

Neuberger Proposes Oregon Purchase Timber Assets of Klamath Reservation

Washington, D.C.—(Special)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger today proposed that the state of Oregon purchase the timber assets of the Klamath Indian reservation.

In a statement issued in Washington, the senator gave the background of the situation, and pointed out that Senate Indian Affairs subcommittee hearings on the termination of federal custodianship for the Klamath tribe will be held in Klamath Falls Oct. 2 and 3 and in Portland Oct. 4.

His statement, slightly condensed, follows:

Relatively few people understand the critical nature of the situation now facing us with respect to the vast forest, recreational and wildlife assets of the Klamath tribe.

In 1954 two noted public figures from Oregon — Sen. Guy Cordon, Chairman of the Senate Interior Committee, and Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Interior—used their influence to help pass a bill which provided for termination of Federal custodianship over the Klamath Indians. Then they persuaded President Eisenhower to sign this legislation into law.

I thought the legislation was hasty and ill-considered at the time. I still am of this opinion today.

Resources Cut Adrift
As a result of this law, however, all the immense natural resources of the Klamath Tribe are to be cut adrift and made susceptible to speedy and reckless disposal, without regard either to the future welfare of the Indians themselves or of the economic future of the state.

Senator Cordon and Secretary McKay assured the Congress that passage of the termination act would mean an end to Federal appropriations in behalf of the Klamaths. However, on Oct. 18, 1956, the management specialists, who were originally chosen by ex-Secretary McKay to supervise the liquidation of the Klamath Indian reservation, reluctantly but definitely came to the conclusion that liquidation was not the wisest policy. They proposed, therefore, that the Federal government buy the Klamath reservation with its valuable assets. This is the problem which I now confront, as chairman of the Indian Affairs Subcommittee, in trying to restore some order to this situation.

Termination Delayed
With the cooperation of some unselfish and public-spirited leaders among the Klamath Tribe, we now have succeeded in delaying sales of tribal assets until the summer of 1958.

However, we have only one year in which to provide for orderly management of the greatest Ponderosa pine forest left in the Pacific Northwest, as well as of the marshlands which are a vital nesting ground for migratory ducks and geese pilgrimage along the Pacific Flyway.

On May 9 of this year, I introduced legislation which calls for Federal purchase of the Klamath reservation under conditions which would add the pine timber to the contiguous Fremont National Forest and the marshlands to the holdings of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I strongly favor this bill and will fight for it to the utmost of my ability.

Difficulties Seen

While it is my hope that the Department of the Interior will have a favorable report on my bill prior to our October hearings, realistic analysis forces me to disclose that there will be grave difficulties in view of the present "economy" atmosphere in the Congress. Cost of the Klamath pine timber alone is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000, if the Indians are to receive a price which reflects in any way fair competition.

License Applications Being Processed Now

City Treasurer Darell Huson has reported that his department "is gaining" on processing applications for the new city business license ordinance passed last month.

Although the applications were due on Sept. 1, Huson said no fines for late filing would be applied until the department catches up on the backlog.

A few of the license applications now coming in are incorrectly filled out, he reported. These must be returned for re-application. Processing is taking about one week at the current backlog of applications.

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circumstances. Members of the House Interior Committee already have expressed strong opposition to the policy of Federal purchase set forth in my bill.

If Federal purchase of the reservation cannot be obtained, only two alternatives then would remain. These would be (1) sale of the timber and marsh to private sources, with the likelihood that then the forests could be clear cut and the marsh drained, or (2) purchase by the State of Oregon.

State Purchase Possibility

I shall not elaborate here on what the first alternative might mean. Suffice it to say that I agree with the management specialists that it would involve havoc for Klamath county in particular and the state in general.

It is my belief that the state of Oregon should consider using a portion of the surplus funds in its treasury as a down payment toward purchase of the pine timber and marsh of the Klamath Indian Reservation. The balance of the purchase could be paid over a period of years. I advance this suggestion as a native son and lifelong resident of Oregon, as well as one of the Senators from our state.

Two Reasons

Such an undertaking is suggested for two basic reasons:

(1) It would be a permanent investment in timber and in wildlife, two of Oregon's greatest assets.

(2) It may be imperative for the state to buy these resources of the Klamath reservation, in order to prevent their "bargain-basement" liquidation at the sacrifice of the economy and permanent welfare of the southeastern section of Oregon.

In addition, purchase of the timber and marsh by the state would be an investment—a long-range investment in Oregon's future. Despite temporary hardships facing the lumber market today, I am convinced that the long-term outlook for timber is

bright. Wildlife is tied in with the recreational and scenic and esthetic aspects of Oregon, and these, too, are great. The Klamath marsh is essential to waterfowl, and it must be preserved. But its sale to private owners would involve the draining of the marsh, because it has private value only as potential cropland.

If the state of Oregon does not acquire the Klamath Reservation, it is my thought that the pine forest should be managed by the State Forester—perhaps in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service operating in adjacent National Forest acreage.

In addition, it is my belief that the income from management and operation of this vast forest—under sustained-yield conservation practices—should be added to the Irreducible School Fund, to be used for the support of education throughout the state.

In order to explore further my suggestion of state acquisition of Klamath property, I have extended an invitation to Gov. Robert D. Holmes to have representatives from his office, the State Board of Finance, the State Tax Commission, the State Board of Forestry and the Interim Committee on Indian problems to appear at our Subcommittee's meeting in Portland on Oct. 4.

Through these hearings, it is my hope that we may be able to devise a means of retaining this Klamath forest as a permanent timber-producing asset for all the people of Oregon.

If a woman married at 21 she would be 46 on her Silver Wedding Anniversary. If intelligent she could appear to be about 36 or even 31 with the aid of a little plastic surgery. The women of 46 who can inspire and reciprocate romantic love are numerous. Anyway, sir, if your wife is that age, take no chances. Try not to bore her.

Please Note

Am asked if Her Serene Highness Princess Grace of Monaco speaks French "fluently." Her Highness does speak French but how fluently I cannot say. All I know is that in talking to her husband, Prince Rainier, she speaks English.

Wedding Record

Know anybody who was married in New York City in 1946? How are they doing? That was the record making year for New York City marriages. 104,548 couples were married in the Big Town that year. The average is about 75,000 a year. New York City has a very good record for lasting successful marriages. They say one reason for that is that so many of the marriages are of childhood sweethearts.

Horses and Women

Brooklynite says his wife is a "Three C Girl." That is "Cuddly-Curvy-Comfy." Her measurements are 37-27½-38½. She weighs 135 pounds. Is five feet, five inches in height. It does seem as if the gentleman's spouse could make a nice armful. She is probably a cheerful soul and nice to come home to. But it is doubtful she will ever win a "Mrs. America" contest. So far there hasn't been a winner of that contest who has had a waist measurement of over 25 inches.

Asides

Mary Queen of Scots was the first woman golfer. So you knew that? Did you know she was also the first bride to wear a white wedding gown? Before that the brides wore red. . . The life of Christian Dior is to be the basis of a film. There will be no "love interest" in it. Monsieur Dior says he has never been in love.

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The Hollywood Scene

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Hollywood—(U)—Television's annual parade of new shows is underway for 1957-58 with 46 entries in the wings.

More than 50 per cent of TV's regular nighttime schedules this fall will consist of these newcomers which have elbowed a like number of old favorites into limbo.

In past years situation comedies, quiz and panel shows jumped into the breach. But 1957 is the year of westerns and variety programs. Here's a breakdown of the newcomers:

Variety 12; Western 10. Adventure 6, comedy 6, drama 6, documentary 3, quiz 2, and sports 1.

ABC is gaining ground rapidly in making it a three-network race with CBS and NBC.

Both ABC and CBS have 14 new shows. NBC boasts 18.

More Films, Color

The trend is toward more filmed shows — from Hollywood—and an increased number of color-casts. Not counted in the tabulations are dozens of "spectaculars" (now called "specials") which will be sprung as surprises during the season. Some will run as long as two hours.

Variety-wise ABC offers five new emcees: Pat Boone, Guy Mitchell, Patrice Munsel, Frank Sinatra, and Paul Winchell. CBS contributes one, "The Big

Record," while NBC runs wild with six new musical-variety entries. George Gobel, Eddie Fisher, Rosemary Clooney, Polly Bergen, Dean Martin and Gisele MacKenzie.

The plink of honky-tonk pianos in western saloons might win out over the glossy renditions of the musical-variety shows if viewers "ain't keefull."

Galloping into the over-crowded set on ABC are four new horse operas, "Sugarfoot," "Maverick," "Tombstone Territory," and "Colt 45."

Saddling up at CBS are two oaters, "Have Gun, Will Travel," and "Trackdown." Over yonder, at NBC it's "The Restless Gun," "Tales of Wells Fargo," "The Californians" and "Wagon Train."

Sleuths and soldiers of fortune go into their acts on ABC's "Oss" and "Zorro." Adventure series on CBS are "Harbourmaster," "Dick and the Duchess," and "Perry Mason." At NBC "M Squad" is the lone adventure yarn making a debut.

CBS offers three new comedies: "Bachelor Father," "The Arden Show," and "Leave It to Beaver." NBC is trying two, "The Thin Man" and "Sally." ABC has only one, "The Real McCoys."

NBC tops the drama list with three, Alfred Hitchcock's "Suspicion," "Alcoa-Goodyear Anthology," and "The Court of Last Resort." ABC has come up with "Walter Winchell File" and CBS offers "The Verdict is Yours," and "Du Pont Show of the Month."

long to CBS. They are "Conquest," "Seven Lively Arts" and "The Twentieth Century."

Both quizers are NBC projects, "The Price is Right," and "What's It Ford?"

The lone sports newcomer, "All Star Golf," flies the ABC banner.

These, then, are the new ones. Some begin this week. Others will appear for the first time as late as November.

Greenwich, Conn. —(U)— Alfred White, 49, co-publisher of the Rome Daily American, English-language newspaper, died Sunday at his home after a long illness.

Grange Notes

Griffin Creek Grange
Griffin Creek Grange will meet in regular session Thursday night, Sept. 12.

The Grange picnic was held at Hawthorne park Aug. 18 with an attendance of 40 Grangers and their children.

The new cupboards are being built.
At the last HEC meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Iva Harper, material was given out to members for aprons to be made for the sale later in the fall.

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