

The Dunes Park

There has been a lot of hair-pulling over the proposal to establish a National Seashore Park on the Oregon coast. It is to be hoped that the revised plan prepared by Senator Neuberger and now under consideration by state officials will receive careful and, in the end favorable consideration.

The bill as redrafted goes very far to meet objections that were raised when the first proposals were received.

To answer the fear that local taxing districts would be stripped of their tax base, the revised bill provides for payments in lieu of taxes for 25 years; also, the school district could claim reimbursement under the laws to ease the burdens incurred by federal impact.

TO THE fear of dispossession of families in their homes, the bill grants them not only life tenure but they can deed or will their property to their children, which surely is as long as family sentiment needs to be regarded.

To the fear that water stored in the dunes might not be available for industrial uses, the bill allows tapping such reservoirs under protective conditions imposed by the secretary of the interior. Also, hunting of wild fowl is permitted, but not of upland birds and animals.

About the only criticism left unmet is the possible loss of unknown mineral wealth in the dunes, but progress surely can't be stopped because of factors unknown.

THE revised plan adopts recommendations of the Reedsport community and the Douglas County Park Board in extending south of Reedsport to include the dunes in that area; also Tahkenich lake and Umpqua Lighthouse Park, all very desirable features. It would authorize exchange of the Crown Zellerbach tree farm for equivalent value from the bureau of land management.

The item-by-item objections have been pretty well met. The issue thus comes up to the major question of whether we want a National Seashore Park in Oregon or not.

If we don't want it, and a few at Florence are vociferous in proclaiming their opposition, then we can easily let it go and some other state will get it.

If we do, then we should close ranks and make known our welcome for the project.

THE long view confirms the judgment of the sponsors of the park. It will give coordinated administration of unique scenic and recreational areas. Its identification as a national park will give it wide publicity and thus attract many more visitors than in its present parcelling among state, federal and private agencies.

We are aware of the mounting demand for recreational areas and facilities. This tract is readily accessible, year-round, on a coast where the population is growing and whose resources are uniquely adapted to serve recreationists.

A seashore park would be an inexhaustible natural resource, serving generations into the remote future.

TRUE, the beaches and some of the lands are dedicated to public use now, but here we would have an extensive area lending itself to rest, recreation, nature study, enjoyment of scenery—all under a single administration dedicated solely to park management.

Since Sen. Neuberger has gone far to meet the objections raised by the State Natural Resources Board, I trust that that body will give his new plan its endorsement and that Governor Hatfield will follow with his. — Gov. Charles A. Sprague in the Oregon Statesman, Salem.

So Far, No Farther

Chancellor John R. Richards' admonitory statement should be given emphasis in consideration of the State Board of Higher Education's decision to grant Oregon State College the authority to award liberal arts degrees.

The statement, described as a "consensus" of the board, so strongly underscored Oregon State's traditional mission that some early reports of the board's action indicated falsely that the OSC request in liberal arts had been rejected. This is not true. As explained by Chancellor Richards:

"This authorizes the degrees requested. But the curricula must be of a general nature. They may give a general degree in the social studies, as an example, but they may not give highly specialized degrees. The board has ruled that out for the future."

THE "consensus" statement bore down on these points: That Oregon State should concentrate attention, as it has in the past on the "natural and exact" sciences; that a "strong minor" of 27 hours in science must be prescribed for liberal arts majors; that the Corvallis school should expand no further in the humanities and social sciences (except in the degree required for the general studies program); and that the State System would not be justified in duplicating the University of Oregon's liberal arts program 40 miles away at Oregon State College.

This emphasis, although it is predominantly negative, is well-placed. The danger in the board's action lies more in the future than in the present.

PRESIDENT A. L. Strand of OSC has pointed out that the college will not need new staff or facilities to qualify its students for the requested general studies degrees. It is possible, however, that he has underestimated the ultimate

Dennis the Menace



"PLEASE DENNIS! ALL I WANT TO DO IS GET RID OF THAT SILLY CONLUCK!"

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

CASTRO'S CUBA

Washington—Fidel Castro of Cuba is putting the United States government into an increasingly uncomfortable position. This is a bad mouse is not merely annoying the Yankee lion. He is also causing serious anxiety about the already far from stable area of the Caribbean.



William S. White from stable area of the Caribbean.

His may be only a tin-pot demonstration of hostility against us; but it can have unpleasant echoes.

Responsible men in our government hope Castro can be dealt with impersonally and in a collective way through the Organization of American States. We have no wish to be forced to take steps alone that would permit him to bellow still louder about United States "imperialism."

So, Washington will try its best to channel his alleged discontents into the Inter-American Peace Committee's jurisdiction. We are perfectly willing to submit to the verdict of that Pan American agency as to whether we are mistreating Cuba—or whether Cuba is becoming a common nuisance in the Pan American world.

THE big question is: Will Castro himself accept the referee?

He is acting like a dictator, since he is a dictator and always was. These are the misty-eyed reformers who only a few weeks ago were howling hosannas to Fidel Castro as a latter-day Abraham Lincoln. They sprang gladly and automatically to his side.

They did so because they see all public affairs, foreign or domestic, with great simplicity. Every politician is either a translucent ("liberal") angel or the blackest of ("reactionary") devils. Naturally, they did not wait to see whether even on Fidel Castro's halo there might be a bit of tarnish.

For Castro's predecessor, Fulgencio Batista, was a very bad man, as they reasoned—and correctly so, as far as that goes. Castro was fighting this very bad man. Thus, Castro was obviously a very good man. (True, there was the inconvenient fact that his firing squads were killing people quite as dead as Batista's had done—but these, of course, were bad people.)

THE reformers were entitled under the guarantees to free speech to take up this extraordinary view. Still, it really is a pity they did, inevitable though it was. For much uninformed opinion was created, in this hemisphere and everywhere, that the good young Castro had brought out "democracy" where the bad Batista had worked such ill.

All this, however, seriously hampered the United States in dealing realistically and factually with the Castro problem. And the big buildup now helps him to insult the United States in comparative safety—and with an impertinence of distortion that is very able propaganda.

THE fact is that his regime could not survive six months if the United States really retaliated. Cuba's economy rests on the United States. As a good friend of Latin America, Sen. George Smathers of Florida, points out, Cuba would not last long if we went elsewhere for sugar.

BUT, of course, we do not contemplate sanctions against Castro. Nor do our leaders lie awake in fear that Latin America will explode because of him. Nor do they accept the second of the two extreme opinions of Castro—that perhaps he is some powerful force for international communism.

How, then, is he actually seen by those in our government who must work out this sticky little problem? First, he is one of the world's irresponsible, the fellows who are agents not of communism but only of ineptitude and disorder. Second, he has picked the United States to attack because he needs a foreign devil to beat at to divert attention from happenings in Cuba itself.

While he is still in control, his revolution is faltering here and there. Some patriotic Cubans originally driven to him by Batista's long excesses are beginning to part company with Castro. This is his business and his alone. We are not "anti-Castro." We are opposed to chaotic government anywhere in the Caribbean because we want peace and order to prevail there.

But he said the producer was one of those involved in the hearings of the House special committee investigating the quiz shows.

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Foreign Notebook: Warsaw Pact; Vice In Frankfurt; French Cloak-and-Dagger

BY PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
From the foreign editor's notebook:

New Soviet Overtures? West German intelligence officials will not be surprised if the Russians offer to scrap their Warsaw pact agreement as part of their world disarmament campaign. The Warsaw pact is the Communist bloc European counterpart of NATO. The Germans say Soviet military experts have told Premier Nikita Khrushchev that the move would have excellent propaganda value and at the same time would not be harmful to Soviet military strategy. If this is true, the Soviet military planners are only recognizing what the West long has suspected—that so far as the Soviets are concerned, the satellite armies could not be trusted and might even hamper Soviet maneuverability.

Truman Seen Ready To Prevent Choice Of Adlai Stevenson

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington—(UPI)—The political word is that Former President Harry S. Truman still is hurt, angry and ready to try again to prevent nomination of Adlai E. Stevenson for president.



Lyle C. Wilson one. It is a fact that Stevenson in 1952 was Truman's hand-picked Democratic nominee for the presidency. That proved to be the beginning of the end of a beautiful friendship.

Four years later, Truman was back at a Democratic national convention to lead the campaign to prevent Stevenson's renomination. Truman stated his objections simply, asserting that Stevenson did not have what it took to win an election.

Harriman in 1956 Well, maybe, Truman said on second thought, Stevenson might win if he had the right kind of help, help from Truman's man in 1956 was Averell Harriman, a no-questions-asked Truman Fair Dealer. It is reasonable to believe that Truman has another such in tow for 1960, Harriman having been knocked out in his gubernatorial contest with Nelson A. Rockefeller.

In tow for 1960 probably is Sen. Stuart Symington who fits the Fair Deal pattern. He is one of the Democrats given a 100 per cent good voting record by the left wing organization, Americans for Democratic Action.

Stevenson, of course, firmly disavows any desire for another presidential nomination. The political pros believe, however, that he is likely to be tapped unless the 1960 convention can name some other Democrat on an early ballot. Stevenson would be a magic name with which to break a deadlock.

Praise Goes Flat Truman would be in there pitching for Stevenson now as in 1952 if Stevenson had been more considerate of his great and good friend after that first nomination. Truman made it all clear in the second volume of his memoirs. There are paragraphs of unqualified praise for Stevenson in that book. Those paragraphs are, in effect, a defense of Truman

for handpicking Stevenson in 1952 to succeed him in the White House. The praise goes flat, however under pressure of subsequent paragraphs of which these two are examples: "But, Stevenson's attitude (in 1952) toward the president he hoped to succeed was a mystery to me for some time," Truman wrote. "And, I believe Stevenson made several mistakes... whether this was due to the urgings of his advisers or bad information or perhaps to the contagion of other good citizens as a result of reading the anti-Democratic press, I do not know."

Fired Chairman "The first mistake he made was to fire the chairman of the Democratic National Committee (Frank E. McKinney of Indiana, whom Truman had put in that job) and to move his campaign headquarters to Springfield, Ill., giving the impression that he was seeking to disassociate himself from the administration in Washington and, perhaps, from me. How Stevenson hoped he could persuade the American people to maintain the Democratic party in power while seeming to disown powerful elements of it, I do not know."

There was more, all evidence that Truman felt that Stevenson was brushing off the Truman administration as unclean, Truman didn't like that and, as he once said of himself, "The old man never stops midway in a fight."

Protocol The men who will determine where and how visiting royalty shall be seated at the 1960 Olympic games in Rome, have a new worry. They know about Pope John's XXIII delight in breaking with tradition and they are taking up seriously the possibility he might want to see some of the games. Royal visitors from Britain, Greece, Belgium, Sweden and Norway will be seated in a special enclosure. But would a

Cloak-and-Dagger President Charles de Gaulle himself is said to be pressing the investigation into France's newest political drama. It involves the reported attempted assassination of Lefist Sen. Francois Mitterrand. Mitterrand claims a machine gun attack on his car was engineered by elements opposing de Gaulle's offer of self-determination for Algeria. But former French Party Deputy Robert Pesquet charges that Mitterrand engineered the whole thing himself to try to force a government clampdown on Rightwing elements opposing the de Gaulle plan. The French courts also have indicated they suspect Mitterrand has not told the whole truth and are asking that his parliamentary immunity be lifted. De Gaulle is said to be demanding a complete investigation, letting the chips fall where they may.

Another interesting point: Bethlehem Steel Corporation has approximately as many owners as employees. At the last report available as this is written, it had 164,859 owners and 164,796 employees or one employee for each stockholder.

U. S. Steel Corporation at the last available report had 229,490 employees and 331,229 owners—or one and a half owners for each employee.

MODERN business is big—and getting bigger. But it is big in a different sort of way. Only a few generations ago, Big Business was owned by a few Big Individuals. Now Big Business is owned by tens of thousands of common, ordinary individuals who have invested their savings in its securities.

That is what is coming to be called people's capitalism.

THEN! To add insult to injury so to speak, you seemed to have pinned it all on the football players! I think that it's fairly obvious that the football players were in full uniform and out on the field during the entire game, and therefore it would have been impossible for them to have been solely, if at all, to blame for the damage done.

I'm sure Medford will admit she's a long ways from perfect, but we hesitate to admit something which was obviously not all, if any, of our fault.

Evalyn Pleyer, 2955 Table Rock Rd., Medford.

No Kidding! To the Editor: Pearl Spackman, I still have my peeve.

There are no jokes left up my sleeve. Dinner placed upon the plate. Lights down down low and then we wait: Ernie Bilko—We've seen it three times.

One, two, three, I've counted ten times. I've no Fifty Plus Club to go to yet.

Behind my ears, they say I'm still wet. Too bad you can't invite younger folk.

I'd like to join, and that's no joke. Mrs. Delbert Casey Route 1, Box 358 Central Point, Ore.

Disclaims Fault To the Editor: The following is in answer to the letter in last Wednesday's paper by J. Hierd of Eureka, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hierd: First of all I would like to say that I am deeply ashamed of some of the actions that went on at the game Friday, Oct. 23, 1959. I for one tried to be as courteous as possible to the members of the Eureka High school.

I am a student at Medford High, and therefore it hurts my pride to see it run down in any way.

You said something in your letter about "a group of boys and girls, aged 10-14" that were using obscene language. I should think it is very obvious that they do not attend the High school and therefore I should think that it's not responsible for their actions.

Then you also mentioned something about the seats you were given. I don't fully understand about that, but I'm sure I can send an apology from the entire staff and student body for the misunderstanding which seems to have so highly inconvenienced you on that matter.

I believe also you mentioned a tire being slashed and air being let out of others. It seems that there were some California or closely affiliated men seen near the parked California cars, who were breaking beer bottles on the cars. So it cannot be determined who was to blame for that.

Washington Silent On Claims in Book Washington—(UPI)—The White House firmly slammed the door Saturday on any comment about a British general's sharp criticism of President Eisenhower's World War II military leadership.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said that "never is going to be any comment" about the claims made in the second volume of the memoirs of British Field Marshal, Lord Alanbrooke, chief of the British general staff during the war, said Eisenhower was on the golf course when the Germans launched the "Battle of the Bulge."

Hagerty was asked if the President had read the book. He bluntly told reporters he did not know and was not going to make any attempt to find out.

The President in the past has shrugged off post-war criticisms of his actions supreme allied commander in Europe during World War II.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Financial note in the news: Bethlehem Steel Corporation, No. 2 steel producer in the nation, reported a loss of \$38,926,913 for the third quarter of this year (the months of July, August and September).

However—For the first nine months of 1959 Bethlehem earned \$84,231,916 (in spite of the loss in the third quarter.)

WOW! You say. What a WAD! How can anybody be allowed to make that much money!

WAIT a minute. Bethlehem Steel Corporation has about 165,000 stockholders (owners). If its \$4 million dollars of earnings in the first three quarters of this year were divided up equally among its 165,000 owners, each owner would get about \$500. Put that way, it sounds less awful.

LET'S take a look at Big Steel—U. S. Steel Corporation, the giant of the industry.

In spite of a loss of \$1 million dollars in the third quarter, U. S. Steel reports earnings of 223 MILLION DOLLARS in the first nine months of 1959. That makes Bethlehem look like a piker.

But—U. S. Steel has about 331,000 stockholders (owners). In the 223 million dollars it earned in the first nine months of 1959 were divided up equally among its 331,000 owners, each owner would get about \$675.

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