

Suggests Coos Bay Times Present DA With Information

Coos Bay—(U.P.)—Charles A. Sprague, publisher of the Oregon Statesman at Salem, Saturday suggested that if the Coos Bay Times has evidence of law violations in Coos county it present the information to District Attorney John Pickett in his office at Coquille.

The former Oregon governor said that if the district attorney refuses or fails to act on the information, the Times could start a recall or take the material to the circuit judge and ask him to present it to the grand jury.

Sprague's suggestions were in reply to a 1500-word telegram sent by Sheldon F. Sackett, publisher of the Times, to several newspaper publishers and editors asking for ways to force an investigation into affairs of Coos county communities.

The Times has asked Gov. Paul Patterson to order Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton to conduct an investigation into alleged law violations in the Coos Bay area.

Sprague's reply was sent to Sackett at San Francisco where the West Coast publisher and radio station operator is formulating plans to start Democratic tabloid newspapers in Portland and the San Francisco bay area.

Peterson Predicts 'Soil Bank' Program For Crop Controlling

Pendleton — (U.P.) — Oregon wheat growers heard a prediction Friday that a federal "soil bank" program will be enacted by the next Congress.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Ervin L. Peterson said the U. S. Department of Agriculture was seeking a crop control plan which would prevent uncontrolled flow of capital into agriculture to the extent of creating surpluses.

The former Oregon agriculture director said it was his prediction that Congress would pass some sort of soil fertility bank legislation.

Considered by Benson

The soil bank plan also has been under consideration by Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson.

The plan calls for government payments to farmers for putting surplus crop land into grass.

Peterson also told the 28th annual meeting of the Oregon

Wheat Growers League that USDA officials would like to see repealed the requirement that export movement of 30 per cent of total farm commodities be carried in U. S. ships.

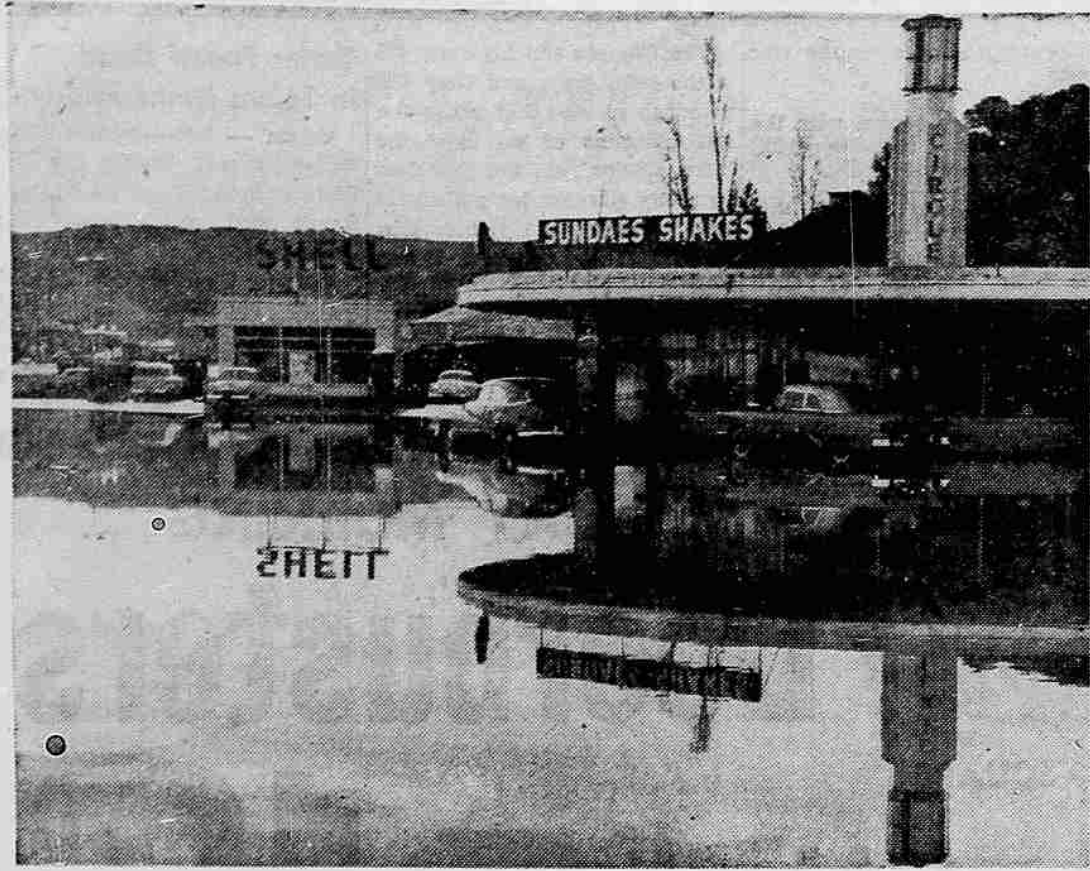
If the shipping industry needs a subsidy it should be paid directly instead of "through the hides of United States farmers," Peterson said.

He also told the wheatmen that livestock raisers were becoming increasingly alarmed over the heavy buildup of feed grain supplies which they felt will be converted to increased meat production and downward prices for poultry and livestock.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) in a speech prepared for delivery Friday called for a bi-partisan attack on the farm problem to improve farm income.

Morse was prevented from appearing at the convention because of an attack of flu. His speech was read by Gene Conklin of Pendleton.

The Oregon senator urged more aggressive action in sending surplus wheat and other food to backward and starving areas abroad.



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Republicans Often Find Magnuson More Foe in Words Than in Deed

(Editor's note: This is the third of four articles on the implications of the power policy dispute on the Pacific Northwest as it heads into an important election year and a critical session of Congress.)

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Washington — Much as the Republican administration would like to defeat Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), they have sometimes found him on the "partnership" power issue to be more of a foe in word than in deed.

The senator considers himself to be against the Eisenhower administration's "partnership" policy—and yet it was largely because of his support that Congress last year passed legislation allowing for "partnership" construction of the Priest Rapids projects on the Columbia River east of Yakima. So that project is to be built by local utilities rather than the federal government.

Jackson Supported Bill

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) also supported the Priest Rapids bill, yet he says he opposes the new power policy of the GOP administration which seeks to encourage local utilities to take the place of the federal government in building the additional hydroelectric dams needed for energy in the Pacific Northwest.

The apparent paradox of Magnuson and Jackson supporting a "partnership" bill while opposing the "partnership" policy is explained by the fact that the Priest Rapids bill was put forth by traditional supporters of both senators—the organized public power groups of Washington state. The dam will be built by Grant County PUD.

On the other hand, Magnuson

and Jackson don't normally command political strength from the private power companies of the region who are back of the proposal to build John Day dam as a "partnership" undertaking. Neither do Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), who also oppose the John Day bill.

Bipartisan Support

The Priest Rapids bill sailed through Congress because it drew bipartisan support. Among

its backers were Reps. Hal Holmes (R-Wash.), Don Magnuson (D-Wash.), Sen. Guy Cordon (R-Ore.), Magnuson and Jackson. Sen. Wayne Morse came out against it, explaining he would be consistently against all "partnership" bills.

The John Day "partnership" bill, on the other hand, is mired in dispute. It has yet to attract the support of a Democratic lawmaker from the Northwest. Even some Republicans, like Rep. Russell Mack (R-Wash.), have questioned it.

Morse's stand on the administration's power policy underwent its severest test of consistency when the municipally-owned Eugene Water and Electric Board of his home town came up with a plan for "partnership" construction of Cougar dam, a relatively small project that Congress had previously authorized for federal construction mainly for Willamette Valley flood control purposes.

More Opposed

Quite the opposite of Magnuson, Morse decided after long weighing the issue to oppose it. He followed up by successfully blocking a House-passed Cougar "partnership" bill which Sen. Cordon all but got through the Senate last year.

The nub of all this is that every proposal for "partnership" dam building which has run into tough opposition has been stalemated in Congress, almost entirely because of the strength the Democrats enjoy at present by holding all four of the Senate seats that belong to Oregon and Washington.

To put their power policy into practice, Republicans who back the administration must defeat either Morse or Magnuson, if not both, in the senatorial elections for which both sides are now preparing rip-roaring campaigns.

(Finally—the Northwest must decide, then unite.)

Pastor Survives Exposure, Shock

Ontario — (U.P.)—An Ontario church official was in serious condition in a local hospital suffering from shock and exposure after his car plunged over a cliff near Drewsey, Ore.

The Rev. Pat J. Meskill was injured at about 8:30 Thursday night when his car fell some 400 feet over an embankment on the west side of Drinking Water Pass, some 87 miles west of here.

The Rev. Meskill, assistant pastor of the Blessed Sacrament church, crawled and climbed up the sheer face of the cliff in a blinding snowstorm to reach the highway after freeing himself from his automobile. The vehicle was demolished.

Two Boise, Ida., logging truck drivers spotted Rev. Meskill's hand protruding above the precipice, and hauled him to safety. He was taken to a ranch near Juntura for emergency treatment, and brought to Ontario by ambulance Friday morning.

One man who viewed the crash scene said the Rev. Meskill's automobile apparently rolled over nine times as it tumbled down the cliff.

Judge Green Elected Head of Association

Portland — (U.P.) — Circuit Judge R. J. Green of La Grande was named president of the Oregon State Circuit Judges Association at the group's annual meeting here.

Judge Orval Millard, Grants Pass, was named vice-president, and Judge P. K. Hammon of Oregon City was named secretary-treasurer.

Delegates Saturday were scheduled to meet with members of the State Supreme Court in the first meeting of the judicial council created by the 1953 Legislature.

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Financier May Plead Guilty in FHA Case

Portland — (U.P.)—An attorney for Harold J. Schnitzer Saturday indicated the 32-year-old Portland financier will plead either guilty, or no contest, to charges of lying to the Federal Housing Administration.

Attorney Donald McEwen, who appeared before U. S. District Judge William East Friday to request permission for his client to leave the state, said Schnitzer had signed a waiver to transfer the charges against him from Salt Lake City to Portland.

Schnitzer, arrested in Portland last October by federal authorities, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Salt Lake City on charges of representing fictional engineering and legal costs in obtaining an FHA insured loan.

The Portland financier was engaged in constructing a housing project at Hill Airbase, near Salt Lake City. Schnitzer was convicted of second degree perjury at Farmington, Utah, last March as a result of civil actions involving the project.

Schnitzer was free on \$20,000 bail.

Eight Ships at Sea After Union Dispute

San Francisco — (U.P.)—Eight ships which were tied up in California ports by the Marine Firemen's Union in a one-week dispute with the Pacific Maritime Association were at sea Saturday.

Five of the vessels sailed from San Francisco, two from Los Angeles and one from Port Hueneme near Oxnard, Calif.

The union agreed shortly after noon Friday to release its men to work ships "effective immediately" after arranging negotiations with the PMA.

Sam Bennett, vice-president of the union, said he agreed to the release after William Clark, PMA vice-president, "gave assurances of good faith and indicated the PMA would enter negotiations with us and let us present our case."

The dispute arose over the firemen's demand for parity with AFL cooks and sailors in the matter of vacation pay.

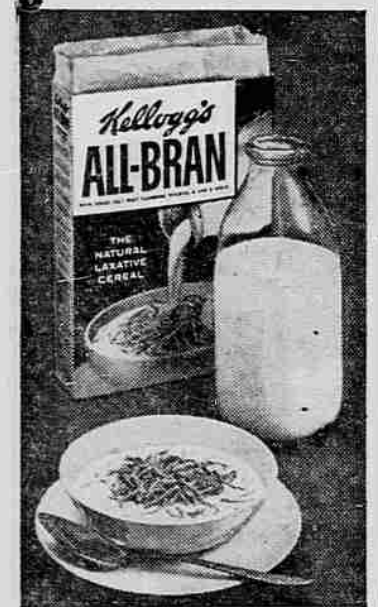
Ducks Become Nuisance; To Be Christmas Gifts

Burlington, N.C. — (U.P.) — Twenty-six ducks at the city park, pampered since they were Easter ducklings, are going to get a rude jolt come Christmas time.

The city fathers have decreed the ducks have become a nuisance since they outrew the cute duckling stage and they'll become Christmas dinners for 26 needy families.

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Film About Arctic To Be Shown at Church

Eagle Point—Call of the Arctic, a documentary sound technicolor film on the arts and crafts of Alaskan natives, the life on mission stations, and other subjects will be shown at the Eagle Point Community church, Tuesday, Dec. 13. The film will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited. No admission will be charged and no offerings will be taken, those in charge said.

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