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ANOTHER MOVE ON OREGON'S RESOURCES

California's insatiable thirst has led her to cast envious eyes on what she considers "surplus" water in possession of neighbors who don't know how to appreciate it. The budding civil war between California and Arizona over the Colorado river is probably far enough removed that Oregonians needn't worry about stray bullets, but when our southern neighbors begin angling for water from the Columbia, Rogue and other streams in a state having considerable undeveloped territory of her own, it behooves us to rush to the barricades.

The Federal Bureau of Reclamation, which is in the ditch-digging business, has been investigating the possibility that there may be seven million acre feet of surplus water in northern California and Oregon exclusive of any possible program to tap the Columbia river, according to a letter from Commissioner Michael Strauss to Representative Lowell Stockman of Oregon. This survey includes the Rogue, Klamath, Trinity and possibly other rivers.

Of course the mere fact that a survey is in progress does not mean that this water has been or will be found to be "surplus", or that piping it to southern California will be feasible, but the Federal government is clearly receptive to the idea. And there's nothing a Federal bureau likes to do better than function; just turn them loose on any little old job with a few hundred million dollars, and they're happy as a pup with a bone.

Representative Stockman, however, appears to have kept both feet on the ground despite this wonderful opportunity to divert taxpayers money and Oregon water in approximately equal amounts to California's sagebrush. "I do not accept the unsubstantiated statement of the Bureau of Reclamation that the diversion of Pacific Northwest water will be a profitable national investment," said Mr. Stockman. We would call this about as mannerly a statement as the gentleman could make, under the circumstances.

In our opinion, the engineering problem involved would be mere child's play. If ditches and pipelines are found too expensive, the bureau can always haul the water in tank trucks, or bottle it and ship it south in box cars. It seems to us that the real problem is going to be in taking this water away from its present proprietors. And getting down to the part of this scheme which sounded the most grating note, we specifically mean the Rogue.

This same Bureau of Reclamation has approved plans for the Rogue Basin development program; did the survey work, in fact. Just whose side are they on, anyhow? You can't tell us there's that much water in the Rogue. And what about the Curry county fishermen? They're already up in arms about the use of some Rogue water for power development, even if most of it is put back. They are not going to like this new idea a bit.

We don't exactly have the figures at our finger-tips, but we'd like to make a small suggestion that the bureau investigate the possibility of making California some water out of Pacific Ocean. It would probably cost almost as much money, so they needn't have any anxiety on that score, and there is all sorts of raw material on hand. During the war, huge evaporators were built on many of the Pacific islands to furnish water for communities of thousands; all you need is enough heat to make steam out of salt water, and some more salt water to cool the steam off. Same principle as moonshine whiskey, except that your product doesn't carry as much nourishment.

With everyone standing around wondering what to do with atomic energy besides dropping it on people, this would be an opportunity to utilize the surplus heat from a few uranium pile reactors to see how well they work in harness. The bulk of the plant would not be a drawback, and nobody worries about expense these days.

But whether they think much of our idea or not, we'd like to warn the Californios to keep hands off the Rogue; it's spoke for.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

WHO MAKES OPPORTUNITY IN AMERICA?

THE PEOPLE — THROUGH THEIR INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, PRODUCTIVITY AND THRIFT.



THEY MAKE OPPORTUNITY, NOT ONLY BY THE WORK THEY DO, BUT BY WHAT THEY SAVE AND THE INVESTMENT OF THEIR SAVINGS. THE 4 OUT OF 5 FAMILIES WHO OWN LIFE INSURANCE, THE MORE THAN 50 MILLIONS WHO HAVE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS ARE AMONG THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE OPPORTUNITY IN AMERICA.

WE IN THE U.S. HAVE CREATED THE GREATEST AND MOST WIDELY DISTRIBUTED WEALTH THAT THE WORLD HAS KNOWN, BECAUSE THIRTY PEOPLE HAVE KEPT THIS COUNTRY A LAND WHERE MEN ARE FREE TO MAKE THEIR OWN OPPORTUNITIES.

Capital Parade BY MURRAY WADE

CIVIL DEFENSE TO CLICK

Five members of the state emergency board responded to the call of Governor Douglas McKay at 10 a.m. to learn of the defense emergency.

Jack A. Hayes, deputy director of Oregon Civilian Defense, gave a clarifying presentation of the situation and detailed a request for \$25,840 which the board allowed in full after a cross-hackle on the necessity of each item.

Senator Dean Walker questioned the workings and results of C. D. during World War II. Hayes assured the board it would be different.

Oregon C.D. has been operating on funds "bummed" from various state departments, Hayes stated, as we were waiting for federal guidance.

A textbook of C.D. produced by the Atomic Energy commission and the Department of National Defense will be distributed by the Office of Civil Mobilization to governors, mayors and C.D. officers in a few days. A copy of the book may be reproduced for civilians by the Oregon C.D.

NO BUYING BULGE

Rumors of a buyers bulge come to the state purchasing department from all over Oregon. Example: "There is not a dealer in town that has a new car for sale." Such statements evoke war shortage memories.

A check made at key cities of the state reveals there has been little buying increase of sugar, tires, cars or other items that were hard to get during most of World War II. Only a small part of the accelerated retail buying during the past ten days was due to the Korean situation or the apprehension of World War III. It all adds up that post war production in many lines has not yet caught up.

WANT A FORESTRY BOOK?

Oregon State College forestry specialists believe the new booklet "Your Trees a Crop" will become a forest "bible" for farmers throughout Oregon's Douglas fir belt.

"It brings to every woodlot owner, whether he has 10 or 10,000 acres, an opportunity to grow and market trees on a far more intensive scale than he has ever dreamed of before," says Col.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Mr. Abernathy:

I'd like to thank you personally for the wonderful manner in which you handled the Girl Scout Day Camp newspaper publicity.

The camp is really still in its infancy and any boost it gets from the community is greatly appreciated.

We only wish we could publicly thank Bill Raines of the Cave City Market for his candy treat to the entire camp as he did last year too. And the French Laundry in Grants Pass for their paid ad on the camps opening date.

Hoping the entire community gets behind us next year — I am, Sincerely, Mrs. Louis Aller Camp Director

William B. Greeley, vice-president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

The 62-page booklet explains "how to it," if you want to grow timber.

Want a copy? A postcard to George Spaur, State Forester, Salem, Oregon, will start a copy of this valuable booklet to your address — for free.

HELPING ALCOHOLICS

"The Oregon state hospital is doing the best job in the United States in dealing with alcoholics," said Cecil Farnes at the capitol this week.

Farnes, who has been active in dealing with alcoholism, said that alcoholics do not change until they realize they are suffering from a disease and need help. He said psychiatry, physical treatment and the services of Alcoholics Anonymous were used at the Salem institution to help inmates recover.

JOBLESS AID RECORD

Unemployment benefit payments for the fiscal year ending June 30 were the highest in the 14 years experience of the state unemployment compensation commission. The 1949-50 year totals are over \$26,000,000. In the 1948-49 fiscal year payments amounted to \$12,902,000, or less than half of the amount paid in the year just past.

Two factors contribute to the increase: The 1949 legislature increased minimum benefits to \$21 a week from the former \$17 payments. The month of February of this year was the record month in the history of the commission with \$5,000,000 paid to jobless during the period when logging, construction and other outdoor work was brought down to a minimum by unaccustomed winter weather.

ANNUAL FORESTRY MEETING

Oregon's State board of forestry at its meeting held at the capitol last week proposed a memorial forest in honor of the late Nels Rogers, state forester. The details of the proposal will be worked out and presented to the board at the next special meeting.

The board increased the rehabilitation budget for the 1950-1951 fiscal year by \$168,000, bringing it up to \$473,000. Reports were made by State Forester George Spaur on the current fire season and on the spruce budworm spraying project which is the largest ever made in the history of forest protection.

Expediting slash burning and the necessity of cutting snags during logging operations as a means of reducing fires throughout the state was urged by the board.

FOR THE BEST OF WATCH REPAIRING ALWAYS GO TO JOHNSON JEWELER 619 East 'H' St. Grants Pass

YOUR STAKE IN WORLD AFFAIRS

To help the people of this country better understand the Charter and their responsibility to the world organization, the American Association for the United Nations, 45 E. 65th Street, New York City, is answering questions reflecting the importance of the day-by-day work of the United Nations.

Q—Exactly what did the Security Council resolutions say concerning giving armed support to South Korea?

A—The first resolution, passed on June 25, said: "The Security Council . . . calls upon all members to render every assistance to the United Nations in the execution of this resolution (calling for the cessation of hostilities) and to refrain from giving assistance to the North Korean authorities." The second resolution, passed by the Security Council two days later, said: "The Security Council . . . recommends that the members of the United Nations furnish such assistance to the Republic of Korea as may be necessary to repel the armed attack and to restore international peace and security in the area."

Q—There is some confusion in my mind concerning the legality of the recent Security Council decisions. I thought all five Big Powers had to be in favor of such resolutions in order for them to pass. Isn't this true?

A—The Charter says that all major matters "shall be made by an affirmative vote of seven members, including the concurring votes of the permanent members." However, the Security Council has often passed resolutions with legal force in spite of an abstention by a permanent member of the Council. Many of these cases were those in which the Soviet Union had abstained from voting but never had challenged the decision on legal grounds.

Q—How much money does this country spend annually for the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies, and all other United Nations activities?

A—On June 29, Warren R. Austin, U.S. representative to the United Nations, said that the total U.S. Government contributions to the U.N. for the forthcoming fiscal year, ending June 30, 1951, total \$107,268,202, or 63 cents per capita. This figure includes the U.S. contribution to U.N., to the Specialized Agencies, and to the International Children's Emergency Fund; it also includes aid to Palestine refugees, the contribution to the U.N. technical assistance program, and the cost of running the U.S. Mission to the U.N.

LETTERS

Auxiliary Expresses Appreciation

Another Legion year draws to a close, a year which for the American Legion Auxiliary, has been one of service to our community, particularly those on whom fortune has not smiled so kindly.

It is somewhat doubtful if the average person fully realizes the need of the service which The Auxiliary is able to render, until such time as they, through adversity may become one of those less fortunate for a time.

The credit for the success of this service, lays not at the door of The Auxiliary alone, but rather to those of you in our community who have so thoughtfully responded to our requests for assistance, by donations of food, clothing and occasional financial and other material cooperation.

With this thought in mind, may we as outgoing officers and committee members of The American Legion Auxiliary, take this opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation of your whole hearted cooperation within the past year. If you have had the pleasure of

Oregon Acts To Reduce Traffic Accident Rate

In a united effort to halt a rapidly rising increase in fatal automobile accidents, Oregon has been asked to join the 47 other states in a nation-wide crackdown on speeding and drinking motor vehicle operators.

A letter has been sent to Governor Douglas McKay by J. Dewey Dorsett, general manager of the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, in New York, officially transmitting a strongly worded resolution which was adopted by the executive committee of that organization, appealing to all of the states, municipalities and counties in the country to enforce laws governing motor vehicle speeds and driving while under the influence of liquor.

Declaring that speeding and the use of alcoholic beverages are the primary causes of highway accidents, the resolution cites the National Safety Council as authority for the statement that deaths, due to motor vehicle accidents rose 11 percent during the first four months of this year over the corresponding period of 1949. It further pointed out that two-thirds of all such fatalities occurred on rural highways, where excessive speeds are far easier than in crowded urban streets.

A copy of the resolution has been sent to the governors of all of the states and the mayors of all cities above 10,000 population. Copies also will be sent to the governing bodies of all counties in the country. The gravity of the situation is indicated by the fact that this is the first time the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, which speaks for 81 insurance companies representing millions of policyholders, has ever taken official action on such a public issue. The Association maintains one of the country's outstanding safety organizations.

Historical Ass'n Dinner To Be Held July 9th

The Josephine Historical association is to sponsor a dinner and program at the Grants Pass City park at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9.

Merle Griffin of Grants Pass, president of the association, points out that although letters of invitation have been sent to all who registered at the Historical association's booth at last year's county fair, the affair is definitely not restricted to those receiving invitations. All persons interested in Josephine county and southern Oregon history will be welcomed.

"We believe that an enjoyable and profitable time can be enjoyed by the 'old-timers' who like to get together and exchange tales of days gone by," said Mr. Griffin. "We also believe that particular profit can be had from such a gathering by the younger generation and those who are new to the area and its history."

The association anticipates visitors from Jackson County Historical association, who will tell of some of the things they are doing to preserve the history of Oregon for generations to come.

The dinner will be pot-luck, with persons bringing a basket and their own table service. The association will furnish coffee, sugar and cream. The historical group stresses the fact that they welcome participation by all who are interested in our history, whether or not they have received a personal invitation.

giving, that we have derived from the service, the effort has been well worth while, for who knows whom will be in need of that help tomorrow?

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