

# Durno Opposes Oregon Dunes Park Bill

## Congressman Said Area Not Up to Park Standards

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Washington (R-Ore.)—Rep. Edwin R. Durno (R-Ore.) is flatly against the creation of a national seashore park on the Oregon coast because he claims that area involving the Oregon Dunes is not up to national park standards.

"I do not think it possesses the scientific or historical or scenic grandeur that we should have in our national park system," declared the congressman.

The new bill introduced by Sen. Maurice Neuberger was described by Durno as "fuzzy in many places and subject to varying interpretations."

Congressman Durno strengthened his position to do battle against the proposal by securing an assignment to the newly created subcommittee on parks of the House Interior committee. He also will serve on the public lands and territories subcommittees.

**Insists on Hearings**  
"I will insist on hearings on this proposal in Eugene, if it gets that far," Durno said.

He explained that this hearing would give the many members of the Valley Voters association who oppose the seashore park idea an opportunity to tell Congress the reasons for their objections. He said he was not satisfied with earlier hearings held in Oregon by House and Senate subcommittees. Those hear-

ings were arranged by two proponents of the idea at that time, the late Sen. Richard L. Neuberger and ex-Rep. Charles O. Porter.

The Neuberger bill, protested Durno, would make a "czar out of the secretary of the Interior because everything is subject to his approval."

Durno said he objects to giving the secretary the right to condemn private property in the area. He said the zoning bylaw feature of the new bill is not satisfactory because the secretary of Interior determines whether the bylaws are satisfactory.

**Critical of Board**  
Durno was critical of the idea of establishing a 5-man advisory board composed of local citizens.

"The board would have only advisory authority," the congressman observed. "That is just to appease the people of the area."

One of his major objections to the park is his belief that it would be incompatible with industrial development by International Paper company.

Durno said company officials told him after Mrs. Neuberger introduced her bill that "they are not satisfied with her bill."

Durno noted that IPC plans to tap fresh water from Washink and Siltcoos lakes for its projected paper mill near Gardiner. He said in the dry summer months, this is likely to cause a slight fall in the level of the lake, causing a condition around the fringe of the lake which the National Park service might object to if it had jurisdiction over the area. He noted that the Neuberger bill gives the secretary of Interior power to determine whether industrial operations are impairing the scenic and recreational value of the park.

### Questions Judgment

"How are we going to know what the secretary is going to say will impair the scenic value of the area?" he asked.

The new freshman congressman also brided at giving the secretary power to make regulations governing fishing and hunting in the area.

As for recreational features of the area, Durno said he has been advised that the

Forest Service has a plan for developing 31 camp sites in Siuslaw National forest, a portion of which is within the proposed park. He added that Lane county has a park overlooking the north jetty of the Siuslaw, the state has Honeyman park and the Bureau of Land Management and Soil Conservation service are all active in the area.

"If you took one fifth of the money they propose to spend for this park and gave it to the Forest Service and these other agencies, you could do something much more useful and habitable than if they create a national park," he argued.

"I am for recreation, but this bill is basically unsound, and the Oregon Dunes area is basically not of sufficient scenic grandeur to be made a part of the national park system," he added. "I don't think this is in the best interests of the people of Oregon."

## Two Men Appear In Circuit Court

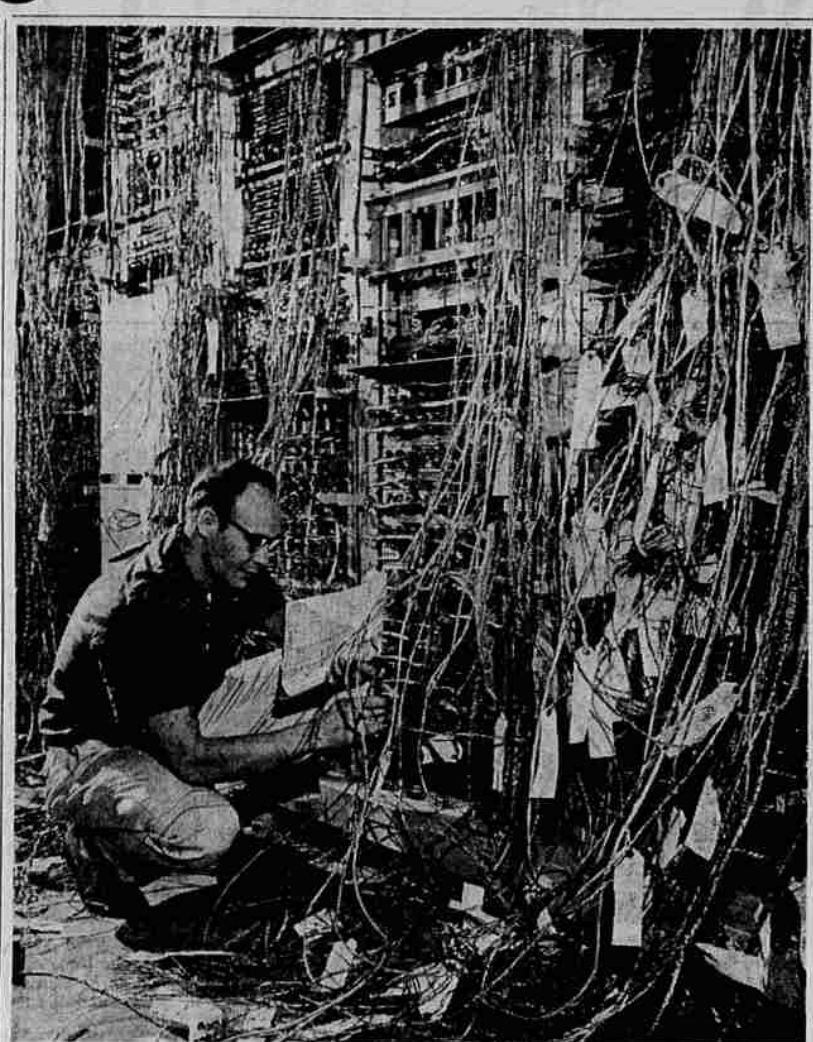
Two men, arrested last week by Oregon state police for shooting a registered Hereford bull Feb. 18, pleaded guilty to the charge in circuit court Friday afternoon.

Judge James M. Main ordered pre-sentencing reports on Norman Clarence Love, 26, of 211 North Columbus ave., and Duane Calvert, 26, of 413 West Second st.

They are charged with shooting an animal owned by Donald J. Grissom, Lake Creek.

Also appearing in circuit court were Donald Wilson, 18, Jacksonville, charged with uttering and publishing a false check, and Richard Earl Smith, 20, of 542 Haven st., charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The two men appeared earlier in the day in district court and had been bound over to the grand jury. Hugh Collins was appointed attorney for Wilson, and Richard Courtright for Smith. Their cases were continued for them to enter pleas.



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