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THORNTON IN TROUBLE

By Charles V. Stanton

One fellow I am feeling rather sorry for in all this Portland mess is Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton. I've always had a personal liking for Bob and have felt that he had before him a most promising political career. It is my belief he has the ability to go far in politics and to become a real statesman.

Thornton, in my opinion, made serious mistakes in overplaying his party affiliation. He went out of his way to let everyone know he was the only Democrat in a Republican administration. He harassed Republican governors and played politics with his job. I was never able to learn, however, that he permitted politics to prejudice or impair the performance of his duties as attorney general. He got himself embroiled in disputes unnecessarily. He found himself in a rather tough predicament when told to prosecute the labor-racket investigations in Portland fairly—or else.

Thornton, I believe, has endeavored to handle the Portland mess fairly, honestly and efficiently. Obviously he is lacking in experience for a job of that magnitude, inasmuch as his actual practice of law has been limited.

Sought Experienced Help

Thornton recognized his limitation. He sought help from more experienced attorneys. He used attorneys from both political parties. Attorney Robert Davis of Roseburg, former Douglas County prosecuting attorney, and a Republican, was one of those whose assistance Thornton obtained in the early days of the probe.

At the last election campaign Thornton was one of the very few Democratic candidates who failed to secure endorsement from organized labor. At that time I questioned whether the odd situation resulted from any lack of ability on his part or whether it came about because he was investigating the alleged tie-up between certain labor bosses and Portland racketeers. In any event, labor's endorsement went to the Republican candidate. But Thornton won the election.

Through that experience he should have learned a very valuable lesson—a lesson of great value to him in his future political career, provided he weathers the current storm. He should have learned that his overplaying of party affiliation got him nowhere when the chips were down. He should have learned that party friends are friends only when the winds of politics are calm and serene. He should have learned that the man who permits himself to be used by any political party, and special privilege group, or who becomes a stooge for any interest, is quickly deserted whenever his usefulness to that party or group is ended. Nowhere are people individually or collectively more fickle than in politics.

If Thornton has learned that lesson well, he should, with his ability, become a real statesman.

Must Weather Storm

His future doubtless depends upon how well he can weather the rough seas ahead.

He has been charged by a grand jury with inefficiency, with lack of diligence for prosecution of evil doers, and with improper regard for the law, etc.

Not for one moment would I question the integrity of the grand jury. But, observing the charges brought against Thornton it would seem that there is a fundamental difference in judgment. The attorney general has indicated he does not favor filling the courts with a lot of trivial and nonessential accusations. There is no hint in the grand jury charges that he has neglected the major items.

Will not the sheer abundance of minor and trivial indictments work in the interests of those defendants who are actually guilty of major offenses? If so, then Thornton's position is correct.

There also is a hint that deputies assigned by Thornton to aid the grand jury were in disagreement with the policies of their boss. It is indicated that they aided the grand jury in preparation of the critical report, a fact further evidenced by the wording of the document, which patently was written by persons with legal training, and it is further intimated that they may have influenced the grand jury's thinking, despite the fact that the charge of influence was denied.

Could it be that the word has gone out through the party underground that Thornton is a detriment rather than a help to the party and that he is to be discredited? I would hate to think that there could be any such political infiltration of any segment of our judicial system. But the situation at least is extremely odd.

Personally, I hope Thornton can survive the storm that swirls around him and emerge free from stain.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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department has the legal authority to close this gap. But, he told the subcommittee, it fears a political storm from the farmers if it does so.

That is an interesting illustration of what political farming has been doing to Southern Oregon and Far Northern California agriculture for a long time. The result has been to bring into production of OUR SPECIALTY CROPS land that formerly was devoted to the production of wheat, corn, cotton, rice, tobacco and peanuts, which are the subsidized and acreage-controlled crops.

The result of that has been glutting the markets for our specialty crops, which are NOT subsidized and acreage-controlled.

Since agriculture and water go hand in hand in the West, that brings up another growing critical situation that—if it is resolved at all will have to be resolved by political action. I'm referring, of

course, to California's water rights problem. California—if ALL of its water could be used efficiently—has enough to supply the whole state. The problem is to save what runs away in the winter so that it can be used in the growing months, which are the dry months. That, obviously, can be done only by providing adequate storage in the winter for the rainy season, where it is lost.

How's this for a simple statement of what will have to be done by legislation if California's water problem is to be solved with reasonable justice to all of the areas of the state?

For every acre-foot of water that is exported from the counties of origin to the counties of deficiency, require that an additional acre-foot of actually stored—up water—that is, water saved from running to waste in the months of surplus precipitation—must be provided at state expense within the counties of origin.

He'll Grow—We Hope



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—If you haven't seen as much of Liberace as you used to, there's a reason.

There isn't as much of him to see, history's highest paid pianist—he went from 50 cents a night to two million dollars a year—has recently lost more than 30 pounds.

His worried fans can be reassured on one thing, however. Lee's reducing diet didn't cause him to lose a single one of his famous dimples.

"My brother George and I went on a high protein diet," Liberace confided during a luncheon at the Essex House. "Nothing but meat, fish, fowl, vegetables—and fresh fruit."

"Once my stomach shrank I found that if I ate a roll I simply couldn't finish a meal. George lost 20 pounds and I dropped from 210 to 175."

"Losing weight is the best disguise I've found. When I was 17, I was a big kid. Now they ask, 'Is that Liberace?'"

The diet had one drawback. The new tiger-thin Liberace found his wardrobe, one of the most extensive and expensive in show business, unwearable.

"Now I'm replacing all my things," he said, smiling. "The new Liberace also confided he has embarked on a new career—teaching."

Teaching is traditionally one of the lowest paid professions. But the Liberace brothers, who already have pioneered in one branch of show world industry (turning saccharine into heavy sugar), plan to change that in their case.

Liberace soon will establish a chain of music schools across the country to teach piano playing by a method he says is the first new one in 30 years.

"We spent more than a year in research and experiment," said Liberace. "Instead of practicing tiresome scales endlessly, the student will be playing simple melodies by the end of the third lesson, graduating to more complex melodies as his skill increases."

"It isn't, however, one of those learn-to-play-in-10-easy-lessons systems. It is a complete music course, and includes harmony, theory, music appreciation—and showmanship."

By showmanship Liberace indicated he meant the students will be taught to hold his hands in the same way he does himself, and sit at the piano with the same posture he employs. The prospect of an America made tuneful by perhaps 200,000 young men and women playing the piano with Liberace's mannered style is something to consider.

Lee himself considers the prospect delightful. "Long after I am gone," he said in that tone of extremeunction that has made his name a byword for a certain brand of charm, "my association with the piano will live on through this course."

Woman And Son Killed By Blast

PARAGOULD, Ark. (AP)—A woman and her 5-year-old son died in their bed in a dynamite blast which shattered an apartment house here early Tuesday morning. Police are seeking her estranged husband for questioning.

Police Sgt. W. L. Brothers said Mrs. Edna Sexton, about 26, and Charles Bittinger, a son by a former marriage, were killed in the explosion which demolished a corner of the two-story house and blasted a hole two feet deep into the ground.

Brothers said Charles Sexton, 38, is being sought in connection with the incident. The Sextons were separated about six weeks ago, and a divorce suit has been scheduled for hearing in July.

Umatilla Electrician Drowns In Columbia

UMATILLA (AP)—Ray J. Harris, 43-year-old electrician, drowned in the Columbia River near Umatilla Monday night.

Harris and a son, Wayne, 16, were attempting to pull free from the shore a float which had broken loose and floated downstream from Umatilla. The rowboat from which they were working overturned, and Harris became entangled in wires attached to the float.

The son swam ashore, then returned to help when he saw his father was caught. By the time the boy was able to summon help from the Umatilla fire department the elder Harris had drowned. The body was recovered about 9 p.m.

EN ROUTE TO MONACO

ROME (AP)—Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco left Rome today on route home to their tiny principality on the French Riviera. A crowd cheered the royal couple as they drove away from their hotel. Rainier was at the wheel.

Portland Grand Jury To Get Bid From Sen. Gill

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.

SALEM (AP)—Sen. Warren Gill (R), Lebanon, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, announced Monday he would invite members of the Multnomah County Grand Jury to testify before his committee on what recommendations they might have to make about changes in laws relating to grand juries.

At the same time, Gill said he has abandoned any ideas of receiving testimony from persons who have been or might be indicted.

The grand jury, in its report Friday night, criticized Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton, who is conducting the Multnomah County vice probe, and suggested that he be replaced in that probe.

Gill made his statement to reporters, and planned to tell the same thing to the Senate during the afternoon.

His statement means that the committee won't talk to Portland Mayor Terry Schunk or further to the grand jury.

As the Legislature met for its 113th day—only four days short of an all-time record—the House approved 37-14 and sent to the Senate, Gov. Holmes' bill to create a state development department to attract new industries.

It would get a biennial budget of \$228,000. It would replace the existing National Development Commission, Oregon Development Commission, which is spending \$120,000 this biennium.

The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill to exempt fruit trees from property taxes.

It sent to the governor bills to let the public utilities commissioner investigate welfare funds of utilities, and to provide that county surveys must be qualified engineers.

SEATTLE (AP)—The Boeing Airplane Co. reported Tuesday record sales and net earnings for the first quarter of 1957 and an increase in orders for its commercial jet airplanes.

President William M. Allen said sales of \$232,711,969 compared with \$170,879,889 in the first three months last year and net earnings of \$8,075,464 compared with \$6,158,677 a year ago.

Net earnings for the quarter were 2.76 per cent on sales, equivalent to \$1.21 a share.

Unfilled orders for March 31 totaled \$2,348,000. Allen said 600 million of the total represents firm orders for 534 commercial jet airplanes.

Allen said the total of jet airplane orders, including both firm orders and letters of notification, stands at 151. This is up 10 from previous announcements. He did not name the additional buyers but listed orders from eight foreign airlines. Only six had been announced previously, in addition to five domestic airlines.

Trade sources have reported Varig, a Brazilian line, and Compania Cubana de Aviacion, of Cuba, have decided to buy Boeing 707's for their international routes.

Portland (AP)—The income of Oregon farmers, in the period ended April 15, dropped one-half of one per cent below what they had received in the prior 30 days.

Prices for sheep, lambs, whole-saled milk, chickens and eggs declined, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's crop reporting service.

But it said gains were registered for hogs, cattle and wool. It reported a gain in wheat, 9.80, with prices averaging two cents above mid-March prices.

Nationally, farmers gained two per cent in their prices in the same period.

Reporters In Portland Vice Scandal Included In Pulitzer Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—The Chicago Daily News Monday received the 1957 Pulitzer Award for meritorious public service for exposing the Hodge scandal in Illinois.

Eugene O'Neill won his fourth Pulitzer prize, the first ever awarded posthumously, for his play "Long Day's Journey into Night."

It was the first time a playwright had been given four Pulitzer prizes.

There was no fiction award made by the trustees of Columbia University, which has awarded the prizes since 1917 under the will of the late Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of The St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the old New York World.

The trustees made eight awards in journalism and six in music and letters.

The awards in journalism are worth \$1,000 cash to the individuals chosen. The ones in the arts are worth \$500 each. The winning newspaper gets a gold plaque.

Wallace Turner and William M. Lambert of The Portland Oregonian were cited jointly for stories exposing Teamsters Union "vice and corruption" in Portland. The award was for local reporting (on edition time) and each man gets \$1,000.

James Reston of The New York Times won the award for national reporting.

Russell Jones of the United Press won the award for international reporting.

The Salt Lake Tribune was selected for local reporting (on edition time) for its coverage of the Grand Canyon crash of two airliners in which 128 persons died.

Other winners listed: History—"Russia Leaves the War" by George F. Kennan.

Biography—"Profiles in Courage" by Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.).

Poetry—"Things of This World" by Richard Wilbur.

Music—"Meditations on Ecclesiastes" by Norman Dello Joio.

A special citation was awarded Kenneth Roberts "for his historical novels which have long contributed to the creation of greater interest in our early American history."

Journalism awards were: Editorial writing—Burlington Free Press of Burlington, Vt.

Cartoons—Tom Little of The Nashville Tennessean.

News photography—Harry A. Trask of The Boston Traveler.

The Chicago Daily News was cited for its determined and courageous public service in exposing a 2½ million dollar fraud centering in the office of the state auditor of Illinois, resulting in the indictment and conviction of the state auditor and others. This led to the organization of state procedures to prevent the recurrence of the fraud.

The imprisoned state auditor was Orville E. Hodge.

Holmes Stresses Teaching Youth How To Think

GRANTS PASS (AP)—An appeal for greater emphasis on teaching American youth how to think for themselves was issued by Gov. Holmes here Monday night.

He spoke to an audience composed mainly of Josephine County teachers, at the local celebration of the National Education Assn.'s centennial.

After tracing the beginnings of formal education in this country, when pioneers built churches and schools in each new settlement as soon as their homes were established, the governor turned to what he called "problems which must be considered to keep education the stronghold of freedom."

Types of skills needed may change greatly from generation to generation, he said, but added there are certain eternal truths of logic and philosophy which remain the same in any situation.

"It is well to teach as many skills as possible, he said, 'these skills are not the stuff of which either dreams or wisdom is made.'"

He pointed out that while much emphasis is placed on teaching young people to adjust to their environment, some of the finest accomplishments of any era have been attained by individuals who did not adjust.

He urged training toward a creative trend as well as in scientific and technical fields.

Vancouver Cops Eye Sunday Ball

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—Evidence collected by Vancouver city police detectives at Sunday's Pacific Coast League doubleheader will be referred to the British Columbia attorney-general's department.

The Vancouver Mounties went ahead with their scheduled doubleheader against San Diego despite the fact that a Sunday sports ban by law for this city was rejected by the Legislature last spring.

Two detectives were at the stadium, and were reported to have taken down some names among the 3,600 who attended. Mounties General Manager Cedric Tallis said they talked to him between games and inquired if any tickets were being sold. He told them all tickets were sold prior to midnight Saturday.

Evidence gathered by the detectives will be forwarded to Atty. Gen. Robert Bonner in Victoria.

It was not known what action, if any, Bonner will take.

MEASURE REJECTED

SALEM (AP)—The House rejected, 41-13, Monday a bill to appropriate \$150,000 to buy property near the Capitol for a parking lot.

The measure, proposed by Secretary of State Mark Hatfield, ran afoul of economy-minded Democrats.

Gen. Trujillo, Exalted Idol Of Dominican People, Faces Blot In U. S. Flier's Killing

By A. ROBERT SMITH

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Senate committee meets this week to begin what appears to be the perplexing emotional job of selecting the five greatest men who have ever sat in that august chamber.

Because of rivalries between states, between parties, between men of deep philosophical difference, the task seems to most observers immensely difficult. What the committee perhaps should do first, under the chairmanship of Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), who is author of the best seller "Profiles of Courage," is read a more recent book which this past week was received by every member of the Washington press corps.

This book reveals that down in the Dominican Republic, the law-makers never have any trouble whatsoever deciding who is the greatest man ever to walk upon their native soil. He is, of course, Generalissimo Rafael A. Trujillo, the hero of this slickly covered edition.

Not once but time and time again, the Dominican legislators have passed laws, decrees, resolutions and ordered special medals struck for the great man. As a result, this man of humble beginnings is today:

"The most outstanding and greatest of all Dominican presidents," by virtue of law No. 1513, passed in 1938.

"Father of the New Nation," under law No. 431, passed in 1955.

He was already "benefactor of the country" for life, by a 1937 resolution, not to mention 50 other honors passed during the "era of Trujillo."

Paragon of Purity

The Trujillo biography tells a lot about the man. It is a man of a legitimate pleasure to save himself from the embarrassment of being hypocritical. For that matter, adulation of a rather lavish variety flourishes in the U.S. where it is offered quite shamelessly to Ike Eisenhower, Elvis Presley and the white Yankee ball team.

Obviously, the Caribbean Library isn't in Brooklyn.

A major general who wrote the book's foreword started by declaring: "I had to muster all my courage in order to write the foreword of a book as important as this one, despite my limited ability to do so. This audacity of mine would be unjustified and would deserve whatever criticisms might be forthcoming, were it not for my pure sentiments of loyalty and the enormous gratitude which I feel" for Trujillo. After two pages in this vein, he said he will reserve his sentiments for a book of his own entitled, "Why I Love Trujillo."

Reputation Now Menaced

The Washington press corps, which is subjected to many attempts every day to promote this cause or that individual, knows a slick promotion at sight. The consensus is that Trujillo fears for his reputation in the United States as result of the public indignation over the Galindez and Murphy cases, for general conjecture is that both Prof. Jesus Galindez and Gerald Murphy, the Oregon flier, were wiped out by the dictator's henchmen.

A grand jury here in Washington has recently been hearing testimony bearing on this case. This could result in action to clip the wings of some of the agents of the Trujillo regime who function in his behalf here, getting military and economic aid from the American government to bolster his Caribbean crown.

The Caribbean Library, a New York agency which circulated the book, sought to explain its shameful adulation of Trujillo by saying this "expression of joy" is felt to be necessary by his countrymen and "to deprive his people of a legitimate pleasure to save himself from the embarrassment of being hypocritical." For that matter, adulation of a rather lavish variety flourishes in the U.S. where it is offered quite shamelessly to Ike Eisenhower, Elvis Presley and the white Yankee ball team.

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Interior Still Studying Dam's Feasibility, Despite Turn Down By White House

By A. ROBERT SMITH

News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Interior Department is going ahead, spending considerable sums, investigating the Pleasant Valley site to determine whether a high dam is engineeringly sound—despite the decision by the White House that such a project is not politically sound.

The reason for this apparent conflict is not clear, inasmuch as the administration has made no complete explanation of its policy with respect to this newly controversial Snake River project downstream from Hells Canyon.

But two things are clear: 1. Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton continues to believe that a high Pleasant Valley dam would be preferable to the lower dam proposed by Pacific Northwest Power Co. in conjunction with its proposed Mountain Sheep project.

2. The White House in February prevented Seaton from asking the Federal Power Commission to hold up action on the power company's application so that Interior would have sufficient time to offer full data on a big dam before the license application case is decided.

So now two agencies are going off in two directions. Interior is spending \$217,000 to investigate the Pleasant Valley site for a high dam; and the FPC is moving with deliberate speed to close the pending case, taking no notice whatever of Seaton's high dam idea.

Consequently, unless some unforeseen development alters this progression of events very soon, the FPC will have decided the case months before Interior has completed its studies. And if the utility gets its license, the data for a high dam will be of little value to the government, since the site will go for a lower project.

Why should Interior carry forward its expensive studies under these circumstances?

Seaton himself has been unavailable for comment, for he is recovering from a back operation. But last week Interior released a statement concerning the situation which a department spokesman candidly said "is an effort to counteract published reports by this reporter that the White House has turned thumbs down on Seaton's high dam idea. The statement simply said the department was continuing its high dam studies. It made no reference to the critical fact that:

There are now rumblings on Capitol Hill, where budget cutting is a popular avocation, to call for a full and complete administration explanation of its attitude towards Seaton's high dam proposal, so that the White House will say either it is for the idea and wants the money or that it is opposed to the high dam and doesn't need the money.

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To regain normal regularity, the dry, shrunken, constipating contents of your colon which now block your bowel must be re-moistened. Second, bulk must be brought to your colon to stimulate it to action: to a normal urge to purge. And, of all laxatives, only Colomax, the winning new laxative discovery, possesses Colomax's great moistening capacity, plus Colomax's special "locking" bulk. So effective it releases even the most constipated bowels, Colomax is yet so smooth, so gentle it has proved safe even for women in critical stages of pregnancy. Superior to old style bulk, salt or drug laxatives, Colomax neither gags, bloats nor grips; won't interfere with absorption of vitamins and other valuable nutrients, in clinical tests, did not cause rash or other reactions. It's a physiological fact: Exercise tones your body! And Colomax exercises your colon to tone it against constipation, overnight! Get Colomax, in easy-to-take tablet form, at any drug store, today! Only 96¢ for the 60 tablet package, brings positive relief at less than 2¢ per tablet.