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## Forced Move

By BILL JENKINS

If we are to believe the reports coming out of California these days we are already a long, long way from the path of the pioneers. A new era, whether you consider it good, bad or indifferent, is most certainly upon us.

For instance: Scientists working on the water problem in California met last week and said that one possible answer to the current water shortage might be the reclamation of sewage.

Not what one would call a tasty or appealing plan, but one that is being given serious consideration nevertheless. Simply because in the nature of things today water is very likely to be the key factor in continued existence.

Water, after all, is the prime issue facing the West. The die has been cast, right or wrong, for expansion with a capital E. More people to do more jobs to make more money to spend in more places—and to use more water and more land and create even more related problems such as air pollution.

Not that this business of reusing sewer water is the only arrow in California's quiver. Other methods are also under study. Conversion of sea water, for one. Right now prohibitively costly but still a bright hope for the future when and if cheap power (if there is such a thing) becomes available. Then there are various plans to reduce evaporation, alternate means of waste disposal, cutting down on power requirements and the continued re-use of water.

But it all boils down to the basic fact that without water the Western states are in a sad fix indeed. And with the population explosion continuing it looks like we'll have to dig around to find some supplementary source. The streams and rivers just can't take care of everybody anymore.

There is something else that has to be taken into consideration, too. Scientific research may be the eventual answer but in the interim period politics is going to rear its ugly head. And a darn grisly head it is too when viewed from the northern aspect.

Why? Simply because politics in its essential form is nothing more than vote control. To have vote control you have to have voters. And, boy, has California got voters. And they are getting more at the fantastic rate of something like 2,000 a day.

So what is likely to happen? Well, California voters are going to have their eyes turned northward to the abundant rivers and streams that flow their merry way to the sea through the mountains of Oregon and Washington to expend their fresh water potential against the limitless wastes of salt water.

And don't think for a minute that California south of the Sacramento is going to be squeamish about helping itself to that water. By fair means or foul. Neither should one fall into the trap of thinking that such an engineering feat is beyond human comprehension. Funneling the waters of the Columbia from its present channel to Central California is not only feasible, the plans are already on the drawing boards.

The pioneers had to keep their eyes open and their powder dry. What we need to do is keep our eyes open and our rivers wet.

Let's hope that science can, for once, keep ahead in the race. If it comes to a matter of politics the Pacific Northwest is going to be a doggone dry area.

And don't you doubt it.

## Vital Link

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

I found out the other day that a vital link in the nation's defenses lies north of Reno in a spot that I once termed "mostly abandoned with apparently only caretaker service available."

A note from someone, mailed from Madeline, California, enclosed a program from an Armed Forces Day celebration at the Sierra Ordnance Depot at Herlong, California.

The note referred to my editorial of September 29 regarding an air trip to Reno, and urged me to check up on Herlong.

I haven't been able to dig up any too much information except what the enclosed program contained.

However, from that, it appears that the Sierra Ordnance Depot is certainly a going and a vital concern.

The site for this giant depot was chosen in 1941 with construction getting underway in 1942, completed in 1943.

Sixty six housing units were completed and a project of reconditioning ammunition initiated in 1944. An elementary school, community church and the 6,000-foot

airstrip were also added in 1944. The military portion of the reservation covers about 98,000 acres, 61,000 acres constituting Honey Lake.

The depot is located in Lassen County, California, 56 miles north of Reno and 36 miles south of Susanville. It is located seven miles east of U.S. Highway 395.

Mission of the depot consists of receipt, storage and issue of conventional ammunition, bombs, guided missiles and liquid propellants; the supply of ammunition and guided missiles to the Sixth U.S. Army; the U.S. Air Force, and installations in the states of Arizona, California, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Alaska and Hawaii. It is also a base for demilitarization of unsafe and obsolete ammunition and components; renovation and modification of ammunition, guided missiles and the storage of general supplies.

The peacetime shift, between 1947 and 1951, accounted for the ammunition-overseas distribution, automotive and small arms rebuild mission being moved to other installations.

The Sierra Ordnance Depot became the Surveillance Function Test Mission and a place for receipt, storage and issue of strategic and critical materials.

In other words, it's still a pretty busy place. This is also evident from the air, although in my air trip article, I had reference only to the ammunition storage depots which from the air show little evidence of activity.

However, during a normal year, according to these same sources, the depot will handle a total of 85,000 tons of ammunition and general supplies. Of this total, about 40,000 tons are shipped to customers all over the world.

The area has continued to expand and continues to serve its original function well as a vital link in the nation's defenses.

I stand corrected, and hope to visit the area someday on the ground where I can take a close-up look.

## Halloween

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Much is written every year about the damage done by pranks on Halloween.

Under the name of "harmless fun," children used to destroy many, many dollars worth of valuable property.

J. M. Smith, president of Farmers Insurance Group Safety Foundation, cites the changing times thus: "Children just aren't as delinquent on Halloween as they used to be."

Trick or treat expeditions, especially when accompanied by parents, have cut down mischief. In many communities, planned window painting contests have largely supplanted the annual soaping. Insurance companies are widely endorsing the Halloween safety rules given by the American Medical Association.

The AMA urges parents to make sure that costumes are flameproof and light-colored so they can be seen easily at night. (Reflecting tape, liquid or arm bands do the job best, it states.)

"Masks are dangerous," the rules declare, "since they restrict vision and also provide a danger of suffocation. Paint false faces on children, using cosmetics and burnt cork for effect."

Sharp instruments such as knives are just as dangerous to the safety of the youngster as a burning torch. Equip your goblin with a flashlight-powered lantern and if he wants a knife, make sure it is a dummy.

"Be sure your goblin informs you of where he's going, how long he'll be out, if he will be under supervision and if he will be with

others of his own age," the AMA warns. "Above all, remind children not to dash into streets, not to play in them and not to cross without looking both ways."

Homeowners are urged to take trash barrels and other tempting objects inside.

Parents of older youngsters might plan group parties for them and leave the trick-or-treating to the little ones.

The town of Weed does a fine job each year of planned community entertainment for the youngsters with such leaders as Long-Bell division of International Paper Company cooperating in the project.

## Morals Charges

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—Just out of curiosity I was wondering why the long delay in filing complaints on these morals charges recently reported in the Herald and News.

Under our constitution a man is considered innocent until proven guilty beyond any doubt, so what I want to know is where could the proof be in a rape that happened some five months ago? Certainly any bruises or other physical evidence would have disappeared in that length of time.

This is going to be an interesting case to keep up with providing of course the paper keeps us well informed as it progresses.

A morals charge against a man even if he isn't convicted would be a black mark against a man's record for the rest of his life.

Then there is the other case where two years passed before a complaint was filed against a man for exposing himself to a 7-year-old girl. Whether he is guilty or not remains to be seen, but in my opinion, the party who waited so long in filing the complaint should be guilty of something.

I may be wrong, which I doubt, but if you ask me these are two examples of how to waste the taxpayers' money.

R. E. Mueller,  
2629 Vandergrift.

## Crater Lift

Medford (To the Editor)—Can you recall your first trip to and glimpse of Crater Lake? I can mine. 'Twas a long day by horse team and backboard from Fort Klamath on a winding dirt road through unspoiled, awe-inspiring, primeval forest.

But my first glimpse of Crater Lake was almost overwhelming in its immense grandeur and beauty. I stood entranced, motionless for minutes, silently trying to comprehend what I was seeing. It was almost too wonderful to be real.

Then I moved slowly to more nearby viewpoints. Others have told me they were similarly impressed. I've walked down to the water's edge and up several times and viewed the lake from various angles. But the magnitude of Crater Lake, its real penetrating beauty is to be seen from the rim. And there are about 40 miles of rim road from which, every little ways, one may get a new soul-filling view. Try it! ("Parks are God's plantations where decorum and sanctity reign." Ralph Waldo Emerson.)

The view, the whole surroundings at Crater Lake, as in Carlsbad Caverns, or at Bok Tower when the carillons are played, should bring such reverence, thoughts of one's Creator and His wondrous works, and one's nearness to Him, that quiet silence is demanded. At Bok Tower, with a thousand or more people waiting for and listening to the carillons, a pin could almost be heard if dropped on the green sward.

A chairlift at Crater Lake would soon be a race boat boost, a noisy boisterous crowd down and up. And then, and soon, just another sput-

terling race track on another polluted puddle.

God-made Crater Lake has no comparable wonder and beauty. We should preserve Crater Lake and other natural scenic beauty spots. Let us keep Oregon's waters and waterways, and air unspoiled.

We want no billboard alley highways, and no mechanical lift at Crater Lake.

## Pen Pal

Tokyo, Japan (To the Editor)—My dear Mr. Editor: If you can spare a little of your precious time, I would appreciate it very much.

What I want is this: I always wanted through letter-writings to make some friends in your country, but I did not know how to do it. Recently, however, I was told by the Youth Council for International Contact, that the best way is to write to the newspapers and give me your name.

So, I am writing this letter to you. If you can insert this letter somewhere in your pages so that I can start communications with your readers, I would appreciate it very much.

If such insertion was not able to be done, then may I ask you to pass this letter to some schools or cultural organization or some individuals? That will help me, too.

Let me introduce myself briefly. I am a 16-year-old Japanese girl and am attending high school.

Takaho, Mitsuhashi,  
413 home, Kamidori,  
Shibuya-ku,  
Tokyo, Japan.

## The Almanac

United Press International  
Today is Tuesday, Oct. 27, the 300th day of the year, with 65 more days in 1959.

The moon is approaching its new phase.  
The morning star is Venus.  
The evening stars are Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn.

On this date in history:  
In 1838, Theodore Roosevelt, later the 26th President, was born in New York City.

In 1871, Boss Tweed was arrested on charges of defrauding New York City of millions of dollars.

In 1904, the first subway in the United States began operation in New York City.

In 1916, the publication "Variety" reported the formation of something called "jazz bands" in Chicago.

In 1917, American troops fired their first shots in World War I.

In 1942, the office of economic stabilization decreed that salaries, after taxes and other deductions, should be limited to \$25,000.

A thought for today: President Theodore Roosevelt said, "No man is justified in doing evil on the grounds of expediency."

## Quotes

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — David J. McDonald president of the United Steelworkers Union, commenting on an agreement to set up a joint committee with Kaiser Steel Corp. to recommend a formula for sharing the fruits of progress:  
"This is one of the most dramatic things in the history of collective bargaining. I believe it can forever negate the necessity of a strike in the future."

HAVANA — Fidel Castro, charging, before a crowd estimated at nearly 250,000 persons that either the United States is an accomplice in leaflet-dropping raids on Cuba or it is defenseless.  
"How can you (American authorities) say to your people that they are protected against guided missiles if you cannot halt the departure and entrance of all airplanes?"

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Darrell L. Graham, 27, accused of murdering his 18-month-old stepdaughter, quoted by police as denying the charge:  
"I didn't kill her. She just sort of died."

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Rep. John E. Moss Jr. (D-Calif.), a member of the House subcommittee proving TV quiz shows, stating that the appearance of Charles Van Doren will not affect the group's plans for legislation:  
"We already know what the problem is."

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — The wife of Air Force Lt. Carson E. McDowell on hearing that her husband survived an air crash with another flight plane:  
"I was numb I was so happy."

## 'They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



## Pope Ends First Year; Difficult Tasks Ahead

By FRANK BRUTTO

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John XXIII, completing the first year of his pontificate Wednesday, faces the complex details of the Ecumenical Council he has called. Dedicated to unity of the world's Christian forces, the council could prove to be the outstanding event of the Pope's reign.

At least another year will be required to prepare for the council, the first in nearly 100 years. More than anything else the pontiff has done in the past year, announcement of the congress brought into sharp focus the great task the former cardinal patriarch of Venice shouldered as the 262nd supreme ruler of the Roman Catholic Church.

The council will bring to Rome delegates of the church from all parts of the world. Because of the church's growth in the past century, the meeting possibly will be the biggest ever held in the church's 2,000 years of history.

The pontiff's announcement of the event finally set aside the notion of some observers here that the reign of Pius XII's successor would be a "mark time" affair.

The 77-year-old Pope acted quickly against that notion. Less than a day after his election on Oct. 28, he used radio to give his blessing to the world and to indicate that his reign would be dynamic.

Less than 60 days passed before he named 23 new cardinal princes of the church to bring membership of the sacred college to 74, the highest number in history.

To underline the importance of his call for the Ecumenical Council, Pope John made his announcement on Jan. 25, anniversary of the conversion of St. Paul, who from a persecutor of Christians,

became the early church's far-ranging apostle.

The last Ecumenical Council, called in 1869, was interrupted when Italian troops occupied Rome to make it the capital of modern Italy. The Eternal City until then had been under papal authority.

Pope John's council will be the 21st in church history. A brief communique issued by the Vatican press office at the time of the original announcement said that "in the thought of the Holy Father, the council aims not only to serve as an invitation to the communities separated (from the Roman Catholic Church) to seek unity, to which so many souls aspire in all parts of the world."

Decisions of past councils have been historic. The first, in 325, set the date for Easter; the third, in 431, declared that the Virgin Mary was the mother of God; the ninth, in 1123, dealt with the recovery of the Holy Land by the crusaders; the 16th, also known as the Council of Constance—between 1414 and 1418—resolved the great schism when false claimants to the papacy challenged the authority of the Pope.

One of the greatest—the 19th, or Council of Trent—lasted 18 years, from 1545 to 1563. It examined and condemned the beliefs of Martin Luther and tightened the flagging discipline of the Catholic Church itself.

There have been no guesses on what may be the results of Pope John's council. Reaction to the original announcement was widespread. Much of it was favorable. Some from non-Catholic sources indicated a cautious interest.

During the first year of his reign, Pope John has with charm and humor established himself as one of the most gracious of the pontiffs of the Roman Catholic Church. The Ecumenical Council may establish him as one of the great ones.

## Grace Fells 500,000 Trees

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—South Carolina may be feeling the effects of Hurricane Gracie for years to come.

The State Forestry Commission said Monday the storm that hit the state Sept. 29 felled an estimated 500,000 trees, representing a potential loss of 10 million dollars to timber and pulpwood interests. Thousands of pecan trees also were blown over.

The commission said hordes of insects that have moved into the damaged trees pose a greater threat than the storm damage itself if they are allowed to attack healthy trees next spring.

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## Mule Fawn Raises 'Ned'

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A mule deer fawn came to town Monday, turned up in a store, looked at some furniture and kicked over a window display.

The fawn, about four to six months old, was found nuzzling a furniture display.

Chuck Atwell, manager of the store a block north of the state capitol, caught the fawn at the front window.

The deer broke a lantern and knocked all the trimmings in the window around a little," he said.

State game department officials took charge of the deer and released it, apparently unharmed, in the forest near Hyde State Park.



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