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Questionable Move

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
Apparently the plan to establish a youth camp at the former prison camp at Newell hit the snag of government possessiveness that has dogged taxpayers in recent years.

The camp has been on a standby basis ever since the end of World War II. It was equipped with everything necessary to put it back into operation, including bunks, cooking utensils, refrigerator space, barracks, and all else needed.

The California counties of Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Modoc and Butte had contemplated using the prison camp as a youth camp, after it was suggested by supervisor Earl Agar that the camp be used for this purpose.

He stated that it would result in a considerable saving of taxpayers money.

A telephone call to the warden of McNeil Island penitentiary revealed that the Bureau of Prisons leased the area from the Bureau of Reclamation, and that their lease would expire on June 30.

However, typical of government bureaus, the Bureau of Prisons now has plans to strip the camp before leaving it. They plan to dismantle the camp taking all movable property, thus making its use impossible for the California counties.

The camp would have been used to house boys 15 to 18 who have been involved only in misdemeanors, rather than committing them to reformatories.

There appeared to be objections to the establishment of the camp from Newell sources.

But objections or not, it appears that the Bureau of Prisons could have saved the taxpayers of California some money by agreeing to turn over the camp intact to the five county group rather than going to considerable expense to strip the camp, leaving only the buildings to stand as a ghost camp.

Also, while we're on the subject, it would have seemed possible when the migrant housing shortage was so acute the past several years that the Bureau of Prisons could have authorized the use of this camp which was complete with beds and all else.

Instead, while workers and their families struggled to find places to live out of the weather and existed in the most miserable of conditions, the camp stood idly by, on a standby basis, and refused to open its doors to anyone.

This Newell camp thing is a typical example of a governmental agency possessing something which they are going to hold on to regardless of the need of people or the amount of extra taxpayers money it might take to replace it, merely because they consider it as belonging to them.

It doesn't! It belongs to the people who pay the taxes to make that government go. It's time government became aware of these things and became more responsive to the will of the people, instead of trying to bend the people to the will of the government.

The five counties have until June 30 to locate a camp site to qualify for a budgeted \$60,000 by the California Youth Authority.

Several other sites are under consideration, and another site will probably be approved, but the actions of the Bureau of Prisons in reference to the Newell prison camp is certainly a questionable move in my opinion, and the interests of the taxpayer could have been much better served by turning the camp intact over to the five county group.

Roundup

By FLORENCE JENKINS
The annual Red Bluff Roundup will be held on April 18 and 19 this year and it seems to us it attracts almost as many visitors from the Klamath Basin as from Tehama County.

An amateur bareback riding contest, limited to riders from Southern Oregon, California and Western Nevada, starts each day's performance. The wild horse race ended the show the last time we saw it.

The professional entertainers are invariably excellent and usually include stunt riding by youngsters which is always popular. It usually rains a little which makes the cattlemen very happy and doesn't seem to dampen the spirits of the crowd one bit.

Red Bluff is a mighty hospitable town. We could take a lesson here from its practice of covering parking meters for special events, especially when the "bullshippers" come to town for the annual Red Bluff Range Bull Sale the first weekend in February. (We've heard criticism lately from North-

ern California shoppers who collect parking tickets here before they can finish their lunches in Main Street eateries.)

All the friendliness at Red Bluff isn't strictly local, however. Standing at the foot of the grandstand one year with the very dignified and poised wife of a leading Oregon and California cattleman, we were amused to see a Chiloquin resident step up to her, doff his hat in the lightly falling rain, and ask her to save him a dance at the street dance that night.

It's a great crowd and a grand show. It's so great, in fact, that the Palomino Room substitutes paper cups for their regular bar glasses for that weekend.

Off-Beat Notes

By TOM STIMMEL
The Printed Word

The current issue of Sunset contains an article on "Opal Fields in the Virgin Valley." The fertile field for rockhounds lies in Nevada, not far from here. The author is much closer. The story and four photographs were the work of Don Kettler, Herald and News photographer.

Sen. Richard Neuberger continues a prolific writing career on the side. This month's issue of Harper's contains Neuberger's account of the Klamath Reservation termination story. He calls it, "How Oregon Saved A Forest."

Neuberger also is responsible for a tribute to the late Gene Favell of Lakeview that appeared in the Congressional Record on March 18. The senator lauded Favell for his work on the Klamath termination.

Not printed, but written anyway, is news from Chief of Police Charlie Howard, now at the FBI Police Academy in Washington. Charlie reports unexpected honors. He says he has met an Alabama police officer who commissioned him: "Lieutenant in the Confederate Air Force."

Annihilation
By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a world where death and devastation could strike in a few minutes, you might like to see what stands between you and possible annihilation by the Soviets.

The following picture was outlined by Gen. Thomas S. Power, who talks with the detachment of a surgeon explaining how to open an avenue into the heart.

Power is chief of the Strategic Air Command whose long-range bombers and nuclear bombs, at bases here and abroad, have a double mission: to discourage an attack or, if the Soviets try it, to eliminate them.

The general emphasized the importance of an early warning of a Soviet attack to a congressional committee with this little clinical example about his bomber base at Thule, in northern Greenland.

"I like to tell the commander at Thule that he will probably be one of the first to go if we get into a war but that there is one thing I would like to know from him, and that is when he went. This might be vital intelligence."

Power commands not only the strategic bombers but the intercontinental ballistic missiles that this country will produce. For some time American ICBMs will be under a handicap.

They will be liquid fueled, need large crews, and have to be anchored in one place. Once the Soviets know where they are, and war starts, they could be destroyed before they got off the ground.

Power's solution: bury the missiles deep in the ground in con-

crete shelters which would resist everything except a direct hit.

Power sounded happier talking about the more distant future and the solid-fueled ICBM, the Minuteman, which needs only a small crew, could be mass-produced, and can be moved around. It doesn't have to be anchored.

The general envisioned the day when the Minutemen, in bunches, could be shipped around on trains, moving constantly, so the Soviets could never know where to shoot at them.

He emphasized two things: that this country right now must depend on radar for its early warning and on its six-jet B47 bombers to discourage a Soviet attack and hit back if one comes. Later there will be the ICBMs, too.

But Power cannot be described as completely happy about radar. "Radar," he said, "is a real fine device. The only trouble with it is that it sees too well. It sees things that are not there."

This raises a problem. Whether or not what the radar sees is real, a man in command of bombers must assume they are real. He gave an example of what he meant.

Suppose the radar men called him and said their screens had picked up 1,000 objects heading for the United States and that they were missiles. Instantly, he could order his planes into the air and away.

Between the time they took off and were getting near their target he would have perhaps one hour and a half to learn for sure whether those blips on the radar screen were really Soviet missiles.

If it turned out radar had seen something else besides Soviet bombers or missiles, Power would still have time to call back his bombers. They wouldn't attack unless he said so.

But suppose radar picked up those 1,000 objects which were thought to be Soviet missiles and the general wanted to hit back with American missiles. He couldn't push the button sending them on their way.

The reason: once on their way, they couldn't be called back. He would have to refrain from turning the American missiles loose until he knew for sure this country was under attack.

The Lighter Side

By FRANK ELEAZER
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee met in solemn session to consider a new treaty of friendship with Muscat and Oman. It gives me pause to think how close I came to missing the hearing.

Luckily I decided against a competing session of the Senate Space Committee. Now if anybody ever asks me what the Louisiana lottery was, and how it would have moved to North Dakota except for a dead man, I'm ready.

Otherwise the hearing was a little confusing. Sen. Alexander Wiley set the tone with his opening inquiry on the treaty of friendship with Muscat and Oman.

"I'm in favor of it, of course," the Republican from Chippewa Falls, Wis. assured the State Department witness. "But you might tell us in general where these little countries are."

This turned out to be what is known as a very good question, and it probably is just as well Wiley said a reply "in general" was all he wanted.

W. T. M. Beale, the deputy assistant secretary of state for economic affairs, located the area for the committee with no trouble at all. It is on the southeast coast of the Arabian Peninsula, right there by Saudi Arabia.

But the committee's big wall map of the world didn't seem to

show much on the subject, so a special map of the Middle East was erected. And it said of Muscat and Oman, "Boundaries in this area are undetermined."

Beale also suggested tactfully that Muscat and Oman weren't really two countries, exactly, but more like one, although he said some of the folks in Oman, who revolted a few years ago, may not go along with this view.

Muscat is the big city and Oman the rest of the country, sort of, it developed. Only Muscat really is two cities, one of them Muscat and the other named Matrah.

Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) finally said it's one country, all right, and that the whole thing is simple.

"It's the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman," he explained afterwards to U.S. newsmen. "It's ruled by the sultan. Of course there is also the Imam of Oman, and the relationship between the Sultanate and the Imamate is a little—well, I'm sure you don't care about that."

Happily, everybody seemed to favor friendship with Muscat and Oman, and no doubt the treaty with this country (or these countries) will be ratified just as soon as the State Department sends up a little more clarifying material.

Meantime the committee had time to consider the nomination of Carl W. Strom as ambassador to Bolivia. In addition to his other qualifications Strom turned out to have been a Rhodes scholar with Fulbright at Oxford.

"There it goes again," snorted Wiley at this disclosure. "It's all set up!"

The Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.) ascertained that Strom's father-in-law served in North Dakota's first legislature, along with Langer's father.

"How did he vote on the Louisiana lottery?" Langer demanded, suspiciously.

"He voted against it," said Strom, thereby sewing up committee approval of his nomination.

Langer, whose dad also opposed the lottery, said a fellow from New York made a fortune running it but was squeezed out of Louisiana about 1890 and tried to move the business to North Dakota. Lottery backers finally mustered a one-vote majority to let him come in but at the crucial moment one pro-lottery member died. So did the lottery bill.

"Did he die a natural death?" inquired Fulbright. "He did," Langer replied.

So the nomination was approved, by unanimous vote.

Quotes

United Press International

WASHINGTON—The wife of former Rep. Usher L. Burdick, when she received word from a friend of her husband's that the 80-year-old former lawmaker was in Minneapolis and had not disappeared: "You can't imagine my relief when this man called."

LOS ANGELES—Former President Truman, reporting he was for a good scrap in the next presidential elections and adding: "I hope they nominate a certain fellow from California because he'll be the easiest to lick."

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Gov. Orval Faubus, warning the federal government that he would not use his police powers to force any federally ordered integration of Little Rock schools: "I don't think the people of the city are in a mood to take integration."

WELLINGTON, N.Z.—U.S. Undersecretary of State C. Douglas Dillon, reporting that the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization has played a vital role in the free world's defense system: "Only in the upside-down language of international Communism is SEATO anything but a purely defensive alliance."

NEW DELHI, India—P. N. Menon, Indian press chief, telling newsmen his government's attitude toward news contacts with the refugee Dalai Lama: "We will not put any undue restrictions on the Dalai Lama."

CHICAGO — Producer Jules Pfeiffer, saying he fired comedian Jack E. Leonard from the show "Fun Time" because Leonard's contract forbade the round funnyman from mentioning Pfeiffer's name on stage.

"Instead, he said I stole the Humboldt Park lagoon at age 14 and that I was head of the Jewish Mafia. Need I say more?"

They'll Do It Every Time



Washington Applauds Adenauer's Decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Konrad Adenauer's decision to withdraw from active direction of the West German government later this year won quiet applause today in official Washington.

Whatever they may say publicly in tribute to the German chancellor, U.S. foreign policy makers say privately there are two outstanding reasons why his move should strengthen the Western alliance:

1. By choosing to step up to the presidency instead of remaining chancellor until death or disability cut him down, Adenauer has almost certainly thwarted Soviet hopes that the end of his regime would be followed by a struggle for power, creating uncertainty and weakness in Bonn.

2. By electing to leave the chancellorship, he has started clearing the way for younger men with more agile minds to take a greater part in the development of German policies.

This probably means the introduction of greater flexibility into West Germany's attitude toward negotiations with the Soviet Union over the Berlin crisis and related problems, beginning with a foreign ministers conference May 11.

One of the first places where modifications of foreign policy may become apparent is in a meeting of U.S., British, French and West German diplomats in London beginning next Monday.

Following up the meetings of Western foreign ministers here last week, the four-power group has the task of putting into shape the proposals which the Western powers will present to the U.S.S.R. at the Geneva foreign ministers session next month.

The West German government has been divided within its own ranks about the kind of proposals which the Western powers should make.

In an earlier diplomatic conference in Paris last month, German representatives went along with inclusion of a confederation plan among the Western proposals for the Geneva conference. The idea was that a confederation of East and West Germany would constitute one of the early stages in a step by step program for reunification.

When Foreign Minister Heinrich

Town In Nevada Named 'Jackpot'

JACKPOT, Nev. (AP) — This hamlet of 100 people just south of the Idaho border shook off "Unincorporated Town No. 1" Tuesday and started life as Jackpot.

The name was deemed just right for a string of slot machine clubs eager to oblige would-be gamblers from Idaho.

At first the clubs couldn't agree on a name, and bickered over such proposals as Paradise, Cactus Pete's and Horseshoe. Elko County commissioners settled the dispute by calling it "Unincorporated Town, No. 1."

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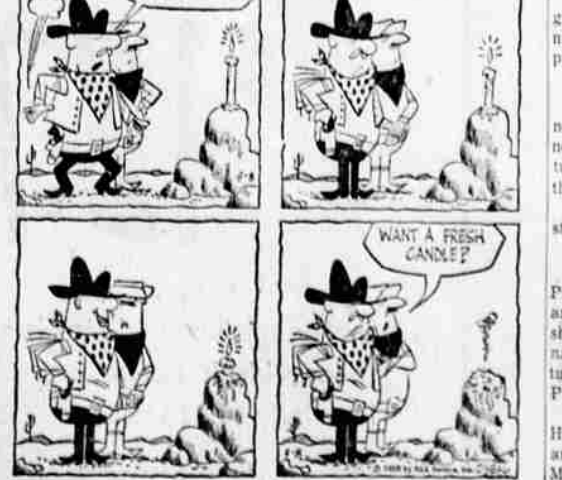
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SHORT RIBS

By Frank O'Neal



Ike, Medic Termed Happy

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower is happy and so is his doctor.

The President is pleased because he is back for another visit at his favorite vacation spot—the Augusta National Golf Club.

His physician, Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, is happy because Eisenhower is getting the outdoor exercise and warm sunshine the doctor prescribed.

"This is the first summer I've felt in a long time," the President exclaimed with a chuckle as he arrived here from Washington Tuesday.

Snyder couldn't have arranged it better if he were in charge of the weather. The temperature was 80 degrees and the sun was a Chamber of Commerce dream.

"This is marvelous," remarked Mrs. Eisenhower as she came down the ramp from the President's private plane, Columbia III.

Eisenhower and the first lady motored directly to the golf club. Five minutes after arrival he was out on the famed course where Art Wall Jr. won the Masters Tournament Sunday.

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