

Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippman is on vacation. Roscoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.)

A VALUABLE TREATY

Washington - The 21 votes which were marshalled against the Antarctic Treaty—just eight short of enough to block it—shows how perilously near we can come to having important foreign policies ruled by minority opinion.

The fact is that the constitutional requirement that a treaty can come into force only by a two-thirds vote of the Senate today operates to exactly the opposite effect it was originally intended.

Certainly the purpose of the two-thirds rule was to make sure that major foreign policy commitments would rest upon overwhelming public and Senatorial support.

But the effect of the two-thirds rule in today's world is that it is always within the reach of a small minority to determine some major U. S. course in foreign policy.

This may sound paradoxical but I think I can demonstrate that it is true.

HERE is the reason:

Take the Antarctic Treaty in which the United States joins with 11 other nations to make the subcontinent an area free of military bases intractable without veto, and devoted exclusively to scientific exploration.

This treaty represents a significant venture in relations between the Soviet Union and the free world. It provides an experiment in unlimited inspection and free access. It provides that the Antarctic will be a peaceful preserve to be studied for the advantage of the whole world. It guarantees that there will be no nuclear testing under, on, or above its surface. The treaty surrenders no territorial claims by the United States to any other country and prevents the Soviets and others from making territorial claims during its duration.

Now, what I am suggesting is that there are two courses of action which the Senate could take and that either one is a tremendously important decision.

The Senate could reject it. This would mean that the United States would be leading the world away from an opportunity to try out a significant, veto-less agreement with the Soviet Union. This course of action would have very far-reaching consequences.

The Senate could approve it—as it did. This means that the United States is helping the world carry forward the patient and painful negotiations on which we have been working on many fronts for several years. We will soon be able to see whether a safe agreement with the Soviets will be a workable agreement.

THE point I am making is

that either decision—either rejection or ratification—commits the United States to a very meaningful course of action.

Rejection would commit the U. S. to a reversal of the

whole effort to negotiate with the Soviets and to try to reach useful enforceable agreements.

Approval commits the U. S. to carry forward its efforts to reduce and resolve the conflicts between the Soviets and the free world.

Either decision is a very large commitment.

But under the two-thirds rule the commitment of doing something must be approved by a majority of 2-to-1 while the commitment of doing nothing, which can have equally far-reaching consequences, can be made by a minority of one-third of the Senate plus one.

UNDOUBTEDLY the time was when it did not matter a great deal that a one-third minority of the Senate could prevent a nearly two-thirds majority from authorizing American initiative in foreign affairs. But in the kind of world we are living in today the consequences of inaction are as great as the consequences of action.

This is why it is no longer wise or safe, it seems to me, to invest so much negative power in the hands of so few members of the Senate.

This time a valuable treaty narrowly escaped death.

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Unemployment To Be Program Topic

Who pays for Oregon's unemployment insurance program? More than \$312 million have been paid to jobless workers in the state since the program began 25 years ago. Who pays? The answer will be on "Dateline Statehouse" tonight at 10:45 o'clock over KBES-TV.

Appearing with regular moderator Bob Richter will be Don I. McKennan, tax division supervisor of the Oregon department of employment. They will discuss the nature of the state's jobless pay program, its scope, value, and how it is conducted, with a specific look at the employers tax.

Each week on "Dateline" different agencies take turns reporting on their operations and services, in an effort to inform citizens how state government in Oregon works.

Mae Murray Remains In Serious Condition

Hollywood - (UPI)—Mae Murray, silent film star who gained fame in the 1927 movie "Merry Widow," remained in serious condition today at the Motion Picture Country hospital.

Miss Murray, described variously as 61 and 71, entered the hospital Wednesday suffering from a stroke.

New York - (UPI)—Dr. John Garb, 70, associate clinical professor of dermatology at New York University Medical center died Saturday.

Foreign Notebook: Italian Split; ROK Discontent; East German Food Shortage

By WILLIAM J. FOX
United Press International
From the foreign editor's notebook:

Italian Communists

The Italian Communists may use the situation in the Congo as a weapon in an attempt to split government supporters. The Communist press has bitterly attacked the Italian government for abstaining in the United Nations vote on Katanga. It claims the abstention was ordered by Foreign Minister Antonio Segni against the will of Premier Amintore Fanfani. The semi-official explanation for Italy's abstention is that Rome wanted to be nice to Belgium for the sake of NATO unity and because of the large number of Italian miners working in Belgium. But the Social Democrats and Republicans, who support the Fanfani government, are known to be unhappy over the move, which they see as a concession to Belgian "colonialists." And the Communists have lost no time in trying to widen the rift.

South Korean discontent

Another place where the government seems certain to be in new trouble is in South Korea, where popular discontent is expected to develop immediately with the new regime. Some sources predict possible new demonstrations such as those that toppled the Syngman Rhee forces. The reason: Many Koreans are disgusted, or at least disappointed, with the bickering within the Democratic party over the posts in the new government. In fact, it's already being said the new regime will be little different from the corruption of the Rhee government, and that kind of public attitude is not one to promote stability.

Party Split

Don't be too surprised if there is a split soon in the Liberal - Democratic party in Japan. Some political sources in Tokyo say a small group within the party will split off to form a pro-Russian seg-

Air Defense

The recent defection of a North Korean MIG 15 jet pilot posed the question of whether the South Korean air defense system is adequate. Military sources in Seoul say indications at this time are that it may not be. These sources say that when the MIG landed on the east coast of South Korea on Aug. 3, it was 40 miles south of the demilitarized border zone and was on the ground before its presence in the south was known. The sources say the plane first was reported by children who passed the abandoned airstrip on which it landed. They add that military authorities, who claimed to have tracked the plane into South Korea, actually did not know about it until notified by police.

Food Shortage

Look for Communist East Germany to seek a way out of its current food shortage troubles through "unlisted" imports from Hungary and Romania. The Institute of German industry says the two latter Communist nations have been ordered to send their "crop reserves" to East Germany. To avoid having the transfer show in statistics, East Germany will not pay for the imports. It simply will balance them against aid given to Hungary after the 1956 revolt. Hungary will reimburse Romania for the same aid fund. The purpose is to conceal how much East German farm production has dropped since the collectivization drive earlier this year.

ment. There's some speculation

this new grouping then might try to form a popular front with leftists after the expected national elections this fall.

Aging Process Stumps Experts

San Francisco - Two thousand of the world's experts on the aged spent last week comparing notes—and then agreed that they simply do not know for sure how to keep themselves from growing old.

The experts had lots of ideas. But none could prove his theories to the satisfaction of everybody.

The disagreements concerned everybody from what to eat, what medicines to take and how long to sleep.

The experts presented reports to each other at the third triennial congress of the International Association of Gerontology.

About the least controversial advice they could offer was summed up by Dr. Louis Kuplan, the association president. He said that a person's attitude means as much—and possibly more—than anything medical science can do to halt his aging.

To live long, he urged maintaining a constant, active interest in life, rather than a "let's give up" attitude.

As examples, he cited Grandma Moses, who is still painting at 98, and Tommy Manville, who recently married his 11th bride at 65.

Kuplan wasn't endorsing the Manville method, but men-

tioned him as a person with

"motivation." Grandma Moses, he said, was always looking forward, never looking in the past.

In the body, he said, "we don't really know what the process of aging is."

4-H NEWS

Ruch Livestock

The meeting of the Ruch Livestock club was held on Aug. 10 at Cantrall's house.

Mrs. Cantrall checked and helped us with our record books. We talked about buying a wheelbarrow for the 4-H county fair, and decided to do so.

We also talked about the barn duties and decided Mrs. Cantrall should make out the list.

Thursday, Aug. 11 was clean-up day at the Jackson County fairgrounds. After our work was done at the fairgrounds the sheep and dairy members from Ruch went around to the various stores and finally purchased a red and white wheelbarrow.

Kathy Larson, Reporter

Back Stairs: Presidential Callers

By FRANK ELEAZER

Washington - (UPI)—Back stairs at the White House: Presidential callers are considered fair game for White House reporters. In fact, if reporters ever quit badgering White House callers, the demand for audiences with the President might fall off considerably.

Sometimes I get the impression that most of the President's guests, after the proper show of modesty and reluctance, simply can't wait to be interviewed.

Take Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois, the gray-haired, sad-faced Senate Republican leader. He and Rep. Charles A. Halleck of Indiana, the business-like GOP leader of the House, call on Ike every Tuesday to talk things over and in the process to garner some headlines and a few moments of free TV time by submitting themselves afterwards to the press.

Called interviews

These sessions are referred to loosely as interviews. What they tend more to be is speeches.

Dirksen is generally conceded to hold without challenge clear title as the Senate's most eloquent orator. His intimate, kindly, mellifluous delivery would put the average mortician to shame.

Well, after this week's White House breakfast for the GOP leaders, he came forth for a few pleasant words with the press.

These words stretched out benignly for some 40 minutes or so. It would not be correct to call this a question and

answer session, although reporters did work in a few questions. And Dirksen, it is true, made some extended rejoinders, but not all of them could rightly be called answers exactly.

Smiles at Tormentor

Dirksen announced finally that he was putting into the Senate hopper in another hour or so a couple of civil rights bills which he wanted passed. Mindful of Democratic contentions that a civil rights debate in the Senate now would merely serve to tie up legislation on other things, a reporter asked if this procedure had the President's endorsement.

Dirksen smiled ever so gently at his tormentor. He allowed dolefully that this question put him in mind of a fellow who approached President Lincoln with a new and better mousetrap.

If Lincoln would only endorse his invention, the fel-

low said, he could sell a million of them and get rich.

Lincoln's Endorsement

President Lincoln, according to Dirksen, said certainly he would do this small favor. So he took up his pen, Dirksen said, and wrote his endorsement as follows:

"For the sort of people who want this sort of thing, this is the sort of thing that that sort of people will want."

Named JWV Head

Miami - (UPI)—The Jewish War Veterans named I. L. Feuer, 80, of Youngstown, Ohio, as national commander at the close of the group's annual convention Saturday. Feuer, director of the Mahoning County Welfare Department, will preside for one year.

Ralph Plossky, 42, of White Plains, N.Y., was named national judge advocate. The JWV's second highest position.



In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Modern business note: The University of Chicago is planning to use an electronic computer in an effort to find out WHY stocks go up and why they go down.

Hmmmm. D'ya reckon the jigger will also WHEN they're going to go up and when they're going to go down?

If so, it would be a handy gadget to have around.

MORE modern world stuff: Echo I, our fabulous new communications satellite that puts us one up on the Ruskies, is whizzing around the earth about 1,000 miles out. Its speed, the dispatches tell us, is 15,442 miles per hour. It takes it only about two ticks of the clock longer than two minutes to circle the earth.

Note to highway speed demons: You might as well give up and slow down. You can't beat that record.

OVER in the John Day country of Eastern Oregon the other day, Congressman Al Ullman of the Second Oregon district suggested to a committee of miners that the federal government should make INCENTIVE PAYMENTS to encourage domestic production of gold as an increasingly possible answer to the mounting problem of gold withdrawals from this country.

The monetary nature of gold, he said, "has created a bottleneck in the solution of the gold problem because only the banking and currency has jurisdiction over the problem. Meanwhile, our gold keeps slipping away while our gold miners remain idle."

HE ADDED: "As a member of the house interior committee, which has jurisdiction over mining matters, I plan to have legislation

ready for introduction by early next year to implement this approach (meaning the incentive payments approach) to the problem. It would offer a great boon to the small miners of the West and would make feasible many mining operations now lying dormant."

As examples, he cited Grandma Moses, who is still painting at 98, and Tommy Manville, who recently married his 11th bride at 65.

So, as Mr. Ullman says, gold mining lags and our supply of monetary gold is no longer augmented by production from our mines. Meanwhile, as he says, foreign demands on our gold supply are increasing.

HERE is our State of Jefferson, we can't help turning an interested ear toward his proposal. A century ago, the miners looked off into the blue distance and muttered "there's gold in them thar hills." There's STILL gold in them thar hills.

But it doesn't interest us MUCH because we know by sad experience that it costs more than 35 paper dollars to get an ounce of gold out of the ground. Maybe, if the price of gold was raised to say 70 paper dollars for an ounce, we'd again reach for our picks and our shovels and go after it.

But here in our State of Jefferson we are inclined to realists. We find it hard to believe that doubling the price of gold in terms of printing press money could add anything to our PERMANENT



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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A PATRON got out of a beautiful special model of a European sports car at a swank Miami Beach hotel, handed the doorman a \$50 bill and threw over his shoulder, "Take good care of this buggy, Buster. They're not easy to come by."

"I know," said the doorman respectfully. "I've got one just like it."

The great Shlophannes wound up his piano recital in a blaze of glory and the audience—there because the host was also the boss of the town's only factory—applauded manfully. At the reception that followed, the foreman, who couldn't tell classical music from the clanging of a hot water pipe, announced honestly, "Shlophannes, you stink!"

The boss elbowed him away indignantly and pleaded, "Don't pay no attention to that lug, Mr. Shlophannes. He only repeats what everybody else tells him."



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