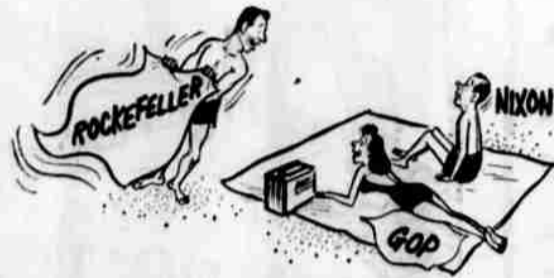
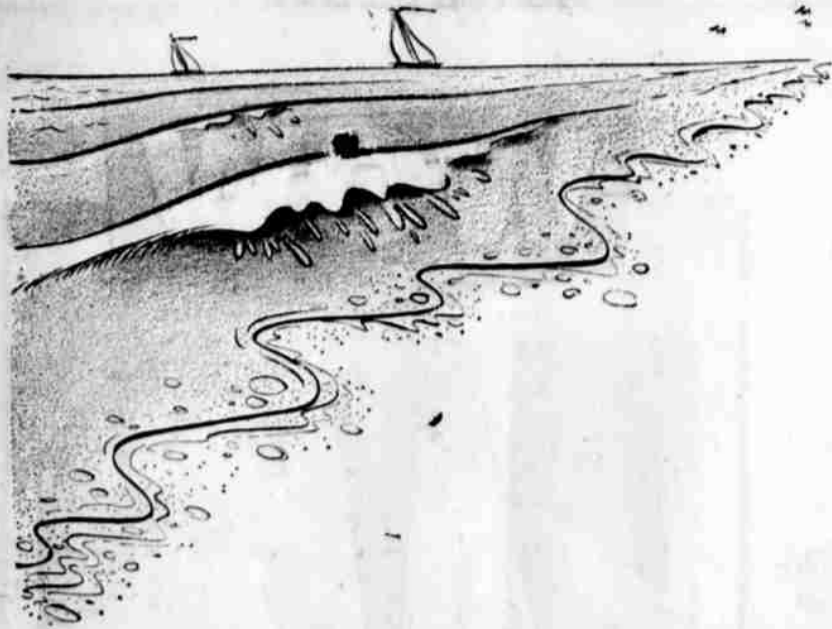


"Mind if I Sit Here?"



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Ill-Advised Move By Power Boys

By the large our country's electric light and power industry is a good one, well managed and well regulated in the public interest. But, on some occasions, representatives of that industry do some things which make the whole industry look bad.
Such a mistake is the proposal before Congress regarding payment for down stream benefits to power companies who build and operate hydroelectric facilities.
Under this proposal, if adopted by the Congress, Idaho Power would be entitled to receive Federal funds for any benefits accruing to downstream Federal projects because of storage capacity or release programs from the three IPC dams along the Snake river.
Or, Portland General Electric could apply for a federal grant because its Pelton and proposed Round Butte projects on the Deschutes are located above Bonneville and The Dalles dams.
Idaho Power carried on a big fight to get approval to build its three dams on the Snake. One of the main factors in its win was the company's positions that

it could produce the kilowatts without any drain on the Federal treasury.
An ill-advised move by the company resulted in its getting certificates for a fast tax writeoff on its Snake projects. Amid a storm of protest IPAC asked the government to cancel the special tax privilege.
It would be equally poor policy, it seems to us, for Idaho Power to ask the government, in effect, to bear part of the cost of the Snake projects by reimbursing the company for downstream benefits at government dams in the Bonneville system.
The strongest point of the stockholder-owned utilities in the old public vs. private power fight was that the companies could produce the necessary power for the nation without going to the Treasury for financing.
This should mean all forms of financing, not just financing for construction costs initially.
Otherwise, the power companies are denying their own story.
Moves such as this are ill-advised.

Such A Candidacy Is Not Too Likely

Oregon newspapers who employ A. Robert Smith as Washington correspondent carried a story last week which started out this way:
"A number of highly placed Oregon Democrats think Gov. Mark Hatfield may run for the Senate next year against Sen. Richard L. Neuberger."
Such a candidacy, we think, is highly unlikely for two reasons.
First, Hatfield would not be able to beat Neuberger. Neuberger, if all the polls and expressions of opinion are correct, is doing his job to the satisfaction of the great majority of Oregonians, Republicans as well as Democrats.
This is demonstrated in the inability of Sen. Wayne Lyman Morse to find a candidate of statewide stature to run against Neuberger in the Democratic primary next year. Morse has said he is giving up, since no suitable opposition

candidate can be found.
Second, Hatfield has been the subject of some criticism because of the opinion often expressed by political opponents that he is an opportunist who never finishes out a term in office.
Whether you agree with this opinion or not, it has been expressed with enough frequency to constitute a major political liability to Hatfield if he should seek another Oregon office before completing his first term as Governor.
This puts Hatfield in an unfortunate position. If he wins a second term as Governor he has no "safe" position from which to seek a Senate seat against Wayne Lyman Morse in 1964, since his second gubernatorial term will end the same time.
If the Oregon Democrats quoted by Smith really believe what they said, they are less discerning than we thought.

Wagons Rest As End Nears For Long Trip

AMITY (UPI)—The Oregon Centennial wagoners kept Wednesday night's schedule at the Dundee camp at a minimum, storing up their energy for the triumphant arrival at Independence Saturday.
The wagons pushed out at 6 a.m. today for the 17-mile trip and overnight encampment here. The wagons made 25 miles Wednesday. Lunch and supper were provided at the Dundee school grounds camp by Dundee resi-

dents and the modern pioneers retired early.
Wagon train member Ivan Hoyer of Cottage Grove, news director for the trek, reported that many of the Fifty-Niners were expressing regret that the trip was soon to end but also were looking forward to returning to their homes for a much-needed rest.
Twenty-eight persons of the original 30 that started from Independence, Mo., last April will finish the journey. Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Blair, Sheridan, dropped out in Wyoming. Mrs. Blair became ill at Rock Springs and returned to Sheridan and Blair left the train at Kemmerer to join her.

Coos Fire Now Under Control

COOS BAY (UPI)—A forest fire which covered 1,500 to 1,600 acres south of Powers in both state and federal land was reported under control today.
Ivan Young, district state fire warden, said some 200 still were on the firelines today but that rails were holding and some of the fire was in the mop-up stage. The fire, which started from a grass blaze, also spread into Siskiyou National Forest timber.
Young said some difficulty still was being experienced on the north end in a rocky bluff area

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

CIA Report Links Castro Advisers With Communism

WASHINGTON—With the Pan American foreign ministers meeting in Chile to pacify the turbulent Caribbean, this column has obtained a copy of a central intelligence agency report, showing Fidel Castro's links with Communism.
The document lists some of Castro's top advisers as Communists and cites nine trips by these advisers to Moscow since the revolution on Jan. 1. Their aim, according to the CIA report, is to make the situation in Cuba so chaotic that the United States will be forced to intervene. Then the United States would be charged with an "American Hungary."
It is such intervention that the United States is trying to avoid by getting the advice and support of other Pan American governments at the foreign ministers conference.
Salient portions of the revealing CIA report follow:
"It has become increasingly apparent in the past several months that Fidel Castro, if not a Communist himself, is certainly dominated by them. For a few weeks, during and immediately after his trip to the United States, there was hope that at last he would settle down, pay more attention to his more conservative advisers and stop flirting with the left wing.
This hope was expressed by Felipe Pazos, president of the National Bank of Cuba, by Regino Boti, minister of economics, by several of the ministers and people of importance who accompanied Fidel Castro to the United States. They felt this mainly because they had been chosen to make the trip, rather than the other people. Before the trip, these people, although they occupy high positions in the government, had barely even spoken with Castro.
Then with this trip, he suddenly became attentive to them and with their help was coached through his visit to the United States.
On arrival back in Cuba, these men gave out that they were happy that Castro had listened to their advice, that now he would put aside his more radical advisers, that he would shun the Communists and listen to them.
Instead, Castro proved conclusively that he is operating according to a well conceived, well directed plan of operation. On return to Cuba he ignored the men who coached him through his visit to the United States. From the time of his return to date, he has refused. Repeatedly and even after written demands he has denied an audience to Felipe Pazos, the president of the national banks. He had simply used these men as fronts while in the United States.
Who Wrote Agrarian Bill?
At the same time, he had some of his more conservative ministers drawing up a bill for Agrarian reform. Particularly devoted

to this was Sori Marin, minister of Agriculture. Sori Marin completed his bill, showed it to all the members of the cabinet and went to the Sierra Maestra with Castro and all the other ministers to proclaim the Agrarian reform bill, which he thought would be his, the one he wrote.
"Once on top of the Mountain, Castro took out his own Agrarian reform bill, one of which no member of the cabinet had seen before then, and required them all to sign it. This is the Agrarian reform bill which has now gone into force. It was written primarily by Ernesto 'Che' Guevara, Vilma Espin, wife of Raul Castro, Raul Castro, Antonio Nunez Jimenez, and Pino Santos.
"Of Ernesto Guevara, a U. S. intelligence agency states, 'If he is not a Communist, he will do for one until another comes along.' Vilma Espin is the sister of a noted French Communist and apparently a Communist herself; Antonio Nunez Jimenez, who has been named to head the Agrarian reform institute, has had his way paid by the Communist party of Cuba to a youth festival in Prague in 1954. Pinos Santos, the financial reporter for 'revolution' the 26 De Julio newspaper, is really Carlos Santo Vega, a regular member of the Communist party.
Nine Trips to Moscow
The best U. S. intelligence agency reports available suggest that the recent trips back and forth to Moscow by Cuban Communists—there have been nine such trips since the end of the revolution—have been to settle on policy. The Communists themselves have been so amazed at their success in Cuba they have had to find out what they should ask for next. The 10 points which they demanded in their newspaper, 'Hoy,' immediately after the end of the revolution, have already been granted.
It appears that the decision has been made to be as provocative as possible, to ruin the economy as completely as possible, to disrupt the sugar supply program of the United States, and by such violent, trouble making activities as the invasions of other South American countries from Cuba and confiscation of United States property, as will force the United States to intervene directly.
This is their hope, their basic plan of action: Should the U. S. intervene directly, there has been whipped up enough anti-U. S. propaganda, that there will be force to resist U. S. intervention.
The young men of Havana, especially, the university students, the junior executives, appear enthralled with what they call Italian or Cuban Communism. By this they mean they still go to church, they have their children baptized. Intellectually they oppose police violence, but economically they be-

Senate Rackets Committee Winds Up Journey Along Crooked Trail

By ALVIN SPIVAK UPI Staff Writer
WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Rackets Committee is nearing the end of its three-year journey along crooked trails of crime and corruption in labor and management.
Apart from mop-up investigations and a close look at the role unions play in politics, the committee's main effort now will be to prepare a final, comprehensive report on what it has found and where this should lead.
The eight-member committee headed by Sen. John McClellan (D-Ark.) already has inspired the drive for labor reform legislation which meets its crucial test in the House this week.
Its disclosures have prompted the AFL-CIO to drive the scandal-scattered Teamsters Union from its ranks and knock leaders of several other unions from power.
Urges Hoffa Curb
Committee hearings have touched off a number of federal and state criminal prosecutions, and have sparked a Justice Department investigation of "wholesale" racketeering, perjury and income tax evasion by various Teamsters officials.
The committee's second interim report, issued last week on the basis of last year's testimony, accused Teamsters President James R. Hoffa of sinister designs which it said, "will successfully destroy the decent labor movement" unless he is curbed.
The tone of the committee's final recommendations will depend to a large extent on the final shape in which labor reform legislation comes through this year. Committee members themselves are divided on how strong it should be.
Testimony before the committee already has amounted to 45,000 pages of original transcript. It covers 262 days of public hearings in which 1,505 witnesses appeared and 341 of them invoked the Fifth Amendment.
McClellan has emphasized repeatedly that the committee's charges of corruption have applied to "a minority of the unions."
Spotlights Teamsters
Most of the investigative road has run through Teamsters terrain where the committee has en-

dured head-on collisions with Hoffa and Fifth Amendment roadblocks from his aides.
It has been territory which, according to the testimony, has been infiltrated by gangsters and racketeers ranging from street-corner thugs to crime overlords of New York, Detroit and Chicago.
The committee also has tracked through smaller but similar breaks of unions including the Bakers, Butchers, Carpenters, Restaurant Workers, Operating Engineers, and others.
And management's sins have been explored in cases where employers paid off corrupt union bosses, or worked with union leaders for their mutual advantage and to the detriment of their workers.
Charges have involved "dieta-rships" reaching from local to international levels of several unions; extortion of money from employers; brutality; from agency threats to brass-knuckles beatings and murder; graft and collusion, including allegations that some union agents worked with law enforcement officers to take over local vice operations.
The latter sort of inquiry, centering on Portland, Ore., started the committee on its way early in 1957. But before long, the Portland sensations were drowned out by the howling swan song, in a Fifth Amendment key, of Dave Beck, Hoffa's predecessor as Teamsters president.
Beck's downfall began after the committee traced through thousands of financial transactions and came up with documented

charges that he "took, not borrowed, more than \$370,000 in union funds."
The committee's dismay over Beck's "uncontrollable greed" soon gave way to anger and shock about Hoffa, leading it to state that Hoffa "presents an even greater threat (than Beck) to the welfare of this country."
Last week's report charged that Hoffa "maneuvered" use of three million dollars in Teamsters insurance money to "pay off a long-standing debt to the Chicago underworld and to the corrupt labor leader who introduced him to Midwest mod society, Paul Dorfman." The report said the money, paid to Dorfman's son and wife over eight years, included \$1,650,000 "in excess commissions and service fees."
In its March, 1958, interim report, the committee said "union funds in excess of 10 million dollars were either stolen, embezzled, or misused by union officials over a period of 10 years, for their own financial gain or the gain of their friends and associates."
The committee's final total is still being tallied.

Sen. Corbett Takes A Poke At Hatfield

CORVALLIS (UPI)—Democratic State Sen. Alfred H. Corbett, Portland, took a poke at Gov. Mark Hatfield during a talk Wednesday night to the Benton County Democratic Central Committee here.
Corbett, speaking mainly on the accomplishments of the 1959 Legislature, took time out to answer Hatfield's criticism of a proposal by the Ways and Means Committee that rentals charged state agencies in state-owned buildings be boosted.
Corbett, chairman of the committee, said the governor's comments were an "unnecessary and unjustified attack... a typical Hatfield technique of using a blunderbuss to cover his own blunders." The senator said more than \$100,000 in general fund savings were involved.
He said his Committee had "dig out the facts that Oregon was not charging rentals sufficient to cover full cost of maintenance in addition to interest and principal pay-outs on the current basis."
He charged that Hatfield slipped up while secretary of state by not suggesting the needed increase himself.

20-Year-Old Gets 10 Year Sentence

CORVALLIS (UPI)—Wayne Bodi, 20-year-old polo-wrapped carpenter, was sentenced to 10 years in the State Penitentiary Wednesday for the death of a four-month-old girl.
Bodi was convicted last week of having struck the infant, Peggy Susan Smith, daughter of Clara Smith, 32-year-old mother of 10. The state contended the blow caused the baby's death.
Arthur Biggs, attorney for Bodi, said he did not know whether the involuntary manslaughter conviction would be appealed.

Mamie Is Visiting Her Ailing Mother

DENVER (UPI)—Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, wife of the President, arrived in Denver this morning for a visit with her ailing mother, Mrs. Elvira Doud, 81.
Mrs. Eisenhower's trip to Denver by train was not announced until after her arrival.
Mrs. Doud has been in poor health recently and is confined to her home. She normally sees only close friends.

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