



SIPS FOR SUPPER

LA Law

By DON UPJOHN

Maybe it was the strangest legal argument on record but at any rate it won freedom for alleged gangster Mickey Cohen in Los Angeles from a charge of having cussed out a Los Angeles cop.



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Then Thursday the shadow boxing over the issue gave way to political slugging.

Wayne Morse came out flatly against the CVA as an "administrative straight-jacket."

His counter-proposal was this: Coordinate agencies, federal and state, "without sacrificing local rights and local responsibilities of government."

While Morse was making certain his position on a CVA, C. Girard Davidson came out in Portland with promises to make the Pacific Northwest a land of plenty.

Morse has gone along with Governor McKay in putting the republicans in opposition to a CVA.

These latest developments also lend substance to the talk that Davidson may run on the democratic ticket for senator next year against Morse.

Regardless of that, the CVA will be one of the major issues in the Pacific Northwest next year.

New War Crimes Trial for Ilse

Ilse Koch, 42, notorious "Witch of Buchenwald," who had a fancy for lampshades made of tattooed human skins, for whom the war trial judges leaned backward to save from the gallows, is to face another war time trial, this time by Germany, in her release from Landsberg prison on October 18, at the conclusion of her four years sentence for atrocities.

German police will be waiting at the gates of Landsberg to cart her away to jail at Augsburg, to be tried on charges of committing the same atrocities against her own countrymen that she committed against allied nationals at Buchenwald.

In the sordid post-war revelations of the horrors in the Nazi concentration camps, the case of Ilse Koch became one of the most infamous. A witness testified that he had seen lampshades made of human skin in the Koch home.

She was sentenced to life imprisonment. But a review board held that evidence was insufficient to establish that she had ordered the execution of inmates to get their skin for lampshades.

Ilse's three children live with her sister in Ludwigsburg. One was conceived while she was in prison, and born after her trial. The identity of the father never was established.

Front-Porch Traffic Court

Detroit (AP)—Mrs. Louise Arndt, who is 80, was unable to go to traffic court to answer charges of harboring unlicensed dogs.

Murray, Steel Executives Strain Old Friendships

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Phil Murray, head of the CIO, and Ben Fairless, head of U. S. Steel, are both old friends and old sparring partners. They have sat through many difficult wage negotiations together and hitherto have always come to an agreement.



When Murray arrived for the first meeting with Federal Mediator Cyrus Ching, Fairless greeted him like a long-lost brother.

"Hello, Phil. I haven't seen you in a long time. You're looking very well."

Fairless didn't say so, but the real reason he hadn't seen Murray was because Fairless' boss, Enders Voorhees, the real dictator of U. S. Steel, wasn't anxious to have Fairless attend meetings of the fact-finding board.

"I've been missing your telegrams lately, Phil," added Fairless, and there was a little sarcasm in his voice this time.

John Stephens, vice president of U. S. Steel in charge of labor relations, did much of the talking for the steel executives.

As negotiations opened this week, Stephens bluntly informed Mediator Ching and Phil Murray that the ten-cent-an-hour increase for pensions and social-security benefits recommended by the White House fact-finding board was out of the question.

Stephens reiterated that the company was prepared to offer four cents an hour toward workers' pensions—provided the steelworkers themselves contributed an additional two cents—but would go no further.

Noncontributory pensions borne entirely by management were too great a tax on industry and eventually on the consuming public, the steel spokesman declared.

"You never know where they're going to stop," said Stephens. "The coal industry has had a bitter experience along this line with John L. Lewis. Lewis started demanding and getting five-cents-a-ton royalty for the miner's welfare fund."

"Then he got 10 cents, then 20 cents and now he is reported to be demanding 40 cents from the coal operators."

Ching replied that he could not understand this reasoning. The fact-finding proposal for 10 cents was fair to both sides and had been made after a thorough study by conscientious men who were thinking of the national interest.

"But this is more than a national issue," Ching emphasized. "It has very serious international implications. A steel strike at this time would be disastrous, not only to our own economy, but to phter rhogmwcaebt—but to the program we have undertaken to insure world peace."

"You all know what has happened in Britain, and we cannot afford to allow anything to happen to our own economy if we are to continue to help others to ward off the threat of communism. A steel strike at this time would be the greatest boon we could give to Russia."

Ching's top assistant, William Margolis, broke in with the observation: "Yes, the reporters for Pravda will be having a wonderful time the next few weeks if our steel plants close down."

At one point Murray unleashed a caustic blast—which almost equaled John L. Lewis' sarcasm—against U. S. Steel's publicity campaign.

He reminded Fairless that U. S. Steel had spent several hundred thousand dollars on advertising in the morning papers and wanted to know what he meant by dissipating the assets of his corporation in such a wanton manner.

"It would have been far better to use the money to pay pensions," chided Murray, "rather than pull the wool over the public's eyes."

Murray also criticized Adm. Ben Moreell, former chief of navy supply, now head of the Jones and Laughlin Steel company, and hitherto friendly toward the steelworkers.

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MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Madame Chiang Has Faith Nationalist China Will Win

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Madame Chiang Kai-Shek still has faith in nationalist China's ability to cope with the life-and-death crisis created by the southward sweep of the victorious communist war machine.



DeWitt MacKenzie

While this meeting wasn't a newspaper interview in the accepted sense of the term, it is permitted to give my impressions.

Madame Chiang has no doubt that the Nationalist forces will defeat the communist armies in the southern theatre and ultimately will reclaim the territories lost in the north.

How long will this great operation require? She doesn't know; she is only sure that it will be achieved.

In support of this belief she recalled that during the war with Japan the Chinese armies were forced back to approximately the same line they now hold—and flung the invaders back.

She feels certain that the people of China as a whole do not believe in communism or trust it, though many are submissive to it now because of circumstances over which they have no control.

She envisages a new China which will come through moral and spiritual rehabilitation.

She is returning home to resume her place beside her husband in the attempt to make these things come true.

She has absolute faith in Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. She is furious over aspersions cast on him recently in this country.

My meeting with Madame Chiang was at the home of her brother-in-law, H. H. Kung, the Chinese statesman and international banker. She has been in America for some months on a mission which, I think, may be described as that of unofficial interpreter at this tragic moment in her country's history.

In any event, she has had conversations with many prominent people, including President Truman and General George Marshall, and rather obviously has been presenting the urgency of what is happening in China.

Here it should be explained that Madame Chiang has been avoiding newspaper interviews because of the nature of her mission, and that her exception in my case was due to unusual circumstances.

When I was in Chungking, China's wartime capital, in early '43, the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang were away from the city.

I visited her famous sister, Madame Sun Yat-Sen, widow of the father of the republic, and her brother, the American-educated T. V. Soong, who is one of China's ranking statesmen.

The generalissimo sent word to me that he was returning on a certain day and would be glad to see me, but unfortunately I was booked to fly over the hump into India and couldn't wait. So Madame Chiang made up my last visit in Chungking by receiving me in New York.

Madame Chiang's return to China will be soon, perhaps the middle of next month.

FIRST CASE OF ITS KIND

Ohio Newspaper Monopoly Charged in Federal Suit

Washington, Sept. 23 (AP)—The government Thursday filed a civil action charging the Lorain (Ohio) Journal Co. and four of its officers with conspiracy to monopolize the spread of news, advertising and other information.

Attorney General McGrath announced the suit was filed in federal district court at Cleveland. He said it was the first case in which a newspaper has been charged with conspiring to injure a competing radio station.

The suit names as defendants, in addition to the company, these officers: Samuel A. Horvitz of Cleveland, vice president, secretary and director of the Lorain Journal Co.

Isadore Horvitz of Cleveland, president, treasurer and director of the company. D. P. Self of Lorain, business manager of the journal. Frank Malloy of Lorain, editor of the journal.

NATIONAL DOG WEEK

Senator's Tribute to a Dog Won Jury in Two Minutes

Editor's Note: This eloquent tribute to a dog was made during the trial of a man who had shot a neighbor's fox-hound.

Senator Vest asked \$200 damages, but after two minutes' deliberation the jury awarded \$500.

(This is reprinted in observance of the current National Dog Week.)

"Gentlemen of the Jury: The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name may become traitors to their faith.

The money that a man has may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action.

"The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads."

"The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

"Gentlemen of the jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness.

"He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his

He Proves That People Are Honest

Minneapolis (AP)—Frank V. Hemstreet, credit man for Powers Dry Goods Co. here, operates an "On Your Honor" vegetable market on the back of his car.

He opens up in a parking lot each morning with the vegetables racked and wrapped in cellophane with the prices marked. Then he goes to his department store job. Customers are requested to drop money in a box.

The Horse That Came to Dinner

Seattle (AP)—The horse who came to dinner can't leave and is eating his hosts out of house and home.

Oren Knight, 11, found a saddled buckskin gelding wandering down the street near his home. Now the Knights find that the law won't allow them to turn the animal loose.