

Worst Scandal in Washington Not Expected To Be Probed

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Washington - The worst scandal in Washington this season is one that you can safely bet will never be the subject of a congressional investigation. It involves the expenditure of millions of dollars for construction of a fancy new office building for Senators. It is filled with gadgets, fixtures and ornaments - all of them expensive - that either don't work as intended or could have been left out entirely. Senators needed a new building. The old building was too crowded for the 96

senators of recent years, and the four new senators from Alaska and Hawaii simply highlight the problem. They were crowded because as their workload rises with the growth in population and the number of people each represents, senators had to employ more office helpers. They even got to the point where they were subdividing office suites like a tenement to crowd everyone in.

The new Senate office building cost something over \$25 million. It is made of 19 varieties of marble. Committee rooms are paneled in a variety of woods. The style of the architecture is a question mark. Compared to the classic beauty of the Supreme court building a block down the street, it looks like the Washington headquarters of some brassy new industrial firm.

A committee of senators was in charge of the project, but it was under the immediate supervision of the man who holds the title, the Architect of the Capitol, but who is not in fact an architect. The Oregon senators had nothing to do with it. And they are having nothing to do with it, preferring to stay in the old building where they will have expanded suites.

Sen. Wayne Morse has complained about the unavailability of big red leather arm chairs provided in new committee rooms. He said the money was wasted. The list of other complaints is still growing. Here are some: Amplifying systems in committee rooms include fancy microphone-speaker cabinets on each senator's desk. They are so sensitive they pick up other noise in the room and screech so loud that Sen. John McClellan, in exasperation one day, snapped back at the speaker cabinet: "Oh, shut up!" Senators are refusing to use them.

Hands Too Heavy
Clocks built into committee room walls had hands that were too heavy for the mechanism to move. Lighter hands had to be substituted. And huge elaborate bronze lamps on the walls that are purely ornamental were so low that a man stood up under one and split his head open. They fixed this by sawing off the pointy knobs on the bottom of the lamps.

Office doors made of beautiful wood have ventilation louvers at the bottom instead of overhead transoms which can be closed to seal off conversation from eavesdroppers on the other side. So now senators are demanding that the louvers be sealed up with soundproofing material.

Ramps leading to the underground garage for senators will have to be rebuilt so that long, low autos don't drag their rear bumpers when they hit the low point. And to quiet the click of heels on rubber tile floors, all offices will now be carpeted. Two employees had slipped on the tile, landing in hospitals.

New Wall Torn Down
A new subway leading from the new building to the Capitol is under construction. A new wall placed in its path had to be torn down. Now new granite steps leading up to the Senate wing of the Capitol will have to be built to replace the old marble steps which were undermined by the subway job.

These modifications, which probably won't even show up as changes or corrections in the minutes, are expected to cost another \$5 million.

Other than these major snafus, senators are getting something pretty nice - from the sundeck on top to the gymnasium below - for our money.

tar sipping or the lapping of water from a puddle-edge. She begins a hunt for small insects, usually caterpillars. Peculiarly enough she knows where to find them. Locating one she springs upon it like a jungle cat.

Holding the caterpillar with her feet she plunges her stinger into the first body segment. The caterpillar stops its thrashing. A convulsive shudder runs the entire length of its body. Several times the venom is injected; once in each body segment until the insect is completely paralyzed.

She crushes the head a little then carries the inert body to the water-jug nest and crams it inside.

Repeats Performance
Several times she may repeat this performance until instinct tells her that ample food is stored for the wasp larvae that will be born. She must have the utmost confidence in the strength and the amount of anesthetic administered, for should the effects of the venom wear off the thrashing caterpillar could kill the baby wasp. But the prey does not revive. It remains helpless and incapable of the slightest motion.

Feeling that enough food has been stored in the little water-jug the potter wasp lays her egg. She seals the opening at the top of the cell. She has completed her life's work. She flies away. Inside the water-jug nest the baby wasp hatches. It eats the helpless caterpillars to gain the necessary strength to grow into a wasp and escape from the earthen-jar and to repeat the process; to fashion from clay and water a vase-like jug.

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Other Work
The mother wasp has other work besides the construction of the jug-like nest, and the laying of the egg.

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Immediately the task of nest-making is complete, she rests awhile, until something triggers the next instinctive reaction. She forgets the nec-



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

The Life Cycle Of the Potter Wasp

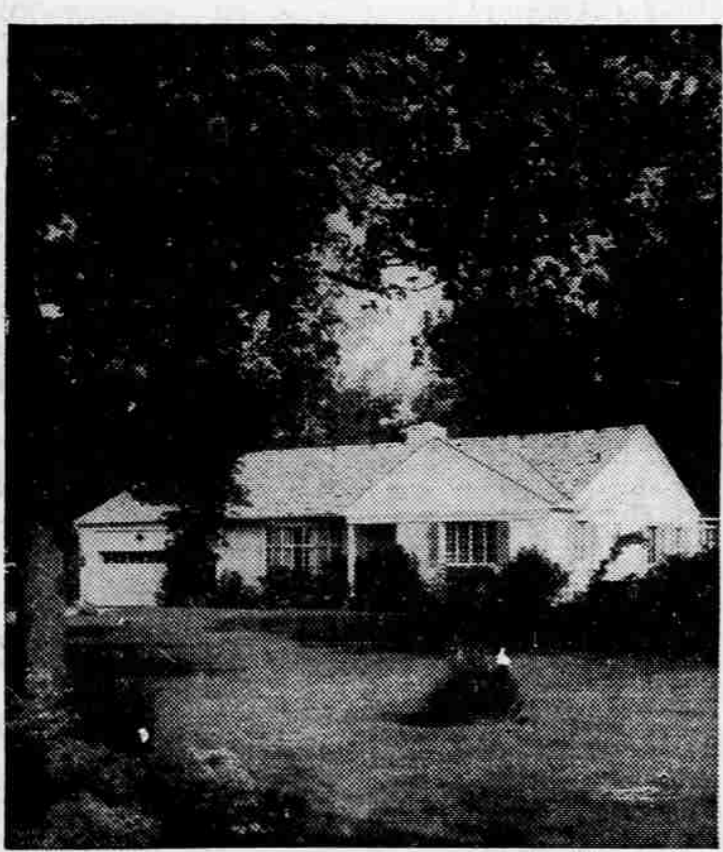
Attached to a flexible, swaying branch of a roadside weed was a small jug-like vase. It resembled an earthen vessel with a slightly flared top, as if some Lilliputian artisan working with plastic clay and tiny clever hands, had amused itself by shaping a diminutive water-jug, and not knowing what to do with it had attached it to a weed stem.

Out of the small hole at the top of the jug crawled a brilliantly colored yellow and black wasp. It was she who had constructed this vase-like nest in which she later would lay her egg. "Potter" wasp she is called, or "mason" wasp because she mixes wet earth with the saliva of her mouth until it is the consistency of thin concrete. Then with feet, legs and head, she molds and shapes a small, round, conical-shaped water-jug. With the "potter" wasp, masonry is an accomplished art. Unconscious of it herself, she incorporates in the mixture water proofing material that makes the nest impervious to water during the time the egg is hatched and the new baby wasp is gaining the necessary strength to escape from its cement-like nursery.

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ON STAFF - Formerly a student at Southern Oregon college, George H. Bell, new to the humanities division staff this year as an English instructor, completed his bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees at the University of Oregon. He served with the U. S. Navy from 1945 to 1948 and taught at Gilchrist High school in Klamath county. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, national education society, and is interested in reading and tennis. Since returning to SOC, Bell has been actively representing the college as a speaker and dramatics director. He resides with his wife, Trubes, also a former SOC student, and his son, Jason, at 610 Beach st., in Ashland.

About one out of seven United States inhabitants engages in fishing as a sport.



NEW G. O. P. CHAIRMAN—Senator Thruston Morton (R., Ky.), is shown at the Capitol in Washington, D. C., after the announcement came from Augusta, Ga., that President Eisenhower had recommended that the Republican National Committee select Morton as the new G. O. P. National Chairman. This subsequently assured the formal selection of Morton at a full meeting of the National Committee in Washington.



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Dennis Crosby To Appear in Court

Los Angeles - (UPI) - Dennis Crosby, one of crooner Bing Crosby's four grown sons, was expected to appear in Superior Court today to oppose a paternity suit filed by Mrs. Marilyn Scott, 27. The former telephone operator is seeking \$460.25 monthly and wants to have Dennis legally named the father of Denise Michelle, born out of wedlock Nov. 24, 1957. Dennis, 25, married to former Las Vegas showgirl Pat

ARTHRTIS STRIKES

Rome - (UPI) - The Imam of Yemen arrived here Friday seeking relief from a form of arthritis, it was reported today. Informed sources said the king of the independent state at the tip of the Arabian Peninsula was visited by 15 specialists during the week end.

The madrona tree of southern British Columbia, unlike other hardwoods, retains its foliage throughout the winter. Sheehan and the father of an adopted child and a son, has never admitted fathering Mrs. Scott's child.

UNABLE TO ATTEND

Torquay, England - (UPI) - Officials of the Gastronomic Festival which opens here this week said they were happy to send a copy of their program to a correspondent who expressed regret he would miss this year's festival, but hoped to make it next spring. He wrote from Parkhurst Prison.

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