

Don't Go Too Far Away



DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Nikita May Have The Last Laugh On Military Bases

WASHINGTON. It may seem a long way between Nixon's conversations with Khrushchev in Moscow and the conference of Pan American foreign ministers at Santiago, Chile, but there's an important connection between them just the same.

In Moscow, Khrushchev complained to Nixon that the United States had ringed Russia with a bulwark of military bases which were a threat to peace.

In retaliation for that ring of bases, the Soviet now finds itself in a position where it may soon be able to ring the United States with unfriendly countries, perhaps eventually military bases.

For Cuba, now governed by anti-American Fidel Castro, and influenced by Communist advisers, is just as close to the United States as Turkey and Pakistan are to Russia. Furthermore, Castro has been branching out with raids on Panama, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic, with a view to setting up new anti-American, possibly pro-Communist, governments in those key countries, all of them as important to the safety of the United States as Turkey and Pakistan are to Russia.

This is what the Santiago conference is all about. It's called by the Pan American Union to try to work out a solid front of Pan American states against invasion, war, and, in effect, pro-Communist penetration of the Caribbean. However, the United States will face rough sledding. And this is not due particularly to the operations of Moscow. It is due to fumbling in Washington, neglect of the Good Neighbor policy, and the natural demand of poorer populations of the Caribbean for a higher standard of living.

While we worry about what's going on in Laos on the other side of the globe, or in Iraq in the Near East, we have paid al-

most no attention to a situation which has been stewing right under our noses for several years. So it will be difficult, if not impossible, for Secretary Herter to pick up the pieces and put them together in a few days or a few weeks.

Note: Approximately 700 mercenary Spanish soldiers, sent by Dictator Franco, are now in the Dominican Republic. To have Spanish soldiers in a country once under Spain, within a few miles of the United States, would have brought headlines of horror from the U.S.A. a few years ago. Today, with nobody worrying, developments are brewing which may cause considerably more than worry.

Ike Doesn't Understand Bill President Eisenhower spoke with great conviction and sincerity in urging passage of the Landrum-Griffin labor bill the other night. But listeners who understand labor matters are wondering who wrote his speech. Whoever did let the president in for an amazing, unforgivable mistake. It showed he hadn't really studied the labor bill any better than most congressmen.

Citing the problem of a mythical furniture manufacturer, Eisenhower said: "The employees vote against joining a particular union. Instead of picketing the plant itself... they picket the stores which sell the furniture. The purpose is to prevent those stores from handling that furniture."

"How can anyone justify this kind of pressure against stores which are not involved in any dispute?" The president asked his TV audience. "They are innocent bystanders. This kind of action is designed to make the stores bring pressure on the furniture plant and its employees... to force these employees into a union they don't want. This is an example of a secondary boycott."

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — President Eisenhower, expressing sorrow at the death of Fleet Adm. William F. (Bull) Halsey:

"His great personal contribution to the successful campaigns in the Pacific and the exploits of the forces under his command are a brilliant part of American military history."

WASHINGTON — Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R-Ind.), stressing in a newsletter that the United States will uphold the doctrine of non-intervention even though that might open the way to charges of supporting Latin American dictatorships:

"The fact is that both Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic have stable governments, and in a topsy turvy world we are interested in stable governments."

PLAINSBORO, N.J. — Mrs. Thomas A. Powner, commenting on the disclosure that hidden microphones listened in on her, her husband and their children during the 14 days they spent in an atomic "fallout" shelter:

"Of course, we would have lived much differently if we had known we were being recorded. We would have been much more self-conscious."

LOS ANGELES — Police Officer Austin Burt Fernwald, 36, who had delivered three babies from parents who couldn't get to the hospital on time, after he had to do the same for his own wife:

"I wasn't at all nervous until I started to drive home. Then it hit me. I really took it easy going home."

GOP Solons Seek Facts On Strike

NEW YORK (UPI) — Two Republican senators will introduce a resolution today calling on President Eisenhower to make public the facts behind the steel strike.

Sens. Jacob K. Javits of New York and George D. Aiken of Vermont said in a joint statement Sunday that, given the facts, "the great national jury of the people of the United States should be able to crystallize the weight of public opinion to bring about a settlement or indicate what further steps may be taken to bring it about."

Thus they proposed that the President "share with the people the facts found for him by his own fact-finder," Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell.

Negotiations aimed at ending the six-week strike were to resume today after a week-end recess between the United Steelworkers of America and the steel industry bargaining team, Joseph F. Finnegan, chief of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, was to take part in today's negotiations.

Javits and Aiken said that lack of progress toward a solution of the strike seemed to be leading toward use of the national emergency provision of the Taft-Hartley Act. This would provide for creation of a fact-finding board and issuance of a federal injunction which would order steel strikers back to work for an 80-day period on grounds that the national welfare would otherwise suffer. Meanwhile, negotiations would continue.

"We do not believe the country should wait until the emergency calls for Taft-Hartley procedures but should get the facts now," Javits and Aiken said in their statement.

Pickets Patrol Metals Plant In Portland

PORTLAND (UPI) — Pickets today continued to patrol the Union Carbide Metals Co. plant here. The plant was closed Saturday night by a strike of local 3103 of the United Steelworkers of America.

The walkout idled 15 workers. The strike began when a three year contract with the company ended Saturday. Union officials rejected a company offer to extend the contract 60 days while negotiations on a new pact could be continued.

E. L. Hix, plant superintendent, said the union rejected the offer because the same offer was not made to another local at another of the firm's plants in Atabula, Ohio. The Ohio plant has been on strike since July 13.

A rather unique event has taken place in the community of La Grande. Seldom does a community have presented in its midst a production of the caliber of "Doctor, in Buckskin Clad," authored by local talent, directed by local talent, and played by local talent. Dr. Al Kaiser of EOC made possible this play to La Grande in Oregon's Centennial year. After research and study, he wrote the script which dramatically portrays major episodes in the life of Marcus Whitman following through a missionary - medical service. This missionary-medical service was climaxed in a massacre. The massacre is not shown in the dramatization but the dramatization conveys the emotional involvements leading to the massacre. Wallace Johnson and Rhodes Lewis were responsible for the musical scores that provided the prelude, the interludes, and the postlude. With fine feeling for the total dramatization, the authors have bound the production together with musical finesse. Richard Hiatt, Assistant Professor of dramatics at EOC, directed the play. He chose the cast from the citizens of La Grande, students and ex-students of the college. The musicians who made up the chorus and orchestra were local folk. All participants gave fine accounts of themselves in the production and certain of them deserve the special mention given them by press and radio for outstanding performance. A grant from the Oregon State Fine Arts Committee and the backing of the EOC Advancement Association made possible the financing of this production. This help made possible the elaborate stage settings and costly lighting equipment. This production, it seems to me, has given La Grande something unique, something that is La Grande's own. Many communities in the United States are annually presenting similar historic dramatizations as features for public entertainment and as devices to attract and hold tourists in their communities. "Doctor, in Buckskin Clad" played nine times on three successive evenings on three successive weeks in La Grande. It also played a special performance for the Wagon Train, making ten local performances. Members of the Wagon Train were so impressed that the suggestion came from them that the play be invited to Independence, Oregon as a special event in the finale for the Wagon Train's trek across the nation. Many of our people have now seen the production and know its quality. A decision as to whether those responsible for this dramatization should be encouraged to present it annually as a part of our tourist season must soon be made. We welcome community opinion at this point. Regardless of what this decision may be, I am sure our community feels indebted to the cast, the authors of the musical scores, the property personnel, the director, Richard Hiatt, and the author, Dr. Al Kaiser, for a fine contribution to La Grande and eastern Oregon in this 1959 Centennial year. Frank B. Bennett, President, Eastern Oregon College

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Automation And Higher Wages

The only way some industries can keep on meeting the demands for higher wages by strong unions is by developing mechanical processes that do the work men used to do. It's called automation.

If fewer men, using new machines, can do the same amount of work that a larger crew formerly did, they can be paid more per hour without running up the cost of what they are producing.

The longshore union, one of the strongest in the nation, has succeeded under the Harry Bridges regime in winning wage and fringe benefits for its members that have made longshoring one of the top paid trades. It used to rank only a little above common labor.

Longshore jobs are so much desired that there is always a waiting list. A man doesn't join the union. He has to be voted in.

High labor costs on the waterfront didn't bring about automation in the loading and discharging of ship cargoes as quickly as some expected, but it is

coming. The new contract between the ILWU and the Pacific Maritime Association takes cognizance of it in a way that may be unique.

The union has agreed not to resist automation providing longshoremen are given a share of the savings that will be made by the employers through increased productivity under automation. The first year this will amount to 1.5 million dollars.

Also the employer cannot lay off men replaced by machines. But as they retire, die or quit, replacements do not need to be hired.

An outsider can never evaluate accurately what is in something so intricate as a labor contract, but there is an element of common sense apparent in this agreement that is a credit to both the union and the employers.

It is easy to imagine an earlier period when the introduction of labor saving devices on the docks would have meant automatically a coast wide strike.

Smoking And Early Death

Another survey connecting cigarette smoking with early death has been made. And as usual, the tobacco industry won't like it.

This is a U. S. Public Health Service survey. It is a study of the deaths of 200,000 veterans whose smoking habits were known.

Death rate from lung cancer was ten

times—1,000 per cent—higher among cigarette smokers than among non-smokers.

From coronary heart disease it was 63 per cent more. The rates for deaths from respiratory diseases, ulcers and cirrhosis of the liver also were greater. Think of that the next time you buy a pack of cigarettes.

SINGING COMMERCIAL IS RECEIVING NEW DIGNITY

By DOC QUIGG
UPI Staff Writer
NEW YORK (UPI) — The singing commercial, an institution as American as the apple pie or—if you prefer—the rattlesnake or the poison ivy, is reaching for a new pinnacle of dignity.

A local firm that manufactures singing commercials is offering a series of workshop seminars to which advertising agencies can send their flannel-bearing personnel. There they will get schooling in the loftier qualities of the jingle-music that sells.

Just when in history the singing commercial burst upon the public is a matter of some dispute. One school holds that the first usage occurred in the dim past when the first cave mother sang to her tot the first primitive lullaby extolling the superior virtues of sleep.

Study Better Jingles Among the subjects to be examined at the seminar are "the trend towards better jingles" and "sound effects can be beautiful." The project is being offered by Forrell, Thomas and Polack Associates, an outfit that has connected and put on radio and TV more than 60 singing commercials.

"Music and singing can put across any sales message," said Gene Forrell, a partner of the firm, in a news conference announcing the seminar. "For example, the next presidential campaign will be the most musical in history."

It wouldn't have to go far to set that record. There was some attempt at convention time in 1956 to get the song fires blazing. The Democrats made a determined effort with a song that began, "Oh, the Democratic Party is for you — and you — and you..." It turned out to be something less than a national race.

Never Left Hangar They also had one, donated by Alan Jay Lerner and set to the tune of one of the hit songs of his musical "My Fair Lady," that opened with the forthright assertion that "we'll start campaigning in the morning" and had as its refrain: "Adlai's gonna win this time." Somehow or other, it not only never got off the ground — it didn't even leave the hangar. The Messrs. Forrell, Thomas, and Polack, however, are notoriously clever and could be just the ones to put music into politics. They've done it with fire

Young Demos Want Dam Named After Dave Epps

PORTLAND (UPI) — The executive board of the Oregon Young Democrats Sunday blasted the proposal to change the name of Green Peter Dam to Douglas McKay dam.

A resolution adopted by the group requests that the proposed dam be renamed after Dave Epps, late Democratic chairman instead of after McKay.

Salt Lake City Girl Wins Accordion Event

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI) — Twenty-year-old Frances Flower, of 204 Douglas St., Salt Lake City, Utah, was chosen 1959 grand prize winner Sunday night in the fourth annual Western States Accordion Festival in Municipal Auditorium. Miss Flower was awarded a \$250 savings bond and a trophy for her performance of the third movement of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E Minor.

prevention. As a public service to the city for a fire prevention drive they've written a song. One of its rhymes goes: "I overloaded an electric socket — and now I'm stone cold dead in de mock."

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