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Who's Right This Time?

The man who writes most of the headlines in our favorite newspaper seemed properly crushed Saturday when he was called on his use of the term "skid row" in a headline referring to a disastrous Chicago fire.

With an air of great superiority, one staff member told the poor fellow that it was "skid road," not "skid row," to which he referred.

The headline-writer came back to show one and all that the big United Press, whose story on the catastrophe The Bulletin and most of the other small dailies in the state used, had said "skid row" in the story.

This, he was told, is no excuse. All good headline-writers should know that the improper term was used in the wire story, correct that story and use the proper term in the headline. Particularly should this be true of a headline-writer from a community which depends in large part on the logging industry, like the area where the proper term got its start.

But this fellow is persistent. Monday and Tuesday, when the papers from around the state began to come into the office, he looked them over and pretty soon he was back again.

"Look here," he said triumphantly.

And, whatta ya know, of all the out-state newspapers which used the term in headlines, only two used it properly, as "skid road" instead of "skid row." Those two were the dailies published at Astoria and Coos Bay.

And only the Astoria paper corrected the spelling in the wire story itself.

And so comes the problem. Who is right?

For many years workers on newspaper copy desks have been warned to watch for the term, to make sure they use "skid road" when they mean "skid road." In spite of this, however, the other term has been creeping into newspapers and magazines and over the air with increasing frequency.

Perhaps the wrong term has been used so often that the majority of the people believe it is right. Could be.

Learn the Correct Way

A Central Oregon father Sunday was discussing the "learn to shoot" program being conducted by Bend Police Chief John Truett.

(In case you're not familiar with the program, Truett conducts two classes concurrently. One is for boys 8-12, the other for lads 12-16. He teaches the youngsters the proper methods of handling guns safely, and the boys actually fire weapons on an indoor range at the National Guard armory. The smaller boys work with BB guns, the older group practices with .22 caliber rifles. One large group finished the course a few weeks ago, another will start in a few more days. Anyone interested in registering his or her son can do so by calling Truett at the Bend Police department, 1492.)

"I think it's a fine idea, but I'm not sure Billy is old enough," said the father. "He's only eight, and I don't want him to start handling guns yet. He's eager to have a BB gun, keeps pestering me for one, but so far I've told him 'no'."

The boy's mother had been listening during this time, and then broke in with:

"You may not want him to start handling guns, but he has already. One of the neighborhood boys has a BB gun, and Billy shoots it once in a while."

Which, to us, points up the big value of Truett's program.

Boys are going to handle guns occasionally, whether or not they own one. It would seem much more desirable to have a youngster learn how to handle a firearm the proper way, learning good safety practices from a competent instructor, than to have a tragic accident occur or to have parents face bills for damage caused.

The training program to date has been carried on entirely by the police department, at the expense of the department. Anyone who is desirous of giving members of the police force a helping hand with some of the expenses is invited to drop off a check at the Bend police department. There's even 15 minutes of free parking in front of the door.

School Name Needed?

What about a name for the new Bend high school?

At present the million dollar structure that will soon take shape in the southeast part of town is being referred to as the senior high school. The building to be vacated will be known, presumably, as the junior high school.

Gradually as the names become attached to the buildings and take on a bit of dignity, they will be capitalized as the Bend Senior High School and the Bend Junior High School.

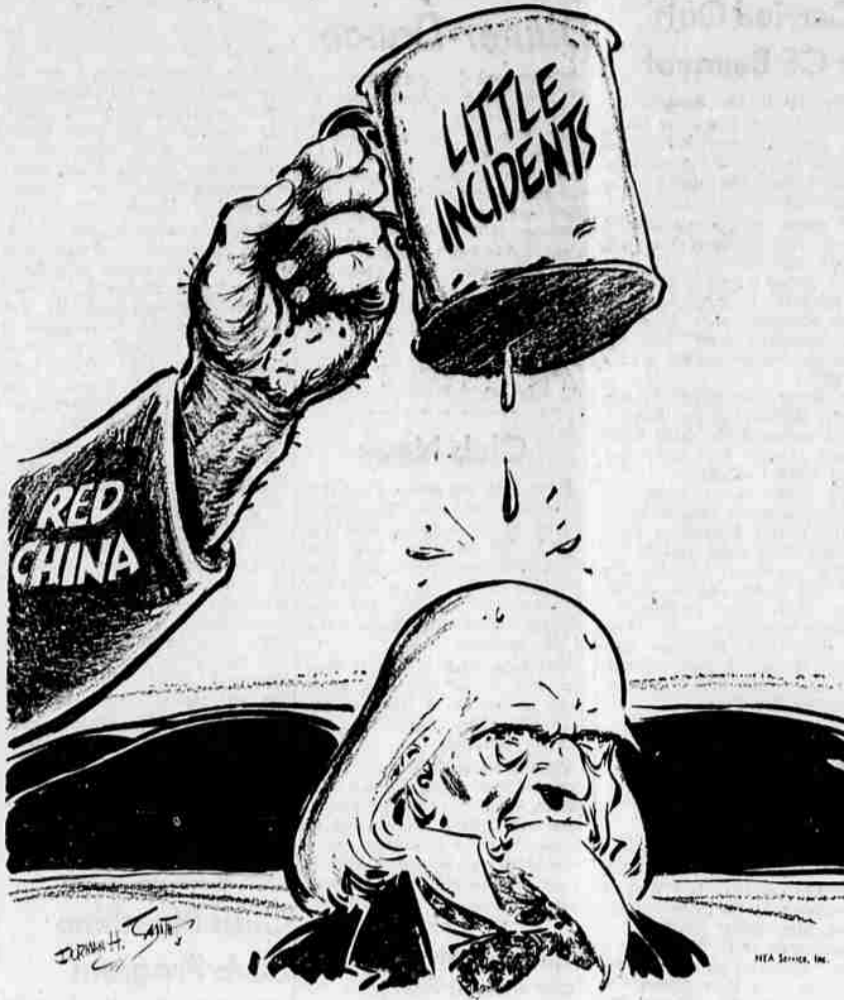
Both names are a bit long. Of course the new plant can be referred to as the Bend High School. But that is a name that has been attached to the present building, in downtown Bend, for three decades. There may be some confusion, for a period of years.

There has been a tendency in metropolitan areas to attach the names of presidents to high schools, with Washington apparently leading the list. In other cities, like Salem, the location determines the name of new schools.

Bend, of course, will only have one senior high school. Possibly it is best that it be known as Bend High School, with the "senior" part understood. "Bend Union Senior High School" would not do.

Residents of the community may have other ideas. The Bulletin will find space for all wishing to express their views in letters.

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Edson in Washington

'Uncle' Footing Bill, As Usual

By PETER EDSON

NEA Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON — (NEA) — The United States is having to foot a large share of the Viet Nam refugee relief and resettlement programs, although this government took no part in the Geneva, Switzerland, conference which ended the fighting in Indochina.

In spite of this lack of official connections with the Indochinese situation, the U. S. Foreign Operations Administration has allocated \$35 million for relief of non-Communist refugees fleeing from the Red-controlled northern Vietnam area to the free southern area.

Part of this money will go to reimburse the U. S. Navy for helping move these refugees. And another \$25 million of FOA money has been allocated for commercial imports of supplies needed to build up the free Viet Nam economy.

The irony of the situation is that the U. S. must continue to pay the costs of a deal it took no part in making.

Next step in the Eisenhower administration's drive to get the U. S. government out of competition with private industry is expected to be a Department of Defense directive taking decision over the fate of its manufacturing and servicing operations out of the hands of the secretaries of Army, Navy and Air Force.

Assistant Secretary of Defense Thomas P. Pike, in charge of supply and logistics, has recommended this step to Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson. Since the three service secretaries have shown an inclination to hang on to their business-type enterprises, the idea is to end their control and give it to Secretary Wilson.

Another step to be taken later will be to close out the revolving funds under which many of these operations are kept going from year to year without appropriation. No one knows for sure how much money is in these funds. The total has been estimated at from \$2 billion to \$6 billion.

Turning this amount of money back to the Treasury could be enough to wipe out the next year's government deficit and balance the budget.

Korean ambassador to Washington, Dr. You Chan Yang, is hardly one for diplomatic niceties when he has something to say.

"We are witnessing weird doings on the part of individuals and nations which we thought were on our side," he declared recently. "We are asked to embrace concepts which are beguiling and so-

ductive to many. 'Coexistence' is one of these. They even throw in an adjective ahead of it. They call it 'peaceful' coexistence.

"Well, to use an American slang expression," said the scrappy little ambassador, "that, my friends, is the bunk."

Civil Service Commission's special program to find new jobs for fired—or "riffed"—government employees let go because of a reduction in force has placed some 7000 persons since it began operations in June, 1953.

The Separated Career Employees program, as it's called, is currently trying to locate positions for over 1500 unemployed Civil Service career workers.

Since Jan. 31, 1953, shortly after the Republican administration took over, there have been over 155,000 government employees let go. Not quite 10 per cent, or 14,000 put in applications with the SCE to find new jobs, but 5500 canceled these applications. Another 1200, approximately, found new jobs for themselves in government on their own initiative, or they were transferred to new jobs within their own agency.

Approximately 430 government career workers are placed in new jobs every month. The main purpose of the SCE program has been to keep trained and experienced workers in the government, if they are qualified for jobs in other agencies.

Vojtech Bares, a Czechoslovak factory official related in a recent issue of the Czech publication Svet Prace how he learned to handle the thorny problem of socialist criticisms at factory meetings. As translated by Free Europe Press, this is the story:

At first Bares made the mistake of criticizing a comrade. This pleased the other workers, but the criticized comrade refused to speak to him afterward. Bares then un-

dertook to praise the same comrade at the next meeting. The two became reconciled. But Bares then found himself ostracized by other workers.

Finally Bares got up and criticized himself. He was given a standing ovation by the entire factory work force.

In conclusion, Bares wrote: "Thus I recommend to you. Neither criticize nor praise, but indulge thoroughly in self-criticism, and you will become a hero — as I have."

A mole can dig a tunnel at the rate of 15 feet an hour and such tunnels have been traced to the length of a half mile.

Graham Organization Disputes Debunkers' Figures

By ARTHUR HIGBEE

United Press Staff Correspondent
LONDON (UP) — How many of the converts who declared their faith at evangelist Billy Graham's big London crusade last year have stayed converted?

This question was causing lively discussion in London today as Graham prepared for a "return engagement" of the evangelical meetings a year ago which drew 1,827,789 spectators and made 34,641 converts.

"Independent surveys" have been publicized saying only 15 per cent of Graham's converts were active churchgoers a year after making their "decision for Christ."

Lorne Sanny, Graham's "assistant director of follow up," was amazed.

"I'd like to know where they got those figures," he said. "We have a big statistics department, and it's all we can do to keep track of converts for three months after they make their decision."

Own Statistics

Disclosing the Graham organization's own statistics for the first time, Sanny said it appeared two thirds of the converts stayed converted for at least three months.

He said that of the 34,641 converts who signed up during the three months of Graham's crusade last spring, clergymen sent the Graham team "signed receipts" for 23,595. This number of converts had followed through by contacting a local church.

The clergymen reported that 20,350 of these, or 86 per cent, were attending church three months later. Another 2209, or 10 per cent, had declared an intention to start going to church, while 1036 or four per cent had "fallen away."

Sanny said the Graham team had decided to release its figures with misgivings. They might be misunderstood.

"Obviously," said Sanny, who is 34 and a native of Le Mars, Ia.,

"the only converts we can report on are those the churches tell us about."

American Figures

How do the "follow up" statistics for London compare with those available on Graham's activity in America?

In Chattanooga, Tenn., Sanny said, local clergymen reported on 73 per cent of the converts and said 93 per cent of these were attending church or in contact with a church three months afterward.

In Detroit, churches sent replies on 57 per cent of the converts, and 82 1/2 per cent of these were going to church or expecting to.

Sanny and his chief, Dawson Trotman, made a career of the "follow up" after a Graham appearance in a city. They are president and vice president of "The Navigators," a worldwide organization.

Billy recruited us for his organization four years ago," Sanny explained. "He was lying awake nights worrying about whether the people he converted were staying converted."

"As Billy says, evangelism is only five per cent of the job. Follow up is the other 95 per cent. Billy tries to set the converts on the right path. It's up to the churches to lead them along that path."

Muskegon Cops Give Real Action

MUSKEGON, Mich. — (UP) — When a woman called the suburban Roosevelt police station for help, she got plenty of it.

Four police chiefs, two patrolmen and the county safety director answered her distress call.

The chiefs, who had just attended a meeting, were having coffee in a restaurant near the gas station from where the woman made her call. The officer on the desk who got the woman's call immediately telephoned the restaurant and Police Chief Eugene Brothers of Roosevelt, Chief Don Vietenheimer of Muskegon Township, Chief John J. Eilers of Montague, Chief Fred Castenholz of Muskegon, County Safety Director Louis Meisch and two patrolmen went into action.

The woman told them her boy friend had threatened to kill her and they arrested him as he tried to get rid of a gun, police said.

Future Growth Mapped by Area

MEXICALI, Mex. — (UP) — The government of the state of Lower California has signed an agreement with a firm of engineers to prepare a detailed study of the state and advise on how improvements must be made.

Gov. Braulio Maldonado signed the contract with Ingenieria y Arquitectura Internacionales, a Mexican corporation associated with the Washington firm of Thomas B. Bourne.

The list of items to be studied include the construction of super-highways throughout the state, development of hydro-electric power, water resources, sewage disposal and a storm drainage.

Results of the survey will be used as a guide to the government and as a means of bringing foreign capital into the state.

PURSE RETURNED

HAGERSTOWN, Ind. — (UP) — Mrs. James Nelson, who lost her purse nine years ago, got it back recently. It was in a package in her mailbox addressed to her in her maiden name. As far as she could recall nothing was missing.

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