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—George P. Putnam

## An Open Letter to the People of Oregon

From Senator Wayne Morse

The Senate of the United States is about to open a debate (probably this week) which is of such grave importance to the people of the United States—and to every person in the State of Oregon—that I feel compelled to report to you as directly as I can.

The issue is whether the vast and valuable oil and mineral deposits which lie beneath the coastal waters off California, Louisiana and Texas shall continue under the jurisdiction of the federal government, or shall be given by the United States to the adjoining states as a gift.

Armies once "moved on their stomachs." Today, armies, navies and air forces move on wheels, diesel, and jet propulsion—and all require petroleum. Our defense, therefore, is no stronger and no deeper than our oil production and reserves. Today, the United States is an oil deficit nation—we import an average of one million barrels a day to meet our current needs.

Our last great oil reserve lies underneath the water off the coasts of California, Louisiana and Texas. Senator Holland's bill would give coastal states ownership of the lands under the marginal sea up their so-called "historical boundaries" which are not readily definable. The potential international complications are too involved to describe, but are quite serious. Senator Daniel of Texas, proposes that in addition the three states receive 37½% of all royalties on oil extracted from beneath the continental shelf which lies beyond the "limits" set by the Holland bill. Federal jurisdiction over the continental shelf has never been questioned.

The federal government has been unable to adopt a comprehensive plan for this oil reserve for two reasons. The three states have consumed years in litigating their claims against the United States and while the issue was before the courts it was impractical for the government to grant leases to private companies and to develop needed legislation. In addition, the Congress has not passed legislation empowering the national government to enter into such lease arrangements. Existing legislation conferring such power for mineral extraction on public lands WITHIN the country has been insufficient to cover the submerged land areas.

I have joined with Senator Anderson and others in introducing a bill to authorize the United States to deal with minerals in the submerged lands in the same manner that minerals in public lands have been handled. This would give the United States the green light it needs to make agreements with private oil companies for the development of these rich oil fields in a manner which would insure orderly extraction and the maintenance of a proper reserve for defense requirements. Such a reserve would not be just a pool of oil in the ground. With proper planning, spacing, other technical devices and appropriate agreements, sufficient wells could be put in place to constitute a ready reserve. Our bill provides for the same liberal royalties to the coastal states now paid the states for minerals extracted on interior public lands within their borders.

The Holland bill does not make adequate provision for defense needs. It only would enable the federal government to have a preference in obtaining petroleum extracted from the submerged lands. No provision is made for a comprehensive conservation and defense plan applicable to all of the off shore oil states.

If federal control were continued with the additional defense and contract authority required, the Hill amendment, which I have co-sponsored, would apply the many millions of dollars of expected revenues to paying a substantial portion of our defense expenditures. This would be the most practical step yet proposed toward balancing the budget and reducing our 266½ billion dollar national debt. It even holds some promise of tax relief.

If either or both the Holland and Daniel plans succeed this enormous wealth would be lost to the people of the nation.

The Hill amendment also would seek a plan for applying oil and other mineral revenues to education throughout the United States. A conservative estimate places the total loss of school aid at 50 billion dollars. The State of Oregon might receive as much as half a billion dollars for its 250,000 enrolled school children. Another survey places the potential loss to Oregon schools at 80 million dollars a year. These estimates may prove too great or overly conservative as geological investigations of the submerged lands progress. Such a program would be in conformity with national school aid policies which go back to the Northwest Ordinance of 1787.

California, Louisiana and Texas claim that the Holland bill would do no more than "confirm" their ownership of what has erroneously been called "tidelands." The answer is simple. The "tidelands"—the area between high and low tide—are not in issue. The federal government has never attempted to assert jurisdiction over that strip.

And the Supreme Court of the United States has three times rejected the claims of the coastal states to the submerged lands beyond the tidelands. Under our constitutional system, a decision of our highest court is final on legal issues. These three states and the oil companies wish to overturn the result of legislation.

The legal basis for "return" is so slight that even the attorney general of the new administration has testified against giving California, Louisiana and Texas ownership of these areas and counseled that they only be given authority to administer the extraction of oil and minerals. These states do not have a legal right to the areas and it is clear that policy considerations are completely against their demands.

It is fraudulently argued that if the Supreme Court decisions are upheld, the rivers, harbors and lakes of all states will be threatened by federal control and usurpation. The Supreme Court has long held otherwise. To ally even these baseless fears the Anderson bills specifically disown any such

federal intention and confirm the states' paramount control of rivers, harbors and lakes.

These are the reasons I am going to fight the Holland and Daniel oil land grab bills:

- (1) These resources belong to all of the people of the United States;
- (2) We need a co-ordinated federal policy for orderly development and a ready reserve for defense;
- (3) These oil revenues should be used to offset defense expenditures, and possible debt reduction and tax relief;
- (4) These oil revenues should be used for one of our first lines of defense—education.

And, I warn, that if this move is successful it will constitute a precedent public domain and natural resources now held by the federal government for the benefit of all the people.

## Editorial Comments

### ONE WAY TO SLOW HIGHWAY KILLINGS

Colorado is not satisfied that the way to stop highway killings is to sit and talk about them. Roadblocks are set up frequently on busy highways and cars and drivers are checked.

Does the plan work? Yes. Here is an example: In December, 1951, there were 19 traffic fatalities as compared to 40 in December of 1950. When state police stop a machine, the driver's sobriety is closely eyed. Condition of the car's brakes, lights, muffler and emergency equipment is gone over.

In one batch of 13,000 drivers, 745 tickets were issued. In this period only one drunk driver was arrested.

Five to eight police efficiently operate blocks where traffic is not too dense. At least 15 men are needed where traffic is heavy. The blocks are placed whenever and wherever men are available. Apparently this haphazard way of imposing checks keeps motorists alert to the possibility that they may be "next"—in short, fear of enforcement may be as effective an agency as roadblocks themselves.

Cajolery, pleadings and snappy slogans all have their part in "education" of drivers to make them safe motorists. But it has long been our theory that nothing enforces the law like law enforcement.—Oregon Journal

### VELDE GETS TOLD OFF

The house un-American activities committee has told off its chairman, Rep. Harold Velde (R., Ill.) for shooting the breeze too much about investigating churches and clergymen. The committee is having enough trouble handling the hot potato of its probe into the schools.

It might be worth while investigating Congressman Velde's own record to see how well qualified he is to inquire into the patriotism of other people.

On August 18, 1949, the house debated the military assistance program under which we help our friends over-

seas to build up their armies to resist Communist aggression. The 1949 program called for shipping \$60 million worth of guns, ammunition and other military equipment to the Republic of Korea, plus sending defense material to other nations.

But Velde voted to cut \$75 million from the total program, thus crippling Korea's ability to defend herself against the Red attack that came less than a year later.

And on Jan. 19, 1950, Velde voted against a bill to give the Korean people \$100 million to buy food and clothing and to build up their industry.

Those votes certainly were right up Moscow's alley.—AFL News-Reporter.

## GATES

A benefit card party, given by the Girl Scouts, troop 52, was held Saturday evening in the recreation rooms of the high school. Nine dollars were cleared as a start towards their camp fund. The girls plan to give a series of parties to be held every other Saturday evening at the school house, until the dead line for camp registration. Mrs. Walter Thomas is leader of the troop.

Mr. and Mrs. Colis Heath of Klamath, Calif., were called to Gates by news of the death of Mrs. Heath's brother, Curtis Young, who lost his life when the car he was driving overturned. Mr. and Mrs. Heath are at the home of Mrs. Heath's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Len Young.

The Red Cross drive was held here last week with Mrs. W. R. Hutcheson in charge. Assisting ladies were Mrs. Kenneth Martig, Mrs. Dan Morrison, Mrs. Philip Hess, Mrs. David Barnhardt and Mrs. Edward Chance.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pennick and two children drove to Salem Sunday to meet Mr. Pennick's uncle, Joe Pennick, who had flown his own plane to the Salem airport from his home in Olympia, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fleetwood had as their weekend guests their daugh-

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ter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brisell and two sons from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shelton and daughter, Barbara, made a short visit at the Albert Millsap home last week.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Miley were Mrs. Miley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bolmeier of Silverton.

From Salt Lake at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Means this week are Mrs. Means' mother and sister, Mrs. W. H. Kratzer and daughter, Kathy. Mrs. Kratzer and daughter made the trip alone by auto.

Dallas visitors this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor were Mrs. Taylor's daughter, Mrs. Glen Henness and Mrs. Burrell Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Richards have both been quite seriously ill, at their home with the flu. At last reports they were recovering and able to be out of bed.

## IDANHA

By MRS. S. T. MOORE

The Idanha American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a cooked food and apron sale at Davis Store on Friday, April 3, at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Nancy Monroe was honored Wednesday evening at a shower given by Mrs. Sam Palmerton and Mrs. Wilbur Chestnut.

Gifts were presented Mrs. Monroe at the Chestnut home by the hostesses and the following guests: Mrs.

Zetta Schlador, Miss Kazuko Inuzuka, Mrs. Scott Young, Mrs. Robert Young, Mrs. Vern Morgan, Mrs. Dorland Ray, Mrs. Huber Ray, Mrs. Janet Baker, Mrs. Clifford White, Mrs. R. C. Haseman, Mrs. Jack Haseman, Mrs. Milo Harris and Mrs. Vern Alvin.

The Detroit-Idanha high school faculty members have invited the high school student body to a reception to be held April 2 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the school gymnasium.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### "Biff" Falls for His Own Story

Biff Morgan's four-year-old daughter Rusty is something of a night owl. Stays awake way past her bedtime.

Every night Mrs. Morgan complained about how hard it was to get Rusty to go to sleep. Finally Biff decided to handle the situation. "Anyone can get a kid to sleep — takes a little patience! Here, hand me her storybook."

He grabs the book and goes into Rusty's room. About an hour later Rusty comes padding out in pajamas as — hands her mother the book. "Read it quietly," she

whispers, "so we don't wake Daddy."

From where I sit, Biff won't be so quick to be a "child-care specialist" the next time. If we could just resist being such "know it alls," our neighbors would be better off. Take those who would deny me a glass of beer with my supper — well, I might not care for the buttermilk they like. We all ought to realize that we all have different abilities and different preferences, too.

Joe Marsh

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