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CIVIL RIGHTS DEBATE

By Charles V. Stanton

Now that the Civil Rights Bill, long postponed by mutual consent, is before the U.S. Senate, we can expect the spilling of millions of words of impassioned oratory. The underlying motives of this proposed legislation probably will not be mentioned in the heated debate, expected to occupy the Senate for the next several days — perhaps weeks. Instead of the true state of facts being brought out to enlighten the public, both sides will endeavor to create all possible confusion.

While every effort is made by one side to convince the public that there is great sorrow for the plight of the underprivileged colored man, that his constitutional guarantees must be established and preserved, there will be no hint that the "sorrow" is largely sham and that the whole purpose of the legislation is to tighten the grip of the liberal wing of the Democrat Party.

The liberal or "Northern" segment of the Democrat Party is an exponent of an all-powerful, centralized government. Dominated by Americans for Democratic Action, the northern wing has, in fact, created a new party. This new party can be defined as the Socialist-Democrat Party. It has been successful in controlling Congress for most of the past 25 years and it directed the Roosevelt and Truman administrations.

States' Rights Defended

A continuing threat to the ADA, however, is the Southern Democratic Party. Southern Democrats do not believe in centralized government.

The South fought a war to defend states' rights. Although the South was beaten by military force, it was not defeated in its ideology. The South believes in states' rights just as strongly today as it did when it fought until completely exhausted in the War Between the States.

Actually, in these battles over segregation and civil rights we are fighting the Civil War all over again, except that we are not using bullets.

And while we are told that the Civil War was fought because of slavery, any student of history knows that slavery was only an incidental issue, chiefly political, that states' rights was the real issue in that war. And so today it is again states' rights over which our senators battle rather than the welfare of the colored race in America.

For, unless the Southern Democrat can be driven to his knees and the ADA left free to control the party, there is continued danger that the northern segment will be ousted from its leadership and the Solid South restored as a political giant, whereas it now is weak and struggling after the beatings it has received.

Colored Vote Sought

There is no denying that discrimination against the colored race exists in parts of the South. In many places Negroes outnumber the whites. Because of this fact various means, including intimidation, are used to discourage Negroes from voting. If the ADA can again "emancipate" the Negro, this time in the matter of voting, at the same time demonstrating affection for forcing desegregation, it can hope to bring the Negro vote into camp and thus kill off the states' rights faction of the party.

You'll not hear the issue, as summarized here in oversimplified form, brought into the open in the arguments in the Senate. Instead you'll hear a great deal of demagoguery, impassioned oratory and intolerance. Appeals will be made to the emotions.

Today's counterpart of the "abolitionist" will be much in the foreground with his appeals to sentiment. The Southerner, fighting for rights of self-determination, will be branded as "racist." ADA leadership will hide its true motives under a cloak of righteousness, while on the outskirts of the battle the pinks and commies will be prodding the fight, hoping to stir up lasting hatreds and divisions.

It will not be a pretty fight. It will not look good in print. Many of us will be stirred emotionally.

But, while there are many other ramifications, the chief issue is a political power battle and that fact should be kept in mind as the fight continues.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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lava beds and dump them into the Pit and thus carry them down to the Sacramento? This added volume of water, it was argued, would raise the Sacramento enough to permit boats to reach as far up as Redding, thus saving 30-odd miles of pack mule haul.

There was another string to the bow. It was reasoned that this diversion would dry up the Klamath during the summer months, thus making the gold in its bed easily available.

Thus two birds could be killed with one stone. It was a fascinating idea, and it got into the first session of the California Legislature. There, however, it got lost. It appears from the records of the period that there was no opposition to the project, but this first session was a busy one and somewhere along the line the Klamath diversion was forgotten.

What if it hadn't got lost? Suppose it had gone through.

Suppose the water of the Klamath had been diverted to the Pit and thence down to the Sacramento. In that event, a considerable area of Southern Oregon and a much more considerable area of far Northern California would have been benefit of their water — with-

out which today their future would be dark indeed.

There's a moral to this story. After long years of battling — including the revival of a dozen years ago of this century-old proposal to divert the water of the Klamath down through the lava beds to the Pit and thence into the Sacramento above Shasta Dam — it appears likely that the water of the Klamath has been saved for use in its own watershed.

But — The hottest issue in California right now is diversion of the water of the counties of origin for use in the counties of deficiency. If that should come about, without adequate protection for the counties of origin over the long years of the future, the result could be disastrous for these California counties where the water originates.

Let's go back for a moment to 1852, when diversion of the water of the Klamath down through the lava beds and thence into the Pit and on into the Sacramento was first proposed.

It was then assumed that water was more or less of a nuisance. Among other things, it made recovery of the gold in the river's bed more difficult.

Well, NOW it's different. Water is now our most precious resource. Without it, our other resources

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON —(NEA) —Federal Flood Indemnity Administration will pass out of existence in July—the shortest-lived government agency in history. It never wrote a policy.

FFIA was authorized on the last day of the last session of Congress, without a record vote. It was killed in the House of Representatives 10 months later by the simple process of denying it money with which to operate.

The vote was 58 Republicans and 128 Democrats for a total of 186 votes in favor of keeping the outfit going, to 122 Republicans and 90 Democrats for a total of 212 against it.

What happened to bring about this strange reversal of congressional opinion is the cause for much political speculation. It's a good case history on why things happen the way they do in Washington, defying all rhyme and reason.

THE BIG FLOODS which brought on the demand for flood insurance came after the disastrous hurricane summer of 1955. There were no serious floods in 1956. But they were still cleaning up the debris in 1956. And the memory of what had hit the eastern seaboard from North Carolina to New England made flood insurance a good political talking point for the '56 elections.

Representative Edward Boland (D-Mass.), Frank Thompson Jr. (D-N.J.), Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) and Graham Barden (D-N.C.), whose states had all been hit hard in '55, led the fight for flood insurance in '56. They put it over in spite of the opposition from Rep. Brent Spence (D-Ky.), chairman of Banking and Currency Committee. It breezed through the Senate.

Financed in part by presidential emergency funds, a small staff of about 30 experts under former Deputy Housing Administrator Frank J. Meistril was set up to work out plans.

Hal Boyle

ALCOA, Tenn. — William Andrew Nicholson is an 80-year-old carpenter who built an everlasting home because he confidently expects to live forever. It is a fortress-like stone dwelling of 14 rooms and was hand-built by Nicholson and his wife over an eight-year period. It is known locally as "millionaire manor" and "the house that faith built."

"I cannot rust or rot," said Nicholson, whose keen blue eyes and white hair make him look like a patriarch in a striped sport shirt, "and if nothing wrecks it there is no reason why it shouldn't last a million years."

And Nicholson himself is serene. He believes that a million years from now he will be happy, alive and content with his house and lot.

His reason is simple. He loves Jesus Christ, and he accepts as a statement of literal fact that biblical promise that whosoever loves Christ will have everlasting life.

"I believe in the Bible, and I believe in life," he said. "I believe in preparing to live instead of preparing to die."

So it was that in 1938 the kindly carpenter and his wife, who have borne him 10 children, began at the age of 61 to build an eternal shelter for an eternal life on earth.

There was to go into it nothing that could corrode or decay—neither wood nor nail. Only cement, rock and Tennessee pink marble.

Nicholson worked eight hours a day at his trade, then worked six to eight hours more on his home. He pushed 300-pound marble stones to their place in a wheelbarrow. His wife poured the mortar. The job took them eight long, exhausting years.

The house, completed in December, 1946, is two stories tall. Its outside walls are from two to three feet thick, its ceiling three to five feet. It has two bathrooms furnished with huge stone and cement chairs. The roof alone contains 432 tons of rock.

Six years ago Mrs. Nicholson died of cancer, leaving her husband lonely but still sure he himself will enjoy eternal life.

"It was hard to be parted from her after so many years," he said. "My wife believed in me, but her faith in eternal life was weak. She tried to believe, but she had her doubts. There came times when she talked of dying."

Nicholson's unusual home has become something of a tourist attraction. He says he has been offered \$150,000 for it, but has no intention of selling.

"What would I want with the money?" he asked. "I have everything I need."

"I haven't been sick for 40 years. I don't worry about the atomic bomb—or anything else. I let nothing bother me."

"I keep healthy by serving God the best I know how. I don't go to church, but got out. They didn't like my views."

One of Nicholson's views that he has learned from his neighbors is that he is eccentric. It is his conviction that the world will be destroyed soon (probably 1958), but that 144,000 righteous, including himself, will be saved.

Nicholson himself doesn't mind what his neighbors think, or anyone else for that matter. He would be practically valueless.

Consider, for example, the pulp and paper industry, which promises to revolutionize our timber economy.

Without adequate water, THERE COULD BE NO PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY.

This fact is plain. Far Northern California must battle to the last ditch to make sure that in any reshuffle of the state's water the counties of origin — the counties where the water falls — are not left high and dry.

Josephine Nickel Plant Stymied In Washington

By A. ROBERT SMITH

News Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The Office of Defense Mobilization has momentarily stymied efforts to establish a major new industrial plant for nickel production in southwest Oregon — but a new solution is now being sought with some promise of success.

Nickel Corp. of America has plans to build a plant in the Illinois River Valley north of Cave Junction to produce some 30 million pounds of nickel annually from nearby ore. The plant would employ about 750 workers, the firm estimates.

After the firm began acquiring mineral lease rights in the area, with royalties promised to local owners of the leases, it made churning drillings and determined that the operation would be economically feasible at current market prices for nickel. But it anticipated that ODM would purchase its output for the national defense stockpile, as ODM is purchasing the output of the Hanna nickel operation near Riddle in Douglas County.

ODM Not Interested ODM, however, has informed the company that it has already bought or committed itself to buy sufficient nickel for the stockpile, so it isn't interested.

Before Nickel Corp. can finance the 20-30 million dollar investment it estimates will be needed to get into production, it must now land a contract for no less than five years' output in order to satisfy investment of the soundness of the operation. Inasmuch as nickel is currently considered to be in short supply domestically, there is a demand which exceeds production at this time.

Domestic users of nickel, such as the large steel companies, aren't anxious to enter into a long contract with a newcomer whose production couldn't begin until 1959 because International Nickel Co., giant of the industry, has promised to mitigate the shortages by 1960 when it has new productive capacity coming in.

Exports Are Refused Turning to the foreign market, the firm found willing buyers abroad, where nickel prices range up to \$1.70 per pound, compared with the U.S. domestic price of 74 cents. But the Commerce Department has refused to issue an export license to the company, thereby preventing it from selling its output abroad. Commerce officials point out that nickel is the last remaining metal under government control and exports are banned now because of the domestic shortage.

Caught on the horns of this government-imposed dilemma, John H. White Jr. of Salt Lake City, head of the nickel firm, complained to Rep. Charles O. Porter, Oregon Democrat. Porter called all the officials involved from ODM and Commerce to his office for a conference with White last week in an attempt to resolve the conflict.

Negotiations Advised Upshot of this confab was that White was advised to negotiate with a foreign buyer and obtain a five-year contract with which to secure financing for the company's plant. By 1959, when production is

expected to start, export controls may have expired, White was told, and he would be granted an export license to ship the nickel abroad. If, on the other hand, controls are still on and no export permit can be issued, it will be because there is still a domestic shortage and the foreign buyer can simply sell the nickel here domestically until export controls are lifted.

Negotiations are now in progress between executives of Nickel Corp. of America and prospective foreign buyers. Upon their outcome apparently rides the question of whether Oregon will get a sizeable new industrial payroll.

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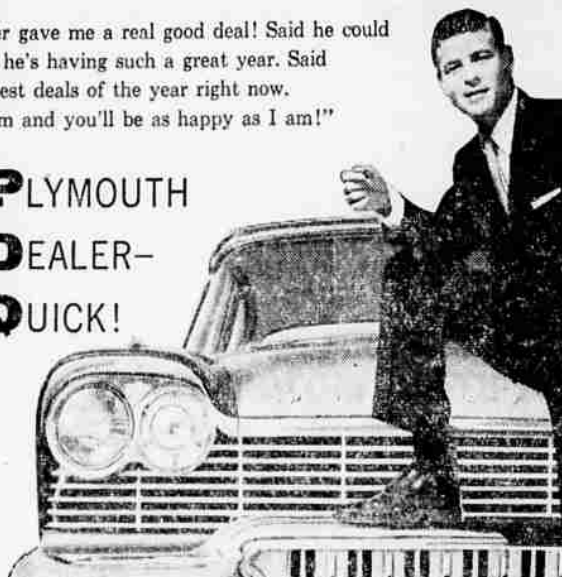
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