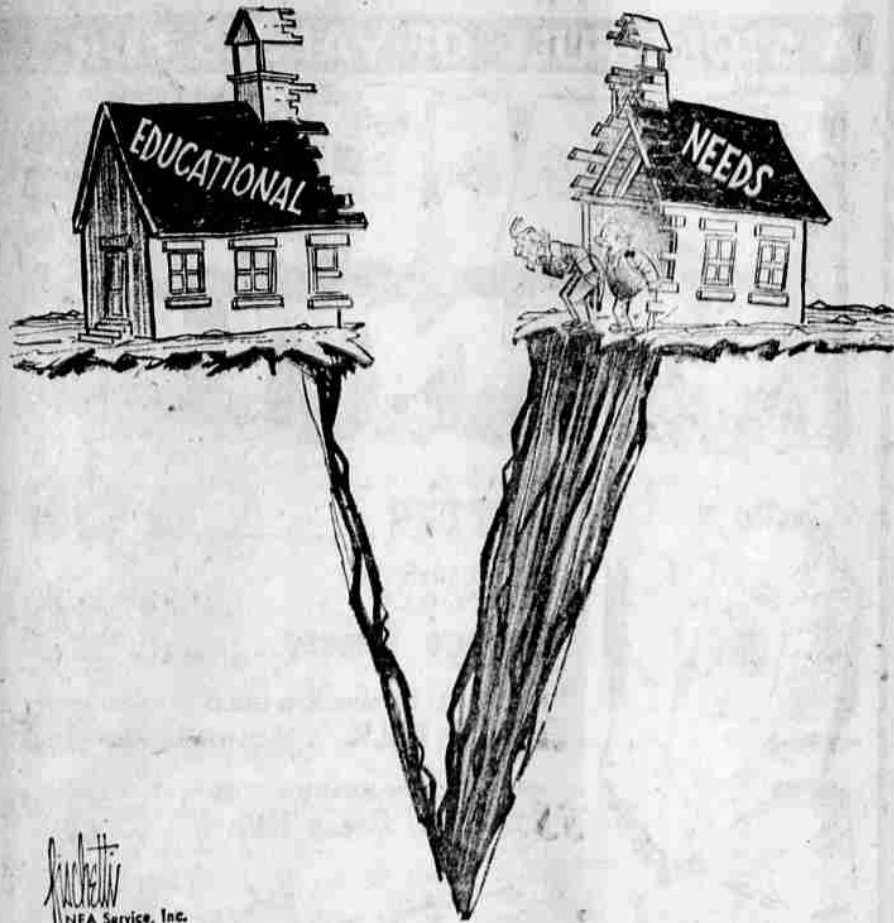


"First, We Fill the Hole With Money—
Then Push 'Em Together"



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Welcome Hand To Newsmen

The people of this community find themselves in the happy situation of extending a hand of welcome to the newspaper men and women of this state. The occasion for this visit is the summer meeting of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assn., which will be held here Friday and Saturday. The membership of this organization includes daily and weekly newspaper men and women from communities large and small. By reason of the position they hold in their respective communities, if for no other, these are people of influence and prestige.

La Grande is fortunate in that it has proper facilities for accommodating conventions such as this and that of the Rainbow girls who in their refreshing effervescence visited us earlier in the week.

In this Centennial Year it is of more than passing interest to note that the history of the Oregon press predates that of the 100th Anniversary of statehood. The Oregon Spectator, the first newspaper published on the Pacific

Coast, was printed in Oregon City in 1846. W. G. T. Vault was the first editor, and the paper was pledged to "the promotion of science, temperance, morality and general intelligence." Its first editorial to the city fathers, "be sure you are right, then go ahead. Our advice to dig up stumps, grade the streets, tax dogs, prohibit hogs—and advertise in the Spectator."

Indicative of the type of men you have been and who are now engaged in editorial work in this state are two former governors and a U.S. Senator from Oregon who was a professional newspaperman and magazine writer.

While here the members of the publishers association will talk shop and make an excursion to Wallowa Lake via rail on Saturday.

To those of the Fourth Estate who are visitors, we assure you that it is the wish of the citizens of La Grande that they may be of service while you are here and it is their earnest hope that you will return soon and stay longer.

We're Headed For A Steel Strike

With neither side budging, and with the deadline only about two weeks away, it is becoming apparent the nation faces a steel strike this summer.

Both sides have been propagandizing the public at a great rate. Both the steel industry, through a trade association, and the union involved have spent large sums of money to put their points across.

Public opinion surveys taken in the East, the heart of the steel producing and using country, have shown that the industry has done a better job than the union, at least, more persons by a considerable number are believing the industry story.

The industry has offered a year's extension of the present contracts. The union has demanded a substantial wage increase, higher unemployment benefits, cost of living adjustments, higher over-

time provisions, more insurance benefits, more liberal pensions, more paid holidays, longer paid vacations and other concessions.

The companies say they cannot raise employment costs without raising prices. The union says profits are so high the increase costs can be met without price increases. It is on these two points that the publicity battle—apparently won by management—has been waged.

The deadline is July 1, when contracts expire. But the actual deadline will be several days before that. If steel negotiators report that a strike is likely, companies will begin the expensive process of shutting down plants.

And once the plants begin to shut down, the strike becomes inevitable.

This seems to be most likely, based upon present lack of progress in the contract talks.

State Rests Case In Trial Of Oregon State Professor

CORVALLIS (UPI)—The state called three witnesses Wednesday then rested its case against Dr. David England, 37, assistant professor at Oregon State College charged with involuntary manslaughter in the Feb. 8 death of an adopted son.

The trial began in Benton county circuit court Wednesday morning.

Dr. England is charged in the death of Charles Edwin England, his 12-year-old son by adoption. The state maintained a blow inflicted on the youngster's head by England while disciplining the boy resulted in his death the following day.

After District Attorney John D. Fenner rested his case, defense

attorney Mark Weatherford filed a motion for dismissal contending the state had not shown a crime had been committed.

Circuit Judge Fred McHenry said the motion would be argued in his chamber this morning, and the trial was recessed until the afternoon.

Fenner called three doctors to the witness stand.

Weatherford, in his cross-examination, attempted to show that an injury sustained as much as one year earlier could have built up to a point where a "shove" might cause death. The three physicians admitted that such a situation could happen.

In the courtroom Wednesday were England's wife and three of

their other four adopted children, Margaret, 16; David, 13, blood brother of the victim, and Mary Alice, 9. All were adopted by the Englands in Minnesota. A fourth child, John Phillip, 2, was adopted in Portland.

Actress Protests Income Tax Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Actress Gloria Swanson has filed a protest against government claims that she owes \$39,457.69 in back income taxes and \$5,829.91 in penalties.

Records showed today that a petition filed by her lawyers argued that the Internal Revenue Service should have allowed a variety of deductions claimed by Miss Swanson as business expenses for 1949 through 1953.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Difference Between Cases Seen

WASHINGTON —Recollection of Washington headlines exactly one year ago this week makes me a little ashamed. The headlines blazed with news of Sherman Adams' vicuna coat, his oriental rug, and his hotel bills—all presents from Bernard Goldfine.

This column had something to do with digging out the first facts in this conflict-of-interest case, and the reason I'm ashamed is the contrasting treatment given by Republicans to Sherman Adams and to Adm. Lewis L. Strauss.

In the case of Sherman Adams, they yelled: "Resign! Throw him out!" In the case of Admiral Strauss, the same Republicans have been shouting: "Confirm! This is anti-semitism! Don't persecute this man!"

The two cases offer significant contrasts and give deep insight into American politics. They indicate that what is really at stake is not anti-semitism, but money and power. Here are some of the contrasts:

Contrast No. 1—A Jew was also involved in the Sherman Adams case, but a Russian Jew recently came to the USA. When he was severely criticized, no one yelled "anti-semitism." When the House of Representatives voted to cite him for contempt, only eight Republicans voted for him.

Admiral Strauss, also Jewish, comes from an old German Jewish family, resident in this country for many years and which has been part of one of the biggest firms on Wall Street. When his record was scrutinized by the Senate in connection with deception affecting millions of people, such as radioactive poison, the scrutiny was called anti-semitic.

Contrast No. 2—Sherman Adams is not a man of wealth. When his scalp was demanded by leading Republicans, he had no job to fall back on, and no income outside his government salary. He still has no job, is living on income from the Adams memoirs.

Strauss, a partner in Kuhn, Loeb, filed a partial financial statement with the Senate showing that his stock in one firm, Polaroid camera, alone was worth \$1,000,000. He has a palatial estate in Virginia and was able to pay \$50,000 for only a part interest in a black Angus bull.

Contrast No. 3—When Sherman Adams was about to testify before congress, not one member of the administration helped him prepare his difficult statement. Jim Hageny, an expert at public relations, did not. Tex McCrary came down from New York to help, but on that Sunday evening before he testified, no other Republicans or administration representatives were around to give advice.

In contrast, Strauss had the regular press relations officer of the department of commerce issuing press statements all during his hearings. He also had two commerce department assistants, Robert J. Dodd and Arthur Arundel, sitting at his elbow every day at the Senate hearing, with a battery of researchers and others helping him at the commerce department.

Contrast No. 4—When Sherman Adams was in trouble, Vice President Nixon was one of the first to advise privately that he resign. But for Strauss, Nixon has been using his persuasive influence for confirmation. He even singled out Senator Smith of Maine, who was reported warring on Strauss, to be the sole senator invited to Chancellor Adenauer's dinner. Strauss was invited as the sole cabinet member.

In contrast to Republicans who demanded that Adams resign, every Republican senator except Bill Langer of North Dakota has appeared leaning toward Strauss, even such conscientious Republicans as Senators Cooper of Kentucky, Aiken of Vermont, and Smith of Maine.

Contrast No. 5—Bernard Goldfine had used Sherman Adams' influence at the federal trade commission to avoid trouble over the wool labeling act. This was the conflict of interest.

Finally, when the fangling between the First Boston company and the budget bureau, plus the conferences with Admiral Strauss, was ferried out by a Senate investigation, the deal was canceled.

The value of the Dixon-Yates contract was \$20,000,000. The value of the vicuna coat Sherman Adams got from Bernard Goldfine, plus oriental rug, plus hotel bills, was about \$5,000.

But the American public can understand a fur coat and a rug. It can't understand a complicated public-utility contract. So it's not anti-semitism that is involved in the Strauss case. It's the tremendous power of Wall Street money behind the man it wants to put into the cabinet as secretary of commerce.

That's why the same crowd that is moving heaven and earth to confirm Admiral Strauss dumped Sherman Adams and indicted Bernard Goldfine as millstones around the GOP neck.

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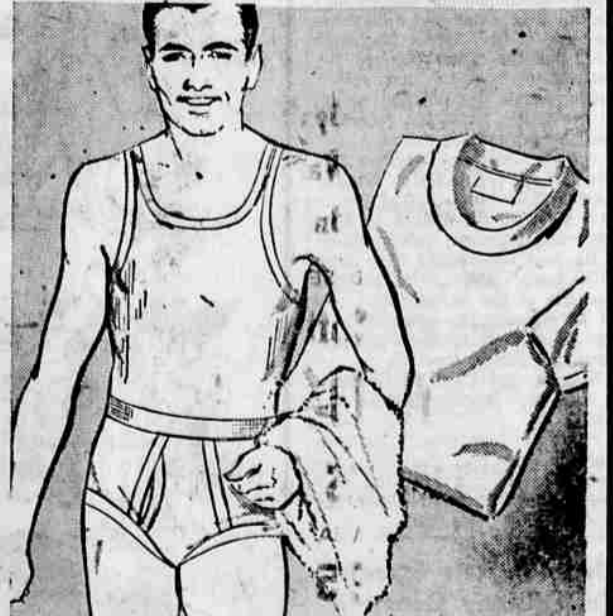
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