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Oregon Lawyers Pay For Their Sins

Recent news stories noted that two more Oregon lawyers have been disbarred, removed from the practice of their profession in the future.

Disbarment is a serious punishment. It's pretty tough to tell a man who has studied through four years of college and three of law school and then spent several years in practice that he can no longer be allowed to earn a living in his chosen profession.

This, one might think, is harsh medicine for the relatively few ills of the legal profession. Oregon medicine apparently is harsher than that of most states. But that doesn't mean the treatment isn't entirely justified.

Nationally, disbarments have dropped slightly in the past three years. Oregon figures have not only stood up—more interesting in the fact that of all lawyers disbarred in the United States, a disproportionately high percentage, considering the number of lawyers practicing in this state, seems to come from Oregon.

Why? Is it because Oregon lawyers are more likely to embezzle, to mishandle funds of their clients, or to take advantage of those with no knowledge of their rights?

We think not. More likely, it is because the membership of the Board of Governors of the Oregon State Bar, charged with policing their own profession, are more sensitive to their responsibilities in this field than similar organizations in other states. There has been pressure in the past—

from both within and without the Board of Governors—to tighten up still further in Oregon. It is hard to tell if this is being done because of lack of adequate measurement, but it is certain that Oregon lawyers are not being treated too gently.

Oregon has slightly less than one per cent of the nation's practicing attorneys. Yet Oregon had nearly ten per cent of the national total of disbarments in a recent year.

The law is the only one of our professions which is granted the sole right to police and to govern itself.

This fact alone is the best argument for a continued strong program of enforcement of ethical standards upon members of the profession, not for protection of lawyers but for the aid of their clients and the public served by attorneys.

It's apparent that Oregon bar standards are being maintained. As the executive officer of the State Bar recently said:

"The Oregon State Bar is among the most alert, active and conscientious bars in the United States in the field of admission and discipline. It is equally cognizant that it is dealing with the very livelihood of its members."

In some bar associations, apparently, the second part of the statement above is being given more weight than the first.

This is not true in this state. And we're all fortunate that it's not, even if it's tough on misbehaving lawyers.

Costs Of Abandoned Foreign Aid Projects In For Close Scrutiny

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Our foreign aid folks admit they've made some mistakes. But they're always in there trying to correct them. One improvement that's just come to light is in the way they budget the drinks and snacks we buy for our friends overseas.

Rep. John J. Rooney (D-N.Y.), who keeps a clear eye on the entertainment allowances of our various agencies, uncovered this refinement the other day after wondering just how much of the new \$3,500,000 foreign aid budget was earmarked for bar checks, soirees and the like.

Rep. George W. Andrews (D-Ala.) wondered in what other ways the foreign aid program had been improved. He asked for a list of aid projects abandoned when they turned out bad, and how much was spent on each one.

Well, he offered to help Haile Selassie help Ethiopian industry. We laid out \$230,000 before he decided he didn't care much about helping local industry after all.

We also spent \$6,000 looking for an expert to straighten out the railroads in Tunisia. We never did find one.

Too, we were midway in a big project for our friends the Egyptians, having spent \$470,000 on the job, when our friends the British, the French, and the Israelis elected to start dropping bombs. For some reason the Egyptians didn't care to go on with the project, an air photo survey of Egypt.

Airways Plan Collapses

Reorganizing Thailand Airways Corp. cost us \$1,347,000 before the project collapsed. The airline personnel, and people from Pan American World Airways, who were working for us, weren't compatible, the aid agency said.

On another abortive airline reorganization there's no telling how much we saved. We had spent only \$200, to help Air India International, when the story got out the reservations fell off. The Indians didn't want to ride on an airline that couldn't run without help.

Trying to help Pakistan or-

ganize a national roadbuilding program cost us \$2,226,000. There were a number of reasons why this didn't work. One was that the Pakistan folks set up a committee which decided that building roads wasn't a national problem.

We had planned to help the Dominican Republic set up an agriculture program. But I guess the Dominicans got a look at our agriculture program, just in time. Anyway, they said no thanks, and we got out for \$3,000.

DROUGHT HITS CHINA

TOKYO (UPI) — The New China News agency said today that 10 million peasants in Communist China's central provinces "are waging a hard fight" to overcome the effects of drought. Emergency irrigation procedures have been instituted for 3.4 million acres of land, the agency reported. In one province alone, Anhwei, more than 32,000 ditches and canals were dug.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Dinner Parties Throw Washington Into Tizzy

WASHINGTON — There's nothing that throws Washington into such a tizzy as dinner parties. If Mrs. Perle Mesta and Mrs. Gwen Calritz, the capital's rival hostesses, both show up at the same dinner party, you hear about it. If Mrs. Loy Henderson, an ex-Lithuanian, sits by the Russian ambassador, he hears about it — and in terms embarrassing to his hostess, Mrs. Marjorie Post May, the Posttosties heiress.

This sensitivity to dinner parties is because dining out and politics are the capital's No. 1 industry. It's one reason why the press has been thrown into a tizzy by President Eisenhower's invitations to a few picked press satellites to come to dinner. The President, who started out in 1952 complaining to Jim Hagerly that he didn't like press conferences, has now adopted the technique of giving exclusive anonymous interviews. This is not a new technique.

Calvin Coolidge used a somewhat different form in his press conferences. Newsmen were not permitted to attribute information to the President. They could only quote a White House spokesman who eventually got to be so mysterious that he was called the White House "spookman."

The off-the-record dinner party can be quite effective — though quite confusing. It has the advantage of putting authority for a statement on the newsman, not on the source. And if the source wants to backtrack, the newsman is left holding the bag.

For instance, when Eisenhower called Senator Taft "an isolationist" at a private newspaper luncheon in Denver in 1952, it had the advantage of criticizing the Senate's No. 1 Republican without putting responsibility on the newly picked leader of the Republican Party.

Sherman Adams Boomerang

Again when Sherman Adams remarked anonymously at an off-the-record newspaper dinner that if "Harold Stassen doesn't get out quietly, he'll be carried out," it was published without attribution to Adams. Coming just as Stassen was about to run for governor in the Pennsylvania primaries, it had something to do with plowing him under a huge pile of negative votes.

Ironically, it was less than a year later that many top Republicans were not only more vocal but less anonymous in demanding: "If Sherman Adams doesn't go quietly, he'll be carried out."

Then there was the memorable off-the-record dinner staged by the charming Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Robert "Mick" Carney, in March, 1955, at which he predicted to a "chosen few" that the Red Chinese would attack the off-shore Formosa Islands around April 15. This caused Jim Hagerly to state at another "background dinner" that it wasn't so. Next, Admiral Carney told a congressional subcommittee that he never said any such thing. Later, Robert Roth of the Philadelphia Bulletin produced stenographic notes showing that Admiral Carney did say exactly what he later said he didn't say.

These are some of the reasons why dinner parties throw Washington into a tizzy. It's also why some newspapermen view with alarm an invitation to an off-the-record dinner.

Morton's Secret Dinner

As far as this newsmen is concerned, it's much more satisfactory to be absent and therefore free to write the story of what

happened. Here are more revealing highlights on the off-the-record dinner held by Senator Thurston Morton of Kentucky, new Republican National Chairman, for which he got bawled out by the White House.

Morton's views on the Cabinet: Most influential officials with Ike are Bob Anderson, Secretary of the Treasury, Maurice Stans, the Budget Director, and Raymond Saulnier, Ike's economic adviser. Secretary of State Herter in gaining Ike's confidence, "but will never have it like Dulles." The "liberals" in the Cabinet are Secretary of Labor Mitchell and Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare Flemming, both usually backed by Nixon. Secretary of the Interior Seaton is a swing man, sometimes siding with the liberals, sometimes with the conservatives. . . . Flemming has the most courage in standing up against Anderson. He argues that the budget should not be cut across the board, but on a selective basis giving more money for some programs. The nation's health, he argues, should not suffer.

Row over judges: Attorney General William Rogers is too puritanical and not sufficiently political when it comes to appointing judges. GOP Chairman Morton is irked at him. When the Republicans came into power the Federal Bench was about 87 per cent Democratic, says Morton. He wants to see it at least 55 per cent Republican before Ike exits. But Rogers isn't playing ball. He plays ball with the American Bar Association, not the GOP. . . . For instance, Rogers claims that he can't find "one Republican in the whole state of Idaho who is qualified for the Federal Bench." This, says the GOP Chairman, is

British Commonwealth Threatened By A Policy Of White Supremacy

By PHIL NEWSOM
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From the foreign editor's notebook:

Where There's Smoke

African nations especially long have had a hatred for the Union of South Africa's policy of "apartheid" — another way of saying white supremacy. It now threatens an upheaval through large areas of the whole British commonwealth. The threat stems from a veiled hint by South African Minister for External Affairs Eric Louw that the Union of South Africa may veto entry into the commonwealth of certain states now considering a boycott

on South African goods. Louw specifically told South Africans not to be unduly concerned over boycotts because they are a two-edged weapon — "the time might come, for instance, when the West Indies Federation (which hopes to become a member of the commonwealth) would bitterly regret its present boycott of South African goods." The independent African commonwealth nation of Ghana is not expected to pass lightly over Louw's statement. If Ghana should threaten to quit the commonwealth, other non-white members such as India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Malaya might join the act.

Nuclear

How serious is the British Labor Party split over nuclear policy? Probably not as bad as it might appear. Some powerful unions are urging the Labor Party to adopt a policy which would mean that Britain all alone would renounce nuclear weapons if and when it came to power in an election. But leader Hugh Gaitskill is convinced that if he becomes British premier, he will have the support of his party to permit Britain to remain in the nuclear club. He firmly believes the non-nuclear proponents are a minority.

Bulldozer Needed

Despite all of Jakarta's claims that rebel activity is being quelled, it can be reported now that a U.S. official had to clear through three rebel roadblocks in less than 30 miles from Medan, the capital of Indonesian North Sumatra. In many areas, as is said, travel by daylight is extremely dangerous and impossible at night.

Who Calls The Signals?

Red China's propagandists may have cut off their own noses to spite their face recently. While the Communists spend millions to convert the Japanese to "pink

neutrality", the Reds turned down a request by a big Japanese television network to exchange newsfilm. The reason from Peking: "We won't exchange newsfilm with Japan while pro-American Prime Minister Kishi is in office."

Freedom Of The News?

Word trickling out of Iraq is that in the recent pro-Communist uprising in the Kirkuk area of northern Iraq casualty figures were exaggerated. They were exaggerated because most sources available to Western newsmen desperately wanted the anti-Red forces to win and hoped to make it look as bad as possible for the Reds — possibly to encourage other anti-Red forces to join the fray. Other side of the coin—Red propaganda still circulates freely in Baghdad. Western news media operate under tremendous difficulties.

Multnomah Labors

Protest Reform Bill

PORTLAND (UPI) — The AFL-CIO Multnomah county Labor Council voted Monday night to send a letter of protest to Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) regarding the labor-management reform measure now before the House. Rep. Green is a member of the committee on education and labor which sent the bill, an amended version of the senate-approved Kennedy-Ervin bill, to the House floor.

SCHENCK REPORTED FAIR

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Joseph M. Schenck, 77-year-old movie pioneer and former board chairman of 20th Century-Fox Studios, was reported in fair condition today with a broken hip. Schenck, who retired in 1953, was injured Monday when he slipped and fell in his pethouse apartment at the Beverly Hills Hotel.



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QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

NEW YORK—William A. Shea, announcing plans for a third baseball major league to be known as the Continental League:

"We anticipate the cooperation of organized baseball. But we are all in this to stay and we are not going to back out no matter what happens."

LENINGRAD, U.S.S.R. — Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, father of America's atomic submarine, telling newsmen that the reactor of the Soviet ice-breaker "Lenin" was good, but no more advanced than U.S. reactors:

"The design is adequate for their purposes. You cannot say that one reactor is superior to another."

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — Gov. Earl Long of Louisiana discussing psychiatrists:

"If you heard one of them talk, you'd think he brought up the sun that morning."

MENOMONIE, Wis. — Burlesque queen Candy Mc Williams, after her husband had been fined \$250 for taking an axe to an overenthusiastic patron who jumped on stage and started ripping her clothes off:

"They always yell and holler trying to get me to take my things off, but this is the first time I've been attacked."