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SECRET GOVERNMENT

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The Oregon Legislature is considering a bill which would permit county courts to eliminate publication of county expenditures.

The practice of printing the monthly schedule of payments in two newspapers of general circulation in each county was started many years ago. It came about through pressure from taxpayer organizations. These groups held the belief that county court business should have public scrutiny. Publication of expenditures makes it possible for every taxpayer to know how public money is spent.

Courts pay for publication at the legal rate. This rate is fixed by the legislature.

The Association of County Judges and Commissioners recommends a change in the law to provide that the schedule simply be posted on a bulletin board instead of being published in newspapers. They contend it is an economy move.

The Association doubtless is well-intentioned in its proposal, but we doubt that either economy or general public satisfaction would result.

Publicity Assures Economy

We doubt that any county court favors the proposed law change with any intent of trying to hide its action. Yet in actual practice the fact that the general public would not have access to the court's schedule of expenditures, without going to considerable trouble, would have a tendency to encourage carelessness. Such carelessness could quickly prove far more expensive than the moderate cost of publication.

It probably is true that few newspaper readers give detailed study to the county's report of expenditures. Yet a few taxpayers in every county do so. Any discrepancy would be quickly discovered and brought to public attention. Thus the published list serves not only to keep county courts economy-minded, but also provides a vital protection to the public.

There is no denying that some newspapers have a personal financial interest in continued publication of the county's list of claims. While most daily newspapers in which the list is published probably could use the space more profitably for other purposes, some weekly papers find the income a vital part of their operation.

Consequently newspapers can be accused of a selfish motive in opposing the proposal to eliminate publication. But, admitting some degree of selfishness, it would appear to be a mistake to relax any measure of financial protection to a tax burdened public.

Trend Toward Secrecy

With Oregon's population growing rapidly, it would seem that the need for publication, as a matter of information on county government, is more important than at any time since the publication provision was adopted in 1891.

There is a growing trend toward secrecy in governmental affairs. The situation in Washington, for instance, has been of great concern. Press associations have been having hard sledding in breaking down the practice of operating the federal government in secret. The present administration has been much more cooperative with the press than were previous administrations of late years. Yet much remains to be done toward getting public business conducted in public.

Many instances of secrecy in city, county and state governmental actions have been cited in the press. It appears that the practice in the national capital has seeped down to the grass roots.

The attempt to eliminate publication of county expenditures appears to be another small step in the direction of secrecy. Although we doubt any sinister motive on the part of county courts, or even conscious realization that their proposal fits into the pattern of secrecy, yet it obviously so qualifies and therefore should be overwhelmingly defeated.

Hal Boyle

MADRID (AP) — Leaves from a touring notebook:

The bullfighting industry in Spain is in somewhat the same unhappy plight as the boxing industry in America.

The cash customers complain they never know when they will get a good show for their dough. The aficionados yearn for the good old days here, just as the fight fans back home sigh for the time when Jack Dempsey, Benny Leonard and Mickey Walker were in their prime.

They sigh for another matador like Manolete, a legend of bravery and skill. Manolete was fatally impaled on the horn of a bull in its death lunge after he had delivered it a mortal sword thrust. Because "he killed the bull and the bull killed him" he has become an immortal in Spain's bull fighting annals.

"At the time Manolete went in to the ring he was worth three million dollars," one aficionado said. "Young matadors today don't want to risk his fate. They want to get rich quick and retire or become a movie star."

"Bullfighting now has become a big business. That is what is wrong with it. Nobody wants to take a real chance of getting killed, but they all want to make a killing out of it. The only honest one in the ring is the bull."

Although soccer is a far more popular sport than bullfighting here, it would be a mistake to conclude that the art of bullfighting is on the way out in Spain. The true aficionado may grouse about the decline in the quality of the matadors, but the sport still draws him.

It draws tourists, too. It is estimated that tourists make up at least half the gate at bullfights in Madrid.

Many a cynical aficionado suspects a great deal of trickery goes on in his national sport, and that

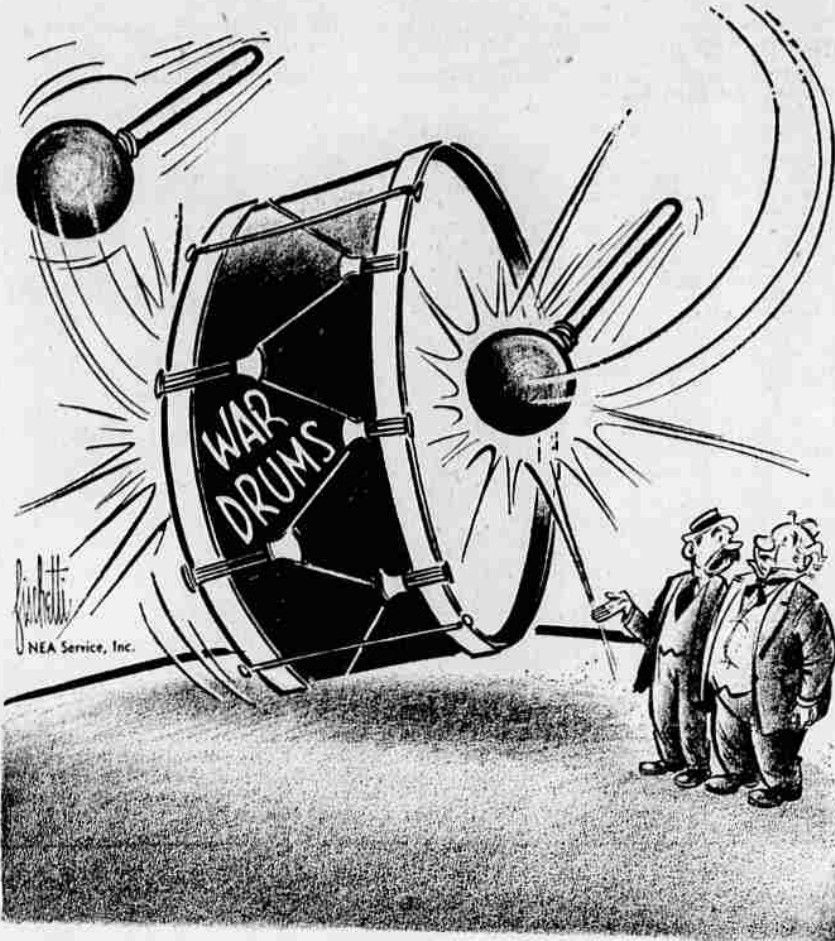
a good manager has more than one way of keeping a promising young matador from being mowed up by a brave but ignorant bull. "Naturally, a bull can't be bribed," said a veteran ring observer. "But there are other ways to fix a fight. If a bull is particularly big and strong, it might be possible to arrange to have a few heavy sandbags dropped on his back the morning of a fight."

"Of course, you don't want him to take all the starch out of him. The object is just to slow him down a bit."

The fighting bull is as old as the soil of Spain, and for more than two centuries he has been intensively cross bred to create an animal aristocrat of the pasture until he is four or five years old, his prime fighting age.

He comes to the crossroads of his brief life at the age of two. In the "tienta" he then is subjected to his first test of bravery. If he shows excessive bravery he is kept for breeding purposes, and never enters the fight ring. If he shows cowardice, he goes to the slaughterhouse right then, and fetches a price of only about \$75.

"Well---SOMEBODY'S Beating 'Em"



Truman Gives U.N. Credit For Preventing New World War During Last Ten Years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Truman expressed belief Monday that except for the United Nations "the events of the last 10 years would again have plunged the world into unlimited international warfare."

No one should "blame the United Nations for all the bad things that have happened outside (it) and in violation of its principles," Truman said.

The former President appeared as a witness before a Senate foreign relations subcommittee which is considering possible recommendations for revisions in the U.N. charter.

Truman said, however, that he did not wish to get into "technical problems" of amending the document. He suggested only that "we should approach it with caution and with full realization that it may be impossible to get any worthwhile changes under present circumstances."

The U.N. as now constituted, he said, has "more than once" kept the peace where a serious outbreak threatened and should be used more.

"Wherever we can, we should use it," Truman added. "And we should use it now by bringing before the General Assembly the current threats to world peace."

Yalta Pact Bobs Up
Truman's testimony skirted several times near political issues.

Once in an oblique reference to the controversial release of the Yalta papers, Truman said that Secretary of War Stimson had told him in June 1945 "that it would cost one million American casualties to take Japan."

Democrats have defended former President Roosevelt's concessions to Russia at the February 1945 Yalta conference on grounds that they were essential to get the Soviet Union into the war against Japan and thus cut down on U.S. casualties.

Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) asked Truman what can be done to enlist more nations in support of any future united action against aggression. Knowland has contended the United States had to carry too great a share of the U.N. effort in Korea.

Truman said the "principal reason" many nations held back from sending troops to Korea was that

they couldn't afford it financially. If a greater degree of prosperity was brought about by world peace, Truman said, "I think the vast majority of them would come across."

Formosa Airing Desired
Truman did not mention Formosa or Red China. But his testimony carried the strong implication he felt that the United States should air the Formosa question before the U.N. General Assembly.

The Eisenhower administration has sought to arrange a cease-fire in the Formosa area through the U.N. The move collapsed when Red China rejected a U.N. invitation to discuss the possibility.

The question of revising the U.N. charter is to come up automatically in the U.N. this year, the 10th anniversary of its establishment in 1945.

The Senate committee can only make recommendations which it would want the administration to support in the U.N. itself. Before formulating them, it is getting the views of prominent citizens.

Herbert Hoover, only other living former President, is to testify Thursday, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who has represented this country at some U.N. sessions, on Friday.

Neuberger Says Engineers' 308 Report Is Dead

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said here recent action by the Federal Power Commission has sounded the death knell for the Army Engineers' 308 report for development of the water resources of the Columbia Basin.

Neuberger made the statement in a Senate speech attacking recent action by the FPC in granting the Pacific Northwest Power Co. a preliminary permit for construction of dams in the Pleasant Valley and Mountain Sheep sites on the Snake River.

The Oregon Democrat said the two dams would lie within the reservoir backwaters of the proposed federal Nez Perce Dam. He said the FPC action "marks the beginning of the end of the great Army Engineers' 308 report as the master plan for development of the water resources of the Columbia River Basin."

Construction of these two power company dams will forever bar development of the river's full potential," Neuberger said. "This latest move... is merely one step in a total abandonment to the private utilities of the world's finest power stream."

Neuberger said the next step will be a "new partnership bill" to relinquish the valuable power plant at John Day (on the Columbia) to private utilities.

65th Squadron Will Be Reactivated At New Base

PORTLAND (AP) — The 65th Troop Carrier Squadron of the 403rd Wing has been deactivated at the Portland Air Base and will be reactivated at Paine Field, Everett, Wash.

Local members of the squadron have been assigned to other units. The Associated Press had reported that the wing was being deactivated. This was in error only the squadron which is a unit of the wing, being affected.

MOTION DENIED

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — A motion for a judgment of acquittal of publisher Hank Greenspun on charges of mailing matter tending to promote violence was denied here in Federal Court.

Judge John R. Ross ruled that freedom of the press was not abridged by the postal statute under which Greenspun was indicted. The publisher, a columnist is charged with violating a statute prohibiting the mailing of indecent or inflammatory matter.

In The Day's News

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The elections "cleared away the mists of uncertainty which hung over the nation."

Well —
As Mark Twain so succinctly remarked in Pudd'nhead Wilson's Calendar —
It is a difference of opinion that makes horse races.

The British general elections were called by Prime Minister Eden for May 26.

Our system differs in many ways from the British system. The think six weeks is long enough for a political campaign. We start the next political campaign the day after the last one ends.

Getting back to Chief Justice Warren, he read the results of a poll which indicated that he was first choice for the President nomination in 1956 if President Eisenhower should decide not to run for a second term. He sat down promptly and wrote out a statement in which he said:

"I will not be a candidate for President of the United States and I will not change these decisions UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE." About the only time when such a statement has been made more flatly was back in 1883 when General William Tecumseh Sherman, Civil War hero, put it this way: "If nominated, I will not accept; if elected, I will not serve." Down through our political history, nearly everybody else has played it coy — including Calvin Coolidge, who said: "I do not CHOOSE to run."

Speaking of straightforward men, Senator George of Georgia — a top rank Democrat and chairman of the senate foreign relations committee — did some straight talking the other day.

He stood up in the senate and announced his support of President Eisenhower's view that the cause of peace will not be advanced by public announcement of the Chinese Nationalist islands of Quemoy and Matsu, just off the coast of red China.

In a voice shaking with emotion, he asserted that if Eisenhower is faced with a decision on defense of these islands, the President "will DO WHAT GOOD MEN ALWAYS DO — he will go into his closet and, face to face with his God, will make his decision."

"That's what I call statesmanship."

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In a big poker game, do you announce to all and sundry what cards you hold and how you are going to play them?

I think not.

Ex-Sutherland Resident, Wife Win Free Trip

A former Sutherland resident has won an expense-paid trip to either Bermuda or Jamaica for his wife and himself.

It was announced today that Adelbert A. Young and his wife, Mary, will take off by air early this summer for the trip. Expenses will be paid by the Illinois Commercial Men's Assn. of Chicago. Young is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young of 140 Flint St., Roseburg.

He was declared a major winner in a national contest conducted among members of the ICMA, a business and professional men's insurance group. Young and his family now reside in Oakland, Calif. He is now sales supervisor for the San Francisco area for the Union Carbide Co., pharmaceutical producers.

Teachers To Hear Noted Educator At Training Meet

Featured speaker at the next Roseburg teachers' in-service training session April 25 will be Dr. Claude W. Fawcett, educational director for the western division of the National Assn. of Manufacturers.

Fawcett has titled his subject "Partners in Community Enterprise." Dr. Fawcett acts as coordinator in 11 Western States between industry and educators who have a growing need for advisory and administrative services businessmen can provide. He has a sterling background for his lecture.

He took his graduate work in educational administration at the University of Chicago, Northwestern University and Yale. After a teaching stint, he was appointed chief supervisor of the engineering, science and management training program at Yale. Later, he was commissioned as an air intelligence officer in the Navy Air Force, became director of personnel services at the University of Vermont, superintendent of schools in East Grand Rapids, Mich., and coordinator of training for industry at the University of Southern California.

Housing Needs For Convention Delegates Told

With the dates for the Oregon Christian Endeavor Convention, April 28 to May 1, just two weeks away, the need for people who will volunteer to house delegates is imperative. Nearly 700 delegates will have to be housed, according to pre-convention registrations, and to date housing for only 250 delegates has been secured, according to Mrs. William Unrath, housing committee co-chairman.

Although the convention will hold its sessions in the First Christian Church building, the convention itself is interdenominational, and other churches are urged to assist in the housing. Housing is on the Harvard plan where each delegate housed is given room and breakfast.

Any interested family in or near Roseburg who can house delegates is asked to volunteer by calling the First Christian Church office, OR 3-4424.

Ex-Broadcasters Scheduled In-Previews On KRXL

A series of four special MBS broadcasts on United Nations charter testimony is scheduled on radio station KRXL this week, with the first tonight from 9:30 to 10.

Former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Herbert Hoover, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Sen. Bricker of Ohio and Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge will be included in the testimony given before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's subcommittee in the U. N. charter. Sen. Walter F. George is committee chairman.

Ex-President Truman's testimony will be aired tonight at 9:30. Sen. Bricker and Ambassador Lodge will be heard Thursday at the same time, ex-President Hoover will be heard Friday at the same time, and Mrs. Roosevelt's testimony will be broadcast Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

FILM MAGNATE KILLER

BARTSTOW, Calif. (AP) — An auto wreck killed Paul George Jacobs, 39, Beverly Hills, Calif., brother of comedian Danny Thomas. Jacobs, an associate film producer, was fatally injured Saturday.



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He formerly operated his own pharmacy in Sutherland. The contest winners were determined on the basis of the best reasons given for recommending membership in the insurance association.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Here's the score card for 84th Congress activity after three months, or half of the first session, according to Rep. Omar Burleson (D., Tex.).

Nearly 7000 bills have been introduced; 178 reports have been filed; 12 bills have become law; about 60 roll calls have been taken; 59 new lobbyists have been registered.

"The Congress is taking a few days' recess for Easter. Perhaps during this breather and during the time which holds a religious significance for millions of people, members of Congress may take an inventory of themselves. . . It is an easy matter to take an inventory of the accomplishments of the Congress. But it is not an easy matter to take an inventory of one's self."

SEN. NORRIS COTTON (R., N.H.) suspects that members of Congress are so loaded with special briefings and advice that sometimes they ignore plain common sense.

"The intellectual subtlety that abounds in Washington is enough to make your head swim," says Senator Cotton.

Here are some of the examples he gives:

"College professors lecture us on the finer distinctions of the philosophies of government. Diplomats brief us on the delicate phases of world relations. Sociologists instruct us on the causes of crime and delinquency and the psychological background of race prejudice."

"As for technical knowledge," adds Senator Cotton in a letter to his constituents, "if you could sit with us in committee rooms listening to scientists, military experts and economists expound on everything from atomic energy to the stockmarket, you would quickly realize that while we certainly need all the information we can get, too much exposure to technical knowledge can confuse the law-maker and divert him from the direct simple reasoning of common sense."

THE INSTALLATION of milk vending machines in the Republican and Democratic cloakrooms of Congress has given Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson a big lift.

"In those very rooms, through the years, the problems of the dairy industry have been discussed upon thousands of occasions," he told the Pacific Dairy and Poultry Assn. at its Salt Lake City convention.

"Now Congressmen have the means of attacking the dairy surplus problem through consumption as well as through legislation."

Glendale Post Office Will Be Remodeled
Howard Edson, Glendale postmaster, has announced that plans are in the works for refurbishing and remodeling the post office there.

Plans call for repainting the interior and moving a partition to give more working space for sorting and distributing of mail, according to correspondent Mrs. G. B. Fox.

Some of the new furniture has already arrived, Mrs. Fox reports. The office furniture and post office boxes will be replaced. Edson purchased the boxes when he became postmaster. (Third-class postmasters are required to furnish their own equipment. The Glendale Post Office became second class five years ago, so such individual purchasing is not now necessary.) Included in the new equipment order are 30 new boxes and drawers.

ALL CONGRESSMEN keep a pretty close eye on their mail from home, but sometimes it gets pretty discouraging.

Rep. James C. Wright Jr., (D., Tex.) reports that a member of the Lone Star state delegation got a telegram from a constituent who didn't like one of the Congressman's recent votes. "Enjoy yourself," the wire said tersely. "It's later than you think."

Another Texan got a wire from home demanding that the Congressman do something to get the cowboys and Indians off television.

AFTER SEN. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) introduced a bill to abolish the antiquated Electoral College voting system to rubber-stamp the election of President and Vice-President, he got a postcard from Hazel I. Dannecker, of New Castle, Ind. It read: "Well, it isn't much of a college. For it's never produced, to our knowledge, A good football team. And so it would seem. It might just as well be abolished."

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