

Trip to Norway In Barrel Plan Of Canadian Man

Kelowna, B. C., (U.P.)—Peter Olsen, 68, said Saturday he will return to his native Norway in June in a 10-foot long barrel.

The veteran seaman said he hopes to sail from Sydney, Nova Scotia, to Norway in 35 days.

The ocean-going "sail-barrel" was built by Mark Carlton, Windsor, Ont., machinist who had planned to sail the contraption to England. But Carlton changed his mind and presented the barrel to Olsen who had it dismantled and shipped to Sydney.

Said "Unsinkable"

Named the "Viking," the barrel is 10-feet long and six-feet, nine inches in diameter. It has a 700-pound keel and a 250-pound rudder, along with a stern stabilizing "scoop." It is equipped with a 29-foot mast, a compass, sextant and anchor and, according to the owner, is unsinkable.

Olsen said he will take along some butter, canned goods, about 30 gallons of fresh water "and a prayer for the best."



RESTING AT ESTATE before coup in which he seized control of Cuba's government, Gen. Fulgencio Batista is pictured with wife, Marta and son, Roberto in exclusive file photo. (International)

"Clear-Cut" Explanation Brings No Comment From DPA Officials

Washington — (U.P.)—The following clear-cut explanation of the materials allotment program was attributed to an official of a controls agency:

"We are peaking our program philosophically, but it is naive to assume the allotment program is an equity program unless the allotments are so abysmally low that they permit the agency to relax and allow market determination at percentage of base period, sidetracking military return with adjustments."

"No Comment"

"This is based on use levels proportionately and is in the market test sense. We now have a quantitative framework with marginal qualitative reallocations to formalize the procedure for the further refining and implementing of our objectives."

Defense Production Administrator Manly Fleischmann had "no comment" when asked what all that meant.

A spokesman of the National Production Authority quoted the clear-speaking official in question as saying he didn't think he had said any such thing.

National Price Index Unchanged Last Week

Washington — (U.P.)—The government reported Friday that average wholesale prices were unchanged during the week ending last Tuesday.

The Bureau of Labor statistics' index for the week was unchanged at 11.4 per cent of the 1947-49 average. This was the third week in which prices have been recorded in the bureau's new index.

A rise in farm products prices was offset by lower prices for processed foods, burlap and alcohol.

County Teachers To Attend Meeting

Approximately 5,000 teachers from all parts of the state, including a large delegation from Jackson county, are expected to attend the 49th annual meeting of the Oregon Education association in Portland March 17 to 19.

Attending from Jackson county will be Florence Allen, Southern Oregon college, on the committee for education and professional standards discussion workshop; Giles Green, business training instructor at Ashland high school, on the committee for retirement discussion workshop; Bertha L. McKinney, Medford, secretary of the OEA county division presidents group; Mrs. Virginia Wait, cafeteria supervisor at Medford junior high school, president elect of the Oregon School Food Service association which will meet in conjunction with the OEA meeting; Maxine Smith, physical education and health instructor at Medford junior high school, on the planning committee for the OEA meeting; and Mrs. Mabel Winston, registrar at Southern Oregon college, who will preside as president at the meeting.

Featured speakers will be Daniel A. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald; John Fisher, Canadian radio commentator; and J. Cloyd Miller, president of the National Education association.

Special Meeting Set To Name UW Head

Seattle — (U.P.)—A special meeting for the selection of a new University of Washington president will be held here Sunday.

Prof. H. P. Everest has been acting president of the school since Jan. 1, when Raymond B. Allen resigned to take a government position.

King said the regents also may decide whether to close a deal for the purchase of the remainder of the Metropolitan Building company's lease on the university's downtown business tract.

Washington Man Holds Top Farm Unit Priority

Quincy, Wash. — (U.P.)—Bob E. Van Horn of Sunnyside, Wash., held the top priority Saturday for one of nine irrigable farm units near here, seven of which will receive water this year.

Horn's name was the first drawn Friday from a bowl containing 2633 applicants for the nine units, ranging in size from 41 to 81 acres and in cost from \$900 to \$1800.

Locally Raised Steers Marketed in Portland

Twelve head of locally raised two-year-old steers sold on the Portland livestock market for \$34.30 per hundred pounds during the past week, according to County Agent W. B. Tucker. The steers, produced by Charlie Brothers ranch, Brownsboro, averaged 1,100 pounds, Tucker stated.

According to the county agent, the steers were purchased by Bill von der Hellen and Clayton Charlie as weaners and were pastured during summer months on Buck Lake meadows. The animals were fed first cutting alfalfa hay produced on the von der Hellen ranch, Medford, during the non-pasture season and were finished on hay and barley produced on the Charlie Brothers ranch, he stated.

The American submarine Flasher sank 100,236 tons of enemy shipping in World War II. Runner-up to the "champ" was the submarine Rasher. Her total was 99,901.

Dam Construction Hit by Fisheries

Aberdeen — (U.P.)—Robert Schoettler, Washington state fisheries department director, said today the fish and game department had challenged the Federal Power commission's license to the city of Tacoma to build two dams on the Cowlitz river.

Schoettler said William F. Hicks, Seattle, chief counsel for the department, yesterday filed an appeal in the Ninth Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

"If we receive an adverse decision in the Circuit court, we'll take the case to the Supreme Court," Schoettler said.

The fisheries said he based his case on two points: The FPC has no authority to grant licenses for dams on the Cowlitz which is inside a fish sanctuary created by the 1949 state legislature; and the city of Tacoma, as a part of the state, is illegally asking for the help of an outside agency to circumvent state laws.

TOO MUCH TO TAKE

New Haven, Conn. — (U.P.)—A \$50,000 damage suit has been filed by William P. Scully, who charges a motorist ran over him three times. Scully said an automobile backed over him, struck him again as it went forward, and then backed over him again.

THIEVES LOSE OUT

Albuquerque, N. M. — (U.P.)—Mrs. T. F. Douglas came out winning in her exchange with three nervous men she surprised in her chicken yard. They escaped but their truck hung on a bridge piling and they had to abandon it.

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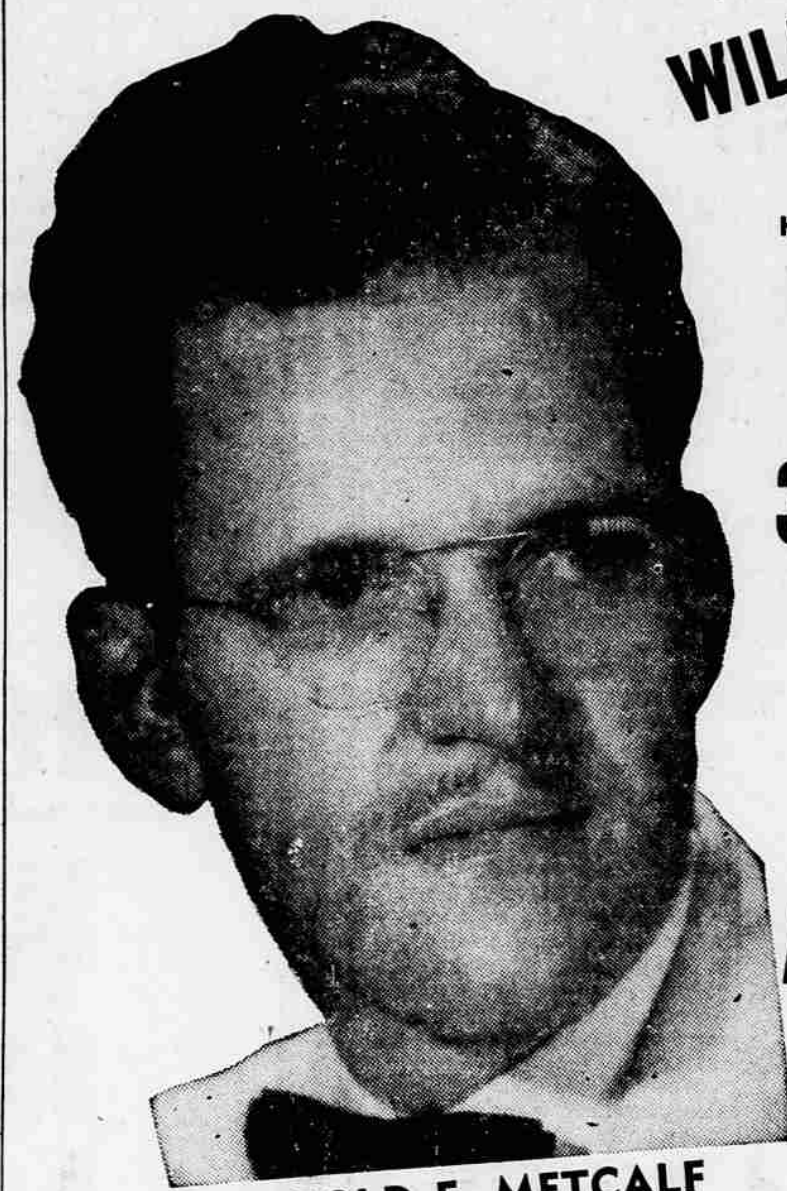
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