

Mr. Allen's Letters

Elsewhere on this page are two letters written by Dan Allen, secretary of the Oregon natural resources committee.

We hope those interested in the proposed Oregon Dunes National Seashore will read them.

Mr. Allen objects to the intimation that he has "pre-judged" a revised version of the Dunes proposal, and cites the timing of his earlier letter. The editorial to which he objects said:

"The letter (to the Journal) was printed after the revision was announced, but presumably before he had a chance to see it. And the timing certainly suggests that Allen had prejudged the revised legislation without having studied it."

MR. ALLEN says that conclusion is wrong. But in writing a letter which was couched in general and ill-tempered terms, he damned by implication any legislation on the subject, "ill-advised and poorly timed" or not. And he knew that a revision was forthcoming.

That sounds like pre-judging to us.

Only if the committee reacts positively to the revised proposal can it be kept alive long enough to let the people of Oregon make up their minds whether it is a good proposal or not. And, despite Mr. Allen's disclaimer, if the state administration opposes the plan, it's as good as dead.

WE HAVE never met Mr. Allen, and have no animus toward him.

What we have objected to, and still do, was his precipitate action in throwing the authority of the state government against the Dunes proposal in an entirely negative manner, rather than taking a positive, constructive approach.

We questioned the way in which the adverse testimony was prepared, the way in which it was presented as the "unanimous" conclusion of the committee's members, and the negative and hostile manner in which it was presented.

WE ARE NOT at all convinced by either of Mr. Allen's letters, and believe they are more eloquent than anything more we could say.

But we hope we are wrong, and that a fresh start can be made by the committee to consider the Dunes Park proposal on its real merits.

If Mr. Allen has shown bias, so have we—in favor of park development which would benefit, not only the residents of Oregon, but of the entire nation.—E.A.

Seaton's Description

Fred A. Seaton, secretary of the interior, has a view of the potentialities of the Dunes park proposal which we like better than we like Mr. Allen's. Here is what he says:

"The Oregon Dunes area is one that merits special consideration as a national shoreline. It lies along the Pacific coast between the Siuslaw and the Umpqua rivers. The Sea Lion Caves, suggested as a small detached unit, lies approximately 7 1/2 miles north of the Siuslaw river.

"The Dunes area, stretching for 23 miles along the Oregon shore, embraces a magnificent display of shifting coastal sand dunes and placid inland fresh-water lakes. Within this area there are three distinct types of land forms.

"Fronting the ocean is an attractive, clean, fine-textured, wide, sandy beach. Second is a spectacular expanse of moving sand that has been swept from the ocean by the wind and subsequently deposited and formed into attractive dunes. The third and easternmost type of land form is ancient forest-covered dunes . . .

"ALSO included are irregular, freshwater lakes . . . lying in dune depressions (which) have high scenic and recreational values. Vegetative cover is comprised of dense, picturesque, coniferous forests with and under-story of varied shrubs and fine rhododendron display.

"The Sea Lion Caves site is a notable rookery for Stellar Sea Lions, California Sea Lions, and bird life of outstanding interest. The caves offer an unparalleled opportunity for anyone to observe these marine animals at close range and in a completely natural setting.

"At present both units of the suggested area are used chiefly for recreation purposes and the provision of goods and services related to it, with emphasis on the tourist business.

"Commercial developments have thus far been on a modest scale, and no major industrial activity has taken place other than some logging. Heavy timber cutting has occurred on isolated parcels of privately owned land. These parcels are limited to the narrow southern portion and to an area just southwest of Siltcoos lake.

"THE entire 23-mile-long beach and the immediate inland area are completely undeveloped. Private homes and cottages are scattered along the shore of Woahink lake and some farming takes place on private lands within the proposed area. The Sea Lion Caves section is managed on a private commercial basis.

"The 32,000 acre dunes study area, there are 365 acres of unappropriated public domain, 49 acres withdrawn by the war department; about 11,275 acres of federal land in the Siuslaw National forest, 1,065 acres of undeveloped county lands. There are only 200 acres of tilled land, 130 acres of pasture land, and approximately 200 sets of improvements, houses, businesses, farm dwellings, and other buildings.

"And if that isn't a description of an almost ideal national seashore area, at a stage where acquisition and development would be easier than at any time in the future, we won't know what it is.—E.A.

Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Dec. 4, 1949 (Sunday)
Large percentage of wood used in manufacture of lead pencils comes from Rogue river valley.

New five-digit numbers were in effect for all Medford telephone customers this morning.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 4, 1939 (Monday)
State police kill 71-year-old man in gun battle near Lake Creek; coroners inquest pending.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The best this neck of the woods can report on weather conditions is that several citizens still have original spring fever and the sap is running no place but down the highways."

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 4, 1929 (Wednesday)
Labor commissioner says no more unemployment in Oregon than usual.

Medford elopers believed hiding in Siskiyou cabin; father of girl leads search.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 4, 1919 (Thursday)
Carload of coal, ordered by Mayor Gates on recent trip east arrives in Medford today. Sportsmen irked by failure of fish commission to improve Rogue fishing.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 4, 1909 (Saturday)
Rogue River Electric company pays city money owed since 1906 in face of court action by city.

Mrs. Lee Watkins of Agate nearly drowned in Rogue when carriage fell off bridge; horse drowned.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- When the Gregorian calendar was adopted, what calendar did it replace?
- Who wrote the words of "The Star Spangled Banner"?
- From what port in England did The Mayflower sail in 1620?
- Which continent has been called "The Dark Continent"?
- In which state is Pike's Peak?
- Natural gas can be used for domestic cooking; true or false?
- When President Truman was a U. S. Senator, what state did he represent?
- Does the total land area of continental United States approximate one, two, or three million square miles?
- Which European explorer discovered the Pacific Ocean?
- Whose likeness is depicted on the Internal Revenue stamp on packages of cigarettes?

Answers: 1. Julian calendar. 2. Francis Scott Key. 3. Plymouth, England. 4. Africa. 5. Colorado. 6. True. 7. Missouri. 8. Three million. 9. Balboa. 10. None. (I.R.S. stamps no longer used on cigarettes.)

AD MAN DIES

Port Washington, N.Y.—UPI—Herbert S. Lenz, 61, former manager of the New York office of the Ralph H. Jones Co., a Cincinnati, Ohio, advertising agency, died Thursday.

Dennis the Menace



"IS THAT YOUR LITTLE BOY'S CLUB HOUSE?"

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 initials 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. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Dunes "Not Pre-Judged"

To the Editor: Your Nov. 17 editorial, "One More Chance," deserves comment and clarification.

The inference that revised National Seashore legislation has been prejudged by the executive secretary of the state committee on natural resources is unfortunate, and wholly untrue.

It is obvious that you did not have the entire contents of the letter to the Portland paper before you were writing this editorial, as I am certain you would not employ the time-worn tactic of quoting from text to prove a point. Enclosed is a copy of the original letter to the Oregon Journal, plainly dated Oct. 23.

The suggested revised draft bill was made available to this office on Oct. 28. Unfortunately, newspapers do not indicate the date letters are written when they publish them in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

It should be obvious that the letter was written in reply to previous letters and news stories which appeared in the Portland paper.

The committee on natural resources has at no time been hostile to the idea of seashore preservation. It has offered positive suggestions for the consideration of the congressional committee's which conducted hearings on the matter. It is in this same spirit that new legislative proposals are being considered.

Much unfavorable comment, charges of "politics," etc., have come from persons either completely biased or totally unfamiliar with the situation.

In order that you may have complete information relative to the committee's position on the original proposal, as presented at the recent House hearing in Florence, I am enclosing herewith copy of that testimony.

It may be that objections of the various state agencies concerned can be met through revised legislation, but to attempt to pre-judge the findings of these agencies would be inconsiderate. The original legislation, was under discussion for some six months, and new proposals need not be hastily judged.

Whatever the ultimate decision may be, it will be in accordance with the legal responsibilities of the agencies concerned, based upon the judgment of the entire committee, after consideration of all pertinent, factual data.

In fairness, it should be noted that there are other agencies and organizations which have opposed the original legislation. Thus, continued inference that this committee can, by itself, either keep the proposal alive or kill it is without foundation. This committee concerns itself only with state responsibilities in the matter, and has taken no position on the considerable federal, county, and private lands involved.

Dan P. Allen
Executive Secretary
State Committee on Natural Resources
State Capitol
Salem, Ore.

Dislikes Rock 'n' Roll

To the Editor: I would like to commend Mr. McCabe and Louise Rea for their open objection to the local radio musical programs. I too would like to take a stand with them. Mrs. Rea expressed my opinion beautifully.

I enjoy all types of music but I can't well hear the music without hearing the words and they certainly do basically express illicit love as Louise Rea has mentioned. The gospel music played once every hour on one local station is very refreshing and like a breath of fresh air but it's a shame to mix it with the rock 'n' roll music which probably reached the popularity polls by the efforts of Payola in the big cities.

Two of our local stations should be complimented however, for their strict neglect of rock 'n' roll music.

B. A. Miller
1527 Bryant
Medford.

Wants Christmas Music

To the Editor: I was apparently out of town when the discussion of music on our local radio stations began. If I repeat any of what has been written, please forgive me.

I am in agreement that since most of the daytime listeners are housewives, then it seems logical to have programs which they enjoy.

For myself, I would thoroughly enjoy relaxing classical or semi-classical music that would not add to the confusion of pre-schoolers around the house, which popular tunes of the day certainly do.

This seems especially important now with the Christmas season approaching. A few of the modern Christmas arrangements are fine, but must we wait until Christmas day to hear the lovely carols? I realize Christmas music can be overdone, but I am most anxious for my children to know there is much truly beautiful Christmas music.

Mrs. C. E. Henry
349 Lindero ave.
Medford.

Who's Moonlighting?

To the Editor: For several months the people of Oregon have witnessed the state Republican chairman straining to find an issue with which to attack Senator Richard L. Neuberger. The most devastating Mr. Gunnar has so far devised is the charge of "moonlighting" against Senator Neuberger for magazine articles written while serving in the U. S. Senate.

This practice thus roundly condemned by Mr. Gunnar, Republican state chairman, imagine my surprise to pick up the December issue of the National Geographic and find the lead article written by

Mr. Allen's Oct. 23 letter to the Journal follows:

"Ill-Advised, Poorly Timed" Editor of the Editorial Page The Oregon Journal

Dear Sir:

Keeping the record straight in the current discussion on the proposed dunes seashore park becomes increasingly difficult.

Some folks are nearly as shifty as the sand in attempting to whitewash an ill-advised and poorly timed effort

to saddle Oregon taxpayers with additional debt by taking private property, timber and other resource lands out of production and off the tax rolls.

Recent letters piously proclaiming bi-partisan motives on the part of park proponents deliberately distort the facts. The charge of politics has been raised only by those who object to the position of the dedicated, non-partisan state administrators who oppose the present dunes park legislation.

The state committee on natural resources which opposes Senator Neuberger's bill is the same group which has many times supported him on sound conservation issues. It is surprising that the charge of politics is raised only when the committee disagrees with the Senator.

Dan P. Allen
Executive Secretary

Editorial: An unfortunate error appears in your Nov. 22 article about the comparable records of Oregon's circuit judges and Department of Justice attorneys in cases appealed to the State Supreme Court. I am calling it to your attention in the hope that you will print the correction and thereby do justice to the Supreme Court.

The original Justice Department news release from which the story is taken read as follows:

"Thornton said he was 'going to bat' for the Justice Department's record only to 'straighten out some inaccurate scorekeeping by Governor Hatfield and other Republican hecklers in the bleachers who apparently can't count, or don't know the rules, the players, or the umpire—' which is the Supreme Court."

Your story omitted the words between "bleachers" and "or the umpire," with the result that the reference to the Supreme Court is taken completely out of context and the Supreme Court is lumped together with "other Republican hecklers." This is not what I said at all, and is an unfair slur on the Supreme Court.

Robert Y. Thornton
Attorney General
Salem, Ore.

Editor's note: Mr. Thornton is correct. The error was in a UPI story from Salem, and appeared in several papers incorrectly.

"Distorted, Inaccurate"

To the Editor: Your correspondent, Joe B. Richards, a Republican lawyer in Eugene, is both Republican and partisan lawyer-advocate in his recent letter. I've known Joe for a long time and I'm surprised that he would lend himself to such crude smears.

He asks: "Why is it that the governments that he has shown such fondness for have always been anti-American?" The assumption here is of course erroneous, purposely so, I'd say. I agree with Milton Eisenhower that we should give the "formal handshake to dictators and the warm embrace to democratic leaders."

Mr. Richards can never find any instance where I condoned any anti-Americanism but I don't expect this to stop him from making the allegation.

He also says that I want "to abuse and bully the United States Air Force." The basis for this is that I objected to an Air Force general sending a plane over the Rocky Mountains to pick up his sick son in Coos Bay. Before I made my complaint public I allowed the general to send me a letter with his explanation and released it simultaneously. Does this sound as though I am abusing and bullying the United States Air Force?

Finally Mr. Richards says that I have "abused our State Department as if it were an enemy." This also is untrue. I have a great many friends in the State Department. There is a difference between criticism and abuse. In my opinion our government is based on permitting and encouraging differences of opinion.

I regret that my friend and fellow lawyer feels it necessary to express his differences with me in such distorted and inaccurate arguments.

Charles O. Porter
Member of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Likes Western Style Music

To the Editor: I've just finished reading "Communications," and I was particularly interested in the one written about the music on our Rogue valley radio stations.

I, for one, completely agree with Mr. McCabe about an allotted time for each kind of music.

Our family favors the "Western type" music, but we refuse to listen to our local stations because our types of songs are so few and far be-

tween, and there is so much we do not like between times. In order to hear Western music, we have to tune in to Bakersfield, San Jose, or some other California station in the evening.

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Vice-president Richard L. Nixon, a personage of some Republican stature in his own right.

It is a good article, too.

But the important question is where does this now leave Mr. Gunnar? Obviously he cannot continue to assail Senator Neuberger on this issue unless he is willing also to censor Vice-president Richard Nixon. Since this is unthinkable, it now sadly appears that Mr. Gunnar is henceforth deprived of what has so far been his chief contribution to the Oregon political scene.

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Cuba's New Bank Chief Fails To Stem Fears of Investors

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

The man-of-the-week: Maj. Ernesto Che Guevara, president, National Bank of Cuba.

The place: Havana.

The quote: "I consider that the run on the bank is logical when Senor Felipe Pazos is replaced by a person who enjoys the fame of being extremely radical."

In such a way did Maj. Ernesto Guevara brush off this tangible reaction from 'Cubans to the news that Guevara, physician, professional revolutionary, but never an economist, had been named to take over the Cuban National Bank.

Phil Newsom, who drew out their accounts could not convert their pesos to dollars, the only two places left seemed to be under the mattress or in their pockets.

Apparently, either choice seemed safer than leaving it in Guevara's bank or running

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the chance it might be taken from them forcibly in exchange for government bonds whose future as an investment also seemed doubtful.

Still Have Fears

Guevara's assertion that there would be no change in the bank's policies did not quell the fears.

In Guevara's record, anti-United States and apparently a better fighter than a doctor, there seemed nothing to recommend him for his new post, other than his long association with Prime Minister Fidel Castro and the fact he was one of the outstanding heroes of the revolution.

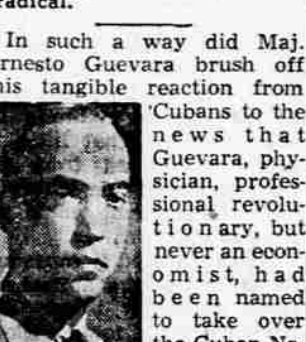
It was, however, clear that another leftist had been moved into a high place in the Castro regime which has been suspected increasingly of coming under Communist influence.

Opposed Argentine's Peron

Guevara is 31 years old, slim, dark and about 5 feet 10. He was trained as a physician in Argentina where he opposed the dictatorship of Juan D. Peron.

With a stopover in Bolivia, he later joined the government of Guatemalan President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman.

When Arbenz's pro-Communist government was thrown out, Guevara leaped to Mexico one jump ahead of arrest and there tied up with Castro, where he found more comfort inside the Iron Curtain countries than outside.



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Right Governor But Wrong State

Kenosha, Wis.—UPI—Wisconsin Gov. Gaylord Nelson stopped a truck driver and asked directions when he became lost while driving to a highway dedication.

"You don't look like Bill Stratton to me," the truck driver said after Nelson identified himself as the governor. Nelson had driven 10 miles into Illinois where the governor is William G. Stratton.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

"PHONE"Y ISSUE

Washington—Senator John F. Kennedy is the obvious sufferer in the phonetic Presidential-year issue in recent memory, the so-called birth control issue.

But other Democratic Presidential candidates will do well not to enjoy Kennedy's embarrassment too much. For the real sufferer is likely to be the whole Democratic party, along with the ultimate Democratic nominee, whoever he may be.

First, for the background: (1) A Presidential advisory commission headed by William H. Draper suggested that our foreign aid program should include information on artificial birth prevention to those assisted countries requesting it. (2) The Roman Catholic bishops, regarding artificial birth prevention as immoral, declared that American Catholics would support no program promoting such prevention. (3) A demand arose, notably among Protestant clergymen, that Catholic Presidential aspirants say whether the Catholic bishops' statement would be "binding" on them. The outstanding Catholic Presidential aspirant is, of course, Senator Kennedy.

Birth control involves deeply held and deeply differing private moral and religious convictions, which are no concern of this column. And all the clergymen in this controversy are entitled, and even obliged as theological leaders, to make any comment their consciences tell them to make.

But though Kennedy alone may appear to have been hurt, the raising of this spurious "issue" has hurt more than Kennedy. For any effective attack on any party's front-running candidate will hurt the whole party. No leader in a political year can be an island to himself; if he is wounded, his party is wounded, too. (Copyright, 1959, by United Features Syndicate, Inc.)

AND those who wish to be fair in a political year might consider this: no one, for illustration, has demanded that Vice-President Nixon announce whether, as President and commander-in-chief of the armed forces, he would be "bound" by the anti-war convictions of his Quaker faith.

If he were asked such a question, Mr. Nixon no doubt would reply just as Mr. Kennedy replied: that in the last analysis he would be bound, as President, by a single thing—his oath to serve the interests of the United States.

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Campanella Called On Housing Violation

New York—UPI—Roy Campanella, the former Brooklyn Dodgers catcher who was left partially paralyzed from an auto accident, today said he had never received a summons, and had never had complaints from tenants, regarding a Harlem tenement building he owns and operates.

Magistrate Edward Chapman Thursday issued a summons ordering Campanella to appear in court Dec. 31 in connection with 21 building code violations against the tenement.

Condon Man Hurt In Car-Train Crash

Pendleton—UPI—Arthur T. Madden, 53, Condon, suffered leg, hand and chest injuries when his car struck a Union Pacific eastbound train Thursday afternoon here.

Madden said his brakes didn't hold.

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