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Will They Take Effective Action?

Two adjectives used most frequently in describing James Hoffa are "tough" and "smart." But if he is really smart, would he have said what he did at a Texas longshore convention last week. He as much as threatened a nationwide strike if Congress dares to pass a law that gets in his way. His subsequent charge that he was

misquoted does not prove anything.

He was speaking of the suggestion that unions be restrained by anti-trust laws as business is. "The only answer is that if such a law passed," he said, "we should have all our contracts on a given date. They talk about a secondary boycott; we can call a primary strike all across the nation that will straighten out the employers for once and for all.

What he meant was this: If Congress should make it filegal for one union to monopolize all the labor in a given industry, making it impossible for the Teamsters, for example, to control all transportation workers as Hoffa desires, then one big union couldn't call a nationwide or even an industry wide strike. The United Steel Workers could not shut down every steel mill in the country at one time.

The answer to that, Hoffa said, would be simple. Just fix it so all contracts end at the same time. Then all unions could go on strike at the same time. and for all.

That would "straighten out' 'employers as to who has the upper hand in this country.

Now, getting back to the point of whether it is smart for Hoffa to be saying this. It would not seem so because of the bad reaction it would have on Congress, now considering labor legislation. The natural reaction would be for a Congress to bristle and say: "We'll show that arrogant so and so."

But will that be the reaction? Hoffa, who is conceded to be smart, would hardly have picked this time to rile Con-gress if he thought it would backfire. The other possibility is that he considers himself to be so powerful that he can in-

timidate Congress,.
So now we will see. The Senate has passed the amended Kennedy bill, called a mild labor reform measure. The House, where far more members than in the Senate has the control of the c ate are beholden to unions for political support have not, up till now been ex-pected to make the bill any tougher. In fact there is some question whether it

will even accept the Senate version.

Now Hoffa has shaken his fist and said: "Don't you dare!" He should observe carefully to see whether the House of Representatives reacts by cringing or by taking effective action against this

Breaking Out In A Real Rash

What's one man's meat is another man't poison, and so when Gov. Hatfield talked favorably of state income taxes to the Michigan legislature this week, it was poison to most of the members of his own party who had invited him to come and speak.

Michigan is like the State of Washington. It has a sales tax but no income tax. It is desperately in need of more tax revenue, just as Washington is. Michigan legislators seem to favor doing what Washington's legislature did—raise the sales tax rate. They should have invited Gov. Rosellini to tell them how to

There's no way to explain why a state income tax is Oregon's meat and Washington's poison, and vice versa on the

sales tax, except the instinctive fear all humans seem to have for what is new and strange. We get used to the kind of taxes we have and are afraid to try something different.

Such fears are a handicap because they result in narrow tax base

Washington's trouble lies in the fact that it has so few places to go for more income. Once it gets out of the sales tax and the business tax field, it finds itself trying to tax special groups, rather than the state as a whole, and that is not fair.

Oregon is in the same fix. So is Michigan. So are a lot of other states. The situation will change when more states get bold enough to taste what they now consider poison and don't break out in a rash of red dollar signs as a result.

If So It's Best To Ignore Him

Franklin Roosevelt Jr. is the latest one to dress down publicly Gen. Montgomery for his critical remarks about American generals and the way they conducted the war. He contends that the famed "Monty" is motivated primarily by the desire to see his name in headlines that characterized him during the war.

That could be. As newspapermen especially know, there are those who crave publicity. And this is just unfortunate because their efforts sometimes are so obvious that others actually shun publicity for fear of being critized as some of the known headline grabbers are.

Actually there is nothing immodest about publicity received in the normal couse of one's activities. When one does something or says something that others are interested in, it should be in the paper. One doesn't get accused of seeking publicity unless he means to create newsworthy situations with himself the center of attention. Maybe, as FDR Jr. says, Monty is one of those kind. If so the best thing is to ignore him.

DREW PEARSON

Ex-President Figueres Battles Against Reds

WASHINGTON—Gov. Luis Munoz-Marin of Puerto Rico picked up the telephone in Washington the other day.

"Hello, how is your excellency?" said the voice on the other end. "My Excellency is OK."

Dr. Jose Figueres Ferar, expressident of Costa Rica, was on the line, and from his tone of voice even one not knowing him could understand why he is called "Pepi." For the man who long governed the most democratic country in Central America has a "Figueres-Castro Debate"

"Before I made the speech I to talk to him. But I never got a reply. I sent word several times that I should talk to him before addressing the Cuban people, but I never heard from him. Finally, on the evening of the speech I rode with him to the country in Central America has a "Figueres-Castro Debate"

country in Central America has a Figueres-Castro Debate personality that bounces and a Figueres explained that the

both defended and criticized.

"We have a group that has been my painful duty been working together for democracy in the Caribbean," Figueres America and upset the Communist a better poet than his father, but most people have forgotten his poetry since he became governor of Puerto Rico. Then there's president Betancourt of Venezuela whom we call the politician. Then there's me— the farmer."

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At the subsequent state din-

Oil Companies Get Wise
Running for president of Veneble her your face," Figueres told me.

Communists and won.

"Venezuela is the most important test of Communism in Latin America," "Pepi" Figueres told me. "If Betancourt succeeds it will be a great triumph for Democracy. So far, American oil companies have been smart. They were opposed to Betancourt, but now they realize he can bring stability and are cooperating.

"My candidate for President of Latin America." continued the

Latin America." continued the fiery ex-president of Costa Rica. is your governor of Puerto Rico."

"Can Latin America ever unite"

Toughens Stand

into one federation?" I asked.
"The only thing that could unite
them would be opposition to the
United States and that would be sed. However, finding leaders in Latin America is not easy. You have a hard enough time finding one good president of the United States to govern 170,000, 1000 people. Yet we have to find 20 different presidents to govern about the same number of people. It isn't easy to find good presidents."

NEW YORK (UPI)—The steel industry is moving to strengthen its stand against any wage in contract talks with the United Steelworkers of America, have the letters to all other steel companies asking their opinions on the union's demands.

Informed sources said the let-

Figueres was reluctant to talk about his recent visit to Cuba where he was invited to be the official guest of the Castro government but departed after a row with Castro. ith Castro.

"Your column had most of the story," Figueres said when I ask ed him about the speech in which ers demanding a big pay hike, he warned that Latin America the bargaining teams have made would have to side with the little or no progress on a new

QUOTES FROM covering 500,000 Steelworkers expires at midnight June 30. THE NEWS

POPLARVILLE, Miss.-Circuit Judge Sebe Dale, on whether a local grand jury would issue in-dictments on the basis of an FBI report on the Mack Charles Parker lynching:

in some other case, but I believe there will be indictments if the

hope for U.S. recognition of Red a "bother.

WASHINGTON — Rep. H. R. Gross (R-lowa), blocking House action on a \$10,225,500 money bill he thought too high to run the Werriam told deputies that he

UPI Staff Writer From the foreign editor's as

lief now is that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev may not be in such a hurry for a summit meet-ing as the West first thought. The emphasis now is one "patience." Geneva observers are curious about Khrushchev's trip to Alban-

charm that is contagious. He has been in Washington getting beties the acquainted with some of the North Americans whom he has both defended and criticized.

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There is not the slightest pos

President Eisenhower's first assistant for Latin-American affairs, that Holland phoned Gov. Munoz-Marin to ask that he require Betancourt to leave Puerto Rico on the eve of a Pan American conference.

Six hours.

At the subsequent state dinfer former conference in honor of the former Costa Rican president by the Cuban government, sometimes called the "ghost" government, the wives of cabinet officers secretly in search for Maria Berta Becta Becta Berta Becta Becta Berta Becta Becta Berta Becta Berta Becta Becta Berta Becta Becta Berta Becta Becta Berta Becta Becta

Figueres-Castro Debate

zuela last year, however, Betan-court was the No. 1 enemy of the have Cuba become an 'American'

Against Increase

NEW YORK (UPI)-The steel

Informed sources said the let-

met for two yours Monday.

With the companies calling for

a wage freeze and the Steelwork-ers demanding a big pay hike, contract.

The present three-year pact

After today's session, the nego-tiators will recess their joint talks until June 2. The industry team will attend the annual convention of the American Iron & Steel Institute here Wednesday

Children Slayers "Certainly they might not be as apt to indict in this case as Said To Be Sane

there will be indictments if the evidence is sufficient."

INDIANAPOLIS—The governing body of the United Presbyterian Church, in a resolution expressing hone for U.S. recognition of Red

hina:
"The day may soon come when ur government, in concert with were declared sane Monday by a "The day may soon come when our government, in concert with free nations, may enter with honor into normal relations with the government of the Chinese peodeliberated only about one hour. Sheriff's deputies said Merriam should be admitted strangling the two boys, with the content of the chinese peodeliberated only about one hour.

White House:
"I'm disappointed that the President of the United States didn't set the example by cutting back in his own ship."

Merriam told deputies that he and Mrs. Brogdon came here several weeks before the killings and decided to "get rid of" the boys because they were too much trouble.

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KRUSHCHEV MAY HAVE COOLED TOWARD SUMMIT CONFERENCE

Leng Summer
Western hopes of a quick Geneva conference are fading fast. Be-

They are speculating that Khrushchev, already more than

sibility such a proposal would be considered on a snap basis. But

ern powers at Geneva-the U. S. Britain and France—on what ac-tually happens at these private

Baby Taken

ASUNCION, Paraguay (UPI)— Police of two nations joined today in search for Maria Berta Becker, in search for Maria Berta Becker, 45-day-old granddaughter of Bo-livian Ambassador Luis Arduz Daza, who was kidnaped from the embassy Sunday. Paraguayan police rounded up a number of the 300 Bolivian ref-ugees here on the chance that the

crime was part of a political plot. They also arrested all the embassy servants because of indica-tions the kidnapping might have been an inside job.

Radio stations here broadcast

repeated appeals for help in lo cating the missing infant. At the ambassador's request, Bolivian authorities set up a watch at border points through which little Maria might be smug-

gled into Bolivia.

Arduz, a career diplomat who has lived most of his life outside Bolivia, said he couldn't conceive

of any political motive for the kidnapping. He said he never has been active in politics.

So far as was known, no ransom note has been received.

Little Maria was abducted from a bedroom in the Embassy residence on Peru Avenue where she

was taking an afternoon nap. Belief that the kidnapping may have been an inside job was based largely on the fact that the kidnapers appeared to be familiar with the layout of the building. So far as is known, no one sa them enter or leave.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI) -Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen Lyman L. Lemnitzer said Thurs day large sums of money

The Americans so far have brushed off these occasions as "purely social," with the conversation leaning on mountains, snow. the weather and how the kids are doing in school,

doing in school.

The French say the Big Four actually are talking conference turkey at these get-togethers, although they admit that nothing concrete has been solved and no major breakthrough recorded.

Italy is becoming more and more concerned about the Alban, ian buildup of troops and arms. Furthermore, they suspect that Khrushchev's visit to the tiny satellite may be the tipoff to a big new Soviet propaganda campaigned in the cold war—aimed at the

Mrs. Roosevelt Hopes Nixon Runs In 1960

CHICAGO (UPI) -Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, 74, told a news conference Sunday she hoped Republicans would nominate Vice President Richard M. Nixon as their

presidential candidate.

The former first lady said she believed it would be easier for Democrats to beat Nixon than it would be to defeat his possible rival for the nomination, New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller.

Olimatic protest to Italy warning about stationing U. S. missiles on Italian soil.

Communist-stirred trouble may Mrs. Roosevelt added she was not confident of a Democratic presidential victory in 1960. "I'm never confident," she said.

"Too man, things can happen." She declined to name her favorite for the Democratic presidential

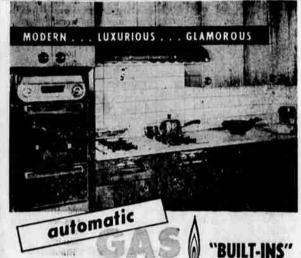
dinner and lunch meetings with | The British say, yes, there is talk about conference matters,

The Propagnda War Italy is becoming more and

new Soviet propaganda campaign in the cold war-aimed at the Mediterranean and particulary It-Italy is one of the few Western countreis with a consulate in Albania. There have been reliable reports that the Communist country right across the Adriatic Sea from Italy is increasing its roops, arms and submarine fleet.
A number of troops—mostly air-

borne-have been reported tering the country recently, And a number of submarine bases have been undergoing a buildup. Albania already has sent a dip-

be brewing in the tiny Indonesian kingdom of Laos. Red China's Peiping radio has been accusing Laos of undermining the agree-ment reached in another Geneva meeting. That foreign ministers meeting ended July 20, 1954, and Mrs. Roosevelt was here to ad-dress alumnae of Theta Sigma Indochina by agreeing on a North-Phi, national journalism women's South division between Communist and free states.



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