

"They'll Never Believe Me If This One Gets Away"



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Depends On How You Look At It

A man named Wenzell worked as a consultant to the Budget Bureau. His full time job was with a Boston financial house. Then the government made a big deal. The Atomic Energy Commission entered into a contract with a private firm, nick named Dixon-Yates, to build a 107 million dollar power plant in Arkansas to supply TVA with power to replace what the AEC had to take from TVA.

Then the storm broke. Public power advocates in Congress denounced the deal for all kinds of reasons, but mainly because it constituted government help for a private power company.

Eventually the Eisenhower administration backed down. The heat was too great. As an excuse it contended that the contract with Dixon-Yates was invalid because the Boston firm for which Wenzell worked was in on the financing of the power plant. Conflict of interest.

Because the Dixon-Yates group had

spent \$1,867,545 on the project before it was thrown out, it sued. Last week came the decision. It is a fine example of justice at its best. The court found that the Dixon-Yates sponsors saw the possibility of Wenzell being a source of trouble early in the game. He didn't work for them but they urged him to resign. Wenzell apparently offered to do so, but both the Boston financial company and the Bureau of the Budget told him to sit tight.

Thus, said the court, the two entities which could have removed Wenzell from the scene did not do so, and the one entity which urged his removal is made the victim for his non-removal to the tune of 1.8 million dollars.

That is the price, to be paid out of tax funds, for the administration's decision to back down, or because Dixon-Yates was a bad deal in the first place, depending on how you look at it.

Keeping Hands Off The Strike

The Taft-Hartley law empowers the President, when "a threatened or actual strike or lockout affecting an entire industry or a substantial part thereof . . . will . . . imperil the national health or safety," to appoint an emergency board to investigate. The board is limited to reporting only the facts of a dispute.

President Truman used this provision of the law 10 times in seven years. President Eisenhower has used it five times in six and a half years.

At his last press conference the second question put to Ike asked in effect why he hadn't invoked the Taft-Hartley law in the steel situation. He had two good reasons. First, he said, the national health or safety is not imperiled by this strike. Bad as it is, it isn't that bad. Second, what facts are there to be reported that haven't already been reported?

Negotiations have been going on for months. Both sides have presented their case in full page newspaper ads across the nation, newsmen have been writing

about it almost daily for weeks, and government departments, of course, have compiled every fact there is to find as the situation developed.

Presidential intervention, then in Ike's opinion would serve no useful purpose. He couldn't forbid a strike. All he could do is delay one for 80 days, hoping that in the meantime he could knock heads together and bring about a compromise settlement.

This was the Truman method and the result inevitably was another round of wage and price increases. Presidential intervention meant victory for the union and another inflationary boost for the nation. This time, as far as Ike is concerned, the government is going to keep hands off.

The 28 steel companies who are struck by the one union can either see who can out wait the other, or they can get back to the bargaining table and through give and take work out a reasonable settlement.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Family Of Coast Guard Brass Visits In Europe

WASHINGTON.—Rear Adm. James Hirschfield, the Coast Guard's second in command, packed his family into a government Skymaster last month and took off for a European vacation at the taxpayers' expense.

The trip was listed officially as an "inspection tour," but he assembled the most curious "inspection party" in Coast Guard annals. Included were his wife, his daughter Mary, his son James Jr., and his brothers' family, Mr. and Mrs. Casey Hirschfield and their daughter Denise. The son also brought along his college classmate, William Delaney.

Apparently the only member of the admiral's household left behind was his French poodle which was entrusted to an enlisted man's care.

Besides the Hirschfield clan, space was found in the plane for Rear Adm. Edward Thiele, his wife and daughter. He is the Coast Guard's engineering chief. The vacationing families also bright along Lt. Comdr. Robert Rea to handle baggage, and Comdr. Robert Waldron to fly the plane.

Their whirlwind tour took them to England, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Italy, France and Spain.

After inquiries at the Coast Guard were ignored, this column reported the unique trip to Admiral Hirschfield's boss, Secretary of the Treasury Robert Anderson, who promptly ordered an inspection of the admiral's "inspection party."

Cup-Collecting Senator
Vivacious Sen. Allen Ellender of Louisiana is probably the most traveled solon in the Senate. Every year he takes a trip to var-

ious parts of the world on the theory that as a member of the appropriations committee he should check on expenditures by American embassies and information agencies.

In other directions also Senator Ellender is a versatile man. He is an expert on sugar, an excellent cook, and a collector of antiques.

Visiting in La Paz, Bolivia, sometime ago, he admired the collection of Incaic cups belonging to Mrs. Edward Sparks, wife of the American ambassador.

"You know, I'm a great collector of cups. I don't have any pre-Colombian cups at all," observed the senator from Louisiana, referring to the fact that Mrs. Sparks' cups predated Christopher Columbus.

"Oh, how interesting, Senator," replied Mrs. Sparks quite firmly.

This ended the conversation until a year later, when Senator Ellender again visited Ambassador Sparks, this time in Caracas, Venezuela.

"Oh, I see you still have those beautiful Incaic cups," he remarked to Mrs. Sparks.

"Yes, we still have them," replied Mrs. Sparks. "And I intend to keep them."

Rejected Colonel
One Air Force reserve officer the Senate armed forces would promote last week was Col. Frank S. Perego. Reason was that the senators found Perego occupying a position which had all the earmarks of being a part of the munitions lobby.

As a reserve officer Colonel Perego has been assigned to a position as "chief of tactical air division of directorate of require-

ments of office of deputy chief of staff for development."

This is a long and roundabout way of saying that Colonel Perego, in case of mobilization, would have a lot to do with "requirements" and "development" — in other words, purchases.

The senators further found that Colonel Perego occupied a position with General Dynamics which gets more defense contracts than any other company except Boeing, the biggest defense contractor in the U.S., with a stupendous total of \$1,542,600,000 in orders last year. This is 6.5 per cent of all our military contracts during 1958.

General Dynamics also ranked second in hiring retired military men. Head of General Dynamics is Frank Pace, Truman's director of the budget and former secretary of the Army. Pace has hired 54 retired officers. Colonel Perego is only one of them. Nevertheless, he occupied such an important position in the mobilization table that Senators passed over his name for promotion.

Capital Chaff

Rep. Howard Smith of Virginia was joshing a fellow Democratic Rep. Mendel Rivers of South Carolina, about a recent merry-go-round expose of Rivers' effort to influence a defense contract.

"Mendel, you've been around here a long time, but you've finally made the grade. You've been written up in Drew Pearson's column." . . . Averell Harriman was an excellent governor of New York but he has a lot to learn about becoming a newspaperman. He made the mistake of calling his interview with Khrushchev to the state department before releasing it to his newspaper syndicate. The state department then leaked it to the press.

On top of this, Harriman, who had contracted to write seven articles for the North American Newspaper Alliance exclusively, saved the cream of his Khrush-

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Gov. Leroy Collins, sizing up Russian politicians he met on a four-week tour in Russia:

"They've got a lot of bluster, a lot of drive, a lot of speed, and a determination to win by whatever means they can employ. But if you talk right back to them they respect you."

WASHINGTON — Capt. John Henry Morse Jr., government atomic adviser, calling for the publication of more information on atomic fallout:

"We are killing ourselves by security."

WEST COVINA, Calif. — Dr. Raymond R. Finch, speaking of his son Dr. Bernard R. Finch who is accused of slaying his estranged wife:

"My boy is sick. He's been off the beam for three or four months and should have been put away before this terrible thing happened."

BOSTON — Daniel A. Spoeth, of Lincoln, Mass., a passenger on an American Airlines plane that nosed over on landing and skidded to a stop, describing the accident:

"There was a crash and sparks shot all over the place. I was scared as hell. We all went to the forward cabin door and jumped out after the captain told us to."

chev interview for Life Magazine . . . Secretary of State Herter's aides have spread the word that Averell Harriman's interview with Khrushchev was overly dramatized by his ghost writer, Charles Thayer, III . . . Premier Khrushchev has notified Poland

Trumpeter Swans Due In Portland

PORTLAND (UPI)—Americans this summer will get their first look at the largest waterfowl in North America, the trumpeter swan, the Interior Department announced Monday.

Under a program of the bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the big birds will be seen in zoos in Portland, San Diego, San Antonio, Philadelphia, Bronx zoo in New York and Tracy Aviary in Salt Lake City.

Each zoo is being loaned a pair of the birds, the department said.

blantly that she cannot continue accepting American aid and still keep her good standing in the Communist world. Poland has been receiving about \$90,000,000, 900 chiefly in American wheat are playing into Khrushchev's disapproval. (Some congressmen are playing into Khrushchev's hands by wanting to cut down this wheat.)



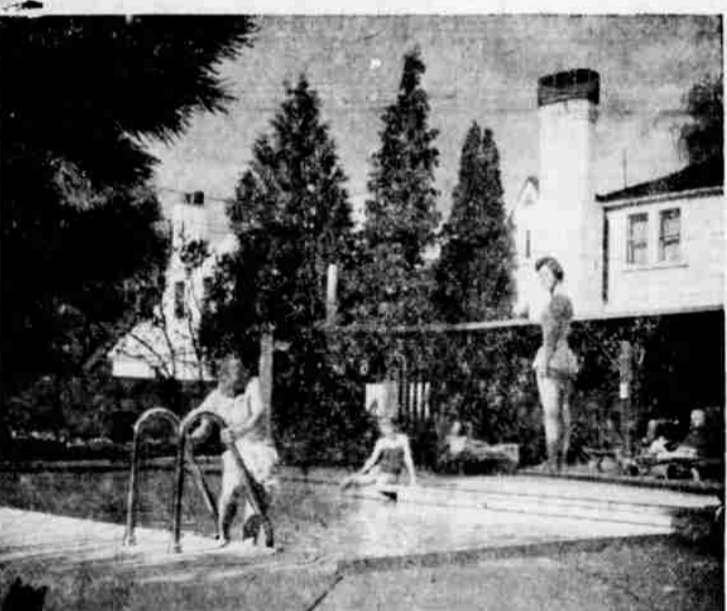
Jantzen swim suit from The Bon Marche

WHEREVER HEATED WATER is required, natural gas proves best. That is why natural gas was chosen to heat the beautiful new swimming pool at Seattle's gas-heated Nettleton Apartments, shown above.



A POPULAR SPOT for many happy years to come is the Fred Wolff pool in Spokane. Natural gas was this family's choice, too, to heat an abundant, continuous supply of warm water for their pool.

Pacific Northwest's Finest Pools go First Class with NATURAL GAS



FAMILY AND FRIENDS enjoy the W. L. Hansen pool (above) in Yakima for a longer swim-season: gas-heated water is always comfortably warm.



MANY LUXURY MOTELS, such as the magnificent "Thunderbird" in Boise (below), are all-gas equipped—including gas-heated water for the pool.

Man Dies Struggling With Estranged Wife

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—A man attempting to kidnap his estranged wife at knife point died of an apparent heart attack while struggling with her, the coroner's office reported today.

Rep. Edith Green Will Introduce Kennedy At Dinner

PORTLAND (UPI)—Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) will fly here to introduce Sen. John Kennedy (D-Mass.) at the Dave Epps Memorial dinner Aug. 1.

STUDY VOTING AGE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—Lowering of the minimum voting age from 21 to 18 will be one of the major items of consideration at Tennessee's fifth constitutional convention which begins today. Ninety-nine delegates will attend the convention, the second since the present charter was adopted in 1870.

Ronald S. Rickard, 38, went to his wife's nearby Norwalk home Monday pulled a five-inch hunting knife and forced her to get in his car, said Mrs. Rickard, 42. When he stopped at a filling station, she jumped out and he started to chase her but suddenly collapsed and died.

Mrs. Beulah Hand, acting chairman of the Democratic party in Oregon, said sound pictures of Epps in action as spokesman for the party would be shown as a feature of the evening's program. Epps, 51, died suddenly June 29. Kennedy plans to arrive in Portland Saturday morning, Aug. 1, and to visit the Centennial Ex-

position in the afternoon. On Sunday he has scheduled several meetings plus television appearances, and on Monday he will speak at the annual AFL-CIO convention in Seaside. The Epps Memorial dinner will be held at 7 p.m. in the Neighbors of Woodcraft hall here.

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