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Do Senators Have Spare Time?

Peter Gunnar, Republican state central committee chairman, was carrying his message to Central Oregon over the weekend.

Gunnar's message, of course, was a strictly political one in behalf of his committee. He makes no pretense of trying to do anything other than his job, which is to try to elect Republicans to office and to try to revitalize the Republican party in Oregon.

It is necessary to do the latter, if we are to enjoy the fruits of two-party government in this state. Not all will agree, however, that it's always necessary to elect Republican candidates, particularly where the Republicans are unable to put up a candidate with the stature of his Democratic opponent.

From a Republican point of view, Gunnar sees his biggest job as one of defeating Senator Neuberger next year. This would be, indeed, a feat of considerable note.

To do this Gunnar needs to accomplish two things.

First, he must tear down Senator Neuberger, who is generally well regarded by voters of the state.

Second, he must build up someone who can run against Neuberger and have some chance to win.

At least, this is the order which Gunnar has assigned to the two jobs. Others might feel—and many of them do—that the order would be better if reversed.

In seeking to accomplish his first aim, Gunnar has been making two pitches.

1. The feud between Senators Neuberger and Morse is a phony, dreamed up by the two men for the sole purpose of helping Neuberger in his campaign for reelection next year.

2. There is something improper and unethical about Neuberger writing magazine articles while he is a member of the Senate.

A comment or two on each point might be in order.

First, the feud. There are some smart people in the newspaper business, in spite of the claims in some of the letters to the editor. Search as one might, he is unable to find any responsible newsman in Washington who has any feeling whatsoever that the feud is phony. Signs of

Fugitive Dies After Battle With Officers

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — A young fugitive who told of killing a 27-year-old mother of two children in a love pact shot and killed himself Wednesday night at the climax of a two-hour assault on his hideout by more than 20 policemen.

own life as police wearing bullet-proof vests and armed with shot-guns and tear gas bombs stormed his apartment while a crowd of about 1,000 persons watched.

He had been sought since last Thursday when the nearly nude body of attractive Mrs. Mary Ann Prestridge, also of Fresno, was found stuffed in a car trunk.

Don Decker, 28, a boyhood friend of Kilmer and occupant with his mother of the apartment where Kilmer was hiding, tipped police where to find the fugitive.

Decker said Kilmer came to his apartment near the Samuel Goldwyn Studios last Friday. He said

he was unaware of Kilmer's involvement in the slaying until several nights ago when the fugitive took a newspaper from under the seat in his car and showed him a story about the murder.

He admitted shooting Mrs. Prestridge two times in the head, Decker said.

Kilmer told Decker he met Mrs. Prestridge the night of July 3 in a "lovers lane" in Fresno where she told him she "wanted to die" if she couldn't be with him.

Decker said he asked Kilmer why he killed her and the fugitive answered, "I'd do anything she told me to do."

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Enemy Of Benson Barred From Visit To Russia

WASHINGTON—There's something very peculiar about the manner in which the administration is stalling about a trip to Russia by a group of senators and public power experts.

The administration has encouraged or sponsored trips to Russia by the Harlem Globetrotters, housing experts, plumbers, Porgy and Bess, labor leaders, steel executives, all sorts of musicians, actors, orchestras, students and professors.

But when it comes to a trip to examine Moscow's massive hydro-electric power projects rivaling TVA and surpassing Grand Coulee by a group sponsored by four Senate committees, the state department has staged a sit-down.

Reason for the sit-down isn't admitted by any state department official. However, it can be revealed that the Eisenhower administration is first of all determined to bar anyone who helped defeat Secretary of Agriculture Benson regarding rural electrification. The man who did this is Clyde Ellis, president of the REA co-ops, who is slated to go to Russia with the senators.

Second, the administration is not anxious to have anyone go to Russia who can come back and report that Moscow is getting ahead of the USA when it comes to public hydroelectric power. On the list approved for the Russian inspection trip is Alex Radin, president of the American Public Power association.

Mr. Radin and his association have backed Grand Coulee dam, Bonneville dam, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and other great hydroelectric projects which supplied the power that developed the first atom bomb.

It happens that Russia is now building five dams, all larger than the largest hydroelectric dam in the USA—Grand Coulee. This is a development which Premier Khrushchev undoubtedly had in mind when he told Averell Harriman the other day that Russia would surpass the United States.

For weeks, however, the state and interior departments have been stalling on permission for a delegation of senators, congressmen, and experts, including Clyde Ellis and Alex Radin, to go to Russia.

It just doesn't pay to organize an attempt to override Eisenhower's veto as Ellis did on the REA bill. And it doesn't pay to boost public power projects too enthusiastically.

Long on Scrap Iron

While embattled Gov. Long of Louisiana has been making headlines with irrationalism, is nephew in Washington, Sen. Russell Long, has been making no headlines with an unglamorous but important battle against monopoly. He has gone to bat for thousands of little scrap-iron dealers who have been suffering from the scrap-iron syndicate dominated by Luria Brothers.

For some time, the federal trade commission has been conducting a slowpoke probe of the scrap-iron monopoly. But while it poked, more and more small scrap dealers have gone to the wall.

"It's all too typical of the federal trade commission," charged Senator Long. "It takes 14,000 pages of testimony and spends six or eight or 15 years working on the problem and by the time it finally comes out with a recommendation, the people it set out to help have all gone out of business. They go bankrupt for years before the federal trade commission can make up its mind."

While the trade commission was trying to make up its mind, the Senate small business committee with Long and Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon spearheading the probe, put Myron L. Chase, long-time attorney for Luria Brothers, through such a grilling that he may be cited for perjury.

Testifying in the morning,

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower, discussing his problems of getting along with the House and Senate:

"Now, when it comes down to the relations of any President with a Congress controlled by the opposite party, I just say this — it is no bed of roses."

NEW YORK — A statement by the steel industry rejecting a union proposal for creation of a three-man fact-finding board to help end the steel strike:

"We know the facts. You know the facts. We do not need third parties to find them out for us."

FALLS CITY, Neb.—Mrs. John Reger, on her husband, the Rev. John Reger, 31, who deserted her and their 11-year-old son last September:

"We've had a rough time since his disappearance. I'll do everything I can to make it just as rough as I can on him. He deserves it."

Chase swore: "We haven't had any merger except for a very small operation in Canada. Nothing in the United States that I know of, and so I would say that very little business in the last nine years has been the result of a merger."

Conflicting Testimony

After lunch, however, Senate questioning secured damaging admission from Chase that Luria had bought the assets of the Max Schlessberg Co., of Chicago; had put Charles and Jack Forchheimer of St. Louis on its payroll, thereby getting control of the Forchheimer Co.; and had a close working agreement with Western Steel International, considered a dummy of Lurias.

CONVICTS ORDERED BACK

PETROS, Tenn. (UPI) — Convict-miners who participated in a 31-hour revolt at Brushy Mountain State Prison will return to the mine Monday. Asst. Warden Jack Cromer said 20 other convicts worked in two other prison mines Wednesday, but the 86 rebels remained at the prison while dynamite experts disarmed 11 booby traps found deep in No. 7 mine where the convicts had rigged them to explode if stepped on.

Son-in-Law Finds Body Of 76-Year-Old Man

FLORENCE, Ore. (UPI) — The body of Elbert Straight, 76, missing since June 29, was found in some brush Wednesday southwest of Canby about five miles from here.

The victim's son-in-law, Charles Panschow, located the body. Authorities said Straight apparently died of exposure.

Straight was the object of a widespread search when he vanished after setting out to pick berries. When the official hunt was discontinued for lack of clues, relatives continued to look for him.

SOLDIER SHAVES RECORD

LONDON (UPI)—British Army Lt. Barry Lynch Wednesday raced from Paris to London in 57 minutes, three seconds — a new record in the 11-day Eilat Jubilee race sponsored by the London Daily Mail. Lynch, using a motorcycle, a helicopter and a jet plane for the trip, shaved 44 sec-

Police Search For Dog, Owner

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI)—An Arizona tourist who brought his dog along on his vacation resort in Sierra-Nevada was sought in California today after his dog bit a child in Barstow, Calif.

The dog owner is Forrest D. Smith. California highway patrolmen said that if he isn't found today, the child will undergo extensive Pasteur treatments for rabies.

Smith was believed en route to Carson City, Nev., by way of Yosemite National Park and Lake Tahoe. He was driving a late model Plymouth station wagon with Arizona license plates AJW-496.

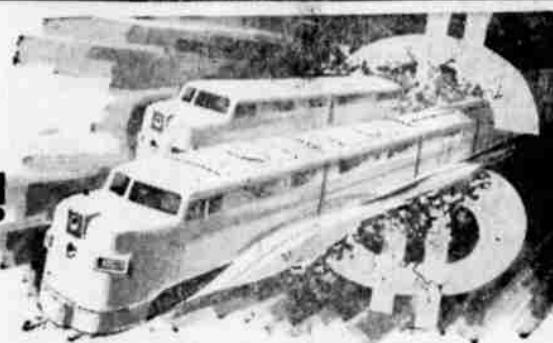
The dog bit the Barstow child July 7.

Records from the old record set Monday by Capt. R. B. Walker of the British Army.



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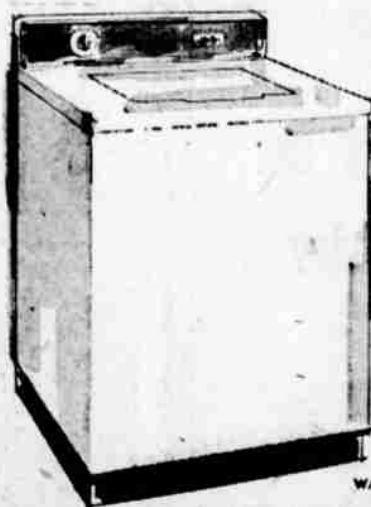
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