking to the hesitant French, the Russians only incidentally.

Bidault made a strong pitch for EDC. Yet, it's the French who, through their fear of a rearmaged Germany in any form, have refused up till now to join EDC and have therefore prevented its coming into existence.

And, although Bidault told Molotov EDC is necessary, he himself doesn't know whether France will ever join EDC. The French Parliament won't vote on joining for weeks.

The irony of this could not be lost on Molotov, whose government, fearing an EDC that contains French and Germans and knowing that without EDC Europe's defenses would be weaker, has been trying to woo the French away from it.

Naturally, Molotov followed that line in Berlin. To scare the French some more and widen the split between pro and anti-EDC Frenchmen, he warned that once Germany was allowed to rearm, even within the limits of EDC, it couldn't be trusted.

The French also are sick of their war with the Communists in Indochina. Without mentioning Indochina by name, Molotov made a veiled suggestion that maybe Russia could bring about an end to the fighting.

If the war ended and the French withdrew from Indochina, the Communists might take it over later without a shot, making the rest of Southeast Asia a wide-open target.

Molotov then tried to put the United States over a barrel by

## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

### Greatest Street Philosophers In New York Are Its Cabbies

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — If Socrates, that wise old Greek, should be resurrected here, he would probably become a taxi driver.

He was a great street talker in Athens, and the greatest street philosophers in New York are its cabbies. Their life on wheels puts them in a position to learn more about human nature than even the cops. And even Socrates might add to his wisdom by taking out a hack license.

People here love to collect the funny remarks of taxi drivers, but one cabbie told me:

"If I repeated the stupid things I have overheard some prominent people say in this cab—well, heads would roll."

Cab drivers rise and fall in public esteem here like politicians. One year everybody thinks they are wonderful, and the next year—for no particular reason—everybody is down on them.

"I figure it's just tension," a hack pilot said. "In good times the passengers want to gab back and forth. But if times get tough and they're worried, they snap

your head off if you try to just pass the time of day. Good times or bad times, I treat 'em all alike—like they were crazy kids."

You can find any number of college graduates among cab drivers here. You can find guys who used to be cowboys, guys who are part time actors, guys who write and sell television scripts, old guys who used to drive horse cars, young guys working their way through law school.

They feud with the traffic cops endlessly, but in emergencies they have saved many a cop's life. About the only thing they agree on is that women can't drive as well as men—and doctors can't drive as well as women.

"Doctors shouldn't be allowed out in a car alone," one said emphatically. "They may be able to operate on a human head, but put them behind a wheel and they don't know how to operate at all. You never know what they'll do next. And that doesn't seem right, as most of them have gone to college, and got educated."

## A "C" FOR COURAGE

Pendleton East Oregonian

Those who have criticized Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for lacking courage must whistle another tune. In recent weeks he has spoken his convictions in very plain language. Although he knew the isolationists would cry for his scalp, he told a Senate committee last week that in his judgment the United States would have been completely justified in fighting the Korean war alone had United Nations voted against coming in.

"You know, sometimes late at night when hardly no one's on the street, and I'm cruising around looking for a fare, I get a funny feeling my kid is riding in the seat beside me. Just like he did when he was a boy. Some how it doesn't make me feel sad at all. It's just like it was before he grew up and they gave him a uniform. He keeps me company."

The city has its dwindling quota of lady drivers, most of whom got into the business during the last war. I rode with one the other day, an elderly woman 12 years on the job.

"Don't know how much longer I can take this," she said. "I used to be a schoolteacher until I got married. When I lost my husband 12 years ago I bought me this cab with the insurance money."

"It is hard work but I couldn't afford to go back to teaching. Not enough money in it. Besides it doesn't take as much patience to drive a cab as it does to teach children, and this way I get more fresh air."

A cab behind us honked, and the lady to that hornblower. He's trying to rattle me, trying to get me into an accident. Those men drivers are jealous because they know I can drive better than they can. They're dogs, and that's just what I call them—dogs."

The hornblowing cab suddenly swooped around us, and the young driver leaned out, grinned, waved at the old lady and shouted, "How's it going, honey?"

The old lady peered uncertainly at him through her spectacles as he drove off, then looked at herself in the mirror and said grudgingly:

"Of course, you understand I don't mean to say that all men are dogs. Some are nice—but just a few."

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