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## Those High School Text Books

(Fourth in a Series)

The State Federation of Labor has underscored its objections to two state textbooks in a mimeographed listing of passages considered anti-union.

The two page compilation cites several passages from each of the blacklisted texts to substantiate a claim of bias. And taken without reference to the complete chapter or whole section from whence taken, the passages do offer a grim impression of anti-unionism.

But re-inserted into the general context of the book, the alleged slanting rights itself to marked degree and the supposed bias fades.

At least so we found on reading the chapters on unionism in the two books.

It's not that those reviewing the texts for the AFL slipped loaded phrases from sentences or employed other propaganda stunts to impart a feeling of bias, but rather, they apparently didn't look dispassionately at the larger, over-all picture presented in a chapter.

Their edgy sensitivity to possible criticism, their reaction words that outside the quiet realm of scholarship have taken on charged meanings prompted them to judge hastily, to criticize too quickly.

Though the passages quoted by the federation in its compilation were complete and matched perfectly with the books, they nonetheless seem to give a false and exaggerated impression.

When the single passages are clothed again in all the detailed and complex explanation given in each of the texts, they lose the distortion of bias or purposeful slanting.

Particular criticism is lodged against the books for what the federation terms over-emphasis of undesirable union practices.

In the criticisms of both books, the federation charges that the authors feature unsavory aspects of the union movement while playing down and obscuring its vital purposes and goals.

Of one of the criticized texts, the federation writes: "In general (the book) emphasizes the undesirable practices of unions but fails to bring out their value. For example, in discussing racketeering, the author admits that 'labor unions as a whole condemn racketeering' and then gives a half page to describing practices which, by his own admission, are not common among labor unions."

Of the other: "In discussion the objectionable practices of unions, such as 'feather-bedding,' 'racketeering,' and 'dictatorial and undemocratic procedures,' the authors make it appear that these are the common practices of unions whereas they are practiced only by a small minority."

No where in our reading of the texts, could we find it even hinted that these practices are common among all unions. Quite to the contrary the authors of both books are careful to point out that discreditable activity is not widespread.

But, as one of the texts points out, "these practices point to dangers that could wreck the labor movement."

The reason for including a brief discussion of these black practices is to warn students of what can happen should unscrupulous leaders grasp control of a union organization.

Generally, the discussion given the history and development of unionism in this country seems quite fair in both texts. The high, social idealism of unions is well and emphatically expressed.

True, at times the texts falter in their clarity and sureness of expression, creating vague fears that the authors might be slipping off the narrow track of objectivity.

An example would be this sentence from one of the two criticized texts:

"The company union came into being to bring self-government into the factory and restore friendly relations with the employer."

Possibly this is true in some cases. But in others, as any hep union man will tell you, the chief inspiration for the company union was the hope of splitting organized unions.

Several tardy paragraphs later in the textbook suggests the union side of the argument and quotes Sen. Wagner, benefactor of the labor movement.

The separation of the startling sentence and the union's counter argument could be considered poor organization, but hardly deliberate slanting. Surely if an author intended to give a rosy picture of company unionism as opposed to organized labor he hardly would have elsewhere pointed out union's argument.

Vigorous criticism, as could be expected, is aimed at sections dealing with the controversial, politically loaded Taft-Hartly law. No matter how careful the author, how thorough the editors and publishers, any article or book mentioning this tender topic would probably suggest bias to some reader.

That is unless the material has been so written and edited that it has been denuded of controversy and made as nourishing and tasteful as a glass of water.

(Tomorrow, conclusion.)

## Quotable Quotes

Women teachers who ought to wear girdles should do so. — Stanley Morgan, president, Salt Lake City, Utah, Teachers' Association.

If peace doesn't come, there will be no world left. You are listening to one who knows what he is talking about. — Former President Truman.

## "Tell Me, Frankly, Now, Chum, Are You Running?"



## Edson in Washington

### California Swing Set by Nixon

By PETER EDSON  
NEA Washington Correspondent  
WASHINGTON — (NEA) — Right after Vice President Richard M. Nixon gets back from his tour of the Caribbean countries in March, he's going out to California on another type of good-will mission.

This will be an attempt to unite all factions of California Republicans and take measures to prevent a big party split in 1956.

Here in Washington, Vice President Nixon and Sen. William F. Knowland let on that there is no rivalry between them. Such warfare as exists today is characterized as feuding between factions that know one man better than the other, or that think they stand better chances of getting jobs by going all-out for one or the other favorite.

One curious sidelight of the situation is that Mrs. Nixon and Mrs. Knowland are good friends. They talk over the supposed rivalry of their husbands and get pretty indignant about it, wanting to write letters to the editors to deny publicly that there is bad blood between them.

While this makes lovely peace talk, cynical political observers are betting all this harmony will vanish if President Eisenhower decides not to run again.

Neither Californian will discuss what will happen if Ike doesn't run, but they are trying to let on that they won't be rivals for the number one job.

Also, all the peace talk overlooks the importance of Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, the real power in the state since ex-Gov. Earl Warren became chief justice of the U.S.

The Pentagon has been having a private crime wave on the huge parking lots which surround the Department of Defense headquarters. Metropolitan Park Police, who guard the area, are finding it difficult to break up the abuses.

Last month 32 cars were stolen and 48 cars were broken into. Favorite tick of the thieves is to take the jack out of the back of a car and steal one tire and the spare.

All Pentagon employees have been

warned to lock their cars and keep anything of value out of sight. But breaking in and stealing still persists.

Sen. Robert Kerr (D., Okla.), in a political newsletter to his state the other day, mentioned that Mrs. Eisenhower had been particularly attracted by the hat worn by a lady guest at a White House reception.

Senator Kerr says that it was reported to him that Mamie exclaimed to the woman, "My dear, that cute hat. Turn around and let me see it." The hat was described for the senator as "Quite a fetching thing—a small dressy hat made of black velvet and gold lame, trimmed in bugle beads and topped by miniature antennae from which tangled little gold tassels."

"You know," Senator Kerr told his constituents, "if such an individual antenna device could be actually used for broadcasting, instead of receiving, I might want to get one for myself."

"Anxious to protect their subsidies and scuttle all independent competition, the big trunk airlines are spending some of their profits to wine and dine Senate aides. . . .

In a series of 'nonpartisan' meetings—cocktails, dinner and propaganda," says the Aircoach Transport Association newsletter.

"Since the Civil Aeronautics Board allows the scheduled airlines to charge their dues to the Air Transport Assn. into their mail-pay base," the letter continues, "it will really be the taxpayers who will help pay for the dinner, the menu of which might read like this:

- Purve Monopoly
- Prime Ribs of Mailpay,
- Rich Gravy
- Potatoes a la Treasury
- Dolland Greens
- Lettuce, Inter-Island Dressing
- Sparkling Franchise, 1958
- Chocolate Profitroler
- Big Four Cookies
- Demi Tasse
- (for Local Service Lines)
- Corona Pan Am.

"After dinner, the usual act, practiced many times across the country, is to denounce the inde-

## County Placed In Support Area

Oregon's civil defense plans have been revised as a result of the recently released information as to the hydrogen bomb's area of destruction, CD workers have announced.

"In event of an H-bomb attack on Portland, the area of total destruction would be three miles in radius," the announcement states. This zone has a daytime population of approximately 335,000. Other damage zones, ranging from heavy to slight extend well into adjacent counties for a distance of 12 miles.

Portland, formerly designated a target city, is now considered an "aiming point" for a critical target area covering four counties.

Due to the threat of radiological fallout and possible destruction of dams, all Columbia river counties are now included in the "danger area."

Deschutes, Benton, Jefferson, Lincoln, Linn, Lane and Polk counties are in the "immediate support area," and the remainder of the state is designated as the "support area."

Mobile teams and other resources would be drawn from all of Oregon and from Idaho.

Independent airlines in ringing tones. . . .

Dr. Allen V. Astin, director of the National Bureau of Standards, was rehearsing a demonstration of new methods for measuring minute differences in temperatures prior to an open-house exhibit.

Several pieces of hot and cold iron were being used, but in arranging them, they got mixed up.

Not wishing to burn himself, the scientist announced: "And now you will have a demonstration of heat measurement without the benefit of instruments." Thereupon he wet his finger and proceeded to touch the pieces of iron, finding the hot ones by the sizzle.

## Letters

To the Editor:  
In January before leaving on an extended trip I undertook a bit of writing exercise on a subject then under discussion. Now the expected has happened and, possibly, the January writing may be found of interest.

Here it is:  
"It is strange that there is so much uncertainty about the party designation under which Wayne Morse will seek re-election to the Senate next year. It is true, of course, that he still clings to his Independent label and refuses to say what his 1956 course will be. He is voting with the Democrats in the Senate and thereby has bought himself some good committee appointments and so long as playing 'hard to get' brings prizes and publicity Morse will play."

"Nevertheless, and in spite of this current coyness we predict with confidence that come 1956 Morse will ask for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator. In short, he will run as a Democrat."

"This confidence of ours is based on an examination of the Morse record and, in particular, on an application of the Morse formula. This formula, unique with Morse, operates with the same certainty as does, say, Gresham's law in finance or Boyle's law in physics. "A single example gives one the idea."

"In 1952 Morse campaigned vigorously for the nomination of Dwight D. Eisenhower as the Republican presidential candidate. After the nomination he wrote to Eisenhower promising to throw himself with all his vigor into the campaign to help him and Nixon. "As a liberal Republican," he wrote, "I am proud to support you."

"He supported Stevenson. "Now about the candidacy for the Senate."

"Speaking in the Senate on April 24, 1953 Morse said: 'Mr. President, when 1956 comes, the people of my state will pass judgment again, and at that time I will be running on the Independent ticket.' "Just over two weeks later, on May 10, Morse appeared on the 'Meet The Press' radio program. Peter Edson, the NEA columnist, was one of the question-asking newsmen on the program and he put this question to Morse: 'Senator,' Edson said, 'you're up for re-election again in 1956; will you run?' And Morse's prompt answer was: 'I shall run and I shall run as an Independent.'"

"There's the record. Now apply the Morse formula. Morse will run as a Democrat."

ROBERT W. SAWYER  
Bend, Oregon  
Feb. 16, 1955

## Leahy Diaries Go to Library

WASHINGTON — (UP) — Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy has presented the Library of Congress with 15 diaries covering 55 years of his fabulous career.

The diaries of the former chief of staff, to be restricted in use until 25 years after his death, cover the period between 1897 and 1952. They were presented by Leahy himself to L. Quincy Mumford, librarian of Congress.

Included in the 15 volumes, besides personal notes made by Leahy, are original letters, photographs, autographs, and signed documents. The papers, all of them unofficial, trace Leahy's career from his graduation from the Naval Academy in 1897 through the turbulent years of World War II when he served as chief of staff to President Roosevelt.

FINED

ATLANTA (UP)—Alderman Ed A. Gilliam was fined \$4 on the first offense of speeding.

Gilliam is chairman of the City Police Committee.



## Ila S. Grant's Sage Brushings

This is going to be mostly about dogs. Jiggs, the near-Britanny, is the star of the piece. That boy Jiggs is one of our favorite characters. And we hope that we are his favorite characters. We do our best to keep him from realizing he's a dog, and I think he has forgiven us for being people. We get along fine.

Jiggs sits on the floor and eats dog food, and we sit at a table and eat people-food. We knock ourselves out trying to make a living, and Jiggs knocks himself out having a good time. Basically, you see, we're just about the same.

Jiggs is well into middle age, and we treat him with the respect due our elders. We talk to him when he looks sad, play with him when he feels cheerful, and open the door when he wants in or out, which is just about all the time.

Roughly, he is about halfway on the road to being a canine centenarian. He is about eight and a half, and that corresponds to about 50 years for a human.

Every year about this time, we buy Jiggs a shiny piece of jewelry. It's called a dog license. We fasten it to a collar, and put the collar on his neck. That means that Jiggs is free to enjoy the pleasures of his small world for another year.

Every year about this time, we fill out a long questionnaire. It's called an income tax blank. We stuff it in an envelope, and put the envelope in the mail. That means that we are free to enjoy the pleasures of our small world for another year.

March 1 is the deadline for buying your dog licenses, kiddies. After that they cost more money, and

if your pooch gets caught without proof of a license, it's worse than that. You can buy a lot of dog biscuits for the cost of the fine.

When I mentioned that Jiggs is sort of a semi-centenarian, it wasn't just an idle thought that came to me from nowhere. A dog research organization in New York is most anxious to know about all the canine centenarians in this area and elsewhere, and has asked the cooperation of this newspaper in locating them.

The information will be used in connection with a projected scientific study that the sponsors say may mean much to the greater well-being of dogs and perhaps also of humans.

To qualify as a "canine centenarian," a dog must be at least 17 years of age, according to our correspondent.

Persons owning or knowing of dogs 17 years old and over, whose exact age can be substantiated, should drop a postcard to the Gaines Dog Research Center, 250 Park Avenue, New York 17, N.Y., listing the breed, sex, date of birth or when acquired, present age and the name and address of the owner. The Center will acknowledge each such card by forwarding a questionnaire designed to ascertain the essential data required for the scientific study.

If you call your dog "Old Boy," maybe you're righter than you realized.

Tomorrow is Pancake Tuesday, and dogs like pancakes, too. How about a short stack?

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## Board Rejects Increase in Pay

Special to The Bulletin  
PRINEVILLE — Crook county school board members at their recent meeting turned down a request for pay increases in teachers' salaries, and said that they would continue present rates for at least another year.

Other actions of the board included the appointment of Dr. James R. Dreher to fill the unexpired term of board member held by Harold H. Henninger who recently resigned following his transfer to the Portland office of P.P.&L. Company.

Action on the hiring of a juvenile officer was tabled pending the decision of the City Council on the matter. Such an officer would not only serve as City and County truant officer, during the school term, but would serve as a youth advisor and supervisor of activities during the summer.

PET TROUBLE

AUSTIN, Tex. — (UP) — Jay Caldwell had a ready explanation when police asked him why his automobile left the road, smashed into a brick wall and overturned. He said that a pet raccoon, riding on his shoulder, gave him a friendly poke in the eye.

## The High Hatter

Geo. N. Taylor

A western girl is working her way through college here in the East. A friend who wanted her to have a real homey Christmas wrote to a woman of large income who lives in a great Colonial home. She bid the girl come and spend the day with them, not only to dine with them but also to enjoy the place.

Days passed. The young woman did not answer the invitation, nor did she come in at any time. The big hearted woman thought that the girl might be sick so she wrote her twice. But the young miss continued to High Hat the woman.

Before you blow up at the thought of the girl high-hatting this woman of big heart, recall how you yourself high-hat God. You sinned and the Bible teaches that the wages of sin is death. But Christ died for your sins and cleaned your page. Receive Christ as Lord and Saviour and God gives you eternal life. This message is by a Hillsboro family.



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