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POLITICAL QUESTION

By Charles V. Stanton

Sen. Richard Neuberger in a letter elsewhere on this page deeply resents the "inference" in this column that he had "deliberately" sponsored the bill for an Oregon Dunes National Seashore Park as a political issue.

If I recall correctly, there was but little "inference." I said it was my belief the project was a political gimmick. To set at rest any thought that there might have been an "inference," let me say plainly that I still believe the project to be a political gimmick, despite the senator's pious declaration and his resentment.

The senator is a past master at distortion and deception. He has an artists' ability to make words say things that are true within themselves but are distorted from fact. He has an uncanny ability to twist things to suit himself.

To read his letter one would believe that the Secretary of the Interior is all hot and bothered in favor of the Oregon proposal and that the whole administration is behind the Neuberger program.

The fact is that the National Parks Advisory Board selected areas where national shoreline parks could be created. It has emphasized that it has made no decisions. Even if there were no opposition there still is no assurance the suggested Oregon park would be one of those chosen, although it probably has great merit.

Access At Question

One of the factors upon which park recommendations are based is that the public needs access to seashore playgrounds. For that reason it is proposed to establish parks where recreational values of seashore areas may be made available to the public. The strange part of the Oregon proposal, in the light of that phase of the federal report, is that the area proposed for park purposes already is principally in public ownership and the public now has access. The area already contains state parks, forest parks, public swimming beaches, boating facilities, fishing, etc., while the state holds ownership to the entire ocean front, so the public can never be denied access.

The fact of the matter is that while the Oregon project was included among those recommended to the Department of the Interior, and, as is indicated, has a "prospect" of being one of the three to be established, Neuberger paraded forth upon his own to advance and urge the selection of this particular area. He did so without consultation with the state administration. He acted in such a manner that he put the administration in a bad light. No one ever has accused him of partisanship, insofar as making the matter a party issue is concerned. It was contended in this column that he has used the project for his own advantage; that because he is a recognized conservationist he is trying to make it appear that the parks proposal is a conservation project.

Intentions Indicated

If the senator was as pious as his letter would seem to make him, would he not as one of the chief men in our state government, have sought the ideas, advice and help of state authorities rather than acting independently and alone to dispose of Oregon's resources according to his own ideas? If Neuberger had sought to be impartial and objective, gathering "facts," as he indicated was the purpose of his hearings, would he have argued with witnesses, badgered the opposition, criticized the state's governor for an opposition report prepared by a committee of honorable and respected men? If he were fair and impartial would he have abused a secretary who conducted an investigation ordered by a committee and who brought in a report contended by some members of his committee as being too "soft"? If Sen. Neuberger is as pious as he would have people believe, why doesn't he challenge the whole committee? That committee is made up of the heads of twelve of Oregon's departments relating to natural resources. They are men of integrity. If Neuberger isn't playing politics, why is he battling Hatfield and Allen, the committee's secretary, rather than the whole committee? If Neuberger isn't playing politics, why doesn't he tell the whole truth in his letter instead of only part of it?

Hal Boyle

Lyricist Finds Enjoyment In Inferiority Complex

NEW YORK (AP)—Ira Gershwin says he has enjoyed an inferiority complex all his life—and it's a wonderful thing to have. "If you're conscientious," he remarked, "an inferiority complex will make you work hard to refute your own opinion of yourself." At 62 Gershwin, a lyric genius assured of immortality, is painfully honest about himself and his work, has no desire to be thrust upon a pedestal of personal recognition. "My biggest goal is not to get 100 upset about anything," he said. "I don't want to be a celebrity. It means too much responsibility—too much mail to answer."

It was back in 1917 that Ira, a Lower East Side kid first learning the magic of words, mailed a half-page fable to the old Smart Set magazine. Back came a check for \$1.

"Sure, I cashed the check," he recalled. "I needed the money." In the 42 years since then, Ira has written the words for some 800 musical works, including such standard songs as "The Man I Love," "Embraceable You," "Love Walked In," "They Can't Take That Away from Me."

Many Teams Made He teamed memorably with such noted composers as his brother, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Kurt Weill, Harold Arlen and Arthur Schwartz. He has captured the flavor of those historic years in the American musical theater in a new book, "Love Walked In," a song he earned him more than \$20,000, he insists neither fame nor fortune is the greatest reward.

Produce Offered At Low Prices

SPOKANE (AP)—A group of farmers, disappointed at current low market prices, offered here to sell 130 tons of cabbage, turnips, carrots and rutabagas at only 2 cents a pound. A spokesman for the farmers said the sale will be limited to charitable organizations and that the produce will be delivered free if ordered by the ton. The vegetables were collected at the David Granlow farm in the Orchard Prairie area northeast of the city. He said the farmers can't sell the vegetables at a profit because of low prices and would rather dispose of them for charity before they freeze.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

President Eisenhower, calling it a sad day for the nation, orders government lawyers to ask a federal court to send 500,000 striking steelworkers back to the mills for 80 days.

Note his use of the word ALL. It tells the whole story. As the situation stands, four or five million people (some 500,000 steelworkers and some 600,000 owners of steel stocks, along with their dependents) are DIRECTLY concerned by the steel strike, whereas in the neighborhood of 170 million people are hampered and annoyed by it.

As this is written, the general drift of the news indicates that an injunction, if granted by the courts, will settle nothing—that both sides will tough it out and the strike will be resumed at the end of the 80 days.

What SHOULD be done? Let's go back to the illustration of the ruckus in your neighborhood—in which two or three families are rowing with each other and disturbing the peace and quiet of all the rest of you.

The rest of you, constituting the MAJORITY, will put up with it as long as you can, but sooner or later, if the row isn't settled, you'll CALL THE COPS.

Here's about what will happen: The 80 days will expire at about the time the Congress will assemble. The Congress, representing ALL the people, will be inclined to pass a law that will stop the ruckus.

Such a law will be apt to make the American system of free enterprise MUCH LESS FREE, that isn't going to be good for us over the long pull.

problem when American society was more primitive and injury from a strike or shutdown was pretty much limited to the union or company or companies involved. This is no longer the case.

Each industry, like each individual, and each union would want to retain for itself the maximum amount of freedom.

But if a ban on strikes comes, then the government will have to provide a settlement and that, in the end, could only be done by imposing compulsory arbitration.

The union and management between them made the collective bargaining process a farce. And on Oct. 19, when Eisenhower decided to seek an injunction to stop the strike for 80 days, he said: "Settlement Hopes Fade."

"In order to protect the interests of all the American people, this leaves me with no alternative but to recommend that the American people be asked to support a responsible settlement have not been fulfilled. It is a sad day for the nation."

He acted only when the effect of the strike began to spread into other industries with the danger, unless something was done to stop it, that the country might go tumbling back into recession.

Before Congress ever goes so far as to ban strikes and impose compulsory arbitration, it almost surely will seek some less drastic measure but one sterner than any now available.

That may work for a while. But in the end, if the country is not saved, the country will be a poorer one.

Richard L. Neuberger, United States Senator, Portland, Ore.

Mayor Seeks Laws To Curb NY Crime

NEW YORK (AP)—Mayor Robert F. Wagner has asked for a series of new state laws to quell youth crime in New York City. Revealing his anti-juvenile delinquency program here, he called for laws that would: Lower the age of prosecution for major crimes from the current 16 to 15.

License all dealers in rifles and shotguns and require them to keep proper records of all their transactions. Make it a punishable offense for anyone under 21 to possess in public a knife or sharp-pointed or cutting instrument.

Provide that illegal possession of a weapon by one or more members of an unlawfully assembled group would be considered illegal possession by all members of the group.

Make carrying of an exposed, loaded pistol or revolver a felony. Under present law it is a felony only if the pistol or revolver is concealed.

Make illegal possession of weapons by two or more persons in a public group "presumptive evidence" that the group was unlawfully assembled.

Juveniles' Acts Parents' Concern

NEW YORK (AP)—The City Council, trying to bring juvenile violence under control, has adopted a measure to hold parents legally responsible for their children's vandalism. Parents could be fined up to \$25.

Joseph T. Sharkey of Brooklyn, sponsor of the bill, declared, "We have wasted 20 years and spent more than 100 million dollars in our effort to stop youth crime. It is time we put this in the hands of practical people. We must take it away from the job sisters."

The bill must get Board of Estimate approval. Virtually the same measure was defeated in 1952.

Park Integration Asked

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—A group of Negroes have filed a federal court suit seeking to integrate Birmingham's public parks and recreation facilities.

The suit, filed here in the name of 16 Negroes, contends that the majority of Negro recreational facilities are poorly equipped and are specifically that the city be enjoined from segregating the parks.

Editorial Comment

FOLLOWING TRADITION, a la MORSE

Grants Pass Courier

Sometimes the homesomeness of searching for editorial matter really hits home to us, as it did yesterday, until Jerry Acklin laid down on the desk a query or request from AP—That's Associated Press—from Portland: "RB, GP—If JRE in APC ask him to phone. Tnx. GGMCPD."

That sort of stumped us and then we're intrigued a bit. Why in heck does the Portland AP office or whomever it is there requesting this message be given whomever it is he's asking about in code—why doesn't he just say it in English: "Roseburg, Grants Pass—If J. R. Elmers in appropriate ask him to phone. Thanks."

We've been reading a lot about whether Johnny can read and/or spell and we'd add write, also, and this parcel of hieroglyphics almost constrains us to believe "GG31" can't, either.

Anyway, back when Morse (telephone) was used by the newspapers instead of telephone or teletype, the operators abbreviated, shortened everything as much as possible, often even skeletonizing when transfer government receiving reports from the district sending bureau, the typists of the several newspapers subscribing to service over a given telephone circuit would skeletonize. Example: "Pis Pa—U S Sil ty and re-

ing experiments shortly," he said. Von Braun said he is convinced that "it would definitely speed up our national space program if we could have a little more program stability and confidence in our proved rocket teams, and a little less official re-evaluations and justifications."

"As a nation," he said, "we are also making a fundamental mistake if we consider this space business as nothing but an exciting if silly race between rival missile teams or a weightlifting contest between rocket engineers and scientists."

"The Communist challenge goes far beyond that. It extends across the entire spectrum of human activities. It challenges you and every other American."

"It has become a contest between free men and a society that accepts state control over every thought, word and deed. Having survived that kind of environment (as a scientist working under the Nazis during World War II) I don't want my children or yours to endure it!" he said.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Ireland declared here that the U.N. must act to end alleged Communist oppression in Tibet even if it means aggravation of the cold war.

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past two years state highway men, usually on their own time, and amateur historians methodically have retraced the Oregon Trail all the way across the state. Much of this has been done on foot after consultation with original records, diaries, letters and other documents.

Deceptive cattle runs and freight wagon trails which crossed the original trail have been dismissed from contention. In many places markers, faintly visible ruins, graves and other indicators were found to establish definitely for the first time where the trail went.

The results of this search are put into detailed map form using 10 map panels, each covering some 30 miles of the trail from its entry into Oregon near Nyssa to Rowena, near The Dalles, where pioneers near the left it to barge down the Columbia or turned onto the Barkow Road and climbed over the shoulders of Mt. Hood.

The entire route is marked. Where it's visible to the eye, that is indicated. Where it was located only by use of records and surveys, the map code shows it.

One interesting thing is that contrary to common conception, it rarely is buried under highway. Most of the way it winds around through the trees or across someone's pasture. Early and late, roadbuilders apparently haven't cared too much for the meandering path found by the immigrants.

It's use ceased with the coming of the railroad and it was lost in most areas within a decade. All efforts to retrace it since then—until two years ago—were piecemeal.

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