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Source of Lobby Power

Out of the testimony of Art Samish in his trial for income tax evasion the San Francisco Chronicle has taken extracts which expose the frame of that lobbyist's power. The pattern is similar to that of other lobbying groups—being active in the preliminary stages of the election process and at ground levels. The key of course is control of the Legislative Assembly. That is achieved by encouraging "friends" to run and backing them with financial support. Quoting Samish:

"We prepare a list, that I have often said extends from the Oregon Line to the Mexican Border, of candidates, both for the Legislature, or it may be for some constitutional officers . . .

"Sometimes there are three or four or five candidates aspiring to the same job, and in many instances I might add . . . that in any list we support two or three candidates for the same job. We have got to get a winner. We don't care, we will support the whole five."

Samish declared he extracted no promise from the men he backed, which may or may not be true. But his campaign contribution and personal support if extended was in expectation of a "quid pro quo." And Samish collected regularly on the obligations of members. He even boasted of being the boss of the California Assembly.

It should be noted that the Samish territory extended "from the Oregon line to the Mexican border." We are not sure but what it may have extended into Oregon since he has been a stockholder in the Multnomah Kennel Club. His interests, however, have been very faithfully looked after by Jay Bowerman, a veteran of the Oregon lobby. Lines are now forming for the candidacies of 1954. Those interested in good government shouldn't wait until the time for filings closes to be sure that able and conscientious persons will be standing for public office. This goes for all offices from city councilman up through county and state and national offices. Samish's power may be smashed but other spokesmen for special interests will follow the same methods, though not all of them as crassly as the California "boss." Good government requires more than casual or occasional participation in political affairs.

He Lays It on the Line

Joseph Alsop's recent enlightening stories on the situation in French Indochina throw a stern challenge at the Free World. In his view, there apparently are three important premises which must be accepted as a basis for any planning: (1) Morale and ability of the French and native armies in Indochina are high, and they are doing a good job so far as they can; (2) there are increasing signs of assistance being received by their communist enemies since cessation of the war in Korea; (3) the French homeland very possibly will seek by any means soon, through appeasement or any other name it might be called, to stop the drain on its national treasury.

Alsop's thesis is that Indochina's fall to the Communists would open the way to their control of the entire remainder of Asia, and it will fall unless the Free World comes to the assistance of France in maintaining a defense he believes warrants all aid possible. His other comments are particularly critical about the Korean "peace"—Asian Communists regard it as definitely a Red victory—"the Chinese armies fought the Allies to a standstill," and the French find increasing solace and reason in arguments that they now have a full right to conclude their own fracas in Indochina on a similar basis.

The summary of the situation in Indochina, written during a first-hand visitation to the battlefield and to governmental headquarters, has provided grave and fascinating reading in several of the Alsop articles of recent date. The Korean fire seems to have been brought under temporary control but it will remain a tinderbox for years. The Indochina fire may consume everything in its path if back-firing is not continued and enlarged. It would appear a definite policy regarding Indochina cannot be longer delayed.

A Wise Course for Schools

There is much to be said for the new policy in several school systems, including Portland's, of requiring persons who visit school rooms to identify themselves beyond question. The policy is not designed to prevent parents or others with a legitimate interest from seeing school operation first hand. That type

Malenkov Regime Fails to Make Good on Its Promise to Relax Russian Criminal Code

By TOM WHITNEY

(Former Moscow Correspondent)
NEW YORK (AP)—The Soviet government has not yet made good on its promise to the Soviet public to reduce the severity of the Soviet criminal code.

Eight months ago, three weeks after Stalin's death, instructions were issued publicly to the Soviet Justice Ministry to submit recommendations for changes in the criminal laws.

These orders were included in the amnesty decree of March 28, which freed many non-political petty criminals, and it was made clear that the changes would be in the direction of dropping some offenses from the criminal laws and easing the punishments provided for others.

Though no specific laws were

mentioned in this decree, many Russians hoped it might mean the relaxation of Soviet labor laws which freeze them to their jobs. Russian workers cannot leave their jobs without obtaining hard-to-get official permission. If they do leave without permission they may be subject to criminal prosecution and imprisonment.

Naturally this system is unpopular. The government itself apparently felt called upon as long ago as last July to make some explanation to the public why there was delay.

It said this was one of the scheduled measures of the government which former Deputy Premier Beria had sabotaged.

On July 10 when the announcement of Beria's arrest was made, the fallen police chief was charged among other crimes with "intentionally blocking the realization of government instructions" on ordering the criminal laws in order. In Pravda, and Izvestia, Beria was even accused of "attempting to distort" the Soviet government's instructions to him on this matter.

But that was nearly five months ago. To this correspondent, who spent nine years in the U. S. S. R., it seems likely Russians will not forget this grievance against the government until the laws they do not like have been formally and fully wiped off the statute books.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Get your coat, Roscoe, and stop being childish about attending parent-teacher meetings... wishing the school house would burn down!"

Inside TV

Patti Moore on New TV 'Room for Daddy'

By EVE STARR

HOLLYWOOD—Songbird Patti Moore will be written into Danny Thomas' next teleplay, "Make Room for Daddy." Her partner, Ben Lessly, is an established personality on the show. Ben Blue and Mary McCarty all set for NBC's "All Star Revue" Nov. 28 with Phil Harris emceeing. Ray Sinatra huddling with the crooner for the January Frank Sinatra Show. The original of "How to Marry a Millionaire" is now being released on TV. It's called "The Greeks Had a Word for It"—not bad either. Bing Crosby's TV show scheduled for Dec. 27 will be seen on Jan. 3 instead. Happy New Year for a new show. A recent American Research Bureau poll shows that "Dragnet" photo-finished "I Love Lucy"—by a nose. Their theme song and Stan Freberg's parody on "Dragnet" is credited with boosting audience appeal.

"Meet Millie," dropped from CBS some weeks ago for lack of a sponsor, has cornered a half-hour of our laugh time and promises to remain—IF the rest of the series measures up to the last show. Breadwinner Elena Verduga (Millie) has a sweet wistful charm and brings an emotional warmth to her role as the loving daughter, Florence Halop (Mama) as the near-sighted self-sacrificing mother who works as a waitress to buy her daughter a birthday fur coat, is hilariously funny when she becomes a guest simultaneously with her waitress chores. It's doubtful whether such a situation would ever arise, but the slapstick was skilfully handled. The perpetually hungry Alfred Prinzmetel (Marvin Kaplan), the family friends (or nemesis), is a fresh comic personality to watch.

STARR BULLETINS: Swing-and-ways bandleader Sammy Kaye plans to visit the mission in St. Augustine, Fla., which inspired his current hit record, "In the Mission of St. Augustine." Now on a nationwide tour, Kaye is arranging his itinerary so that he will be in Florida the latter part of this month. Abbott and Costello have had to cancel their Dec. 13 "Comedy Hour." Costello's doctor tells him he needs a long rest so, for once, Lou will take orders. Fred Allen's "Judge For Yourself" panel-variety show is not the first time Allen has used a talent program as the showcase for his humor. In 1932-33, he presided over an NBC radio show called "Stars of Tomorrow."

No more telethons. George Heller, executive secretary of American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, revealed that insiders in show business consider telethons unfair competition to nightclubs, theaters and other TV shows. "The Golden Key," a new video series, presents inspiring stories of handicapped persons who have achieved success despite great odds against them. First story features blind pilot-adventurer Jack Hughes. Will Rogers Jr. plays the title part in "Lucky Tommy Jordan" for the Ford Theater.

CAPSULE PROFILE: Steve Forest, the bright new personality of Warner Brothers' dramatic hit, "So Big," has written five television scripts. One of these "Strange Encounter," has been on the telewaves 17 times.

"Too bad," confided Steve, "this was written before residual rights, since I sold the script for \$350. With residuals I should be receiving about \$2500." (Residuals are payments a writer receives for additional performances of his play after its first showing.)

The 6'3" red-haired brother of Dana Andrews is one of 13 children and happily married to a former student he met at UCLA. They now have a five-month-old son.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page one.)

revolution and preempted the field of mechanical power until the internal combustion, piston-type engine was developed around the middle of the 19th century, followed by the Otto invention of a four-cycle engine in 1864. The Diesel engine, still a piston job, was invented in 1893. But the first patent for an aerial gas turbine was not taken out until 1930, by an Englishman, Frank Whittle. Little was done toward its practical use until after the war. In the space of a dozen years it has become a leading power plant in military planes and is now in use in British passenger planes.

The principle of the gas turbine is simple. The plane or vehicle is propelled by "thrust." Mixed air and fuel gas are burned in a compression chamber and the current of the hot exhaust pulls the air from in front of the plane, piles it up at the rear and forces the plane forward. The principle is the same as that of rowing a boat. The oarsman pulls the water from the front side of the boat and pushes it backward. The thrust then pushes the boat ahead.

The jet engine is a simple piece of machinery, with only one moving part, the rotor turning a compressor which is mounted at the other end of the shaft. Its highest test speed is around 750 mph. Its great drawback is its fuel consumption. Also, the jet exhaust is very noisy, a fact which makes the people around Hillsboro doubt whether they want a navy jet plane base in their vicinity or not.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Nov. 23, 1943

Sen. W. Warren Barbour, 55, of New Jersey, died at his home, the third member of Congress to die within 24 hours. The other two were Henry B. Steagall and J. William Ditter.

President Roosevelt asked Congress to guarantee muster-out pay and social security benefits for veterans of the present war. (He got \$7,000,000,000.)

Mrs. Herman Estes, the former Alice Speck of Salem and a Willamette University Law College graduate in 1938, was selected as executive secretary on the rent control committee.

25 Years Ago

Nov. 23, 1918

Reports brought by restored communications indicated that 200 persons perished in the typhoon which struck the Central Philippine Island. The United States cruiser Milwaukee left from Manila with a relief party and supplies.

Oregon State College whipped the New York University grid team, the East's champs, 25-13, before a crowd of 40,000.

Mrs. G. McCutcheon, leading woman bowler, appeared at the Winter Garden bowling alley in Salem. She has bowled several perfect 300 games.

40 Years Ago

Nov. 23, 1913

Frank W. Carpenter, executive secretary of the Philippines, was appointed governor of the province of Moro. He succeeded Brig. General John J. Pershing and was the first civilian governor of the province.

The Eugene Association of the University of Oregon alumni honored Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway of Portland with a reception at the Hotel Osborn. She was known as the "mother" of the suffrage cause in Oregon.

Moving picture acting is a new art at the University of Oregon, and the moving picture as an adjunct to the extension department of the university was given a trial by university authorities.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The whereabouts of my son-in-law are not known."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "grovel"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Charlotte russe, characteristic, caricature, charlatan.
4. What does the word "gewgaw" (adjective) mean?
5. What is a word beginning with qu that means "soft, wet land"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "The whereabouts of my son-in-law is not known."
2. Pronounce the o as in open, preferred. 3. Caricature. 4. Showy; pretentious. (Pronounce gu-gu, u as in use, o as in go). "The gewgaw castles of medieval times." 5. Quagmire.

Polk Draft Office Closed This Week

Statesman News Service

DALLAS — The Polk County selective service office will be closed all of next week while Mrs. Nona Ford, board clerk is on vacation. Regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., will again be observed starting Nov. 30.

Orders have been issued to seven men to report for induction into the Armed Forces on Dec. 7. Names of these men will be released for publication at a later date.

Senate Probers Ask Dulles Renew Request to Question Ex-Red Spy, Now in Canada

By JOHN CHADWICK

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles was asked Sunday by Senate probers of Communism in government to relay another message to Canadian authorities in support of a request to question Igor Gouzenko, former Soviet code clerk at Ottawa.

Gouzenko, who now lives with his family in an Ontario town under an assumed name and has a Royal Canadian Mounted Police guard, broke with his Soviet masters in 1945 and supplied the Canadian government with information about Russian espionage activities.

A first request of the Senate internal security subcommittee for an opportunity to question him was turned down by the Canadian government, which said U. S. authorities had been promptly advised of all information of value to them.

Request Sent
Chairman Jenner (R-Ind) questioned this, however, and at his request Dulles asked the Canadian government last Thursday to reconsider its refusal to allow a subcommittee representative to interview Gouzenko.

Jenner said the subcommittee has reason to believe the former Soviet code clerk could furnish it with information that would be of value in its efforts to trace the activities of former federal officials who have been accused of spying for Russia.

The subcommittee, which will resume public hearings Monday afternoon has been probing into the explosive case of Harry Dexter White, former assistant secretary of the treasury, and others who were associated with him in the government.

Called Spy
Atty.-Gen. Brownell, in a Nov. 6 speech, called White, now dead, a Russian spy and said that, even though this was shown in FBI reports, former President Truman promoted White early in 1946 to be U. S. director of the International Monetary Fund.

Truman retorted that Brownell lied to the American people. The former President said that, after learning of the accusations against White, he ordered White kept under surveillance but allowed the appointment to go through less than under suspicion he alerted to the FBI probe.

A member of the Jenner subcommittee, Sen. Butler (R-Md.), said Sunday "you haven't heard the last of the White case." Among possible future witnesses before the committee he mentioned Gouzenko, former Treasury Secretary John Snyder and Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark, who was Truman's attorney general at the time.

Evades Question
Butler, appearing on a radio-television show, declined to express an opinion when asked whether Truman himself should be "forced to appear" before the committee. Jenner, in his new letter to

The Safety Valve

CLOCK STRIKE "MUSIC TO EARS"

To The Editor:
I was very disappointed when I read about the complaints in regard to the striking of the new town clock. We have been so very grateful to the Soromtourist Club for their efforts in having it installed in the city hall tower and every citizen should appreciate it. If those people in the Senator Hotel are annoyed, let them use ear stops as the Hollywood stars do. Any way why should tourists tell us what annoys them, when they will be moving on tomorrow.

I live very close and have had to accustom myself to all kinds of noises, but that striking was music to my ears, when I need to hear it. Putting a cover on the hammer has helped a very few, but not the majority.

Mrs. E. B. Kasson
681 Center St.

Dulles, said he was enclosing an "authenticated copy of a signed statement" by Gouzenko and asked that this be forwarded to the Canadian government in support of the subcommittee's renewed request to question Gouzenko.

The statement was one the Chicago Tribune obtained from Gouzenko, a copy of which was made available to the subcommittee. Could Offer Advice
In it Gouzenko was quoted as saying that, although he had no information which he had not already given to the Canadian government, he thought he could give useful advice.

This advice, "if properly put into effect," his statement said, "would have good chances of bringing exposure of present Soviet spy rings in the United States in comparatively short time."

Sen. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa), former chairman of the Senate-Atomic energy committee, said in an interview that he thinks Gouzenko ought to be questioned by the internal security subcommittee.

He added he suspects that the Canadian spy ring had ramifications in the U. S. atomic bomb project. Just back from a Latin-American inspection trip, Hickenlooper also disputed the contention of Sen. Wiley (R-Wis) that Congressional Red hunting is causing a hostile reaction in other countries.

Heavy Voting Reported in Slav Election

By ALEX SINGLETON

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—Yugoslavia's ten million eligible voters turned out in force Sunday to register their endorsement of the policies—East-West and here at home—of President Tito's Communist government.

The outcome was certain. Under a new election system adopted this year, the voters could take their choice between balloting for candidates presented by the "socialistic Alliance of the Working People of Yugoslavia" or voting against the government.

No other parties opposed the Communist dominated "alliance." Asks Approval
Tito, in the first country-wide election since 1950, was asking approval not only of his administration's five year defiant resistance against Russian domination, but also of his stubborn stand against the Anglo-American decision to turn the strategic Adriatic seaport of Trieste over to Italy.

Domestic problems might produce some opposition, among them the government's failure to deal adequately with a serious housing problem and with its seizure of farm land after abandoning its policy of forced collectives.

Results Unknown
Final results will not be disclosed officially until Wednesday. On the basis of semi-official reports the voting was heavy. Approximately 90 per cent or more of the eligible voters deposited ballots early.

In Belgrade, about 83 per cent had voted by 2 p. m. In towns along the Dalmatian Coast, where the government was particularly anxious to register support in view of Italy's claims at Trieste, the vote was even heavier.

There were less than 20 seats for Parliament in which there was a contest under the single party system. With high confidence, the government expected a voting turnout of 90 to 95 per cent of the eligible voters. Less than 5 per cent were expected to register any opposition to the government's policies.

WOLF CALLS DANCES

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Here's another for your "appropriate names and occupations" collection: The headlines read "Wolf Calls at Dance." Baxter Wolf, Van Nuys, is a caller of square dances.

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