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NEWSPAPER SUED

By Charles V. Stanton

A federal grand jury has indicted the Kansas City Star Company on charges of violating the antitrust laws. The company publishes two newspapers, the Times and the Star, one a morning paper and the other an evening paper. It is claimed that the company is attempting to create a newspaper monopoly by forcing advertisers to use both publications and maintains discriminatory practices against advertisers using other advertising media.

The indictment actually is not news. President Truman hinted at it during his whistle stop campaigning when he pursued the standard Socialist-Democrat propaganda line about newspaper monopolies. The defendant newspapers, of course, vigorously criticized the Truman administration.

We know nothing about the practices used by the Kansas City paper. Whether illegal pressure was used against advertisers is a matter to be determined by the courts. We are very interested, however, in a statement by Roy A. Roberts, president of the company, when he discussed with reporters the government's allegations.

Tax Pressures Cited

In his comments, Roberts revealed pressures applying similarly to all classes of business. They are tax pressures. New Deal and Fair Deal propagandists have long been crying about newspaper monopolies, yet by their very system have been helping create monopolies.

Roberts told reporters:

Anyone with the slightest knowledge of business knows that the greatest factor in forcing consolidation of newspapers, which is all very regrettable, is the government itself. The tax burden has become so terrific only the strongest papers can stand up under it. Newspapers have had to increase both subscription and advertising rates in a mad race to keep up with costs.

As rates go up advertisers necessarily concentrate their spending in the papers that do the best job for them. All the antitrust suits in the world will not stop this trend unless the government can get taxes down.

The condition cited by Roberts does not apply to the newspaper business only. It affects every business. Insofar as newspapers are concerned, however, he could have cited other factors contributing to the trend for fewer publications.

Inflationary conditions, largely induced by administration policies, have been particularly hard on newspapers. Factual evidence is obvious in the large number of newspapers, many of them old and highly respected, forced to suspend publication during recent years. Some newspapers have been placed under cooperative operation. Still others have been sold to chain publishers.

Publishing Costs Climbing

Many businesses are in a position to meet inflation by increasing the price of the commodities they manufacture, distribute or sell. Newspapers can follow this policy only to a limited degree. The publishing business is particularly vulnerable to the economic law of diminishing returns.

Newspapers have not been able to increase circulation and advertising rates in proportion to increased costs of publication. As wages, newsprint prices, machinery costs and all other expenses have soared, newspapers have been forced to increase rates, but those increases are far below the rise in publishing expense. Every effort by the industry to introduce production short cuts and new production machines and processes has met resistance. Consequently it is not surprising that many publications have folded.

Still another factor resulting in less competition in the newspaper field is improvement in transportation. Because we have better transportation facilities, newspapers may be distributed over large areas. Thus the newspaper offering the best service crowds out less efficient competition. This is the law of survival of the fittest, which cannot be regulated by any antitrust legislation.



MENDING BASKET

Vianett Martin - P.O. Box 874 - Drain, Ore.

Do you have bird houses intended for some other bird than the English sparrow, that occupied by the latter? Then you will be interested in what Beverly Jean Sanke has to say about the size of the hole. She mentions bird houses for violet green swallows, specifically, but the idea might apply to other bird tenants, too.

Writing to the editor of Audubon Warbler (Mrs. H. C. Judd, 6118 S. 46th, Portland, 18, Ore.) Miss Sanke says, regarding instructions for houses for the violet green swallows which suggest a hole one and one-half inches in diameter:

"We have found that with a hole this size the English sparrows have built a nest before the swallows have arrived in the spring. Last spring my father did some experimenting. He found that the violet-green swallows could, but the sparrows could not, get through a hole one and three-eighths inches wide, and one and one-sixteenth inches deep. The top of the hole should be rounded, the lower part straight across, like a half-moon.

"I have noticed," continues Miss Sanke, "that all the holes in the birdhouses sold commercially have entrance holes one and one-half inches in diameter. With holes this size we are certainly assisting the English sparrows to multiply."

Now that this draws out attention to the fact, I don't believe I have ever noticed a hole shaped like a half moon with the straight side on the bottom, have

He Can't Put Off This Job Much Longer



Fulton Lewis Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — Nothing has stunned the McCarthy haters more than the Marine Corps awards to the senator for his heroic conduct as a combat intelligence officer during World War II.

Nor has there ever been a more complete demonstration of cheapness on the part of journalistic propagandists for the McCarthy haters.

In addition to the Distinguished Flying Cross, Senator McCarthy received the Air Medal and four gold stars in lieu of additional air medals. He got them for 30 air missions as an intelligence officer over enemy territory while stationed in the South Pacific.

Two McCarthy haters in particular are almost beside themselves. They are Doris Fleson, a Communist, and Elmer Davis, radio commentator and former head of the communist-driven Office of War Information.

Both imply the senator received his awards as a result of fraud and collusion with the Marine Corps and Navy. In fact, both indicate that they even doubt that there was a World War II, let alone Marine Corps engagements against the Japanese in the Pacific.

Senator McCarthy often has been accused of playing the numbers game in his charges against Communists in the State Department. In fact, one of the grounds on which the ex-senator from Connecticut, Wee Willie Benton, asked Congress to unseat the Wisconsin senator, was the charge that he used two sets of figures in respect to the number of Communists on Dean Acheson's payroll.

It is all right now, however, for both Miss Fleson and Davis, who supported Benton vigorously, to play games with the number of combat flights accredited to McCarthy.

Instead of congratulating the senator, the only member of the upper house to my knowledge who has received World War II combat awards, Miss Fleson and Davis, with an assist from the Washington Post, point out that the Navy says its records show 30 flights while the senator in his autobiography claims only 17.

All, of course, say that the senator never would have gotten a medal unless he had asked for it. The facts are that the Navy not only gave the senator the medal for the decorations and if certain information was forthcoming he would get them. The information was supplied by the senator's staff.

As to the number of combat flights, the answer is simple. McCarthy was ordered on 17 official missions by his commanding officer, as he so states in his biography printed in the congressional record. He volunteered for an additional 13, making a total of 30. In the Pacific war thirty flights were needed to be eligible for rotation home for a rest.

Davis doubts that McCarthy ever flew any combat missions. I have proof to the contrary. In addition to the Marine Corps and Navy records which are available in the Pentagon for Davis' inspection. There are a number of photographs on my desk showing the senator in the tail gunner's seat of a Marine Corps aircraft, which is in a flight of planes actually engaged in bombing and strafing Japanese targets over Rabaul.

The photographs, Miss Fleson and Davis to the contrary, not only prove there was a World War II, but that the U. S. and Japan were engaged in it and that there was also a Marine Corps, a Senator McCarthy and a Pacific Ocean. They are all there, difficult as it is for the McCarthy haters to believe it.

Of the two, Miss Fleson is especially desperate over the McCarthy awards. They had to be approved by Secretary of the Navy Dan Kimball, a great and good friend of the columnist. Kimball attached his signature to the certificate approving the medals and the citation, which stated that McCarthy displayed "skill, courage and devotion to duty" as a World War Two Marine Corps combat intelligence officer.

Both Davis and Miss Fleson have received various journalistic kudos from time to time. I have never heard Senator McCarthy scream in protest, although both have consistently attacked his motives in fighting Communists.

Besides courage, McCarthy has another admirable quality. He likes kids and frequently seeks them out to their total enjoyment. He even selected an orphan as his choice for Senate page, the first time this has ever been done in the Senate to my knowledge.

The McCarthy haters are probably preparing a barrage against him for this affection for youngsters. If so it will be on the same level of idiocy they displayed in their terror over his awards as a fighting marine.

The motives of known Communists who hate McCarthy are understandable. I await a clearer explanation from the non-Communists suffering a similar dread. Their motives remain clouded at present.

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily
On KRRR, 9:15 P.M.

Hawaii Statehood Bill Expected To Be Introduced

WASHINGTON (AP)—Bills to grant statehood to Hawaii and Alaska were among the first measures introduced in the Senate Wednesday as it received for the first time at this session of Congress proposals for new legislation.

Sen. Cordon (R-Ore.) introduced for himself and 13 other senators—seven Democrats, five Republicans and Morse (Ind-Ore.), a measure relating to Hawaii alone.

It is the same bill, with minor amendment, that was approved last session by the Senate Insular Affairs Committee.

Sen. Murray (D-Mont.) said in a statement he was being joined by 13 Democratic senators and Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore.) in introducing bills to let the two territories be come the 49th and 50th states.

This followed a prediction by four Republican senators, after a conference in New York with President-elect Eisenhower, that they expected the new GOP-controlled Congress to approve statehood for Hawaii.

Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) told reporters after he and Sens. Hugh Butler (R-Neb.), Cordon (R-Ore.) and Watkins (R-Utah) talked to Eisenhower on Monday that statehood for Alaska was not discussed. But he said legislation to grant statehood to Hawaii would be introduced in a few days, adding he had "every reason" to believe it would be approved.

Murray said the statehood bills he and those associated with him were introducing are identical with those approved in the last session of Congress by the Senate Insular Affairs Committee.

The Alaska bill was called up for action in the Senate last year, when the Democrats were in control, but it was rejected by a narrow margin. With its defeat, the Hawaiian bill was dropped.

Giant squids can attain a length of 50 feet.

Reader Opinions

Something Was Missing In Christmas Music

ROSEBURG — May I have a small space in your paper for comment on this year's Christmas music?

As a shut-in, I listen much to radio programs over local and other stations. This Christmas the music seemed to be a departure from other times. In other years we have heard carols telling of our Saviour's birth for about two weeks over almost any station we might tune in. This year there were innumerable references to Christmas time in songs of snow, bells, frost, reindeer, glittering trees, with Santa Claus very conspicuous and commercials everywhere. In comparison there were few mentions of the gift of God to the world.

Have we as a people forgotten the real meaning of Christmas time? Have we as a nation placed commercialism and frivolity first?

This is not a complaint, just a statement of facts. As I listened, the words of Psalms 9:17 often came to mind: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

MRS. R. R. WOOD
Roseburg, Ore.

ACCIDENT MINOR

City police reported a minor traffic accident Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. on West Mosher and Stephens streets involving cars driven by Gus Floyd Reynolds, 1420 Military St., and Melvin Bates, St. John, Wash.

Antirabies Shots Given, Despite Prayer Healings

MEMPHIS (AP)—A 5-year-old girl was undergoing stepped-up anti-rabies treatment today despite her parents' belief that prayer had healed the mad dog bite on her face.

Linda Carole Smith was made a ward of juvenile court yesterday and Judge Elizabeth McCain ordered her to a hospital for the rabies injections.

Dr. S. L. Wadley said since the bite on Linda's cheek was six days old, he had decided she should be given two shots daily for three days, then one a day until further notice. Normal treatment is one a day for 14 days.

Physicians said the anti-rabies injections usually prevent the disease if given in time. However, once rabies develops, death is virtually certain.

Linda was bitten on the cheek New Year's Day by her pet dog Lucky. The dog died of rabies in the humane shelter Monday.

Linda's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Smith, had refused treatment on the ground that their pastor's prayer and "the touch of God" had healed the bite.

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2-2631
BETWEEN 6:15-7PM

In the Day's News

(Continued From Page One)

responsible leadership never was needed in the world before.

President Truman, in his final message to the congress, says today:

"President-elect Eisenhower is about to take up the greatest burdens, the most compelling responsibilities, given to any man. I, with all Americans, wish for him all possible success."

I'm glad you said that, Harry. It helps us all to realize that in these days when the world, as we have known it, could be DESTROYED by an irresponsible decision, we must each of us learn to think in terms of WHAT IS GOOD FOR MY COUNTRY, and not in terms of WHAT IS GOOD FOR ME AND MY CROWD.

Run-of-the-mill stuff from Washington:

The new congress has received a bill to abolish the electoral college. The measure was introduced by Senator Smathers of Florida.

Under the present set-up, all of a state's electoral votes go to the candidate who carries the state. Smathers proposes to divide them in the same ratio as the state's popular vote was split.

That would require an amendment to the constitution.

I suppose your idea is all right, senator, but don't you think we could get along without it in these days when there are so many more important things for the congress to do—including cutting down our spending to the point where we will be taking in more than we will be putting out?

As one insignificant citizen, I'd give ALMOST ANYTHING to have once more the comfortable feeling that our country is SOLVENT.

From Portland:

Five police cars finally managed early this morning to round up a number of horses that had been roaming the northeast part of the city for the past two nights. The five horses and a colt had been galloping through yards with gleeful abandon and kept ahead of the cops for five hours during the night.

An one who in his day has spent considerable time out in the wide open spaces, I'd be willing to lay a bet that they're ex-nack nags that were playing they had pulled their pucker pins or slipped their hobbles.

Portland Plant Raises Plywood Price 9 Percent

PORTLAND (AP)—The price of M and M Wood Working Company's plywood went up about 9 per cent Tuesday.

The industry's index item, quarter-inch AD grade—sound on one side—now costs \$88 per thousand square feet, an \$8 increase.

Plywood still is about 10 per cent below ceiling price, Thomas B. Malarkey, the firm's president reported.

He said there would be no additional increases at least until May 1. The guarantee of a firm price for the next five months is being made so jobbers will increase their supplies, he said.

Striking Navy Workers Return To Their Jobs

SINGAPORE (AP)—Representatives of 10,000 striking workers at the big British naval base here voted today to end their 10-day walkout tomorrow. A strike committee voted to submit their wage dispute to arbitration.

The strike climaxed a months-long dispute over the demand by the naval base workers for pay comparable to that received by Singapore's municipal employees. The walkout delayed important maintenance work on several Royal Navy ships assigned to Korean waters.

TONIGHT HEAR...

"Your Oath Of Allegiance"

AT

First Christian Church

Douglas and Kane

7:30 p.m. — Willie White, Evangelist

Directors	
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UMPQUA SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION	
Roseburg, Oregon	
At Close of Business December 31, 1952.	

RESOURCES	
Notes Secured by D. R. Loans	\$ 2,471,052.27
Notes Secured by Stock	966.82
Sales Contracts	111.97
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	36,600.00
Government Bonds	150,000.00
Home Office Building	24,000.00
Advanced Borrowers	1,017.40
Interest Receivable	216.20
Cash on Hand and Due From Banks	156,357.03
Equipment	332.80
	\$2,840,222.09

LIABILITIES	
Investment Stock	\$ 2,629,275.63
Building Account Reserve	14,600.00
Contingent Reserve	92,205.02
Surplus	12,620.41
Deferred Profit	1,928.79
Incomplete D. R. Loans	25,078.75
Other Reserves	887.53
Undivided Profits	63,625.96
	\$2,840,222.09

State of Oregon)	
County of Douglas)	
I, H. O. Pargeter, Secretary of the above Association, do hereby solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
H. O. PARGETER	Secretary

ATTEST:	
M. E. RITTER	President
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, A. D., 1953.	
W. F. HARRIS	Nutary Public for Oregon
My Commission Expires: November 17, 1956.	