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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 spent \$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.

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. Present reports have mentioned Clarence Davis, press 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. He was specifically asked whether Eden had recently sent him an important message stressing the gravity of the crisis, and the urgent need for taking action to head off the danger.

The President seemed honestly puzzled by the questions. Prime Minister Eden and he quite often exchanged messages, he said, and they often contain references to the Middle East. But, he said, "I am certain it is no recent thing that they must be talking about."

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.

replied: "Well, if they have, they haven't pressed me."

These Presidential responses are mysterious. The questions were largely prompted by a report, which first appeared a week ago in this space in a dispatch from London, that Eden had sent a grave message to the President stressing the growing danger in the Middle East, and the urgent need for basic joint policy decisions for dealing with the 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 grimly, 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.

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.

"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.

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.

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 Shuman 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.

SPRING THAW



Time Flies FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago
Apr. 10, 1946
A 38-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.



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 . . .

25 Years Ago
Apr. 10, 1931
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.

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!"

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.

Example of Computing Deduction

Table showing monthly payments, interest charges, and total monthly unpaid balance for a \$254 purchase.

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.

The new law states that the portion of the carrying charge deductible as interest cannot exceed the total carrying charges allocable to the taxable year.

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40 Years Ago
Apr. 10, 1916
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.

40 Years Ago (continued)
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.

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."

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.

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.

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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.

Court members decided the county was not obligated to act on a request for drainage improvements from two residents in the vicinity of Claggett Creek and Chemawa Road. It was decided that poor drainage in the area did not affect county roads and, therefore, did not pose a county problem.

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 car financing and insurance, featuring a picture of a man and a car, and the text 'Buying a car? MY BANK PLAN MAY SAVE YOU \$100 ON FINANCING AND AUTO INSURANCE'.

Advertisement for Deft Wood Finish, featuring a picture of a Deft wood finish can and the text 'deft WOOD FINISH seals... primes finishes... all from one can!'.