

## Neubergers Talk Conservation With Dean Schoenfeld

By SEN. DICK NEUBERGER

Washington, D. C. —(Special) —Maurine and I had the honor of having as our guest at lunch in the Senate restaurant Dean W. A. Schoenfeld of Oregon State college, whom we found to be an ardent conservationist with roots in the progressive movement. In fact, as a young man the dean served as an usher at the historic Bull Moose convention which nominated Teddy Roosevelt for President in 1912! Teddy, of course, was the illustrious man who first conceived the public power preference clause, and in whose administration the great United States Forest Service was established.

While in the dining room, I introduced Dean Schoenfeld to my friend, Sen. Edward Thye of Minnesota. To the surprise of all of us, we learned that Senator Thye's sister, Nettie, had nursed Mrs. Schoenfeld through an illness in Portland. The Minnesota senator has many relatives in Oregon, including Ted Thye, the famous wrestling champion, who is a brother.

Incidentally, Senator Thye was full of praise for the brilliant speech delivered by Senator Wayne Morse in reply to Senator Joe McCarthy's personal attack upon the patriotism of Sen. William Fulbright.

Many newspapers in Oregon keep insisting that we must submit to the "partnership" with the private utilities because, they claim, a "Democratic-controlled" Congress will no longer authorize more federal dams on the Columbia river.

These newspapers speak as though the Congress were unanimously Democratic. Let's look at the real situation in the Senate and see who actually is blocking new federal starts in the Pacific Northwest.

Our nearby power shortage would be ended if the great dam at Hells Canyon, with its 686,000 kilowatts at site and its 436,000 kilowatts downstream, could be begun on the surging Snake river. Who's blocking Hells Canyon?

The United States Senate consists of 49 Democrats and 47 Republicans. Of the 49 Democrats, 40 are known to favor construction of the high Federal dam at Hells Canyon. Of the 47 Republicans, two favor the high dam. In other words, 81 per cent of the Democrats in the Senate are for Hells Canyon, but only 4.3 per cent of the Republican Senators are for Hells Canyon.

Question: Why are Governors Patterson of Oregon, Langlie of Washington and Smylie of Idaho urging the defeat of S. 1333, the bill to authorize the high dam at Hells Canyon? To which political party do all three of these men belong? What if these Pacific Northwest states had Democratic governors, who were giving solid support to S. 1333? Why is it official Republican policy to give the magnificent Hells Canyon site to the Idaho Power company for piecemeal and fragmentary development?

## Hoover Determined To See Return Of Policies Used 25 Years Ago

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
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Washington (Special) — When former president Herbert Hoover bowed out of government service once again last week, he made it clear to newsmen covering his farewell news conference that he remains determined at 80 years of age to see a return to some of the policies that prevailed in Washington, D.C., during his own administration of the government 25 years ago.

And it was plain that he had singled out electric power policy for special personal attention during his duties as head of the commission on government reorganization which ended two years work June 30.

The Hoover Commission had saved for its final report to Congress the set of recommendations on water resources and power, which in a word recommended that the federal government turn back to local governments and private utilities the further development of water resources of the Pacific Northwest and the nation.

Hoover himself read a lengthy prepared statement to reporters before opening the conference to questions—and it was spaced with criticism of government officials who favor federal power development.

At the Washington level the use of water is more a political, ideological and emotional problem than it is an engineering problem," cracked the pink-cheeked Republican. "The voices of the 14 engineers and three governors on our task force (on water and power) and the two engineers on the commission get drowned out in this clutter. I suggest that the urgent need for development of our water resources requires more comment and less ideology and less emotion."

Hoover conceded that this task force had come up with some ideas that were too "drastic" for the commission as a whole, particularly in recommending the sale or lease of federal power dams to local interests. The commission recommended that public corporations be established in all the country's major river basins to take over the financing and further development of the Columbia, the Missouri and other rivers.

Because the commission's report was somewhat vague about what would happen under this proposal to existing, operating federal dams, this reporter asked the former president what he had in mind doing with Grand Coulee, Bonneville and other dams.

"The federal government would have to remain in control of the dam because of the obligation to irrigation, flood control and navigation," explained Hoover.

Question: Which political party is keeping us from securing more new Federal starts in the Columbia Basin? Would we face any power shortage at all if the Republicans were even a fraction as enthusiastic about public power as are the Democrats?

ver. He added that his recommendation was "purely a managerial proposal" designed to have "the states take over."

Hoover declined to forecast whether or not the Eisenhower administration may go for his power recommendations, knowing that the past two years have seen this GOP administration both advocate new federal power projects such as Upper Colorado development and at the same time vigorously oppose federal projects such as Hells Canyon dam.

In the running debate over power policy, defenders of public power have said it is absurd

to say there is danger of a federal power monopoly when 83 per cent of the electric power in this country is privately generated.

Hoover turned this around to show what has occurred since he left office in 1933. He said: "Federal public power has increased from one per cent of all electric power in 1933 to 17 per cent when the present authorization is finished."

If the grand old man of the Grand Old Party has his way, the trend will be reversed and federal power development will decline toward the low station it held before the public power "revolution" of his successor, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Industrial news note: U. S. Steel is boosting prices about \$7.50 per ton. This action came shortly after Big Steel had agreed to a 15 cent an hour wage increase for its workers.

The other major steel producers have agreed to follow the leader in increasing wages. It is expected that these other producers will also follow Big Steel's action in boosting prices.

COMMENT? I fear this is it: "Hold your hat! Here we go again!"

FOREIGN politics note: The way appears clear now for LAND REFORM CHAMPION Antonio Segni to take over as premier of Italy. The Liberal party, which has been reluctant to join a center coalition, has agreed to go along with Segni's leadership.

I hope Segni gets away with his land reform program. Italy has far too many BIG landholders and far too few LITTLE landholders. This situation arose more than 2500 years ago, and has been more or less acute ever since.

Over the centuries much has been said about it in Italy, but nothing very effective has ever been done about it. I think Segni is on the right track, but I wouldn't bet much on his getting away with it in the immediate future.

A word to high school seniors: Do you remember Cornelia? She was quite a gal in her day in Rome, the talented daughter of Scipio Africanus. She married Tiberius Sempronius Gracchus, and bore him 12 children. She was left a widow and lost all but three of them — Tiberius and Gaius, known in Roman history as The Gracchi, and a daughter who married Scipio the Younger.

Cornelia was left quite well off, and one day a visitor was questioning her politely about her family jewels. She pointed to her two sons and gave the answer that has thrilled high school Latin students down through the centuries: "Hec sunt mea ornamenta." (THESE are my jewels.)

BUT let's get back to the Gracchi, and Italy' land re-

form problems.

Tiberius, the eldest boy, was eventually elected tribune, or leader of the people. He tried to introduce land reforms, but hadn't got away with it when his term as tribune ended. He ran for the office again, which was against Roman custom.

He was killed in the disturbance that ensued.

HIS brother Gaius followed in his footsteps. He too was elected tribune of the people, and put back in effect the land reform laws his brother had made. He was REELECTED, despite the old-established custom, to a second term, but crowded his luck and ran for a third term.

That was too much for the people, and riots and ruckuses broke out. Gaius, knowing the jig was up, anticipated capture and trumped-up execution by having his own slave kill him.

That cooked the land reform goose in Rome.

SO— While one approves this man Segni's program of land reform in modern Italy one has one's doubts as to the outcome of it—at least right away. Progress moves slowly over there.

IN our own country, I get scared of a lot of the free-spending policies of our federal government which keep our national debt steadily RISING in a time of general prosperity when we ought to be paying off on our debt.

But I'm NOT much scared of the heavy spending and heavy lending of the government's credit in order to enable our people to buy homes. I can't help believing that will turn out all right.

If the Gracchi brothers, 20-odd centuries ago, had managed to establish a successful federal housing program in ancient Rome modern Italy would be FAR better off.

DRUNK'S BIKE SENTENCED Paterson, N. J. —(U.P.)— Bicycleist Gifford Robinson, 32, was arrested for drunken driving Tuesday and his bike was given an indeterminate term. Magistrate John A. Masiello gave Robinson a suspended sentence but ordered him to leave his bicycle in police headquarters.

## Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS  
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"My scout troop wants to know how a camper should protect himself against dangerous animals in the woods," writes Scoutmaster O.B.T.

I think I know exactly what your scouts have in mind regarding camping in the woods. Many of them are from the city or comfortable country homes. They have never slept in the great outdoors before. Their sleeping bags is none too comfortable — certainly unnatural. They remain wide awake — and some of those campfire horror stories don't help promote sleep.

They hear many new and strange sounds. Many of them are tiny but because the surrounding silence is so fast, they are greatly magnified. There is the rustle of mice in dry leaves. The heavy thump of a rabbit. The ominous hoot of an owl. A pack rat rattling a pan as he drops a stick to pick up a much more interesting kitchen spoon. Overhead two dry limbs rub together in the soft evening breeze, producing a lingering wail — which in imagination is a cougar. In the distance, perhaps, a romantic coyote may howl and be so entranced by its own rendition that it keeps its eyes closed!

As your scout lies there, his imagination converts these unfamiliar noises into dangers. Man-hunting animals. Worse, as he waits in the darkness with his heart beating wildly, the noises seem to come even closer and all he has with him is his scout knife under the pillow and a boot near his hand.

But, there is no reason for fear. In all North America there is only one dangerous man-killing animal, the grizzly and his close relative the Alaskan brown bear. Yes, I know many would add the wolf. But frankly, in the past 50 years there isn't one authentic case of a wolf killing a man in America.

Cougar Fairly Harmless What about our big cat — the cougar? If anything this animal is even more harmless than a wolf. (While one was held at bay by dogs, a friend of mine has actually pulled out a cougar's whisker! I wouldn't risk that!)

But in all this, mind, I am talking about boys sleeping out at night. To be frank, many animals can be dangerous during the daytime when they are molested: that is if you come between a mother and her young; annoy an animal while it is devouring its kill; suddenly fright-

en them; or wound them. Then even a small bird may fight; a chipmunk rear up and bite; and upon one occasion when I cornered a weasel in a chicken pen, the infuriated little animal charged me, and I took off in a hurry. Cornered, almost any animal will fight for its life.

As for bears, the only dangerous ones your scouts will ever meet are the so-called "tame" bears in our national parks. In Yellowstone those bears are most dangerous — even though you may see hundreds of people stop to feed them by hand. I know because I have helped take slash-and-victims to the park hospital — and every summer, some 70 reported casualties occur. As for the grizzly, fortunately all are confined to isolated areas in the U. S. and like most wild animals dislike to be near people and so keep away from them.

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Billy Graham Not Invited To Russia

Gothenburg, Sweden —(U.P.)— Billy Graham left for Denmark last night without an expected invitation to preach in Moscow.

Seven Russian Baptist leaders attended the American evangelist's one-night stand in this port city, but made no move to invite him behind the Iron Curtain. It had been reported that the Soviet churchmen were interested in having Graham preach in Moscow.

## Brigadier General Found Dead in Bed

Colorado Spring, Colo. —(U.P.)— Brig. Gen. Clinton D. Vincent, 40, recently appointed deputy chief of staff for operations at the Continental Air Defense Command, was found dead in his bed yesterday.

Vincent had reported last Friday for his new assignment from Hamilton Air Force Base near San Francisco. His family still is in California.

The World War II ace was a native of Gale, Tex., and was graduated from West Point. He served with the Flying Tigers and was credited with shooting

down six Japanese planes. An autopsy will be performed to determine cause of death. Survivors are his wife, Margaret, and four children.

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