

Durno Takes Look Backward At Congressional Experience

Dr. Edwin R. Durno, speaking as a "private citizen," took a brief look backward at his congressional experience Monday, then cast a searching eye over a number of this country's current problems.

In an address to the noon luncheon of the Medford Chamber of Commerce Roundtable, the former congressman from Oregon's fourth district, said politics was an "interesting, exciting and sometimes rewarding business," and that he was "happy to have served."

But Dr. Durno expressed concern that the last three administrations have "spent too much money," with the telltale danger signal of the unbalanced budget.

'Horrible Climate'

He termed Washington, D.C., as a city with a "horrible climate," a "great hodge-podge of people," a continual construction and remodeling boom, and a higher per capita increase in crime and juvenile delinquency than any other city in the United States.

Turning to the composition of the House of Representatives, the speaker said the intermediate bloc of southern Democrats - posed midway between the Republicans and northern Democrats - holds the "balance of power" in congress. He said press talk of a "coalition" was inaccurate.

"The southern Democrats do not participate in any coalition unless it suits the purpose of the south," he said.

Dr. Durno sketched out a number of the major problems which this session of congress faces.

In the area of foreign policy, the speaker pleaded for more support for President Kennedy, "the only man in the country who knows all the facts, who has all the available information" about a particular situation such as Cuba.

The speaker said he "felt sorry" for the president because of the enormous pressures and responsibilities of the office.

"But I do not feel sorry for those persons around him," Dr. Durno said. "Many of the people close to the president are outright Socialists. I won't call them Communists, but they are Socialists."

Urges Charter Revision

Dr. Durno urged revision of the charter of the United Nations, which he said has become a "forum for talk." He said he did not agree with the charter provisions which give equal vote to all members, regardless of size or the literacy level of its population. The speaker objected, too, that the "United States is paying 50 per cent of the UN's bills."

The nation's foreign aid program he criticized as being "inefficient, corrupt and wasteful," a program which provides money for potentes, with little of it trickling down to the people.

"The Peace Corps is a good thing because it exports Americanism," he said, but he warned that some of President Kennedy's advisors want to see it transformed into an "international" organization, and he urged the Roundtable members to write their senators and representatives to oppose such a move. He also

said he was against formation of a domestic peace corps.

Assistance Needed

Dr. Durno agreed that some form of medical assistance for the aged was needed, but strongly urged that it not be instituted as part of the Social Security program.

"It would be much better under a private system," he said. He warned that such a program would undermine Social Security and "make it more insolvent than it already is."

America is a "mature nation," he said, and its people have an abundance of material goods. But its "golden years may be over," he said, unless certain drastic changes are effected.

"We must curtail the grab for power, reduce the bureaucracy, balance the budget, cut down on spending (particularly foreign aid), and close loopholes in the tax structure," he warned.

Expresses Concern

Dr. Durno also expressed concern over the "matching funds" procedure, which he said is being employed in nearly all government agencies and programs.

"Matching funds are the bait which catches the fish," he said, "and you and I are the suckers."

The speaker said flatly there is a "managed press in America." He said news is managed not by distortion or necessarily quoting out of context, but rather by what the newsmen leaves out of their reports.

"Things have been left out of reports of talks I have given right here in this community," he said.

Death of Eugene Pilot May Have Hastened the Downfall of Trujillo

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De la Maza, instead of hanging himself in remorse, was tortured in prison by secret police who wanted him to sign a "suicide" note "confessing" to killing Murphy. He refused, was killed, and the signature was forged, Porter said he was told.

When Porter as a congressman and the State Department refused to accept the suicide story, the Trujillo government tried hush money. An American attorney who represented the Dominican government suggested to Porter that a suit for damages in behalf of Murphy's parents might bring \$50,000. He was right. A lawyer retained in the Dominican Republic took \$10,000 of it for his fee, the American lawyer took another \$5000 before the balance was sent to Porter, perhaps with the idea that the congressman would take a cut and stop protesting. Porter sent the \$37,000 to the flier's parents, who at first refused to accept it but later relented.

How did Murphy's death figure in the downfall of Trujillo? Octavio de la Maza, the flier sacrificed in the heinous cover-up of Murphy's murder, had a brother named Antonio - and Antonio was one of the key men in the 1961 assassination of Trujillo.

He who lived by the sword, died by the sword.

Plans for Sale Of Fish Lake Resort Announced

Negotiations are under way between Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Dance, Rogue River, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morris, owners of the Fish Lake Resort, for the purchase of the resort, it has been announced.

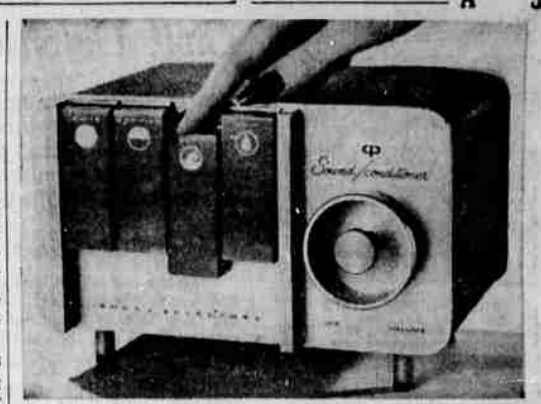
The U. S. Forest Service is in the process of formulating a new special use permit for the Dances, forestry officials said today, but it has not been completed. It was noted that the permit could either be a term permit, specifying a certain number of years, or could be for an indefinite period.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris, 2514 Country Club dr., Medford, also operate the Willow Lake Reservoir resort.

Pacific Power and Light company plans to construct a power line to Fish Lake sometime this summer. Right of way through both the Rogue River and Winema National forests has been arranged and two timber sales for clearing have been made. It was reported that right of way clearing is nearly completed.

The power line will connect with the line to Lake of the Woods.

With the completion of that section of the Winnemucca-to-the-Sea highway to Highway 62, the resort will be changed from a summer resort to full year operation. It includes 11 cabins, a lodge, store, restaurant, boats, campgrounds and trailer facilities.



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Sweeping Changes Forecast In Federal Landlord Rules

By ELMER LAMMI
United Press International
Washington - UPI - Sweeping changes in the rules under which Uncle Sam plays landlord over vast expanses of public lands in the west may be in the making.

Western senators, swamped by complaints from home, have become increasingly critical of the way the lands are administered and are preparing to take a hard look at the antiquated public land laws. Pressure for an overhaul also is growing in the house.

Most of the criticism is falling on the Bureau of Land Management, a branch of the Interior Department which reigns over 477 million acres of public land. Counting lands no longer owned by the federal government but in which it still retains mineral rights, the BLM has responsibility for some 800 million acres - about one-third of the entire area of the United States.

Western legislators - pressured by angry constituents - are complaining that the agency's administration often is capricious, arbitrary and snarled by red tape.

Bible Announces Probe

Thus it hardly came as a surprise when Sen. Alan Bible (D-Nev.), chairman of the Public Lands subcommittee, announced that his committee would make a "sweeping investigation."

"I concluded it was high time we had an investigation of the administration of the agency and the land laws themselves," he said.

A hard look at the BLM and land laws also is expected to be taken by the House Interior committee, where another Nevadan - Rep. Walter S. Baring - heads the Public Lands subcommittee.

Their studies could lead to junking of laws dating back to horse and buggy days and their replacement with what Bible, a lawyer, said would be "modern, streamlined laws."

Bible's announcement came soon after western senators had protested an Interior Department decision to raise grazing fees by some 50 per cent. Bible and other senators, under pressure from stockmen, had asked that the increase be put off pending more study.

Hike Angers Stockmen

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Portland Officer To Discuss Check Cases at Law Class

James E. Matteson, Portland, detective in the Multnomah county sheriff's office, will discuss the investigation of bad checks in the first advanced class for law enforcement officers in Medford Wednesday, March 13.

A native Portlander, Matteson has been with the detective division since July, 1951, and has served in the sheriff's office for more than 20 years.

This is the first class in the 1963 series of advanced training programs for law enforcement officers throughout the state. Classes will be held in 15 Oregon cities.

The classes are sponsored by the Oregon Association of City Police Officers and the Oregon State Sheriffs association in cooperation with the federal bureau of investigation, the Oregon state police, the League of Oregon Cities, and the bureau of municipal research and service of the University of Oregon.

The school will be held twice a week for three weeks and will be attended by all Medford police officers. Two sessions daily will be held at 12:30 to 3:30 and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Hedrick Junior High school.

Other classes will cover such subjects as courtroom case preparation, demeanor and procedures, auto theft, interviews, confessions and signed statements, practical photography, and dangerous drugs.

Russia's 'Buzzing' Charges Rejected

Washington - UPI - The State Department Monday rejected new Moscow Radio charges that U.S. Air Force planes have "buzzed" Soviet ships at sea.

Spokesman Lincoln White said U.S. patrol aircraft routinely "identify" vessels in international waters, "particularly in the ocean approaches to the U.S." But he said, "the pilots of these aircraft are under explicit instructions not to approach closer than is necessary for this identification purpose."

Library Approved At Portland State

Eugene - UPI - The State Board of Higher Education's building committee today approved of a new five-story library for Portland State College.

The building committee recommended architects go ahead with plans for the library. It would be located two blocks south of the Ione Plaza and occupy more than half a block on S. W. Harrison st. between 10th and Park aves.

If the legislature approves funds construction is scheduled to start next winter.

The library would supplement Portland State's existing library. The present one has a seating capacity for only 700 of the school's 5,500 students.

The new library would be planned to eventually rise to 11 stories. Enrollment at Portland State may reach 20,000 in 20 years, officials have said.

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