

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

ONE OF THOSE OIL billionaires made it inside the Pearly Gates and was astounded to discover there wasn't a sizeable choir in all Heaven. He buttonholed Saint Peter on the double and boomed, "Let's organize the daw-gone biggest choir of all time! I propose we round up 1,000 sopranos, 1,000 tenors, 1,000 contraltos, and 1,000 baritones."

"Sounds impressive," allowed Saint Peter, "but what about basses?"

"Oh," said the billionaire, "I'll sing bass myself."



A racetrack addict finally moaned to a pal, "I'm through with horses! A wonderful doctor has made the mere thought of them obnoxious. I can't even stand looking at a carousel any longer."

"Remarkable," observed the pal. "Where does this great doctor maintain his quarters?"

The ex-addict replied, "About seven furlongs from here."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Washington the other day there was a big bi-partisan rally in support of foreign aid. In the day-long session, President Eisenhower spoke. Former President Truman spoke. Vice-President Nixon spoke. Adlai Stevenson spoke. All of them were FOR it.

President Eisenhower was particularly emphatic. In his speech, he charged that criticism of foreign aid is based on prejudices, penny-wise economy and a refusal to face facts.

THE next morning a group of Democratic congressional leaders said President Eisenhower's request for four billion dollars in foreign aid WILL NOT be approved.

These leaders, as quoted by the reporters, add that the big foreign aid to-do won't change a single vote in the congress.

WHY not? George Marder of United Press, in a Washington dispatch, offers an interesting and probably highly significant explanation. He says: "The lawmakers don't hear any great demand from taxpayers to spend for foreign aid. In their mail from their home districts, they get a lot of COMPLAINT about foreign aid spending. The lawmakers, who are much closer to the voters than the officials in the executive department, react as they think their constituents want them to."

MR. MARDER adds: "These lawmakers take the position that we can't buy loyalty or friendship with dollars. Furthermore, almost every investigation has come up with reports indicating waste—varying from minor incidents to major snafus."

IN RECENT months, I have talked with two people who are familiar with grassroots sentiment in India, where we have spent a lot of money for aid, particularly agricultural aid. One of them (a YMCA foreign service secretary on leave) says: "In general, our agricultural people in India are capable. But they are VERY well paid according to Indian standards. They get as high as \$14,000 a year, and on this, because of India's low wages and low living costs, they manage to live very well indeed. In a country whose agricultural earnings are less than \$100 PER YEAR per person, you can imagine that this situation stirs up a lot of jealousy and ill will."

THE other, who was born and educated in India, put it this way: "In India, the average farm is fabulously minute in size—not much bigger than an American garden patch. Our agricultural people are TRACTOR MINDED. Imagine using a tractor on a farm no bigger than a city lot.

"Our agricultural advisers are strong for steel plows and scornful of the Indian's crooked stick drawn by a buffalo. But consider this: When the Indian farmer comes to the end of the row on his postage-stamp-size field, he puts his crooked stick on his shoulder, turns his buffalo around and then puts his crooked stick back in the ground and plows another little furrow. Try to imagine putting an American steel plow on your shoulder and turning it around in that manner.

"Naturally, the Indian farmers are scornful of the people we send there to help them. Their scorn leads on to RESENTMENT."

THESE are some of the snafus turned up by investigations of our foreign aid.

ANYWAY—Americans have looked at the foreign aid situation as reflected in the news from day to day and haven't found it good. They see most of these countries in Asia and the Middle East and Africa turning against us and often SEEMING TO TURN TOWARD RUSSIA INSTEAD.

Being realists, they are coming to the conclusion that a lot of our foreign aid is sheer waste of American taxpayers' money.

Road Commission Calls for Bids on Yellow Paint Supply

Portland—Oregon has asked for bids for a year's supply of yellow paint for lines down the middle of its highways but white lines probably are coming back.

State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams said at a meeting of the State Highway Commission Thursday that the Bureau of Public Roads has decreed all interstate highways must be marked in white. He said all states but Oregon have concurred.

Oregon switched to white lines a few years back but then changed back to yellow after complaints from motorists.

Low Route Favored In other business, the Commission said it favored a "low level" or waterfront route for the Willamette River East Bank Freeway section of the federal interstate highway through Portland, rather than a more expensive elevated structure.

Williams said permission had been received from Army engineers to dredge the channel along the route followed by the Commission ferry Merle R. Chessman across the Columbia river between Astoria and Megler. He said the job would cost about \$25,000.

The Commission said it could not grant a request to beautify the new route of U.S. 101 as asked by the Cannon Beach Commercial club, but that it would have its experts render advice if the community wanted to do the \$10,500 job.

Deschutes Request Denied A Deschutes county request that the Commission share on a 50-50 basis in the removal of snow on the Cascade Lake secondary highway between Bend and the Bachelor Butte ski area was denied on grounds that other similar requests have been refused.

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COURT RECORDS MUNICIPAL COURT John Frederick Imus, detective equipment, \$5. Arthur Dale Tweed, violation of basic rule, \$10. Warren Earl Warren, failure to stop at railroad crossing, \$5. Joseph F. Blylock, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5. Emil Oscar Johnson Jr., improper lane usage, \$10. Frederick Charles Lorish, failure to yield the right-of-way, \$10. Norbert Richard Schieber, violation of basic rule, \$10. George Vernon Skinner, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5. Raymond Gerald Chavis, defective equipment, \$2.50. Marion E. Dunlap, operating vehicle with iron lugs on paved streets, \$5. Audree L. Note, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5; no operator's permit, \$2.50. Vincent Michael Mullen, failure to give correct information when applying for driver's license, \$10. Robert Carl Miller, violation of basic rule, \$10. James Vincent McGowan, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5. June Mayvis Walker, 18, of 1545 Camp Baker rd., minor in possession of intoxicating liquor, \$35. Rachel Faye Standley, 20, of box 313, Phoenix, minor in possession of intoxicating liquor, \$35. Richard Alvin White, 19, of 102 California st., Jacksonville, minor in possession of intoxicating liquor, \$35.

DISTRICT COURT Dennis W. Duggan, improper muffler, \$15. Stanley M. Zwan, violation of basic rule, \$15. Otha D. Turner, driving while license suspended, \$10.

Bids Opened for Big Center at Portland Portland—Bids were opened in Portland Thursday for construction of the multi-million dollar Lloyd center on the east side of the city. Officials of the Lloyd Corporation said they hoped to announce later today whether the bids were within the estimated costs which were expected to exceed \$20 million.

EXPENSIVE FALSE ALARM Sava, Japan—Firemen answered an expensive false alarm early today. When they returned to the firehouse, they found the safe looted of \$333 in payroll money.

California Road Fugitive Captured

Freeport, Ill.—A fugitive from a California road gang was arrested by FBI agents Thursday night and brought here for appearance in U.S. Federal Court.

John J. Reich, 27, Elden, Iowa, was seized on a Federal warrant for unlawful flight at a Rockton, Ill., restaurant, near the Wisconsin border. Agents said Reich offered no resistance.

Authorities said Reich walked away from an honor road gang near Bakersfield, Calif., last October, where he

Good Smell Catches Reported in Cowlitz

Kelso, Wash.—Fishermen hoped today that smelt would remain plentiful in the Cowlitz river until the end of the weekly closure period at 8 p.m. Saturday. Good catches were being made

had been serving a five-year to life sentence for a liquor store holdup in San Jose, Calif.

Reich allegedly was using the name John Brooks, officials said and has a divorced wife in Beloit, Wis.

FORD VETERAN DIES manager of Henry Ford's famous River Rouge plant, died Thursday at the age of 71.

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Telephone Solicitations Problem With Chambers

Telephone solicitations have become a number-one headache in the Better Business Bureaus and Chambers of Commerce, according to Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson county chamber.

Editorial Comment

GUILTY PLEAS WIND UP OLD CASES One of the most startling crimes in Oregon history occurred in 1923 when three D'Autremont brothers held up a Southern Pacific train near Ashland in an attempt at robbery of the mails. The strongbox in the mail car was dynamited. Killed by the robbers were four trainmen and a railway postal clerk. The men were not apprehended for several years. After conviction on one murder charge they agreed to spend the remainder of their natural lives in prison with the understanding that the remaining indictments would not be prosecuted.

In the more than 30 years that have passed efforts to obtain a commutation have been resisted by the postal authorities who held over the heads of the D'Autremonts the remaining indictments. Special consideration has been urged for Hugh, the youngest of the brothers. Evidently in an attempt to clear up the slate so he might get out of prison Hugh appeared in Jackson County Court Monday and pleaded guilty to two murder charges and to a charge of stopping a mail train for purpose of robbery. He was sentenced to life terms for the murders and to 20 years in prison for the train stopping charge. Sentences to be concurrent. Three other murder charges were dismissed by Judge Hanna on recommendation of the district attorney.

Laborites Fail To Block Defense

LONDON—The Laborite opposition, once again plagued by "revolt" within its own ranks, failed Thursday night in a Parliamentary attempt to block the government's plans for H-bomb and missile defense.

The House of Commons approved the government's defense policy by a vote of 317 to 261, after defeating a Laborite censure amendment 318 to 263.

The two-day defense debate that led up to the votes revealed the existence of a new revolt against the moderate Laborite leadership by extreme leftists who support Russia's demand for an immediate ban on the H-bomb.

Emanuel Shinwell, who was defense minister in Britain's last Laborite government, devoted much of his speech in the debate Thursday to an effort to convince the leftists that Britain cannot abandon the H-bomb.

Civil Defense Subject Of Television Program

Civil defense will be the subject presented on the public health program at 5:30 p.m. Saturday on KBES-TV. It is first in a series of three programs dealing with local and national defense.

The medical panel will consist of Dr. James C. Luce, neurosurgeon, and Jackson county medical director for civil defense, Dr. David C. Boals, anesthesiologist, and Dr. Christian P. Hald, physician and surgeon from Ashland.

Mrs. Ivan Burton will moderate the program, sponsored by the Jackson County Public Health association.

Medford Woman Gets Sentence

Annette Farmer, 19, of 205 North Holly st., Medford, was sentenced to one year in the Oregon state penitentiary for forgery Wednesday morning by Circuit Court Judge H. K. Hanna. She pleaded guilty to the charge.

Wednesday afternoon David Lee Wade, 26, of 1014 East 11th st., Medford, was sentenced to one year in the county jail with execution of sentence suspended on a charge of receiving stolen property. He had previously pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced by Circuit Court Judge Edward C. Kelly.

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