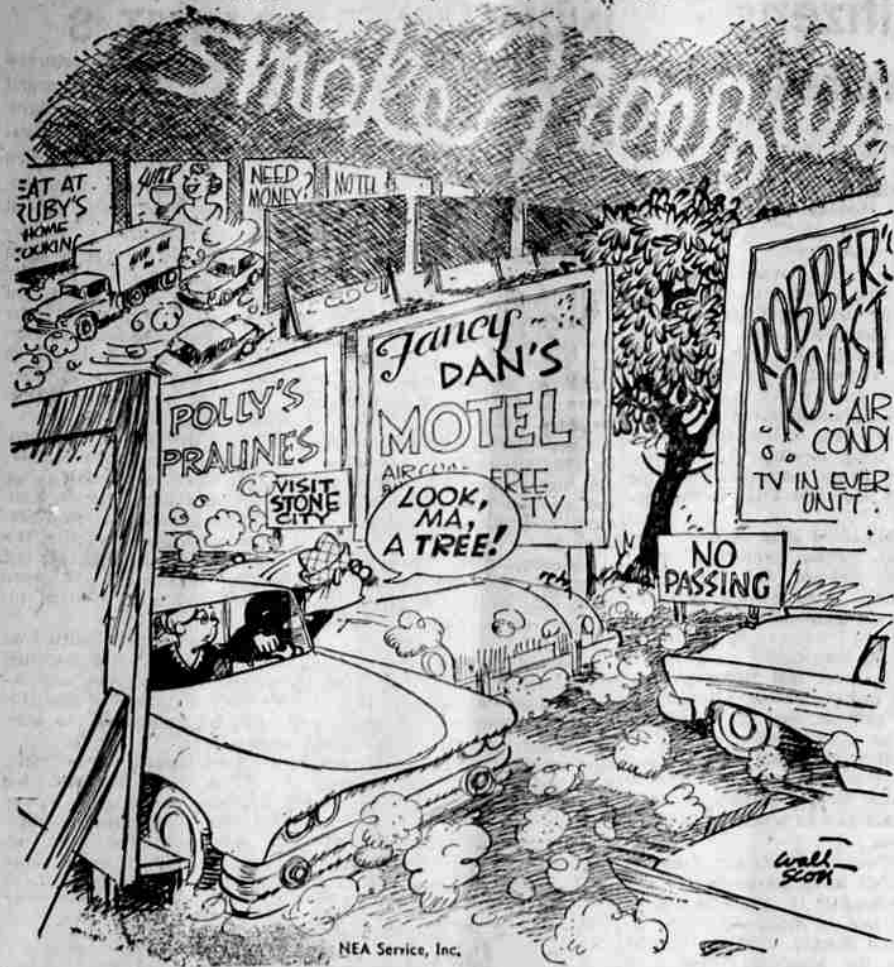


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Larger Interest Is Involved

Time magazine, in reporting the loud collapse of relations between Oregon's Senators Dick Neuberger and Wayne Lyman Morse, printed the following quote from an unnamed Oregon Democratic Party leader:

"This is harmful to the party. There's a hard core for Neuberger and a very hard core for Morse. But what the hell about the middle? It gets down to this: What good can come out of this for the party?"

This is similar to the plaint of the one-party press in the Coos Bay area — the label isn't ours, Jim Welch dreamed it up, but it's a good one — to the same effect.

The Coos Bay World says the only solution to the whole problem is for the state's Democratic organization to throw Wayne Morse out, and stick with Neuberger.

Our sympathies, as they have been for the two years the feud has been brewing, are with Neuberger.

But regardless of which side you're on, there's a larger interest involved. That's the representation to which the people of Oregon are entitled in the U. S. Senate. As ineffective as Morse has been, his willingness to go along — at least on the surface — with Neuberger in the past has been one of his saving graces in home-state affairs.

Now that this willingness is gone, now that in truth he is actively opposing Neuberger, the state's representation must, of course, slip badly.

And there's no apparent cure for the situation until 1962, when the voters will have a chance to get rid of Morse.

For Morse has no chance at all to dump Neuberger, with any candidate, next year.

Too Bad It Was Handled This Way

The Anaconda Copper Corporation, as it should have done several years ago, has sold the newspapers it owned and published in five Montana cities. It is unfortunate, however, that it chose to sell them to a "safe" publisher in one chain rather than to split them up and sell them singly to publishers who might have been more interested in the future of Montana.

Anyone who ever had any experience in Montana journalism—as this writer did nearly 20 years ago—remembers the formula under which "The Company" ran its papers.

Cover routine news rather thoroughly, don't stir up the animals and don't get

involved in local controversy, seemed to have been the policy.

As a result readers had no opportunity to express their opinions in letters to the editor, you were well-informed on barn-burnings and broken arms and knew darned little about the bigger social issues in the state.

Montanans, under the new management, will probably have better newspapers than the rather dull products they have read in the past. But they probably would have had still better papers if the chain had been split up, rather than sold intact to someone who had to pungle up better than \$5 million to play in the game.

This Week's 'Such Is Fame' Department

Down in Hollywood lives a TV actor named Raymond Burr.

Burr plays the part of Perry Mason, the TV and fictional lawyer, in a weekly television show. Wednesday Burr came to act as master of ceremonies at the opening of the Centennial Exposition.

The first person he introduced was Governor Mark Hatfield, who responded by saying:

"Thank you, Mr. Mason."

Burr's facial expression didn't show on the screen at the moment of Hatfield's response. We sort of wish it had.

Such is fame.

Swine Research Expanded At Oregon State College

Oregon farmers' bid for a bigger chunk of the Pacific Coast's wide-open pork market gained strength this week with announcement of further expansion in the swine research program at Oregon State College.

Purchase of 10 purebred Yorkshire gilts will open a new breeding line at the college to help speed findings for better and more economic pork production, reports Dr. David C. England, OSC animal scientist in charge of swine breeding research.

Other developments in recent weeks include approval of an industry-sponsored swine testing station near Hermiston to test

animal husbandry department head, says establishment of the Yorkshire line is part of a stepped-up swine research program to help farmers produce the quantity and quality of hogs needed to meet regional market demands.

OSC has for many years conducted research with Berkshire swine recognized as one of the outstanding herds of Berkshire on the Pacific Coast. Dr. England said the Yorkshire herd is a supplement to the Berkshires to add a "broader base for genetic studies."

The Yorkshire gilts were selected from the purebred herd of Earl Simantel, Cornelius, for high production and high-quality meat type characteristics. Three Yorkshire sows are on order from the Midwest, and the first litter of this foundation stock will be farrowed next spring.

DREW PEARSON

Pressure Is Applied On Behalf Of Strauss

WASHINGTON—A significant secret meeting with Adm. Lewis Strauss and Chairman John McCone of the atomic energy commission took place recently to discuss whether Strauss could be confirmed as secretary of commerce. Members of the White House staff were also present.

Strauss confessed that his hopes of confirmation looked dim. Since he wasn't going to tolerate the possibility of defeat, he considered the possibility of having his name withdrawn.

This brought vigorous opposition from other conferees. They pointed out that the President had stuck out his neck by saying he would not withdraw Strauss's name.

"How are we going to break the news to the President?" one of them asked.

Final decision was that a superhuman effort would be made to swing wavering senators into line and apply lobbying pressure on others to change their minds.

This meeting was what preceded one of the most intensive personal lobbying campaigns ever seen on Capitol Hill. It has been so intense that Sen. Howard Cannon of Nevada suggested a Senate probe.

"I have heard of the most severe and coarse pressures being applied on individual senators," he said.

Backstage Pressure

Here is part of the lobbying pressure to which Senator Cannon referred.

Pressure No. 1—Out of the clear blue, much-revered Baron Robert Silvercray, ambassador of Belgium, got a phone call from Adm. Strauss. Silvercray has nothing to do with American politics, but happens to be married to the lovely widow of the late Sen. Brien McMahon of Connecticut who played a key role in developing the hydrogen bomb.

McMahon had written a 5,000-word letter to President Truman urging development of the bomb, but when Baroness Silvercray asked permission to publish the letter, Strauss refused. He has claimed credit for the H-bomb himself, and some critics have pointed out that publication of the McMahon letter would have refuted this.

Naturally Baroness Silvercray has not hesitated about giving senators her views on Strauss when asked.

"Rosemary has been very aloof toward me lately," Adm. Strauss told the Belgian ambassador in his surprise phone call. "But I understand you are retiring soon, and I just wanted to know if you'd like to be president of Studebaker Motors. They need a man like you and I wondered whether you might be interested."

It was true that Ambassador Silvercray is retiring after a long and distinguished career, but he did not feel like trading his wife's feelings toward Strauss off for a job.

Lobbyist John L. Lewis

Pressure No. 2 occurred at John L. Lewis's United Mine Workers headquarters. Adm. Strauss called in person on the bushy-eyed miner boss, urged him to swing the two West Virginia senators into line. Strauss argued that he was the man who put an embargo on residual oil imports into the USA which were

hurting West Virginia coal.

Lewis promptly got busy, sent word to Sens. Bob Byrd and Jennings Randolph, two good West Virginia Democrats, to change their votes. They had been against Strauss. Now Randolph is for him and Byrd is wavering.

The other day Byrd came up to Sen. Gale McGee, Wyoming Democrat, after he finished a powerful summary of the case against Strauss.

"Doggone it," he complained good-naturedly. "You're making it awfully tough for me. I was all prepared to vote for this man, and now you're making me search my conscience."

Pressure No. 3—Already reported in this column was Strauss's support for a textile committee in order to win the vote of Senator Pastore, Rhode Island Democrat. He wants stiffer tariffs on textiles.

But Strauss's secret byplay with John L. Lewis has now backfired. In claiming credit for curbing residual oil, to get votes from coal-producing West Virginia, Strauss put himself on record against New England which badly wants residual oil.

Senator Pastore, who voted for Strauss in order to get textile tariffs, also signed a strong letter demanding continued imports on residual oil. Signing this letter with him on March 5, 1959, were Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, who's reported favoring Strauss, and Sen. Ed Muskie of Maine, also veering toward Strauss.

Thus the Admiral has lobbied for votes with New England senators on the basis of helping New England, and lobbied for votes with West Virginia Senators on the basis of having hurt New England.

L.A. Ticket SNAFU

The Big hassle over the 5,000 tickets claimed by big Ed Pauley, the oilman, for the next Democratic convention has now been settled. The settlement was quietly arranged, not by the party chiefs as some of them claimed, but by savings and loan executive, Bart Lytton of Los Angeles.

Because Pauley put up a sizable chunk of dough for the Los Angeles convention, he wanted to grab off 5,000 tickets. This would have given him a chance to pack the hall, stampede the delegates for his man—Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri. Other candidates were fit to be tied. Finally Lytton jammed the Gordian knot, persuaded Pauley to take 1,500 tickets, the California state Democratic committee 1,000, with the rest going to various Democratic organizations.

SINGER LEONETTI MARRIES

BALBOA, Canal Zone (UPI)—Singer Tommy Leonetti and actress Pat Quinn were married here Sunday night. The 26-year-old Cliffside, N.J., crooner and his bride received a papal blessing by cable and went off on a honeymoon in the Panama mountains.

ACTOR PRINCETON TRUSTEE

PRINCETON, N.J. (UPI)—Movie Actor James Stewart has been elected an alumni trustee at Princeton University. It was announced today. Stewart received a bachelor's degree in architecture from Princeton in 1932.

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Vice President Richard M. Nixon, saying that blame will fall to the Russians if the Geneva foreign ministers' conference fails:

"The intransigent and stubborn position displayed by Mr. Gromyko and Mr. Khrushchev is endangering chances for a summit conference. If the conference at Geneva fails the whole world will know that the sole cost will rest with the Russians."

CHICAGO — David Pickles Nesius, 14, after signing a confession that he smashed his mother's head with a tomahawk and then strangled her with one of her silk stockings:

"There are a lot of things I don't want to remember."

WASHINGTON—Gen. Mark W. Clark, agreeing with British Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery's belief that the World War II invasion of southern France left the Balkans prey to Soviet troops:

"I have always felt that the weakening of the Italian campaign in order to invade southern France, instead of pushing on north in Italy and then into the Balkans, was one of the outstanding military mistakes of the war."

GALVESTON, Tex. — District Judge L. D. Godard, announcing a defense lawyers that he has decided to put off until next Monday a ruling on the plea of Gov. Earl Long of Louisiana for a judicial order releasing him from a Texas mental hospital:

"I believe in all fairness that I need a little time to study the authorities cited. I am sorry I cannot give you a decision immediately."

Even The Waitresses Joined In When Ike Started Signing Menus

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Backstairs at the White House:

Only rarely does President Eisenhower sign autographs in public. Usually, when he's at a banquet and people approach him with their menus to be signed, he smiles as graciously as possible and asks that they mail the cards to him.

Eisenhower is pretty good about signing such things as menus and programs, even if it does on occasion take many weeks before they get back to the individual who made the request.

The President's firm stand, which incidentally is quite en-

couraged by the Secret Service, dissolved the other night here when he had dinner with several thousand Republicans honoring the GOP members of Congress.

Movie actor John Wayne was the toastmaster and naturally he attracted a lot of autograph seekers. Armed with Wayne's signature, many of the diners then approached Mrs. Eisenhower. And the next step logically was to brace the President.

As he said later, he made his fatal mistake when he signed the first one. The next thing he knew, he was literally besieged. The front of the table where he was

sitting was mobbed. Even waitresses who were supposed to be serving the meal put aside their trays for the moment and joined the mob.

Secret Service agents in front of the President stood their ground gamely, but they had their limitations. After all, this was a Republican dinner where the pew holders planked down \$100 a plate.

One waitress ran along the edge of the head table waving an autographed menu and crying, "My son will be proud of me—even if I get fired for this."

The banquet manager of the Sheraton Park Hotel stood in the wings and glanced balefully at the hub-bub in front of Eisenhower. At this point the question was how to cut off the autograph seekers without committing political sin.

There were whispered conferences between the Secret Service and the White House political expert Appointment Secretary Thomas E. Stephens. A quiet message was passed along to actor Wayne and he got to his feet to announce somewhat sadly that the crowd was getting too great and would the autograph seekers please desist immediately.

Then the President, far behind the other diners, got to eat a few mouthfuls of his dinner.

One of Washington's most distinguished and best-liked reporters is Edward T. Foilard of the Washington Post and Times Herald.

Eddie recently enjoyed a long vacation and returned to work in time to cover the White House swearing-in of Thomas S. Gates Jr., as Deputy Secretary of Defense in the White House conference room.

Per custom, the President after the ceremony moved down a line of Gates' relatives shaking hands. Because of the crowd in the room, Foilard was pushed close to the end of the reception line. The next thing he knew, the President had grabbed his hand and was shaking it vigorously.

Then Eisenhower looked up and went into a movie-type double take.

"Why, Eddie," the President burst out with a laugh, "What in the world—"

Foilard retreated immediately from his new-found status as a member of the Gates family.

Sen. Neuberger's Bid For Cancer Funds Supported

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Louisiana state legislature, in a concurrent resolution presented to Congress by Rep. Overton Brooks (D-La.), urged congressional support of a drive to increase cancer research appropriations proposed by Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.).

The resolution said the "legislature and the people of the state of Louisiana are in accord with the efforts of Sen. Neuberger to increase the amount of federal funds for cancer research," according to a report by Neuberger.

The resolution urged Congress to "support the efforts of Sen. Neuberger to increase funds for cancer research."

Neuberger said he was "highly complimented" by the southern state's action. Neuberger has introduced legislation which would appropriate 500 million dollars for a national cancer institute crash research program.

He urged last month that the senate appropriations committee increase the fiscal 1960 NCI budget from 83 million dollars which was approved by the House to 109 million.

The administration request was for 75 million dollars.

Teamsters Begin Cheese Boycott

PORTLAND (UPI)—A Teamsters union boycott on Tillamook Cheese went into effect here Monday, part of an "advertising" campaign in connection with the strike against the Tillamook Creamery Association.

The strike is in its sixth week. A Teamsters spokesman said the union planned to carry the Tillamook cheese boycott to the 11 western states.

The boycott was not designed to halt the grocery business or even to stop deliveries, the spokesman said. Stores were notified earlier of the boycott.

About 25 teams of pickets appeared in the Portland metropolitan area Monday and a check of major food chain outlets indicated many supermarkets were removing Tillamook brand cheese from the shelves in compliance with the Teamster demand.

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