



Several reasons why signatures were so easy to gather on the '63 tax referral

Surprise was expressed in some quarters that it appeared to be so easy to gather the necessary number of signatures to refer the tax program of the 1963 legislature to a special vote of the people.

Still, this was the first time in recent history, at any rate, in which so much opposition was expressed to a possible referendum at the time petitions first started to circulate.

So the battle lines have been drawn. An education group already has formed to raise funds and carry on a fight prior to the Oct. 15 election.

The reader might well ask what, specifically, will happen if the tax measure is defeated. And at this stage of the game there is no definite answer to such a question.

And he's a Democrat

President Kennedy, in a recent press conference, glibly assumed the members of the extreme right in this country all belong to the Republican party.

Bending the rule just a bit

In one important respect foreign students studying in America are very much like American students. They sometimes fall in love. And then they marry.

In another respect they are very different. The mother or the father is subject to deportation. The family must choose between being split up and going back to the homeland of the boy or girl who came here to study.

In recognition of this tragic situation, the State Department is working out a means to ease the threat of deportation. Each case, however, will have to be decided upon its own merits.

Most foreign students are here

Bulgarian premier believes US, Russ, hold peace keys

By Drew Pearson VARNNA, Bulgaria — My interview with Premier Todor Zhivkov of Bulgaria took place at a tea table in a shady spot on the palace lawn of the former kings of Bulgaria.

I told him that I had once learned his language from a Bulgarian corporal named Zhivkov, one of 100 Bulgarian prisoners allotted to a unit of the American Friends Service Committee after World War I to rebuild Yugoslav villages burned down by the Bulgars.

Perhaps the most important question we discussed was whether Red China was likely to start a war, in view of its opposition to co-existence between the United States and Russia.

"Now that President Kennedy and Khrushchev have agreed to a test ban treaty," I asked, "what should be the next step in improving relations between the United States and Russia?"

"Disarmament," Premier Zhivkov replied without hesitation. "Even if there is only partial disarmament, it will be an important step. We have to begin."

"The small nations like Bulgaria don't count when it comes to preventing war," he said. "But you and Russia have the power within yourselves to keep the peace. If you stand together, I am not worried."

"Bulgaria can't start a war but we are concerned about war. We have been through too many of them. I asked our scientists the other day to give me a report on the results of nuclear war and they reported that it would take 1800 years to decontaminate the earth after such a war."

"Pardon me for talking so seriously at a tea party," said Zhivkov, pouring another cup of coffee — not tea — but there are things we all have to worry about.

The Lighter Side

He confused 'euphoria' with 'Ethiopia' at recent hearing

By Dick West UPI Staff Writer WASHINGTON (UPI) — During recent Senate hearings on the test ban treaty, a couple of witnesses cautioned that there was some danger it might lead to "euphoria."

At first, that part of the testimony didn't make much of an impression on me. That was because I had euphoria confused with Ethiopia.

I thought the witnesses were warning that Ethiopia might start nuclear testing. Which didn't seem very likely because Ethiopia had already signed the treaty.

Besides that, I wasn't aware that Ethiopia had any nuclear weapons to test.

Upon reconsideration, I concluded that euphoria must be some kind of atmospheric condition; that when you tested you got fallout, and when you didn't test you got euphoria.

Curious to know whether euphoria was as harmful as fallout, I consulted a dictionary and learned that the word means "a feeling of well-being." That confirmed my worse fears.

Since then I have been keeping a close watch to see if I could detect any signs of creeping euphoria. My vigilance may have hit pay dirt.

Assuming that I can recognize euphoria when I see it, then Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson scattered some of it around in a speech before an AFL-CIO convention at Houston, Tex., Monday.

"No one can win a nuclear war," he continued, "if the socialist countries throw the first bomb, we'll reap the same kind of destruction you will reap. And if you throw the first bomb, you will suffer just as much as we do."

I asked the Bulgarian prime minister what he thought of the current Soviet policy of co-existence and how it jibed with Khrushchev's one-time statement that he would bury us.

"When Khrushchev said he would bury you," replied Zhivkov, "he was speaking in a rhetorical sense. He didn't mean war. This statement was greatly misinterpreted. The fact is that we know we can't change you from being capitalists and we don't want to. And you know that you can't change us from being Communists."

Women in Bulgaria Mrs. Pearson told the prime minister that we had watched a woman boss a gang of Bulgarian men in laying a macadam pavement on the docks that morning.

"She seemed to be getting the job done faster than men," Mrs. P. remarked. "Does this kind of work by women happen in Bulgaria often?"

I protested that the question was unfair to men, but Zhivkov gave a lengthy reply on the advancement of women in the new Bulgaria. He also paid tribute to Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, the U.S. minister to Bulgaria, but commented:

"When it comes to improving relations between the United States and Bulgaria, Mrs. Anderson is always preaching cultural exchange. That's all right, but why not get down to brass tacks? The real way to improve relations is through trade and political relations. Of course," he added, "Mrs. Anderson is acting under orders from the State Department."

The conversation under the trees on the shore of the Black Sea touched many other questions, ranging from religion, regarding which Zhivkov said his mother was a devout believer, to Balkan friction, regarding which he said that the ticklish Macedonian problem had now been settled by putting the Macedonians under Yugoslavia as a republic.

Finally I asked whether other Bulgarians could be counted on to follow a policy of peaceful co-existence.

"Only five per cent of the people in the Bulgarian government are of my age," replied Zhivkov, who is 52. "The others are younger. And they are unequivocally for peace."

By Phil Newsum UPI Staff Writer When the gallows ended the life of former Czech Communist party secretary general Rudolph Slansky on Dec. 3, 1952, one of the most enthusiastic of those in the cheering section was Antonin Novotny.

Both had been members of the Czechoslovak Communist party since its inception in 1921. Both had participated in the conspiracy which led to the downfall of the Czechoslovak republic of Eduard Benes and the Communist takeover. But the two were bitter enemies, and when Slansky's downfall came Novotny had a hand both in his arrest and in his execution.

It was perhaps coincidental that the pace of Novotny's own rise to power as president of Czechoslovakia and first secretary of the Czech Communist party quickened with Slansky's downfall.

And it may also be coincidental that a review of Slansky's case finding him innocent of the conspiracy charges for which he was hanged also could be a sign of trouble for Novotny.

In any case, as "de-Stalinization" has spread through the Soviet Union and the satellites and it has become fashionable to "rehabilitate" party members executed in the bad old days, Novotny has shown a marked reluctance to initiate any such program for Czechoslovakia, and particularly so in the case of Slansky.

In fact he renewed his denunciations of Slansky in various speeches in 1961 and 1962 and again last June. When Slansky and 10 co-defendants were executed in 1952, the list read like a who's who of Czech communism. Besides Slansky there were Vladimir Clementis, a former foreign minister and a handful of former deputy ministers of defense, national security, finance and other high offices.

As demands for their rehabilitation mounted within the party, an outstanding voice in these demands was that of Rudolf Barak, a deputy premier and minister of interior who also was beginning to challenge Novotny for leadership.

Against Barak, Novotny carried out a stroke of Communist genius.

Novotny ran Barak out of office in 1961 on charges of embezzlement and other state crimes and got him sentenced to 15 years in prison. To this he added the further charge that Barak himself had obstructed the de-Stalinization program by hiding evidence.

By this twin stroke it appeared Novotny not only had eliminated a rival but also a potential threat to all old-time comrades tainted with Stalinism.

But it appears that Novotny has not been able to rid himself of all opposition. Slansky was hanged for conspiracy and spying for the United States.

The fact that a review has cleared him of these specific charges over what must have been Novotny's opposition now is being interpreted as indicating a deep split within the Czech party.

In Vienna, close observers of the Czech scene are claiming that the Kremlin has intervened directly to chart the course of Czech de-Stalinization.

Other pens ... Paragraphs

The congress is proving all over again that tax reform means tax increase. For tax gatherers the perfect tax would be one that took a definite percentage of all money earned, all profit, interest or any other money. A simpler method as far as collection is concerned would be a sales tax that takes a percentage of all money spent although there are usually exceptions to that also.

Everyone hopes, we suppose, that the Russians and the U.S. get along well together and come to no war. Whether the test ban will help or not cannot be foretold. The president said it would not stop all tests, would not permit a decrease in armaments. Maybe that's important, anyway.

Postmaster General Day has resigned. After the ZIP number deal it seems appropriate.

What's so grand about making it easy to borrow money? Make it easy — and profitable — to save money. That's better.

Photography is the art of taking some very difficult pictures of things and people and finding a place to store them away.

If we sign a treaty with Russia over atomic bomb testing the next step may be to start loaning her money, forgetting, of course, what we loaned during the war.

"The devil finds work for idle hands to do" says the axiom. And what a wealth of material.

The Bulletin welcomes contributions to this column from its readers. Letters must contain the correct name and address of the sender, which may be withheld at the newspaper's discretion. Letters may be edited to conform to the directives of taste and style.

Other thing, though — the influence and pressures of Chamber of Commerce have caused many a sacrifice. For example, there was the influence of the chamber in having an airport built on Reath Ridge at Pendleton instead of the flatlands of Hermiston. This has caused the loss of live because of fog on the ridge. Similar pressure now is being exerted in Bend.

What would happen, say, if a bus load of children some colicky morning dropped over a cliff beside the Deschutes River?

Could it be that Bend's long range building program is looking for us to help by paying through millage in assisting them in building? When the high school was built, Bend constructed only an auditorium and gymnasium and children now are being transported from one school to another by bus because of lack of classrooms.

Has it ever been thought we might be interested in consolidating with Black Butte School at Camp Sherman, or, in other words, the Madras district? That should come to pass, distance probably would be so great that buses would be eliminated and Madras would help us keep our school up to standard. Redmond also is a possibility, especially if it were in an administrative district.

Has anyone thought of the fact that the severance tax will keep growing until it reaches a high level again?

I was talking with a man and he stated that Bend had to have the Central Oregon College because it was the same as a little industry to them. He said that they would fight to get it, and they did. Unequal distances for students of Central Oregon to travel was not considered.

Is Bend trying, because Sisters is rich in recreational resources to set up another little industrial suburb in Bend?

Well, generally, the people over here are interested in families first, then schools second — not the almighty dollar for business reasons.

The editorial in Bend patent gave the Bend angle, with a conclusion to suit Bend — the Bend point of view with only a superficial view of the feelings of the people of Sisters or the arguments of joining up with Redmond.

Trouble should not judge sides trouble because they are in trouble with building facilities. Our troubles are simple and can be worked out in the democratic way.

You may have heard that stories about the spider and the fly, when the spider invited the fly into his fine, new beautiful home. When the fly entered, he was stuck.

Pete Leitbauer Sisters, Oregon, August 27, 1963

GETS BACK AT THEM MOBILE, Ala. (UPI) — Lightning not only struck three times in the same place Thursday but the target was the local U. Weather Bureau station.

"It kind of shook everyone up," said a veteran weatherman, who reported no injuries and minor damage.

Barbs A doctor says women who continually diet to get a thin figure eventually grow melancholy. Reduced to tears.

The best tip to drivers of new cars is drive so that you don't tip.

The smartest lay-away plan is the one applied to spare money.

It's a good thing that women don't stop to think that their hair is just last year's trimmings over.

Crossword puzzle titled 'This and That' with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a grid and a list of answers to previous puzzles.

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