

Expectation Electrifies Room At Senate Racket Investigation

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Washington — Expectation electrified the atmosphere here as the senate investigation of labor-management racketeering entered its second explosive week on Capitol Hill.

Under the elaborate crystal chandeliers that adorn the senate caucus room, a cast of characters appeared during the past week that has been at once shabby and vastly informative of life in the rackets.

The expectation that is felt among senators and newspapermen over the frequent detours that witnesses lead them on, it is made bearable by the anticipation that before this trip is over, the millionaire boss of the Teamsters will be summoned into the kleig-light arena—provided he returns from Europe to within reach of the committee's subpoena power—and be asked to tell why he and his lieutenants have taken such an interest in the success of various questionable enterprises.

The crowds that have been jamming the caucus room have been mostly ladies and young girls, possibly because they can drop household duties for an afternoon to watch the handsome young chief counsel, mope-haired Robert F. Kennedy, younger brother of Sen. John F. Kennedy of Mass., who was the ladies' choice at last summer's democratic national convention in the vice presidential competition.

Although something of a matinee idol, Bob Kennedy is no grandstander. With terrier-like tenacity, he hunches over his notes and bores in with carefully developed questions, increasing his speed when a witness

succeeds in covering his tracks and causing Kennedy momentarily to lose the scent, McClellan, like a tough old bloodhound, pounces down upon the scene with amazing speed to show the shadowy path the witness has sought to obscure.

Has Resources of Own

But this 31-year old Boston attorney is not without considerable resources of his own, as is demonstrated by the string of triumphs he can count over men of greater sophistication and power than any likely to be encountered in these hearings. Most notable among these was the late Harold Talbot, former Secretary of Air Force who quit under the heat of discourses dug up by Kennedy and company about his pressuring Air Force contractors to do business with a firm in

which Talbot was a partner. One little game among reporters and sightseers is to try to tell the good guys from the bad guys who are sprinkled through the audience. As one lady was heard to exclaim, "Point out some racketeers to me." When Ann Thompson, a Seattle and Tacoma madam took the stand, the game took on extra spice among those wondering which other women in the crowd might be of her profession.

One thing that brings wry smiles to senatorial faces is the matter-of-fact way in which witnesses speak of their methods of persuasion. One witness, telling of how he convinced several gentlemen during a road-side conference with them later recalled that, come to think of it, he was holding a shotgun at the time.



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FOREBODING LOOK—Mrs. John Foster Dulles, wife of the secretary of state, wears an expression that would seem to warn the hord of newsmen clustered on her lawn in Washington to stay off the grass. Actually she was listening as Israel Amb. Abba Eban reported to the press on his long parley with Dulles on the Middle East situation.

The Medical Roundup

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Group Medicine

A while ago Consumer Reports Association commissioned Albert Deutsch to study group medicine as it exists today in America. In Deutsch's first report he says that in this country there are upwards of 800 medical groups in which work some 12,000 physicians. Some of the clinics are owned by a single physician who employs several other physicians, while other clinics are organized as partnerships. The first such clinic to be organized—the Mayo Clinic—is still the largest, with over 300 permanent members, and some 500 post-graduate students working as Fellows, usually for a period of three years. In this way they are trained in a specialty. The Clinic is a non-profit organization which serves as part of the graduate medical school of the University of Minnesota.

Many persons have the idea that the Mayo Clinic is housed in a hospital, but it isn't. The Clinic does not even own a hospital. Most of the work is carried on in a ten-story building which covers a city block. Laboratories, executive offices, editorial offices, a large library, a splendid department of pathology, a large statistical department, and other educational activities are housed in two large buildings that used to contain the Clinic. In Rochester, Minn., there are several hospitals which altogether have some 1600 beds. One is owned by Catholic sisters, and others are owned by the Methodist church.

Medicine Probably Better Off

As Deutsch concluded, American medicine is probably better than that found anywhere else in the world, and he thinks the best form of it is to be found in group practice. He points out that even the most enthusiastic admirer of the general practitioner must admit that no matter how brilliant he may be, he just cannot know enough about all the phases of medicine that are now being developed in some 36 specialties.

Although I spent most of my life studying the diseases of the digestive tract, there are many phases of this specialty about which I know little. For instance, I would never think of treating a patient with a serious disease of either the gullet or the rectum; for such troubles I would send the man to a specialist. At a place as large as the Mayo Clinic, one can find specialists for diseases of the gullet, the stomach, the gallbladder, the pancreas (the big digestive gland back of the stomach), the colon, and the rectum. One can find also surgeons who specialize in operating on certain parts of the body, such as the thyroid gland, the heart or the brain.

Can Treat Expertly

The man with a very rare disease will often do well to go to a big clinic because only there is he likely to find physicians who have seen so many cases like his that they can treat him expertly. Another advantage of a big clinic is that under one roof he can quickly be examined as thoroughly as need be. Only for special tests need he go to one of the hospitals. The examinations and tests will all be made by men who are expert because of their fine training and huge experience. Also, in a big clinic the doctors consult freely without worrying about any extra cost to the patient.

A fine feature of the life of a physician or surgeon in a big clinic is that he can travel far at any time to learn a new method of diagnosis or the technique of a new operation. A great advantage of working in a clinic is that, during daily consultations with his fellows, such man is constantly learning about the advances in medicine in the other men's fields.

One great advantage the physicians and surgeons have in a fine clinic is that since they need have no concern about the patient's ability later to pay. If a millionaire's problem can be solved in two days, he can then be sent on his way; while, if the child of a poor widow needs a month's study and devoted care, he will get it. It all averages out. The physicians in a clinic are never tempted to make work or to order an operation that might perhaps be avoided. Human nature being what it is, this

Moderate Charge Made

When, in a clinic, the work or patient is all done, he or she goes to the business office where a moderate charge is made for each examination and consultation he (or she) has had. These charges are added up and the sum is the basic bill. If he has had an operation, there is an additional bill for this. If the charges are too large for the man's purse, an effort is made to scale them down. If the patient does not know how he can pay, an expert in social service will see him; she will talk over his financial problems with him, and will see if help can be obtained from some source. No one is ever turned away because he cannot pay. Many a time the Social Service department lends money to a stranded person so he can get back home.

All people will do well to learn the huge difference between a fine, able and idealistic clinic, like that at Rochester, Minn., and some so-called clinics and hospitals which advertise widely that they will cure piles or arthritis or cancer. Even vicious quacks are now cashing in on the prestige-value of calling their clip-joint a clinic. In case of doubt don't go and get gyped; ask your doctor to look up the reputation of the place.

Dr. Alvarez hopes his readers will understand that it would be impossible for him to answer requests for information or to attempt to diagnose by mail.

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30 Persons Killed

Rangoon, Burma — (U.P.) — A report reaching here today said 30 persons were killed and 40 injured Monday when a train was sabotaged at Pynmana, 220 miles north of here.

The reports said the train's 16 coaches overturned after railway spikes were removed, allegedly by Communist rebels.

Bible Thief Freed; Samaritan Fined

Washington — (U.P.) — A Bible thief got off scot-free, but a good Samaritan didn't Monday in municipal court.

Willis L. Richardson, a 26-year-old good Samaritan if there ever was one, was fined \$25 for operating an automobile without a license.

The Washington man told a lady judge that all he was doing was pushing a friend's car to a garage. He said the car's battery was dead. Police said he steered part of the time through the front window.

The judge said the price of friendship besides the \$25 was an extra \$5 for not showing the car's registration and \$10 more for operating a car not bearing a front license plate.

Robert W. Feeser of Hanover, Pa. made out a lot better when he pleaded guilty to removing the Good Book from a department store without benefit of payment.

The judge — a man — asked with appropriate old testament sternness: "Don't you know it's wrong to steal even a Bible?"

"Yes, I know," Feeser said piously. "That's the Eighth Commandment. I don't know why I did it."

Norblad Objects To Fashion Expert

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) thinks it is fine for Air Force wives to keep up with the latest fashions, but not at taxpayers' expense.

Norblad wrote Air Force Secretary Donald A. Quarles Monday protesting the employment by the Defense department of a woman "fashion coordinator." He said he had learned that her job is to fly among overseas air bases "to interpret the prevailing mood" of stateside styles to wives of men stationed there.

"In this day and age of high budgets and high taxes, it seems to me that this is about as useless a job as could be created by the Defense Department," Norblad said.

On The Side

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We are face to face and between us here. Is the love we thought could never die.

Why has it only lived a year? Who has murdered it—you or I? Our love is dead, our hope is wrecked so what does it profit to talk and rave. Whether it perished by my neglect Or whether your cruelty dug its grave.

—Phoebe Cary.

No longer does the delightful aroma of coffee on the fire get her day off to a good start. The coffee is on the fire every morning as usual but the aroma is missing. So complained a feminine subscriber who added the query, "What has happened to the coffee lately?" This complaint was reported here and immediately aroused the sympathetic interest of J. Alex Zehner, well-known Pittsburgh newspaperman. "Tell the lady," says J. Alex, "to purchase her coffee in the whole bean and buy one of those wonderful new electric coffee grinders. Then she will have her coffee fresh each meal. And that delightful aroma she craves will be ever present."

Asides

Frenchmen get along better with their mothers-in-law than husbands of any other nation. . . . It was Philip D. Armour, who said, "Anybody can cut prices but it takes brains to make a better article. . . . The six words most overworked by women are: 1. Cute. 2. Thrilling. 3. Darling. 4. Adorable. 5. Smart (referring to clothes). 6. Attractive.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. How old was the first Queen Elizabeth of England when she fell in love with the Earl of Essex? A. Elizabeth was 53 at that time. Robert Devereaux, the Earl of Essex was then 19. Q. Is "The Rosary" a church song or hymn? A. The song referred to cannot be classed in manner you mention. It is a poem by Robert Cameron Rogers set to music by

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Etihelbert Nevin. It comes under the head of popular music. So They Say

Men born under the sign of Cancer (June 21-July 22) are usually very successful financially and live to a ripe old age. Or, so say the stargazers. (Note—John D. Rockefeller, who lived to be 98, was born under Cancer. So was John Wanamaker, who reached the age of 84. Also George Eastman, who was 78 at the time of his passing.)

Sidelights

How about the first dog you ever owned? First pup I had, when I was seven years old, was a black and tan female named Wee Wee. . . . The British worry considerably about being buried alive. In London there is an organization known as The Society for the Prevention of Premature Burial.

Passing By

Mae Murray. Known in her hey-day as a cinema star as "The Girl with the Bee Stung Lips." Mae first attracted attention as a member of the cast of "The Ziegfeld Follies of 1909." That edition of the Follies also included in its cast Eva Tanguay, Nora Bayes, Jack Norworth, Gerie Vanderbilt, Bessie Clayton and Lillian Lorraine.

Briefly

The motto of the New York City police department is "Faithful Unto Death." And down through the years a number of gallant members of the "Finest" have proved it.

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