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Beck and Union Face Hearings

Dave Beck and his teamster top brass huddled at Galveston last Tuesday to weigh the summons for a hearing before the AFL-CIO executive council.

The council previously had suspended Beck as an AFL-CIO vice president because he took the Fifth amendment 117 times in the Senate committee hearings. It also set May 6 as date for a hearing of charges of corruption against the Teamsters' Union. The teamster board proposed to negotiate with the top council on "procedures" and said it would attend no hearing unless fair "procedures" were assured. George Meany, AFL-CIO president, rejected the idea of bargaining over procedures. So the hearings will go on as scheduled, the union itself on May 6 and Beck on May 29 before the AFL-CIO committee on ethical practices.

An ouster of Beck and his union seems certain if they fail to appear and answer charges. The AFL-CIO council seems determined to do a job of inside house-cleaning, which surely is needed to restore segments of organized labor to good repute. Meantime, Beck set fresh gossip afloat by claiming to be taking the rap to protect those who are higher up—presumably politicians whom he has backed. This sounds like an afterthought on Beck's part. His chief credo has been to protect Beck and feather his own nest. He built the Teamsters' Union into power and then exploited that power for his own benefit.

Senator McClellan has indicated that Beck may be brought back for another appearance before his committee. That might mean a fresh expose of his practices, and would give him a chance to run up his score of refusals to testify.

Superior court judges in Seattle have been nullifying a demand of the Washington bar that a grand jury probe into Beck's manipulations. The judges have parleyed on the matter but come up with no decision. A diligent prosecuting attorney would have pursued the leads offered by the Senate hearings, but no report of such action has come from Seattle. It will be unfortunate to leave the Beck-Brewster business hang on the vine indefinitely. Beck preferred to give his answers in court. There must be some way of giving him that opportunity.

Smaller Cities Share Growth

Population growth isn't the only index of stable economy, by any means, but assuming it is a major one the latest figures of the State Board of Health indicate Oregon's largest cities aren't alone in their "progress." All three cities in the 5,000-10,000 bracket in the Salem area showed gains—Dallas 11.4 per cent, Lebanon 9.8, McMinnville 5.5. Of the three cities in the 2,500-5,000 bracket, Sweet Home gained 15.2, Woodburn 14.8, Silverton held about even.

Stayton led the Mid-Valley cities in the 1,000-2,500 bracket with a 43.7 per cent increase (from 1,507 to 2,165), with Canby (27.5) and Monmouth (19.8) also showing major gains. Mt. Angel and Molalla both increased 29.8 and 4.2 respectively, with Mill City, Sheridan and Willamina recording slight decreases.

Turner topped the growth among cities in

the 500-1,000 class (21 per cent), with Siletz and Jefferson sharing in the growth and Amity, Dayton and Falls City pretty well holding their own.

Figures for the smaller towns showed St. Paul (18.6) and Sublimity (19.9) leading the parade, with Donald, Aumsville, Seio and Gervais also thriving. Idanha and Scotts Mills fell off in the 1950-57 interim, as did Gates less sharply, with Aurora and Hubbard keeping the same status. Detroit has been incorporated since 1950 and therefore has no comparable figures.

As a whole, the valley seems to have kept pace well with the state's over-all growth, markedly exceeding the average in several instances. We can certainly look for the trend to continue.

Churchill and Longevity

Sir Winston Churchill starts those with a prescription for longevity: "A lot of drinking, a lot of eating and eight or nine hours of sleep, most of it in the daytime."

At 82 he may pose as proof of the validity of his counsel, but the mortality statistics do not corroborate his recipe. Overindulgence in food and drink still is charted as a short route to the grave.

As for daytime sleeping, that is for the sluggard or the night-workers. It defies Benjamin Franklin and Horatio Alger and the ancient saw about the early bird and the worm. We wonder if Churchill has never been roused thus:

"A birdie with a yellow bill
Hopped upon the window sill,
Cocked his shining eye and said:
'Ain't you 'shamed, you sleepy-head!'"

At 82 a man must be allowed his foibles and his fantasies. Besides, Sir Winston, for his deeds and words, belongs among the heroes. If tumbler of brandy and roasts of good beef and daytime sleeping can prolong his life and keep up his mental fitness, who's to say him nay? An exceptional figure in world history, let him remain an exception to the rule of sobriety, diet and regular sleeping hours.

Slow Down and Live

It wouldn't be so bad if drivers who indulge in the "five fatal violations" had only themselves to kill or maim. But seldom in a serious accident is the guilty driver the only one hurt. Thousands who play no part in highway miscreancy die each year.

To point up that fact we have another "Slow Down and Live" campaign to start soon on a nation-wide scale. We hope it bears fruit. It can, too. Last year, Oregon was one of 17 states which reduced its highway toll during the special emphasis drive.

The "five fatal violations," by the way, are excessive speed, driving on the wrong side of the road, making a left turn in the face of oncoming traffic, passing without sufficient clearance and following too closely. Maybe we should paste those five in the driving compartment like we did the phrase "Is This Trip Necessary?" during World War II. Not very many accidents are "necessary." It's usually the "hurry complex" that brings them on. Let's help stem the slaughter.

Harris Ellsworth's name received Senate approval when presented as an appointee to the civil service commission. Following confirmation, President Eisenhower designated him as chairman of the commission. This will please his Oregon friends who regretted to see him cast adrift after serving 14 years as representative from the Fourth Oregon district. It isn't easy for a guy who has cut loose his business connections to get a new foothold after so long an absence. Moreover, the years in government provide one with a fund of knowledge and experience which often can be put to good use in some administrative department. Admittedly this is a "lame duck" appointment, but it should not be criticized out of hand on that account. Ellsworth will render conscientious service in his new office.

SEA TO SHINING SEA



Stamps in the News

By SYD KRONISH
The American Eagle with outspread wings and a soaring led of steel form the theme of the new U.S. 3 cent commemorative stamp honoring the U.S. steel industry. The color will be blue. It will be placed on first day sale May 22 at New York City.

There is a distinct possibility that in the near future the nations of western Europe may have common stamps.

Representatives of Great Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg and Switzerland recently met in Frankfurt to discuss a plan for a Western European Postal Union with common stamps for all.

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A new pocket-size philatelic item was introduced at the STAMPEX exhibition in London recently, reports Stamp magazine. It is said to be a foolproof method of measuring postmarks accurately. The name is "Phil-rule."

The new patented design, made of transparent plastic, enables collectors to get their measurements without the aid of a magnifying glass.

that this is a vertical stamp and covers should be addressed in the lower left corner, particularly when blocks are desired.

Work of the committee is to consider requests for admission to the Salem United Fund and to make recommendations about them to the UF Board of Directors. It will also begin immediately to review the 1957-58 budgets of UF member agencies.

Upon completion of the review the committee will suggest budget allocations for the next fiscal year.

Delegates from Ireland, Austria and Turkey were present at secondary conferences.

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Vice Probe Costly

PORTLAND, April 20 (AP) — Sen. Ward Cook (D-Multnomah) yesterday estimated Oregon will spend more than \$100,000 for the lengthy Multnomah County vice investigation.

2 Educators View Army In Operation

Two officials from the State Department of Education were among 3 educators who recently visited Fort Benning, Ga., to observe today's streamlined Army in operation.

The two from here were Clifford Robinson, state director of secondary education, and A. Harvey Wright of the State Division of General Education. The educators, who were at Fort Benning April 11 through 13, watched demonstrations, toured facilities and attended orientation sessions. They were guests at a formal dinner and reception.

Natural gas was first used in the United States near Fredonia, N.Y., and was moved then through hollowed out logs instead of pipes.

Like Doctrine Adds Tension

LONDON, Sunday, April 21 (UPI) — Russia has told the United States the Eisenhower Doctrine for the Middle East "cannot fail to contribute to a further aggravation of tension in that area."

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Arabs Suspicious of Ex-Rep. Richards Peddling Eisenhower's Mideast Doctrine

By Joseph Alsop

AMMAN, Jordan, April 20 — The administration of Jordan's Arab Legion is unsettled at this moment, but the Legion appears to be loyal to King Hussein. So now the American State Department offers the most immediate threat to the new government which has rescued this little country from a strong pro-Soviet trend.

The State Department's threat takes the amiable form of ex-Congressman James P. Richards. There is nothing outwardly menacing, of course, about the former chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, whom Secretary of State Dulles named as a roving ambassador in the Middle East to appease angry Senators and Representatives.

Since the methods of Madison Ave. are not well understood in the Middle East, a good many people in these parts have been a bit bewildered by the spectacle of our new roving ambassador peddling the Eisenhower Doctrine like a new brand of soap flakes.

The Egyptians and Syrians have been enraged, really, because the new doctrine will tend to benefit Iraq. But here in Jordan, Congressmen Richards is a special problem.

There are several reasons for this. In the first place, a great many people in Jordan, and throughout the Middle East, are convinced that American influence was at work somewhere behind the scenes in the amazing crisis that has just been surmounted.

It does not matter, that the schemers who wished to seal the fate of Jordan very plainly overreached themselves. It does not matter that no one had sufficiently allowed for the strong loyalty of the Bedouin tribesmen to King Hussein. It does not matter that King Hussein himself displayed a boy's storybook brand of courage.

In the Middle East, everyone is accustomed to explaining every political development in terms of the machinations of the great powers. So the explanation of American influence is preferred to the much simpler and more obvious explanation.

In the second place, everyone here all too clearly remembers the extraordinary visit of British Gen. Sir Gerald Templer, who was sent to Amman to command Jordan to join the Baghdad Pact. Templer's visit touched off the terrible riots which signaled the beginning of the end of Jordan's connection with Britain.

In the eyes of a great many people here, including a considerable number of Friends of the West, Congressman Richards is coming here to peddle the Eisenhower Doctrine looks suspiciously like Sir Gerald Templer coming here to peddle the Baghdad Pact.

In these circumstances, a Richards visit, if it materializes, will offer the large local over-supply of Egyptian and Communist agents, and nationalist left-wing demagogues, their ideal chance for a comeback.

As Congressman Richards' hosts, King Hussein and his new government will have before them only two possible alternatives: Either they must accept the risk of very serious disorders, which may well get altogether out of hand. Or they must take military and police precautions

of the most extreme nature. That would certainly be embarrassing to the government, which ought to be embarrassing to the State Department and Congressman Richards. Also the purpose of his trip may not work out in any case.

These highly unpleasant alternative results of a Richards visit have been explained to the State Department with rather desperate insistence. The suggestion has been made that Congressman Richards can just possibly omit Jordan from his itinerary.

But as these words are being written, the State Department's powerfully reasoned answer still stands; that it is better Congressman Richards come and be refused, than for Congressman Richards not to come at all.

Perhaps this answer will have been changed before these words can be printed. But the story of the Richards menace and the State Department's handling of the Richards menace still contains two vital morals for the American Middle-Eastern policymakers.

The first is the simple fact that in this increasingly complicated area, it is not possible to make national policy successfully with one eye on the ball and the other on Congress. Both eyes on the ball are essential.

As for the second moral, it is not very difficult either. All we want in Jordan is for that country to remain independent, to avoid becoming either an outright Egyptian satellite or a pro-Soviet stooge, and to refrain from the popular Middle-Eastern sport of kicking the West in the belly. To get this, it is not necessary to ask Jordan to adhere to doctrines, declarations, preambles or oaths. Both sides keeping their mouths shut is the wiser course.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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his achievement of a richer, fuller life?

And in consequence, has personal religion become chiefly a cursory recognition of signs and symbols, without reaching into the depths of one's being to guide, to strengthen, to inspire him?

The religion of Jesus Christ rests not on symbols—he scolded those who looked for a "sign." To my mind it rests not on single events, but primarily on the message which Jesus taught. The essence of that is found in His admonition to "love one another," in the beatitudes, in His "do unto others," in the prayer which He left as a model, in parables as of the Good Samaritan, in His conversation with the woman at the well, in His touch of healing.

His crucifixion did not destroy that message. The resurrection served to dramatize it, and to fire with zeal His disciples. The epitome of the gospel narrative lies in the words of the young man who greeted the sorrowing first comers to the tomb: "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has risen. He is not here."

That reversed their sense of gloom and of defeat into triumph, into confidence in themselves as missionaries for the Christian gospel. Under that inspiration their successors through the ages have proclaimed that message to all mankind, the message of God's love as revealed in Christ, which makes love the binding link among all mankind.

Time Flies: From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago
April 21, 1947
Joyce Terrault, a student at Prospect school, and Ronald Lettich, a student at Salem Heights school, were judged Marion County's healthiest girl and boy in a 4-H club contest.

40 Years Ago
April 21, 1917
Rev. A. A. Moore, Catholic of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church and chaplain of the Oregon State Penitentiary, was found dead at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland. He was 55 years old and had presided over the local parish since 1905.

25 Years Ago
April 21, 1932
Justice and Mrs. Harry Bell, accompanied by their daughter, left for Washington, D.C. to attend the annual meeting of the American Law Institute. Some of the greatest legal minds in the nation speak at this convention.

The last day for play for the Mrs. Ersel Kay trophy cup will be observed by women of the Salem Golf club. Mrs. Curtis Cross won the blind hole tournament and also took sweepstakes award.

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