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STACKING A DIRTY DECK - by Phil Zalesky

"DUNES HEARING CRITICS CHARGE DECK STACKED" — This front-page bold-faced headline in the Portland Daily Reporter stated the reaction of conservation forces in the Pacific Northwest over the blatant exclusion of conservationists during the recent congressional survey of forestry problems in the Pacific Northwest. The major share of the blame for stacking the deck against us must be placed on Region 6, U.S. Forest Service.

At issue was the obvious attempt at brainwashing the Congressmen making the field trip by carefully choosing 'proper' traveling companions, guided tours through chosen forest industrial plants, and a painless itinerary. The Region 6 itinerary took members of the Forestry Subcommittee, House Committee on Agriculture from Spokane and Grand Coulee (are there forests there now?) to Newport, Oregon, and waypoints—mostly far away from the controversial North Cascades (see itinerary on following page).

Region 6 at no point along the line set up a major meeting for the recreationists. In fact there is no evidence that conservation groups were even invited by the F.S. to confer with the subcommittee privately as were the forest industries groups.

In contrast, the vested interests were invited to wine and dine the committee at numerous places (see page 2). Groups invited to travel with and entertain the committee were Chelan Chamber of Commerce (foremost eastside critics of wilderness, led by George Wall, owner of Chelan Box Co.), Western Pihe Association, Industrial Forestry Association, Western Forest Industries Association and Association of Oregon Counties.

The Reporter brought out conflicting opinion as to who was conducting the tour. Committee counsel, John J. Heimburger, stated categorically that the trip was set up by the Forest Service. Jack H. Wood, chief of J. Herbert Stone's Region 6 Division of Information and Education, said "The only reason Forest Service personnel are accompanying the committee is that they are conducting the tour."

There is every indication that Region 6 under J. Herbert Stone is fast becoming the leading lobbyist for the forest industries. Region 6 in doing this is, in effect, defying the Department of Agriculture. Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman has issued orders that the F.S. officials are to lay off interfering with the Oregon Dunes controversy. Region 6 has apparently deliberately violated its boss's orders.

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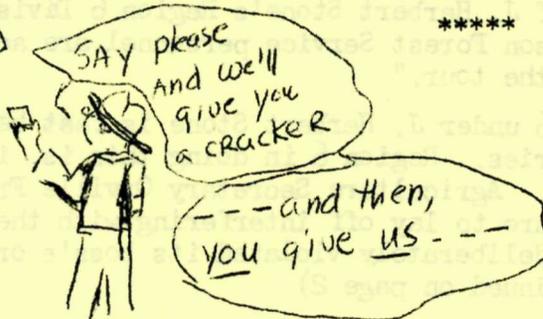
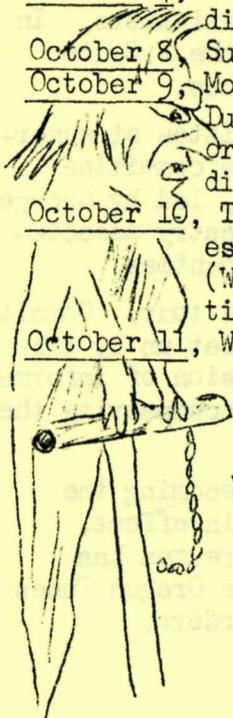
One noted conservationist, observing the shennanigans of Region 6, said, "Those who believe in wilderness and national parks will be derelict in their duty if they don't register a protest with J. Herbert Stone and their congressman."

Next month the Wild Cascades will publish an article detailing a conservationist's personal experience in trying to break through to the committee.

LOADED ITINERARY by REGION 6

Most revealing of the intentions of Region 6, U.S.F.S., is the schedule of events planned for the Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Forests, House of Representatives. The plans were laid out by Region 6 of the U.S. Forest Service. The bias of Region 6 shows the blatant preference they have in the controversy over land use. The material in parenthesis is the editor's comment. The rest is quoted from the Region 6 Agenda.

- October 2, Monday -- See Grand Coulee Dam, an east-side pine mill, and the North Cascades from Lake Chelan. (There's a view for you.)
--Informal luncheon with local people of Lake Chelan (Chamber of Commerce and lumber industry representatives).
--Overnight at Stehekin near upper end of Lake Chelan. (One of US; all others on boat and at lodge representing vested interests.)
- October 3, Tuesday --20-minute plane trip for those wishing to see North Cascades. (A one-passenger plane?) -- Overnight in Seattle.
- October 4, Wednesday--From Seattle to Grays Harbor. --See fringe of Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest. Informal dinner to be sponsored by local people. (One guess as to whom:)
- October 5, Thursday --From Grays Harbor to Portland by way of Longview. --This day to be devoted to the logging and lumbering industries with stops at so-called small mill setup and a large mill installation enroute.
--Luncheon with industry at Longview. -- Overnight at Portland.
--Dinner meeting with Western Pine Association.
- October 6, Friday --Committee to hold hearings in Portland. --Evening dinner meeting sponsored by Industrial Forestry Association.
- October 7, Saturday -- Continuation of committee hearings in Portland. --Evening dinner sponsored by Western Forest Industries Association.
- October 8, Sunday -- Portland to Newport, Oregon by way of McMinnville.
- October 9, Monday -- Newport to Eugene --Principal point of interest is the Oregon Dunes area of the Siuslaw National Forest. --Luncheon sponsored by local organizations (same groups). --Overnight in Eugene. --Evening informal dinner and meeting sponsored by the Association of Oregon Counties.
- October 10, Tuesday --From Eugene to Bend via Waldo Lake. --Principal point of interest is Waldo Lake and its opportunities for multiple-use management. (Waldo Lake Wilderness preservation is a major goal for Oregon conservationists.) --Overnight at Bend, Oregon.
- October 11, Wednesday --Committee disbands at Bend, Oregon this morning.



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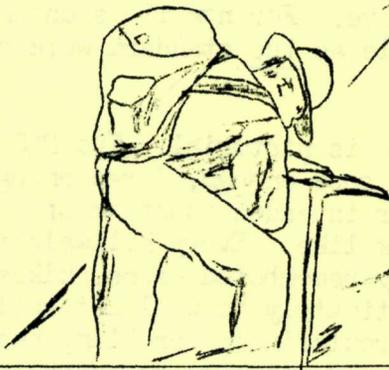
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Multiple-Use Act Panned

Testifying briefly at the Portland Hearings of the Forestry Subcommittee, Pat Goldsworthy, President of the N3C, stated that there was only minimal protection for the nation's natural scenic resources under the Forest Service Multiple-Use Act.

He noted that even where the United States Forest Service had classified an area for scenic use in its land management plan, the area was still in jeopardy, as it could also be designated for the subordinate use of timber harvesting. "Not even the isolated and alpine stands of forest can count upon the Multiple-Use Act to protect them as integral parts of the scenery." The establishment of transition zones peripheral to wilderness and wild areas would provide adequate scenic protection and optimum recreational enjoyment within the concept of land use management.

Urging that the only adequate means of conserving the natural scenic resources of the Cascades would be under an administrative organization of the Department of Interior, he stated, "Only within a National Park, or other units of the National Park System, including adjacent Game Ranges where hunting may be permitted, can we prevent the commercial forces of logging, mining, and hydroelectric power from permanently damaging the superlative natural scenic resources of Washington's North Cascades."

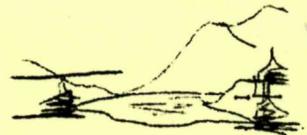
Wilderness Bill testimony Needed

A letter, from YOU, now, is needed to strengthen our support of the Wilderness Bill, which had a bad time of it from the commercial interests with their prepaid lobbyists on the scene at McCall, Idaho. Mail, received by the Committee, favored a Wilderness Bill, three to one! So send your message, asking that it be included in the record, to: House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
New House Office Building,
Washington 25, D.C.



Water, Water, Every Where

A Book Praise by HM



Lakes of Washington: Volume I, Western Washington, by Ernest E. Wolcott, State of Washington Department of Conservation, Division of Water Resources. Olympia, Washington, 1961. 619 pages. 250 photographs. 1 map. 202 charts. Paperbound, \$2.50; clothbound, \$3.50.

Without qualification, you want this book. You don't want merely to leaf through a copy at a friend's house, you want your own copy to study in detail, enraptured, repeatedly, time and again, year after year. You want it for reminiscent pleasure, for a guide to planning future hikes--and you want it as an indispensable reference for land-use evaluations, boundary recommendations.

So monumental work as this needs no critical review, no praise for great virtues, no quibbling search for small flaws. The author spent nearly 20 years in the research and we may reasonably expect there will be, when new information justifies, a new edition; then will be soon enough for comments and suggestions, which we are sure the author will be delighted to receive. For now it is enough to say this is one of those books instantly recognizable as the standard work on an important subject.

The most immediately striking feature of the book is pictorial. The 250 1/2-page photographs--showing more than 300 lakes--are good enough, large enough, and well enough reproduced, to fulfill completely their intended function of showing what the lakes and the surrounding country look like. Every hillwalker will enjoy revisiting (principally from the air) fondly-remembered camps, hikes, and climbs. And no hillwalker knows our ranges so intimately he will not satisfy many a long-standing curiosity, solve many a puzzling routefinding problem, and discover many an intriguing new valley, cirque, meadow and ridge to be mentally marked "for future action."

The text covers 3813 lakes and reservoirs, 1567 of them above 2500 feet. Each is located by section, map reference, and a distance-and-compass-bearing phrase. For each, the elevation is given, the size in acres, the maximum depth (when known), the principal use, and a brief verbal description with a miscellany of loving detail demonstrating the author as a true friend-of-the-lakes. For 202 lakes there are depth-contour charts. The book introduction defines a lake, tells something of how lakes are formed, and provides explanations necessary to follow the information-crammed text, compactly presented in tabular form. Organization is by counties with a brief physiographic description preceding each section. The reference map index and lake name index magnify the value as a quick-and-easy **research** tool.

A last note: a commercial publisher couldn't offer so much book for three times the money. Lakes of Washington would be a bargain at three times the price; at \$2.50 and \$3.50 it's a steal.

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Sad to say, the book has the major, terrible, insupportable fault of chopping off at the Cascade Crest just as we're frantic to plunge east over the divide. Volume II, Eastern Washington is scheduled for 1962; we await it eagerly, not patiently.

To members of the N3C we say: if you don't wire your order to Olympia this instant, it's your misfortune and none of our own. Once the word gets around this book is going out of stock while more copies are printed, and you won't be able to borrow a copy: Not ours, anyway.

To Mr. Wolcott and the Wash. State Dept. of Conservation, Division of Water Resources, we say: God bless you, gentlemen.

The Elected Representatives Reply

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(Editor's note: Last month's issue printed a letter from our organization asking our representative to reply, giving us their position on the proposed National Park Study Bill for the North Cascades sponsored by Congressman Pelly. Not all replies were received at that time. At this printing, neither Congressman Horan, nor Tollefson have replied.)

ON
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National

Senator Henry M. Jackson-- ". . . The Senate in September approved the Wilderness Bill which provides that our wilderness areas would be governed under statutes, rather than by purely administrative determination as they are now. The bill will come before the House of Representatives when Congress reconvenes. . . If the Wilderness Bill is passed by the House, Congress could accept or reject the Forest Service recommendation of the (North Cascades) area as to reclassification.

Park
Study
Bill

"With respect to the North Cascades becoming a National Park, I must note that the Park Service has done a good and thorough job of maintaining part of its areas as primitive; however, it must put through some roads and provide tourist facilities. . . Providing it remains under Forest Service direction, the Forest Service can retain the area in its entirety as a wilderness preserve.



"The decision between the two becomes a question of what kind of an administration is wanted: Do you want the North Cascades maintained in a pure wilderness state under the Forest Service, or a reasonable amount of roads, hotels, camp grounds and other facilities for the less hardy recreationists under the Park Service? . . . The Park Service is directed under its basic Act to administer areas to retain their primitive nature while providing reasonable access. . .

"I submit that the best interests of conservation for this scenic Alpine section of our state will be served under a Wilderness Act whereby there are statutory rather than administrative controls that assure that the natural beauty be preserved."

Noted in Passing



*** According to reports on Cougar Lakes situation, Larry Barrett, Forest Supervisor, has insisted that the blowdown timber of the Copper City sale was good merchantable saw timber. . . his thesis being that some trees rot from the inside out and others rot from the outside in and these were the type found in Copper City and so of course once inside the bark a few inches one could find good saw timber . . . etc. etc. His rapt audience kept chanting like a Greek Chorus that the timber all looked rotten, and sure nuff, the foreman of the lumber company buying the stuff said the blowdown turned out to be 75 percent good for pulp and 25 percent good for nothing.

—CL

*** A Forest Supervisor, speaking to a captured audience, lectured on the modern forester's awareness of things that the old-time forester wasn't aware of and cited as an example. . . "Now you take your trees and you take your soil and you take your. . . uh. . . uh. . . your water" (holding up three fingers cuz he knew there were three things he had to remember) "now there's an interrelationship there that the modern forester is aware of". . . and then he went on to discuss worms "and other micro-organisms in the soil". . . small worms, no doubt. --CL

Mr. Lyle Christopherson — Dr. Peter J. Hearst ??? Does anyone know their present address??? Upon receipt of new address, all back copies which were unclaimed will be forwarded to them.

Connelita Loury and Eileen Ryan

(Clippings from the Yakima Herald at times make fascinating reading. And then again, so do the comments.)

FOREST STATUS GETS PRAISE FROM COUNCIL
Yakima, Sept. 15, 1961--

Confidence in the United States Forest Service's management of Snoqualmie National Forest was expressed Wednesday by an advisory council that includes several Yakima area residents.

The council, following a tour of the White River district and a meeting in Enumclaw, recommended that no change be made in the management of the national forest. A proposal has been made to set aside the land surrounding Cougar Lake in the National Forest as a wilderness area.

200 Year Record

It was felt at the meeting that the Forest Service has managed the forest well for 200 years and paid good attention to multiple use of the forest land. . .

A resolution of confidence in the Forest Service will be drafted by a committee headed by R. L. Tolson. . . .

—Yakima Herald



--And did you know the F.S. has managed the forest well for 200 years? Something which I hadn't realized. So now we know that the F.S. was founded by Kyng George III shortly before they carried him off, burbling, to the Laughing Academy. It explains a lot. --

--A note of firmness from HQ, Region 6. Reports have it that Stone has ordered no more road building in the Bumping Lake area.

11 - MEMBER COMMITTEE HAS ADVISORY ROLE ON FORESTS

October 7, 1961--

An eleven-member committee meets twice yearly to give advice and voice opinions on the supervision of Snoqualmie National Forest.

Formation of the Committee was intended to give the forest supervisor viewpoints of citizens with varied backgrounds on broad questions of policy, programs and procedures and the impact of decisions on the people.

Although some criticism has been voiced against the Committee and its operation, the Forest Service and forest supervisor ultimately are responsible for all decisions.

. . . the Snoqualmie Advisory Board actually has been in existence for 10 years although . . . the letter by the Secretary (of Agriculture) dated April 2, 1957, was its only legal authority.

Six of its members are Yakima residents. All were appointed by Forest Supervisor L. O. Barrett. . . . Members include Hugh Brady, Seattle, Reno Odlin, Tacoma, Gordon Marckworth, Seattle, David Botting, Auburn, and Mrs. Colmer Balerud, Tacoma.

—Yakima Herald



(1 Ed. Note: "People" to be read as Committee Members and/or C's of C.)

—This clipping is interesting as it constitutes the only reply to a letter to the editors from Double K Ranch wanting to know more about backgrounds, financial interests, and authority vested in members of the council, and by whom chosen.

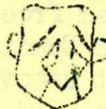
The Beautiful Bitter Birdwatcher

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A Fairy Tale for Friends of the Land

by

The Brothers Glum



Once upon a time, in a Dank Forest so far, far away you can't get there from here, a band of Birdwatchers were standing around in black mud and devils club getting up a Petition. The click-click-click of ball point pens, resembling as it did the sound of a Woolly Mammoth masticating icicles, attracted a battalion of Redhats with permits issued by the Game Department, which had recently heard about Woolly Mammoths and was concerned lest one might show up and eat all the icicles and then starve to death. Never having seen a Woolly Mammoth before, the Redhats wiped out the Birdwatchers to the last ball point pen.

However, the concentration of Redhats in the Dank Forest was detected by an infra-Red sensing device and before so much as a single Woolly Mammoth tag was clipped into a Birdwatcher's ear, an Americanist pushed the DESTRUCT button and that's why there aren't any Redhats anymore, nor any Dank Forest either.

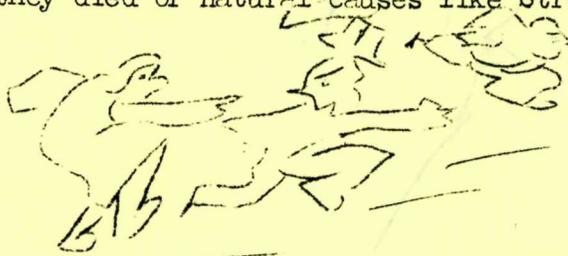
One Birdwatcher, a little tiny girl who had actually been a Fungus before the blast, came down as fallout into another Dank Forest even farther away than the first one, so far away you couldn't get there from here even if you knew where it was, which nobody does.

What with all the mud and devils club she grew up rather embittered but also very beautiful, because mud is excellent for the complexion and there's nothing like devils club to make a girl vivacious.

The Beautiful Bitter Birdwatcher finally got out of the mud and studied engineering, which was a cinch after the devils club. She was so beautiful that when the Government decided to build the biggest Dam ever they couldn't think about any other engineer.

Everybody looked at the Dam and agreed her lines were terrific, especially considering her humble fungal background in the Dank Forest. Nobody remembered she was as Bitter as she was Beautiful until one day the Dam burst and millions of people died in horrible agony.

Where the happy ending of this fairy tale comes in is that John Keats wrote a poem about it, La Belle Dam Sans Merci, which is now a classic in all the freshman anthologies. Also, several total strangers lived happily ever after until they died of natural causes like Strontium 90.



(The MAD DOGGEREL, Lita LOWRY, Bites Again)

Lumbermen's Song to the Owners of
Those National Forests. . . .
N—e— Namely You and Me —



Cutting down trees keeps them free from disease
(We're protecting the Public Domain.)
And it's only by chance that removing your plants
Results in our personal gain.

We do it for you and before we get through
There'll be nothing but mountains of rock.
No forests to shade you, no elk to evade you,
But think of the price of our stock!

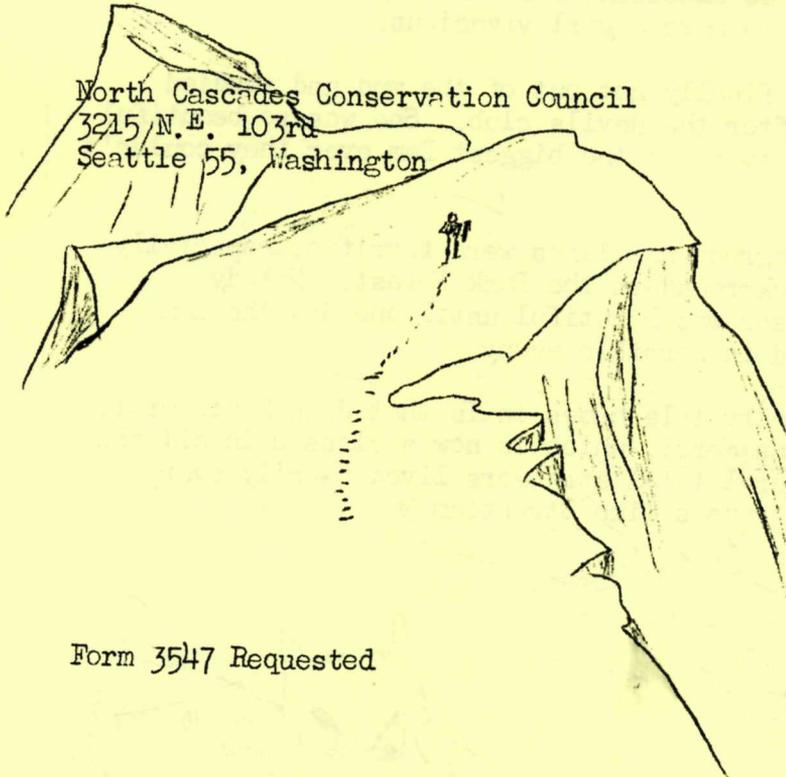
Your son and your daughter won't have any water,
There'll be nothing but silt for the well.
But don't rave about Flood or Erosion and Mud,
Just think of the plywood we sell.

So relax for your lands are in excellent hands
And you mustn't begrudge us our profit.
Your land we will share—but that road over there
Is a logging road. KINDLY KEEP OFF IT.

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