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High Cost of Lobbying

The National Association of Real Estate Boards passed the National Association of Electric Companies in their reported disbursement for lobbying in Washington in 1955. The real estate group pumped up \$131,055 which topped the Reddy Kilowatt boys by \$16,170.

Do not bundle all the lobbyists together as the outsiders of boodle and corruption. Uplift his servants as do labor organizations and project promoters. Among the last named was the Upper Colorado River Grass Roots, Inc., which spent \$68,625 and got returns on the investment when the bill for the huge project was enacted this year.

Who do the lobbying? Among others, ex-members of the Senate and House. Congressional Quarterly did a head count of these "exes" and found that 66 of them are listed among the 4,216 individuals and organizations registered under the lobbying law.

The "children of light" are quite as active in lobbying as the "children of darkness." Ex-Rep. Clyde T. Ellis is general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (the REAs), and Ex-Rep. Jerry Voorhis who lost his California seat to Richard Nixon back in 1946, is executive director of the Cooperative League of the USA.

Former members have one privilege which helps get them assignments. They have the privilege of going into cloakrooms and onto the floor of the House and Senate. This enables them to rub noses with present members, get information on matters they are concerned with, and turn on heat for support if it is needed.

No use to deplore lobbying. It is just part of the "democratic process." The chore is to keep it open and aboveboard. As for the employment of former members of Congress for lobbying, they must eat, and with liberal expense accounts some of them may eat higher on the hog than when they were members and had to entertain delegations from their home "deestricks."

With the resignation of Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay becoming effective April 15th interest rises on who will be named to succeed him. Press reports have mentioned Clarence Davis, present undersecretary, as a likely appointee. Other names tossed in the pot were those of former Governor Dan Thornton of Colorado and Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington.

Correspondent Asks if Problems Withheld From President to Spare Him From Worry

By STEWART ALSOP
WASHINGTON—Are President Eisenhower's subordinates so eager to protect him from worry and strain that matters of great international importance are concealed from him, or their significance obscured?

This question is prompted by the President's answers to certain questions at his most recent press conference. Was twice asked whether he and Prime Minister Anthony Eden had been in recent communication about the Middle Eastern crisis.

The facts, which are indisputable, are as follows: About two weeks ago a high official of the American Embassy in London was summoned to hear the views of Prime Minister Eden. Gravelly and even firmly, the Prime Minister held forth at length about the danger in the Middle East and the pressing need for joint decisions and action by the Anglo-American allies.

Eden indicated that he had called in the American official to make sure that the President knew his views of the situation. The American was naturally impressed by the responsibility involved in reporting a statement so grave as the Prime Minister's. He therefore asked Eden's permission to quote him verbatim on certain points, to assure absolute accuracy.

He speculated that perhaps "They are talking about a recent message I haven't received yet." Overall, he left the strong impression that there had been no new, urgent, or important views expressed by Prime Minister Eden on the Middle Eastern crisis.

Routing Highway 20

The recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce highway committee that an effort be made to reroute U. S. highway 20 through Salem drew a counter-blast from Albany as might have been expected. Present routing for the highway is from Santiam pass via Lebanon, Albany, and Corvallis to Newport.

"This plan adds support to the rather general opinion throughout the state that Salem is a bit greedy. Already profiting hugely at the expense of the rest of the state through location of public institutions there, Salem is constantly reaching out after still greater profit from public sources, you hear all around."

We hadn't been hearing it, but perhaps our hearing is less sharp than formerly. For our part, we doubt if the number of tourists sticking to Highway 20 is big enough to quarrel about. Just how many start in the East or Midwest and hug Highway 20 across the continent to the shore of the Pacific at Newport? Probably very few.

The Statesman isn't favorably impressed with the recommendation of the local highway committee because it thinks the chance for changing the routing is slim and the need for it small. It favors "peaceful coexistence" with Albany and Corvallis.

Endorsement for Justice Lusk

While The Statesman's "Political Parade" is held free from staff editing, we do not want it to become a vehicle for false or erroneous statements. The Monday contribution in behalf of L. B. Sandblast, who is a candidate for Position No. 5 on the Supreme Court, contains comment which should be corrected. Sandblast wrote:

"For example the average yearly opinion per judge has been up to about 46. The present occupant of Position No. 5 averaged 17 decisions in the past two years."

Note the weasel wording "has been up to about 46." The record shows in 1954 the average number of opinions written per judge was 27.6 and in 1955 25.86. Justice Hall S. Lusk, who is the incumbent of Position No. 5 wrote 25 opinions in 1954 and 27 in 1955. The Sandblast aspersion is thus refuted.

No informed person takes seriously the candidacy of Sandblast, a chronic, unsuccessful candidate for office. Judge Lusk's fame rests not on the number of opinions he has written but on the high quality of his opinions and on his able counsel in interpreting the law in cases where he does not write the court's opinion. Universally respected for his high character, his fairness, his legal acumen Judge Lusk deserves reelection by virtually a unanimous vote.

Censure for Lawyers

The special committee investigating the Case case—where a Nebraska attorney was busy scattering around oil money—showed enough guts to censure severely the two attorneys who were involved. The committee report also said that the president of the oil company who had supplied the dough, could not escape responsibility for what the lawyers did with his money.

The money was peddled as campaign contributions, but the money-spreaders took pains to see that it went where senators were supporting the bill favored by the big oil companies. It was pretty shabby business, and the exposure helped to spotlight the mechanics of contributing to campaigns. One can't help wondering, however, if the politicians aren't more inclined to censure Lawyer Neff for stupidity rather than venality. He surely had a poor sense of timing.

President Truman of the American Farm Bureau says it is too late for a soil bank plan to benefit farmers this year. That ignores the big question whether a "gentle rain of checks" will benefit the politicians.



Comes the Dawn

You can't think about the fall of Bataan peninsula in the Philippines early in WW II, without thinking of Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, the besieged general who went down with his troops.

Inasmuch as Monday was the 14th anniversary of the surrender of Bataan, one man in Salem who probably has a thought for the late Gen. Wainwright is M. Sgt. Arthur W. Millard, new Air Force recruiter here. The sergeant has a pair of spurs which once belonged to Wainwright. But better than the spurs is story of how Millard got them.

Seems that back in 1940 the Army's second cavalry brigade, with Wainwright in command, was on maneuvers near El Paso, Tex. Millard, an Army corporal then, was Wainwright's chauffeur. In a motorcycle side-car, yet. At one point the general wanted to get a better view of the troops. So Millard drove him up on top of a sand dune. Turned out the dune had been undercut on the other side. It collapsed. Motorcycle, side-car, general, Millard and all crashed down.

The general got a broken arm out of it and Millard was relieved of chauffeur and "sent to the stables." Later Wainwright met the corporal, kidded him about the accident and gave him a pair of his favorite spurs.

Is Gov. Elmo Smith running against Arthur Langley, too? A recent bulletin of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators tells of a forthcoming safety meeting in San Francisco in May. Mentions the various states' delegates. Says that Oregon's delegation will be named by "Arthur Langley, governor of Oregon and chairman of the governor's conference."

Anyway, it's easy to see the Salem Public Library is operated strictly on a bi-partisan basis. At last week's children's story hour the book featured was "The Ambitious Elephant." This week (Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.) the story hour will feature "Song of the Little Donkey." Kiddies must check their campaign literature at the door.

New Packard Line Announced

DETROIT, Mich. (AP)—Studebaker-Packard Corp. announced Sunday the new Packard executive series will have advertised delivered prices at the factory of \$3,645 for the four-door sedan models and \$3,560 for the hardtop models.

The new series, designed to provide Packard with complete product coverage in the higher price new car market, go on dealer display next week. The prices, Packard reported, include numerous comfort and performance accessories heretofore listed as extra-cost optional items. Included are automatic transmission and torsion bar suspension system.

Sneeze When You Say That

FROBISHER BAY, Northwest Territory (AP)—Memo from the Pentagon: Stop saying "no comment" when you don't want to answer a question. Say "ahchuk." That's Eskimo for no comment. The "k" is silent, so the word comes out something much like "achoo." You can either be avoiding an answer or sneezing.

In some parts of northern Canada, mosquitoes are so thick that 200 bites have been made on a bare forearm in a minute.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Is maybe decadent U. S. Government not so dumb... Instead of liquidating capitalists for good, they are liquidating them again and again at income tax time!"

SPRING THAW

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Apr. 10, 1940

A 36-year-old housewife—whose husband was ousted from the diet by allied decree at Tokyo—became the first candidate of either sex to be virtually assured of election to that body.

City acquisition of 200 acres of government-owned land; to increase the size of McNary field to approximately 675 acres, appeared a probability. Word of the probable augmenting of the city-owned field came from a meeting of the city's airport advisory committee.

A zoning change, with the announced purpose of permitting the construction of a new Paulus Brothers cannery near Oxford and 14th Streets, held the tentative approval of the city planning and zoning commission.

25 Years Ago

Apr. 10, 1915

Word has been received here of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harvard McIntyre of Portland. Mrs. McIntyre is better known as Rosalie Keber, former Salem newspaper woman.

Salem's retail business for 1929 amounted to approximately \$18,000,000 according to figures recently released by the United States department of commerce. The complete compilation of retail facts was the first ever made by the Bureau of Census.

40 Years Ago

Apr. 10, 1910

Plans for a steel bridge with a concrete viaduct approach on the Polk county side of the river, to cost complete with approach \$198,500, and to be located on Center Street, were approved by the Marion county court. The bridge was to be completed by December 1, 1916.

In spite of repeated requests of Charles E. Hughes that his name not be placed on the ballots at the Oregon primary election, Hughes supporters in Oregon announce that they will bring mandamus proceedings against Secretary of State Olcott to compel him to put Hughes' name on the ballots.

Editorial—The German federal council has decided to move the clocks ahead an hour on May 1 to save cost of artificial light. How many times would the hands have to be moved clear around the face to make-up for the time that civilization has lost since August, 1914?

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence: "Despite all I can say, he seems bound to like he threatens." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "comproller"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Tatoo, tautology, tarptaulin, tantamount.

4. What does the word "conjecture" (noun) mean? 5. What is a word beginning with ac that means "to agree"? ANSWERS 1. Say, "He seems RESOLVED (or, DETERMINED) to like AS he threatens." 2. Pronounce as though spelled "conroller," accent on second syllable, 3. Tatoo, 4. A surmise; a guess. This is merely a matter of conjecture. 5. Acquiesce.

Your Income Tax

Information Offered on Your Federal Taxes

Nonbusiness Interest Deductions

The following information was issued by District Director R. C. Granquist of the Internal Revenue Service to taxpayers who itemize deductions on page 2 of Form 1040 for 1955.

Interest on personal indebtedness is deductible, generally speaking, but only according to very definite rules. One of the most common cases of deductible interest is that of interest paid by a taxpayer on a mortgage on his home. Monthly mortgage payments usually contain several components. The interest component is deductible. Taxpayers should obtain a statement from the mortgage holder in order to determine the exact amount of interest paid during the taxable year.

Other common types of payments which include deductible interest are: Judgments, Delinquent tax payments, Personal loans, Installment purchases. The 1954 Code made one important change in the allowance of interest as a deduction on the tax return. The new law provides a deduction for interest paid for purchasing personal property (such as automobiles, radios, television sets, etc.) on the installment plan where the interest charges are not separately stated from other carrying charges. This deduction is equal to 6% of the average unpaid monthly balance under the contract, but the interest deduction may not exceed the portion of the total carrying charges attributable to the taxable year. The new deduction applies to installment payments made after December 31, 1953, even if the purchase was made in a previous year.

Example of Computing Deduction

On January 10, 1955, A purchased a home freezer for \$254. After a down payment of \$50, the balance, including a stated carrying charge of \$20, was to be paid in 16 monthly installments of \$14 each, on the 10th day of each month commencing with February. Assuming that A is a cash-basis, calendar-year taxpayer and that no other installment purchases were made in 1954, the portion of the carrying charges deductible as interest is computed as follows: Unpaid balance and carrying charges—

Table showing monthly payments and interest calculations for a home freezer purchase. Columns include month, payment, interest, and unpaid balance.

To arrive at the average unpaid balance for 1955, divide the \$1,694 by 12 months, which results in the average unpaid balance being \$141.17 and multiply this by 6% which is the rate prescribed by the 1954 law, and the result is the interest of \$8.47 to be taken as a deduction on page 2 of Form 1040.

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page one.)

reference. This committee intends to support the district budget. One of its spokesmen said: "All of us see defects in the school system, but we feel that defeating the budget is not the way to correct these deficiencies."

The significance of this news lies in the attack on "state standards" with mounting taxes the needle to stir the rebellion. Involved also is a recurring demand that schools teach the "fundamentals." They are accused now of spending too much time on frills. The recent flareup over the Flesch book, "Why Johnny Can't Read" is another sign of lack of confidence in the school system.

This agitation seems to be a form of nostalgia, a homesickness for the past, but actually for a past that never was. The schools of old failed to teach all their students to read and to spell and to do arithmetic. They struggled with meagre facilities, with poorly trained teachers and the wonder is they did as well as they did. Comparative studies they are accurately based usually show a higher level in the past. Much of the progress in our schools has been due to state supervision, state encouragement and sometimes to state compulsion.

What are the state standards that are complained of? For one thing, the school plant must be acceptable; but the supervisory authorities have exercised broad tolerance in this respect, considering the financial ability of the district as well as the need for an adequate and comfortable school plant. In the case of new buildings local enthusiasts or desirers usually carry well beyond any requirement of the state department of education.

The State Board of Education under authority of law does approve the general course of study, but generous latitude is allowed local districts. The extension of courses beyond the three-Rs is due to the necessity of a broader education in this complex society.

The state is the authority governing certification of teachers. But surely the Roseburg rebels are not proposing that this be abandoned. Fundamental to good teaching is good preparation of teachers. That job is being done better all the time.

Our schools are by no means perfect—school people are first to admit that. But the deficiencies are not state-imposed. On any valid evaluation, our schools will rank high when one considers the conditions under which they operate: universal compulsory attendance to age 18 and the gearing of progress to a relatively low average.

Crash Kills Son Of AP Official

BEDFORD, Ind. (AP)—Kent C. Hackler, son of Associated Press general executive Victor Hackler, was killed early Sunday. He was thrown from his car after it left a highway northeast of here and plunged into a woods.

Two fellow law students riding with Hackler also were thrown from the car but escaped with minor cuts.

County Roads In Woodburn Area Named

Four county roads in the Woodburn area were given new official names at Monday's session of Marion County Court.

County Road 530, an easterly extension of Lincoln St. in Woodburn, became East Lincoln Road. It was formerly known as Jones Road in the county records.

County Road 534, an easterly extension of Hardcastle Avenue in Woodburn, became Hardcastle Road. It was formerly known on the county records by four different names: Becker, Cooley, King, and Wilkens road.

The road beginning at Market Road 57 (County Line Road), extending southwest to the newly named Hardcastle Road, became Cooley Road.

A short road, beginning at the L. Erickson property and extending east from Cooley Road, became Meadow Lane.

Re-naming of the roads was to facilitate plans for mounted mail routes out of the Woodburn post office.

Other business conducted by court members included an authorization to make a final payment of \$18,006 to the Stevenson Rock Products Company for the 32,156 cubic yards of crushed rock it had furnished the county. \$12,220 has already been paid on the order.

Portland Police Win Pistol Shoot

CORVALLIS (AP)—The Portland Police Bureau pistol team won all the trophies at the annual Oregon Assn. of City Police Officers pistol matches at the Corvallis police range.

Other cities entering teams were Medford, Eugene, Salem and Corvallis.

Advertisement for Oregon Statesman newspaper, including subscription rates and contact information.

Advertisement for State Farm insurance, featuring a photo of Bob Carey and text about car insurance and financing.

Advertisement for Deft Wood Finish, showing a can of the product and text describing its benefits for furniture and floors.