

Special Technique Slated on Program

A specialized technique developed by the American Medical Association's bureau of health education will be used on the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association television program over KBES-TV at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Dr. Thomas H. Emmens and Dr. John T. Weisel, ophthalmologists, will appear on the program. Special film footage will illustrate the doctors' remarks.

Common eye defects, such as myopia, color deficiency, and crossed eyes will be explained, as well as the function and selection of eye glasses, and special dangers to the eye after 40, such as glaucoma and cataract.

Committee Wants Goldfine Records

Washington—(UPI)—Members of the House subcommittee investigating federal regulatory agencies have called for an immediate move to obtain tax returns of Boston millionaire Bernard Goldfine.

They want to determine whether Goldfine wrote off his gifts to Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams as business expenses. Adams said they were personal gifts.

Adams' Acceptance of Gifts Seen No Worse Than Other Capitol Happenings

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Washington—President Eisenhower and Sherman Adams have both conceded that the president's assistant acted imprudently in the Goldfine case—performing favors from his high office for a friend who gave him expensive gifts—but they both argue for the same implication that this is no worse than many of the things that occur in Washington today. It's just part of the prevailing system.

Adams, during his testimony before the House committee, noted that he gets many requests from members of Congress as well as from private interests to take some sort of action. He added: "I say this in no spirit of criticism at all because it is in the nature of the system in which we are engaged together that this is so."

Eisenhower, in defending Adams at his news conference the next day, said accepting a gift is not the same as taking a bribe. He went on to say: "Almost without exception

everybody seeking public office accepts political contributions. These are gifts to further his political career. Yet we do not make a generalality that these gifts are intended to color the later official votes, recommendations and actions of the recipients. In the general case this whole activity is understood, accepted and approved."

Dependent Upon Gifts
The president is correct that most people accept the prevailing system by which public office holders have become utterly dependent upon extensive gifts in the form of campaign contributions to conduct election campaigns. But some are now beginning to question whether one should expect any group of government officials, of either party, to remain "clean as a hound's tooth" under the pressure of this system.

The theory behind the exposes of congressional committees and newspapers into corruption in government is that corrupted officials must be found and rooted out after being exposed to public attention. The theory is perhaps unconsciously held that the source of the trouble is that the corrupt official was weak, immoral or downright dishonest, and the solution is simply to replace him with a good man.

The lesson of the Adams case should be that a man who is neither weak, immoral or dishonest can do things which in the past one might have thought possible only for a corrupt politician. Adams has been doing these things because it has been part of the system. And things like this will continue to happen as long as this system prevails.

Constant Pressure
The system functions along two lines:

1. Non-elected government officials, whether appointed by the president and his cabinet or civil service employees who come up through the ranks, are under constant pressure from private interests who are seeking types of action that would be favorable to their interest. These officials do not owe their jobs to these interests as a rule (although in some instances a private interest may influence the appointment), so the public relations firms, lobbyists and executives of these interests seek ways to endear them to the government officials whom they wish to influence. Luncheons, dinners, cocktail parties are a commonplace

means of spreading good will. Personal gifts, all-expense-paid trips, free hotel accommodations are less common but not out of the ordinary. Adams falls into this broad grouping, but his is not an isolated instance.

A government attorney under civil service who works for a federal agency and falls into this category tells me that his office must deal constantly with representatives of a particular industry which benefits from government contracts. During negotiations, the industry boys invite the officials of his agency to parties, dinners. He follows a rule which he personally adopted of not accepting such invitations. One of his co-workers is noticeably more agreeable to the industry's desired terms after lunch than before, although he would doubtless be offended at any suggestion that the free luncheon affected his judgment about the matter.

The superior of this worker has been accepting free hotel accommodations in New York offered by an industry official who was out of town but maintained like Adams' friend Bernard Goldfine, a regular suite.

Ike Ducks Question
When Eisenhower was asked at his news conference whether he would back up lesser officials who might be found doing what Adams had done, he ducked the question. He said only that he would expect all government officials to conduct themselves impeccably at all times. He seemed to see nothing wrong with the system which confronts officials with temptations, which can easily be rationalized at the time as long as "everyone's doing it."

2. Elected officials in this day of expensive publicity election campaigns must rely upon substantial financial contributions from private sources to underwrite their efforts to be elected. Once elected they can't entirely forget their benefactors, because there is always the next campaign to worry about whether it is two, four or six years away.

There are today only archaic corrupt practices laws designed to compel public disclosure of the sources of these contributions, but the ways of avoiding full disclosure are legion. Whether hidden or fully disclosed, the contribution tends to impose a pressure upon the office holder to treat his benefactors with extra consideration, extra time of his office staff, extra effort in getting what that interest may want done in Washington or the state capital or the local courthouse.

Don't Affect Vote
Moreover, members of Congress are frequently given other types of gifts, free trips to Florida, free cruises on ocean liners as well as personal articles. Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill.) says he rejects anything worth over \$2.50, but most politicians have no stipulated limit and stoutly maintain publicly that gifts and campaign funds don't affect the way they vote on legislation.

The defender of the system must contend that gifts and campaign funds don't influence official decisions. But there is a mountain of evidence that favoritism in government has been going on here under both parties.

It's time for a change—a change in the system.

A rigid code of ethics for all government officials and people doing business with the government should be adopted to outlaw gifts and other types of free loading. Private campaign contributions should be outlawed. Instead, election costs should be federally financed so that the nation's lawmakers—the great majority who want to be honest and just in fulfilling the high responsibilities of their office—can be beholden to no one.

Unless there is this drastic change in the system, politics will more and more be regarded by the public as a questionable profession at best and not the high and respected calling it ought to be. Fewer men of integrity and ability will be willing to subject themselves to the trials of economic pressure groups, and public office will be largely left to those who find the gift system appealing and personally beneficial.

The leading nation of the world fight for democracy cannot afford this internal political corruption of the intent of America's founding fathers.

STAMP DEALER DIES
New York—(UPI)—Sidney F. Barrett, 63, who was treasurer and a former president of the American Stamp Dealers association, died here Wednesday.

State GOP Leaders Disagree On Method To Win Labor Votes

By RAYMOND LAHR
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Washington—(UPI)—State Republican leaders found themselves in disagreement today about what approach they should take in an effort to win labor votes in the 1958 campaign.

Some cautioned against action which might put an "anti-labor" label on the party and others warned against compromises to woo labor leaders who could be expected to support Democratic candidates anyway.

These points of view and others were heard from GOP state chairmen attending a three-day "campaign school" which closes today.

The labor issue appeared to be getting fresh study from Republicans, partly as a result of the California primary earlier this month. Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland, an advocate of a state "right to work" law, won the GOP nomination for gov-

ernor but made a relatively poor showing compared with State Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, who won the Democratic nomination.

Knowland 'Misunderstood'
Alphonzo E. Bell Jr., California state chairman, blamed the Republican set-back on the business recession and on his belief that Knowland's position was widely "misunderstood." He said he expected the business situation to improve before the election in November.

Bell also said in an interview that he hoped Knowland could get away from the Senate more often "and do a better job of explaining his position to the rank and file union members."

"His program is not anti-labor and is merely protecting the rank and file from some unscrupulous labor leaders who, in a few cases, have looted and robbed the funds of members," he said.

At one of Thursday's closed

sessions, the state leaders discussed whether it was wise to identify the GOP with the "right to work" issue. Campaign director Robert Humphrey said a majority of those who spoke thought it was a tricky issue with which to deal.

Why Woo Labor
Richard H. Shaw of Colorado said he had not spoken directly on the issue but had told the Republicans they should not "compromise on principles to curry favor with the labor 'hierarchy' who would work against the GOP anyway. He said he distinguished between the leadership hierarchy and the rank and file.

L. L. Jurgemeyer of Iowa told the meeting that labor leaders had induced the Republican nominee for Governor of Iowa in 1956 to advocate repeal of the state's "right to work" law. After the commitment, he said, they worked to defeat the GOP

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Jacksonville Man Pleads Guilty to Arson

A guilty plea to charges of first degree arson was entered in circuit court Thursday by Junior Dale McVey of Jacksonville.

Circuit Judge H. C. Hanna continued the case pending receipt of an FBI report. McVey was charged with setting fire to the house of Mrs. Nancy Ann Coffman on or about May 27. The Coffman home is on Forest Creek rd., six miles west of Jacksonville on Highway 238.

candidate. Thad Hutcherson, Texas chairman, told a reporter that his view was that "we should not be afraid to identify our party with the right to work issue." He expressed the belief that other factors accounted for Knowland's showing in California.

James V. Pratt of Kansas predicted that Democratic "softness" toward labor racketeers would be an issue this year.

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