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CHARITY RACKETEERING PROFITABLE

A New York legislative committee has been holding public hearings which have exposed a fantastic amount of fraud and racketeering in so-called charity campaigns of fund raising which benefit professional fund raisers far more than they do the sick or needy or the institutions in whose names the solicitations are made. It is estimated that such operations prey on American generosity to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

The committee hopes to see new laws enacted in New York next year, and possibly other states or on the federal level, to provide ironclad control of the charity racketeers.

The recommendations were set forth by representatives of bona fide charity organizations, public welfare officials and the Better Business Bureau at a closing public session of the committee.

They included compulsory registration of professional fund raisers with a state or federal agency, filing of annual financial statements by all charity organizations, a standardized accounting system, regular police checks on fund raising activities and a ban on mailing of unsolicited merchandise.

In four days of hearings the committee heard testimony indicating that many nationwide and local charity drives ended with professional fund raisers receiving as much as 80 per cent of the collections. The majority of charitable organizations are worthwhile and favor official regulation of solicitation for self protection.

Testimony at the hearings included the following reports on financial affairs of some charities:

National Kids Day Foundation: raised \$3,252,000 in three years period, with only \$302,000 going toward its stated purpose of helping underprivileged children.

Disabled American Veterans, Inc.: Collected \$21,480,000 in three-year period, of which \$14,520,000 or 68 per cent went for cost of fund-raising. The DAV used \$3,837,000 or 18 per cent of the collections to finance a Washington lobby seeking legislation favorable to veterans, but spent nothing in direct financial aid to disabled veterans.

A professional fund-raiser testified that he sometimes impersonated a priest or a police representative. Other witnesses testified about their "boiler rooms" batteries of telephone solicitors—with the promoters taking most of the harvest, the use of the names of prominent people without their sanction, including presidents of the U. S., and getting as much as 80 per cent of the collections.

One professional admitted raising \$630,000 for a mythical hospital, the "National Cancer Hospital of America," but \$435,000 of the amount went for expenses of the promoters. Another admitted raising a substantial fund for the "widow of the Unknown Soldier."

So gullible are the people that such racketeering flourishes—and protection is necessary, at least in densely populated areas.—G. P.

A MOVE FOR BETTER EDUCATION

Some 50 Oregon educators met in Salem Friday to take stock on a western regional program which promises two important benefits: More and better education in specialized fields at the graduate level, and a cash saving to the suffering taxpayers.

The project is called Regional Cooperation in Higher Education. Its purpose is to secure the maximum development in higher education by having each state select its fields for development, and to accept students in these fields from neighboring states. These sometimes partially paid for by the states themselves.

Under an informal arrangement of this kind made when Prince L. Campbell was president the University of Oregon became the first institution in the Northwest to offer medical training. It was not until a few years ago that the state of Washington opened a medical school. Oregon now has a dental school too, the only one in the whole region.

Meanwhile other states have pioneered in other fields. Washington State and Colorado A. & M. have the only training available for students of veterinary medicine. Most Oregon youths go to one or the other. Washington State college has the only school for training police administrators. And so on.

It is hoped that the present program, which the Oregon legislature ratified in 1951, will eventually include all 11 western states, Alaska and Hawaii. One major obstacle has been the failure of California and Washington, the two most populous states in the region, to ratify, evidently on the theory that they can provide their own facilities and need not cooperate with anyone else. This may be true of California, but isn't true of Washington. And California could amply afford a little cooperation with neighbors like Nevada and Arizona, neither of which can afford to maintain many professional schools.

The idea has made further headway in the south than elsewhere, and evidently for two reasons. The south is poorer and therefore harder put to provide facilities for professional education and the need for providing facilities for negroes as well as white students. The south clings for the most part to segregation, therefore finds the burden doubly hard to bear, and is forced to a pooling of its limited resources.

But all states, including the most populous, can benefit by such a program, which makes a much larger field of opportunity available to the ambitious student, provides the public with better service later, and keeps educational costs at a figure the public can pay. In some cases the state pays part of the cost of its student's training.

Oregon has taken a broadminded attitude toward this program, which costs little and promises much.

SLOW KIND OF DEATH

Public power agitators are fond of charging that the Eisenhower administration plans to murder the Bonneville government power system, especially now that Raver is to leave for greener pastures up Seattle way.

Yet we read that Bonneville will let contracts for \$11,125,000 worth of new construction within the next year, in addition to millions of dollars worth of work that will continue on the new dams in the northwest.

It is clear that the administration has no thought of abandoning Bonneville to the greedy private interests, or even of stopping its expansion. The change of policy is that the right of private power to fill an important place in the economy of the region is now recognized too. The government doesn't intend to do it all.

So if Bonneville is dying it will be an extremely slow kind of death.

WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE?



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Dean Returns to Warn Ike War in Korea May Resume

By DREW PEARSON

Washington — Inside reason for Arthur Dean's dramatic flight from Korea to Washington to carry an urgent warning to President Eisenhower that the Korean war will erupt wide open again unless some drastic decisions are made by January 22. Dean, who is John Foster Dulles' law partner, abruptly broke off haggling with the communists and flew straight to Washington to report to the president.

State department expert Kenneth Young was left behind to keep a foot in the door in case the communists change their minds.

Meanwhile, Dean has warned Washington in blunt terms that the Korean truce is threatened by two ominous storm clouds:

1. The communists reportedly will resist with force if the U. S. goes ahead with its pledge to release on January 22 to the 22,000 Red prisoners who still refuse to be repatriated.
2. Stubborn South Korean President Syngman Rhee won't be talked out of launching his own offensive against North Korea if a peace conference hasn't been called by January 22.

Dean has based his warning partly on an incident occurring between the communists and Indian guards. The Reds informed the Indians they planned to attack if the 22,000 Red prisoners who refuse to go home are released. The communists further offered the Indians safe withdrawal into North Korea.

As a result, the alarmed Indians have asked both sides to present written statements on what they intend to do if the prisoner-exchange program is still bogged down on January 22.

No "Gas" to Rhee
U. S. commanders have become so worried that restless, cantankerous 78-year-old Syngman Rhee may strike across the 38th parallel with ROK troops, that they have actually rationed Rhee's gasoline supply. However, Rhee's rugged troops can walk to war as easily as ride, and the implacable South Korean leader could light the fuse to the Korean powder keg at any moment.

Everyone from President Eisenhower on down has pleaded with Rhee. He has indicated that he would give a peace conference time to operate once it got started, but he demanded that it get started by January 27.

Meanwhile, U.S.-Korean negotiations for a peace conference are not too far apart. Only major stumbling-block, Dean reports, is whether Russia shall attend as a neutral or a belligerent. So far, the U. S. has flatly refused to allow Russia to play the role of a neutral.

Note — The Pentagon is alarmed over intelligence reports that Russia has moved 38 divisions and most of its tactical air squadrons into Siberia, an ominous move in the direction of Korea. If the Russians openly try to map out Korea, the Pentagon has drafted

OPEN FORUM

Fluoridation Easy to Get if You Want it

To the Editor:
As to fluoridation: All the mothers who want this for their children need do is to go to the drug store and make their purchase. But, to treat all water for the benefit of one-tenth of one percent of the population is ridiculous and a pure waste of thousands of dollars.

Regarding the grid system: I fully agree with the Jason Lee letter. We should be grateful to Founder Willson for his wonderful foresight in giving us our wide streets. The grid is bad enough for us local people, but for outsiders it is nothing short of a nightmare. We should have left good enough alone.

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THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

Christian Attitude Makes The Bumps Easier to Bear

By REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT
Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Before another week rolls around we shall be celebrating the Nativity, or the birthday of Jesus Christ. In thousands of homes, churches and millions of miniature stables with mangers and shepherds in papier-mache will attempt to recapture the scene of that first Christmas day. The simple dramatization of this holy event should stimulate our minds to see again the underlying meaning of it all, which is of course, that Jesus Christ is "God with us."

Besides this, one of the lessons we might learn from the Bethlehem visit is the evidence of cheerfulness and gratitude under trying conditions that prevailed. Think of that young couple in a strange city, with no friends on whom to call for aid, with the night coming on and no-vacancy signs in hotels. Then too, the added realization that a third member of the family is about to have to be provided for, makes a difficult situation more urgent.

There being no room in the inn, they did not stand in the street and curse the keeper of the inn, nor their hard luck, but made the best of whatever solution presented itself at the time. They sought the warmth and shelter of the nearest barn. They didn't say, "No, we'll never stoop to this," but accepted without hesitation the beckoning comfort of a manger filled with straw, and probably praised God for their good fortune.

Some people in straitened circumstances are surprisingly letters signed by himself. This column got hold of a letter and sent a representative to the meeting. Smith spent the whole time ranting against Eisenhower, Jews and Negroes, and praising Senator McCarthy. He wants a new anti-Jewish party, headed by McCarthy. . . . Incidentally, McCarthy's appeal for letters to the president flopped so badly that the White House has lost some of its fear of McCarthy's political pulling power.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Boyle Suggests Books to Read During TV Commercial

By HAL BOYLE

New York, (AP)—These long winter evening commercials when television has revived the lost art of reading.

There is no better time to pick up a good book and settle back for a reunion with the printed word than during those cherry interludes on your video screen during which the announcer tells you how you can avoid body odor and protect your lungs by drinking only filtered beer, packed in a king-sized refrigerator that can be thrown away after using only once.

"During one long commercial I read my way through three feet of Dr. Eliot's old five-foot book shelf," a man bragged recently. "My wife, who has read all our books, knitted a sweater during another commercial."

So, if you want to do your friends a real favor this Christmas, why not refresh his ears by giving him a heart-warming, old-fashioned present—a book? If he has forgotten how to read, surprise him with a color picture book.

To guide you in making the right choice, here is our annual list of Christmas book suggestions—and just in jest—for folks in and out of the public eye:

- "How to Make Doll Clothes"—Marilyn Monroe.
- "All Done from Memory"—Harry S. Truman.
- "How to Play Your Best Golf all the Time"—President Ike.

"A Practical Guide to Job Hunting"—Sen. Joe McCarthy.
"The Boy Who Saw Tomorrow"—Vice President Nixon.
"Our Animal Neighbors"—To the family next door.

"The Borrowers"—To the other family next door.
"For More than Bread"—To your favorite employer, the boss.

"You Must Relax"—Ditto.
"Brother to the Dragons"—The boss's assistant.
"Some Enchanted Evenings"—June Lockhart.

"I reached for a Star"—Frank Sinatra.
"Notes Without Music"—Johnny Ray.

"So Noble a Captain"—Maj. Gen. Bill Dean of Korea presented with a salute.
"The Truants"—Arthur Godfrey.

"The Caine Mutiny"—Julius La Rosa.
"A Pall of Oysters"—Milton Berle.
"Kiss Me Again, Stranger"

—For Penelope, the Bronx zoo's old maid Platypus.
"A Mingled Yarn"—Quentin Reynolds.
"What Can a Man Believe?"—Publisher Bennett Cerf.

"The Age of Suspicion"—Marlene Dietrich.
"Time and Time Again"—Ava Gardner.
"Ways of Mammals"—Tallulah Bankhead.

"Until Victory"—Adlai Stevenson.
"The Future of Architecture"—Betty Grable.
"Meet Me at the Morgue"—Premier Malenkov.

"Songs for My Supper"—Guy Lombardo.
"Pocket Guide to the Birds"—Your favorite politician.

"What Time is It, World?"—Winston Churchill.
"Live Them Again"—Bernard Baruch.

"The Enchanted Cup"—Your favorite bartender.
"Lord Vanity"—Many wives are buying this for their husband, although I don't know why. Others prefer "The Man Who Wouldn't Talk."

"The Heart of the Family"—Your wife.
"A Law for the Lion"—Ditto.

"Flying Saucers from Outer Space"—To a butter-fingered waiter.
"By the Dawn's Ugly Light"—Fine for throwing at alarm clocks.

"Life is Worth Living" and "The Power of Positive Thinking"—Buy 'em for yourself, and give your own mind some fresh air and exercise.

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Salem 29 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL
December 19, 1924

Temperature in Salem had dropped to six degrees above zero.

Governor Pierce had appointed Judge William M. Ramsey, McMinnville lawyer, as circuit judge of the twelfth judicial district to succeed Harry Belt of Dallas who had been elected associate justice of the supreme court.

Impressive funeral services had been held for Samuel Gompers at the Elks club in New York City.

A portable school on Washington school grounds had been closed due to prevailing cold weather.

Superintendent Hug of Salem's public schools had issued a warning against a threatened epidemic of diphtheria.

Victor Talking Machine company had expanded its plant by addition of two new factories.

Ten gallons of beer or wine and two gallons of other liquors had been established as the maximum quantity a Saskatchewan governor liquor store might sell to any person at one time.

Cooley & Pearson, Salem grocers, were selling standard brands of coffee in cans for 57c a pound and fancy beans for 26c a pound.

SPIKED CAKE DANGEROUS
Baton Rouge, La. (AP)—The Louisiana Commission on Alcoholism warned today that a spiked fruit cake or branched fruit "can be as harmful as a drink of straight liquor" to alcoholics.

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