

Exaggerated 'Secrecy' Seen Threat To Lives

Phoenix—Exaggerated government secrecy threatens the "very lives" as well as the liberty of the persons in whose name it is invoked, in the opinion of a Washington, D. C., newspaper executive.

J. R. Wiggins, executive editor of the Washington Post and Times Herald, told members of the Arizona Newspaper Association that part of the never-ending struggle for liberty is fighting unnecessary secrecy.

The nation finds itself in "deadly military peril, in grave diplomatic difficulty and in ghastly danger of losing its place among the front rank of the nations" because the government has denied information which would have helped form public opinion," Wiggins said.

Still Seeking Right

Wiggins, who received the 1957 John Peter Zenger award from the University of Arizona's Department of Journalism, said newspapers still are confronted with the necessity of fighting for the right to criticize government 223 years after Zenger's time.

Now, however, the threat is not fear of criticizing government but of withholding information, according to the newspaper executive.

"Criticism of the acts of government is being obstructed by the simple device of concealing knowledge of what the acts of government are that there can be no intelligent criticism of policy," he said.

Anniversary Noted By Sixth Army

San Francisco—The Sixth U. S. Army, responsible for the ground defense of eight Western states, Saturday celebrated its 15th anniversary at the Presidio.

The Sixth Army was organized in 1943 as the result of a request by Gen. Douglas MacArthur for a force to take the Philippines back from the Japanese. It was activated at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

During World War II, the Sixth took the Admiralty Islands, Hollandia, Bialak, and the Philippines. In the course of its island-hopping, it employed more than 200,000 men including 18 Army and four Marine divisions.

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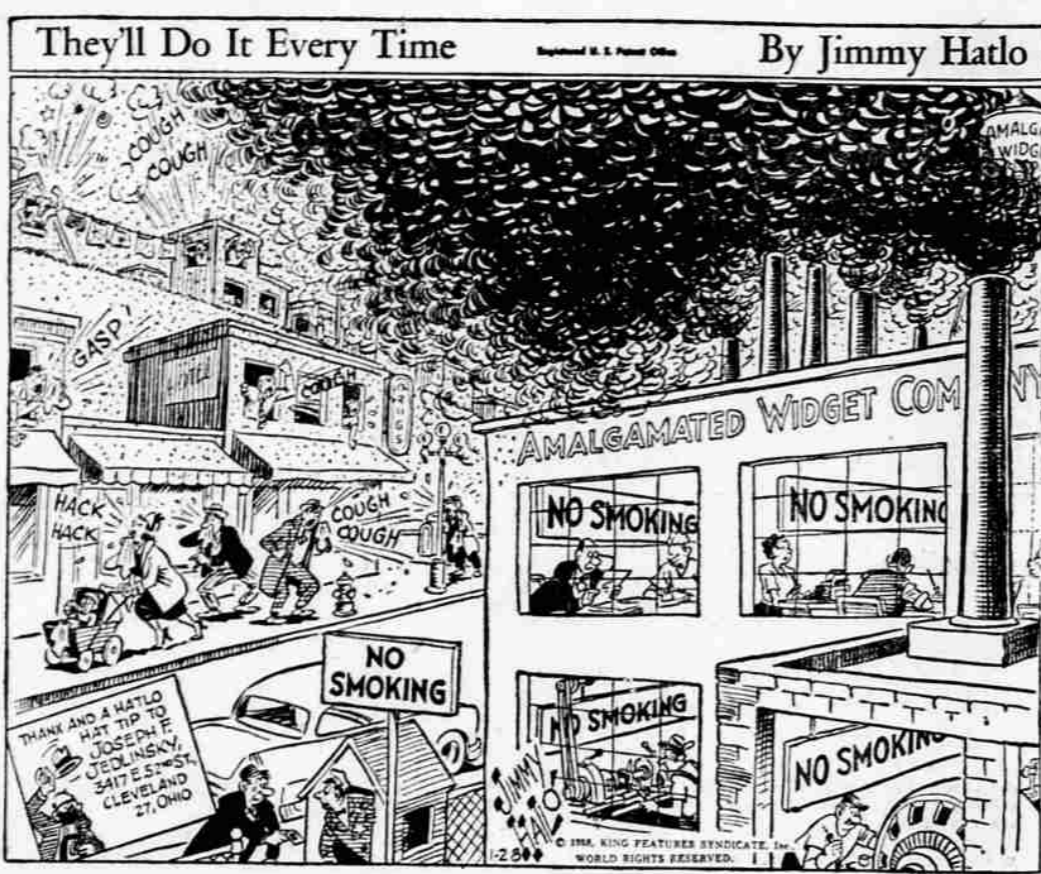
Washington—The lighter side of Congress: With most of our lawmakers each day more deeply involved in problems of space, photographers around the Senate are wrestling with a matter that is merely, but increasingly, global.

It has to do with a senator's head.

"Don't shoot the bald spot," Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas has been warning them lately. Johnson laughs, but this is not to be mistaken to mean he is kidding. Officially, Johnson is not running for president. But he'll have a hard time making the picture men believe it.

On occasion, Johnson has stopped a press conference until he got all the photos around up in front of him. So far they haven't had too much trouble cooperating. But they wonder how long they can remain in his good graces and still take their pictures. Bald spots have a way of spreading.

Speaking of hair, the Senate currently can't boast a single good example of what used to be thought of as the classic senatorial haircut—either the long, flowing mane, with ducktails in the back, or the mostly bald dome, with wispy strands hopefully swept across the top, fooling nobody except possibly the man who combed it that way.



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The "new look" in senatorial appearance seems to be running these days more toward the handsome, suave, successful-businessman-type. Iron gray hair, neatly clipped, chiseled features; and just enough lines in the face. Sens. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) and Prescott Bush (R-Conn.), for instance.

The best current examples of the old senatorial haircut as a matter of fact are being displayed by two House members—Reps. L. Mendle Rivers (D-S.C.) and Leslie C. Arends (R-Ill.), neither of whom has said anything yet about parlaying the overdue hair cut into a seat in the Senate.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who has been presiding over the Senate since 1953, not only has not succumbed to the uninhibited Senate-type haircut but lately has been wearing his noticeably shorter.

"It's not Madison Avenue," he claims. "It's Martin of the Senate barber shop."

Barber Martin, Nixon reports, has been cutting his hair for years. Lately, Martin decided it would look better shorter.

It used to be that a man's wife made important decisions like that.

Sen. George Smathers (D-Fla.), tall, lean, and 44, has a full head of black wavy hair, with a nice touch of gray at the temples. It is beautiful, and he aims to keep it that way.

Smathers takes all kinds of precautions against getting bald. He even owned up recently to standing on his head now and then, to encourage good circulation in the scalp. In 20 or 30 years we will let you know how that works.

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Grange News

Upper Applegate Grange

The resolution submitted by Eagle Point Grange for reactivation of existing facilities at Camp White to establish a 400-bed medical and surgical Veterans hospital was given endorsement by Upper Applegate Grange members meeting in regular session Friday evening, Jan. 24.

Since the federal government reportedly contemplates expansion of hospital facilities for veterans in the northwest area, it was pointed out that use of buildings and equipment already existing at Camp White would result in material savings to taxpayers and at the same time would offer additional permanent employment in Rogue River valley.

Widespread illness among Grange members and others in the community was reported by Chaplain Mildred Redhead, chairman of the Relief committee. Sister Florence Lance, musician, was welcomed back after a protracted illness, and executive committee member Harry Davis and Treasurer Cyrena Davis were also present after being confined to their home with severe attacks of flu. Sister Pearl Whitney is recovering from laryngitis and other complications. Brother Fred West is recuperating from flu and Sister Louise Dunlap is ill with mumps. Brother Harlan Cantrell is gradually recovering use of his hand after severing tendons while chopping kindling recently.

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Bar Association Talks Scholarships

Corvallis—Scholarships for deserving law students, restrictions on the private practices of district attorneys and a statewide lawyer referral service were discussed at a two-day meeting of the board of governors of the Oregon State Bar Association that concluded here Saturday.

The Bar Association has no funds for a scholarship program, but the board hopes such a program can be established through a foundation, Board Secretary John H. Holway said.

Portland—Sheriff Francis Lambert of Multnomah county said he would be a candidate to succeed himself.

Worthy Master Menno Bachmann, Brother John Byrne, and Sisters Pearl Byrne, Edna Sawyer, Grace Buck and Anna Scott, who won first place award for the 1957 Pomona contest conducted among subordinate Granges of Jackson county, with a total of 3,000 points.

The prize consisted of an altar cloth and matching cloths for the stations of master, overseer, chaplain and lecturer, fashioned of royal blue velvet with gold embroidery and gold fringe.

Grace N. Pearson, Publicity Chairman,

PTC Interurban Line Shut Down

Portland—Interurban service on the Portland Traction Company's Oregon City and Bellrose trolley lines remained shut down today as the Public Utilities Commission and the PTC geared for a legal clash on the issue.

The order for abandonment of the interurban service came Saturday at 8:15 p.m. Grant T. Anderson, a PTC attorney, said Sunday the company does not intend to resume the service and is prepared to carry the fight, if necessary, to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan termed the action a violation of his order that the firm was to keep the trolleys operating. The discontinuation came about 12 hours after Morgan released his order.

The traction company contends the interurban line has been operating in the red for several years.

The Portland city council also met today to discuss a five cent fare increase requested by the Rose City Transit Company, the firm that operates the city's mass transit system. The council approved a 25 cent fare but later withdrew its decision.

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