

Hal Boyle Outdoes the Experts In Picking the 'Best' of 1946

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK—(AP)—This is the silly season when asserted experts draw a bead on the waning year and nominate the ten best-dressed seed catalogs or pick the twelve and a half prettiest firehoses they would like to sit on a flagpole with.

Not to be outdone in any intellectual salad-tossing race, I have gone to considerable expense—time is money—and much hectic brain waving to compile an all-time list of nominations to end nominations.

Hold on to your hat! Here we go.
The best book to throw at a cat—"Smithsonian Physical Tables," be sure you get the eighth revised edition.

The thing I hate most to walk behind—short fat ladies in long thick fur coats.

The women who best keep her beauty—the lady on the White Rock bottles.

The one I would like most to see in a wrestling ring with Primo Carnarina—Gargantua.

The person I most hated to see grow up—Shirley Temple.

The man whose eyes look most like an eagle's—Jimmy Doolittle.

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The thing I would most like to see Fiorello La Guardia in—knickers.

What worries me more than a giraffe with laryngitis—radio commentators without laryngitis.

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End Unbalance Of Power, Taft's Views on Labor

By MAX HALL
(Associated Press Labor Reporter)
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Bob Taft states the philosophy underlying much of the labor legislation that will be debated in the new congress.

"The general labor question," he said in an interview, "is correcting an unbalance of power."

The Ohio Republican, who may have more to say about labor bills than any other man in the senate, said that "formerly the employer had all the power, but because of laws, court decisions and administrative actions, it has shifted completely to the labor side."

Union leaders angrily deny that unions ever gained more bargaining power than corporations. Their voices will be heard, but not so strongly as before.

Labor law proposals fall roughly into these groups:

1. Re-passage of the Case bill, which President Truman vetoed last June.

2. Rewriting of the Wagner act of 1935, which unions call "Labor's Magna Carta."

3. Outlawing the closed shop.

4. Miscellaneous other curbs to make unions more accountable for their actions.

5. Settling major disputes and outlawing strikes that vitally affect the public. This important subject is a story in itself.

The present article will deal only with the first four groups.

Senator Taft opposes any bill to prohibit strikes. He says he is "open-minded" about banning the closed shop. He will support some—by no means all—of the other proposals.

Taft said: "The purpose of our policy is to adjust the balance so as to put collective bargaining on an equal basis—so that both sides will be inclined to accept reasonable solutions. There is no single panacea. It is just a question of reversing enough of these things to get the situation on an even keel."

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Statehouse All 'Spick and Span' For Legislature Opening Jan. 13

By ELDON BARRETT
SALEM—(AP)—The statehouse is beginning to shine like a battle cruiser on Navy Day, and it won't be long before the legislative navigators are charting the course the Oregon ship of state is to take the next two years.

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., the official capitol "quartermaster," has had a crew of painters, janitors, carpenters and other maintenance men busy for several weeks re-decorating committee rooms, the House and Senate chambers and other office quarters. Even the laboratories have been retouched.

Cuspidors twinkle like silver jingle bells. Brasswork on the doors and windows show the effects of laborious polishing. Floors are scrubbed and freshly waxed. Chandeliers are dusted.

Some of the smaller departments, such as the postwar readjustment and development commission, are doubling up with other departments to provide space for new men, committees, and special servants of the legislature.

Nameplates on the legislative desks are being corrected. Supplies have been ordered and are stacked in the supply room awaiting the when the legion of legislators, lobbyists and newsmen depends upon the statehouse during the session, which starts Monday, Jan. 13.

Each legislator also receives stamps, subscriptions to any five newspapers of his choice, telephone and telegraph service, typewriters to use during the big pow-wow, and transportation expenses. These items and services are paid by the Oregon taxpayers.

Also for the convenience of the legislators, Farrell is operating an unorthodox housing agency in an attempt to find living quarters for the 90 lawmakers in house-hungry Salem.

So far Farrell has had about as much luck finding housing facilities as an unemployed panhandler with 10 kids and a Russian wolfhound.

Observers Forecast Move To Stop Dewey in GOP Race

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Pilots' Laxity Said Cause of Air Crashes

SHANGHAI—(AP)—Inability of air line pilots to use radar equipment was cited Friday as the principal cause of triple transport crashes which killed 70 persons and injured 18 others here Christmas night.

The three planes, operated by the China National Aviation Corp. and the China Air Transport Co., all crashed on the outskirts of Shanghai Christmas evening after vainly trying to reach Kiangwan airport in a blinding fog.

There was a possibility that at least 10 more persons may have died aboard a fourth plane now missing 48 hours.

Lt. (J. G.) C. D. Allen, of San Diego, Cal., who was operating Navy GCA (ground control approach) radar equipment at Kiangwan in an effort to guide the lost planes, said two Navy planes and one CNAC aircraft were successfully guided in during the fog.

Allen said the Navy recently offered to instruct CNAC and CATC pilots in the use of radar equipment but "only two pilots out of all those employed by the two airlines took advantage of the offer."

Meanwhile, American and Chinese doctors were frantically trying to save the seriously injured Capt. Rolf Brandt Preus, of Minneapolis, pilot of one of the crashed planes. The worst injured were given blood plasma donated to the hospital by UNRA, but Preus was given only a small chance of recovery.

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No consular official was present aboard ship when the incident took place.

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Since then, Cooke and Navy officers who were present have confirmed the accuracy of the report of the ultimatum.

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State Department's Version Of Dairen Affair Questioned

By WILLIAM H. NEWTON
SHANGHAI—(AP)—The announcement by a State Department spokesman in Washington that a U. S. Navy courier ship at Dairen was not given a Soviet ultimatum to get out will come as a distinct surprise to U. S. Navy officials and others who were aboard when the incident took place last Friday.

The senior Navy officer aboard Capt. Edgar L. Yates, Portland, Ore., reported to Adm. Charles M. Cooke, Jr., commander of the Seventh Fleet, in my presence that an ultimatum had been given by Soviet military officials "to leave within 20 minutes or we will not be responsible for the consequences."

Cooke cabled the Navy Department and referred to the report of the incident which had been released to the combined world press stating the report was "factually correct." (That report was Newton's first story of the incident.)

In his official written report of the trip to Dairen, Yates also referred to the Soviet ultimatum. Interpreter's Statement

Ens. Tilghmann B. Koons, Plainfield, N. J., U. S. Navy officer who interpreted the Russian order for Yates, told me the Soviets had made their position emphatically clear and that a translation was, in effect, "if you do not leave within 20 minutes we will not be responsible for the consequences."

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