

Drought and Mismanagement Heap Hardship on People of Red China

Durno, Neuberger Bucking Each Other On Dunes Proposals

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Washington - Congress has received its second bill for developing the Oregon Dunes area as a Pacific coast playground and for crystallizing the controversy surrounding this proposal. Rep. Edwin R. Durno (R-Ore.) of Medford has introduced a measure authorizing establishment of a "national shorelands" which would lie wholly within the present boundaries of Siuslaw National Forest. From its northern end near Florence to its southern tip near Coos Bay, this proposed shorelands would extend about 35 miles along the Oregon dunes and seacoast.

Sen. Maurine Neuberger (D-Ore.) earlier introduced her bill for a "national seashore" extending from Florence to near Reedsport. The chief difference between the two proposals highlights the elements of the dispute. Mrs. Neuberger would extend the park inland to include some fresh water lakes and forestland, including much private property, chiefly summer homes. Durno would keep lands off the residential areas and keep the park within the present limits of federal lands.

"I think that including these large areas of private land is not necessary or desirable to conserve and develop the beauty and public values of the shorelands area," Congressman Durno stated.

Mrs. Neuberger takes the attitude that the Durno bill isn't necessary if the park is to be limited to the area already owned by the government which could be developed for recreation without further congressional sanction.

The Durno bill will please

Committee Studies Dunes Proposals

Salem - (UPI) - The governor's committee on natural resources was to review conflicting proposals in Congress for development of the Oregon Dunes as a national recreational area today.

The meeting was to air Sen. Maurine Neuberger's bill for a national seashore park and Rep. Edwin Durno's bill for a national shorelands area. Durno wants the dunes under federal forestry service and Mrs. Neuberger proposes development under the national park service.

Darrell Jones of Milwaukie, Clackamas county commissioner and president of the Association of O & C Counties, was to ask support for a multi-million dollar access road and recreational program developed by the association.

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Editor's note: As Red China pressed her attack against Nikita Khrushchev's policy of peaceful co-existence with the West, her "great leap forward" program to surpass the West in industry and agriculture suffered a setback of disaster proportions. Following is the last of three dispatches on the problems of Peiping.

By PHIL NEWSOM
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Drought, flood and official mismanagement heaped new hardship on the long-suffering people of Red China this year.

For the millions herded into Mao Tse-tung's communes, it meant a cut in daily food rations from 12 ounces of rice to less than four, or a diet of rice husks mixed with yams.

Officially, the Communist party called it the greatest natural calamity to hit China in 100 years.

But party attacks on "bureaucratic ineptitude" and announcement of a purge of "reactionaries and bad elements" within the communes' leadership made it clear that mismanagement was a major cause of the disaster.

The foregoing is not to imply that its mistakes place either the Red regime or Mao Tse-tung in danger.

Commune Program Slowed
The commune program has been slowed but not halted. Successes can be claimed in the massive industrialization program, notably in increased steel production.

Mao's own influence remains unquestioned. His infallibility is proclaimed in a rising cult rivaling that once enjoyed by the late Josef Stalin.

The extent of Red China's agricultural disaster gradually became known after the first of the year.

People's Daily and Peiping radio announced that about half of the total cultivated land in China had been seriously affected. In some areas no harvests were reaped at all.

Hundreds of thousands of officials were sent from their desks to help peasants "get over famine."

Mao Tse-tung, a Communist theorist who leaves it to others to transform his theories into reality, decreed establishment of the communes on Sept. 5, 1958.

In one stroke some 500 million Chinese were to be jammed into communes of as many as 10,000 families each. Homes would be abolished to form a vast labor army organized on military lines.

Said the publication, "America!"

"Here is a nightmare phantom of collectivism which for open horror, gross inhumanity and satanic ambition dwarfs any devil materialized within the Communist bloc during 41 years."

Economic Structure Upset

At any rate, aside from its inhuman characteristics, Mao's system of communes had upset China's entire economic structure.

The years 1958-59 were eventful ones for Red China.

The Communists had occupied the mainland for 10 years. Behind them were the blood-baths which saw the execution of an estimated 14 million "class enemies." Collectivization of agriculture was well under way. Opposition political parties had been abolished.

The alphabet had been simplified and westernized. Critics who mistakenly had raised their heads upon Mao's invitation to "let 100 flowers bloom" largely had been eliminated or were being re-educated.

By 1958, Red China was challenging the Soviet Union for at least co-leadership of the Communist world. Red China announced new oil discoveries, the biggest rice crop in its history, and the inauguration of a vast irrigation project diverting waters of the Yellow river to irrigate more than three million acres in Honan and Shantung provinces.

With Russian aid, the first atomic reactor was installed. Crop Failures

In 1959 and 1960 came two successive years of crop failures.

Previous glowing reports of agricultural production proved grossly exaggerated. Millions of Chinese again were on the move on orders from Peiping, this time back to the farmlands.

Peasant families were given back small home plots on which to grow food and keep pigs and chickens. Non-Communist incentive plans were being introduced to reward the better producers.

Frankly, the Chinese, already short of foreign exchange, ordered millions of bushels of grain to be shipped from Canada, Australia and France. All this without

BACKWARD INTO TIME

Space Flight Compressed 25 Hours Into 89 Minutes, Society Figures

By DICK WEST

Washington - (UPI) - Back

yonder when Einstein first propounded the theory of relativity, some minor poet of waggish temperament attempted to capture its essence in a limerick.

As I recall it, the poetic interpretation of the Einstein theory went something like this:

"There once was a young man named Wright,
"Who could travel much faster than light."
"He took off one day
"In a relative way
"And returned the previous night."

I was reminded of this limerick of the time-and-distance paradox as I was reading a thesis prepared by the National Geographic Society on the recent Russian space flight.

The Geographic Society has got it figured out that Maj. Yuri Gagarin's epic ride across the firmament compressed 25 hours into 89 minutes, as time is measured here on Earth.

At one point, relatively speaking, Gagarin actually was going backward into time. Either that, or he got ahead of time. I can't figure out which.

At any rate, he came disturbingly close to making a prophet out of that limerick writer. You will see what I mean when you examine the astronaut's time schedule as worked out by one of the society's cartographic engineers.

Gagarin blasted off from a base in the Black Sea area at 9:07 a.m. on a Wednesday. The Soviet Union operates on daylight time, so this presumably was 8:07 standard time.

He soared into space above the Pacific and crossed the

international date line north-west of Hawaii, where it was 5:30 p.m.

"Now," said the Geographic Society, "He was back on Tuesday, the day before he took off."

Gagarin didn't begin to catch up with himself until he passed over the Drake Passage, near the tip of South America, where it was midnight.

This returned him to Wednesday, the day of his departure. At 10:55 a.m. he landed somewhere in the Soviet Union. Wherever it was, it was west of where he started because the Earth has turned more than 22 degrees eastward while he was gone.

Only 89 minutes had elapsed in the Soviet Union, but in space where Gagarin was, he theoretically orbited the clock twice around.

I don't even pretend that I can grasp this concept. It gives me the willies just to think about it.

I tried thinking about it for awhile, and it brought me to the conclusion that when Gagarin landed, he was almost a day younger, or older, than when he took off.

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