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Pride — and a Challenge

Jackson county now has the best juvenile detention home in the state of Oregon outside Multnomah county. It is a cause for pride that the job has been accomplished.

The work has been the basis for jibes and even accusations from some people who have little understanding of its purposes, and little concern for what it is trying to accomplish.

The best explanation of what a detention home is, and does, and what more is needed, is contained in the remarks made last Sunday at the dedication by Judge William S. Fort, who handles juvenile matters for the Lane county circuit court.

BECAUSE of its timeliness and importance, his talk is reproduced here, somewhat condensed:

"An occasion of this nature is properly one for pride and satisfaction. Pride on the part of the community because the construction of this building testifies to the reality of its interest in the problems of its delinquent and dependent youth. And satisfaction on the part of many individuals whose untiring efforts over a long period of time have made the construction of this building a reality.

"The building itself will be an inspiration to the personnel of the juvenile department and to the court for the carrying on of the difficult and exacting task which is daily required of them. It is an awareness, too, of the fact that the juvenile phase of the work of the court is different from that which the public has come to consider as the job of the court.

"Normally, the circuit court is concerned only with the problem of adjudication. In the juvenile phase, however, the adjudication as to whether a child be delinquent or dependent is not the termination of the responsibility of the court, but rather a recognition that the responsibility has only just begun. The court has a continuing duty and responsibility both to the child and to the community.

"BECAUSE Jackson county now has a juvenile facility of which it can well be proud, it does not follow that its responsibility toward delinquent and dependent youth has been taken care of. There are a multitude of questions which the people must ask themselves and to which ultimately a satisfactory answer must be given. Such questions as:

"Do you have adequate personnel to operate the department including this building?"

"Do the police agencies, the welfare department, the health department, the medical society, the bar association, the private agencies such as the YMCA, the Boy and Girl Scouts and the Parent-Teacher associations, and the district attorney's office understand their relationship with the juvenile department?"

"Does the juvenile department understand its relationship with each of these agencies?"

"And are these agencies adequately staffed and equipped to discharge their responsibilities?"

"I SUGGEST that this building is to the juvenile problem what a hospital is to the health problem. Like a hospital, the services which will be rendered here will be in the area of cure, rather than prevention in its true meaning of immunization.

"Neither the building nor the department can be devoted, save to a very limited degree, to prevention in its true sense. This distinction between prevention and cure is of great importance.

"Juvenile delinquency and dependency arise out of many causes. Constructive action in the field of prevention is not possible unless the community understands these causes and takes constructive steps to cope with them.

"Why in the span of a very few years do we suddenly find we have a serious, widespread juvenile problem in America? Are people today any different than they were 100 years ago?"

"THERE are several important factors. Among them are:

"1. The sociological changes accompanying the shift from a predominantly rural to an overwhelmingly urban society; and a decrease in the size and importance of the family as a unit.

"2. Working mothers.

"3. The 'dull normal' child, and all the problems associated with their schooling and development.

"4. The rise in adult crime, and its effect on juveniles.

"5. The strains which mental illness and serious emotional instability introduce into the home.

"6. The motor car, the greatest source of juvenile crime, in the form of car thefts, stealing gas, car parts, and the like, and the instrument without which many juvenile offenses would not be committed.

"7. Divorce and broken homes.

"THE factors which have been mentioned have all become effective within the past 15 to 20 years. There are other causative factors which are still very much alive. One such is alcoholism. Sexual urges have not changed. Sheer brutality is still a part of some men's makeup. One could enumerate many more.

"All of these factors, old and new, combine to present a great and continuing challenge. It will not be quickly solved, for some of them will always be with us, and new ones will appear. Sound solutions will be found for most, if not all of them, only at the community level.

"It is apparent from the existence of this building that the people of Jackson county are indeed mindful of the problem. They have already accepted the challenge.

"I feel sure that your youth will be better served than will those in many, many communities, because of the spirit, the intelligence, and the interest to which this building so eloquently testifies. May God speed you in your work."—E.A.



"YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS BACK HERE, YOUNG... WHAT? WELL, THAT'S DIFFERENT! I WORK HERE!"

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.

Crater Lake Missiles
To the Editor: Crater Lake National Park can easily be made into an ideal site for launching test rockets. It has combined desirable features which cannot be matched anywhere else in the U.S.

The surface of the lake is over 6,000 feet in elevation, which, to rocket engineers, is a valuable asset. The higher the site, the less fuel required to get out of the dense and higher-resistant atmosphere. The launchings from high-flying balloons duly exemplify the experts' considered worth of every elevated foot.

The area is gifted with constantly clean air because it is surrounded by 20 or more miles of tall timber. Coastal Florida and White Sands, N.M., are often plagued by fine sand stirred up by moderate winds. This sand sifts into delicate rocket parts unless costly precautions are taken.

The lake surface rarely has any wind and visibly indicates this feature by its usual mirror surface. Some launching at present sites have been repeatedly delayed because of surface wind conditions which, as yet, seem to be a hazard to initial control.

Now these big birds weigh many tons, and starting of momentum is obtained at a precious sacrifice in fuel. Why don't we copy from the roller-coasters and start our launchings down hill?

Crater lake is rimmed by high bluffs. Inclined ledges could be cut along these bluffs and steel rails then be laid to produce a smooth railway for the rocket roller-coasters. The lofting section of the railway could be inclined from the lake to the summit of Mt. Scott which is about 3,000 feet above the east side of the lake.

For rockets so designed that they must be launched vertically, the steep bluffs can be an ideal support for vertical steel guides.

The cold deep water of the lake could be a convenient place to store some of the rocket fuels. Some of these fuels, such as liquid oxygen, fare best when stored under stable conditions of temperature and pressure.

It is almost needless to now state that the lake itself would afford ideal conditions for test-launchings from floating or under-water pads. The water is pure and so would have little corrosive effect on critical parts.

For all-around firings, the geographical location can hardly be matched. To the southeast there are over 1,500 miles of sparsely settled land continuing on to the southeast—large urban area can be missed.

With the cooperation of Canada, firings can be fanned out in any northerly direction to test the effectiveness of our recently-completed "Distant Early Warning" line.

The puny efforts of the keepers of these strange birds can barely deface the beauty of the lake. Now don't take this chatter seriously, for even a cuckoo knows better than to try for the moon by rolling down hill—but I don't.

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Washington Jobs Said To Total 58,643

Olympia — Insured unemployment climbed 4,886 in Washington last week as inclement weather curtailed outdoor activities, the State Employment Security Department reported Tuesday.

The new idlenesses, caused primarily by seasonal layoffs in construction and logging, brought total unemployment to 58,643.

Scientists have decided that the zebra is a light-colored animal with dark stripes — not a dark one with light stripes.

Chicory Blooms

To the Editor: Men-folk are not all-wise. Here's a masculine-fruity item: Early one morning, writer motored to one of his ranches. More than 10 miles of the road were beautiful with chicory's blue blooms. Same stimulated memories of introduction of this European plant into California. This in pioneer days, when our first levees were built by mulepowered Fresno scrapers.

No one then dreamed of a 250-foot-boom dredger, its clamshell biting a ton of earth. San Francisco's French colony wanted chicory to mix with their coffee. One riverbank rancher planted experimentally. His ranch became "The Chicory Ranch." This alien became a roadside weed. It displaced native wild flowers. Thus, complete displacement of native flora by this one outlander.

In yesteryear's Sacramento, an attorney was Scottish-thrifty. He yielded, however, to his wife's entreaties for money for a party. Discussing costs, she mentioned floral decorations. He said: "We can save THAT expense. I'll get something to starple their home beautifully with armfuls of blue chicory blooms. Biologically illiterate, he did not grasp its flowers close at noon. At luncheon time, it was too late to substitute from the florist's. That mansion contained vases of wiry, stiff ugly stems, with withered, colorless blooms.

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Grateful For Dog

To the Editor: No doubt newspaper advertising is one of the greatest blessings of our times. Three months ago I was fortunate enough to read an ad in this paper, offering German shepherd dogs for sale. It gave a Central Point telephone number. Upon calling the number I contacted Mrs. Herndon, owner of the kennel. I visited the home after having made an appointment with Mrs. Herndon. When I arrived I was immediately aware of the immaculate looking kennel and the truly beautiful pups inside the kennel.

I purchased one of the females and took it home. Ever since then it has been a constant source of pride and joy to watch Sheila grow into maturity. Her splendid physique and magnificent carriage are something to behold, as though she wanted all the world to know that she was proud of her ancestry. I wouldn't part with Sheila for any amount of money. I sincerely wish Mrs. Herndon the success she so richly deserves for raising such beautiful dogs.

Capt. H. C. F. Beyer,
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Ben-Gurion Set on West Germany Ties

Jerusalem, Israel — Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion is so set on establishing diplomatic relations with West Germany he will throw the leftists out of his cabinet if necessary, informed sources said today.

Ben-Gurion averted an immediate cabinet crisis by backing down Tuesday on plans to send an emissary to negotiate diplomatic relations with Bonn.

The Prime Minister has favored this as a way to strengthen Israel's ties with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Left wingers claim it would endanger Israel's chances of promoting friendship with the Communists bloc.

Informed sources said Ben-Gurion plans to renew his campaign at the earliest opportunity and will if necessary, oust the left-wing (Mapam and Ahdut-voda) parties from his coalition cabinet to achieve diplomatic relations with Bonn.

Adenauer Emerging as Key Man At NATO; Missile Solution Seen

By CHARLES McCANN
United Press Correspondent
West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has emerged as the key man at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in Paris.

It is clear that no big decisions can be made at the 15-nation conference without Adenauer's full approval.

The ramrod-straight old man — he will be 82 years old on Jan. 9 — is the most forceful figure at the conference table.

And he speaks for Europe's most prosperous, and potentially most powerful country.

Adenauer set the tone for the NATO meeting right at its start. President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles had gone to Paris thinking of the establishment of missile bases in Western Europe as the chief issue.

Inserts New Question

But Adenauer put first the question of trying to find out just what measure of sincerity, if any, there may be in Soviet Russia's "peace offensive" — the letters which Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin addressed, in advance

of the NATO meeting, to its leaders and to the leaders of all countries which belong to the United Nations.

Adenauer suggested that the NATO countries use normal diplomatic channels to sound out the Soviet government on any specific ideas it might have for East-West talks to ease the cold war tension.

Dispatches from Paris soon began to say that an agreement along the lines of Adenauer's proposal was being worked out.

Adenauer said in his speech at the opening business meeting that, pending any possible agreement with Russia, the Allies must be equipped with advanced weapons equaling those of our potential enemy."

The United States wants to establish in western European countries bases for intercontinental range ballistic missiles and stock them with missiles. An Agreement On Missiles

The Paris dispatches say some kind of an agreement on missiles is being worked out.

But undoubtedly the sounding out of Russia will come first in carrying out of any agreement.

Adenauer shares the misgivings of some of the smaller NATO allies on the advisability of establishing bases equipped with weapons which would be used if a big-scale nuclear war broke out. Russia has warned repeatedly that these bases would be prime targets.

Behind Adenauer's line of policy in the Paris meeting is his No. 1 objective in life—the reunification of Germany.

Obviously, reunification lies far in the future. Russia will not, in fact it can not, agree to reunification until the whole European picture has changed. To Russia, Communist East Germany is both a springboard for an invasion of western Europe and a buffer against an invasion of Eastern Europe.

But every move that Adenauer makes in foreign affairs is made with eventual reunification in mind.

Editorial Comment

WATER RESOURCES

Last week the Water Resources Board held hearings in the Rogue River basin, at Medford and Grants Pass. This has long been an area of sharp controversy. The conflicting interests include fishermen who regard the Rogue as prime fishing water whose attractions are a great economic asset, irrigationists who want more water for thirty acres, advocates of flood control who point to ravaging floods in the Grants Pass section of the river, industrialists and miners who would like to use river water for their operation. The Reclamation Service spent several years making surveys of the basin, and came up with alternate plans for development. The opposition, especially of conservationists, was so strong that Secretary Oscar Chapman of the Interior Department, put them on the shelf. The bad floods of two years ago led to appeals for relief so the Corps of Engineers undertook studies for flood control and water use. Its report will be ready in 1958.

Judging by newspaper reports the hearings at Medford and Grants Pass were not as acrimonious as in the past. Clearly the 1955 flood—when trout and steelhead were left stranded by the thousands on the upland—has tempered the resistance of the fishing interests to dams across the Upper Rogue. Testimony was offered too of improved fishing on other streams because of the release of stored water in seasons of shortage of flow.

Spur to this inquiry was the desire of those interested in industrial development to remove the ban to use of the river for such a purpose. Here the concern was not only over diversion of water but possible pollution of the river through the return flow from industry.

Presumably the Water Resources Board will wait for the report of the Corps and then draft its own recommendations, seeking to reconcile as best it can the conflict over resource conservation in the Rogue basin.

Having been an early advocate of such a state agency it is gratifying to this writer to see it begin to function as a nonpartisan body, soliciting the opinions of informed persons and interested groups, but making its determination on the basis of the long term, broad public interest. Its testing will come of course when it makes its determinations, but it is my hope and expectation that they will be wise and constructive. — Oregon Statesman, Salem.

ADLAI STAYS HOME

Adlai Stevenson has closed out his work as consultant with the state department on international affairs. He was invited by President Eisenhower to go to Paris for the NATO meeting, but declined. He was not in full accord with some of the ideas to be offered and didn't want to jeopardize his own freedom of speech.

Some writers have expressed the view that Stevenson should have gone, or that the President should have been more insistent on his going. We commend Stevenson for his attitude. He has given Mr. Dulles the benefit of his views, but as the leader of the party out of power he can't become just a servant of the administration. The opposition party has the duty of criticizing programs and policies of the party in power; and its leaders should not compromise their independence.

The situation is not so immediately grave as to call for a coalition government. — Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Dr. Woodell Attends Political Conference

Asland — Dr. Marshall Woodell, professor of social science at Southern Oregon college and director of the Oregon Citizenship clearinghouse, recently attended a political science conference for college instructors at Seaside.

The two-day conference was based on the theme, "Inside Oregon Politics." Major party and legislative leaders, public relations consultants and political writers of the major newspapers attended, according to Dr. Woodell.

The Citizenship clearinghouse for Oregon sponsored the December conference. It is a nonprofit corporation with funds to promote interest in and participation in government and governmental activities. The clearinghouse sponsors conferences, legislative seminars and other activities. Present plans are for a legislative seminar for college students similar to last year's project where students with their adviser visited the legislature for several days.

State Republicans Call for Meetings

Salem — A program to bring all county central committees to full strength before March 7, 1958, when all candidates will have filed for office was announced today by James F. Short, Salem, Republican state chairman.

Short requested all county chairmen to call a central committee meeting as soon as possible to discuss the program and initial action.

Included are tentative plans to hold Republican conventions in all Oregon counties some time early next year.

"No final decision on the scheduling of conventions has been made," Short said, "but we are exploring the possibilities."

Funds Raised for Sucker Creek Election

Cace Junction—A goal of \$3,000 for a special election for the Illinois Valley Sucker Creek Irrigation project has been reached.

A contribution of \$200 by the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce was announced Thursday, bringing the total donations for the Chamber to \$500.

Attorneys are now working on land descriptions. The election will probably be held early next year.

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