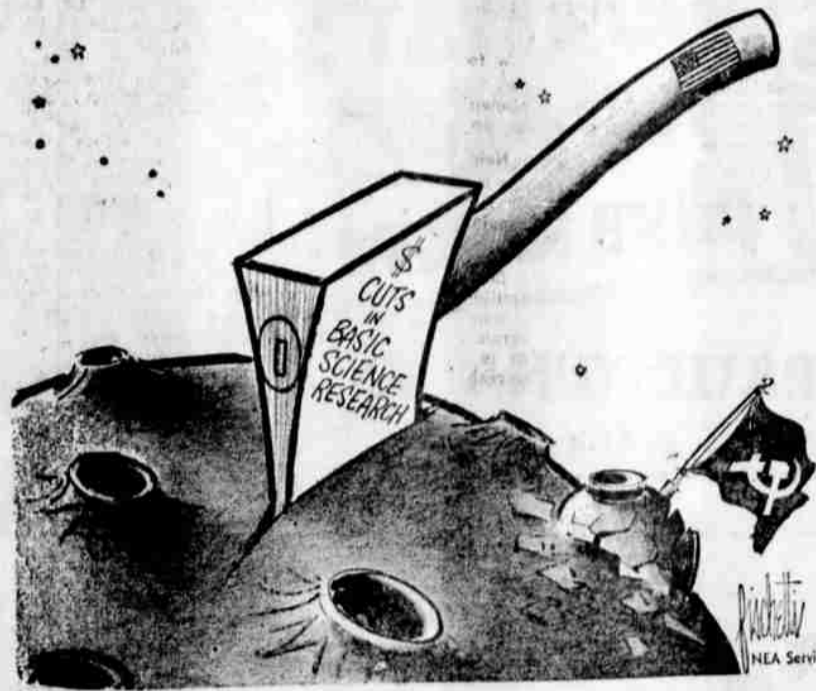


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## Negligence Causes 'Bad Press'

A recent issue of the Oregon Labor Press reprinted an article which has been of interest to many newspapers in the state. It should be interesting to every union official—and every militant member, too. And it holds a few words of wisdom for some politicians we know.

The article was by a fellow named Abbott of the United Rubber Workers Union. He told about being sent into a neighboring state to conduct a school on labor problems for a local union. He dropped by the daily newspaper to supply a story about the school.

An amazed reporter soon had Abbott in the publisher's office, where the publisher, to quote Abbott, said:

"You know, you're the first labor man who has ever been in here—in all these years—and you have to come all the way from Ohio. Tell me something, do we have B.O.?"

"Our reporters call up the union when there's a strike on, and the union says: 'No comment.' So we print management's side of the story and the union gets mad. Had the union said something, we would have printed that too."

Abbott went on to detail the solution, which is to stop hiding out. He said:

"Even the most conservative newspapers will print your side of the story if you give them the facts."

He doesn't overdraw the picture.

Getting news from the union side, with some exceptions, in a labor dispute is like pulling a cow's upper front teeth.

Some management people are just as bad. Some are good. Some are worse, if possible.

The same thing is true of some politicians. They send in reams of copy on their schedules, including listing of stops in this and other towns. Most newspapers stay way from politicians' statements, and prefer to write their own stories. But, with rare exceptions, it's hard to find these fellows when they do come to town.

The rare exceptions who come immediately to mind are Monroe Sweetland and Dick Neuberger. And no one hears them complaining about a "one-party" press, either.

Newspapers are not perfect, far from it. But in general they are conscientious, and trying to do the best job they can within the limits of the manpower available to them.

They're most happy to get the stories they don't have time to cover themselves, and they need help in digging out information sometimes. More often than not, the story which is left out is one they've tried to get, and have been unable to find a source.

## Nehru Takes Considerable Convincing

At the opening of the UN General Assembly one question that is certain to be placed on the agenda is possible recognition of Red China. And India is expected to press the hardest for China's membership despite her current border squabble with the Communist nation.

This apparent exercise in inconsistency by India can be explained. It is thought in New Delhi that Red China would be more manageable within the UN than outside it.

In a letter this summer India requested the China question be included on the Assembly agenda "not only from the point of view of the legitimate rights of the Chinese people and their government but also from the point of view of the effectiveness of the organization itself."

The United States has been successful since 1950 in blocking Indian attempts to have Red China seated and Soviet Russia's and the Soviet Union's attempts to have Nationalist China ousted.

In 1950—after the Korean War broke out but two months before Red China intervened in force—India moved to seat the Peiping delegates in the Assembly. The resolution was voted down 33 to 16 with 10 abstentions. Last year 44 nations voted for postponement of the question; 28 were against postponement and there

were nine abstentions.

The slow buildup of support for Communist China in the UN General Assembly is considered not great enough to be alarming, and it is virtually certain our official opinion on this question will not change soon.

The U. S. House of Representatives passed its 14th resolution in August restating its opposition to UN membership for the Chinese Reds. The Senate has similarly gone on record time and again.

Perhaps the weakest argument advanced by India in its support of the People's Government of China and the one argument the United States will be able to refute as the debate is renewed is that only the Red Chinese government is in a position to comply with UN decisions and recommendations which affect the Chinese specifically.

As it is presently constituted the Peiping regime is in no position to comply with UN decisions and recommendations. Recent violence in Tibet, Laos and India indicates the regime is anything but the leading force in a "peace-loving nation," one measure of UN membership.

It is hoped that India—essentially a neutralist and peace-loving nation—will reexamine its case for Red China's admission to the UN.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

## Behind-Scene Politics Over Taft-Hartley, Steel Strike

WASHINGTON — Because of the Khrushchev visit nobody noticed it, but some significant backstage jockeying has been taking place at the White House affecting the economy of the nation.

The jockeying was between Jim Mitchell, Ike's hard-working but sometimes frustrated secretary of labor on one side, and some of Ike's closest advisers on the other, each pulling in opposite directions regarding the steel strike.

Mitchell had persuaded the President to propose that both labor and Big Steel agree to a fact-finding board. Ex-secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey, now head of National Steel, advised Ike not to propose it. But the President sided with his secretary of labor and wrote letters to both the United Steel Workers and the industry proposing it.

The steel industry doesn't want a fact-finding board because it would have the power to make specific recommendations on wages for the strike settlement. So steel industry spokesmen promptly voiced objection.

Secretary Mitchell was out of town at the time and in no position to persuade the President. So the President immediately announced in press conference that he was dropping the fact-finding idea.

The man who killed it in this case was not Ex-secretary Humphrey, but the No. 2 man on the White House staff, Gerald Morgan. Morgan sold the President on dropping the idea and even drafted the letter withdrawing his proposal for a fact-finding board.

But what most people don't know is that Morgan used to work for U. S. Steel. Furthermore, he worked directly under Roger Blough when Blough was solicitor for the Giant Steel company. Today, Blough is head of U. S. Steel and some claim that Morgan is still indirectly working for him. At any rate, there would be a terrific outcry from business if a former labor-union representative, while serving on the White House staff, wrote a letter for the President of the United States vitally affecting an all-important labor dispute.

Author of Taft-Hartley Act There's another interesting bit of history in Jerry Morgan's background. He was the real author of the Taft-Hartley Act. Though the late Sen. Bob Taft and ex-Congressman Fred Hartley of New Jersey put the act through Congress, Morgan admitted under oath before the House Labor Education Committee on March 18, 1949 that he was paid \$7,500 by the Republican national committee to draft the act.

He made the further amazing admission that he was the only outsider who sat in on all executive sessions of the House committee during the drafting of the act. He got assistance, he said, from Jerry Riley, \$3,000-a-month consultant for General Electric and from Theodore Iserman of Chrysler.

It is highly unusual for any congressional committee to permit an interested party to attend an executive session, and the late Sen. Hiram Bingham of Connecticut was once officially censured by the Senate for permitting this.

However, Morgan had worked for 10 years under the Democrats as legislative counsel of the House of Representatives and knew how to draft laws. He was also considered a Democrat. But

## NEWS CHUCKLES

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### United Press International BUSINESS EXPANSION

LONDON—A shoeshine boy in Hyde Park has expanded his business by offering a new service to women customers.

Pat Downs said he's offering toenail polish in eight colors.

### MAD AT REVENUEAGENTS

ATTAPULGUS, Ga.—C. T. Johnson, 34, of Blountstown, Fla., has two gripes against Federal Revenue agents.

The "revenueagents" who arrested Johnson for operating an illegal still didn't move in until he'd worked all day dismantling it to move to a new location.

### SCENTED CATALOG

CHICAGO (UPI)—A mail order house today sent out a catalog that smells of something besides printer's ink.

One page of the Christmas book mailed by Spiegel, Inc., was scented with a perfume called "Danger."

### PROOF POSITIVE

SIDNEY, Australia (UPI)—Nick Jones today had proof that Billy Graham's recent crusade here was at least partially successful.

Jones lost his wallet several days ago. Sunday night he got back his driver's license—plus a Billy Graham tract—but there was no sign of his wallet or his money.

### WOMAN KILLED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—A Greyhound bus skidded out of control and crashed into a utility pole here Sunday killing one woman and injuring 15 other persons.

## QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

### United Press International

FT. LAUDERDALE — James Plouff, 45, after spending the night in the ocean when his small boat capsized:

"The water was cold and small fish nibbled at me. It was the longest night of my life."

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) on civil rights:

"I think we need a civil rights bill which will recognize the decision of the Supreme Court and that will empower the attorney general to protect the rights of citizens."

WOODSTOCK, Vt.—New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller when asked what he had accomplished on his two-day trip into New England:

"I found a lot of friends."

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE—Nikita Khrushchev just before he boarded his plane for the return trip to Moscow:

"The Soviet people want friendly relations. We are convinced the American people also want peace."

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Nina Khrushchev, favoring international woman-to-woman talks, but not toward herself and Mrs. Eisenhower:

"After all, less depends on us."

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) replying to an Arab charge that Jewish interests pressured him into denying foreign aid to nations, such as Saudi Arabia, which discriminate against American nationals:

"The whole Congress passed the foreign aid bill, so he had better attack the whole Congress, hadn't he?"

NORWICH, England — Labor Party leader Hugh Gaitskell, after squelching hecklers at a political rally:

"I like political meetings to be lively. I like a straightforward bit of heckling."

## REMEMBER WHEN

... 25 years ago the city commission election was scheduled for November, and a new aspirant had been added to the list of five previously entering the race. He was Arthur Bremer.

Howard B. Smith, Union County school superintendent, bagged a deer on his first big game hunting trip in Oregon. He shot the buck, a 4-pointer that weighed 200 pounds, in the Looking Glass region.

Ray Lynch of La Grande, however, reported in with the largest buck of the young season, a six-point hefty animal.

It was still Detroit and the New York Yankees in the American League pennant race that was drawing to a close.

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## OBITS

United Press International  
WASHINGTON—Edgar Turlington, 67, an international lawyer and former State Department official, died here Sunday.

TREVISO, Italy—Antonio Ferraresi, former Italian parliamentary deputy and mayor of Treviso, died here today at 71.

BOSTON—Robert Livermore Sr., 83, former vice president of North American Mines, Inc., died Saturday at the Phillips House, Massachusetts General Hospital.

GREENWICH, Conn. — Allen Dean Converse, 79, a New York City investment banker, died Sunday in Greenwich Hospital.

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