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Not Ready To Lay Down Our Arms

A recognized writer on military affairs has taken a sledge hammer to our current military preparedness program and scored what he terms "softness" in our fighting men.

Hanson Baldwin, military editor of the New York Times, made it clear in his article in The Saturday Evening Post that he is not satisfied with the manner in which military preparedness has drifted in this country.

The primary reasons why Military Man has lost some of his zip, Baldwin contends, lies in the fact that civilian life has changed and in changing has altered military life, that too many so-called reforms have been forced on the armed services by the civilian chiefs of government, that the services themselves are to blame, in part, for the weakening of the combat soldier's position.

The author resorts to statistics to show that a high rate of men being called into service are unfit to serve, that once they are in the service they do not brace and stand taut behind the flag. Korea and its list of men who collaborated with the enemy are thrown up in the reader's

face. We would agree with the Pulitzer prize winning writer on most of the points he makes. Certainly politics should be removed from military matters and the politicians should not try to operate within an area that is strictly military; more men should be recruited who are willing to serve and service should be made attractive to hold these men as the core of our fighting force.

But we are unwilling to admit that we as a nation of predominantly young people have grown so soft that we are ready to lay down our arms and capitulate to the next aggressor force that tests us. Sure, we had reverses in Korea and we have lots of problems with our peacetime forces, but these factors don't necessarily add up to a universal attitude of softness.

Critics of our Military Man will perhaps be more charitable in their estimates of our potential military strength when they remember that it's a darn sight harder to bear arms in a conflict where the ground rules prevent you from winning or in peacetime when the game of war is all play.

Everyone Got Caught In Hoffa's Fire

Congress—at least the House of Representatives—voted for a more strict labor curb bill the other day than was actually necessary.

The whole purpose of the bill, quite frankly, was to curb some of the abuses of power on the part of Jimmy Hoffa and his Teamsters Union in the past.

The rest of the labor movement got caught in the attempt to clip Hoffa's wings.

The danger of this—and the danger to the AFL-CIO in protesting against the Senate-passed Kennedy-Ervin bill, which was much milder—was seen late last spring by Senator Richard L. Neuberger.

In a Senate floor speech then, Neuberger said:

I believe the AFL-CIO will be making a serious mistake if it opposes the Kennedy-Ervin labor reform bill in the form in which it passed the Senate by an overwhelming vote of 90 to 1.

This is a fair bill and a moderate bill. It is not an oppressive bill. It poses no threat to

trade union leaders or members who are honest and to union integrity and democracy.

As one of the nine Senate sponsors of the modified bill of rights, which is presently included in the bill, I believe that this particular phase of the legislation will guarantee the individual rights and liberties of union members without detracting from the effectiveness and bargaining abilities of the union as a whole. This was our goal when we worked together successfully under the leadership of the Senator from California (Mr. Kuchel) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. Clark), and I believe we achieved that goal.

Of course, any bill can be subjected to capricious or frivolous objections—so-called nit-picking. But as a Senator who had been sympathetic with many of the broad humanitarian objectives of organized labor, I believe the labor movement will be guilty of a serious blunder if it fliespicks the Kennedy-Ervin bill in an effort to find some obscure or trifling reasons to justify opposition. During the 1920's and 1930's, such ruthless utility magnates as Insnoll and others objected violently to any Government regulation, no matter how moderate. As a result, they got a type of regulation which utility executives have been complaining about ever since.

In my estimation, no unionist of honesty or a fundamental belief in democracy need fear the Kennedy-Ervin bill as passed by the Senate. I trust the House, likewise will enact the bill.

Big Fanfare, Then A Lot Of Silence

Apparently Julius Jensen, director of the state's industrial development agency, either got, or is about to get, the sack.

Jensen was appointed by former Governor Robert D. Holmes when the latter first got a bill through the legislature changing the state's industrial development program to fit his own ideas.

The appointment was greeted with a lot of fanfare, from Holmes and his friends.

But, in the two years since that time, there has been not much but a lot of silence from the new agency.

Local people working on industrial de-

velopment problems have gotten few—if any—leads from the state organization. There has been little—if any—help from the new agency.

This may not be Jensen's fault. It may be that the appointed advisory board is no good, or that something else is throwing sand in the gears.

But whether it's his fault or not, Jensen apparently is going to have to take the blame.

The new agency, when it was first formed, looked like a big rocket on a launching pad. It thundered, smoked and flamed.

The comparison doesn't stop there.

The danged thing apparently blew up before it ever got off the ground.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Most Teamster Scandals Were Published Long Ago

WASHINGTON.—In the welter of debate over how tough the labor anti-racketeering bill should be, there is probably just one thing both sides agree on—there would be no debate if it had not been for the Senate Rackets committee expose of the Teamsters.

In this connection, three paradoxical facts have been largely forgotten. They are:

1. Two Congressmen now demanding tough anti-labor legislation earlier had conspired or acquiesced in hushing up a probe of teamster scandals. They are Charlie Halleck of Indiana, the GOP leader who's been demanding that Congress pass the tough Landrum-Griffin bill, and Phil Landrum, Democrat of Georgia, co-author of that bill.

2. Senator McClellan of Arkansas got blood in his eye and started his do-or-die probe of labor only after Gov. Sid McMath of Arkansas ran against him with organized labor support.

3. Many of the Teamster scandals were aired by this column well before McClellan got busy.

Thus, when McClellan's rackets committee, with its bird-dog counsel Bob Kennedy, re-aired them the scandals were not particularly new. But timing is just as important in politics as in love and war, and the reshuffle of the teamster scandals has contributed more than any other one factor to the debate on a tough labor bill, now demanded by most Republicans, including the President himself.

Republicans Killed Probe

Most interesting fact dug up by this column regarding labor racketeering is that high-up Republicans conspired in 1954 to suppress its investigation.

At that time, a house committee headed by Congressman Claire Hoffman of Michigan had exposed sensational facts about the operations of Jimmy Hoffa and associates. The facts were just as startling as anything developed by Senator McClellan, Democrat. In fact, many of the witnesses called by McClellan five years later were the same identical witnesses called or named by the house committee.

But that investigation was mysteriously called off. Congressman Hoffman protested. He made a dozen speeches on the house floor fuming over the fact that his probe was squelched.

Congressman Landrum of Georgia, however, was a member of Hoffman's committee, and he did not exert himself to have the investigation continued. He did not rise up in righteous wrath, as he has recently to demand a law curbing the practices he failed to expose. Had he done so there might have been a labor anti-racketeering bill long before this.

Furthermore, it was Charlie Halleck who pulled the strings back-stage to kill the 1954 probe of labor racketeering.

How and why the Republicans called it off was never investigated by Senator McClellan. Normally this would be the first order of business by a Democratic chairman. However, the Senator from Arkansas votes Republican on most crucial issues and he kept mum.

The fact was, however, that Jimmy Hoffa has been a lifelong Republican; his cohorts are largely Republican; and he has been dead against the Walter Reuther wing of organized labor, which has both a good record for honesty and a vigorous record for supporting Democrats. It was partly because of corruption in

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Rep. Graham A. Barden (D-N. C.), speaking of efforts by a Senate-House committee to reach a compromise between a tough House labor reform bill and a milder Senate measure: "We'll get along all right. Conferees always have worked out something."

SANTIAGO, Chile — Venezuelan Foreign Minister Luis Arcaaya, describing the significance to the Organization of American States of the "Santiago Declaration" condemning dictators: "We are no longer merely a forum for elegant discussion. We can now respond to the real aspirations of our peoples."

LONDON — Mrs. Nelson A. Rockefeller, telling how she and her husband feel about the forthcoming marriage of their son Steven and Anne Marie Rasmusen, who once worked as a maid in the Rockefeller home: "We could not be more pleased. My future daughter-in-law is a wonderful girl. I think the young couple will be wonderfully happy."

HESLEDEN, England — The Rev. William Bosley, 58, convicted last week of drunken driving, preaching a sermon in which he apologized to his congregation: "He that is without sin among you, let him cast a stone."

the old AF of L craft unions that Reuther, Phil Murray, and John L. Lewis broke away to form the CIO. Yet now the sins of Jimmy Hoffa and the teamsters are being visited on the heads of those who fought them.

Warmed Over Headlines

To illustrate how the Senate rackets committee warmed over old news to make the headlines which now influence the labor debate, here is what was previously published by this column:

Squelching the Probe—April 13, 1954—How Charlie Halleck and Postmaster General Summerfield squelched the probe of Jimmy Hoffa and teamster racketeering. William Buffalino, Mike Nicoletti, and David J. Keating, named as juke box racketeers, were among those later called before McClellan's committee.

Business for Wives—June 7, 1956—How Mrs. Hoffa and Mrs. Bert Brennan, wife of Hoffa's right hand man, took over the test-fleet company, with an exclusive contract to deliver cars, after Hoffa had settled a Fiat, Mich. strike favorably to the company and against his own local. With the investment of almost no capital, the two wives rolled up a small fortune. This was exposed by the Senate committee, Aug. 6, 1958, two years later.

Insurance Commissions—June 7, 1956—One million dollars in insurance commissions paid the wife and son of Paul Dorfman on Hoffa's welfare funds, though Dorfman's local, the waste-handlers of Chicago, was yanked by George Meany because of corruption. The McClellan committee headlined this Sept. 18, 1958, two years later.

Connections With Johnny Dio—Sept. 3, 1956—How Johnny Dio, convicted of throwing acid on Victor Riesel, has been an underworld pal of Jimmy Hoffa. Also how Hoffa put up Teamsters money to sponsor TV and radio programs for the Republican state convention in Michigan. The McClellan committee criticized Dio's teamster relations on Feb. 25, 1958.

Welfare Funds—March 23-28, 1957—More details on how Rose and Allen Dorfman, with no experience in the insurance business, got in excess of \$1,000,000 in insurance commissions in four years from Teamster welfare funds.

Dave Beck's Real Estate—April 30, 1956—How Beck bought and sold real estate using relatives as stooges in a manner calculated to throw off income tax agents. Beck was first indicted for income tax evasion on May 5, 1957, one year later.

Beck's Beer—March 25, 1958—How Beck and son used union connections to get exclusive distributorship of Anheuser-Busch beer in the northwest. This was headlined by the McClellan committee March 26, 1957.

Tribune Says Los Angeles Drops Offer

CHICAGO (UPI)—The Chicago Tribune said today Los Angeles has withdrawn its offer to host the 1960 Democratic National Convention.

The Tribune said the information was disclosed by a member of the city's convention committee.

The official announcement was delayed until today to give Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler a chance to shake up the old committee or organize a new one, the Tribune said.

The paper said other sources revealed that the committee will meet today in an effort to find a replacement for oilman Edwin Pauley, the committee's treasurer and the man who underwrote the city's \$350,000 offer.

Convention officials here stressed that if financing arrangements break down in Los Angeles, Chicago will automatically be back in the running as host city for the convention.

The Republican convention is already scheduled to be held here. It will be the week of July 25 in the amphitheater in the Stockyards.

LETTERS

Maximum length 300 words. No anonymous letters but true name will be withheld on request.

To the Editor: Your Friday paper had a notice where I was elected to teach in the La Grande School system. Since I was unable to find adequate housing for our family of six, which was to have been done in the allotted time of five days, I had to reject the contract, and will continue teaching in Enterprise. We would like to thank everyone for their help and hope we have not caused too great an inconvenience. Sincerely, Bob Smith

California And New York Engage In Long-Range Struggle For Lead

United Press International WASHINGTON (UPI)—It looks like the beginning of a long-range battle between New York and California—politically and economically.

The political contest, currently the more dramatic, involves the presidential ambitions of Vice President Richard M. Nixon of California and Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York.

This duel could run right through the 1960 GOP presidential convention. The rough talk already has started.

Economic rivalry is reflected in the scramble for defense contracts. This is no short-term affair.

New York's congressional delegation, led by Republican Sens. Jacob K. Javits and Kenneth B. Keating, has organized a joint non-partisan committee to work on the government contracts situation which has seen California get a lion's share of the defense business.

The New York senators have introduced bills designed to guarantee more competitive bidding on such government business.

California can see nothing wrong with having a natural and industrial climate that has attracted its concentration of defense industry. There isn't much likelihood that anything short of disarmament in depth would alter the current contract balance. And there seems to be no stopping California's population growth.

Go West

Politicians recognize that the same jet transportation that took Nixon from Washington to Moscow in nine hours is also shrinking their homeland. And some pro-Rockefeller Republicans think their man had better start using it to get around the country and be seen in something other than newsreels.

Both the Californian and the New Yorker are trying to keep their political timing effective. No candidate likes to be a "cliff-hanger" too long.

Nixon's front-running Republi-

can position clearly was strengthened by his Soviet-Polish tour. Cashing in on this, he has returned to his active domestic speaking schedule. This week he'll have been in Washington, D. C., New Jersey, New York, Illinois and Ohio—appearances ranging from a savings bond dinner to the annual Soap Box Derby.

His warmup for the March 8 New Hampshire presidential primary will come next month. Nixon will be the honored guest at the six-state Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass., on Sept. 2 and then participate in groundbreaking ceremonies the following day for the 30 million dollar Hopkinton-Everett Dam in New Hampshire. His schedule will be crowded, and officially it's all part of the job of "being a good vice president."

Stay-At-Home

Conversely self-assigned job of "being a good governor" makes him more of a stay-at-home. Others are doing his political pulse-taking around the country and setting in motion the necessary political organization for the day when he makes the formal campaign decision.

There has been little doubt in the Nixon camp that Rockefeller will run.

The California-New York political rivalry roughened up just this week. Los Angeles county GOP Chairman Alphonzo Bell Jr. criticized the Rockefeller forces for spreading a "Nixon can't win"

line in advancing the governor's cause.

Bell said a "victory at any cost" approach does not insure public confidence or do justice to the Eisenhower administration record "on which our party's candidate must campaign in 1960."

He said the "can't win" line is refuted by public opinion surveys and has been disproved in every campaign in which Nixon has been a candidate.

Those backing Nixon can't hope that such California backfires alone will block this political blaze from New York.

They have a key Nixon leader fight in Rockefeller's own domain. He's former Republican national chairman Leonard Hall of New York. Ex-Congressman Hall, a pro among political pros, is slated for a top role in the Nixon pre-convention campaign.

His value lies not so much in New York or in California—but in all those political target areas in between.

SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT UPHELD NEW YORK (UPI)—The board of Education Friday upheld plans to transfer 400 Negro and Puerto Rican children to schools in a predominantly white Queens district. A group from the Glendale-Ridgewood section of Queens had asked the board to overrule the decision of School Supt. John J. Theobald because the transfers would destroy the neighborhood quality of the schools.

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