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### Steel Strike Ends

The 1956 steel strike was just about the tamest strike ever for this big industry. There was no violence on picket lines, very little verbal abuse was exchanged between the spokesmen for the two sides. The terms represent the usual compromise favoring the employees.

The contract length will be three years instead of the five the companies sought. The wage and benefit increase will be 45.6 cents per hour spread over the term of the contract. The companies also granted a 52-week "roff plan (substitute for Reuther's "guaranteed annual wage") and accepted a union shop clause.

Here comes the bite as fas as the consumer is concerned: Steel prices are expected to be boosted ten or twelve dollars a ton. Since steel is the indispensable metal in most manufacturing, this will contribute to higher prices on down the line, from appliances to street rails.

End of the strike will be hailed with delight by workers and their families, though they probably enjoyed the one month's vacation in midsummer, and certainly by all the related industries and workers and by shopkeepers in mill towns. The prospect of three years of peace must be inviting too.

### Plasterers Aren't Plastered

The Arizona Lath and Plaster Institute, obviously with tongue in cheek, complains about the application of the word "plastered" to anyone who is drunk, inebriated, tight or otherwise under the influence of alcohol. "Plaster is a symbol of rigidity; a man who is inebriated is seldom rigid—unless he happens to be laid out cold," the institute says in declaring that "linking our trade with over-indulgence detracts from the dignity of a respected industry."

In the off chance the plasterers are even slightly serious in their complaint, we might explain that lots of words have double meanings, but such is too closely linked to its popular interpretation to have any onus on it—just because it might have an unpleasant connotation in other guises.

The Cincinnati Reds aren't Communists, for instance. A crab is a very edible crustacean, not just an old meanie; a bar association isn't necessarily a group of bartenders; raising cane usually has little to do with agriculture.

The word "plastered," as slang, has become too much a part of the language to be tossed out now, even though we get the plasterers' point. About all the plasterers can do is see there are no plastered plasterers.

Judge Carl Wimberly of the second judicial district told the Lane county grand jury it shouldn't again go into the charges posed by District Attorney Venn, which prompts the Eugene Register-Guard to ask, "Why have a grand jury at all if it is to be hobbled by judicial order? Could it be another case of D'Artagnan's 'One for all and all for one,' from Dumas's 'Three Musketeers'?"

Gladya Shields used her Coffee Cup Clatter column in the Jefferson Review for pick-ups of items from old files, including several about neighbor kiddies who now are grown and parents themselves. She was considerate enough, however, not to print their baby pictures.

## Sen. Johnson's Prevention of Civil Rights Squabble in Session End Big Help to Adlai

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas has just made Adlai Stevenson just about the nicest present that Stevenson could hope for.

By remarkably astute parliamentary tactics, Johnson narrowly prevented a raging civil rights fight at the wind-up of Congress. Thereby, Johnson greatly impaired the ability of Stevenson's rivals, who want to use the civil rights issue to split the Democratic convention, and incidentally the ranks of Stevenson's supporters. For Stevenson, therefore, Johnson's ounce of prevention was worth several tons of cure.

It is shocking, of course, that the tragic issue of civil rights should arise at a time when it should be treated as no better than a political football. But that is the melancholy fact. Beginning at the beginning, if the Eisenhower administration had had the faintest serious desire to pass a civil rights bill, the bill would have been introduced at the beginning of the Congressional session and pushed with maximum power thereafter.

Instead the Administration bill was only offered in May, when it had no possible chance of getting past the usual roadblock of a Southern filibuster. The sole intention, obviously, was to encourage the Democrats to stage an intra-party donnybrook fair. The trick seemed at that peculiar brand of slick political maneuvering for which Attorney General Herbert Brownell is

widely and justly celebrated. Yet the delay in introducing the bill also helped Lyndon Johnson to frustrate Brownell's scheme. The House was bound to take many weeks to act on the bill. That meant that the bill could only reach the Senate in the closing days of the session. And that meant, in turn, that Johnson would have time on his side.

Throughout the whole session, of course, Johnson had been working overtime to avoid trouble over civil rights. The worst moment was when the Senate had to pass on the nomination of Solicitor General Simon E. Sobeloff to a Circuit Court judgeship. Because Sobeloff had displeased them by his Supreme Court arguments on school desegregation, the more fiery Southerners wanted to make the debate on Sobeloff into a sort of white supremacy field day.

Johnson foresaw that a white supremacy field day would invite Senators like Lehman of New York, Hennings of Missouri and Douglas of Illinois to stage a civil rights field day, so he triumphantly held the debate to a minimum, reportedly getting Sen. Olin Johnson of South Carolina, for instance, to cut an angry two hour oration to a little 20-minute talk.

Johnson's next hurdle was the Republican leadership. If Minority Leader William Knowland of California had chosen to play Brownell's slick trick to the limit, Johnson's bottling up operation could never have succeeded. But President Eisenhower had personally telephoned Johnson to plead for passage of two bills he particularly wanted, the foreign aid bill and the bill to raise executive department salaries. That gave Johnson a lever.

In effect, Johnson told Knowland that the President could either have the bills he had asked for and no civil rights fight, or

### Exchange of Artists

Jan Peerce, distinguished American tenor, who was the first American since the war to sing with the Moscow Bolshoi opera, is back from the Soviet Union where he appeared in concerts in leading cities of the country. He praised the Russians as a "wonderful people" musically and culturally, and expressed the view that a greater exchange of artists between the United States and the USSR would provide "a basis for friendship of a permanent kind." One may question whether this interchange would be strong enough to hold war dogs in leash, for wars have broken out before between countries whose artists traveled back and forth—Germany and France, France and Italy. But it would promote international understanding and contribute to a commonality of interest which would counter divisive forces such as economic competition or political aspiration.

### Tax Relief

One measure providing tax relief managed to get through both houses of Congress. That was a bill to remove the ten per cent admission tax on admissions to entertainments where the ticket cost is 90 cents or less. Previously the top limit was 50 cents. This may prove something of a boon for movie houses which have seen their patronage dwindle under competition of television.

More tax relief is provided in a bill signed by President Eisenhower which abolishes the ten per cent transportation tax on trips from continental United States to the Caribbean, Bermuda, Latin America, Hawaii, Alaska and parts of Canada. The tax is retained on travel to any point in Canada or Mexico within 225 miles of the U. S. border. This tax cut should encourage tourist travel to these attractive vacation areas.

Thanks to mediatory efforts the dispute between the Metropolitan Opera company and the federation of musicians has been composed sufficiently to let the company start on schedule, October 24, and continue through its regular season. Its suspension would have been a dire blow to the world of music as well as a costly disappointment to those from coloratura sopranos to stagehands who are on the employment rolls of the opera. The show will go on, in the same aged building on the block between Broadway and 7th Avenue and 39th and 40th streets, New York, where the Met has held forth since it opened in 1883 with Gounod's "Faust."

The bill to increase postal rates died in the Senate post office committee after it had passed the House. Senators didn't want to boost rates in this election year. Magazines mustered a great deal more opposition than appeared at the House hearings. Newspapers were quite reconciled to the proposed boost in second-class rates, but magazines with nationwide distribution objected strenuously. An upward revision of postal rates is sorely needed to make the service more nearly self-supporting.

Threat of water shortage during the recent heat waves caused city officials at Oregon City to close the municipal swimming pool—right at the time when its patronage was greatest. You never miss the water 'til the well runs dry.

## Editorial Comment

### ATOMIC POWER DELAYED

The House of Representatives has killed the Senate-passed bill to authorize a \$400,000,000 atomic power plant at the Hanford project, an action which this newspaper regrets. We do not understand why three Oregon congressmen voted against the bill, which would bring an important experiment in creation of atomic power to the Northwest. Sponsors of the bill say this power plant could make the Hanford project self-supporting electrically, eliminating an important load on the Northwest power system.

Power from atomic energy is coming, and the effort to expedite its coming is worthy of government help.—Astorian Budget

## NEW LINE BUT THE SAME OLD WASH



BUESCHER

## Comes the Dawn

This is the time of year known as "picnic weather." When lots of families debate whether to go on a picnic or feast on charred wieners, warm pop and gritty potato salad at home. Insurance firm statistics to the contrary, picnics CAN be fun. Especially if a few simple precautions are taken. Of course, if you have children the odds are narrower and in many instances become downright exciting. In some families, the betting becomes quite spirited on who will fall into the river or who will swallow the first bottle-cap . . .

A curious thing about picnics is that nobody ever heard of a bad one. A fellow will limp up to you on Monday morning and say, "Yes sir. One of the kids almost drowned, my wife fell off the bridge, we broke an axle getting into that place, the baby got stung and I stepped on a tin can. And it rained. But, boy! Did we ever have fun!" Picnics are sort of like haked beans. They taste better warmed over . . .

To have a successful picnic a set of rules should be followed. Some are simple—like remembering to pass the sandwiches counter-clockwise (this permits everyone to eat with the right hand while moving food along with the left). Others—like making sure all the kids have their survival kits along—are more complex. Advance planning is important. Food, for instance, should be prepared at home and not at the picnic table. Who, in our family, can ever forget the hilarious occasion when mother blended a half-cup of sunburn lotion in with the macaroni salad?

And don't forget the helpful extras. In addition to the usual precautionary items a family takes on an outing, such as safety pins, extra clothing, inner tubes, compasses, insect repellent, comic books, fire extinguisher, etc., the wise picnicker will do well to take along a few handy extras. These might include a block-and-tackle set, stomach pump, oxygen tent and a box of signal flares. Oldtimers in the picnic game (known as Seasoned Troops) also warn against packing the first-aid kit near the food box. Mosquitoes on a mosquito bite seldom does any good.

A word of advice should be dropped here about the picnic table. All picnic tables, whether the creaky kind that collapse at the slightest touch or the solid kind made out of four-foot-thick logs, are all booby traps. If you're overweight and over 35 it takes nearly all your eating strength just to get seated. And, like as not, after a desperate five-minute struggle getting your feet up and over the bench, you find you're sitting in front of the paper cups with hordes of hungry persons between you and the food. Once packed in at a table nobody can move away from the trough without kicking the good humor out of eaters on either side. And with the adults thus immobilized, no wonder kids like picnics so well . . .

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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Upper Colorado project was authorized, but not the Fryling Pan-Arkansas project of interest in Colorado. An adverse vote in the Senate killed the proposal for a federal high dam in Hells Canyon of the Snake river. Congress did provide \$25,000,000 for Bruce's Eddy dam on the Clearwater; also \$19,800,000 for improvement of Yaquina bay and river (beneficial for Georgia-Pacific's new kraft mill on the Yaquina).

The administration had its hardest fight over foreign aid. Asking for \$4.9 billion it was granted only \$3.7 by Congress whose members were doubtful of the wisdom of the whole foreign aid policy. National defense on the other hand fared well. In fact Congress pushed onto the defense department an additional \$900,000,000 with instructions to spend it for more big bombers and missiles.

Tied up in controversy until the very end of the session a housing bill was finally passed which authorized construction of 70,000 public housing units in the next two years and continues the former FHA program. Federal flood insurance was also approved.

One casualty of the closing night was the bill to moderate the tight restrictions on immigration imposed by the McCarran-Walter act. It passed the senate, but Walter succeeded in blocking it in the house.

The house also defeated the Senate-passed bill to spend \$400,000,000 for plants to develop power from atomic energy. Private utilities fought this extension of public power, and the administration and AEC opposed it. Another bill defeated in the

### Washington Mirror

## Vote Trading Big Factor in Hells Canyon

By A. ROBERT SMITH

Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON — A major factor in the outcome of the dramatic Hells Canyon dam fight in the Senate last week was the anxiety of some southern Democrats to trade their votes on the bill with anyone who would pledge to stand with them against the civil rights bill.

Southerners found a willing taker in Sen. Herman Welker (R-Ida.), a Hells Canyon opponent, after being turned down flat by Senator Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), who was chief sponsor of the high dam bill. And in the end, seven southern Democrats (plus Frear of Delaware) joined Republicans in killing the Hells Canyon bill—more than enough to seal its death warrant.

Welker has a key post from which to make such trades, for he is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee to which all civil rights legislation is referred. The committee chairman is Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), a leading opponent of civil rights bills.

During the stretch drive on Hells Canyon when the Democratic leadership in the Senate was using full pressure to line up all Democrats for the bill, Eastland reportedly went to Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.), the Democratic floor leader, and said in substance:

"I'd like to go along with you on Hells Canyon but I can't go back on Welker, because he has promised to stick with me on civil rights."

When Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) was approached by representatives of rural electric co-ops in Georgia and urged to support Hells Canyon, reportedly his reply was that he would be pleased to do so if Morse would go along with him in preventing Senate action on civil rights legislation. Morse turned him down cold.

Both incidents occurred during the week-long debate in the House at the opposite end of the Capitol on the administration-backed civil rights bill, which southern lawmakers were doing their best to block. Even though it appeared certain the civil rights bill would never get through the Senate, where the filibuster is the major weapon of the minority, it was the hottest issue in the minds of most members of Congress from south of the Mason-Dixon line.

Several weeks prior to this, C. Girard Davidson, Democratic national committeeman from Oregon, came to town and made the rounds of southern senators, talking in their behalf of the high dam project. In his unmistakable southern drawl which he acquired honestly in his native Louisiana, Davidson never failed to point out the political significance to Wayne Morse and the party in Oregon of the outcome on Hells Canyon—a factor which could be reflected in whether Democrats control the next Congress and its committee chairmanships held by so many southerners.

"I'd like to help Wayne on this one," was the candid response of one southern senator. "But down in my state there is only one issue—that is civil rights. If Wayne would be willing to recognize that, then maybe we could reach an understanding. But I know him well enough to know that I couldn't even approach him. If I even tried, first thing he would probably do is walk onto the Senate floor and tell the world that I'd tried to make a deal with him."

Suffice it to say, Morse and his Democratic colleagues from the South never reached an understanding.

## Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

### 10 Years Ago

July 29, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Neuens and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kuebler, parents of Mr. and Mrs. John Kuebler, celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries at Dallas city park. The two couples were married a week apart. They have lived in the Liberty district and Salem since coming west.

### 25 Years Ago

July 29, 1931

Salem people, whether they know it or not, have an unusual reason for being interested in the latest pair of round-the-world fliers, Clyde E. Pangborn and Hugh Herndon, Jr. They stunted here at the Oregon state fair last fall.

### 40 Years Ago

July 29, 1916

The public bathing beach on Minto's island will be officially christened and the name chosen is "Riverside Dip." Mrs. F. S. Kurtz and Mrs. C. M. Howard were the winners for suggesting the adapted name for the beach.

## River Show Tops Grants Pass Fete

GRANTS PASS — A river fete Saturday night—a replacement for the once traditional parade through city streets—closed first-day celebration of the annual Grants Pass Gladiolus Festival.

The boats, decorated with colorful gladioli, sailed on the Rogue River opposite the city park.

### NEW VATICAN STAMPS

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican will issue two new stamps July 31 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the death of St. Ignace of Loyola. They will be of 25 and 60 lire denomination.

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Its leader was a tall, energetic Methodist missionary whose activities were destined to lay a sturdy groundwork for the moral and cultural future of the Salem area.

Appropriately, Jason Lee had been a logger before he entered the mission field which brought him to the tree-clad Oregon territory. Though his mission attempts met discouraging reversals his name became a permanent fixture in the history of the area.

The Rev. Lee and his talented band of aides established the first mission, first school, first mill and the foundations of Willamette University.

A Methodist church, a Salem street and a cemetery are Lee's name place heritage in the area he saw first 122 years ago.



REV. JASON LEE Methodist in a Melon Patch

## German Reds Sentence Trio

BERLIN — A Communist East German district court at Magdeburg sentenced a woman and two men to hard labor Saturday for military espionage, the official East German news agency ADN reported.

According to ADN, they were convicted of having delivered to "American intelligence informa-

tion regarding Soviet army units stationed in the Magdeburg area" over a period of years.

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