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Basin Account Possibilities

"Columbia Basin Account" is a rather imposing name for a relatively simple proposal. The proposal is based on three premises: 1. Power generation from big dams is the most profitable part of multi-purpose development. 2. Irrigation benefits are the least profitable of those which can pay part of their own way. 3. Power facilities and irrigation projects, while not usually close to each other physically, are both important phases of the overall full development of an area.

THE proposal, then, is just this: That revenue from power projects be used to pay off the reimbursable costs allocated to irrigation projects in the same general area over and above those which irrigationists can afford to pay.

The plan, or "basin account" idea, has been successfully employed along the Missouri and Colorado rivers. In effect, it is an extension of the plan under which federal dams have paid for themselves. Under it, they not only pay for themselves, but also help pay for irrigation development which otherwise could not be afforded by the farmers of a benefited area.

The fact that they could not afford to pay for new irrigation, on a per-acre assessment basis, does not mean it is "uneconomic" or unneeded, for initial costs are not related to overall, ultimate benefits, nor are they related to the future well-being of a rural community.

HERE is a hypothetical example of how it might be employed:

Say the Columbia Basin Account bill (which will be introduced at the next session of Congress by Sen. Dick Neuberger and others) is passed.

And say that projects in the Rogue Basin, which within themselves would have difficulty in paying off their own costs, were included in the Columbia basin account.

Then the local projects could be paid for, in part, over a long period of years by the tremendous power projects at the main-stem dams of the Columbia system.

If the basic premise of the basin account is accepted by congress for the Columbia (as it has been elsewhere), it would appear that it would be of assistance in obtaining authorization for local projects which are worthy, but of marginal pay-out ability.

CONGRESSMAN Charles Porter, sponsor of a tentative bill for the development of the Rogue Basin, is well aware of the potentialities of the basin account proposal, and is engaged in a study of how, and whether, it could be of assistance to us in southwestern Oregon.

He, as are the rest of those interested in Rogue valley development, is awaiting the outcome of the Army engineers survey of the area, to determine feasibility of many of the proposed projects.

It is pretty well expected they will come up with a recommendation for a high dam at Lewis creek.

But if they don't—if they favor an alternative proposal of three other dams with a smaller power potential—it is possible that the basin account idea could embrace the entire basin project, and perhaps even save it from being buried under an impossible pay-out schedule.—E.A.

3 to 1 Vote of Confidence

The vote by which Medford school district patrons approved a continuation of the schools' building program last Tuesday was, in our view, a 3 to 1 vote of confidence in the school administration.

As such, it was a tribute to the planned, orderly cost-conscious and long-range program developed over the past several years by the school board and its administrative employees.

There was no sign of the "apathy" which we had worried about on the part of voters, for the total number of votes cast was the largest in any election in the school district's history, and the 3 to 1 margin by which the issue was OK'd showed conclusively that taxpayers are willing to pay for what they get as long as they think they are getting their money's worth.

SO MUCH for the 1,699 persons who voted.

What about the 7,000 or 8,000 other eligible voters who didn't remember, or bother, to go to the polls?

Despite the fact that Tuesday saw the best voter turnout in history for a school election, it still was only 20 or so per cent. We suppose there are as many reasons they didn't come out as there were persons who stayed at home, but in nine cases out of ten it still seems like apathy to us.

All in all, we were delighted with the outcome and surprised at the number voting. So were the election authorities, who if they had foreseen the outpouring of voters would have provided more election boards so that voters wouldn't have had to wait for anywhere from 25 minutes to an hour-and-a-half to cast their ballots.—E.A.

Where's the Panic?

Where's all this panic that administration leaders are hoping to "allay," and which national commentators keep talking about?

We haven't observed any. Work gets done. Groups still meet and discuss their problems. People still play bridge and watch TV. Some people even read books and magazines.

Surely, there is concern — deep and sincere — about national security and the present threat to it. But as far as we've observed, people are keeping their heads — and their senses of humor.—E.A.



"RUFF WAS JUST TRYIN' TO HELP! HE WAS DUSTIN' THE TABLE WITH HIS TAIL!"

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Jacksonville Taxes Shocking

To the Editor: For the past two months I have run an ad in your paper. Now, I would like to have you print this letter in your paper.

Last week, I received my tax bill for a piece of income property I own in Jacksonville. I was speechless! I haven't fully recovered yet! \$527.88 taxes for a piece of property that I had appraised by a Medford real estate man as being worth \$19,000. A piece of property that I had tried every bank in Medford and Jacksonville County Federal Savings & Loan Assn. to refinance for me. I was refused a loan, mainly because it was in Jacksonville.

Now tell me — no bank or loan company would loan a dime on the property, yet it is taxed at approximately one 30th of its value.

Does that make sense? The Oregon tax laws are deplorable. The voting is controlled by non-property owners, industry is discouraged to come into the state due to high state income tax, and Oregon is about the only state left without a sales tax.

There are a number of the older settlers of Oregon, particularly Southern Oregon, who would like to have no changes made. However, with new highways demanded and other advancements pushed upon the state, it is impossible to stop progress. To pay for this added cost, it is too much for a few to bear. With encouragement and inducement, industry could be brought into the state. Then the few would not be taxed to death.

Mrs. J. Fred Nelson Gold Canyon Ranch Kerby, Ore.

Man's Inhumanity to Birds

To the Editor: I concur with Harriette Gibbs in your Oct. 30 issue, regarding the mourning dove—or turtle dove as she calls it.

This is one of the most beneficial birds we have. They subsist almost wholly on an insect and vegetable diet, mostly weed seeds. All ornithologists agree on this.

These birds definitely should be put on the song bird list to afford them permanent protection, as some eastern states are doing or contemplating doing. Perhaps the only reason we have them with us today is the passage of the federal migratory bird law of 1913 giving them partial protection.

It won't be many years now, that their plaintive little love songs will be heard no more, as the guns of the mighty hunters are blasting them off the face of the earth, as they did the passenger pigeon, the beautiful Carolina parakeet, the ivory billed woodpecker, the Trumpeter swan and many others.

The Franklin's grouse are saying their last goodbyes forever.

And this day the great whooping cranes are whooping their last cries for mercy with less than 50 of these majestic birds left.

Dr. Samuel Johnson once said, that there is nothing so little for so little a creature as man. A group of hunters were gloating over their pitiful pile of bloody feathers when an old Negro preacher asked them, "How are you going to square yourselves with God killing these beautiful and harmless things?"

A good question. I often wonder how many of the brave lads would sally forth if the game were equally as well armed and could shoot back.

C. R. Loring Moore's Motel Grants Pass, Ore.

Wanted—Crusade for Peace

To the Editor: Russia scored more than one victory when her satellite soared into the air. And the fault was all ours. Outcries against our government and military exposed our vanity and smugness. We couldn't grant a

successful success in one little thing. "Love your neighbors as yourselves." Do we?

We showed our lack of faith by hysterically demanding more missiles, more satellites, more everything that puts us side by side with Russia in the arms race and the bid for world supremacy. We give no thought to what these programs will cost in our standard of living or our ability to aid other friendly nations. No thought of how it might endanger the economy of our country. Thus we fall in line with Russia's ideas to "bust" us.

A "Peace Loving Nation," yet we take off in the opposite direction. Are we not "Big" enough to continue our plans and pleas for Peace without joining an Arms Race? If we have ample power to protect ourselves and our Allies, isn't that enough?

Wars and their preparation have kept the world bankrupt and hungry since the beginning of time. Will no nation ever attempt to change this trend? Will there never be a people with faith and courage enough to pursue "Peace" no matter what the odds?

We live by the Grace of God not by arms. Suppose we put a little more faith in Him, who can save us, and not lose our foolish heads. If we have no faith in ourselves, how can other nations keep faith? If our goal is "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men," we must not waver. I wonder about people who try to weaken our trust, do they not love America?

Frances Ray Ralston, Wash.

Editorial Comment

CURLY SHOULD GET OUR MIND OFF WAR

The most tremendous story of a tremendous year, scientifically speaking, may be still in the making. It would be the successful parachuting to Earth of a live Spitz-like dog named Curly.

We are not certain Curly is even among the living now, but Soviet broadcasts indicate he is, traveling nearly 18,000 miles an hour 1,000 miles above us. If electronic controls do not fail—and if such controls are exact enough to keep him from falling into the water which covers six-sevenths of the Earth's surface—he'll be recovered. That, as the saying goes, would be a story.

If Curly can do it, certainly a man can do it, and one eventually will. Curly not only is capturing the world's imagination. He is making come true the wildest imaginings of the scooped-at fiction writers of years ago.

Curly may be a Communist dog, we don't know. Surely he was raised one. But we no longer can assume that all Russians are Communists or all Communists are dogs, and therefore we can hardly assume all dogs are Communists. Right now we're ready to forget nationalities and ideologies, if those of opposite faiths to our own will forego their blatant busterings and threats, to join in cheers for the most astounding cosmic achievement in the world's history.

We hope Curly gets back to Earth safely. We also wish his masters would get down to earth insofar as acting like reasonable human beings is concerned. Science is opening exciting new prospects in many fields all over the world and beyond. We are on the threshold of we hardly know what. It would seem there is enough of fascination unfolding without having also to be on the threshold of dissipating billions of dollars and millions of lives in a war which would avail nothing at all for anyone.

—Salem (Oregon) Statesman

Russia Celebrates Anniversary Of Revolution With 2 Sputniks

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

Soviet Russia celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution this week while its two earth satellites spun round the world.

"Sputnik II" was projected into its globe-circling orbit by means of "new sources of power," Moscow said. In the new satellite was sealed a dog, the world's first space passenger, along with scientific instruments to record and broadcast its reactions as it sped at the rate of 17,895 miles an hour, 1,056 miles above the earth.

Communist leader Nikita S. Khrushchev was the orator at a special meeting of the Supreme Soviet, the parliament. Khrushchev boasted of Russia's scientific successes and derided the United States for its slowness. He boasted also that Russia would overtake the United States in industrial production, and he called again for a conference of capitalist and Communist countries on world issues.

Marshal Rodin Y. Malinovsky, the new defense minister, reviewed an impressive military parade. In this, new weapons including two rockets, about 75 feet long, and numerous smaller rockets were displayed.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Tuesday was quite a big day in U.S. politics. Let's take a look at what happened.

Let's look first at New Jersey, which held the center of the political spotlight in the nation. It held the center of the spotlight because of its youthful and glamorous incumbent Democratic governor Robert R. Meyner. (He's 49 and going on 50, but from the viewpoint of national politics a 50-year-old is a mere youngster.)

The Democrats have been looking him over with the idea that he may be their best contender for President in 1960. They have been waiting to see how he passed the New Jersey gubernatorial election, in which he was opposed by youthful Republican Malcolm S. Forbes, who is something of a glamor boy himself.

MEYNER passed the test with flying colors, winning reelection in a landslide victory that won not only the governorship but wrested the New Jersey state assembly from Republican control for the first time in 20 years.

The votes aren't all counted as this is written, but Meyner is a country mile ahead of his Republican opponent.

THE Democrats won the governorship of Virginia handily—which is no particular surprise, but it at least dims GOP hopes of winning a Republican following of sorts in the South. As a sidelight, the easy winner of the Virginia gubernatorial race is a segregationist.

NEW YORK City voters handed Mayor Robert Wagner reelection in a landslide vote over his Republican opponent, a business executive (he's in the hotel business) by the name of Robert Christenberry. Christenberry had the blessing of President Eisenhower, as did Forbes in New Jersey.

Pittsburgh re-elected Democratic Mayor David Lawrence for an unprecedented fourth term. At Bridgeport, Conn., Democrat Samuel Tedesco defeated SOCIALIST Mayor Jasper McLevy, who had been undefeated for 24 years. By way of minor small change, Democrats won decisively in municipal elections in Albany, Buffalo, Louisville and New Haven.

THE results of these elections lead Democratic National Chairman Butler to say this morning that the American people are turning unmistakably to the Democrats for leadership in this time of crisis.

In the face of Tuesday's evidence, it is a little difficult to dispute his statement.

LET'S put it this way: The Republicans sit in the seat of power. That is to say, there is a Republican President, even though control of both houses of the congress is in Democratic hands.

So they carry on their shoulders the load of administrative responsibility for the state of the nation. The state of the nation, at this moment in history, isn't too happy.

So—Public opinion is leaning toward a change. That seems to be the verdict of Tuesday's elections.

QUESTION: Will public opinion CONTINUE to lean that way?

The answer, one must say, is that a great deal depends on President Eisenhower's leadership in the next few critical months.

The French National Assembly, the controlling house of parliament, confirmed Felix Gaillard as premier after a 37-day cabinet crisis. The vote was 337 to 173.

Gaillard heads a coalition cabinet based on the Socialist, Conservative and Popular Republican groups — which cordially detest each other and disagree radically on all big political issues.

Gaillard's first act as premier was to win Assembly approval for a \$600 million loan from the Bank of France to get urgently needed cash for the treasury.

In the United Nations, Russia threatened to boycott disarmament negotiations unless the present 12-nation committee was scrapped in favor of a committee comprising all 82 members.

Unimpressed by the threat, the U.N. Political Committee voted 579 to 9 to maintain the present 12-member committee. The committee and its five-member sub-

committee, which conducts actual negotiations, were instructed to continue their work with Western disarmament proposals, introduced at the recent London conference, as the basis.

Syria continued industriously, with luke-warm support by Russia, to keep alive the accusation that Turkey threatened it with attack.

The latest allegation was that unidentified planes — presumably Turkish — were violating the Syrian frontier. A border skirmish between trespassing Turkish troops and Syrian "public resistance forces" — armed civilians — also was reported.

In Washington, President Eisenhower and scientific and military officials studied the implications of Russia's successes in the rockets and ballistic missiles field. But it was indicated that no increase in the budget limit of \$38 billion for defense spending this fiscal year was planned.

Babson Urges Caution In Foreign Investment

By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass. — The devaluation of the French franc and the threat of currency devaluation in other European countries have caused considerable concern here in the U.S. I am asked if foreign investments are safe or wise at this time. Of course, there is no simple answer to such a question, but I will try to explain my position.

Usually, I have advised people not to invest their hard-earned money abroad. I have done this not because it is impossible to make profits on foreign investments, but because their proper supervision takes more time and effort than most people are willing to give. Without close supervision, profits are unlikely and serious losses could occur. Sometimes I have advised against buying the securities of foreign companies because of tax complications in the home country of the firm and in the U.S.

However, I have never been against sound foreign investments in cases where the prospective investors were willing to work hard to protect their interests. Some foreign countries — like Canada, and, to a lesser extent, Britain, France, Italy, Spain — provide a fairly good climate for American funds.

Others, including some of our neighbors in Latin America, cling to restrictive laws which make it foolhardy for Americans to invest. What To Look For When you hear of an investment opportunity abroad, do not jump. Take time to investigate the company. Or if you are going to engage in a foreign business operation, study the laws of the country so that you will know where you stand and what your rights are. You can get expert help from U.S. consulates abroad and from American officials of companies operating in foreign lands. Find out exactly what foreign taxes you will have to pay and what percentage of your earnings you will be able to take out of the country and deposit to your account here in the U.S.

If you do not know the language of the country, employ some trustworthy person who does know it so that you will not lose out through failure to understand contracts and other agreements. Obtain such concessions as you feel are justified and drive as hard a bargain as you can. You will be the better respected for it. Because of low labor costs, good profit margins are possible in some foreign countries, but business moves more slowly abroad and you must have patience.

The Canadian Market Closest nation to us in time and in economic ties is Canada. As in the U.S., commerce between various sections flourishes because Canada has a uniform currency which commands the same value throughout the land. In Canada, the people also live and work under a system of private enterprise. Each province adheres to certain principles

established in the Federal Law of Canada to foster private enterprise.

Under such circumstances, investments of U.S. citizens have a good over-all chance of prospering. At least, they are not subject to some of the nonsensical restrictions enforced in many other foreign countries. Also, Canada has huge metals and minerals resources which can be developed more speedily and efficiently with the help of U.S. private capital. In my opinion, Canada is on the way up. There may be setbacks, but I foresee tremendous growth ahead. I unhesitatingly recommend Canada as a good place to direct your money and talents if you wish to invest outside the U.S.

American Companies Abroad I am in favor of American companies extending their operations to foreign countries where this is practical. Such investment serves to offset the disadvantages flowing from heavy exports to America by giving us a share in the profits from such trade. Also, such foreign investment creates no sense of charity, but fosters better understanding between ourselves and other peoples.

Eventually, officials of the various Latin American countries will see the light. Then, one by one, the restrictive laws which now curtail U.S. private investment in those areas so important to our welfare will be repealed. I predict that in less than 20 years we shall be able to drive from New York to Argentina over a fine highway.

A LOSING WINNER

Evansdale, Iowa — Police Chief Clifford Schake was fired Wednesday because he supported Mayor Joe Homolka's opponent in Tuesday's election. Schake took the news calmly, saying Mayor-elect Earl Brown's going to reappoint him.

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Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO Nov. 8, 1947 (Sunday) October snowfall at Crater Lake National park breaks all records, park officials report 43 inches of snow fell with 12.41 inches of precipitation.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Practically all the fair sex, who announced early in the fall they would have nothing to do with the mid-cawff skirts, are now wearing them."

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 8, 1937 (Monday) A CCC enrollee of Camp South Fork taken to the Community hospital following a fight between enrollees of Camp Applegate and Camp South Fork near the county courthouse.

District conference of the Fraternal Order of Eagles here described as the best the lodge has ever held.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 8, 1927 (Tuesday) Most striking feature of weather of the last month in this area was the brilliant aurora borealis seen here and in other parts of Oregon Oct. 12.

Throwing her arms violently about his neck and going through the motions significant of a reunion of a long lost sister with her brother, an unidentified woman relieved a local resident of his purse on South Riverside last evening.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 8, 1917 (Thursday) A meeting of the poultry men and women of the valley is scheduled Saturday in the Medford Public Library.

At a meeting of the war-camp recreation fund committee Wednesday afternoon, it was resolved to continue the existence of the committee, subject to call into active service by the chairman.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. In what country is Reykjavik?

2. For whom were the American continents named?

3. Bible: The life and teachings of Jesus is composed in how many Gospels?

4. In area, is Delaware the smallest State?

5. Name the most famous book written by Miguel de Cervantes de Saavedra.

6. Name the capital of Finland.

7. Increasing the air pressure increases, or decreases, the boiling temperature of water?

8. How did Sir Walter Raleigh meet his death?

9. Which is the principal vowel in "chicanery"?

10. "Don't you remember sweet Alice, Ben Bolt,—Sweet Alice whose hair was so"—what?

Answers: 1. Iceland. 2. Amerigo Vespucci. 3. All four. 4. No, Rhode Island. 5. "Don Quixote". 6. Helsinki. 7. Increases. 8. He was beheaded. 9. The "a". 10. "Brown."