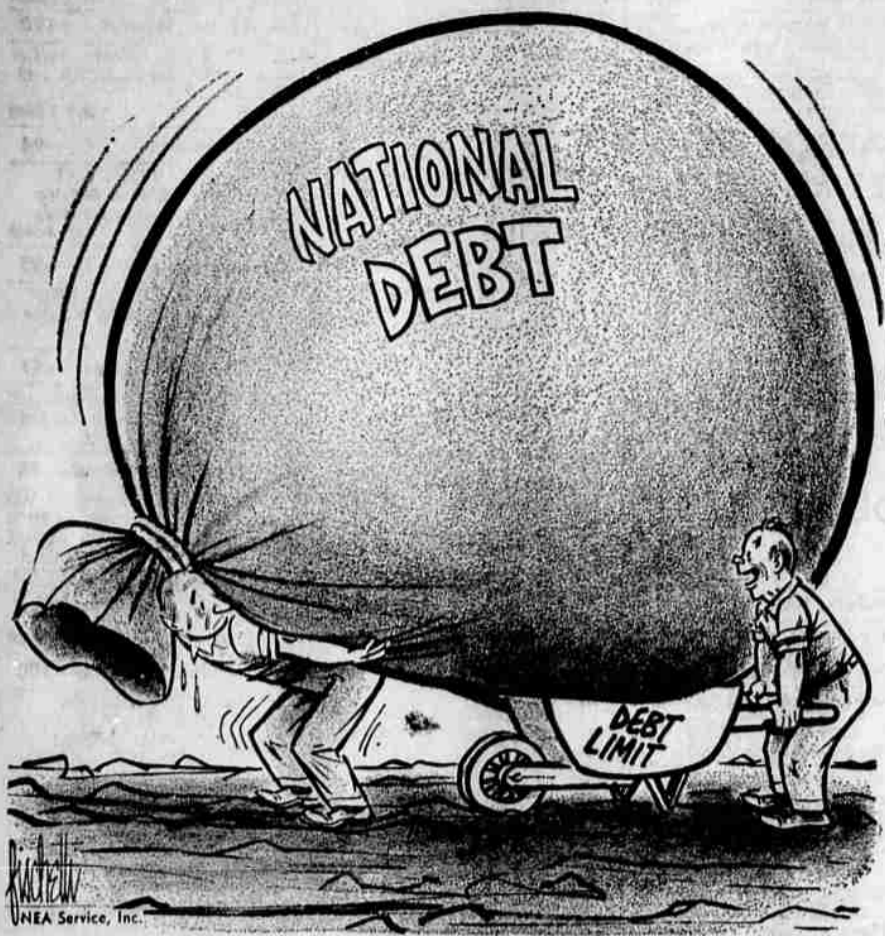


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An Average Is Not Absolute

It has become apparent in recent weeks that the Federal Reserve Board again is worried considerably about the prospect of inflation in this country, as the economy recovers from the down-swing of 1957-58.

Well, so are we.

The FRB has responded to this threat in the only way it can, apparently. It has raised the discount rate, the interest rate charged member banks on their borrowings from the FRB.

The banks, in order to maintain their operating margins, have responded by raising the interest rates they charge to their customers.

This will, of course, slow down the economy now, as it did once before. And the statistics studied by FRB statisticians again will comfortably show that inflation is halted.

And, by the averages, the threat will have been stopped. The cost of living will remain steady. Industrial spending for plant expansion will slow down. And housing starts will drop to less than a million a year.

But the averages don't tell the whole story.

Inflation isn't stopped when some areas and some industries are asked to take the whole beating.

This is true of the housing industry and agriculture during the last anti-inflationary recession. Housing prices dropped slightly, due to the drop in the price of lumber, although all other items going into the cost of a house went up. Food prices dropped, although all the drop was taken by the basic producer, and the middleman managed to retain his comfortable margin.

Among consumers, the beating came to those who live on fixed incomes. Those whose incomes were subject to economic bargaining managed to keep up with the slight rise in cost of living. Some even managed to gain.

The beating also came to the federal, state and local governments, which found the financing necessary to carry on borrowing programs became much more expensive.

On the averages, inflation was halted, and the economy recovered nicely. Then things began to edge upward again, and now the FRB is applying the credit screws slowly but surely.

We only wish someone would tell the powers that be in Washington that an average is not absolute, but it is composed of highs and lows, before the lumber and agriculture industries,—on which our part of the country is dependent—get put through the wringer again.

They Should Have As Much Backbone

Reports on the labor reform bill in the House are still pessimistic although it is conceded, as committee hearings on the bill end, that there is still hope that the measure will not be allowed to die altogether.

The same kind of opposition has arisen that killed the Kennedy-Ives Bill in the last session. Labor union leaders are against it because they consider it too restrictive. Representatives of big business are against it because they say it is not restrictive enough.

The Senate has already taken action. It passed the bill almost unanimously. Thus it is up to the Democratic majority in the House to decide the fate of the legislation.

If the House Democrats go along with the spokesmen for labor, and either pass no bill at all or a weak one, then they will have demonstrated rather conclusively that big labor is in a position to cast a veto within the Democratic Party.

On the other hand if the Republicans in the House insist on the kind of a bill that the U.S. Chamber of Commerce wants, and refuses to vote for any other

kind, they will be demonstrating that big business calls the tune in the Republican Party.

This dilemma was gotten around in the last session by simply postponing action of any kind. Since virtually everyone, now including even Jimmy Hoffa, agrees that some kind of labor reform legislation is needed, and refusal by the House to do anything would be an un-pardonable confession of weakness and indecision.

It should be possible for Congress to agree that this kind of control legislation should not be written by those who will be regulated. That means that spokesmen for neither labor nor business should dictate what shall be in it. Certainly when the Securities and Exchange Act was drafted years ago, it was not with the advice or consent of Wall Street.

The legislatures in Washington and Oregon, both heavily Democratic, demonstrated in recent sessions that despite their obligations to unions, they could not be made to do unions' every bidding. Certainly congressmen ought to have as much backbone as state legislators.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Anti-Semitism Charge Recalls Scott's Attack

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hugh Scott of Philadelphia made the formal charge on the Senate floor recently that anti-Semitism was behind the confirmation fight against Adm. Lewis L. Strauss. He claimed this was a modern Dreyfus case.

Dreyfus was the French Army officer court-martialed for treason and convicted because he was a Jew, and to compare this with the Strauss confirmation battle is one of the most serious charges Scott could have made on the Senate floor. If true, it impugns every Senator who has opposed Admiral Strauss and every newspaperman who has reported the admiral's operations. It is especially serious because Senator Scott was formerly chairman of the Republican National Committee and campaign manager for Gov. Tom Dewey.

Senator Scott lives in a Philadelphia suburban district which is largely Jewish, and during the early part of the Strauss hearings he received mail from Jewish voters highly critical of the persecution tactics he used against Dr. David Inglis, an atomic scientist who had the courage to testify against Strauss.

Scott had branded Inglis as guilty of "McCarthyism," then proceeded to use "McCarthyism" against Inglis. He sent surreptitiously for the House committee on Un-American Activities file on Inglis through his GOP colleague, Congressman Gordon Scherer of Ohio, then cross-examined the scientist as to whether he had ever defended Alger Hiss and whether he was ever a member of the citizens independent committee of arts and sciences.

Senator Scott seemed quite upset when it leaked out that he had dipped into the files of the Un-American Activities committee, and reaction in his home town of Philadelphia was not good. This may be why he is swinging in the other direction and calling the debate on Admiral Strauss another Dreyfus case. The charge goes to the root of American fair play and deserves careful examination.

Strauss and Persecution
Senator Scott's charge is that Strauss himself is guilty of persecution, therefore should not be in a position of important governmental power.

In this connection they have not dwelt on Strauss' loyalty trial of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, in which the scientist who built the first atom bomb was scrutinized and dissected and made to suffer public humiliation such as few public men have experienced in this century.

Instead, the senators critical of Strauss have cited less-known cases of Strauss' persecution. One was that of Carroll Wilson, former manager of the atomic energy commission; the other of Malcolm C. Henderson, another ex-employee of the AEC. Both had their Q-clearance removed by Strauss after they opposed his policies and after they went to

work for private firms.

When the Admiral was questioned about this by the Senate commerce committee he was evasive. He said this was only hearsay and the Senate should get its information direct from the two men. Sen. Gale McGee of Wyoming did.

Wilson wrote back: "Mr. Strauss deeply resented my insistence while I was general manager of the commission in carrying out the will of the majority of the commission and my unwillingness to modify or change by executive action the policies adopted by the majority of the commission."

Wilson then told in detail how, after he went to work for Climax Molybdenum, FBI agents had been sent to investigate him. Subsequently his Q-clearance was removed. After considerable effort, it was finally restored.

"It is entirely clear to me," wrote Wilson, "that the initiative and responsibility for both actions came from Mr. Strauss, whose vindictiveness I had seen demonstrated before."

Another Case of Persecution
Henderson, the other victim of Strauss' persecution, told how he was about to get a job with the National Security Council when Admiral Strauss intervened.

"Next morning on reporting for work I was told that someone else had the position," Henderson stated. "If you want witnesses to this I can give you their names. This was in the fall of 1953."

"In October I went to work for the FCDA as director of test operations. For this post my Q-clearance was essential. In March 1954 I was informed by form letter that the Q-clearance was withdrawn."

"I learned that the FCDA was not going to apply to have it restored because word had been received that the application would not be favorably received by the commission. The head of the FCDA being no match politically for the chairman of the AEC (Strauss), this put me very neatly out of the government's employ."

"The implication in the quotation furnished me was that Mr. Strauss had me fired because I had disagreed with him on a policy matter."

Henderson went on to explain that he had disagreed with Strauss on a matter which was within "my own area of competence," but "that Strauss came around shortly afterward to advocating and the carrying out exactly the same course of action."

This part of the record of the man who some senators claim is the object of a Dreyfus-type persecution. They want him confirmed for a position of even greater power over other men's lives.

Federal Agents Seize Moonshine

PORTLAND (UPI) — One man was arrested when federal and state liquor agents smashed an illegal still northwest of here Thursday night and seized six gallons of the "moonshine."

Arrested was James T. Clem, 38, authorities said. He was found with another man at the still in a brushy canyon behind his residence on NW Germantown road. Clem was to be arraigned today before Claire Mundorff, U.S. Commissioner. The second man escaped, but officers said his identity was known and said they anticipated an early arrest.

The still, constructed of 50-gallon barrels alongside a small stream, was destroyed with an ax and all but six-gallons of the liquor was poured out.

Charges Against Professor Dropped

CORVALLIS (UPI) — A charge of involuntary manslaughter against Oregon State College assistant professor Dr. David England was dismissed in circuit court here Thursday.

Judge Fred McHenry dismissed the charge filed in connection with the death of England's 12-year-old adopted son, Charles Edwin.

Judge McHenry ruled that the state had failed to present sufficient evidence to show that a crime had been committed.

The dismissal came as a result of a motion filed Wednesday by defense attorney Mark Weatherford.

The boy died the day following an alleged slap by England. The Englands have four other adopted children.

Dogfish Shark For Japanese

SEATTLE (UPI) — State Fisheries Director Milo Moore asked his Japanese counterpart via telegram Thursday to accept a trial shipment of dogfish shark for consumption in Japan.

Moore told H. Okuhara, director of the Japanese Fisheries Agency that "our industry is very anxious to find a world market for first quality dogfish shark, now considered destructive to Pacific Coast food-fish resources."

A trial quota of 500 tons over a one-year period beginning in August was suggested by Moore. Moore's wire came on the heels of an announcement that the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee had approved a measure providing bounties on dogfish sharks.

MATES ON JURY

NEW YORK (UPI) — A husband and wife were picked on the same jury Thursday, a circumstance which involved their coincidental selection in four separate processes from the entire New York County jury list. It had never happened before in the memory of court attaches.

Theatrical World Mourns Death Of Ethel Barrymore

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Stars of the theatrical world today mourned the death of Ethel Barrymore, the last of America's royal family of the theater.

Miss Barrymore, who would have been 80 Aug. 15, died at her Beverly Hills home in her sleep Thursday from a heart ailment. She had been bedridden for about a year.

Tentative funeral plans called for Roman Catholic services Sunday or Monday with burial at Calvary Cemetery in the same crypt with the remains of John and Lionel Barrymore.

In New York, the lights of the Ethel Barrymore Theatre were dimmed for five minutes before the start of an evening performance Thursday night.

"She was one of the most beautiful women of the theater," said Billie Burke, widow of showman Florenz Ziegfeld and a longtime film actress. "We have been through a lot together. I have always been devoted to her, and so was Flo."

"The first lady of the American theater is gone," said Charles Brackett, prominent movie producer. "Her accomplishment of stage and screen was glorious, and her contribution to life was even greater."

Actor-singer Frank Sinatra said



ETHEL BARRYMORE
Famed Actress Dies

"I don't know what to say. She was a great lady."

Broadway actress Judith Anderson wept when she learned the news.

"There is a new star in the sky... and the glory of the heavens is my infinite sorrow," she quoted.

Miss Barrymore's last professional appearance was in a 1957 TV spectacular. Her son, Sam, died as was her nurse, Ann Albert.

Miss Barrymore was born Aug. 15, 1879, in Philadelphia, the child of a theatrical family. Her father was Maurice Barrymore and her mother Georgianna Drew Barrymore. They headed a stock company. Her uncle was theatrical immortal John Drew.

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QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

LONDON — Mrs. Bessie Bradock, Laborite member of Parliament, replying to a fellow Laborite who asked that a select committee be named to investigate physical damage sustained by prize fighters:

"No boxer is compelled to box. It is a completely voluntary matter, and if it is a question of looking at the things that hurt people there are many other things that may be looked at to more advantage that kill people off much more quickly."

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — President Everett Tucker Jr. of the Little Rock School Board, after a federal court killed two Arkansas anti-integration laws which Gov. Orval E. Faubus used to close four Little Rock high schools last fall:

"I see no alternative but to proceed with some plan of integration."

NEW YORK — The appellate division of the New York state Supreme Court, in a decision holding that a person who used a coin-operated laundry machine on Sunday was not violating the Sabbath:

"Committing one's own wash to the automatic laundry machine is labor-saving and is not inconsonant with the purpose of Section 2140 to promote rest on the Sabbath."

DENVER — Chairman Thurston B. Morton of the Republican National Committee, telling a group of young GOP party workers to attract more young people to the Republican Party:

"I am convinced that literally millions of young people do not participate in the political activities of either party for the simple reason that no one has ever encouraged them to do so."

YOKOSUKA, Japan — Flier Gordon, bemoaning the fact that the Reds shot up his uniform:

"I didn't mind being shot up half as much as I did having my second class rating shot off my arm."

ANTI-RED FUNDS PLEDGED

LONDON (UPI) — The British government has announced it will continue financial help to newly-independent Malaya for fighting Communist rebels. Cuthbert J. Alport, undersecretary for Commonwealth relations, told the House of Commons Thursday that Britain would grant its former colony seven million dollars in 1960 for combatting Communists.

Power Plant Operates After Halt For Fish

EUGENE (UPI) — The Walterville power plant about 8 miles east of here was back in operation today. The plant, on the McKenzie river, was shut down Wednesday to allow passage of upstream migrating chinook salmon in the main channel.

BERLINERS SHOW FAITH

BERLIN (UPI) — West Germany has demonstrated again its confidence in the future of West Berlin by giving the nation's president an official residence in the beleaguered city. West German President Theodore Heuss took possession Thursday of the 18th Century Bellevue Castle which overlooks the Communist East Berlin.



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