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## Along NATURE'S TRAIL with Ken McLeod

Years ago when we first took an interest in history our learned professor bound by the traditional point of view of European culture taught us that the reason why the Incas developed a high type of civilization as expressed outwardly by art, science and political achievement was because of a favorable climate and an ample food supply that gave them the leisure time for the development of these arts of civilization. Little was said about ruthless subjugation of other people but slaves and treasure was a cornerstone in European development that likewise produced the leisure time for the conquerors and wealth for the agrarianism of their culture.

This sounded plausible and so the pedantic theory was accepted by us as being truth our immature judgment would not dare to question the wisdom of our elder teacher since we were required to pass a course and to pass one must shine by conforming. Nevertheless, the thesis was as false as many another theory of the teaching of the European philosopher. Its very foundation crumbles as we see the growth of civilization in the Maya, Mexico and the Incas of Peru where man has demonstrated that a favorable environment is not necessary for great cultural achievement. While it may be assumed that it was the favorable climate of the Mediterranean that developed the Golden Age of Greece such a parallel could not be drawn in the case of the Incas who lived in an environment of the high Sierra where everything was inferior except man himself.

The rise of agricultural knowledge among the Incas equalled that of the Greeks and the Romans. Their Mediterranean conquerors. The contributions the Amerindians have made to agricultural development demonstrate ages of intelligence and time devoted to the arts of handling the soil. Of course the development had some shortcomings in that it had to be accomplished without the aid of the ox, horse, or any other power than that of their own muscles. This was natural since the region did not possess a wild animal that could be domesticated. The work animal the Incas ever domesticated was the llama and the llama is a creature as equally independent as was its Inca owner.

To this day, the llama has never permitted man to harness him to a plow or cart. Hence the Incas developed the footplow, a pointed stick with footrests and handles, which was guided by the hand. This hand operated digging tool penetrated the soil only to the depth of about four inches. Women and boys knelt down in front of the "plowmen" turning over the sod as rapidly as it was pried loose.

The footplow was well adapted to precipitous slopes and dwarf fields of the high Sierra environment of the Incas. The Inca terraces are among the man-made wonders of the world. In the rugged sections, the restricted cultivable area was extended to the limit by terraces. Constructed of stone, they were so well built that even today, after centuries of neglect, many are still in use.

The Incas, however, were more than just farmers. They were skilled road builders and great workers in stone. The southern Sierra fairly bristles with distinguished art. While it is not known if the Incas actually were the race of people who built Cuzco and other marvelous monuments in the Andes, or whether these were already established and were only improved by them. Nevertheless many scholars are of the belief that it was the ancestors of the Incas who were responsible for these great megalithic ruins.

The Inca was also a great designer and dyer of textiles; in all probability these Indians have never been equaled in this art, and certainly never surpassed by other ancient craftsmen. The finest of their fabrics was made from the wool of the vicuña, the softest of all animal fibers — 270 thread to

## They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

THE TV WEATHERMAN GIVES HIS HEAT-RIDDEN PUBLIC A PREDICTION TO SOOTHE THEIR FEVERED BROWS...

BUT THEN HE FOLLOWS UP WITH A FEW QUALIFYING STATEMENTS THAT DROP YOU RIGHT BACK IN THE DOLDRUMS...

HIGH TODAY, 98°... BUT HERE'S GOOD NEWS—A COOL FRONT IS ADVANCING EASTWARD FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS...

THANK HEAVENS! IT CAN'T GET HERE TOO FAST FOR ME!

OH, BOY! THAT IS GOOD NEWS! I DON'T THINK I COULD STAND THIS ANOTHER DAY...

"HOWEVER, LET ME CAUTION YOU AGAINST UNDUE OPTIMISM, BECAUSE A SOLID FRONT OF THE HOT BLASTS FROM THE GULF STREAM IS MOVING UP FROM THE SOUTH..."

THAT'S DOUBLE TALK FOR IT'S GONNA BE MUCH HOTTER TOMORROW!

WONDER CAN WE SWAP IN THE TV FOR AN AIR CONDITIONER...

THINK AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO GREGG D'ALESSIO, HARRISON, N.J., N.Y.

## Weather In Nation Varies

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rain fell along Atlantic coastal areas and gale force winds whipped sections of the Carolina coast today as hurricane Connie remained at sea some 200 miles southeast of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Although there were a few wet spots in the southern Rockies and the Central Plains most of the nation reported generally pleasant summer weather.

Hurricane flags remained displayed from Myrtle Beach to the Virginia Capes. Other sections along the eastern seaboard from Jacksonville, Fla., to Cape Ann, Mass., were kept on the alert. Skies were cloudy and rain was reported from the Carolinas northward to New England. Falls generally were light. Biggest amount was nearly two inches at Buffalo, N.Y.

It was warmer in the northeast section while farther west through the Ohio Valley and Great Lakes region there was a little cooling with considerable fog reported. In the Gulf states early morning temperatures ranged from the middle and upper 70s east and central to the 80s in Texas.

Clear and cool weather prevailed in the Northern Plains and partly cloudy in the southern areas while it was pleasant in the northern Rockies, the Pacific Coast and the uplands of the Great Basin. Hot weather continued in the interior valleys of the far west and the Southwest desert region.

Early morning readings included Chicago 69, Salt Lake City 74, Needles, Calif., 91, San Francisco, 54, Seattle 58, Boise, Idaho, 71, Syracuse, N.Y., 75, Nantucket, Mass., 67, Minot, N.D., 69, Memphis, 70, Wichita, Kan., 74, Harrisburg, Pa., 72, Austin, Tex., 84, Springfield, Ill., 69.

## Letter From Washington

By CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

The closing hours of the first session of the 84th Congress did not offer very much in excitement or interest for the people who packed the galleries of the House to watch it adjourn "sine die". Nor had the session dragged on past the previously predicted July 31 adjournment date as long as some of us thought it might. Only three or four controversial matters remained to be disposed of after Saturday and those were handled in more or less routine manner Monday and Tuesday. There did not seem to be much of the last minute rush and confusion which has usually marked the end of a session.

The last two or three hours were dull almost to the point of being boring, particularly for the spectators which accounts, I guess, for the fact that there was very little singing, joke telling and humorous speech making which usually occurs when the final gavel falls.

Several big bills which were earlier scheduled for final action during this session, were put over until next year. Included in that list were the sugar allotment bill, the Upper Colorado reclamation bill, federal aid to school construction, amendments to the Social Security Act and some others. These can and doubtless will be disposed of early in the next session which convenes in January.

The President suffered two disappointments late in this session. The housing bill as finally passed was not what he wanted. It included 45,000 units of straight federal public housing. His request was for public housing which was constructed only to provide low rent homes for those who were forced to vacate slum areas as the result of the slum-clearance and what is called the Urban Redevelopment Program. Since the administration can still control the allocation of funds for public housing the Congressional action on that subject was not too much of a blow but the failure of the Congress to pass the highway construction program was a real set-back.

I am now preparing a summary of this session of Congress which will be sent to quite a large mailing list of people in our Congressional District. If you would like to receive a copy of this "Report to the District" by your Congressman just write me at New House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

This is the last of these weekly letters from Washington for this year. After September 8 Helen and I will be at our home in Roseburg until the end of the year. Meanwhile we are going to take a vacation trip we have been promising ourselves for years. We are going over to the Hawaiian Islands where I plan to get a really good rest. After we return from the islands we are going to spend several weeks visiting each of the seven counties in our district.

My office at home will be open in the Pacific Building in Roseburg right after the first of September. The Washington, D.C. office will also be kept open so that I can keep in touch with the government departments here.

By CONGRESSMAN SAM COON

This will be my last newsletter to you until Congress reconvenes in January, 1956. I have about cleared up the work which I had to do before I could leave Washington, and will soon be heading for the District. It will surely be good to get home and see all of

## JAMES MARLOW

AP News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Republicans are contentedly putting all their bets on President Eisenhower's running again and winning in 1960, and the Democrats are gloomy about their prospects if he does.

That's the picture which emerges from this year's governors' conference in Chicago where most of the states' chief executives, Republican and Democratic, are meeting to discuss politics and their mutual problems.

At Chicago nearly all the Republicans who have done any talking for print are not speaking in terms of any Republican presidential candidate except Eisenhower. The Democrats who talked are divided and unenthusiastic about their prospects.

Because the Republicans are putting all their eggs into Eisenhower's basket, they seem destined for panic next spring if he says he will not seek another term. He has said he would decide in the spring.

They won't have much time left then to build up a successor for him. No other Republican is outstanding. But they probably won't have any more trouble picking a candidate in 1956—if Eisenhower doesn't run—than the Democrats.

The Democrats' hopes would soar, of course, if Eisenhower were out of the picture.

Here are some samples of what the Democrats at Chicago had to say:

Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff of Connecticut, he doubts any of the three top Democratic candidates now could carry his state. The three he named: Adlai Stevenson, the Democrats' unsuccessful 1952 candidate; Gov. Averell Harriman of New York; and Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

Gov. Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey, as of today there's doubt any Democrat could beat Eisenhower in 1956. There is more sentiment in his state for Stevenson than for Harriman, he said, although he thinks Harriman is interested in the nomination.

Harriman reaffirmed his own preference for Stevenson. He said he wouldn't encourage a move to nominate him. But he declined to say he would discourage it, either. This can be interpreted as running while standing still.

And Gov. Frank J. Lausche of

## Car Disappears, Only Parts Found

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—A state Supreme Court legal adviser is looking for a body, that of his 1954 automobile.

Morris Flynn, legal assistant to Justice N. S. Corn, reported his car stolen from the parking lot at the Capitol Monday.

Police have recovered five wheels, a jack, a low chain and seat cushions but the rest of the car still is missing.

DIES

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Death has claimed Jape Murin Crisp, 62, scenarist and co-author of "Smilin' Through" and "Lilac Time." She was the former wife of actor Donald Crisp. They were divorced in 1944. She died yesterday.

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