

Morse Charges 'Pravda' Job By U.S. Press

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., charged Sunday that the American press is failing to give the American people objective reporting on major issues.

"Frequently the American press does a Pravda job on the American people," he said in a television interview (Metropolitan Broadcasting—"Opinion in the Capitol").

"It feeds them what it wants them to read and omits telling them what they ought to know is in the news."

Morse issued his criticism when asked about an incident last week in which he protested about too much noise in the Senate press gallery.

"But that's insignificant," the senator went on. "I do have a great disappointment in the American press as a whole, for I have sat in the Senate for 19 years and I think I'm a pretty good witness in the operation of the press in handling political news, and in my judgment, the press does not do, by and large, an objective job of publishing the news."

Blames Editors

He said he blamed editors more than reporters.

"I'd take my chances even though I've had my difficulties with the working press, in the objectivity of the working press," the senator said. "But the fact is that their stories are re-written at a higher level or they're cut out entirely at higher level."

Morse said that during the recent senate debate on foreign aid, he and others like Sen. Ernest Gruening, D-Alaska, had made speeches criticizing the program but "you pick up the press and find not a single reference to the speech."

"You'll find in that same paper a lot of inconsequential news and I happen to think that the press owes to the American people objective reporting on major issues."

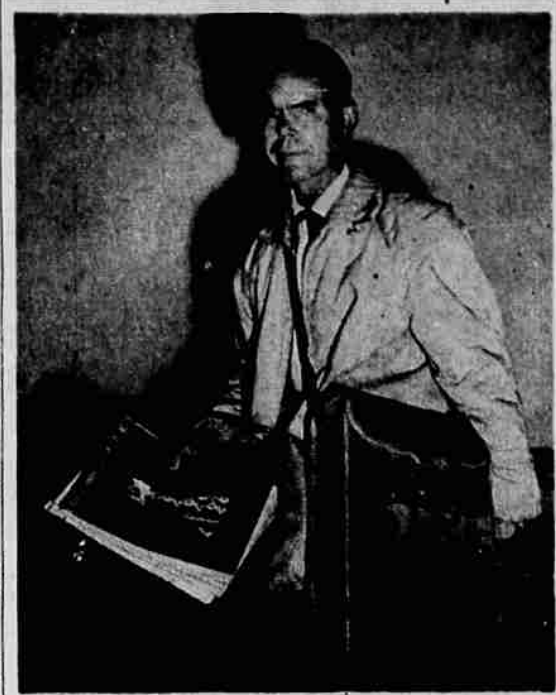
Morse said that the situation has become "steadily worse in my judgment, steadily worse."

"I've had even representatives of the great wire services come to me and tell me how sorry they were that a story they had sent in on some issue that I had raised in the Senate was cut out, but they even in some instances showed me the story they sent in; but it was cut out at the upper desk," he said.

Forest Service Calls Tiller Station Bids

The U.S. Forest Service regional contracting officer in Portland will open bids for construction of four residences at the Tiller Ranger Station at 3 p.m. on Jan. 9 in the Portland office.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Ranger station at 2 p.m. on Dec. 23. Residence plans can be obtained at the Umpqua National Forest office in Roseburg.



HARRY JOHNSON plans walking tour

Fog Blamed For Two Car Accidents

Heavy fog was blamed for two of three accidents Saturday, all in daylight, state police report.

One, involving an injury, occurred at 8:10 a.m. on U.S. Route 99 BR near the Log Cabin Grocery south of Winchester. Cyrus N. Peterson, of 109 Isabella Street, Roseburg, driving a 1951 vehicle, was traveling south at a slow rate of speed because of the fog.

Vehicle Struck
A second vehicle, operated by Carl Mack Watson, 21 Diamond Lake Blvd., came up behind Peterson's vehicle and struck it in the rear. Then a third car operated by Ronald Edward Polley, 1558 SE Stephens St., Roseburg, struck the Watson car in the rear, knocking it into a ditch.

Polley, 19, was taken to Douglas Community Hospital for observation. His vehicle and that of Watson had to be towed from the scene by wreckers while Peterson was able to leave under his own power.

The second accident caused by fog occurred Saturday at 3:45 p.m. on Oregon Route 42 west of Brockway. A car operated by Harley Benjamin Carter, 18, Camas Valley, traveling west was attempting to pass a pickup in the fog and met automobiles operated by Kenneth Edward Whitelock, 620 W. Fairhaven St., Roseburg, and Norma Jean James, Winston. In an attempt to avoid serious damage, Carter went across the eastbound lane and continued on the shoulder, hitting the Whitelock and James vehicles, causing light damage to the right sides of those cars.

Girl Hurt
Barbara Jean Jones, 19, of Union Gap, Oakland, suffered undetermined injuries and was taken to Mercy Hospital by ambulance when the car in which she was riding was involved in an accident on US Route 99 at

Salem Man Starts U.S. Walkathon

On Sunday Harry Johnson of Salem left Roseburg to begin the preliminary stages of his projected cross-country walking tour which will actually start in San Francisco.

He is endeavoring to break the cross country record of 66 days set in 1960 by two British army sergeants. Johnson, while not trying to break any record, walked from Florence to Coney Island, N. Y., in 61 days from January to May of 1961, he says.

Purpose of the hike is to break the record and thus get singing engagements to finance the remainder of his college education. Johnson, 49, recently had to drop out as a freshman student at University of Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., because of lack of funds.

Johnson, virtually penniless and homeless, plans to finance the journey by "singing for his supper" as well as for his lodging. Self-trained, he sings both classical and popular songs.

He planned the walk to take place in warmer weather, but recently had his clothes and car stolen, and the tour seemed indicated now rather than later. He will carry only his music and a small bag while tramping across the continent.

CONCERT CANCELED
The Christmas concert, previously scheduled by the Cannonville Bible Academy choir for Thursday, Dec. 19, has been canceled due to conflicts in dates, according to Mrs. R. E. Proctor, correspondent.

Union Gap (between Oakland and Sutherlin), Saturday at 10:10 a.m.

Charles LaVerne Jones, 20, same address, was stopped preparing to make a left hand turn, when a car operated by Leslie Evert Fleming, 32, Oakland, came up behind Jones' car, striking it in the rear. Mrs. Jones was released from the hospital after receiving treatment.

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Soviet Parliament Gets Record 'Bread And Butter' Budget

MOSCOW (UPI)—The Soviet Parliament received for formal approval today an unprecedented \$212.3 billion peacetime budget for the next two years that emphasized bread and butter instead of guns.

Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev looked on approvingly in the

Grand Kremlin Palace as Finance Minister Vasily Garbuzov read out the figures, lopping off \$666 million from defense spending for the next year.

At the same time, \$27.1 billion was allocated to the nation's failing agriculture over the next two years and the

speaker read out to 1444 deputies at a joint session of the Supreme Soviet provisions of the new budget. Pyotr Lomako, chairman of the state planning committee, presented a two-year economic plan to bring Soviet production by 1965 to the United States level of five years ago. The new budget and state plan revealed a tremendous projected boost in the oil industry—38 per cent with the gas industry over the next two years—and a 22.7 per cent increase in agricultural investment.

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