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fect where the constitutionality of a law is in question. It is true, the constitution gives Congress certain powers with respect to the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, but this is a most unusual exercise of that power.

Another bill, even more absurd, was introduced by Congressman Huddleston of Alabama. It provides that no courts, both state or federal, shall not be bound by any decision of the Supreme Court which conflicts with the legal principle of adhering to prior decisions and which is clearly based upon considerations other than legal. This is aimed directly at the decision on segregation which Southern lawyers call "sociology" rather than constitutional law. The effect would be to create chaos in the administration of justice. It would be quite impossible to apply the conditions laid down in this prohibition and conflict and turmoil on what is the law would ensue.

We are confident that none of these bills will pass. They rate more as protest than as threat. They are the peevish of those who lost their lawsuits.

The Supreme Court has withstood a good many buffets, including the drive of FDR to pack the court in his favor. It will survive the present attacks. It remains the final authority on the law and the constitution, and fortunately has often proven a haven of refuge when civil liberty is at stake.

Gov. Arthur Langlie will give a good account of himself as orator for the opening of the GOP convention in San Francisco. The last time the Northwest was recognized in this fashion was when Sen. Frederick Steiwer was temporary chairman, in 1936. Remember the phrase he repeated so often: "Four long years" of the administration of FDR—which were to be stretched to more than 12.

Probably the Democratic press agents are collecting a compendium of Charlie Wilson's verbal bloopers. The Secretary of Defense must feel by this time that politics is no place for a businessman.

Editorial Comment

LEAVE THE CAPITOL ALONE

The recent appropriation of \$12 million by the House of Representatives, for a program of alterations to the east front of the Capitol at Washington, lacks the popular support that so radical a project requires. The plan, under consideration on and off since 1905, involves moving the central eastern facade some forty feet forward, the intention being to give the great dome of the Capitol a larger base and bring the center of the structure into harmony with its Senate and House wings. Advocates of the change argue, further, that it would provide sorely needed space for the conduct of Congressional business.

Historically, it can be urged that there have been changes in plenty since Dr. William Thornton submitted his design in 1792, which won the approval of Washington and Jefferson. Successive supervising architects, including the respected Benjamin Henry Latrobe, found fault with the original plans and introduced ideas of their own, some accepted and some rejected by Congress. The British gutted as much as had been finished in 1814, and a new building program was entrusted to Charles Bulfinch, whose work on the Boston State House had won the admiration of President Monroe. Senate and House wings were added in the 1830s, so dwarfing the original dome that in 1863 it was replaced by the present much larger one.

In spite of this up-and-down history, the completed building as it now stands on Capitol Hill has caught the imagination and holds the warm regard of the American people. It is doubtless fortunate that it had during its evolution the services of such exceptional architects as Thornton, Latrobe and Bulfinch, whose work is especially well exemplified in the facade which it is now proposed to alter. In any event, the building carries impressive artistic credentials in its present form—the American Institute of Architects, for example, has come to its defense in formal resolutions at a number of past conventions—and cannot be summarily condemned on esthetic grounds.

The practical argument for the alterations, to the effect that Congress needs more space, seems equally ill advised. If more space is needed, it can be had in another location; in fact, the current House appropriation includes \$10 million as a start on a new \$64 million House office building.

All in all, the east-front alteration project looks like a waste of money. It should be abandoned.—New York Herald Tribune

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"What I had in mind was avoiding the bitterness, the feeling of injustice, the resentment that's usually caused by starting at the bottom..."

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page one)

of Douglas fir. Our botanists have called it *Pseudotsuga taxifolia*, and western foresters are unwilling to accept the classification assigned by the international authority: *Pseudotsuga menziesii*. Miss Mackness concludes thus: "As things stand now, the Oregon gardener must needs refer to the pedigree Oregon grape which he keeps sprayed, pruned and fertilized inside his garden as *Mahonia* and dismiss the unpurged native on the other side of the fence as *Berberis*. Therefore as the wild flower chairman of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, I am advocating that the state printing office substitute *Mahonia aquifolium* for *Berberis aquifolium* when it changes the technical name of its number one timber tree, Douglas fir, to *Pseudotsuga menziesii* in the interest of international cooperation."

The last I knew however the Northwest members of the Society of American Foresters were sticking by *taxifolia*, so the order to change titles may not be forthcoming soon.

Those interested in the men who did pioneering work in Oregon in botany should turn to the June number of the Quarterly for the lead article "Pioneer Botanists of the Pacific Northwest," by Erwin F. Lange. He gives brief sketches of the work of Thomas Howell (1842-1912), Wilhelm N. Saksdorf (1850-1922), William C. Cusick (1842-1922), Martin W. Gorman (1852-1926), and Charles V. Piper (1867-1928). Louis F. Henderson (1854-1942). These men did the real spade work in botany in this region, exploring, collecting, classifying plant specimens, corresponding with other scientists in this country and abroad. Their collection are preserved in various institutions in the Northwest. They really laid foundations which later scientists have built on.

It certainly is time they received this recognition for save among specialists in botany their names are known to few now residing in the Northwest.

Better English

BY D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The most predominant aim of his life was to get rich."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "codicil?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Accumen, accustomed, accumulation, acquisition.
4. What does the word "venetian" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "ra" that means "to approve and sanction?"

ANSWERS

1. Omit "most," since "predominant" implies the superlative degree. 2. Pronounce "codicil" with a soft "c," as in "codicil." 3. Accumen, a, c, u, m, e, n, a, c, c, u, m, e, n, t, a, c, c, u, m, u, l, a, t, i, o, n, a, c, q, u, i, s, i, t, i, o, n.
4. Venetian is a word beginning with "ve" and "n" and means "to approve and sanction."
5. Ratify.

Time Flies:

From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago
June 25, 1946

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Newspapermen, reporters, editors, publishers, with their wives and families are guests of Salem in their 44th annual state convention. Judge Wallace McCam-

Safety Valve

To The Editor

Law Quote Asked

Would you kindly quote the law that gives the Salem city council the legal right to collect tax from Salem citizens for sewer use.

Also quote the legal authority that they claim the right to increase our water rates.

There are plenty of people that would like these laws quoted.

RAY T. GOODE,
936 1/2 Jefferson

Editor's Note: We would refer the inquirer to the city attorney who will be able to make the proper citation of law. In brief the authority rests in the city council under the law of the state and the city charter.

Alcoa Wage Negotiations To Reopen

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Aluminum Co. of America and the United Steelworkers open formal contract negotiations Wednesday for 17,000 workers in 12 Alcoa plants.

The meeting will be a one-day affair at which union negotiators will present formal demands on the nation's biggest producers of aluminum.

The present contract expires July 31.

USW demands are expected to approximate those now being made on the steel industry. Last year the Alcoa settlement called for a 15-cent average hourly wage increase, the same amount as the steel contract.

In addition Alcoa workers received retroactive checks for three cents hourly for every hour worked since August, 1954, to take care of the job classification and wage inequity problem.

Last April, wage increases ranging from 7 to 30 cents hourly went into effect and 27 wage brackets were set up, ranging from \$1.74 to \$2.90 an hour.

River Compact Commission to Review Bill

SPOKANE (AP) — Consideration of proposed legislation on the Columbia Interstate Compact and election of officers are scheduled for government representatives from the seven member Northwest states at a meeting here Monday.

The compact commission, which has negotiated an agreement on land and water resources in the region, will review a bill to be introduced in congress next year authorizing federal participation in the interstate program for area development.

Frank A. Banks of Coeur d'Alene, Wash. federal member of the commission, will act as chairman during the sessions.

Freighters Donated
HONG KONG (AP) — Two 900-ton freighters named Peace and Friendship have arrived in Haiphong as gifts of Red China to Communist North Viet Nam. Peiping Radio reported today (Sat.).

GOP Strength Plentiful, Says Gov. Langlie

(Story also on page One)

ATLANTIC CITY (AP) — The chairman of the governors' conference, Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington, a Republican, said that in the event President Eisenhower doesn't run for a second term, "we have many Republicans far superior to anything the Democrats have to offer."

Langlie, just named keynote speaker for the Republican national convention, placed Vice President Nixon at the head of the list. He also mentioned Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts and former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York in the state governors meeting here Sunday.

Langlie was interviewed on the NBC-TV program, "Meet the Press."

The governor who is speaking a seat in the Senate said one of the factors in his decision to do so was an assurance that Eisenhower would seek reelection.

Asked whether he still feels confident the President will run, the governor replied: "I'm as confident now as when I made the decision."

Regarding the President's health, Langlie said "I feel better as well as Churchill or Adenauer at their ages. I feel confident he'll be a pretty strong man."

In his own part of the country, Langlie said, he doesn't think Eisenhower's illness has cost the Republicans votes. But he said he thinks the GOP can win even without Eisenhower.

Langlie challenged a question as to whether Republican leaders have "just shut" their eyes on what to do if the President doesn't run. It was at that point he said the GOP has many men superior to anyone the Democrats can put up.

Gov. George Bell Timmerman Jr. of South Carolina disclosed at a news conference that Southern State Democratic chairmen will meet in Atlanta within a few days to explore the possibility of holding a pre-convention "unity" session of Dixie representatives.

Timmerman, who has proposed such a meeting, said he had favorable replies to his suggestion from five Southern governors. He declined to name them, however.

Timmerman made it clear that he, for one, isn't ready to accept a Democratic platform declaration that goes even as far as to uphold the Supreme Court's school integration decision.

Labeling such a proposed plank as "marlarky," Timmerman said he doesn't think the South would go along with it.

Denying that he was backing any third party movement, Timmerman said his objective is to have the South present a "united front" at the convention.

Acceptable to South

"We are trying to get our party to adopt a platform and nominate a candidate acceptable to the South so that those who are trying to establish a third party won't succeed," he declared.

He said he doesn't believe President Eisenhower will carry any Southern state because voters there now don't believe the President is as interested in states rights as they thought he was in 1952.

Khrushchev Joshes U.S. Naval Forces

MOSCOW (AP) — Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Communist Party boss, joshed the U. S. Navy in a chat with U. S. Air Force chief Gen. Nathan F. Taming Sunday night.

Strolling through the garden of the Soviet army club with Taming, Khrushchev remarked "I cannot understand why the United States has a Navy man as head of the joint chiefs of staff. Navies are like tortises. They always have been and they always will be. It is the same with us as it is with you."

Taming's comment was made while...

Tito Welcomed In Romania

BUCHAREST (AP) — Touring President Tito of Yugoslavia, beaming triumphantly on his arrival from Moscow, was welcomed by Romania's Communist leaders Sunday as a "dear and beloved comrade."

Tito responded with an offer to let bygones be bygones and remain on good neighborly terms in the future—on the basis of the agreements he signed in Moscow with the Kremlin's leaders.

Romania's Red leadership turned out 250,000 people in this city of about 1 1/2 million to welcome Tito and cheer him as he was driven through the city in a Russian car.

The motorcade went down the same street which four years ago was plastered with posters depicting Tito as a hangman and a bloody-handed tool of the Americans. Bucharest was the headquarters of the Cominform—the group of Soviet-led communist states which booted Tito out in 1948. It no longer exists.

Missouri Synod Chief 21 Years Honored at Meet

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The white-haired Lutheran preacher who has headed the Missouri Synod the past 21 years was honored Sunday night by the denomination of two million members for his "30 years of faithful service to the holy ministry."

Dr. John W. Behken, 72, St. Louis was presented a leather-bound book of citations and personal greetings and a cash purse of \$7,500 after he was led to the rostrum of the city auditorium here, scene of the Synod's 43rd triennial convention.

Pro-Red Plot Said Nipped In Guatemala

GUATEMALA (AP) — Heavily armed police Sunday broke up a demonstration officially branded as pro-communist. The government decreed a state of alarm to "prevent seditious disorders."

Demonstrators passed out leaflets demanding Guatemala cancel its mutual aid pact with the United States and lift a ban on communist activities.

Police wielding clubs scattered about 400 demonstrators. One policeman fired a shot into the air. Six persons were reported arrested.

Crowd Gathers

The crowd had gathered with official authorization in small Barrios Square facing the capital's railroad station. The occasion was a celebration of the 12th anniversary of the downfall of the late dictator, Gen. Jorge Ubieta, who died 10 years ago in New Orleans.

The state of alarm—a modified form of martial law—carried with it suspension of a dozen constitutional rights. This enabled the government to prohibit public meetings, arrest suspects without warrants, and impose censorship.

There was no censorship of news dispatches sent abroad.

Police Guards

Reinforced police guards were seen at Latin American embassies, where political refugees usually seek asylum.

Another mass meeting, scheduled for Monday to celebrate Tito's day, was prohibited, although the sponsors ostensibly were friendly to President Carlos Castillo Armas' regime.

The government said the communists planned to "spread panic and disorder."

Yank Reds Break With Stalin Haters

NEW YORK (AP) — American communists Sunday joined their French and Italian comrades in asserting a degree of independence from Soviet domination and in refusing to believe that Stalin alone was responsible for the crimes attributed to him by party secretary Nikita Khrushchev.

"We frankly admit" said the national committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. in a statement, "that we uncritically justified many foreign and domestic policies of the Soviet Union which are now shown to be wrong."

Right and Duty

The national committee claimed the "right and duty" to engage in "friendly criticism of the theory or practice of the Marxists of any country," including Russia.

"Friendly criticism," it said, "will strengthen international working class solidarity."

Discussing Khrushchev's charges against Stalin, the statement said: "We cannot accept an analysis of such profound mistakes which attributes them solely to the capricious aberrations of a single individual, no matter how much arbitrary power he was wrongfully permitted to usurp."

Just as Wrong

"It is just as wrong to ascribe all the mistakes and violations of socialist principle to a single individual as it was to ascribe to him all the achievements and grandeur of socialist progress in the USSR."

In its new role of friendly critic, the American party described itself as "an independent Marxist party of American workers dedicated to socialism."

COMPROMISE REJECTED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — "I want the Presidential nomination and will not accept anything else," Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said Saturday night.

Washington Mirror Congress Debates Issue of Streetcars

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON — One of the big debates in Congress these days believe it or not, is whether the nation's capital should junk its streetcars.

Some transportation experts claim that streetcars aren't as speedy as buses, although they concede that buses are smaller. They recommend an all-bus system to cut the costs of the city's transit system.

Congress gets into the act because it is constantly sidetracked from national and foreign affairs by its duty to serve Washington as a city council or board of aldermen. The nation's lawmakers could turn this function over to a locally-elected city council if they wanted, but they resist every effort to grant home rule to Washington's voters citizens.

It's not that Congress is more expert or expeditious in making decisions about the city's big problems. It's been kicking the bus question around for months. Unless it comes up with something before adjournment, Washington's transportation will come to a halt in August—because last year Congress ordered the franchise of Capital Transit Co. lapsed as of then.

Now it can't agree on what to install in place of Capital Transit, which is controlled by Louis Wolfson, the financier who tried and failed to capture control of Montgomery Ward several years back.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) is one of the most frequent debaters of this question, for he is on the Senate District Committee. He is an advocate of a public transportation authority in place of a privately-owned system. This position has been sustained by the Senate in a bill passed recently.

But the House favors private enterprise on this issue and is plugging hard to kill the Senate's bill and substitute one that would welcome Capital Transit or a successor, with open arms and new financial concessions. Unless the lawmakers get together, Washington transit riders will be using neither buses or streetcars in August, but walking instead.

Republicans knocked the ears off the Democrats again this year in the annual earth quake ball game performed laughingly

by members of Congress who like to think they are still young enough to swing at a fast ball.

They are safeguarded in this delusion because none of them are young enough to pitch a fast ball.

Republicans almost threw the game away in the fifth (and last) inning, but finally squeaked through in front, 8 to 7.

The gentlemen of the press looked down upon this game with jolly disdain, having tromped the all-stars from Congress a few days before at the annual press club picnic. It was a pitcher's battle all the way. Press Club 15, Congress 11.

Oregon had Rep. Sam Coon in harness as a catcher for the GOP team. The star of the congressional game was Rep. Thor Telford of Tacoma, who batted in the winning run for the Republicans.



A. Robert Smith

Lausche Vote With Party Said Unsure

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Plain Dealer reported in a dispatch from Atlantic City Sunday night that Frank J. Lausche, Ohio's Democratic governor, is not sure whether he would vote with his party to organize the Senate, if he is elected to that body next fall.

In Cincinnati the Enquirer carried a similar story. Lausche's opponent in the Senate race is the Republican incumbent, George Bender of Cleveland. Bender has been saying repeatedly that his reelection is essential so the Republicans can retain control of the Senate and support President Eisenhower.

Phil G. Gooding, staff writer for The Plain Dealer, sent his story from the scene of the governors' conference in Atlantic City.

He said that in an informal conversation the governor related that he does not know at the present time how he would vote when the next Senate is organized.

It would depend, the story continued, on who was in the White House and what the "balance of power" might be when the Senate convenes. Lausche was quoted as saying that if the margin were "one or two votes" the balance year in the annual earth quake ball game performed laughingly

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President's Illnesses Declared Building Up Into Serious Question of Future Capabilities

(Editor's Note: Following is a personal report from Stewart Alsop to his brother, Joseph Alsop, who has returned from abroad.)

By STEWART ALSOP
WASHINGTON — Dear Joe: You will find that the President's second serious illness in nine months completely overshadows the political scene here at home.

Indeed, you will feel, I think, as though you were hearing a cracked record playing over and over the same refrain that became so familiar last fall and winter: "Will he run? Will he run? Will he run?"

But there is a difference this time. You remember how, in the first weeks after the heart attack, it was universally assumed that the President would withdraw. This time, you will find, almost everybody assumes that the President will stay in the race.

You remember also how, as the weeks and months passed after the heart attack, it seemed more and more likely that the President would run, until same announcement in February came as no surprise at all. I wonder if the same thing might happen again in reverse?

As I wrote a few days ago, the Republican high command expresses absolute confidence, not only that the President will run, but that he will so announce very shortly. It is of course vitally important to the Republican leadership that the President and the current speculation by making his "positive" announcement as soon as possible. But Jim Hagerty swears that the President has given no hint of his intentions. So there

may well be more than a pinch of wishful thinking in the confidence I reported.

Meanwhile, the President himself, as he lies stricken for the second time in nine months, must be thinking long and hard whether he can carry on for four more years. As you know, we newspapermen have all become amateur physicians since the President's heart attack and operation. But it is not necessary to go to a medical school to understand a few harsh facts.

Coronary thrombosis is a serious disease. So is lellitis, especially within a few months of a coronary. There is a risk of recurrence in both diseases. And, in the President's case the risk is, obviously, compounded.

A few days ago, we got a letter from an insurance executive, from which I quote excerpts:

"Mr. Eisenhower is not an insurable risk on any basis because of the coronary attack."

Expectation of life according to the standard mortality table would be about 30 years. Now take the recent elletis here expectation of life is 3.54 years. What the life expectancy is in combination we don't know. We all know that while the mortality table is quite an accurate guide there are people who outlive it. Mr. Eisenhower will get more than normal care.

But if he is not an acceptable risk for life insurance on not one but two counts, is he an acceptable candidate for the Presidency?"

After the President's heart attack, you remember, we discussed at length the problem of writing about matters that had both profound political implications and painful personal impli-

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