

# New Udall Book Claims America Has Abused Its Land

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Stewart L. Udall published a book last week — "The Quiet Crisis" — an account of how America has abused its land coupled with a plea to the nation to develop a land conscience.

If Udall were not the complete political being he is — a scion of a political family in Arizona, three time a congressman, now secretary of the interior — he would be, in all probability, an explorer, a conservationist, a friend and lover of the land. That's how the book reads.

Udall's book shows him to be

conversant with how America's forests were slaughtered, how a large amount of the country's topsoil was washed away, how the discovery of oil set off a period of waste and dissipation, how wildlife was killed. Throughout the 209 pages of "The Quiet Crisis" Udall generates a feeling of reverence for the land.

**Shrinking Space**

"America today stands poised on a pinnacle of wealth and power," Udall says in a foreword, "yet we live in a land of vanishing beauty, of increasing ugliness, of shrinking open

space, and of an overall environment that is diminished daily by pollution and noise and blight.

"This, in brief, is the quiet conservation crisis of the 1960's. It is not too late to repair some of the mistakes of the past, and to make America a green and pleasant — and productive — land. We can do it if we understand the history of our husbandry, and develop fresh insight concerning the men and the forces that have shaped our land attitudes and determined the pattern of land use in the United States."

Udall has some powerful help in his effort to put across a message that "a once beautiful nation is in danger of turning into an ugly America." The help comes from the introduction written by President Kennedy.

**Imperious Problems**

"The crisis may be quiet," Kennedy says, "but it is urgent. We must do in our own day what Theodore Roosevelt did 60 years ago and Franklin Roosevelt 30 years ago: We must expand the concept of conservation to meet the imperious problems of the new age. We must

develop new instruments of foresight and protection and nurture in order to recover the relationship between man and nature and to make sure that the national estate we pass on to our multiplying descendants is green and flourishing."

Udall begins his story of the land with a discussion of the land wisdom of the Indians. The Indians had affection for the land, but no notion of private ownership. He contrasts that concept with that of the white man — especially the English — who coveted land, considered

it something to be owned outright.

He progresses to America's first land policy, enunciated by Thomas Jefferson, that unoccupied land should be owned by all — that there should be a public domain.

**Wood Slaughter**

He goes on to the era when lumbering was the country's biggest manufacturing industry and the wood slaughter was in full swing. There was sufficient wood, he says, for 1,000 years, yet the lumbermen leveled most of the forests in 100.

Udall pays tribute to the naturalists, conservationists, foresters, "White Indians," historians, and politicians who finally recognized that the land's great natural resources were being wasted. These include Henry Thoreau, William Bartram, John James Audubon, Daniel Boone, Kit Carson, Francis Parkman, George Perkins Marsh, Carl Shurz, Frederick Law Olmsted, John Muir, Gifford Pinchot, Stephen Mather, and the two Presidents Roosevelt.

Udall sums up his feeling with

these words: "Henry Thoreau would scoff at the notion that the gross national product should be the chief index to the state of the nation, or that automobile sales or figures on consumer consumption reveal anything significant about the authentic art of living. He would

surely assert that a clean landscape is as important as a freeway, he would deplore every planless conquest of the countryside, and he would remind his countrymen that a glimpse of grouse can be more inspiring than a Hollywood spectacular or color television."

## Mild Season for Mosquitoes Noted In County Report

The past mosquito season was a mild one due to cool weather, according to Jackson County Sanitarian George Runyan.

One cause for concern was the large number of culex tarsalis, a carrier of sleeping sickness, he said. Several species of Aedes mosquitoes, those which bite mainly in daylight hours, were a continuing problem and are expected to be for some time, Runyan said.

Treatment of mosquito larvae, mosquitoes before they hatch, was continued as a major program and was moderately successful, the sanitarian said. The survey program provided a "broader base of information" with the addition of light traps, and should be expanded, Runyan said.

**Recommends Position**

He recommended establishment of a full-time position in vector control for one year-around employee. He suggested the county buy a new three-quarter ton truck to replace the present pick-up truck.

In his report to the County Court, Runyan noted that the past season mosquito control was handled by one permanent health department employee and by two summer employees. One resigned the middle of August to become the county printer.

Runyan said a full-time employee to handle mosquito control would permit a more logical and orderly development of the program. The present system does not allow long range planning and development of a permanent mosquito control program, he said.

**Work More Intensive**

Runyan noted that the survey work was more intensive this year. Two light traps were placed at White City and on the east side of Medford. Not all mosquito species are attracted by the light, Runyan pointed out, but he plans to use other forms of light next year.

The number of Culex peus mosquitoes declined in the past season, but the Culex tarsalis population increased. Both are found in log ponds, but not exclusively.

The Aedes mosquitoes are associated with flood and irrigation waters and continued as a severe pest problem.

"So long as water floods over

the dense clay type of soil prominent in the valley and the water stands in small puddles for about a week or more this problem will continue," Runyan predicted. "Roadside ditches and other miscellaneous collections of water produced more mosquitoes than last year."

**Control Operations**

Control operations concentrated on log ponds because of the large number of mosquitoes that emerge from the unchecked areas when conditions are good. A total of 1,138 acres of log ponds were treated during the season, and emergence of adult mosquitoes was held to a low level.

Sixty-four acres of miscellaneous mosquito sites were treated. Runyan pointed out that it takes more than two miles of four foot wide ditch to make one acre.

DDT was used extensively. Malathion, Lindane, Baytex and diesel oil were used where needed, the sanitarian explained.

## Flying Wallendas Perform Pyramid Without Mishap

FORT WORTH (UPI) — The audience fell silent; the aging man barked commands, and the "Flying Wallendas" defied death again in their famous "human pyramid."

Twice Wednesday seven members of the German troupe mounted the high wire and piled gingerly atop each other until the three-level stunt was completed. They plan 21 performances here.

The pyramid crumbled just 22 months ago in Detroit and two Wallendas were killed. A safety net hangs mutely beneath the performers here — a new innovation.

**Performers Fell**

The Wallendas' act was originated by Karl, 58, in 1954 in Germany. After the Detroit tragedy, the performers fell during rehearsals at Sarasota, Fla. During a runthrough here Tuesday night, someone accidentally switched off the lights while they were on the wire. The Wallendas froze.

The lights were quickly restored, and the aerialists climbed down from their 36-foot high perch.

Karl said the "human pyramid" will be discarded after this circus.

## College Buildings Part of Bond Issue

SALEM (UPI)—Measures to include community college construction in the \$30 million higher education bond issue to be voted upon at the May primary were approved Wednesday in the House and sent to the Senate.

The companion measures include a bill and a resolution. The resolution earmarks \$25 million of the bond issue for higher education, and \$5 million for community college construction.

The bill, which becomes effective if voters approve the \$30 million bond issue, authorizes use next year of \$12.5 million for higher education construction and \$1.4 million for community college.

The rest of the bond authorization would be reserved for the 1965-67 biennium.

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