

Editorial Comment

CONTEMPTIBLE DEMAGOGUE

What ever shred of respect decent people might have had left for that McCarthy person must now be "Gone With The Wind." The wind, of course, was blown by the demagogue himself.

Accusing President Eisenhower of "the exposure of communism" and putting up a "shrinking show of weakness toward Red Chinese" proves the man has become mentally unbalanced. Perhaps he is more to be "pitied than scorned," but we will continue to scorn him until such time as he is placed in a mental institution where he belongs.

His first statement refers to the President's praise of the Watkins committee for a "very splendid job." The members of this committee were respected Republicans and Democrats whose methods and motives were above reproach. The Senate voted 67 to 22 to censure him on two counts—that he obstructed a senate committee's work in 1951, 1952 and that he insulted fellow senators. Where is there any possible connection between the censure on these two counts and hampering the exposure of Communism?

The person from Wisconsin in actuality is accusing 67 senators as well as the President of hampering "the exposure of communism." This accusation is as irresponsible as his earlier one which accused the Democratic party of twenty years of treason.

The President has shown no weakness toward the Red Chinese but a lot of common sense and patience. What McCarthy wants is a blockade of the Chinese coast. This would be an overt act of war and probably defeat all hopes of getting our captured airmen back alive. It might eventually lead to outright war and result in killing an untold number of soldiers and civilians. It might even be the

beginning of the end of our entire civilization.

Of course we don't want to let the Reds get away with mistreating our airmen and violating the terms of the Korean armistice, but the answer does not lie in perpetrating a war. We must work through the United Nations and other diplomatic agencies and not go off half-cocked.

As usual, the President is completely right and as usual the junior demagogue from Wisconsin is completely wrong. — Corvallis Gazette Times.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The traffic safety division of the Oregon secretary of state's office reports that during November 545 driver licenses were suspended, 131 of them on court recommendation, 137 by discretionary action of the Oregon state department and 307 after court convictions on traffic offenses calling for mandatory license suspension.

State Secretary Newbury says his office suspended 29 persons whose driving records branded them as "repeaters." Three drivers lost their licenses because they were at fault in fatal accidents.

In addition, Newbury's office sent 632 letters to motorists advising them that their driving records had been placed in the repeater file due to too-frequent convictions or accident involvement. Any further entries, they were told, would result in being called in for an interview with driver-licensing officials (with the possibility involved of losing their licenses).

LET'S GET this straight: Revoking driving licenses, if the penalty can be invariably enforced, IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE POSSIBLE DETERRENT OF RECKLESS DRIVING.

But it is hard to enforce. Completely effective enforcement would mean that every police officer would have to memorize the list of those whose driving licenses had been revoked or suspended, and would have to be able to recognize such persons on sight. In the case of suspensions, the term of each suspension would have to be known by every officer.

Otherwise, there would always be present in each officer's mind the embarrassing and annoying consequences of arresting a driver whose term of suspension had expired and whose license had been restored.

IN time, one fears—if we are to see to it that NO DRIVER WHOSE LICENSE HAS BEEN REVOKED OR SUSPENDED IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE A CAR DURING THE PERIOD OF REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION—the police are going to have to stop a lot of cars for routine examination of licenses.

That would be annoying and would tend to build up opposition to the system in the public mind.

SOMETIMES wonder if it might not be a good idea to IMPOUND THE CAR, instead of merely revoking or suspending the license of the driver.

That would be a punishment that would BITE.

REALIZE, of course, that impounding the car would involve injustices. The driver of a recklessly driven car is by no means always the OWNER of the car. But knowledge that if the driver got into trouble involving the loss of his license the car would be impounded would cause car owners to be very careful indeed about whom they permitted to DRIVE the car.

I SUPPOSE—America being America and use of automobiles being almost as much a part of American life as eating and breathing—it could be argued that impounding of cars operated by reckless drivers would be cruel and unusual punishment and therefore barred by our constitution.

But it can also be argued that the grim and GROWING toll of death and injury and suffering and monetary loss inflicted upon us by careless or incompetent drivers on our highways is also threatening our American way of life.

Grave evils call for stern remedies. Perhaps the evils resulting from careless and incompetent driving on our highways are becoming grave enough to call for the admittedly stern remedy of impounding the car in the case of driving offenses serious enough to call for revocation or suspension of the driver's license.



LONG AWAITED MOMENT—This sketch depicts one of the highlights of the wife murder trial of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard trial in Cleveland. In it, Dr. Sam takes the stand in his own defense to deny the bludgeon murder of his wife last July 4.

CRIME BUSTING GRAND JURY ENDS PURGE OF PHENIX CITY

Phenix City, Ala. — (U.P.) — A blue ribbon panel, its six months of crime busting praised as "one of the brightest pages" in the history of grand juries, has ended its purge of this former sin city.

The special grand jury issued its final report Friday just 24 hours after it had named two former top officials here as the murderers of Albert Patterson, nominee for state attorney general.

Most Pleased Guilty

Since it was empaneled for the cleanup drive which followed Patterson's death last June 18, the grand jury returned 741 indictments against 144 persons, 95 per cent of whom pleaded guilty.

Special Judge Walter E. Jones, who was sent in by Gov. Gordon Persons to revamp the Russell County Court and jury, praised the work of the special grand jury as "one of the brightest pages" in the history of grand juries.

In its final presentation the jury in turn praised Jones' work

as "an outstanding factor in the restoration of confidence and respect for law and order not only in Russell county . . . but throughout the state of Alabama."

Recommended Law Change

The grand jury recommended that election laws be changed to provide stiffer punishment for violators, and that liquor sales be prohibited in a notorious riverside honky-tonk section of this former gambling center.

One of its final indictments was a second degree murder charge against a Negro, Jimmy Washington, 16, for the fatal stabbing of Johnnie Griffin, a key witness in the Patterson murder case.

The grand jury indicted deposed solicitor Arch B. Ferrell and ousted chief deputy sheriff Albert Fuller for Patterson's murder.

Honolulu Bank Gets Order To Explain Release of Funds

Honolulu — (U.P.) — Federal Judge J. Frank McLaughlin has ordered officials of the Central Pacific Bank of Honolulu to explain why they released \$27,956 in International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union funds, frozen by court order.

The money was released to the union Friday by the assistant cashier of the central Pacific Bank.

Not a Kindergarten
McLaughlin who ordered all ILWU accounts in Hawaii banks frozen, told the bank official "you're running a bank, not a kindergarten."

The judge's order came on the heels of an attachment by the Juneau Spruce Company, of all available assets of the ILWU, to satisfy a \$760,000 judgement.

Juneau Spruce charged it was forced out of business by an ILWU jurisdiction strike.

McLaughlin ordered the union accounts frozen pending a hearing, but explained to the banks that ILWU locals were unaffected by the order. Only if a local account appeared to conceal assets of the international organization should it be held, he said.

From Political Fund
Money given the union by the Central Pacific Bank came in part from the ILWU's "political action fund."

The judge's action indicated he felt the money was not part of local assets but rather funds controlled by the main group. McLaughlin called a hearing for Monday and ordered officials of all Honolulu banks and 13 ILWU officers to appear with the union's financial records.

Warm Air Expected To End Cold Snap

By UNITED PRESS

Warm air from the Gulf of Mexico Saturday made its bid to crack a snowy, wintry cold wave which has gripped the nation's North.

The warm front was pushing northward over Texas and temperatures as far north as Southern Illinois went up. Meanwhile, cold weather returned to the East Coast.

Elsewhere, however, snow continued to fall from the Great Lakes to Northern New England and gusty winds whipped snow flurries in parts of Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas.

Clear, cold weather continued in the Southeast and it was freezing as far south as Cross City, Fla. A reading of three degrees above zero at Grantsburg, Wis., was one of the nation's lowest Saturday, while Brownsville, Tex., enjoyed a springlike 72.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Final Exam Realistic for Civil Defense Instructors

Portland — (U.P.) — The final examination for 16 students in a civil defense rescue instructors course went off with a bang last night.

Oldest Industry in Portland To Merge

Portland — (U.P.) — Merger of the Noon Bag Company with the Ames Harris Neville Company was reported here Saturday. Officials said only minor legal details remained to be completed. Noon Bag is Portland's oldest industry. It was founded 101 years ago to make gold bags, sails and covered wagon tops and has been in the textile bag industry ever since. It will continue in operation at its plant here which was built three years ago. It employs from 60 to 100 persons.

Ames Harris Neville will acquire all of the common stock of Noon Bag, most of which is owned by the estate of the late William and Ellen Tannenbaum. The surviving firm established an operation in Portland in 1888, two years after it was founded in San Francisco. It also produces textile bags, mostly for agricultural use.

Blaze Takes Life Of Mother of Four

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Mrs. Betty Marie Jones, 31-year-old mother of four children, was burned to death late Friday in a fire which destroyed the family's small home in Camas Valley, west of here.

Deputy Coroner L. L. Powers said the children were led to safety by the oldest child, seven-year-old Alberta Marie.

Powers said the fire started when a wood cook stove exploded as Mrs. Jones was attempting to light a fire, using kerosene.

Her husband, Isaac Abner Jones, was away at work at the time.

real bandages to wrap up the make-believe wounds of the "victims." However, the bandages came in handy. One photographer on hand to take pictures of the test cut his finger on a broken flash bulb.

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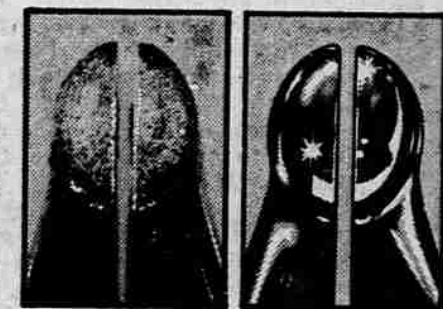
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