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Voting Disunity Within Parties

You can't predict how a member of Congress will vote simply by finding out to what party he belongs. Even in this presidential election year, when each party might be expected to close its ranks, Republicans are found on both sides on many important votes in Congress, and so are Democrats.

Perhaps that isn't surprising in the House, where one Republican or Democrat will represent an urban district and another of the same party a rural one in the same state. But on many key issues opposing votes will come from two Republican or two Democratic senators representing all the people of the same state.

FOR INSTANCE, Sens. Payne of Maine, Flanders of Vermont, Martin of Pennsylvania, Bricker of Ohio, Capehart of Indiana, and Mundt of South Dakota voted for the natural gas rate—exemption bill later vetoed by the President. Their fellow Republicans from the same states, respectively—Mrs. Smith, Aiken, Duff, Bender, Jenner and Case—voted against it. Sen. Scott, North Carolina Democrat, voted for the bill; Sen. Ervin, North Carolina Democrat, was paired against it.

Among Senators voting to let New York state develop government power from the Niagara river were Smith (Me.), Aiken (Vt.), Case (N.J.), Bender (Ohio), Johnston (S.C.), Kuchel (Calif.). Among those against it were Payne (Me.), Flanders (Vt.), Smith (N.J.), Bricker (Ohio), Wofford (S.C.), Knowland (Calif.).

AS FOR A house vote not involving economic issues—of 19 Republican representatives from California 13 voted to restore \$600 million of the \$1.1 billion cut from the administration's foreign-aid program, but six voted against restoring it.

Many Britishers argue that such subordination of party unity to individual preference is a weakness of the American political system as compared with the British. Many Americans would argue that this exaltation of personal conviction above party discipline is an element of strength in the American as against the British system. Senator Morse of Oregon would agree.

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Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County
History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
July 5, 1946
(Medford dairymen announced increased prices on dairy products, effective today at all dairies.)

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: There was a lot of 'Hell, West-and-Crooked' driving on the Fourth. Several were caught headed East in the same style.

20 YEARS AGO
July 5, 1936
(Rogue River valley people won two national prizes in the old timers discovery drive conducted by the General Electric company.)

Albert Forman, Mail Tribune carrier, will start work tomorrow as a salesman for the Western Auto Supply company.

30 YEARS AGO
July 5, 1926
(An incendiary fire took place in kitchen of Derrick's cafeteria on South Riverside ave. today, but little damage was done.)

Medford post office receipts for the month of June showed an increase over those of June last year.

40 YEARS AGO
July 5, 1916
(Six accidents but no serious injuries resulted from heavy traffic on the highway between Medford and Ashland yesterday.)

Telegraphic instructions received by Captain Vance of the seventh company to recruit full war strength.

What's the Answer?
Can You Get 4 of the 7?
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

- 1. Most trading stamps are issued in (a) 5, (b) 10, (c) 20, or (d) 25 cent denominations?
2. The U. S. now does or doesn't have air bases on Iceland?
3. First real move in Continental Congress of 1776 for independence came from Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia or South Carolina?
4. When someone has fainted, his head should be placed higher or lower than the rest of his body, or on a level with it?
5. Married men with \$10,000 incomes are subject to much lower income tax in the U. S., Great Britain, or France?
6. Impeachment proceedings against a President are voted by the Senate, the House, both, or the Supreme Court?
7. A bushmaster is a forestry school graduate, guerrilla fighter, large snake, or man with thick eyebrows?
The answers: 1. Most in 10 cent denomination. 2. Still has. 3. Virginia. 4. Lower. 5. The U.S. 6. The House. 7. Large snake.

Grocer Badly Burned In Firecracker Explosion
Mullins, S. C.—(U.P.)—Rural grocer Ed Lockemy, 40, today was recovering from serious burns he received in an explosion of a basket of fireworks in his store Wednesday. Lockemy's small son threw a burning match into the basket and Lockemy was burned about the chest, arms, back and face from the exploding fireworks when he tried in vain to retrieve the match.

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

MR. WILSON Washington—Both as a human being and as a political phenomenon, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson is one of the most interesting figures in Washington, and his recent appearances before the Senate Air Power Subcommittee have had a quiet drama of their own.

A few days before Wilson testified, Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia, the respected Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, called him a man "whose vanity and arrogance have exceeded only by his ineptitude." Russell's bitterness, as Wilson must know, accurately reflects a general hostility on both sides of the Senate aisle.

The men who heard Wilson, moreover, had previously heard much expert testimony that the Wilson defense policies were risking national disaster. Strategic Air Command Curtis LeMay, for example, had testified that in a few years, under the Wilson policies, SAC would be so inferior to the Soviet strategic force that it might be destroyed altogether by surprise attack.

Under the circumstances, it was not surprising that Wilson sometimes seemed like a defendant at the bar. The impression was heightened by the fact that the hearings took place in the old, handsome, semi-circular Supreme Court room in the center of the Capitol. The Senators sat in the throne-like chairs once occupied by the justices, on a raised dais under a golden eagle, looking down on the defendant-Secretary below them.

A big man, with white hair and a long, stubborn, oddly boyish face, Wilson was clearly nervous—and who can blame him? He smoked incessantly, often with the cigarette dangling from his mouth as he talked a little habit which has not endeared him to the Senate. He talked deliberately, in his flat, no-argument accent, and one sensed that he was making a supreme effort to control himself, to avoid losing his temper.

IT WAS impossible not to feel a sympathy for the embattled Secretary, and a liking as well. There is an appealing simplicity about him. Once, in his discursive way, he volunteered that his mother had had him baptized in the Tuscawarra river in Ohio, and one caught a quick glimpse of his long climb up from small town boyhood in the 90s to business eminence and national power.

From time to time, one caught a glimpse of the special view of the world his arduous climb has given him. Once, for example, he began talking about the Russians, and remarked that it was "too bad they did away with the Czars completely." If only, he said, "some of them were still left in one piece of Russia. Then the Russians could have their private collection of Czars, and they would not be hating our people so much." This thought was offered solemnly, as a serious comment on history.

It was a meaningful comment. For it suggested how little time, in his hard-working, brilliantly successful career, Wilson has had to devote to the real nature of such imperial power structures as the Soviet Union.

Editorial Comment

TIME OF DAY Eric Allen in the Medford Mail Tribune is unsure about the time of day if someone tells him it's 12:15 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. He assumes these people mean it is 15 minutes after midnight and 30 minutes past noon, but he can't be sure.

In the case of 12:15 a.m., he reasons the a.m. (ante-meridian) means before noon and the time is thus 12 hours and 15 minutes before noon or 11:45 p.m. And in the case of 12:30 p.m., he reasons (or perhaps "reasons") it is too strong a word, the p.m. is for "post meridian" or after noon. Thus 12:30 p.m. would be noon and a half hours after noon or 12:30 a.m. And 12:30 a.m. is really 11:30 at night, and so on.

He's terribly confused, and thinks maybe the fog would lift if people would write those two times of day as 00:15 a.m., 00:30 p.m., and so on. He might also advocate more wide-spread use of the military's 24-hour clock in which 9 p.m. becomes 2100 hours and the lights are turned off at 2230. But we lived four desperate years under this system and at the end of the fourth year we still looked at a "2145" time listing and then subtracted 12 to note that what the people really meant was 9:45 p.m., after noon.

Shepilov's Big Tour Of Middle East Area Appears as Failure

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent
Dmitri T. Shepilov's first big tour as Soviet Russia's new foreign minister appears to have been an embarrassing failure.

He concluded no agreements of any value to the Kremlin, and he met with some rebuffs. Disappointment was expressed in Egypt, Syria and Lebanon because Shepilov refused to promise the Arab nations full support against Israel.

In Greece, Premier Constantine Karamanlis and Foreign Minister Evangelos Averoff rejected an invitation to visit Russia. They also told Shepilov that Greece would stand by its treaty obligations with the Western Allies despite their anger over the Cyprus situation.

It was noted also that not long after Shepilov left Egypt, the Egyptian supreme military court sentenced 40 Communists to prison terms ranging up to seven years. They were accused of plotting to overthrow the regime of President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

Shepilov, a powerfully built six-footer, was hailed as a diplomatic ball to fire when he succeeded Molotov after having served as editor of the Communist party newspaper organ Pravda.

As Pravda's editor, Shepilov visited Egypt last year and set in motion the deal by which Russia arranged for Communist Czechoslovakia to send Egypt millions of dollars of war materials of all sorts.

A Grand Tour His recent visit was arranged before he took over the foreign ministry. He decided to make it a grand tour by extending it to the other countries. Shepilov offered Egypt a big long-term loan to help finance the building of the great Aswan dam on the Nile river. Premier Nasser refused to commit himself. Nasser also seems to have made it plain that he intends to keep Egypt on its present "neutralist" course as between West and East.

In Syria likewise, President Said El-Kuwatly told Shepilov that Syria intends to stick by a policy of strict neutrality. In Lebanon, Premier Sabri El Assali tried vigorously to get Shepilov to promise the Arab countries full support against Israel. He, and Arabs generally, were openly displeased when Shepilov refused.

In Greece, it was made evident to Shepilov that Greeks had not forgotten the encouragement Russia gave Greek Communists in the long, bitter civil war. An Athens newspaper said editorially that Greece has a firm friend in the United States, a friend who aided Greece "when Russia was planning our destruction" and "like a vulture was swooping down to prey on us."

Shepilov's invitation to Premier Karamanlis and Foreign Minister Averoff to visit Moscow was rejected as "prematuring" and not calculated to be "constructive" at this time. A highly-placed foreign diplomat in Athens called Shepilov's visit a complete failure.

Congressional Quiz

Q—Only one President prior to Dwight D. Eisenhower underwent major surgery during his term of office. Do you know who it was?
A—Grover Cleveland, who on July 1, 1893, was secretly operated on for cancer of the jaw aboard a private yacht in Long Island Sound. The operation was kept secret because the country was in the midst of a financial panic. Cleveland recovered, died in 1908 of other causes.

The grim lesson learned is that youngsters should not be allowed to ride in back unless a metal or wire screen guard has been fastened over the back fender sides so a small foot cannot get into the spokes. It makes one shiver to see the chances bicycle riders have to take to get about on their own affairs, but it is just one of those things we must make the best of.

We called the family M.D. who told us we had done all that could be done, that such injuries though all too common are seldom serious and that the pain would diminish in an hour which it did. Her brother had wanted to go with his friend to another apartment to see a favorite program, but she wanted him with her. At last in bed, and not beating the pillow as she had been, she voiced words of mature wisdom in one not yet four that brought tears to our eyes when she said drowsily, "you go on up Bobby" and see TV—I'll be all right now". (Old grandpa is fixing up a pair of small crutches this early A.M. A sorry and unwanted task.)
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In the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS

A gigantic purge is reported under way in the revolt-torn Polish city of Poznan, and thousands of Polish (communist) troops are sealing off the East German border to intercept fleeing "rebels."

Meanwhile thousands of (communist) troops and (communist) security agents are making door-to-door searches in Poznan. Travelers reaching Berlin say the population is terrorized and that police questioning appears to be going on night and day.

WE HAVE a lot of tommyrot in our election years, when we are deciding which party will hold the reins of power, but I'm unbelievably glad we have the TWO - PARTY system. When there is only ONE PARTY its leaders are too much inclined to kill off everybody who disagrees with 'em.

That's what is going on in Poland now. IN THESE days (in our own country) we hear a lot about public relations. There's a good example of GOOD public relations: Up in Seattle, the Washington Natural Gas company is building a pipeline to distribute the natural gas that is being piped down from Canada. According to the survey, the pipeline was scheduled to go right under a tree in which a ten-year-old boy and his pals had built a tree house—which meant that the tree would have to COME DOWN and the tree house would have to come down with it.

When the gas company's field engineer heard about it he redrew the plans. As a result, 600 feet of the pipeline will be moved four feet to one side and the tree will be saved along with it.

THE basic law of PERFECT public relations is: "Do ye unto others as ye would that others shall do unto you." If that law were universally followed, there would be no rockcuses.

OUR whole nation is shuddering today as it gets the grisly details of the double airliner crash in the Grand Canyon of Arizona. It is the worst in commercial history, claiming the lives of 128 persons. It follows on the heels of another disaster in which 74 persons perished.

Why are air disasters growing in magnitude? That question is easily answered. As planes get bigger and bigger and carry more and more people, the crashes get more terrifying. A little plane carries only a few people. So, when it falls out of the air, it kills only a few people. A big plane carries more people, and when it crashes disastrously more people are killed.

THIS crash, which is presently believed to have been the result of a collision in the air, carries a disturbing implication. The dispatches this morning say the tragedy in the Grand Canyon "focuses greater attention on the problem of traffic control over the nation's airways." Earlier this year, a special government, advisory group reported the air lanes are becoming so CROWDED and so inadequately regulated that airlines have brushes with disaster an average of four times daily.

The federal government has already embarked on a five-year program aimed at alleviating the situation. THE highways are already crowded. We hope to better that situation by spending billions on multi-lane highways, thus making more room for cars. (Oregon's highway engineer Sam Baldock estimates that a four-lane highway will handle eight times as much traffic as a two-laner.)

We can't build more skyways, of course, because there is only so much sky. What we will have to do is to provide tighter controls and more regulation. That is one of the penalties of growth.

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