

A Governor Is Expected to Take a Stand

What freedom of expression should the governor of a state have?

Governor McKay is censured severely by a speaker at the CIO International Woodworkers' convention in Vancouver, B.C., for McKay's stand on the Columbia valley administration. Basis for the verbal complaint by the woodworkers' speaker, Virgil Burtz of Portland, was this: "The governor is going around saying the people don't want CVA."

When the people of the state elect a governor, they elect him generally on his record. When McKay was elected last November, the CVA issue had not reached the explosive stage, since the question of regional control of the Pacific Northwest was still merely being discussed and no blueprint had been brought forward at that time.

But they had heard about Doug McKay, the state senator from Marion county, and they had a pretty good idea of his outlook on public, and particularly, state affairs. He was no New Dealer, nor was he a blind reactionary. He was a strong republican. With that as a general impression of his political background, it shouldn't have been surprising to have him come out as he did on the CVA in June.

It is because of my firm belief in popular government that I am so vigorously opposed to placing the economic and political future of the state of Oregon, and of the entire Pacific Northwest, in the hands of an autocratic federal corporation such as would be created by the proposed Columbia Valley Administration bill.

"The overall pattern . . . is a pattern of government by and through a huge federal corporation—a federal corporation which would be controlled and dominated by three men. And these three men, to obtain their appointment, must subscribe to the corporate philosophy of government which this CVA bill represents."

The attack on McKay by the woodworkers' spokesman would infer that the governor should check with various groups of the people of the state to get their opinion on matters of policy. That is correct. But then, after getting opinions from the people, it is the responsibility of the governor, as a leader, to take a stand.

If he doesn't take a stand, he is no leader, so he ought to get out and let someone take his place who would act as a leader and take a stand.

Cold War Shifts to Titoism

Russia has switched the immediate objective of the "cold war" from the western allies to Tito. The latest moves have been the ousting of Yugoslav diplomatic representatives from Hungary followed by breaking off the Soviets' 1945 treaty of friendship with Yugoslavia on the grounds that Marshall Tito has become "a puppet of foreign imperialist and aggressive powers."

It is expected Russia's eastern European satellites will quickly follow Moscow's lead and renounce their friendship treaties with Yugoslavia. They include Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria.

Citing Yugoslavia's alleged "hostile disruptive activity" against the USSR, as disclosed in the recent Budapest treason trial, the Russian note curtly concluded: "On the basis of the aforesaid the Soviet government declares that the Soviet Union from now on deems itself free from the obligations ensuing from the above-mentioned treaty."

The trial and conviction of Laszto Rajk, former Hungarian minister of foreign affairs at Budapest, and other communist leaders, all sentenced to death or imprisonment, followed the pattern set by the Moscow purges of 1936-37. Tito has replaced Trotsky as the arch-traitor with the totalitarian hierarchy ruling communism.

The Hungarian trials, like those in Poland, and the Balkan states are incomprehensible to the civilized mind. All the accused did their best to hang themselves, through what terrifying, tortuous paths can only be imagined. The trials are not only a pollution of justice, but the breakdown of the mind of the victims. Among those already listed as victims behind the iron curtain are:

Wladyslaw Gomulka, former deputy premier of Poland, and leader of the underground warfare against Hitlerism; Tricho Kostov, former vice premier of Bulgaria, partisan leader in the war against Germany; Lt. Gen. Koci Xoxe, number two communist in Albania; General Markos Vamvakis, Greek rebel guerrilla leader, and Rajk, also "guilty of chauvinism, cosmopolitanism, irredentism and Titoism."

Goon Violence Resumed

Harry Bridges' longshoremen's union has reintroduced bloody goon tactics in Oregon in a recrudescence of strike violence at The Dalles, where local volunteers were unloading a barge loaded with Hawaiian pineapple products, an aftermath of the long and disastrous dock strike in the islands.

There is no difference between the Bridges totalitarian rule or ruin tactics and those of Hitler or Stalin. Power has gone to the heads of many labor bosses, besides John L. Lewis and Harry Bridges. "All power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely," as Lord Acton remarked nearly a century ago, and some labor czars actually think they are greater than the government—and it must be admitted there is some basis for their illusion.

This pineapple cargo was loaded by the Hawaiian territorial government which has seized and is operating the Hawaiian docks with non-union crews. Volunteers at The Dalles were unloading the barge when 200 club swinging longshoremen from Portland rushed the port terminal, sent two AFL teamsters to a hospital, assaulted news photographers and cracked heads of workers and halted the unloading.

Circuit Judge Malcolm W. Wilkinson of The Dalles granted a temporary injunction halting all picketing and interference with unloading of the cargo and operation of the dock. Governor McKay ordered state police to curb "handitry" by the longshoremen, and they are on the job. He added, "Harry Bridges is not running the state of Oregon."

Oregon has been fairly free from strike violence since Governor Martin's warfare on goons in the middle of the '30s, and Special Prosecutor Ralph E. Moody sent 36 to prison. But as long as the Harry Bridges type of labor bosses flourish, there is always danger of it again materializing.

BY BECK

The Guilty Feeling

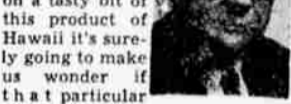


What's in a Name

By DON UPJOHN

In the argot of the underworld a pineapple is an explosive device designed to wreak great havoc in connection with some illegal exploit. Or, as Mr. Webster refers to it in "gang slang," it is a dynamite bomb. It seems from developments at The Dalles that the more innocent type of pineapple is having about the same effect as the other type and resulting in considerable violence.

The next time we chaw on a tasty bit of this product of Hawaii it's surely going to make us wonder if that particular one had something to do with having a man's back broken.



Don Upjohn

The Magic Card

The Dalles, Ore. (AP)—A quick-thinking Portland Oregon Journal photographer saved his \$300 press camera from destruction here Wednesday as pickets mobbed him as they had three other photographers. "Look Buddy," Mel Junghans pleaded as he showed them his American Newspaper Guild (CIO) dues card, "we're friends, I belong to the CIO, too." They let him continue with his picture-taking.

Oklahoma voted itself dry again but how effective it's going to be is reflected in an ad appearing in an Oakland paper day after election reading: "Special suitcase, folds to surprising compact size when not in use—the perfect grip to take along when you are planning on returning with more than you started. A further feature is the side opening fitted with two leather covered pint flasks, four jigger cups, a corkscrew and bottle opener." Heck, we can remember when prohibition was prevalent here a bootlegger would drive up to a curb on State street in broad daylight and hand a bottle to a customer and not even bother about wrapping it in newspaper. So maybe Oklahoma is just a tenderfoot state, after all.

Plaintiff SOS Coos Bay, Sept. 29 (AP)—Announcement on a radio program here: Lost—Will the gentleman who held my upper teeth during argument last week please return to Jug's tavern and receive reward. Benny Morin.

'HAVE NEVER ASKED FOR ANYTHING'

Old Couple Too Embarrassed To Seek Rides, Walk 400 Miles

Baton Rouge, La., Sept. 29 (AP)—An 82-year-old Florida fisherman and his faithful 80-year-old wife took a much-needed rest here today after walking most of the 400 miles from Dallas, Tex., because they were too embarrassed to ask for rides.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hunter are on their way home to Apalachicola, Fla., after an unsuccessful trip to the Dallas veterans' hospital seeking an abdominal operation for the aged man.

The elderly couple ran out of money at Dallas and started hitch-hiking home a month ago. But they weren't "forward enough" to be successful hitch-hikers, so they walked nearly all the way to Baton Rouge.

"We've never asked for anything in our lives," Hunter said, "and we couldn't be starting it late. So we just took rides when people stopped and offered them."

The couple said they had only 98 left when they left Dallas, and they spent that for food on the way. They had 30 cents when they arrived here.

They carried no luggage and had only the clothes they wore. Hunter was clad in a worn blue shirt and blue trousers, and his wife wore a plain brown cotton dress.

He Anticipated Inheritance Taxes

Pendleton, Sept. 29 (AP)—Whether or not he had an eye on federal inheritance taxes, F. V. Carelle, who lived near Umatilla, willed \$9,995 to the United States government.

His will was submitted to probate in the Umatilla county court yesterday.

He left the balance of estate to his family—one dollar to each of his three sons, Jesse, Francis, and Laurence, one dollar to his daughter, Agnes, and one dollar to his widow, Laura G. Carelle.

BACK TO OLD DAYS

New 'Silent' Pictures Soon May Go Into Production

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood (AP)—The next "new" development in movies may be silent.

Alex Gottlieb, an RKO producer, says major studios soon may devote part of their production program to making new "silent" pictures with big budgets and top stars.

"It's surprising how many theater-goers like the old-time silent movies which are being revived," he said. "They include both the older people and the young ones to whom they are a distinct novelty."

But the good silent picture, he said, spoke an international language.

"Except for photographic advances," he said, "the good silents are still good today."

Gottlieb, who is preparing to make "The Johnny Broderick Story" with sound, believes the public's new interest in silents, brought on partly by showing of the old ones on television, may encourage production of new silents in the next few years.

There'll be sound in the "silents," Gottlieb adds. Music and atmospheric noises, but no dialogue.

"Dialogue," he said, "has undeniable limitations."

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Murray Had Warned Steel: Social Security or Pensions

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—The battle over old-age pensions in the steel industry is being watched by several million people not only in other industries but especially in southern California and Florida where Dr. Townsend's old-age pension movement and the ham-

and-eggars have been so strong. Regardless of how the steel dispute comes out, more and more demands for old-age pensions will follow.

One little-realized fact in the steel dispute is that, during the president's fact-finding board hearings, CIO Chief Phil Murray appealed to the steel industry to settle the old-age pension issue by supporting the social security bill now before congress.

He said: "Look here, you fellows, there's a bill before congress calling for increased old-age pensions for everyone. Will you join me in supporting it?"

Murray's remark was addressed to Enders Voorhees and John Stephens, executives of U.S. Steel; to C. M. White of Republic Steel, A. B. Homer of Bethlehem, Ben Morrell of Jones-Laughlin and several others. However, he got no response. None offered to support the congressional bill for old-age pensions.

Murray's inference was that if congress had handled the pension matter for everyone, his union would not need to threaten a strike. As it is, however, the unions with sufficient strike power, such as the coal miners, auto workers, steelworkers et al, can get pensions. But unskilled labor, farm labor, white-collar workers and oldsters who never belonged to unions will get second-rate pensions—or none.

TRYGVE LIE'S ENGLISH Friends of UN Secretary General Trygve Lie explain privately why the jovial diplomat doesn't like to make public utterances in English. He is fearful of a faux pas. For example: One day, in a conference with his UN staff, Lie was discussing the proposal to build a prayer room in the new UN headquarters. Some had suggested that it be called a temple of prayer.

"No," said Lie, "that sounds too formidable. Let's just call it a rest room."

JUDGE FROM CHICAGO?

Charming Dave Bazelon, assistant attorney general in charge of alien property, dropped in to see Paul Douglas, the hard-hitting senator from Illinois, to get his help in being made a judge on the U.S. court of appeals for the District of Columbia.

As Bazelon sat down he noticed on the senator's desk a clipping from a Chicago newspaper telling how Bazelon had contributed \$200 to the campaign of GOP Senator Curley Brooks, whom Douglas defeated.

"Perhaps that's not a very good introduction," remarked the red-faced Bazelon, referring to the clipping.

"I don't keep political books," replied the good-natured Douglas.

Bazelon's explanation is that Ed McGinnis, who was running Senator Brooks' re-election campaign, had persuaded him to make the \$200 contribution. But this glosses over the fact that Douglas and Truman were running against uphill odds, were never expected to win, while Senator Brooks had all the power and money of the Chicago Tribune crowd behind him.

In brief, Brooks was considered a sure bet, and the delightful Bazelon, though appointed to a job by Truman, was betting against him.

In this connection, Brannan has emphasized that the year-to-year uncertainty of feed supplies, as well as feed price fluctuations, retard not only stable farm production of livestock, milk and poultry, but also stable prices to consumers.

WALLACE'S GRANARY Henry Wallace may be washed up politically, but his prolific ideas on farming continue to find favor with government planners. Latest Wallace idea to be revived is the "every normal granary" plan, which, as secretary of agriculture, he promoted before the war.

You'll be hearing about it soon under a new name: Stabilization reserves. Briefly, the program will call for substantial reserves of food and feed grains to insure stable supplies for domestic and emergency export needs.

Agriculture Secretary Charles Brannan has repeatedly stressed the need for ample feed-grain reserves to provide a more constant supply of meats, dairy and poultry products.

TRANS-ATLANTIC AIR Judge T. Alan Goldsborough, who wasn't afraid to fine John L. Lewis, signed a little-noticed order last week which is diplomatic dynamite. He cast serious doubt on the state department's right to enter into agreements

with other governments without ratification by the senate. Ruling that the Canadian-American air agreement may be illegal, Judge Goldsborough required the executive departments to define where the president's power of executing agreements ends and the senate's right to ratify treaties begins.

Forty-nine senators have protested the Canadian agreement on air routes as a state department invasion of the senate's ratification powers. Meanwhile, Canada has put the state department on the spot by threatening to throw out every U.S. line from Gander airport in Newfoundland September 30.

Gander is the most important base on the trans-Atlantic hop, and the constitutional issue raised by Judge Goldsborough is probably the most important since the Dred Scott decision.

MERRY-GO-ROUND The American embassy in Rome has informed Edda Ciano, Mussolini's daughter and widow of Italy's fascist foreign minister, that she can soon expect 30,000,000 lire from the U.S.A. The money is part of the royalties earned in the United States through the sale of Ciano's diaries. Secretary of the Treasury Snyder's office made the decision—believe it or not—on the grounds it can't be proved Edda was a fascist.

Robert Haggerty of Detroit will be the new director of census, and as such will dole out 150,000 jobs to find out how many people live in the United States in 1950.

Secretary of the Air Force Symington had a personal reason for snubbing the navy court that is investigating the B-36 smear. Under navy rules, Cedric Worth, who wrote the smear sheet attacking Symington, would have the right to cross-examine the witness. Rather than face Worth's questions, Symington ducked the hearing. (Feared he might lose his temper.)

One reason democratic moguls have been worried about a steel strike is because it would cut off the sheet steel now desperately needed for new grain-storage bins in the farm belt. Democrats feel they won the election partly because of the grain-storage issue—and if they don't come through for the farmers it'll be bad news.

President Truman is so pleased with the democratic conference in the midwest and far west that he is considering another in the deep south—now very hostile territory.

Several Truman advisers are urging him to bring up the civil-rights bill just before congress is supposed to adjourn, with the idea that this would keep southern congressmen filibustering until Christmas—when they might get tired and give in.

Stork's Arrival, Big News Breaks Getting So They Come at Same Time Jersey City, N. J. (AP)—Reporter Ray Kierce wonders sometimes if he's in the right business.

It seems that every time his wife has a baby, Ray has to go out and cover a big news story for his paper, the Jersey Journal.

A year ago, Kierce's first-born, a boy, Jan, arrived just as a three-alarm fire broke out. Ray had to cover the fire before he could go to the hospital.

Tuesday, Ray was covering an important press conference given by Governor Alfred E. Driscoll here.

In the midst of the proceedings, the telephone rang. Ray was told his wife was being taken to the Margaret Hague maternity hospital.

Governor Driscoll told the reporter he could understand that the news was more important to him than anything the governor had to say. But Kierce stayed for the rest of the press conference.

P.S. This time it was a 7-pound baby girl named Penny.

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



OLD-TIME DUSTER AND ALL

Ancient Autos Kick Up Racket for 6-Day Tour

By HARMON NICHOLS

Gettysburg, Pa., Sept. 29 (AP)—You can hear the clatter and the rattle for miles around. The cannon fire of the historic battle of Gettysburg couldn't have kicked up much more racket.

This time the noise comes from the smokey backfire of ancient automobiles on their way here to crank up and start a six-day, 650-mile trip through Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware. They will pay homage to the early Glidden automobile reliability tours.

This tour is sponsored by the Antique Automobile Club of America, with the assistance of the American Automobile Association.

The Glidden tour was started in 1905 to prove that old Dobbin was spavined and out of date and that the horseless carriage was here to stay. The tour has been revived by M. J. Duryea, son of the pioneer auto builder, Charles E. Duryea.

This year, the trip which was picked up again in 1948, has 85 entries. The lead car will be a 1901 one-cylinder Oldsmobile. At the wheel, perit in an old-time duster, will be A. B. Gargano, of the museum of transportation, Princeton, Mass.

The tour this year is limited to cars of 1924 vintage and earlier. Among the cars that will steam up are a 1915 Stanley Mountain wagon, 1914 Stutz, 1906 Mercedes, 1912 Simplex, 1918 Pathfinder, 1910 Under-slung, 1913 Pierce Arrow, 1911 Winton, and a whole fleet of Model T Fords.

Duryea will be driving a 1924 Cadillac. James Melton, the opera tenor and incurable collector of old cars, will drive a 1907 Rolls Royce. Melton owns a museum of antique cars at Norwalk, Conn.

A. C. Baker of Battle Creek, Mich., piloted his 1909 Maxwell from his home to Gettysburg. "She's gassed up and ready to go," he said.

This is no race. The prizes go to the man with the most interesting car, best one or two cylinder car, best early four cylinder car, best six cylinder car, best Model T Ford, best steamer, and the motor that traveled the longest distance from home.

There won't be any old wrecks in the business—even if they do make a lot of noise. This is an expensive hobby. It costs a pretty penny to buy tires and parts for the old-timers. A horse could be shod for a whole year for a lot less than it costs to hand-tool a new axle for an out-of-date machine. Or even buy a couple of tires.

The records show some interesting experiences the traveler of the first Glidden tours encountered.

One paper in New Hampshire viewed with particular alarm when the cars made it from Concord to Manchester in 40 minutes at the turn of the century. The distance was 18 miles. An old man was bounced out of his wagon when his horse shied.

In Dover, N.H., the town cops hung up big signs reading, "Speed limit 8 miles an hour—and we mean it."

Apparently they did, too. One unlucky driver failed to complete the trip. He was locked up in the local pokey after being clocked at 9 miles an hour.

Answer to 'Sidewalk Superintendents'

Springfield, Ill. (AP)—Statehouse custodians here complain that whenever they try to build something new, half their time is taken up answering questions of "sidewalk superintendents."

When they started the job of building new shelves at the state archives building, they decided to try to eliminate the problem.

They posted a sign which read: "Yes, we are building book-shelves. Thank you!"

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Attack on Attlee Aimed At His Not Solving Crisis

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Britain's socialist government is facing its greatest political crisis in the debate now waging in the house of commons over the recent controversial devaluation of the pound sterling.

Actually the question of devaluation is incidental. It has been seized upon as a symbol of the devastating economic slough of despond in which England is struggling.

The real point at issue is whether Britain's first experiment in socialist government has measured up to its stewardship in handling the crisis.

In short, Prime Minister Attlee's regime is called upon to justify its existence.

And the outcome of the examination is a matter of moment far beyond the confines of Britain, for this government represents the world's most important test of moderate socialism (as distinct from communism and bolshevism).

The main attack on the government comes from the conservatives, led by Britain's famous war-time prime minister, Winston Churchill. There is weight in this assault, for Churchill is generally regarded as the savior of his country in the world conflict, and his views are received with respect.

Attlee lacks the colorful personality of his opponent. However, the premier himself has achieved powerful leadership through team work and his reputation for sincerity.

Devaluation now has been forced largely because of wastefulness of the welfare state.

We know that you can't hold the line. Prices will go up and so will wages.

Wants to Keep Record Straight Bloomington, Ill. (AP)—William O'Neal, 79, was called into court on charge that he twisted his 82-year-old sister's wrist and fractured it, he denied the charge.

"It just isn't true," he said. Actually, he explained, it happened when he pushed her off the porch during an argument.