

"Don't Worry---He's in the Tub Now"



DREW PEARSON SAYS:

### American Tel & Tel Is The No. 1 Untouchable

WASHINGTON—If you dig into the files of the Pentagon you will find that one of the companies generously rewarded with defense contracts is the American Telephone & Telegraph company. It ranks sixth on the list of corporations benefiting from Pentagon contracts with a total of \$792,000,000 last year.

If you also dig into the file of various government bureaus you will find that a total of 35 officials of the giant telephone company have served inside the Eisenhower administration in various jobs since 1953.

If you dig into the files of the justice department, as the House judiciary committee has done, you will find that the big telephone combine has a complete monopoly on supplying the links between radio and TV stations of the nation. This is one of the reasons why radio and TV network broadcasting is so expensive. The telephone company can charge TV and radio stations what it pleases and although technically the FCC can regulate this, it has made no effort to do so.

For some years Docket No. 8963 of the federal communications commission has called for an investigation of the rates charged by American Tel and Tel for TV transmission. But for about five years this Docket No. 8963 has gathered dust. There has been no investigation.

During part of that time, the chairman of the FCC was George McConaughy, who once drew one-third of his legal fees from the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T. Even since the retirement of Chairman McConaughy, however, Docket No. 8963 continues to gather dust.

Meanwhile the telephone company even charges TV stations an "expediting fee" for hooking up a transmission line. This fee can range from \$3,500 to \$17,000 merely for installing transmission service at a reasonably early date.

This is part of the story of the biggest untouchable in Washington—the telephone combine.

One difficulty is that government regulation is too cumbersome and the telephone monopoly too far-fine. That's why some monopoly experts in the justice department maintain that the only way to regulate AT&T is by competition, forcing it to lease its patents to other companies.

In the interim the No. 1 "untouchable" has assets of nearly 10 billion dollars, and is 10 times as big as the next biggest utility, Pacific Gas and Electric.

**GI's As Servants**  
Here are some more cases where enlisted men have been used as servants by high-ranking officers. In each case this column has phoned the officer to get his side of the story.

Several complaints have come in from enlisted men working for Gen. Charles Hart, the Army's air defense commander, who has six aides assigned to him. His GI driver also chauffeurs his wife around Colorado Springs. For his daughter's recent wedding, General Hart ordered a soldiers chorus to sing on the program, assigned a Wac as babysitter so another daughter could attend the wedding, and used Army transportation to run errands.

The general, when queried, claimed that the choral group, which he admitted had sung free of charge for his daughter's wedding, was also available for any enlisted man's wedding. Hart claimed he had paid the

### QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Steel Union President David J. McDonald, addressing strikers while touring picket lines here:

"The concessions the industry has demanded would rape the union contract. They want to destroy all you've worked so hard to get."

HOLLYWOOD — Actor David Niven, revealing that he and his wife have separated, but do not plan an immediate divorce:

"We are trying to work out our problems as quietly and personally as possible."

BUFORD, Ga. — State Prisons Director Jack Forrester, after his threats had quelled a "sit down" strike by 111 convicts at a prison rock quarry:

"We didn't make any concessions. We're going to run these prisons if we have to pack them in isolation like college boys in phone booths."

WASHINGTON — Vice Chairman Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) of the Senate Rackets Committee, on the question of contributions made by UAW members toward election campaigns of the auto union's officers:

"Some new documentary evidence has come to light."

colonel home in the afternoon, then park the staff car at his home until the following morning.

"On one occasion the colonel and his family used the auto to take a Sunday drive. In the vicinity of West Point, N. Y., the engine failed due to a thrown connecting rod. It was towed commercially to a garage where the required repairs were made later in the week, also at government expense."

Adm. Jerauld Wright, the Navy's commander in the Atlantic, used Marines as hat check boys and car-lot attendants at cocktail parties on May 26, May 30, June 24 and June 30, 1959.

The admiral, when queried, admitted through his spokesman that over half a dozen Marines were used to check hats and park cars as an official assignment. They were given time off, he said, for their extra duty. The spokesman pointed out that each party was an official reception which Admiral Wright is required to throw for visiting NATO dignitaries.

GI's in New York City complain that their commanding officer, Col. Carl Weichner, "utilized the services of one of three airmen in the office as driver and a staff car almost every day for four months to comb the boroughs of New York for suitable housing. The colonel located suitable housing near Lynbrook, N. Y., about 22 miles from the office location. More often than not, one of the airmen is required to drive the

### Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:  
The long talked of School District Reorganization Election is next Monday, July 20, 1959, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the usual place of school elections.

May I urge all legal voters to vote. It is up to the voters to decide whether a new administrative district made up of all county school districts except the North Powder area will be formed. If the vote is "Yes" all present school boards will be abolished and a new board will take over on July 1, 1960.

This new administrative district would be divided by the committee into seven zones as nearly equal in school census population as is feasible. One qualified elector will be elected from each zone. The election of this new board will be at large. The new administrator will be appointed by this new board.

Also local school committees composed of three members shall be elected for each elementary, junior high and high school attendance unit in the administrative school district. These committees may advise the board in regard to school needs, progress, improvements, teachers, etc.

More uniform and equal educational opportunities could be provided for the children in our county, as an elementary supervisor, special teachers of physically and mentally handicapped children and

advantages and savings in central buying of supplies.

If the vote is "No" the districts will continue for a time as they are but according to the law, the Reorganization Committee must continue working until a plan is approved by the people which will offer unified districts operating schools with grades 1-12.

Our Union County Reorganization Committee has spent many long hours in a great many meetings studying plans. They feel the best one is the one up for your vote next Monday, July 20, 1959. Vote as you think best, but vote.

Very sincerely,  
Veda E. Couzens, Superintendent,  
Union County Schools.

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### Curbing The Thrill Seekers

They were "bored and wanted some adventure," said two Canadian teen agers arrested in San Diego for stealing \$71,529 from an Ottawa bank.

Probably they were being truthful. Many if not most youths are constantly engaged in a restless search for "kicks." Some go too far.

The National Education Assn.'s recent report on a long study of juvenile delinquency said it is "less than a half truth that most delinquent behavior stems from emotional illness or maladjustment." Three fourths of all who get in trouble show "little or no emotional dis-

turbance."

Most delinquency, the NEA study team found, is sport, not illness. Whether it is reckless driving, auto theft, vandalism or even robbing a bank, the motivation is more likely to be the search for thrills than anything else.

How do you curb the thrill seekers? The experts have no pat answer to that one. All kids can't be handled the same. The best advice seems to lie in keeping teen-agers so busy, either with work, school or healthy recreational activities, that they don't have time to get desperately bored.

### The 'Vanishing American' Will Ride Again

The Pendleton Round-Up grounds have seen a few pow-wows in their day, but doubtless none was ever as large or as colorful as the National Indian Encampment scheduled for July 18 to 26.

Representatives from more than 2,000 tribes on the North American continent have been invited to participate in the Centennial year program.

And while not all will send delegates, there'll be representatives of the Capilano, the Kootenai, the Peigan, the Blackfoot, the Flathead, the Ogalalla Sioux, the Quinault, the Yakima, the Kiowa, the Cree, the Ojibwa, the Nez Perce, the Cherokee and scores of other tribes.

Officials, in publicity releases, anyway, estimate that approximately 250,000 visitors will attend the nine-day event—which is enough to make the 17,000 citizens of Pendleton pack up and head for the hills.

Arrangements have been made to handle, feed and adequately care for more than 2,500 Indians who will pitch their canvas tepees near the banks of the Umatilla.

There are some who claim it is possible during the Round-Up to get a pretty good buzz just by leaning out the window and breathing deeply.

With thousands of Indians, and many

more thousand tourists at the encampment, visitors driving through may not even have to roll down their windows.

But it will be exciting, and worth seeing. For sheer color it will probably outdo the always colorful Indian activities at the fall Round-Up.

Events will include dances, games, races and skills with bow and arrow, lance and spear. There will be tribal pageants nightly in the Happy Canyon arena. Nightly Indian beauty contests will be held, with winners competing in the finals for a grand trophy cash prize of \$250.

Authentic Indian arts and crafts will be displayed. Visitors will shoot thousands of dollars of film to record the wrinkled countenances of the old and the quick and bright faces of the young.

The names will be more colorful than the brilliant outfits—Levi Fast Horse, Leonard Bring Plenty, Charles Kills Ree, Kenneth Short Bear, Regina Looks Twice, Simon White Otter Francis . . .

When it is all over the Indians will pack up and point their cars toward Canada, South Dakota, Idaho, Oklahoma, Wisconsin. . . .

But for a few days the wild west will ride again. And the vanishing American will be tall in the saddle.

### Long Shot For Humphrey

A man gets elected President these days mainly on the basis of what the voters know about him. Party affiliation is of secondary importance.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota is aware of this and that's why he is starting early—as of Tuesday—to make it plain that he is a candidate for the presidency. That candidacy was formally announced by two of his supporters—one a fellow Senator and the other the governor of Minnesota.

The average American doesn't know much about Humphrey. It will take a lot of doing to make him well known by con-

vention time a year from now. It took a lot of doing for Wendell Willkie some years back, and for Adlai Stevenson for that matter.

It's a long shot chance that Humphrey can prove in one year that he has the stature to be considered seriously for president, especially when his efforts will inspire rivals to get busy and start campaigning early too.

### Barbs

A man must win general success to get the word "private" on his office door.