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"Without or with friend or foe, we print your daily world as it goes"-Byron. RILEY ALLEN, publisher

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To Keep The Record Straight

Senator Morse in his current swing is blaming his poor press on the newspapers, not putting the blame where it belongs, which is on Senator Morse.

This is a favorite trick of the Senator. A few years back one of his supporters, Howard Morgan, wrote letters to Oregon newspapers complaining that Morse's "leadership" on a bill had been ignored by Oregon newspapers because their editorial pages were unfriendly to him.

A graduate student at the University of Oregon took copies of newspapers from all over the United States, including those whose editorial pages were friendly to the Senator as well as those

who obviously didn't like him. He found the Senator's leadership was universally ignored.

He then went through the Congressional Quarterly, a non-partisan series of reports on Congressional activity.

In three weeks of this service there was one mention of Morse, a mention which did not give him any great credit "leadership."

The trouble with the Morse "record" Is that it's just what Morse wants to make it at the time.

And what he usually wants to make of it is the impression left with listeners that 99 other Senators, 435 members of the House, the President and his Cabinet, newspapermen and various other categories of the national population all are stupid, party hacks, numbskulls, dupes and stooges.

Everyone's still out of step but

10 Years And Millions But No Case

A long, long story came to an end last week when a federal judge finally came up with a solution to the complicated DuPont-General Motors case. In the end instice was done, but it took ten years and probably millions of dollars in legal fees to arrive at a solution that should have been reached at the outset.

Dupont invested in General Motors stock in 1917 when the automobile business was still in its infancy. DuPont makes paint and lacquer, which are used extensively by the automobile makers, so it wasn't long before suspicions were aroused that General Motors had to buy automobile paint from DuPont because DuPont owned so much stock. The Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice made a study of the matter in 1927 but took no action.

It was not until 1949 that the antitrust division of the U.S. Department of Justice got around to filing a formal complaint, charging that it was wrong for a supplier to own so much of the stock of one of its best customers. Three years later Judge Walter J. La Buy ruled that the government did not have a case. The Department of Justice appealed.

Two years later the Supreme Court by vote of four to two held that the case should be heard again inasmuch as DuPont ownership of General Motors stock indicated that there was a "rea-sonable Probability" that DuPont would receive preference in supplying General

It was then that the Department of Justice proposed to the court that Du-Pont be forced either to sell all its stock in General Motors or distribute that stock to the stockholders of DuPont. Internal Revenue then ruled that such a distribution of stock would be taxable as ordinary income. This meant that even though DuPont stockholders were not gaining anything - since through their ownership of DuPont stock they already owned the General Motors stock they would be receiving - they would tax on the transaction. The unfairness of such a deal was obvious to all, but nevertheless that was what the Department of Justice demanded.

Judge LaBuy came up with an equitable proposition. Since the whole objective was to prevent DuPont from exercising undue influence with General Motors, all that had to be done was to prevent DuPont from voting the GM stock it owned and prevent it from acquiring any more stock. So the voting rights of the DuPont stock will be transferred to DuPont stockholders, with no adverse tax effects, and DuPont officers and directtors will be prohibited from serving as officers or directors of the General Mo-

It could be said that the government. after 10 years, won its case. And so it did but in all that time it was never able to show that what it suspected was true at all - that one big corporation was telling another big corporation what to

It is good to know that the government is looking out for the public interest in its diligent enforcement of the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust acts There are seven large steel companies, for example, that produce most of the nation's steel. They can't merge. They can't get together and fix prices. But there is nothing to prevent one union from organizing all of their workers into one union and shutting them all down simultaneously, thus depriving the nation of its supply of steel. That's not contrary to the public interest. At least

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Missouri Solon Probes U.S. Juvenile Delinquency Climb

its colleagues are relaxing at (1) curb drug ome or enjoying junkets, Sen. Mexica. and (2) prevent young From Hennings of Missouri has people from crossing the border been probing into the most single unless accompanied by a parent ter social problem of our times or responsible adult.

York, Hennings will spend the cotics traffic first three weeks of November in south of the border, and by Los Angeles, San Diego and San the high incidence of venereal Francisco, probing youthful law disease among teen-agers in the essness and the drug traffie. San Diego area.

tribution depot from which dope

in Los Angeles and in San Diego, both close to the wide-open dives of Tijuana, have found that the border influence has grave dan-

gers for footloose youths.

It is virtually impossible," re ported one Senate investigator. to walk a block down a Tijuana street without being accosted by solicitations for immoral acts. ornographic material, or narco-

the situation are convinced ju-Mexican envoy to the United venile crime will worsen unless States, was advised of this plan. M. Holland, 61, executive of the day.

-the alarming growth of juve-nile delinquency in major cities. I believe facts to justify such After extensive hearings on action can be established by your teen-age hoodlumism in New committee's inquiry into the nar-York, Hennings, will sport the

Note-Unlike some congress-Because of its close access to the Mexican border. Los Angeles ional headline honters. Hennings doesn't hold hearings for person to the national hearings for person to the national hearings for person to the hearing for tion's two worst centers of nar-cotics violations; is also a dis-probes with legislation. Within the last two years, the Missour bushers throughout the country tan has pushed two major anti-obtain supplies.

But law enforcement officials Congress, curbing the interstate

Lopez Mateos' Plane

President Adolpho Lopez Ma teo's of Mexico, leader of a proud and independent people, demon strated that independence in fly ing to Washington.

The State Department in planning his trip thought it would be a nice gesture to send one of the three brand-new Boeing 707

along to his government, back REMEMBER WHEN QUOTES FROM came a polite but firm rejoin-

Mexican presidents, is a Fairhild Turgoprop, (seating 12 per-ons, Named "El Insurgente" "The Insurgent"), it has a pres-

saving Returning to the United States from Canada on Oct. 17, he will travel in an Air Force F-103 from Niagara Falls to Austin, Tex., to visit Sen. Lyndon John

OBITS

HADDONFIELD, N.J. (UPI)-Mrs. Mattie Eastlack Driscoll, 78, mother of former New Jersey Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll, died at

R. Miller, 73. editor and publisher pating in final capping exercises of the Batavia Daily News, died at Genesee Memorial Hospital Toesday.

The last time I saw him was Saturday. Don't know where better Westen.

Crime To Worsen | Jets, recently acquired by the California's Attorney General Air Force for President Eisen H. Johnson, 74, president of the Stanley Mosk, Congressman Jam-hower's use, down to Mexico es Roosevelt, and others who City to pick up the presidential at his suburban home Tuesday.

"The offer is appreciated, but the president will fly to Washington in his own airplane "The Mexican character beautiful fly to Washington in his own airplane "The Mexican character beautiful fly for the palies of the Dalles o ton in his own airplane."

The Mexican plane, bought a short time ago to replace a veter late in the fourth quarter was an DC-3 used by two preceding the clincher.

The Grande Ronde valley heat his girl wave that sent soaring into the low 90s was suddenly broken with a .12 inch why rainfall which plunged tempera-tures down to 58 degrees.

latest type radar. With a cruising speed of close to 500 miles an hour, the plane is nearly at fast as most commercial jets.

On one leg of his tour, however, Lopez Mateos will bow to the need for supersonic time, saving Returning to the Dilited.

15 years ago, Athens, Greece while in the Pacific the Japanese cessive Miss Americas; were hard pressed a ound the Formosa area.

Chest quota of \$370 hid been secret, reached. Chris Johnson Jr., chest

skow, Imbler: Lillian Gray, Min

THE NEWS

United Press International ANSE, Mich. — Sixteen-year-Eugene Paquet after slaying friend's 10-year-old sister temperatures and her father "I just did it. I don't know

ASHVILLE, N.C. - Mississip-Gov. J. P. Coleman in refusing disclose the secret that has was liberated by Greek patriots; provided his state with two suc-

Tm sorry, but we are planning on winning again next year and North Powder reported its War we don't want to give away our

The La Grande drive, however, Doren on the disappearance of was lagging far behind.

Orna Tahan CORNWALL, Conn. Orna Tabor and Jacequline pearance before a congressional Weise, La Grande, were partici-subcommittee investigating rigged

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