

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THEY TELL ABOUT a fountain in a town in Northern Italy where any wish you make, the legend has it, will ultimately be granted.

One day a tourist and his wife were gazing raptly at the fountain, making their wishes, when the wife suddenly lost her balance and fell in with a mighty splash. "Golly," exclaimed the husband, "I never realized these things really work!"



Nancy Mitford, popular British novelist, now resides in Paris, where she was asked, "Is your new book at the top of the best-seller list in Britain?" Replied Miss Mitford, "How little you understand my compatriots! The top British bestseller is always the biography of an animal. Elsa, the lioness, has just been replaced by an otter—and that will retain its priority until someone writes the sad life of a female wasel."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Along with its century-old problems of taxes, the budget, the state of the commonwealth, adequate laws against crime and the enforcement thereof, the 1961 session of the Oregon legislature faces another issue.

The issue is this: Shall we or shall we not alter the present structure of our state government, substituting for what we have had something new and different—and, presumably, more modern.

WHAT are the changes the 1961 Oregon legislature must consider?

The answer is that the governor is proposing what he calls a cabinet form of government, which would involve a reshuffle of the state's institutions and would place more responsibility and considerably more authority in the governor's hands.

Among other changes, it would place in the governor's hands many of the powers exercised for the past half century by the state board of control.

What shall we do about it? Shall we go along with the governor's proposal? Or shall we leave the structure of Oregon's government substantially as it has been?

At this point, I'd like to quote Charley Stanton, editor of the Roseburg News-Review, one of Oregon's most impassioned defenders, an Oregonian to the core, an Oregonian who likes to visit other states (preferably by automobile, so that he can see things and talk to people), who sees the significant things about other states, who tells what is good about them and what is bad about them—but has his happiest moments when he crosses back over the state line—back HOME

and especially when he crosses the divide and drops down into his own domain, which is the Basin of the Umpqua.

There is where he was born. There he has lived, and there

is where his heart is. Of Oregon, and of these proposed changes in the existing structure of Oregon's government, he says in a recent issue of the News-Review:

"RESISTANCE to the reorganization program proposed by Governor Hatfield seems to be growing throughout the state. People do not seem to be opposed to the program simply because they object to change. But there is a great fear, judging from conversations, interviews, letters to the editor, editorial comment and other expressions of opinion against any procedure by which more politics could sift into our form of government.

"Oregon has had a form of government that has been extremely free from graft. . . . One reason we have so little graft and corruption is because of our existing form of government. It is true that much of our state government isn't responsible to personal wishes of the governor. We have a great many commissions, agencies, departments and divisions upon which the governor has difficulty in putting the finger of authority.

"But we have, too, a great many people participating in government. We have numerous advisory committees, made up of citizens who contribute to government largely at their own expense. They look upon citizenship as a DUTY, and they pay from their own pockets to be good citizens.

"Because many citizens have a finger in government (in Oregon) there isn't much possibility of the spoils system being carried too far, or of graft existing for any appreciable period."

WELL, there it is. In a nutshell, Oregon is, as Mr. Stanton says, a rather unusual state. It has a rather unusual background. Included in its background is a long tradition of good government. Included also is a long tradition of participation—in their own ex-

Portland Dealer Hikes Gas Price

Portland—UPI—John Daskalos raised the price of gasoline today, but was still selling it at 23.9 for regular and 28.9 for premium.

Daskalos sold regular Monday and Tuesday at 19.9 cents per gallon. He issued a personal "declaration of independence" and said he would purchase gasoline from the open market after terminating his agreement with Texaco, Inc.

The operator of the Rapid Car Wash in downtown Portland said his aim in conducting the gas war was to try to cause major firms to sell gasoline at the same wholesale price to one and all in a given area.

Daskalos said his sales volume was seven times normal during the two days. He estimated it had cost him some \$3,500.

"I have learned my lesson," he said. "It is impossible for me as an individual to affect the price structure of the petroleum industry."

Government To Buy Lamb Carcasses

Washington—UPI—The Agriculture Department has announced plans to buy frozen lamb carcasses.

The lamb will be purchased with surplus removal funds and donated to nonprofit institutions.

Investors research says food chains will probably stay relatively close to the pace of the general economy and thus the group possesses only average appeal for investors from a capital gains standpoint.

On the other hand, the capital appreciation probabilities presented by the "outstanding technical strength" found in many food producing companies deserve attention well ahead of food chain securities, it finds.

Investors research says a switch of any positions held in food chain shares directly into the food producing group is warranted at this time. Specifically, it recommends General Foods, Gerber Products, H. J. Heinz and Standard Brands.

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CAPT. H. C. DUFF Heads Inspection Team

Naval Reserve Unit Here To Be Inspected

Capt. H. C. Duff, assistant chief of staff for Naval reserve and training for the 13th Naval district, Seattle, will head a team of inspecting officers at the annual "appraisal" of Naval Reserve Electronics Division 13-5, Medford, tomorrow.

Accompanying Captain Duff will be Cmdr. E. B. Fiorini, of the Commandant's staff, Seattle; Lt. Cmdr. H. E. Childers, surface division program officer, and P. D. Coloma, personnelman first class, who is serving as group recorder.

An all-day scrutiny of the Medford unit's training, administration, and leadership departments will be held, in addition to a personnel inspection during the regular evening drill.

The group also will inspect facilities and personnel at North Bend, Grants Pass, and Klamath Falls during their tour of southern Oregon units.

Captain Duff is a graduate of the Naval Academy, and during World War II he was in anti-submarine warfare in the north Atlantic. As commanding officer of the USS Flaherty, a destroyer, he was instrumental in sinking the German submarine U-546 and in the capture of its command-

fast-growing chemical industry, particularly as vehicles for long-term growth, Goodbody & Co. suggests Allied Chemical, Diamond Alkali, DuPont, Heyden Newport, International Minerals & Chemicals, and Union Carbide.

No immediate solution to Chrysler's major problems—inadequate financing, a weak dealership arrangement and a poor industry outlook—appears in sight, according to the Wiesenberg Investment Report. But, it adds, cost cutting reduced the auto maker's break-even point by an estimated 20 per cent last year and the stock "appears a more interesting speculation than it has been since 1946."

Quotes From the News

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Los Angeles—Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, on his first return home since losing the presidential election: "I didn't expect to come back right this way."

New York—Fred Thompson, drunken drifter, confessing to police the sex-slaying of Edith (Googie) Klecorius, 4: "This was the most dastardly and rotten crime ever committed and I committed it."

Topeka, Kan.—State Rep. William O. Richardson, who introduced a bill to require barbers to have high school education: "They tell me less intelligent people talk about things while the more intelligent ones talk about ideas. I've never heard a barber talk about ideas."

London—Charles Boyle, lieutenant colonel, secretary to the Fauna Preservation Society, and patroned by Queen Elizabeth II, upon hearing that Foreign Secretary Lord Home kill a rhinoceros on a royal hunting trip: "How dreadful!"

WRITER DIES
New York—UPI—Mrs. Gertrude Brownell, 97, writer of romantic novels, poetry and a biography of her late husband, literary critic William Brownell, died Tuesday.

Hollywood—UPI—Singer Dinah Shore will appear in her first full-length dramatic show on television March 28 when she co-stars with Ralph Bellamy in Noel Coward's "Brief Encounter."

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