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ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL by KEN McLEOD

Ground Water resources have been an overlooked item in the past when water policy has been discussed, but, in recent years this resource is becoming one of the most vital factors in water resource development everywhere. One of the prime questions discussed by the Oregon State Water Resources Committee when that Committee talked with the people of the Klamath Basin was the need for control over ground water supplies.

Competent authority states that water within the body of the soil mantle which we speak of as "ground water," exceeds in volume by several times the amount of surface water, streams, lakes, reservoirs within the boundaries of the nation.

We have so wantonly misused, abused and mismanaged the surface water that all "ground water" supplies are becoming increasingly important in our lives. The quality of "ground water" generally is such that it is more useable than our polluted surface waters. As the pressure for more useable water increases, the present, fast accelerating use of ground water will pyramid. Unregulated exploitation of this community resource will inevitably end in shortages for all users.

A ground water source can deliver for use on a sustained basis, only the amount of the annual recharge of the aquifers through which the ground-stored water is replenished. When regulation of use is non-existent, and "mining" of the ground water supply ensues, the stability of the community is threatened.

Examples: Overdrafts on ground water in the Los Angeles district is so excessive that saline waters have invaded the land as much as two miles from the ocean shore. A similar situation developed on Long Island from overdrafts. The withdrawal of water from ground sources in the Salt River Valley, Arizona, at twice the recharge rate, has threatened the economy of the area and resulted in the fabulous proposal called the "Central Arizona Project of Reclamation" — a scheme to have Uncle Sam bail out those who over-used the natural available supply.

I could go on and on with similar examples from all over the nation, for this problem of "ground water" is one that is not confined to just our Western area. The vital importance of a solution for "ground water" control is so evident that there should not be any delay in its determination has caused the Outdoor Writers Association to make a statement of policy in regards to the "ground water" question.

"Two actions are indicated with relation to ground water resources," states the Outdoor Writers. "First, there is immediate need for sound, forward looking ground water codes in every state. Second, Congress should recognize immediately the explosive increasing demands on ground water resources and their importance in the economy, and, at once, supply funds for the ground water division of the U.S. Geological Survey's studies of this resource. It is far more important at this moment to allocate funds to this work which has had such negligible appropriations in the past than to authorize more constructional features dealing with surface water and appropriate funds for them."

Next to "Ground water" in immediate importance, or perhaps even of greater importance is the subject of "Pollution." The pollution of waters, any type of surface water or ground reservoir, is a violation of the principle that anyone granted a right to use a portion of the community water wealth does not acquire a right to destroy the usability of the water in that which is returned to the common "water bank account." The act of committing a destructive pollution does not stop with the loss to use the water so polluted alone but far too often the whole body of water to which the pollution is added has its usefulness destroyed. It is recognized that it is impossible to pump water to use along its line of transit and maintain spring-fed purity. But it is within the scope of American enterprise and ingenuity to maintain water through stages of reuse, so it will not become poison to people, processes, and aquatic life. Not only decency demands that no person or community shall so misuse and pollute water that it no longer can be of service, but the exigencies of our future needs make it mandatory that this principle of maintaining the integrity of water throughout its transit line shall govern.

The outdoor writers who phrased the National Association's Water Policy was particularly ready to condemn the school of thought which has voiced the thesis that "God put the streams where they are to carry away the wastes of communities." Any acceptance of the idea that our streams are God-installed sewers is repugnant and a vicious line of reasoning.

SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP) — The H-bomb is tested in the Pacific and a little later a young supply clerk pays his check at Jersey Standard Oil Co.'s dining room in Rockefeller Center here and picks out a pamphlet from a rack nearby. Before his lunch hour is over he has a general idea of what the H-bomb is about.

He won't learn how to make one, but if he really yearns to play with fire there's another pamphlet on hand, "Outdoor Cookery."

The same scene could happen across the country—at General Motors plants, or Du Pont, Alcoa, Western Electric, American Airlines, General Tire & Rubber. This information-feeding of employees, in fact, is now in use in some form or other by about 1,500 corporations.

Several million workers take out an estimated four million booklets a month. General Motors has been doing it for 4 1/2 years, distributing 50 million copies of over 300 different booklets.

"Who says the H-bomb is a mystery?" is popular right now. But the leaflets that employees pick up the most are those on sports, hobbies or the "do-it" like "Sew It Yourself."

The highest pickup Standard Oil reports is for "Manhattan News," put out as a special during New York's newspaper strike.

The all-time low in employees' reading interest was the printed minutes of the stockholders' annual meeting.

With 3,400 employees eligible to use the dining room, the average weekly pickup of pamphlets is 1,672. In six months the company has provided 90,000 copies of 47 different booklets for a total cost of \$3,380.

The company gets them from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Defense, New York State Chamber of Commerce, National

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Safety Council, the American Petroleum Institute, from speeches by oil company executives (not too popular) and from a number of firms making a business of supplying leaflets for corporation racks.

One of these dispensers, the Good Reading Rack Service of New York, says the free pamphlet services grew out of management's efforts, largely since the war, to educate workers on safety, economic principles and company problems.

FIRE
LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Fire aboard the lumber freighter Lumber Lady, at its berth here Monday night destroyed crew's quarters.

The 2,333-ton vessel arrived here Sunday from Rainier, Wash., with 2,710,000 board feet of Douglas fir, half of which had been unloaded. No damage estimate was available immediately.

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By Jimmy Hatlo

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JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — Who's lying? Finding the answer will be the main task of the Senate subcommittee which investigates the fight between the Army on one side and Sen. McCarthy and Roy Cohn, chief counsel of his investigations subcommittee, on the other.

But whether the committee ever agrees on the answer may turn out to be as interesting as the investigation itself. The seven-member group has four Republicans, including McCarthy, and three Democrats.

Since the Wisconsin Republican says he will testify under oath, that means all the witnesses—including, no doubt, Cohn, Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens, and John Adams, the Army's chief counsel—must also swear to tell the truth.

Committee agreement that a witness was lying would be the first step toward prosecution by the Justice Department and a jail term if the witness were convicted in federal court of perjury.

The dispute revolves around Army Pvt. G. David Schine, son of a wealthy hotel family and unpaid worker on McCarthy's staff until he was drafted.

1. The Army says McCarthy and Cohn intended to get Schine a commission before he was drafted and afterwards tried to pressure the Army into giving him special treatment. McCarthy and Cohn deny this.

2. McCarthy says the Army tried to "blackmail" him into giving up his investigation of communism in the Army and produced memoranda charging the Army was holding Schine "hostage" to make McCarthy lay off. Stevens and Adams deny this.

McCarthy now says he will not only testify under oath but will let Army witnesses, or their lawyer, cross-examine him. This couldn't happen under the committee's present rules without McCarthy's agreement.

But, since he will be taking part

in the investigation of himself and the Army as a member of the committee, he will be able, unless the rules are further changed, to wear two hats in the investigation, an extraordinary sight in the Capitol.

1. He'll testify as a witness, and stand cross-examination.

2. Then he will get up from the witness chair, walk around to his committee chair, and cross-examine those who testify against him.

If Cohn acts as McCarthy's attorney in the hearing, the two men can sit together and advise with one another, while McCarthy is being cross-examined.

But Cohn won't be able to play his usual role in the hearings of this committee. As his chief counsel he did most of the routine questioning of witnesses.

He said last Sunday he had learned that one of the committee's staff members had gone around to the other staff employees asking them to sign a pledge of loyalty to Cohn. The counsel said he had nothing to do with this.

If there had been no other reasons, this alone would have made it impossible for the committee's regular staff to work on this investigation. It will be their job to get information together, some of it to be used in the case of Cohn, and question witnesses on what their testimony will be.

So the committee yesterday decided to make Cohn step aside for this investigation, and the whole staff too. Another chief counsel and a new staff will be hired for this investigation.

Some committee members expressed hope yesterday the investigation could begin late next week, not only in public but before television cameras. This seems unlikely.

First the staff will have to be assembled, evidence and information gathered, and some prospective witnesses questioned before the hearing opens. Late next week may be too soon for that.

Water Board Move Asked

EUGENE (AP) — A proposal that a board be established to coordinate water resources development throughout the state was made at a hearing of the Oregon Water Resources Commission here Monday.

Lou Torgeson, spokesman for a local development group, made the suggestion and also urged that planning be designed at the lowest practical levels.

He said a state board could work with such agencies as the Willamette River Basin Commission.

Torgeson also said that the state, instead of launching water development projects itself, might provide loans to local groups to finance projects.

All five members of the resources commission, including Chairman Lyle Watts of Portland, attended the hearing.

Nisei Wins Citizenship

PORTLAND (AP) — Yukiko Sato, 28-year-old Nisei, has won her fight for United States citizenship. She was born at St. Maries, Idaho, and was taken to Japan when she was four. In 1946 she was voted in a Japanese election. When she applied for a United States passport in 1948, the U. S. government rescinded her citizenship, holding that voting in a foreign election is relinquishment.

Two years ago she was allowed to return to the United States to start a court fight for her citizenship. She argued that she voted only because she was threatened with loss of her food ration card, her job and with "social ostracism."

Federal Judge Gus J. Solomon held that she acted under duress, and restored her citizenship.

She lives with her parents near Ontario, Ore.

Court Rules On Sidewalk Crash

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The court has ruled in a bicycle-tricycle collision that resulted in 8-year-old Jack Chase sustaining a leg fracture.

Superior Judge Thurmond Clark yesterday returned a \$1,323.98 judgment against 11-year-old Bobby Ritter had no business riding his bicycle on the sidewalk, where the Chase boy was on his tricycle.

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If this method of treatment holds up after further trial it should be a boon to women suffering in various degree from what may at present be called pre-menstrual tension.

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HAL BOYLE

Aboard the Mauretania at Sea (AP) — A cruise is the best way in the world today to cure yourself of land sickness, the gee-I-d-like-to-get-away-from-it-all feeling.

On a ship you can get away from practically everything that bothers you, but you can't sail away from time.

Ever since my 42nd birthday I've had a sinking feeling that, sooner or later, I'd be 43 years old. And sure enough it happened just a few days ago, somewhere in the Caribbean.

I dreamed that old father time grabbed me by the forelock (or what is left of my forelock) and his gray voice wheezed in my ear: "Tag, again, kid. You're it. You're 43. Did you think you'd get away this year?"

Then I awoke and heard my wife saying: "Why are you trying to hide under the pillow, Rover? Wake up. Happy birthday!"

I groaned and pulled the sheet back over my head. This annual birthday cowardize on my part always annoys Frances.

"Listen, my little scribe with the fringe on the top," she said. "I'm getting tired of nursing you through your birthdays. Why do you always take a birthday as a personal disaster, or as if it were a plot against you?"

She had a point. I always feel fragile on my birthdays, fearful that something unexpected and dreadful will happen. I am afraid that if I comb my hair it will all come out at once, or that if I brush my teeth they will all fall out on the bathroom floor. From head to toe I feel decrepit.

"It's a matter of heredity," I told Frances. "The fear of growing old runs in our family, just as bankruptcy does in yo—uh—in other families. It's been that way for centuries."

"But 43 isn't really old."

"Maybe not. But it's such a dumb age. A man's age makes some sense at 20, or 50, or 70. But 43 is a brief patch. At 43 the only thing a man really has definitely finished is his youth. But he hasn't completed his work in life. He hasn't raised his kids, or paid off the mortgage on his home, or saved enough to retire on."

"His wife takes him for granted, as she does the furniture, and other women regard him as a vague puppet that automatically opens doors for them or lights their cigarettes at parties. The only people that find him socially fascinating are insurance salesmen seeking to sell him one last policy."

"At 43 a man is just a prisoner in the haunted house of his own life."

I sank back on the pillow, worn out with self-pity.

"I don't want to interrupt your agony," said Frances. "But if you'll just try to buck up and act more like a man about it, you can celebrate your birthday any way you want to."

"Fine," I said. "I'll have lunch in bed."

"People have breakfast in bed, not lunch."

"In my family people always have lunch in bed on their 43rd birthdays," I told her. "It's been that way for centuries."

Well, Jack Barnes, our room steward, brought me lunch, and a small crying towel. He cheered me by saying that while women could understand the horror of turning 40, only a man could appreciate the wilderness loneliness of being 43.

Later I brushed my teeth carefully—didn't lose a one—and attended a birthday party at the captain's table. After some champagne I felt strong enough to blow out the single candle on my birthday cake. Understanding my suffering, those present recalled cases of men they knew who not only had survived their 43rd birthday but even had gone on to finer and bigger things. Probably nothing but lies, lies, lies, but I did feel better.

Then I went up alone and stood by a deck rail just a middle-aged man on a middle-aged ship under a middle-aged moon, staring at the infinite night... the patient stars

...the foam that flowered and died on the endless waves.

Somewhere beneath me in the deep lay the coral encrusted bones of many forgotten men, and the wind that cooled my face, or a wind just like it, would blow a hundred years from now on faces yet unborn, bringing them a fresh mood of mystery.

Suddenly it seemed silly to be there beating my head against the thought of time, as if time were a prison wall, when after all time may be merely a movement, a current swirling us toward something well worth seeing it, and age is merely the admission fee.

Turning away from the deck to go below, I felt oddly comforted, and didn't quite mind so much being a year older. But I still say that if there is any age dumber for a man than 43 it is—no, don't tell me—probably 44.

KILLED
CORVALLIS (AP) — Fred Andal, 39, Monroe, Ore., partner in the Green and Andal Logging Co., was killed Monday when hit by a log he was helping to load at a south Benton County woods operation.

It was the county's first logging fatality of the year. Andal is survived by the widow and a child.

Salmon Catch Figure High

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington's commercial salmon catch exceeded 10 million fish last year for the third time in 22 years.

The State Department of Fisheries, in reporting Tuesday that the 1953 catch was slightly over 10 1/2 million fish, cited these other statistics:

Above average catches were made in four out of five species—chinook, silver, pink and sockeye. The catch totaled 73 million pounds; the wholesale value was 19 million dollars; fishermen got 11 million of it.

The chum salmon yield fell to 506,000 fish, with about one-fifth of them coming from the Willapa Harbor fishery. Adverse wintering conditions during the 1949-50 incubation period were blamed.

The figures include landings in Puget Sound, along the coast and along the Columbia River.

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