



Night before last, back in Massachusetts, the biggest bank robbery in U.S. history was pulled off by an eight-man gang that hijacked a U.S. mail truck near Plymouth. The loot totaled up to a million and a half dollars in unmarked cash.

The money belonged to six banks on Cape Cod, but when stolen it was in the custody of a U.S. mail truck. So it must be assumed that the loss was Uncle Sam's. At any rate, Uncle Sam's men are on the job this morning, and they are planning the biggest man-hunt in history.

The purpose of the man-hunt will be to get back the money and to find and punish the persons responsible for the deed.

As this is written, the Postal Department's chief inspector, Henry B. Montague, has arrived in Boston with a ten-man team and has taken personal command of the man-hunt. He has gone into conference with William F. White, chief inspector for the New England region.

On his arrival from Washington, Chief Inspector Montague tells newsmen at the Boston airport where he landed: "I have brought my TOP investigators from Washington, Pittsburgh, New York City, Detroit and Florida. In all, I have brought in ten extra men."

Earlier, Regional Inspector White had told the reporters that the Post Office Department is prepared to use a THOUSAND men, if necessary to find and take into custody the clever gang that was responsible for the holdup.

The gist of it all is that no stone is to be left unturned in the search for these persons who have misused money in the custody of and therefore belonging, for the time being, to the government of the United States.

Well, that's the way to go about it.

We love our old Uncle when he rolls up his sleeves and goes into action like that. It dramatizes for us the power and the majesty and the EFFICIENCY of the federal government of the United States of America.

It gives us a thrill of pride.

But—

This thought inevitably occurs: Wouldn't it be WONDERFUL if all the boondoggling, all of the reckless extravagance, all of the un-sound management practices that have been responsible for the accumulation of a national debt of THREE HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS has been dealt with in the same prompt and efficient manner as this hijacking episode back in the state of Massachusetts?

Think how much better off we'd be now if that had been the case.

Interim Group Slates Meeting

SALEM (UPI)—Three legislative interim committees are holding meetings this week.

The Local Government committee began a two day session in Portland today.

The Agriculture Committee meets in Newport Friday and the Social Problems Committee has a Portland session scheduled the same day.

The small business subcommittee on trade practices and administration meets in Portland Aug. 20.

Other meetings:

Constitutional Revision, drafting subcommittee, Salem, Aug. 20-21.

Natural Resources, Portland, Aug. 24-25.

Highways, Salem, Aug. 27.

Social Problems, Aug. 31, Seattle.

Legislative Fiscal Committee, Salem, Sept. 7-8.

Education, Salem, Sept. 10-11.

Agriculture, Hermiston, Sept. 12.

Agriculture, Milton - Freewater, Sept. 13.

Constitution Revision, full commission, Salem, Sept. 13, 14, 15.

Agriculture, Pendleton, Sept. 14.

Natural Resources, Olympia, Sept. 14.

Small Business, Portland, Sept. 15.

Legislative counsel, subcommittee on legislative processes and procedures, Salem, Sept. 25.

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PROFITABLE RACKET

By Charles V. Stanton

It has been my extreme pleasure and good fortune to know George Humphrey. Humphrey was Secretary of the Treasury in the Eisenhower Cabinet. Earlier he was president of the M. A. Hanna Company. In that capacity he helped negotiate the plan which resulted in opening the nickel operation near Riddle. Now he's being mauled at a congressional investigation.

I have the highest regard for Humphrey's integrity and honesty. Perhaps my personal liking for the man influences my opinions of the investigation. But I feel Humphrey is getting a dirty deal. Whatever his defense may be, I'm quite confident it will not receive nearly the sensational treatment now being given the statements against him.

Congress, it seems to me, has stretched to extreme thinness its authority to make investigations. Such authority supposedly is only for the purpose of determining if new laws are needed. But the investigative procedure has been used to spread propaganda, expound political theory, blacken characters, lower prestige, destroy influences, and to mislead the public.

Time and again congressional committees have sensationally developed one side of an issue, then postponed or hidden the other side to limit press reports. The public forms an erroneous opinion.

For example, we're currently reading that Humphrey received large sums of money from his stock dividends while serving as Secretary of the Treasury. It is mentioned time and again that he served under Eisenhower. The public thus is led to believe that Eisenhower was responsible for the Hanna affair, and that something wrong was involved.

Name Blackened

Actually the negotiations with the M. A. Hanna Company occurred long before Eisenhower was elected or before Humphrey was asked by Eisenhower to serve on the Cabinet. The agreement was made during Truman's time in office, although it did not reach the signature stage until later.

But the U. S. government was in dire need of strategic metals. It particularly needed nickel. It has been known for a half century or more that Nickel Mountain, near Riddle, contained a great deal of nickel ore. But it was low grade ore. Attempts to mine it had been financial failures. No major company would tackle it.

At the request of the government several concerns looked into the possibility. Hanna finally undertook the project.

The agreement provided that Hanna, at its own expense, would buy the private holdings and would, at its own expense, install and operate mining equipment. It also would lease and operate a smelter to be built with a loan from the federal government. The loan, in turn, was to be repaid by the delivery of a fixed amount of metal at an established price over a certain period of years. Delivery of this amount of metal, it was calculated, would pay off the loan, whereupon Hanna could buy the smelter at its depreciated value.

This whole transaction was negotiated while Truman was President, not Eisenhower. But that isn't the impression the uninformed public gets.

Instead, the testimony being developed at the hearing apparently is designed to smear and blacken Humphrey's good name and reputation.

A Few Questions

But let's assume, for sake of argument, that Humphrey did have an income of several millions of dollars while he served as Secretary of the Treasury.

What's wrong with that? Humphrey was a multi-millionaire before he was picked for Ike's cabinet. Ike picked him because he was a hard-headed, efficient business man (not a college professor) who knew how to make and handle money. Did he make any more money because of his Cabinet position than he did before entering the government? He quit a very lucrative job to answer the President's appeal.

Didn't the Hanna subsidiaries, in operating the Riddle project, conform to every letter in the contract with the government? The company, as I understand it, built the smelter for far less money than the government offered to loan; produced every pound of nickel the government sought in the contract and charged the price agreed upon, even though the open market price was much higher; completed the contract a year before the specified time, and bought the property under the terms originally stipulated.

Then there's another interesting question.

Who made the profit? If Humphrey made the millions the investigators report (and, for the sake of argument, we'll say the amount is correct) who got the money? The government's graduated rates on income taxes would put Humphrey in the 90 per cent bracket. The federal government, then, would have taken 90 per cent of what Humphrey received and Humphrey would have been able to keep only 10 per cent.

If that's graft, as some of our congressional investigators apparently would have us believe, it seems to me it's a mighty profitable racket for the federal government.

No Significance Seen In Soviet Twin Orbit

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Defense Department said today it saw no military significance in the twin orbital flights of the Russian cosmonauts.

An official spokesman said that the back-to-back launching of the two Soviet spacemen into near-identical orbits "did not come as a surprise to the Pentagon."

He also said that the United States still had "not determined" that there was any need for military men in space.

The spokesman said: "In our point of view there was nothing in the flights that had not been anticipated and that our present military programs had not taken into account."

He did not elaborate as to how U. S. military programs had "anticipated" the Soviet effort which put one Soviet cosmonaut in orbit for four days and the other in almost the same orbit for three days.

U. S. Funds To Speed State Freeway System

SALEM (UPI)—State Highway Engineer Forrest Cooper said today construction and purchase of right of way for Oregon's interstate freeway system would be speeded up as a result of federal highway funds released Wednesday.

The money will be used to purchase Stadium Freeway right of way in Portland, and on construction of Interstate 80N south of Baker.

Cooper explained that the \$11.822,000 released to the state must be applied to the interstate system.

"This is because federal funds for Oregon's primary and secondary highways has previously been obligated."

Cooper said that the federal money for primary and secondary roads is obligated first because it could lapse if not used within a certain time while the interstate freeway money is assured by Congress. Oregon's share of the \$1.9 billion of federal funds released Wednesday was the fourth smallest allotted to any state.

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

Try Positive Thinking, Lady!

DEAR ABBY: Am I foolish for being "jealous" of my husband's first wife? She is no longer living and I never knew her but, Abby, it's not easy to live in HER house, cook on HER stove, and sleep in HER bed. I haven't said anything to my husband about how I feel because I know he can't afford to replace everything all at once, but it's getting me down. Any advice to boost my spirits?

WIFE NUMBER TWO

DEAR WIFE: A little patience will go a long way. And your point of view needs changing. It's YOUR house now — and YOUR stove, YOUR bed, and more important, YOUR man. So if you love him, don't give him a problem he can't solve right now.

DEAR ABBY: My problem is my husband. He says he isn't an alcoholic because he drinks only beer, but I have seen him drink 20 bottles at one sitting. He stops at a tavern on his way home from work every night and he comes in 4 to 5 hours late and loaded. Then he picks a fight with me because I refuse to heat up his dinner. I keep his dinner hot for an hour or so, but I don't think he deserves a hot meal when he comes home 4 or 5 hours late and drunk. Can a man become an alcoholic on beer alone? Your answer is important.

HEARTSICK READER

DEAR HEARTSICK: Yes, a man can be a beer alcoholic. Yours qualifies for A.A., but if he isn't ready to admit it and seek their help, you should investigate membership in A.A.-Anon. It's a non-profit (free) organization whose function is to teach non-alcoholics how to live with alcoholics. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: My wife is so superstitious it is getting my goat. If a black cat crosses the road in front of us, she makes me turn the car around and go the other way. She won't leave the house on Friday the 13th. You couldn't pay her to sit 13 at a table. How can I convince her that superstitions are a lot of baloney? Or am I the nutty one?

KNOCKING ON WOOD

DEAR KNOCKING: Superstition arises from ignorance. Getfoot it over to the library and get a book on the origin of superstitions. (but don't step on a crack or you'll break your mother's back.)

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? For a personal reply, write to Abby, Box 3365, Beverly Hills, Calif. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

For Abby's booklet, "How To Have A Lovely Wedding," send 50c to Abby, Box 3365, Beverly Hills.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:

West Can't Find Much In Public Works Pork Barrel For Himself

By DICK WEST

United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Frankly, I hadn't paid much attention to this year's public works bill until it came up for passage in the House of Representatives late Thursday.

What finally aroused my interest was a statement by Chairman Clarence Cannon of the House Appropriations Committee that "there is something here for everybody."

Upon hearing that, I naturally acquired a copy of the bill to see if I could find what was in it for me.

Public works (pronounced "pork barrel") is normally interpreted to mean navigation, flood control, irrigation and power projects. Off hand, there wouldn't seem to be much there of direct benefit to a suburbanite like myself.

For instance, I couldn't understand at first how I might stand to gain from millions appropriated for harbor work in Flushing Bay, N.Y. Then Rep. H. R. Gross, R-Iowa, cleared that up for me.

Wanted Project Dropped

In trying to persuade the House to eliminate the project, Gross alleged that its purpose was to make the harbor better able to accommodate yachts that dock there for the 1964 World's Fair.

Well, sir, I might very well visit the Fair and I certainly hope that by that time I am able to afford a yacht. So Cannon was right. There is something in the bill for me.

Rep. Ben F. Jensen of Iowa, ranking Republican on the Appropriations Committee, was even more expansive than Cannon, a Missouri Democrat, in extolling the committee's handiwork.

"Heaven is perfect, but God purposely made the earth imperfect," Jensen explained. "We would have become a nation of drones if the world were perfect. It is our duty, and the duty of every American, to assist in making this earth a little more perfect."

Accepts Jensen's Word

Under the terms of the bill, we will be making our part of the earth \$4.6 billion more perfect. Not having any inside information, I will have to accept Jensen's word that this puts us on solid theological ground.

Somewhat, the public works discussion reminded me of an incident related by Moses Hart, the late playwright, in his book "Act One."

Hart had been spending vast sums of money to landscape his country home, even to the extent of moving giant trees from one part of the grounds to another.

When the project was completed, he invited a friend out to see what miracles had been wrought. The friend was duly impressed.

"It's beautiful, Moss," he exclaimed. "It's just like God would have done it if He had been rich."

U.S. Consumption Of Red Meat Will Remain Near 1961 Levels

By GAYLORD P. GODWIN

United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department today estimated the per capita consumption of red meats this year will be near the 1961 rate of 161 pounds.

Production of all red meat in 1962 currently is expected to total 10.28.9 billion pounds or slightly more than 1 per cent above the 1961 output. Prospective increases are divided about equally between beef and pork. The increase in production plus imports about equal to a year earlier will not be as great proportionately as the increase in population. The per person rate of consumption, therefore, will be about the same as in 1961.

In a review of the livestock and meat situation, the department said average retail meat prices likely will increase this summer and average as high or a little higher than a year before.

Beef prices, however, are not expected to change much during the remainder of this summer. They are expected to edge lower this fall and by late fall probably will be below a year earlier.

Retail veal prices, which have generally exceeded those of a year earlier so far, are expected to ease somewhat but likely will remain high.

Seasonal increases in livestock marketings now are under way. This year's calf crop is expected to be 2 per cent larger than in 1961, but most of these animals will be retained on farms. The cattle and calf inventory is expected to increase again this year, probably by about two million head.

Relatively stable fed cattle prices seem probable through the remainder of the summer.

The hog-corn price ratio based on the Chicago market has risen to 17.4. This means that the price of 100 pounds of live hog is the equivalent of 17.4 bushels of corn. At this time a year ago, the price ratio was 16.3. Farmers generally figure they can make a profit feeding corn to hogs when the ratio is 12 or above.

Foods in cold storage on Aug. 1 totaled 5.3 billion pounds, a new high for the date. A year ago cold storage foods totaled 4.8 billion pounds.

An unusually large July gain in frozen fruits—145 million pounds—brought Aug. 1 warehouse stocks to 510 million pounds. These supplies were 6 per cent above Aug. 1 stocks a year ago and the 1957-61 average.

Frozen vegetable stocks totaled 972 million pounds, 7 per cent above those of a year earlier and 33 per cent above average.

WASHINGTON WINDOW

Writing A Book Seems A Prerequisite For All Who Seek The White House Job

By RAYMOND LAHR

United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—When anyone measures himself for the White House, he needs to write a book to show that he is a statesman as well as a politician.

Ten years ago, Dwight D. Eisenhower went to the Republican national convention as the author of "Crusade in Europe," and Robert A. Taft as the author of "A Foreign Policy for Americans."

Adlai E. Stevenson, who had not sought the Democratic nomination, had written no book but he remedied that deficiency before campaigning for the 1956 nomination.

In 1960, the bookstores featured a catalog of speeches by Richard M. Nixon and another by John F. Kennedy.

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Reader Opinions

Conduct Of Bandsters Excellent At Fair

To The Editor:

On July 22, 1962, my wife and I, together with three other couples, had the honor and privilege of chaperoning the Roseburg High School Concert Band to the Seattle World's Fair where they were the "Band of the Day" on July 24, 1962.

We were so favorably impressed with the conduct of these young people, we thought we would let it be known to the citizens of the Roseburg area. Along with being top musicians, every member appears to be a fine lady or gentleman.

On several occasions the chaperones were complimented on the conduct of this group, including three occasions when meals were provided for the group.

We believe the City of Roseburg should take its hat off to Gary Wilson, Band Director, because of the music ability of the band members and the conduct that is reflected in his music instruction and ability to handle young people.