

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

AL DORNE, prexy of Westport's Famous Artists School, was told that a student had a very important question for him. "Fire away," said Expert Dorne. "It's this," frowned the student. "Say you've got a whole house full of priceless, world-famous paintings. A flash fire breaks out. You've got time to save only one of the paintings. Which one do you choose?" "That's easy," pontificated Expert Dorne. "The one nearest the door."



During a water shortage in Southern California, students at a local high school were asked to make suggestions for conservation. Most ingenious one was this: "Make everybody hold an armload of dirty dishes in his arms while taking a shower bath."

"I can't understand you young whippersnappers today," grumbled a boss to an underling who had had the temerity to ask for a raise. "Why, boy, by the time I was your age, I had already inherited my first million!"

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In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

From San Francisco: Californian's must approve the water bond measure on Nov. 8 or face the threat of a nose-diving economy, deadly floods, parched lands and abandoned farms, according to Thomas J. Mellon, a San Francisco business executive. He told the monthly meeting of the Feather River Project Association today that the state water program as embodied in Proposition 1 on the ballot holds the answers to the problems of growth, flood and water shortages. He predicted Proposition 1 will be passed by the California voters.

I THINK most of us up this way will agree that Proposition 1 is probably the most important measure to be voted on in California since Admission Day. But up here in the North, which HAS the water that is so precious to the state's future, there are some problems. For example: On the California ballot at the Nov. 8 election there will be another measure that is immensely significant. It is Proposition 15. It proposes to reappropriate the California legislature in such a manner as to give the South a majority in the Senate.

The South already has a majority of the popular vote. It has a majority, as of now, in the Assembly. If Proposition 15 is approved at the coming election, the South will have a majority in BOTH houses of the legislature. That is to say: If Proposition 15 is approved on Nov. 8, the North will be in perpetual danger of losing its water to the more populous South.

HERE'S a thought: The South has oil. Its oil is a natural resource. The North needs oil. It GETS oil. There is no battle over it. The North BUYS ITS OIL from the South, which has more than it can use and so is happy to export its surplus away. The North has water. Water, too, is a natural resource. But the North can't sell its surplus water—legally. It has to give it away. Not only that. The North will have to pay its share of the taxes to build the facilities to carry the water to the South after the North has given its surplus away.

Somehow that doesn't sound right. It certainly won't be right if after having given its water and having helped by paying taxes to build the facilities to carry its water away, a situation arises in which the North will have to give away water it is going to NEED BADLY in the future if it is to bring about full development of its area. That situation could arise if Proposition 15 is approved on Nov. 8.

WHAT will the North do on Nov. 8? Personally, I think the attitude of the North toward Proposition 1 will depend on the Fate of Proposition 15, the legislature. If Proposition 15 is approved, the North will be in perpetual danger of losing its water.

It seems reasonable to expect that until the fate of Proposition 15 is known (which can't be until after the election in November at which the voters will pass on BOTH issues) the North will be inclined to VOTE AGAINST BOTH. That would be only simple precaution.

Russian Ships Head for Home

Washington—UPI—Four Soviet ships, once believed in position to track a dramatic Russian space shot, are heading back across the Pacific home.

Their departure after more than four weeks on station buttressed a belief here that Russia failed or postponed some spectacular space feat planned to coincide with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's trip to the United Nations.

The Navy said Tuesday in reply to questions that the four Russian missile tracking ships turned around during the week end and began to steam west toward Siberia. They were riding high in the water, indicating they were low on fuel and food.

Some days before Khrushchev's Sept. 19 arrival in New York City, the ships took up positions in the Pacific on a line stretching 1,500 miles from a point 500 miles southwest of Hawaii back toward Siberia. The vessels were of the same class as ships that tracked two series of long-range Russian missile tests in the Pacific earlier this year.



A PASTOR, TOO—Some people call him Father King. Others call him Chief King, while still others have dubbed him Fire-and-Sin-Fighter King. In reality, he is Father Stephen King, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul parish at Leeds, N.D., and captain of the Leeds volunteer fire department. The priest started his fire-fighting avocation in 1932 when he organized a fire department for the Trappist monastery in Rhode Island. Since then, Father King has led a double life—a priest and a fireman. (UPI Telephoto)

Southwest Oregon Directorships OK'd

Salem—UPI—Sixteen nominating petitions for directorships in the southwest Oregon area education district were approved Tuesday by the State Board of Education. Oscar Paulson, assistant state superintendent, said all 16 petitions had been certified by the appropriate county clerks. The action clears the candidacy of the 16 persons for five director posts when two suits involving the proposed district are settled. The suits, one in Curry county and the other in Marion county, seek to nullify boundaries of the district as established by the board this summer.

Bonneville Power Signs Contract

Washington—UPI—The Bonneville Power Administration and Webb & Knapp, Inc., New York City, today signed a 20-year contract to supply electric power for a new type of steel mill to be built at Anaconda, Mont.

William A. Pearl, Bonneville power administrator, said the contract calls for delivery of 120,000 kilowatts of power. Half of the supply will be delivered starting July 1, 1963, and the remainder by Nov. 1, 1963. About 45,000 kilowatts are firm and 75,000 are secondary industrial type.

The contract was signed at the Interior Department by Webb & Knapp, president of Webb & Knapp.

Webb & Knapp will build a steel mill of 350,000 tons annual capacity costing between \$30 million and \$40 million. The plant, which will be the largest steel producing facility in the Northwest, will use a new process to make steel from iron left in discarded copper slag at the Anaconda Company's smelter.

Pearl said a new substation would be built at Anaconda. He said \$145 million in new plants would be in operation when all contracts are completed and that Bonneville power revenues should rise by \$8.5 million a year.

SOVIET EXHIBITION

Jakarta, Indonesia—UPI—The Soviet Union Tuesday night opened an 18-acre exhibition of products ranging from farm equipment to a model of a Russian earth satellite. The permanent pavilion housing the displays will be turned over to the Indonesian government at the end of the exhibition's one-month run.

Pearl Mesta Backs Nixon Candidacy

Washington—UPI—Washington hostess Pearl Mesta, who once supported Lyndon B. Johnson for president because "he's got everything," today endorsed Richard M. Nixon as "the best qualified candidate."

Mrs. Mesta said in a statement she was supporting the GOP nominee because "we need a man not only of tested experience but also of human understanding, guided by deep principles."

The famed Washington party-giver, U.S. minister to Luxembourg under President Truman, said she had decided to back Nixon "only after much prayerful reflection because I have many affectionate ties with the Democratic party, but of course my country comes first."

Hollywood—UPI—Actor Joseph Cotten, 55, and British actress Patricia Medina, 37, will be married Thursday at the home of producer David Selznick. The couple took out a marriage license Tuesday in nearby Santa Monica. Both have been married once before.

EX-COLLEGE HEAD DIES

Birmingham, Ala.—UPI—Mrs. Kathryn Anderson, 33, a "model housewife" and mother of three who was acquitted last year of bank robbery charges, pleaded guilty Tuesday to forging a \$502 check on her husband's insurance company. She was sentenced to five years in prison.

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Education Board OKs Gladstone School District

Salem—UPI—The State Board of Education set a precedent late Tuesday by authorizing a school district, Gladstone, to become an administrative school district even though the district has no high school.

Oregon's counties are in the process of consolidating their districts into administrative ones, which provide education from grades one through 12.

The board action means that an election must be called in Gladstone within 60 days by the Clackamas county schools superintendent for a vote by Gladstone citizens. The issue has been hotly contested in the county.

Attend Milwaukie School

Gladstone now is an elementary district only, and Gladstone teenagers attend Milwaukie Union high school. If the new plan is approved by the voters, Gladstone would withdraw from the Milwaukie district and students would have to attend nearby high schools, Milwaukie or West Linn, on a tuition basis until Gladstone could build its own high school.

The vote was 5-2 with Mrs. Roberta Caldwell, Oregon City, moving for approval. An initial motion by Ronald Jones, Salem, for rejection of the Gladstone plan had no second and was lost.

Twenty-seven counties were granted six-month extensions for submitting final school district reorganization plans. They are Baker, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Jefferson, Lake, Lane, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler and Yamhill.

To Grant Degrees

The board set another precedent by authorizing the Pendleton school district to grant associate degrees in applied science. The post high school classes, in electronics, are now held in the vocational building of the old Pendleton high school. The instructors are local engineers.

The board voted to support the state apprenticeship council in its deferral of a vocational education program for employees of General Engineering, Inc., at The Dalles. General Engineering is associated with Harvey Aluminum. The council notified the board it had decided to hold up the program locally pending settlement of a labor-management dispute.

EARTH'S WEIGHT

Chicago—The earth's weight is computed to be about six sextillion six hundred and sixty quintillions of tons.

Too Many Calls Displease Boss

Dallas, Tex.—UPI—James D. Meeks, director of the Dallas Public Library, has posted a new memo. It is Administrative Directive No. 158, and says: To: all staff members Subject: personal telephone calls 1. There will be absolutely no more personal telephone calls in and out of this building. 2. The telephone is always so busy that I cannot even call my wife.

Finch Jury Told To Be Prepared

Los Angeles—UPI—The 11 women and 1 man making up the jury in the second murder trial of Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff were instructed to appear in court today prepared to begin deliberations.

Superior Court Judge Leroy Dawson told the jurors to bring extra clothing because as soon as they get the case they will not be allowed to go home until they arrive at a verdict or become hopelessly deadlocked as did jurors in the first trial.

They will be asked to find Finch, 43, and Carole, 23, guilty of first degree murder for the July 18, 1959 gunshot slaying of the surgeon's wife. Conviction would carry with it a mandatory sentence of either life imprisonment or death in the gas chamber.

Chances were coprosecutor Clifford Crail would conclude his summation—the last of four delivered by defense and state attorneys—either late today or early Thursday. The judge's instructions will take about one hour after Crail finishes and then the case will go to the jury.

State Highway Men Promoted

Salem—UPI—Four state highway department employees in the construction division, two in the Portland area and two in Salem, have been promoted, the department announced today.

Draftsman Donald E. Keys of Hillsboro will become an engineer-designer in the rural design section in Salem. William S. Wells, a draftsman in Portland, was named an engineer-designer, also in Salem.

Kenneth Boardman, Salem draftsman, will move up to engineer-designer here and Lewis A. Carille, photogrammetrist in Salem, was promoted to assistant photogrammetric engineer.

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