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Walter Pearson Does It Again

Those who believe that the key to a good legislative session lies with interim committees—their assignments, makeup and later utilization—have a right to be appalled at the outright sabotage of 1961 hopes.

Senate President Walter Pearson, in his interim committee appointments announced Saturday, has done a fine job of choosing his men for least effect.

The poorest, dullest men bent on questionable goals show up most often on the list. One good man shows up not once. Some others only once or twice.

Monroe Sweetland, one of the state's most knowledgeable men in the field of education laws, is not on the education committee. Instead, he's on the committee to study criminal law. Yet he isn't a lawyer.

Of 14 committees only two—Legislative Council and Fiscal—have a makeup which shows promise. We realize that Pearson does have an overabundance of material to work with, and that House appointments may tend to balance things out. But that still doesn't justify stacking. (Salem Capital-Journal)

We Know The Wolf Is Still Around

As a youth Nikita Khrushchev must have been profoundly impressed by the story of the boy who cried "wolf."

That boy, just for fun, frightened his companions several times by shouting a warning, "wolf, wolf!" when actually there was no wolf. Then one day a wolf did come and his companions had gotten so used to his false warnings that they paid no heed, and the wolf caught them.

Khrushchev should know that Americans, and others, are so used to his dire warnings that they are not taken seriously. Thus he can periodically forecast our doom at the hands of the Communists without risk of stirring us out of our apathy about the Russian menace. In a speech Sunday, for example, he said this:

"No matter how much aging capitalism is trying to prolong its existence, it is doomed because it will be replaced by the new victorious system—communism."

Now compare that threat with one that another Russian, Dmitri Manuilsky, uttered before the Lenin school of Political Warfare in 1930: "War to the hilt between Communism and capitalism is inevitable but at this time—in 1930—we are not strong enough to attack. Our time will come around 1950 or 1960. To win... we will need the element of surprise."

Then he went on to say: "So we shall

begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. The capitalistic countries—stupid and decadent—will rejoice to cooperate in their destruction. They will leap at a chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down... we shall smash them with our clenched fists."

The "peace movement" of Russia so far has been anything but spectacular. In fact the Berlin crisis seems almost intended to keep us from letting our guard down. Nevertheless the steady day in and day out Red party line is one of peace and it makes an impression, what Khrushchev says notwithstanding.

Meanwhile Soviet espionage and infiltration is going quietly along, the FBI reports, as energetically as ever. This month, says J. Edgar Hoover, the Reds are increasing their efforts to recruit young people in vital industries. Espionage is so prevalent that the FBI has been referring an average of one case a day to the Justice Department over an 18 month period.

But are we average citizens disturbed? Not particularly. It is difficult to keep disturbed about something that goes on year in and year out. The Red menace is there, always threatening. We're aware of that. But cries of "wolf" just don't set our hair on end any more.

This doesn't mean we don't know the wolf is still there and may show up un-

He's Justified, But The Hard Way

The statements of the former operator of the Salem City Transit Lines has been justified by recent events. But it's been done the hard way.

We're indebted for this intelligence to Jim Welch of the Salem Capital-Journal.

Here's how he put it:

It has been many a year since an investor wanting his dollars to grow has put them into city bus line stock anywhere in the country.

But a report of the driver-owned successor to City Transit Lines in Salem must be a surprise to even the most pessimistic observer.

In four months of operations on a share-and-share-alike basis with no overhead help and little capital involved, drivers have been working 55 and 60 hours a week to keep the firm breaking even. They have been able only to pay themselves 30 cents an hour less than

their rate before the old company's collapse.

And the old rate, compared to many a journeyman's pay, was not good.

There are several possible conclusions. First, that all the talk about the difficulty of keeping bus lines operative today is not exaggerated. And, second, that there are times when an employer legitimately cannot increase pay.

The beginning of the end for the old firm came when drivers demanded an increase. It is obvious now that the increase just wasn't there to give.

The drivers have seen the other side of the diminished coin and, fortunately for the Salem area, aren't appalled by it.

Barbs

When you're satisfied to sit back and take things as they come, they don't!

DREW PEARSON

Most Senators Made Up Their Minds In Advance

WASHINGTON — Richard M. Nixon, who shot up to the second political post in the nation in a relatively short period of time, sat not far from Andrei Gromyko, who shot up to the important post of foreign minister of Soviet Russia also in a short period of time.

They were at the foreign ministers luncheon given by President Eisenhower after the Dulles funeral.

"Mr. Gromyko," said the Vice-President pleasantly, "I am sometimes mistaken for you. Traveling abroad they sometimes think I am the Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union."

"And I," replied Gromyko, "am sometimes mistaken for you. They say there goes Vice President Nixon."

Note—It's been a long time since Nixon defeated Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas for the Senate in California on the charge that she followed the Communist line in Congress.

Strauss Nose-Count

Even before the long and painstaking hearings on Adm. Lewis Strauss had been published, most Senators had made up their minds on how they would vote. Many had purely personal reasons entirely unconnected with the dynamite-laden record.

Here are some of the Senators who have made up their minds and some who haven't, plus their background motives:

Sen. Stuart Symington, Missouri—waving. He confides: "Admiral Strauss is a social friend. It would be embarrassing not to vote for him."

Sen. Richard Neuberger, Oregon—waving. "He's a personal friend of my family."

Sen. Willis Robertson, Virginia—For. The dominating Senator from Virginia, Harry Byrd, has set the line for Strauss, and Robertson always follows Byrd.

Sen. Jennings Randolph, West Virginia—Waving. He used to be Vice President of Capital Airlines which has transportation problems before the government. Secretary of Commerce Strauss is now trying to bring the whole field of transportation under his authority.

Randolph denies, however, that this influences his position.

Sen. Albert Gore, Tennessee—For. His great friend and political benefactor, Bernard Baruch, is for Strauss. Albert voted with Baruch.

Sen. Jack Kennedy—waving. Jack doesn't say so, but in the back of his mind is the possibility that if he becomes President he will have confirmation troubles too. On the other hand, his fellow Catholic, colleague Sen. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota, has warned that any Presidential hopeful who votes for Strauss will stamp himself as a tight-control President not likely to cooperate with Congress.

Sen. Bob Kerr, Oklahoma—For. Intimate friend of Sen. Clinton Anderson of New Mexico who would usually support Anderson in his battle against Strauss. However, Kerr wanted Senator Anderson to support him on an amendment to the insurance law benefiting Texas and Oklahoma insurance companies. Anderson refused. Since then, Kerr has been buttonholing votes for Strauss against his old friend.

Onetime Oil Friend

Price Daniel of Texas was considered a dyed-in-the-wool champion of the oil and gas companies when he served in the U.S. Senate from Texas. With Daniel back in Texas today as Governor, however, the oil and gas companies are fuming and spitting against their onetime friend.

What Governor Daniel has done is demand that the big pipeline companies pay their share of the tax load for the state of Texas.

Compared with the pipeline companies of Louisiana, the Texas pipeline moguls get off with a mere tax slap on the wrist. If they paid taxes at the same rate as in Louisiana, Texas would have a hundred million dollars surplus in its treasury.

However, Daniel's former gas and oil friends are now yelling "traitor," especially Tennessee gas transmission, El Paso natural gas, and Herman and George Brown of Texas Eastern. The latter are special friends of Sen. Lyndon Johnson.

Before Daniel was elected to the U.S. Senate he staged a famous battle against a sales tax proposed by the then Governor "Poppy" O'Daniel. It was Price who led the "immortal 56" legislators in demanding higher taxes on big business, not higher taxes on the consumer. He won.

Today as Governor he is equally embattled with his own legislature, much to the great displeasure of the pipeline industry.

Washington Pipeline

Cleveland voters have been sending Sen. Steve Young, of Ohio, Joe Newman's "Father Goose" rhyme. It reads: "Seid Senator Young (And he wins our applause), while straining at Adams, why swallow Strauss? Never were words more courageously flung, but such are the things that you do when you are Young."

Sen. Thurston Morton, new Republican Chairman, asked Ike to let him attend future cabinet meetings. Morton argued that the GOP should have a voice in policy decisions affecting 1960. Ike was hesitant.

Morton had better luck when he invited the administrative assistants of 11 Senators who face re-election next year. They were not hesitant. He fed them sandwiches and coca-cola—No bourbon—though Morton comes from the Bourbon State.

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

NEW YORK—David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers Union, on the possibility of a strike against the steel industry:

"We are just working for a peaceful settlement. We are not thinking in terms of a strike. It is industry that has been talking strike."

WASHINGTON—Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.), proposing U.S. recognition of Communist China:

"It is pure wishful thinking to predict that (Communist China) will fall of its own dead weight."

OMAHA, Neb. — Doomed mass slayer Charles Starkweather, on federal court rejection of his appeal for another hearing:

"Just tell 'em no comment."

LOS ANGELES — Charles R. Sligh Jr., executive vice president of the National Assn. of Manufacturers, on labor unions:

"Unions are a potential political force. Our manufacturers, unfortunately, are not a political force today."

Pearson Signs Extradition Papers For Hunt

SALEM (UPI) — Acting Gov. Walter Pearson Thursday signed papers to extradite to Oregon Richard Allen Hunt, 26, who is wanted for wounding an Oregon police chief and kidnaping another.

Hunt, on the FBI's 10 most wanted list, was captured without a struggle on a ranch 35 miles west of Thermopolis, Wyo., Tuesday.

Sheriff George Miller and a deputy from Linn county were to leave today to pick up Hunt and return him to Oregon.

Pearson signed the papers in the absence of Gov. Mark Hatfield who is on a trip to the east coast.

Hunt has already verbally waived extradition to Oregon.

The young man is accused of abducting Harrisburg Police Chief E. G. McPhee March 24 and later shooting and wounding Brownsville Police Chief Robert Kennow at a roadblock. Kennow has now recovered.

The fugitive told Wyoming sheriff Eddie Todorovich that he fled through California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico before arriving in Wyoming where he got a job as a cowhand on the isolated ranch in April.

STEWART CIVILIAN AGAIN

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Col. James Stewart returns to work today as actor Jimmy Stewart. Stewart, finished with a tour of duty at Vandenberg and March Air Force Bases, went back to work at Revue-International to complete cutting and narration of "Cowboy Five Seven," a half-hour documentary film.

Steel Negotiators Resume Talks To Prevent Nationwide Strike

NEW YORK (UPI) — Negotiators for the United Steelworkers of America resume their deadlocked contract talks with the steel industry today under orders to issue a bargain-or-else ultimatum to the companies.

The union has charged that the industry's demand for a one-year wage freeze amounts to failure to bargain in good faith on a contract to replace the one that expires June 30.

Thursday, the International Executive Board of the union ordered its negotiators to "serve notice" on the industry bargaining team to get down to serious contract talks.

The board said the industry's "absolute unwillingness" to negotiate a contract endangers the prospects of a peaceful settlement.

The board also authorized the union's officers to summon the

Wage Policy Committee to New York for a Strategy Meeting on the Contract Deadlock

David J. McDonald, president of the USW, said no date has been set for this meeting but he said one will be called "in the near future."

This 171-man group is the top policy-making body of the Steelworkers Union and the authorization to call the committee into session underscores the seriousness of the present contract snag.

McDonald said after a two-hour meeting with the executive board that the nation's Steelworkers are "firm and determined" to win a better contract this year.

R. Conrad Cooper, chief industry negotiator, Thursday again reaffirmed that the industry is solidly united in its efforts to hold the line on employment costs this year.

Congregation Is Willing To 'Forgive And Forget'

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI) — The congregation at Trinity Baptist Church took an attitude of "forgive and forget" today toward their married pastor who publicly disclosed that he had been "improperly" involved with a woman church member.

Church leaders indicated they will not move to replace the Rev. W. S. McBirnie, and one said he would be a better preacher for having "the guts to admit he did something wrong."

The handsome 39-year-old pas-

tor, father of a high school football player, shocked 800 church members Wednesday night with his disclosures. Many wept. One woman fainted.

Dr. McBirnie said overwork had left him "easy prey" and he had become "involved" with a woman whom he had sought to help in a marital rift.

He did not detail what he meant by "involvement" except to say that it was "of the kind that I now recognize to have been improper." He did not resign his \$15,000 - a-year pastorate at the church that he had helped build from 94 members nine years ago to a present membership of 3,300. Instead he asked the congregation to replace him.

Cancer Society Mapping Plans For Campaign

BOSTON (UPI) — The American Cancer Society began mapping plans today for an intensive anti-smoking campaign with particular emphasis on teen-agers.

In New York, Timothy V. Harnett, chairman of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee labeled the campaign a "one-sided propaganda effort."

The campaign, approved Thursday by the society's board of directors, will be designed to "bring to the attention of physicians and the public—and particularly teen-agers—facts about cancer and smoking."

Dr. Howard C. Taylor, chairman of the society's special committee on tobacco and cancer, said a committee of statisticians, social scientists and communication specialists would handle the campaign which he called "a total educational effort."

The society's staff has been directed to prepare plans and estimate costs for the program, aimed at "modification of the smoking habit in a community," Taylor said.

The staff, Taylor said, also will prepare studies of smokers and non-smokers and "those physiological, psychological and social factors responsible for the initiation, continuation and cessation of smoking."

Hartnett said in New York that clinical and laboratory research has failed to support the cancer society's views on lung cancer. For example, he said, numerous experiments in which animals have been forced to inhale large amounts of tobacco smoke have consistently failed to cause lung cancer.

Crowd Turns Out For Wagon Train

DOUGLAS, Wyo. (UPI) — More than 2000 persons lined the streets of this small eastern Wyoming community Thursday to watch the Oregon Cavalcade of covered wagons parade down the main street on route to Casper and the Red Desert.

Camp was made Thursday at 1:30 p.m. near Natural Bridge, a local landmark 14 miles east of Glenrock.

The route of travel Thursday took the seven covered wagons over a portion of the Old Oregon Trail and the new U.S. interstate highways.

Members of the caravan were shown the location of early pioneer graves along the route.

Thyrza Pelling, Oswego, located an early day Sioux Indian campsite near the Oregon Trail south of here. Remains of teepee rounds could be clearly seen on the prairie.

Niki Pays Budapest A 'Friendship Visit'

BUDAPEST (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev arrived here today from Albania for a two-day "friendship visit."

The Soviet leader arrived aboard a Russian TU104 jet passenger plane. He had spent 11 days in Albania, making speeches and meeting with leaders of several Communist satellite countries.

With Khrushchev aboard the jet was Soviet Defense Minister, Rodion Malinovsky.

LAUNCH CROSSING RESUMES

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands (UPI) — Three U. S. Air Force men and a cat sailed away from this Atlantic Island Thursday to begin the longest lap of their 6,600 mile voyage to America in a 45-foot launch. The three arrived here May 29 after bringing their launch, the Sara Linda, along the European coast from England.

ACTRESS LEAVES HOSPITAL

LONDON (UPI) — Actress Kay Kendall, wife of Rex Harrison, left a London hospital Thursday night after several days' treatment for bronchitis. A spokesman said Miss Kendall was expected to return to Paris this week end to resume work on a film she was making with Yul Brynner.

MINE KILLS SOLDIER

JERUSALEM, Israel (UPI) — One Israeli soldier was killed and five were wounded Thursday when a land mine blew up under their army truck along the Egyptian border near Nitzana, an army spokesman said.

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