

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Kennedy Says Catholics Opposing His Nomination

WASHINGTON — Sen. Jack Kennedy, leading Democratic candidate for president, held a secret dinner with newspapermen the other day, at which he told them that prominent Catholics are opposing his nomination, and named them. He said their opposition stems from two reasons:

1. They don't want the Catholic issue raised in a political campaign.
2. They don't want the Catholic church connected with the Democratic party.

Kennedy named the leading Catholics opposing him as Gov. Pat Brown of California; Gov. David Lawrence, first Catholic ever elected governor of Pennsylvania; Gov. Mike Di Salle of Ohio; and Gov. Stephen McNichols of Colorado.

Note: Governor Lawrence has confided to several friends that he is fearful that Catholicism is a political handicap. He figures he lost 100,000 votes because of it in Pennsylvania.

Labor Compromise
The Senate and House conferees now sweating over a labor bill may not know it yet but a deal appears to be in the making which should save them a lot of headaches.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota has been selling Sen. Lyndon Johnson, the Democratic leader, on the idea of splitting the labor bill into two parts.

One would deal with racketeering only, and would be passed immediately.

The second would deal with amendments to the Taft-Hartley act and would be passed when the congress reconvenes either in October or January.

Johnson is ready to give his personal word to the Republicans that this second bill would come up as an early order of business.

What most people don't realize, even including many members of congress who voted for the Landrum-Griffin bill, is that the Senate bill is much tougher against labor racketeering. Six titles of the Senate bill deal with labor racketeering and only the seventh title with amendments to the Taft-Hartley act.

The Landrum-Griffin bill passed by the House, on the other hand, is much easier on labor racketeering though tougher on union organization. It would make it virtually impossible for unions to organize in the south.

Some congressmen are just waking up to the fact that Jimmy Hoffa is chortling over the Landrum-Griffin bill and predicting that it will be so hard on weaker unions to operate that they'll end up by joining the teamsters.

The Humphrey-Johnson strategy will be to get the labor racketeering part of the bill passed immediately. There is little disagreement that there must be a tough anti-racketeering bill.

George Meany, AFL-CIO president, is among those who are demanding action.

However, the debate on changes in the Taft-Hartley act could go on for weeks. That is why it is proposed to postpone consideration until after a recess.

Note: Lyndon Johnson proposed exactly this same strategy to labor leaders last winter, but the building trades were opposed.

Secret Labor Parley
Meanwhile House and Senate conferees on the labor bill have

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

BOONN, Germany — President Eisenhower, addressing a welcoming crowd at the Bonn Airport as he arrived to begin his round of talks with European leaders:

"The American people stand by your side in assuring that the loyal free people of free Berlin will, like yourselves, continue always to enjoy that great privilege."

MOSCOW — Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, in a letter to West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, warning that East-West war would be tantamount to suicide: "and discussing the future Eisenhower - Khrushchev meetings:

"It may be that we are on the eve of a historic turn in the policy of the two blocs—from further isolation to gradual rapprochement and adjustment of the outstanding issues to ensure peaceful coexistence of all states."

LOS ANGELES — Royal Air Force Wing Commander John L. R. Bowenman, a British space scientist, discussing the conditions under which space pioneers might work:

"It might be desirable to let the space man have a martini a day on his off hours."

CHICAGO — Arthur Brown, 48, telling police why he killed his 41-year-old wife:

"We'd been married 17 years and for 17 years she nagged me every day. I shot her and shot her and shot her to that her up."

been battling behind closed doors. However, this column can report the highlights of what has happened.

During early discussions, the Senate side of the conference yielded 13 times, the House conferees 3 times.

Senator Kennedy, who co-authored the Senate bill, did a skillful job of parrying anti-labor arguments, but adopted the strategy of yielding on less important matters in order to stand pat on major points.

First concession made by the senators regarding the Senate bill's reports that employers must file provisions on shady payments to labor leaders or labor consultants. Rep. Graham Barden of North Carolina, chairman of the House labor committee, refused to budge on this.

The Landrum-Griffin bill contains no ban on employers' payments to labor consultants or bribes to labor members. Sen. Kennedy argued that the rackets committee had unearthed evidence of bribes paid to union officials through labor consultants and that bribery by employers was just as bad as bribery by labor. He demanded that employers make a record of such payments as provided by the Senate bill. Barden still refused to budge.

The North Carolina congressman also wanted to exempt employers from testifying if they had discussed evidence with their lawyers. This brought vigorous objections from Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon.

New Fifth Amendment
"The law of privilege does not extend to the client," he remonstrated. "It only extends to the attorney. I want the congressman from North Carolina to know that he is writing a fifth amendment into this bill to protect employers."

The issue was finally referred to the staff for further study.

Barden also refused to compromise on the Landrum-Griffin requirement that any union member could copy a complete list of union members. Morse described this as union-busting.

"The list of union membership is sacred," he argued. "There are presidents of internationals who are not able to get the membership lists of locals under them. All it's necessary for an employer to do is pay one union stooge to get the list and he can then proceed to break up the union. Or one member can sell the list to an advertising agency for a merchandise campaign. Those lists are extremely valuable."

House conferees went off in the corner of the room to whisper over Morse's arguments, then came back to ask that the matter be referred to the staff for study. Next day the conferees agreed to strike out the word "copy" but permit union members to inspect membership lists instead.

LETTERS

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

To the Editor:
Last night, according to your paper, a hay scramble was planned for the "small fry" of our city.

My two children, ages three and five years went with the hope of finding a single penny in the hay. They were both happy in anticipation of the event.

Upon arrival, the coins were scattered by adults, and children ranging in age from twelve to eighteen years, knocked down stepped on my two as well as many other "small fry" there. More than one child left the scramble in tears.

The paper specifically stated "small fry." Why can't an event be planned occasionally for the little ones without these big bruisers spoiling their fun?
Name withheld by request.

Nixon's Oregon Plans Are Not Certain Yet

SALEM (UPI) — State Republican Chairman Peter Gunnar said today he did not know whether Vice President Richard Nixon would be available for political meetings while in Oregon to dedicate The Dalles dam in October.

Nixon sent word Wednesday he would be on hand to dedicate the big dam on Oct. 10.

Nixon is one of at least three possible presidential candidates who plan to visit Oregon in the near future. Others include Democratic Sens. John Kennedy and Hubert Humphrey and possibly Lyndon Johnson of Texas, who might stop in Oregon on a return trip from Alaska.

MICKY MUST PAY
LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A judge Wednesday ordered Mickey Cohen to pay \$4,000 damages to a waiter he attacked last year in a Hollywood nightclub. Superior Court Judge Joseph L. Call set the amount after a long hearing of a \$30,000 civil damage suit filed by Arthur Blake, 30.

Entertainment License Is Sought By Beatniks

VENICE, Calif. (UPI) — Beatniks plan a full-scale "artistic assault" on a police board commission today to win approval of an entertainment license for their local hangout.

The sandal-clad rebels, engaged in a bitter tussle with most of the other residents of this Los Angeles community, vowed to show up by the hundreds at today's hearing and offer testimony in a unique way — through paintings, songs and poems.

Lawrence Lipton, poet and unofficial spokesman for the free-wheeling crowd which has taken Venice as its own, composed a poem which he intends to read as his testimony. It's entitled "Poem in Protest Against The Lockout of Poets, Painters and Musicians from the Gas House and Venice West."

Lipton was slightly apologetic about the length of the title to the poem which he wrote especially for the occasion, but explained:

"Some titles for poems just seem to grow and grow."

Lipton said another regular at the gas house, the beatnik center which is seeking the entertainment license, will sing a ballad called "A Ballad of Petition in Venice West."

The singer, Julie Meredith, will accompany herself on the guitar while she sings the ballad as her testimony.

"Others, like painters," said Lipton, "will bring paintings in and display them as their testimony."

A three-man board of the commission was to determine if the

Three Men Held In Assassination Try In Havana

HAVANA (UPI) — Police today were holding three men for the attempted assassination of Lt. Eduardo Aulet, commander of the security guard at the presidential palace.

According to authorities, the three fired at Aulet from an automobile as he was leaving a hospital in suburban Vedado early Wednesday. Aulet, who was not hit, returned the fire and his attackers sped away, sidestepping a parked car as they did.

Police later spotted the damaged car and arrested the three men.

gas house will win the license, needed if the public is to be admitted to look at beatnik paintings and hear beatnik jazz and poetry there.



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Considering All Aspects Of War

"Nice People" shudder when plans are laid to destroy others with insidious weapons. They were aghast when we dropped the atomic bomb on Japan. They would cry out if this country announced it was producing chemical, biological and radiological weapons for use in case of war. Yet they would be among the dead and maimed if an enemy used such weapons against them.

This country is now producing these "unseen killers", but while military research goes about its task of creating more lethal weapons a great hush-hush surrounds the effort. This shroud of secrecy is potentially more dangerous than the weapons themselves.

More than a year ago it was reported by the U. S. Army Information Digest that Russia was developing new military gases and teaching its soldiers how to use them as weapons. Like Russia, the United States has a "family" of these gases in production or ready for use.

Among these gases are so-called psycho-chemical gases which are colorless and odorless and can be used to stupefy the population of entire nations for 24 to 48 hours. Others cause cowardice or irrational behavior. Still others are lethal. The gases can be delivered to a target by missiles or spread from ships—even submarines—a few miles offshore.

In addition to development of gases that poison or debilitate, major nations are reported trying to manufacture new biological agents of infection. Experts teaching a recent course for armed services medical officers at the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., agreed that

Russia can stage a biological warfare "Pearl Harbor."

How large is America's stake in chemical-biological-radiological warfare? In terms of dollars we are spending between \$5 and 40 million dollars in CBR research. The House Space Committee has recommended stepping up this expenditure to 125 million dollars a year for the next two or three years to match Communist spending.

But without public discussion about this type of warfare little pressure is being applied to Congress to provide the funds. Public discussion is not being encouraged, either, on official channels.

Maj. Gen W. M. Creasy, retired, former Army Chemical Corps chief, believes public discussion on CBR warfare is being suppressed by our Defense and State Departments because "they feel it might upset the national equilibrium". At least one Congressman, Rep. R. W. Kastenmeier, (D-Wis.), is willing to run this risk and has called for a full and open discussion of hazards involved.

Industrialist Cyrus Eaton will play host to an annual six-day meeting of some of this country's leading thinkers this week in Pugwash, Nova Scotia. Topic of the meeting is "Chemical and Bacteriological Warfare." It is hoped this meeting may provide the spark for widespread discussion of this subject. Now that we can measure the risks of total war in terms of annihilation it is imperative we consider all the aspects of war however distasteful they may be and promote development of those weapons which will serve as deterrents to war.

Headline Writers Have It Wrong

Headline writers last week made much of the fact that young Steven Rockefeller wed "a poor Norwegian girl."

Actually, the girl wasn't poor, nor was her family. She had worked in the Rockefeller home as a maid, to be sure, but spent most of her time in this country

as an exchange student. Her father is comfortably fixed, by Norwegian standards.

True, she's poor by Rockefeller standards.

But, then, so's everyone else.

Best Defense . . .

A Buckingham Palace guardsman has been confined to barracks since an American tourist 10 days ago charged that he kicked her—right in front of the palace. Now he's in receipt of a 10 shillings donation from a New Britain, Conn., resident who wrote the guardsman:

I am an American, but an American who realizes that American women tourists as well as American women in general, need to be kicked, not once, but often.

It's generally understood that the errant guardsman stomped four instead of being persistently bedeviled by the woman in question. A biting the bear-hatted Coldstream private from the front, she simply was too slow in retreat.

If these circumstances have been accurately reported, 10 shillings seems a paltry reward for Guardsman Victor Footer. Perhaps other Americans, chagrined by the incident and by the poor repute Americans have earned themselves generally as tourists abroad, will add to the sum. If not, the charge of "irregular conduct" against Footer should be withdrawn. He should be cited as the innovator of a new military technique—one as effective against saucy dames as was the old British square against whirling dervishes. (Eugene Register-Guard)

Barbs

Asking a friend "How are you?" often leads to hearing all of the fellow's troubles.

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