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A Bill for \$160.83

During the recent state fair, State Treasurer Walter Pearson, a democrat, came in for some personal advertising when 10,000 dodgers on Oregon finances were passed out to fair-goers. Pearson's name was so prominent at the bottom of the dodgers as to leave no question as to the "educational" nature of the hand-outs.

The dodgers were printed by the state printing office. At that time, the printing office was cagey on the cost of printing them. Employees were told not to give out any information on their cost.

The mystery was suddenly cleared, however, when Governor McKay, a republican, refused Thursday to put his name on the voucher which was intended to approve the cost. The bill was for \$160.83. At stake was not the actual money involved, but the use of state funds and a state function to put across a politician's cause.

State Senator Neuberger, a democrat, has called this holding up of payment on Pearson's dodger "a prime act of political hypocrisy." Neuberger pointed to the way Secretary of State Newby has gotten his name on so much literature sent out by the secretary of state's office.

Critics also have said that in recent years other state office-holders have followed a practice of putting their names on whatever kind of literature that happened to come out of their offices.

Neuberger claimed that the official seal of Oregon, embossed on gold paper, is sent "all over the state like confetti with Newby's name signed to it." The official seal, with place for the signature of the state officer, is used not only by Newby but by the other top officials. The seal is a modest souvenir supposedly given to visitors to the capitol.

Controversy over the Pearson printing bill should result in a state policy hampering the promiscuous use of an office-holder's name on state literature. Proper use of the official seal for visitors by any of the top state officials should bring no censure. But the kind of propaganda put out by Pearson at the state fair or by Newby on every possible piece of literature out of his office has no place in Oregon.

It is ridiculous to ask the state to finance personal advertising for any office-holder, be he a democrat or republican.

Sheriff Elliott Recalled

The voters of Multnomah county have voted the recall of Sheriff Marion L. (Mike) Elliott after an intensive heated nine months campaign by an unofficial vote of 59,059 to 44,810. About 50 percent of the voters cast ballots.

Elliott was recalled, not so much because of anything he had done while in office, but because of his securing the office by false pretenses. He was an obscure deputy sheriff who switched registration at the last minute from republican to democrat. He afterwards admitted that he had falsified his age, education and marine service record to win office.

Elliott told the voters he was a 32-year-old war veteran, who had played football for the University of Michigan, which he never attended. He defeated the veteran republican incumbent, Martin Pratt by 300 votes.

Elliott's true record was discovered by a routine check of biographical material by Oregonian reporters and both Portland papers moved in against him, with frequent reports of his activities and misadventures. Elliott fought back charging "persecution" by the "political interests." He dispatched long statements in his defense and sued the Oregonian for \$500,000, claiming he had been libelled.

Elliott was at first supported by the democratic organization. State Treasurer Walter Pearson helped him secure his bond, then switched and sought its cancellation. Then followed a series of incidents, including Elliott's suspension of his best known deputy, afterward reinstated, spectacular raids on gambling dens, and a "holiday" trip to a gambling resort at Lake Tahoe.

While Elliott has probably demonstrated his moral unfitness and total ineptness for high office, and seems at a distance, an unusually dumb political boob, he has done nothing criminal while in office such as the recall was devised to penalize. The people of Portland voted blindly for him without checking up on him and "the voice of the people" is called "the voice of God," and they should take the medicine they themselves brewed. The recall should only be resorted to in vital emergencies, and none such have materialized.

Perhaps Oil on the Fire

Federal indictment of Russia's famed Amtorg Trading Corporation and its top officials as unregistered foreign agents is not likely to lessen tension between the two countries. At any rate reprisals can hardly make relations with Russia worse.

Amtorg for many years has been the Russian purchasing agency in the United States and it is a well known fact also the Soviets' espionage agency, just as the German consulates were before World War II.

Attorney General McGrath said in his announcement that since October 1, 1946, Amtorg had collected "information for and reported information to" Russia and had otherwise acted at the order of the Russian government. In the past three years, he asserted, Amtorg was told repeatedly to register under the foreign agents registration act. The state department said it had sent a note to the Soviet embassy only six weeks ago officially calling attention to Amtorg's failure to register.

Attorney Isadore Needleman, representing Amtorg, states that "there is no willfulness here. We have been discussing it with the department of justice for the past six months and wrote only recently when this happened." But Russia always takes time in her replies.

Close Shaves for Others—Not Himself

Santa Monica, Calif., (AP)—Orville Grim, 51, saved a man and a baby sea lion from a couple of close shaves, but couldn't get one himself.

En route to buy razor blades, Grim plunged into the ocean and rescued a struggling swimmer 80 feet offshore. A little later he plunged in again, this time to rescue the little sea lion being battered on rocks.

Grim was dripping with water. "There must be an easier way to get a shave."

BY BECK

Sour Grapes



THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

Money Is Stored-Up Personality, So Spending Is Really of One's Life

BY REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

When you spend your earned money, you are spending yourself. Your money is a stored-up part of you, if, through your efforts, you have earned it. You are gradually giving your life for that person, cause, or thing for which you spend your money.

In a measure, a man's character may be revealed by finding out how and where he spends his surplus cash. Where you spend your time, your talents, your money, you are spending and leaving there a part of your life and personality.

When you look upon your money as stored-up personality, it ought to take on greater importance, and even sacredness. When you support a church with your time, talents, worship, and money, you are building a portion of yourself into the very life of that church. You are with it when it extends its field of influence beyond the local field.

A part of you goes into all the world wherever your church has established missions. The support you once gave them may have helped to convert to Christianity the very natives who brought out your wounded son or husband from the jungles of the South Seas, and restored him to life and to you.

Could the few dollars you gave to your church at home and abroad ever pay for the blessings you have received in return?

The parish you are supporting is a living thing. It is made up of a continuous succession of people who love it. Those who have passed on, being dead, yet speak! And they shall speak to generations yet unborn.

Scripture does not say that money is the root of all evil, but it does say, "The love of money is the root of all evil." Money we have earned is stored-up self, and it is the love of self that is the root of evil.

It is amazing how generous some people are with their money until the church budget has to be met.

A recent survey showed that in 1948 large bequests and gifts for religious, philanthropic, scientific, and educational purposes totaled 170 million dollars. Of this huge sum, all churches combined received only four million dollars.

Instead of a marble shaft in memory of oneself, it is possible to live on in institutions supported, and peoples helped to a better way of life in the form of money honestly earned and lovingly given.

What Football Does Houston, Tex. (AP)—An absent-minded football fan has come forward to take his place beside the well-known absent-minded professor. According to police department, he is Neill T. Masterson, Jr., Houston investment broker. In his rush to get on a train for Austin to attend the Rice-Texas football game today, Masterson parked his car near the Southern Pacific depot, left the motor running and the key in the ignition switch. Detective Poy Melton of the auto theft division took the vehicle to the police station where he announced it will be available to Masterson when he returns from Austin. A football fan himself, Melton observed, "Aw, this sort of thing happens every year during football season."

Mrs. Lloyd Weeks of the North River road, has probably what is the last iris bloom of the year. In fact, the last bloom is just fading away in a vase at her home. She plucked it the other day, a stalk of a bearded iris variety called Radiant, a golden bronze type. This one carried 15 blooms and was as tall as a spring iris. Mrs. Weeks says she's never heard of an iris of this type blooming so late in the year, nor have we. The original plant came from Colorado and perhaps likes it cold and shivery when it puts forth its color.

Voters at Woodburn turned down a \$10,000 bond issue Friday. Could that have any connection with tax statements just arriving through the mails?

At long last we welcome into our ET & BA Earl Spencer well known Silverton grocerman who took his initiation about three months ago but has now come up with his new clackers and a lady friend over there tells us he "looks just grand." Earl may be remembered as the chap who a couple of years ago saved his little daughter from Silver creek into which she tumbled and floated 200 yards down stream before her clothes caught on a stump and her father jumped in and rescued her. Just the kind of a guy our organization needs, as more than one member has ventured beyond his depth.

London Cats Getting Too Wild London (AP)—The wild cats of London's bomb rubble jungle attacked the ancient fortress, the Tower of London. The governor of the tower sent an urgent call for aid to the people's dispensary for sick animals. He reported the cats—house cats turned wild as lynxes—battled the resident cats of the tower and tried to raid quartermaster stores for a bit to eat.

Perhaps, Crime-Doesn't-Pay Sermon Long Beach, Calif., Oct. 22 (AP)—The Rev. Ralph M. Grove complained today that the newly-installed earphones in his First Presbyterian church were giving hard-of-hearing parishioners police calls instead of his sermon.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Contractors' Income-tax Case Is Postponed Indefinitely

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—You can understand why folks get cynical about good government when you watch the parade of little income-tax evaders who are hauled to court every week, while certain big boys get their cases postponed indefinitely.

For instance, it has now been one year since this column—Oct. 19, 1948—first reported the shameless manner in which two road contractors, living under the nose of Washington officials, had cheated their government in building the network of macadam roads which wind around the largest building in the world—the pentagon.

The two contractors, W. J. "Doc" Hardy and F. McKenzie Davison had been caught by treasury agents quick-changing Uncle Sam out of \$500,000 by all sorts of devious tricks.

Among other things they made out checks to two other contractors, W. W. Thomas and S. M. Redd, who later gave T-men affidavits that they never received the checks. Instead Hardy and Davison forged the endorsements, cashed the checks, and deducted this as expense.

However, when the treasury and justice departments finally caught up with them, the two Virginia asphalt kings appealed to powerful Senator Harry Byrd, plus other Virginia politicians. A series of conferences followed. The justice department listened patiently, but stood pat.

Last July the income-tax case of the two men who gyped their government on war-contract taxes was sent to U. S. District Attorney George Humrickhouse in Richmond for criminal prosecution.

This writer, querying Humrickhouse in July, was told there would be no delay in prosecuting the Hardy-Davison case. It would come before the first grand jury in the autumn.

But when Mr. Humrickhouse was queried this week, he was evasive. The autumn grand jury had been in session for some time, but he said he had no immediate plans for presenting the case. In July he had said he was quite familiar with the case. But on Oct. 17, he talked as if it was something he had never heard of and devoutly hoped would be forgotten.

NOTE—Mr. Humrickhouse was appointed to his key job as district attorney through the powerful Byrd machine of Virginia.

TRUMAN ON FARM BILL President Truman hasn't given up on the Brannan farm program, despite the kicking-around it received from congress. It will definitely be the farm plank of the democratic party's 1950 campaign, Truman recently assured National Farmers Union boss Jim Patton.

"The current battle over farm legislation has had at least one good effect," the president told Patton. "It has served to smoke the boys out into the open. We know how they all stand including some we expected to support us."

The president named no names, but obviously referred to Senator Clint Anderson of New Mexico and senate majority leader Scott Lucas of Illinois. The latter, though keeping out of the headlines, helped to lead the fight against the Brannan income-subsidy program in the senate.

"I think it's time we took the whole fair deal program once more to the people—not only the Brannan farm program and the nomination of federal power commissioner Leland Olds, "ut everything else congress has scuttled," advised Patton. "After all, it's the people themselves who have been victimized by this skulduggery."

Truman agreed. "The combination that fought the Olds nomination was about the toughest lobby I've ever seen," he remarked. "You're absolutely right. We've got to take it on and I have every intention of doing so."

CANADIAN GOUGE While prices of most British and Canadian goods have come down as a result of the pound's devaluation, the Canadian newspaper companies which usually operate as a cabal, have flatly decided not to reduce prices to American newspapers.

This means that the highest newspaper contract prices in history will continue. It also means that the profits of Canadian newspaper companies will continue at their highest peak, while American newspaper profits are off considerably. Between 1945 and 1948 for instance, Canadian newspaper prices zoomed from \$58.50 a ton to \$100 per ton, with profits almost trebling.

Profits of such big companies as Abitibi shot from \$10,101,512 in 1945 to \$25,237,584 in 1948, while Consolidated's profits increased from \$10,539,451 to \$25,116,345.

Meanwhile, the operating profits of a typical cross section of American newspapers dropped 54 per cent.

The interesting fact is that when the shoe was on the other foot, the Canadians immediately put it on. In 1946 when the American dollar was pegged at \$1.10 as against \$1.00 for the Canadian dollar, the same newspaper companies jumped their prices by exactly ten per cent. But now that the exchange has been reversed, they refuse to drop their prices proportionately.

NOTE—Of course it was the newspapers which yelled loudest for the end of Chester Bowles' OPA and the price controls which kept newspaper at its low 1945 price. However, it's the small papers representing the backbone of a free press which get hit hardest in the present price gouge.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

How Did 'Wha Hoppen' Come To Happen? Hal Finds Out

By HAL SOYLE

New York, (AP)—In a city of characters, Noro Morales is one of the biggest. He is a short man of 37 who weighs between 265 and 320 pounds—depending on his mood—can identify more than 45 erufumes by their odor, and wears a ring with 21 diamonds on the little finger of his right hand.

His weight, his collection of perfumes and his diamond rings reflect Noro's rising stature as "The Rajah of the Rumba."

He shares this honor with another dance band leader, Xavier Cugat, and the difference between them is the difference between Benny Goodman and Guy Lombardo. His fans say Cugat may play a sweeter rumba, but Noro—"he puts in more tom tom."

"I like music with the bongo in eet," is the way Morales, who wrote the current song hit, "Rum and Soda," likes it put it.

The reason I sought out Noro however, wasn't his music. I wanted to explore a report he was the author of the current Broadway catch phrase—"wha hoppen?"

I found "the rajah" holding court as usual in Hanson's drug-store at Seventh avenue and 51st street. This is a favorite hang-out of theatrical and musical personalities until they become famous, put on dark glasses, go to El Morocco—and dare photographers to try and find them.

It was hard to hold Morales' ear long, because he has a heart as wide as his waist. People kept dropping by for coffee and a free sandwich, leaving Noro

as usual—with a fistful of checks to pay. This is a gesture he loves.

"When I was a boy in Puerto Rico I earn my first seex pesos playing piano at government ceremony," he recalled.

"Afterward I go to balcony and throw all seex pesos to the poor people below. Thees make me a front-page sensation—for two editions, anyway.

"Eef I do something like that today they would put me in Bellevue hospital."

But today Morales has a gross annual income in six figures—not pesos. Like this—100,000 dollars.

Now about this phrase on everybody's lips—how did "Wha Hoppen" come to happen? "I use thees phrase ever since I learn Engleesh—in 1935," said Noro. "but it really didn't catch on until about four years ago. I play engagement and when it ees finish no monee come. So I say 'Wha Hoppen?' and everybody theenk it ees funny."

Later Morales wrote a song called "Wha Hoppen, Baby?" Noro's big passions of the dance floor are baseball—he used to play first base—and perfume. He wears perfume, as do many latin American men and is proud of it.

"Everybody keed me about eet," he laughed, "but I rather smell nice than stinks."

He does smell nice, too—somewhere in that mystic area between Chanel No. 5 and Christmas Night.

BY GUID

Wizard of Odds



MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Russ Suffer Hard Defeat In UN Council Election

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Yugoslavia's election to the United Nations security council is a stinging defeat for Russia, inasmuch as she made a fighting issue of the matter, with proud and fiery Foreign Minister Vishinsky leading the assault.

The big question, of course, is what Moscow intends to do about it now that the election is an accomplished fact.

Would the Soviet go to the extreme of refusing to participate in the deliberations of the security council or even withdrawal from the peace organization?

He would be a hardy individual who tried to make a prediction, but a lot of speculation is being bandied about.

The division in the U.N. assembly election revolved about the fierce quarrel which has developed between Russia and Yugoslavia as the result of the Balkan state's revolt against Moscow's dictation.

That dispute has reached a stage which is flirting dangerously with war—a strange development in view of the fact that Yugoslavia not so long ago was one of the soviet's darlings.

The Muscovites took the position in the United Nations that the security council, to fill a vacancy developing at the end of this year, would be a violation of the charter.

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