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McCarthy and Swamps

Charles V. Stanton

Newspapers are full these days of the "McCarthy Story." More and more news will be developed as the feud between the Wisconsin Senator and the Army reaches the hearing stage. The controversy will get full treatment by the press, radio and television, consent having been given for radio and television coverage.

The public will be very attentive to the proceedings. But its attention will be diverted into many propaganda channels. The situation is ready-made for emotional appeal. Full advantage will be taken of political and ideological opportunities.

It is well, we believe, that the public devote some study to the issues, that it not be misled by emotional appeal or diverted by prejudice.

It is only natural that we have individual preconceived ideas concerning McCarthy, the McCarthy committee, and "McCarthyism."

Communists and fellow-travelers are doing everything within their power to discredit McCarthy and the McCarthy committee. In this effort they have assistance from many political leaders.

McCarthy has used the committee's findings to discredit the Democratic Party. The Senator, and Republican leaders, make a strong political issue out of "communists-in-government" slogans.

Retaliation To Be Expected

Obviously leaders of the Democratic Party can be expected to retaliate, even though it means they must lend aid to Communists and fellow-travelers. If the findings of the McCarthy committee are to be used for political purposes, political retaliation is certain to follow.

Exposures by the committee are indicative of extreme laxity on the part of previous administrations. It is evident that Communists and Communist sympathizers were tolerated in high government positions for reasons of political expediency. What finer ammunition could be asked by the Republicans? And the Republicans undoubtedly will continue to use this ammunition.

But the political issues raised by both sides handicap the real purpose of the investigation which is to weed Communists out of those places where they can menace our government.

Communists don't want to be exposed and weeded out, obviously. Every loyal American, however, desires complete and thorough exposure and elimination of Communists. Thus we have extremes of emotion.

Every loyal American we believe, applauds the objectives of the McCarthy committee.

Method Is Real Issue

It is the METHOD used, rather than the OBJECTIVE, that is at issue, in our opinion, and this is the fact the public should keep constantly in mind.

Let's consider the McCarthy issue in these terms:

We have a swamp in the midst of a thickly settled residential district. This swamp breeds insects and vermin, threatening the health of everyone in the neighborhood.

Faced by this condition our solution would be to dig a ditch to drain the swamp.

To dig this ditch we normally would use hand or power tools.

But a ditch also can be dug with dynamite.

If a ditch digger exploded large charges of powder, throwing mud all over the neighborhood, breaking windows and damaging foundations, we would be exceedingly critical.

The fault, however, would be the METHOD rather than the PURPOSE connected with digging the ditch.

That, we believe, is the real issue in the McCarthy controversy. McCarthy, himself, when criticized about methods, answers by citing purpose or objective. The same confusion will be brought into the forthcoming hearings.

The public, in trying to analyze conflicting statements and reports during the next few weeks, should, we suggest, keep constantly in mind the distinction between method and objective as the chief point of controversy. It will help to make sense out of what otherwise will be confusing situations.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Janet Leigh came here recently and did something probably no other visiting Hollywood actress has done since the late Rin-Tin-Tin was a pup.

She went to Grant's tomb. Didn't just drive by and glance at it. Went inside and looked around.

As most film stars would rather be found unconscious at the bottom of an abandoned coal pit than caught mingling with tourists in Grant's tomb, I asked her doubtfully:

"Did you go to win a bet?"

"No, I didn't," she said, firmly. "I went because I had heard about it all my life, and I wanted to see it. It reminded me a lot of Napoleon's tomb in Paris."

"I've also taken the boat ride around Manhattan Island, watched the ice skaters in Rockefeller Center, been to the top of the Empire State Building, and gone for a walk in Central Park."

She did all this without even wearing dark glasses!

"I like to see famous landmarks," said Janet. "I want to learn all I can about people and cities. Each gives me a feeling of its own, but you have to get to know them to appreciate what makes them different."

What makes Miss Leigh different from many film stars is her enthusiasm. She is in love with being an actress, in love with being a tourist, in love with her people (she still thinks of them as people rather than a mob), in love with actor Tony Curtis, her husband, in love with life itself.

She's even in love with Hollywood, too, and her brown-flecked hazel eyes light up like a neon tube as she defends it.

"Everyone likes a scapegoat, so they can escape attention from themselves," she said warmly. "That is what Hollywood is to most com-

munities. They like to talk about the awful things that happen in Hollywood, but there are things that take place in their own country clubs you wouldn't even want to hear about."

(Editor's Note: Miss Leigh may be right about Hollywood, but she's sure wrong about Boyle. Right now he's probably applying for a life membership in one of those country clubs.)

Janet has been in 25 pictures, but had never seen the premier of the Broadway opening of "Prince Valiant" this week. Nothing more exciting had happened to her since she quit her job in a dime store.

When the police, who enjoy premieres about as much as they do parades or gastric attacks, began pushing her (and back, Janet begged them to be more gentle.)

"See what kind of a premiere would it be if these people hadn't shown up?" she asked.

As she walked toward her car afterward, crying with excitement, she lifted a hand to shield her eyes. A grumpy, elderly bystander immediately shouted: "You awful thing, you! Turning your back on your public!"

This seemed so funny to Janet she stopped crying and started

Something New Has Been Added



Examiner Asks Same News Break As Newspapermen

By JOHN KAMPS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Power Commission examiner is taking steps to speed up the Hells Canyon hearing and prevent news "leaks" when it resumes May 15 after a two-month recess.

Examiner William J. Costello disclosed Friday he is trying to accomplish this through letters written to attorneys participating in the hearing on Idaho Power Co.'s applications to build three dams in the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon.

The letters went to attorneys for the National Hells Canyon Assn., which favors construction of a federal dam in Hells Canyon near one of Idaho Power's proposed sites, and to Power Commission lawyers.

The association is slated to present an affirmative case for the proposed federal dam when the 9-month-old hearing resumes.

Costello told association attorneys they will be expected to supply other hearing participants by May 3 with copies of proposed exhibits, names and biographies of proposed witnesses and summaries of proposed testimony.

"It may be that one of counsel for the intervenors will desire to name a concise opening statement," Costello wrote and added:

"Since it has been observed that the wire service representatives (reporters) at the hearing in some instances have been furnished copies of such similar statements at the time such statements are made, I would suggest that all counsel and the examiner also be provided with copies of any such statement in advance of the resumption of the hearing, or, if that is not feasible, at least on the same basis as the representatives of the press."

The latter step is the logical outcome of the policy the Oregonian and some other supposed friends of the free enterprise system have been following in their desire to get power generated at below normal costs so industry could be drawn here from other sections of the country.

The Oregonian should be sufficiently grown up by now to know that congress cannot be safely entrusted with deciding whether Oregon should have the funds it wants to build power plants to attract industry away from other sections that will always have most of the congressmen who must do the voting. Whether federal funds will be available will always hinge on a variety of factors, the political climate of the moment, demands of other sections for money, fears of losing industries if one section is voted tax free power developments not available to the others, the state of the federal finances, etc.

Meanwhile Oregon discourages private investment in the creation of power facilities and virtually none have been created in the state by private capital in the last 20 years. Meanwhile, Idaho, to the east of us, has depended on private capital. Its power consumption has always expanded enormously, but there have been no shortages and will be none unless politics outside of Idaho steps in to prevent dam building, as it is doing right now in the Hells Canyon controversy.

There is danger in entrusting one's future to the exigencies of politics, which the Oregonian and many others should have noted and warned against many years ago instead of waiting till it became so painfully apparent.

It is fine for the Northwest to get tax subsidized power from the federal government, but that government will never feel an obligation to continue to perform a service here it does not perform in the regions that put up the bulk of the money for it particularly when the result is to divert industries from those sections to our own. It may continue to build dams for us and it may not. We have no power to compel it to do so, and we should not entrust our future to such an unreliable source.

Joe Adonis Sentenced For Falsely Swearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Racketeer Joe Adonis, Friday was sentenced to 8 to 24 months in jail for falsely swearing before Senate crime probes that he was an American citizen.

Adonis, 51, whose name long has figured in organized crime, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Walter M. Bastian. He was convicted by a jury March 25 on a single charge of perjury.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

WE'VE GOT OURSELVES IN A BIND

Salem Capital Journal

The Oregonian, no longer the sturdy spokesman of the rugged individualism that built the country, now speaks in accents that sound strange to its longtime readers.

On Sunday it became as nearly hysterical as the usually dignified Oregonian can ever get, over the threat to the Northwest's power program by reason of the economy moves in congress. It called "unconscionable" a committee out in a Bonneville budget previously "economized" by McKay and the Bureau of the Budget. It spoke of a "crippling blow" and says the committee obviously intends to "emasculate" the B.P.A. It sounded the alarm for "the most vigorous efforts" by the interior department and all members of congress from the region, "to restore these essential funds."

Today the Oregonian bitterly speaks of congress having "abdicated the responsibility it once assumed" to provide Oregon with free power, speaks of Oregon being "left high and dry" and concludes that maybe "Oregon had better establish its own state power commission" and get into the power business.

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PLATFORMS, SLOGANS

Oregon Voter

In this week's Oregon Voter we set forth all the platforms and slogans filed with the Secretary of State Earl Newby as part of the declarations made by candidates to be voted upon at the nominating primaries May 21. Likewise we set forth the same as filed with James W. Gleason, Multnomah County registrar of elections.

There is one outstanding difference in characteristics of these between parties. A majority of the republican emphasize responsibility and efficiency. A majority of the democratic are appeals to the masses. One Democrat cites the tradition of FDR dedicating government dollars to meet human needs and aspirations.

Hells Canyon, public power and surcharges are also featured by many democratic aspirants.

In the same slogan occasionally are promised lower taxes along with vast increases in public expenditure.

One candidate opposes "whites living in black communities and blacks living in white communities."

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In The Day's News

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COMMIES there, we may not have to get into it.

Emperor Hirohito (who is a scientist of sorts in his own right) has asked for samples of the radioactive ash that fell on Japan a month or so ago.

IT IS PRESUMED THAT THIS ASK CAME FROM RUSSIAN ATOMIC TESTS IN SIBERIA. I have a notion that, everything considered, the Japs would rather take a chance on American improvement of H-bombs and A-bombs than on Russian improvement of the same.

That thought was put quite forcefully the other day when Australian Premier Menzies answered a member of the Australian Labor party who proposed that Australia shall heretofore refuse to provide any URANIUM to the United States.

Menzies replied: "I am delighted that these hydrogen bomb experiments are BEING CONDUCTED BY OUR FRIENDS AND NOT OUR ENEMIES."

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They failed to convict him of loquaciousness in the news again. He was the husband of the original mink gal, and he apparently looked upon the Reconstruction Finance Corporation back in those days as a soft touch.

His sentence was imprisonment for four months to two years, and I expect that by this time he wishes he had taken his medicine and served out his time.

I hope that by the time he serves out his sentence he has come to the conclusion that honesty is the best policy and that smart people can get farther in the world by hard work than by finagling.

And I hope even MORE that the conditions that produced Young and his kind never again arise in our government.

In more ways than there is room here to enumerate, I am glad I live in Oregon, where there is a deep and fundamental belief among our people that honesty in government is one of the most important things in the world.

Detroit's Blue Rain Gets Easy Explanation

DETROIT (AP) — Astonished Detroiters were talking today about the blue rain" which scattered hundreds of homes on the Northwest Side yesterday.

Davenport, Iowa, had the same thing.

Houses were flecked with tiny blue spots. Some of it was a purplish-blue.

Science came up with explanations—though first excitement ran high.

An unofficial theory, for instance, was that it might have come from the hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific. There was positively no expert support for that one.

Civil defense launched an investigation and determined there was no cause for alarm.

Elm tree buds—that's what it was in Detroit apparently.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA) — There doesn't seem to be any such thing as an average taxpayer. So, when it comes to figuring out how much a taxpayer of modest income is going to benefit from the Republican administration's new tax bill, the subject becomes a bit confusing.

There will be an estimated 47 million individual income tax returns filed this year. The total benefits from the removal of "inequities" in next year's taxes, if the pending tax reform bill is passed, is estimated at \$280 million.

It does not follow that the average taxpayer will have his taxes cut by an average \$15. Some may get that much or more. But over half of them aren't going to get any relief at all.

Deductions and credits to reduce the double taxation on dividends received by individuals offer an excellent illustration. Next year, it is proposed that there will be no tax on the first \$50 of income from dividends. For dividends over \$50 received, a 5 per cent credit will be allowed. This will supposedly reduce taxes collected on all dividends received by \$240 million.

Stockholders Get Dribble

The trouble is, only six to eight million Americans own stocks and receive dividends. This is only one sixth to one eighth, approximately, of the 47 million income taxpayers. These stockholders will therefore benefit only \$30 to \$40 apiece, on the average.

The only other group of taxpayers of comparable size who will benefit from the removal of these inequities is made up of those who have medical expenses in excess of 3 per cent of their adjusted gross income. Present law allows deductions for those having medical expenses in excess of 5 per cent, adjusted gross income.

This change is supposed to benefit an estimated eight million taxpayers. The total amount the change will cut income tax collections next year is estimated at \$80 million. So the average taxpayer having medical expenses of over 3 per cent of his adjusted gross income next year is going to benefit by \$10.

Another inequity to be removed will permit unmarried taxpayers—single or widowed persons who

support dependents—to split their income for income tax purposes, the same as married couples now do. This is supposed to benefit about a million unmarried heads of families for a total of \$50 million. The average benefit in tax reduction will be about \$50.

In somewhat the same category, more than \$600 a year would still be allowed to claim a \$600 income credit for each such dependent. It is estimated that this change will benefit a million and a half persons for a total of about \$75 million next year. The average tax cut could be \$50.

Elderly Get Some Benefit

In an effort to put all retired workers on the same basis as those receiving tax-free U. S. social security benefits, the new tax bill would exclude from federal income taxation the first \$1200 from pensions, annuities, rents, interest and dividends received by retired persons over 65. Tax experts estimate this will benefit about a million elderly taxpayers.

It would reduce income tax collections from them all by an estimated \$125 million a year. The average benefit for each of these taxpayers of 65 and over would thus be \$125 a year.

What this all adds up to is a pretty selective reduction of income taxes for people in special circumstances. It is in no way comparable to a flat increase of \$100 in personal exemption for everybody. This would cost the government an estimated \$2.4 billion next year and benefit the average of 47 million taxpayers by \$50 apiece.

Eight Killed

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Eight persons were killed and four injured in a collision Thursday between a locomotive and bus at a railway crossing.

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