



*Have you ever considered what our forefathers saw in this breathtaking land of ours?*

*Plans for the "State of Jefferson" began even before Oregon achieved statehood, but were laid aside when the Indian Wars of the 1850's broke out. Settlers in southern Oregon & northern California felt a strong desire to organize a government which would be responsive to their unique, local interests and problems. In the late 1930's the Jefferson movement again became a popular cause.*

*On December 4, 1941, the Yreka courthouse was bursting with advocates of the "Jefferson" movement. Judge Childs, one of the movement's most vigorous leaders, was formally inaugurated as Governor. Handbills, windshield stickers, & a massive advertising campaign brought notoriety to the well laid plans of the movement. The inauguration, parade, & other events were filmed for release to movie theaters. The "State of Jefferson" campaign was well on its way & gaining momentum when the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor changed forever the course of history.*

*The area of the state of Jefferson provides a wider variety of outdoor splendor than any other state—the Pacific Ocean, the magnificent redwoods, fabulous fishing, hunting & trips into the scenic wilderness areas. In the winter, fantastic skiing and snow-mobiling are available. Rafting & other river sports & activities, the par mutual race track, many senior citizen programs, excellent library facilities, and many other activities provide whatever kind of entertainment you're seeking. The towns of Ashland & Jacksonville, among many others are sites of fascinating historical information—the excellent Shakespearean plays have become world famous. And don't forget Mount Shasta, the land of the provincial Big Foot.*

*We cannot help but ponder whether the movement to create "Jefferson" as the 49<sup>th</sup> state might have succeeded had it not been for the interruption of World War II. At the very least, "Jefferson's" citizens gained notoriety and sympathy toward local problems & concerns. Today, the people of this area remain proud of their heritage and principles, and the independent spirit of the "state of Jefferson" lives on in the hearts of its citizens.*

*The people here have warm hearts and a strong, independent spirit.*

*Enjoy the great "State of Jefferson"*