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**Rosellini Is Right**

Governor Rosellini up in Washington has been told by a federal court that his state can hold no more elections under the old apportionment. The recent legislature failed to agree on a new one, and Rosellini has not called it back.

Now let us see whether Washington will be the first state to defy the supreme court and put its arrogance to a test or if it will knuckle under to the trend toward complete majority dictation.

It is not likely that the supreme court could order troops into Washington to enforce its dictates, nor it is probable that the executive branch would invade the land of Senators Jackson and Magnuson. The supreme court might declare all laws made by a legislature apportioned the way Washingtonians want it, invalid. So what. The legislature could still enforce the laws in the state.

Anyone who has read as much as a page of history will realize that the movement toward one and only one method of apportioning state legislatures is but a step toward doing the same thing for the nation. When that happens Oregon will have but one senator and the west will have been reduced to the status of an economic colony. That will bust the old nation apart—and quick.

And please, don't give us that sovereignty routine. It is asphony as the people who make it. Two methods of apportioning congress and state legislatures are necessary to achieve a proper balance between people and property, to assure suitable representation for the producers in their competition with the consumers, to stabilize society by balancing the solidity of rural people against the volatility and irresponsibility of urban people.

Two methods of apportionment are customary in every successful democracy. And by that we mean that without it no democracy would long be successful, would be a dictatorship of the majority.

Stay with 'em, Rosellini.

**Communism**

There now seems a definite possibility that communism may become the accepted form of government in the western hemisphere. The take-over in Cuba, the troubles in Haiti and the Dominican Republic and the dissatisfaction with the United States in troubled South America are all danger signs for us.

It must be remembered that few peoples have the hatred or fear of communism that Americans profess.

America must look weak to any other nation. We give money away with no concern as to how it is spent and it seems certain that the people getting it do not respect it, nor its source.

Our leaders are afraid of domestic minorities. Election has principle. A mere handful of negroes are permitted to upset entire states, sometimes with federal connivance. Labor leaders with no more than 15 million followers (some of them unhappy captives) boss legislators and congressmen.

It appears true that communism is having troubles in Russia.

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where it has been found that the theory won't work. Efforts are being made to give the people more useable goods with less attention to guns. Chinese communists are still following the harder line, which is probably temporary.

People all over the world are demanding and demanding, by political and physical revolt. They want the trappings of the civilization developed by the capitalistic countries and they want them without earning them or learning how to manage them or undergoing the disciplines necessary for either.

It is, or soon will be, a time for strong men at the head of government. We can no longer put up with politicians or with politicians, cannot continue to put up with vacillation and weakness for, troubled as the communists may be, they are more able to make decisions than we.

Give us men? No, not give us men. Be men.

**New Hampshire**

Accusations of dishonorable conduct have been made against the whole state of New Hampshire because its legislature passed a bill making lotteries legal. The intent apparently, was to obtain some outside funds for New Hampshire officials to spend.

New Hampshire, along with other New England states, is vacation ground for a large part of the east coast. Getting money from visitors is a customary practice, if not industry. To increase the ways of getting such money might have seemed a normal step to New Hampshire legislators.

Certainly no specific criticism can be made of the old colony for wanting more money to spend. Every governmental body in the whole extravagant United States seems to feel that spending beyond its means is a duty and defeat at the polls awaits any official who can balance a budget.

Gambling, of which lotteries are a sample, is a means of getting—or trying to get—something for nothing. That sort of conduct has come to be an accepted American creed. The man who works and earns an honest wage and lives on it is hardly an American anymore. He must chisel and pry, join a union, slight his work, steal time or money or do something besides produce profitably to get ahead if he is to follow the common concepts.

Which all gets around to saying that there are a lot of fingers being pointed at New Hampshire that should be bent backward to the pointer. The surprising part is that a state in staid New England should have taken a step to become modern.

**Better Wake Up**

On the front page is a story about land classifications and valuation in Sherman county. It is sufficiently detailed, we think, to be understood by anyone familiar with taxes on land.

The state tax commission has said it is going to see to it that the valuation of land in Sherman county, particularly tillable land is raised. If left to the county board of equalization the job of trying to do the job. The story is about how the board tried to do it.

A letter from the state tax commission says in part "recent order to the assessor (by the county board of equalization) to increase values in various classes caused a net value of 3% on all tillable land, but increase confined to less than 40% of tillable land". This means that 60% of tillable land is not affected and the change is too small to be significant. Tax Commission appraisers recommend a 40% increase. And the STC has ample authority to enforce it. County Assessor Dick Page says "if they order a raise it will have to be done; the tax commission is the boss".

Property taxpayers have until

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**Oregon State Game Commission—**

**Water Flow Study Under Way on Deschutes Mullet Runs Congregate for Snaggers**

Deschutes river anglers are advised that they will observe some strange activities on the lower 100 miles of river this summer, in addition to observing some strange-looking objects in the river itself.

Phil Schneider, state game director, said the activities will be that of game commission fishery biologists who are making a comprehensive study of salmon, steelhead and rainbow trout spawning and production, and the strange-looking objects they may see in the river are plastic pipes protruding up through the water on the gravel bars at 10 or more locations along the river. The study is under the direction of Monty Montgomery, fishery biologist at Bend, assisted by other personnel of the commission.

Schneider requested all anglers to practice "hands off" if they should encounter these standpipes as well as to give the area a wide berth in their angling operations.

The object of the study, according to Schneider, is to determine adequate water requirements for anadromous and resident fish in the lower Deschutes as it would relate to the State Water Resource Board water use program for the Deschutes river, and to correlate these requirements to the minimum flows as proposed for the operation of Deschutes hydroelectric projects.

Schneider said that according to the Portland General Electric Co. the most efficient operations at Pelton and Round Butte dams would be to increase the normal flow of water during November through March and decrease the normal flow during April and May. These changes will be around two to 3,000 cubic feet per second, Schneider said, or about one-half to one-third above and below normal flow. Close collaboration with the company is maintained in testing at various flows.

To determine the effects of these changes on fish life, Schneider said, several measurements are being made including a complete physical survey of the lower 100 miles of river to catalog where, when and how much spawning takes place; measure-

ments of water depths and velocities over the spawning bars; measurements of the spawning gravel; and determination of dissolved oxygen present in the intergravel water and the gravel permeability (the ability of gravel to pass water). These measurements will be made at various flows to determine the effects of the abnormal conditions.

Schneider said that six study sites have already been selected and four more are to be established. Of those in place now, one location is near the mouth of Dry Creek, one near the mouth of Trout creek, one near Kaskela and three between North Junction and the Dant mine. Two of the stations are located on the Indian side of the river with the cooperation of the Fish and Wildlife Agency of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation.

The standpipes, Schneider said, are constructed of 3/4-inch plastic pipe which are driven into the gravel 10 inches or more. Intergravel water percolates through small holes in the pipe that have been drilled in the lower end. Water samples are collected with a rubber tubing suction device and analyzed in the field for dissolved oxygen. From six to 20 standpipes are placed at each gravel bar under study.

Schneider urged anglers not to disturb the standpipes since the sampling of intergravel water will be conducted at each station numerous times during the year. He also urged anglers to avoid wading or walking on the gravel around these study areas so as to minimize any disturbance or compacting of the gravel being studied.

The Klamath lake mullet (Catostomus luxtrus) a particular species of sucker native of the Klamath basin, are beginning to run and providing great sport for fishermen.

And the most popular method of taking these large fish is with snagging gear, the only game fish in Oregon which may be taken legally by the snagging method.

Art Gerlach, district fishery biologist at Klamath Falls, reports that schools of mullet are concentrating around shore line springs and are beginning to push into Klamath lake tributary streams on their spawning runs.

The Klamath mullet may be

taken the year around at any size and in any numbers. The fish seldom bite on hook and line although an occasional fish may be hooked on small baits. Because of their unusual attitude toward hook and line angling, these fish may be taken by spear, gaff, or snag hook.

The most popular fishing time is during the spring when the fish school and congregate near the shore line and in the rivers on their spawning runs. Flesh is white and firm and is excellent smoked, the favorite method of preparation by most anglers. During the early days, the Klamath lake mullet was a major source of food for the Klamath Indian tribes.

The fish is large, some going to sucker-like. 15 and 20 pounds. Most of the mature fish will run anywhere from 5 to 10 pounds in weight. Its color is dark greenish to black on the back and sides, whitish on the belly. Its mouth is round and

**Farm Calendar**

May—  
22—Annual meeting of the Oregon Beef Cattle Improvement Association, Country Kitchen, 6:30 p.m., Corvallis.

22—Annual Beef Cattle Day, Oregon State University, Withycombe Hall, starting 9 a.m.

23-24—Landscape Design Study Course, No. II, sponsored by OSU Extension Service OSU Landscape Architecture and the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, Public Service Building, 920 S.W. Sixth, Portland.

25—Tri-County Lamb Show, Fairgrounds, Hillsboro  
30-June 1—Snake River Valley

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31—Field Day, Eastern Oregon Experiment Station, Union

**EOC Students Receive Shorthand Awards**

The shorthand classes of EOC, La Grande, under the instruction of Dr. Sarah C. Stein were awarded recently a Certificate of Hon-

orable Mention in the International Gregg Shorthand Exhibit for the Order of Gregg Artists. The certificate-plaque is the second honorable mention that has been received by the stenography classes at EOC, the first one being awarded last June.

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