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Harsh (But True) Indictment

One of the interesting things one finds in Washington, D.C., papers, seldom found elsewhere, is the use of paid advertising in attempts by groups to get their message before members of Congress.

It is not unusual to find a full page, or even more, of the capital papers devoted to such advertisements.

In the Washington Post of Jan. 2, 1961, a big ad, taking up almost two full pages, was headlined:

"Petition to the House of Representatives of the 87th Congress of the United States."

MOST of the ad was names of people—the petitioners.

It included distinguished members of the bar, of college faculties in almost all fields, of church leaders (Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Unitarian, Jewish), scientists, businessmen, bankers, editors, authors, radio and public relations executives, labor officials, and so on and on.

It contained a former governor of California and (to our surprise) Robert W. Kenny, former attorney general of California. It contained the name of a former president of the American Medical Association.

All in all, it was as impressive a list of notables as one could find in many a long day.

AND what were they so interested in, so concerned about, that they put down their money to buy an expensive ad in the Washington Post? They were seeking the elimination of that blot on American democracy and Constitutional theory, the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Here is what their petition said: We, the undersigned, petition the 87th Congress to eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a Standing Committee.

We believe that the U.S. Supreme Court has, in the United States vs. Watkins, made it clear that the Committee has habitually misused its mandate in unconstitutional ways for political purposes; that it has become an agency for repression; that it has usurped the functions of the executive and judicial branches of our government.

We are confident that only a return to constitutional procedures can protect us against subversion without at the same time subverting the very liberties we seek to protect.

For two decades the Congress has allowed the Committee to function. For two decades the Committee has condemned individual Americans, has wrecked the lives of some, and has denied them the due process of law that English and American courts have tollsomenly evolved over many centuries. Now the nation is reaping a bitter harvest:

- 1. The Committee has perverted, and thereby imperiled, the proper and necessary powers of the Congress to conduct investigations.
2. The Committee has helped discourage free study and inquiry in working for peace while the world is threatened with destruction.
3. It has harassed Americans who work for racial equality and justice.
4. It has increased bitterness between racial and religious groups of our citizens, which in turn has imperiled our good relations with the people of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.
5. It has discouraged social and cultural contacts with our neighbors on this shrinking planet. It has discouraged U.S. students and scholars from studying in countries which we Americans desperately need to understand.
The House Committee on Un-American Activities has in these ways weakened America. At no time in history have we needed to be stronger. At no time have we needed to be wiser. Let us rid ourselves of this agent of weakness and of folly.

THIS is a harsh indictment, but it is no more than the truth.

Oddly enough, the most vociferous defenders of the committee are often the ones who prate of "returning to the Constitution" in our government, while at the same time glorifying in the witch-hunting, defamatory and unconstitutional procedures of this committee.

It is time for us to wake up, stop seeing a communist behind every light pole and under every bed, and begin acting, once again, like unafraid Americans, proud of our freedoms and our rights—as well as our responsibilities and duties—as Americans.—E.A.

Mexico Bans Billboards

The Mexican Government Ministry of Public Works has announced a ban on billboards along the country's major highways. No more billboards will be allowed to be put in place in Mexico, and existing ones are required to be taken down immediately.

This sweeping order makes United States efforts to curb billboards seem puny indeed.

The Federal Government has worked out a plan whereby states receive a cash bonus of one-half of one per cent of the road grant if they agree to regulate billboards, according to Federal standards. This program applies only to highways in the Interstate System, a negligible proportion of all highways in the United States.

BILLBOARDS are not ruled out altogether under the program, but only regulated. Regulation can succeed only if the states agree to cooperate, and few have indicated an interest in curbing billboards.

It is difficult to believe that Mexico has more beautiful scenery or more striking highways than the United States. Mexico evidently does have a greater sensitivity to the need to prevent its scenic highways from being robbed of their beauty by garish, unnecessary commercialization.—Des Moines Register.

Dennis the Menace



"Hi, Mr. Wilson! Looks like you and me are the ONLY PEOPLE UP!"

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Recreation Area

To the Editor: The Eagle Point Grange wishes to call to your attention the fact that a natural waterway exists, extending from the Gordon Kershaw place north and westward toward Rogue River through land owned by the Hoover properties, the Oregon Fish and Game Commission and the city of Medford. By making a series of dams and small reservoirs on this waterway a wonderful fishing, hunting and recreational area could be developed.

This would require the cooperation of several groups, viz., the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district, the Oregon Fish and Game Commission, the Medford Park and Recreation Commission, the Hoover properties, the city of Medford, and others. We would like to have your group join with us in planning and developing the recreational potential of this area.

It would be quite an undertaking and we will want and need the cooperation of all interested persons. It is close to town and would help meet the recreational needs of many people, especially children. The lakes on the Hoover properties in this area have proved very satisfactory from a fishing and recreational standpoint.

There is reason to believe that water to fill the ponds is available.

This development is separate from the Agate Dam project and it lies below that irrigation storage area and can readily be coordinated with it. Ultimately the two programs will work nicely together for the joint benefit of farmers and sportsmen.

Eagle Point Grange Committee C. C. Hoover, chairman Steve Wilson Kenneth Cearley Wilford Davies Robert Bitterling 2095 Gregory rd. Medford

Rough Water To the Editor: Mr. Khrushchev, my dear, if you'd still stay afloat, Go way back and sit down, Do not rocket the boat! Jack Finel 3710 Hilsinger rd. Medford

INTERESTING London — This ad, said the Daily Telegraph today under the heading "No, it can't be," appeared last week in a small unnamed British newspaper: "Gamekeeper seeks position with titled lady."

Appraisers To Hold Meet in Roseburg Southern Oregon chapter, Society of Residential Appraisers, will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 10, in the Umpqua Hotel, Roseburg. Following the no-host 6:30 p.m. dinner the program will be presented on the recent SRA course held at Southern Oregon college, Ashland. Materials and pamphlets used at that time will be the basis for the evening's discussion under the leadership of John Fleck, past president of the chapter. Robert W. Lovelace, Grants, Pass, is the new president and Stewart Pennington, Medford, is secretary-treasurer.

Try and Stop Me —By BENNETT CERF JOHN PARKER tells about a prosperous planter in Kentucky who decided to run for governor. He wasn't much on speech making, but he played the violin very well indeed.

Then his opponent, a no-holds-barred politician, made a valuable discovery. The planter played the fiddle left-handed. From that day on, the politician's chief campaign argument was, "When my aristocratic opponent plays for his millionaire friends in the big cities, he plays right-handed. But when he comes here to see you country folk—nature's noblemen, the salt of the earth, the backbone of Kentucky—what does he do? He plays left-handed. He thinks that's good enough for you. He thinks you're too dumb to know the difference!"

After that all the planter's protestations that he was naturally left-handed were drowned in boos and catcalls. He was lucky to escape with his life.

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Foreign News Desk: Red Gathering; Tony A Problem; Belgian Turmoil; Czech Aid

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst From the foreign news cables:

Italian Reds

Look for a big gathering of international Communist leaders in Rome in February when the Italian Communist party celebrates its 40th anniversary. Luigi Longo, No. 2 man in the party, was reported to have arranged the meeting during the Moscow "Red Summit" conference this winter.

Idle Tony

An idle and still untitled Antony Armstrong-Jones is reported becoming an increasing embarrassment to himself, to his wife, Princess Margaret, and the Queen. Most Britons believe he will be made a knight or given some other honor and allowed to take some kind of money-making job soon.

Belgian Turmoil

Two developments have arisen to worry King Baudouin of Belgium: The current series of socialist-led strikes have cost the country more than the budget savings which sparked them. The French-speaking southern (Wallon) half of Belgium has started a virulent move for separation from the Flemish (Dutch-speaking) north along federal lines.

Czechs to Cuba

East Berlin reports say the Soviet bloc is using Czechoslovakia to build up Cuba's military strength. The reports say Cuban officers are being trained in Czechoslovakia and that many Czech military experts have been sent to Cuba.

Polish Liquor

The Polish regime has repeatedly proclaimed that liquor consumption in Poland is decreasing, but radio Warsaw reports the citizens of the Legnica District spent almost \$1 million for liquor in 1960 and that "liquorless days" are to be introduced to cut down on this. Some Soviet experts say Legnica is a principal Russian troop base in Poland.

Sino-Japan

Premier Hayato Ikeda of Japan is under pressure from both inside and outside the government to change Japan's stand against Communist China. Either Ikeda or Foreign Minister Zentaro Kosaka is expected to go to Washington

early in the Kennedy administration to find out his "true intentions." If Kennedy shows any serious sign of breaking the hard U.S. stand against Peiping Japan could jump into the lead by recognizing Red China.

Der Alte

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is looking so vigorous at the age of 85 West Germans are recalling the story of the day Adenauer dandled a grandchild on his knee and asked what the boy wanted to be when he grew up. "Chancellor" replied the boy. Adenauer countered: "Don't be foolish, boy, there can't be two chancellors."

Business Can't Compete With Labor in Political Organization

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington—(UPI)—It would be fair to say that Henry Ford II has tagged himself as less of an expert on politics than on the manufacture of a automobile.

How It Worked

"The card file was the key. Without it, there would have been no checking of union registration, no extensive mailings, no telephone campaign. If the card file kept 200 members of the COPE Women's Activities Division, and some men busy for weeks."

This AFL-CIO report ended with a quotation from the committee of the state AFL-CIO endorsed a broad educational and registration program. It was agreed that full time COPE people would be assigned to four major cities, and that central card files would be set up in each.

Ford made a speech last week before a Detroit conference on public affairs, sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He counseled businessmen to take a more active interest in public affairs.

Ford's idea was that American business leaders simply opposed government policies they did not like, especially in the areas of economic and social matters, tax increases and public works.

Mere opposition was no good, Ford said. He chided American businessmen for this negative attitude. They must, he said, be ever ready to come up with intelligent alternative solutions to any problem.

Ideas Needed

"For every business gripe," Ford added, "there ought to be at least one constructive idea."

That is good advice to businessmen, but it is not enough. The great political challenge to U.S. business and industry is the massive commitment of men, women and money to organized labor's political favorites. And the money is the least of it.

The AFL-CIO functions politically through its Committee on Political Education, COPE for short. How it functions was best shown last year when labor used its muscle in Tennessee to renominate Democratic Senator Estes Kefauver. Kefauver's opponent was a proven vote getter, Circuit Judge Andrew Taylor. The AFL-CIO News reported:

"Labor precincts in Chattanooga and Memphis voted for Judge Taylor (a candidate for governor) in 1958 and against him in 1960. What happened?"

"COPE made 60,000 telephone calls, mailed 300,000 copies of Kefauver campaign material, distributed 160,000 leaflets, set up central files with names of 65,000 union members, got many of them registered and helped get out the vote."

"The job started in May of 1959, when the executive

Committees Named By 4-H Leaders

Home economics and agriculture committees for the coming year were named last week at a 4-H leaders association meeting.

Named to the agriculture committee are Sam James, Talent; Floyd Charley, Central Point; Mrs. Margaret Cantrell, Ruth; Morris Frink, Central Point; Cliff Moore, Eagle Point; and Vic Stewart, Ashland.

Named to the home economics committee are Mrs. Leonard Frank, Central Point; Mrs. Edyth Bohner, Antelope; Mrs. A. E. Sidener, Central Point; Mrs. John Hochstetter, Medford; and Mrs. Jo Krouse, Applegate.

In other business, the association discussed the annual 4-H Leaders conference which will be held in Corvallis Jan. 25 to 27. Leaders with 20 years or more experience will receive special recognition at the conference.

Slides taken by Phillip Krouse on a recent trip to the National 4-H congress in Chicago were shown.

CRASH MARRIAGES

London—(UPI)—Millionaire Paul Getty, five times married and five times divorced, was quoted by a London newspaper today as saying: "Let's put it this way: If I were a pilot and made five consecutive crash landings I'd probably give up flying."

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

FAVOR FOR KENNEDY

Washington—(UPI)—The incoming Kennedy administration's problem of dealing with Fidel Castro has been greatly eased by a stout and sensible decision of the outgoing Eisenhower administration.

President Eisenhower's break in diplomatic relations with that hysterical and extraordinarily offensive horn of international Communism is, of course, tut-tutted by those who invariably prefer a policy of many words to a policy of any deed.

Parenthetically and in plain fact real diplomatic relations could not have gone on anyhow. For Castro had cut the personnel of his Havana embassy to the point where it simply could not have operated.

SUGGESTIONS THAT HE FALL

fallen into some clever "Castro trap," however, are very wide of the mark. The loser is Castro, not the United States. And a clear winner is the Kennedy administration.

It has been saved the nuisance of having to confront a chronic Caribbean crisis at the instant of taking office. And it has been spared the embarrassment of having to open its tenure by doing then just what Mr. Eisenhower has now done.

So Mr. Kennedy receives a breathing space in which to rally Latin-American opinion in the inexorable common process of cutting Castro down to size. The end of it can hardly be doubted: In one perfectly lawful way or another he is going out of power in Cuba.

His current attempts to curry favor with Mr. Kennedy by slandering Mr. Eisenhower will gain him one thing—Mr. Kennedy's total contempt.

In the meantime, the new president will now be free to act, so long as he may choose, as though there were no Castro at all. His eardrums can find marvelous relief from the incessant howling that has so long come up from Havana. The point is that now we need not even pretend to listen.

INDEED, it is highly probable that Castro himself has seen to the destruction of Castro. The movement isolating him from the rest of the Latin-America community already had been well advanced. Six Latin-American countries had broken with him. More will now do so—and within three months of Mr. Kennedy's inauguration.

His may well turn out to be that rare case—that of a man who screamed himself right out of office.

The cry of "Yankee imperialism" is pretty good stuff among the Latinos. For that cry Catholic front plenty of sympathetic ear below the Rio Grande. His "revolution," moreover, was vaguely popular with some other Latin-American nations, notably Mexico, which think of themselves as fine progressive rev-

Public Roads Spending Told; Projects Listed

Portland—(UPI)—The Bureau of Public Roads paid \$130 million to State Highway departments and contractors in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana during 1960 for highway development, according to B. M. French, regional director.

He added that about \$12 million was spent during the year for forest highways in the region while \$1 million was spent for improvement of forest development roads for the Forest Service and \$4 million for timber access roads for the Bureau of Land Management.

French listed these forest highway projects proposed for Oregon in 1961:

...Work on Coast Highway for 6.4 miles Neskowin southward, \$450,000.

...Work on McKenzie Pass Highway near Blue River, \$500,000.

...Work on 14.8 miles of Diamond Lake Highway from Cascade Lakes Highway to U.S. 97, \$650,000.

...Work on 7.1 miles of North Umpqua Highway from Clearwater to Briggs Camp, \$750,000.

...Work on 4 miles of Mt. Hood Loop Highway from Otell Creek south, \$400,000.

...Work on 20.8 miles of Belknap Springs Highway from McKenzie Highway to the Santiam Highway, \$700,000.

...Work on 2.8 miles of Ukiah Starkey Highway from east forest boundary westerly, \$100,000.

...Work on 15.3 miles on Lake of the Woods Highway from west forest boundary to Lake of the Woods Junction, \$810,000.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1951 (Tuesday) A fight to get lower milk prices for Oregon consumers and a battle to kick dog racing out of the state threw the 46th Oregon legislature into controversial high gear today. A. R. Leavitt, Medford, received the highest honor of the Hillah temple of the Shrine when he was elected illustrious potentate Friday.

20 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1941 (Thursday) The Medford post of the American Legion voted unanimously last night in favor of the proposed \$60,000 bond issue to raise funds to finance the city's part of a municipal airport development project. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The British have been cut to 32 cents worth of meat a week, and have been advised they can choose between steaks or victory." In any event, well done."

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1911 (Thursday) The city has installed 10 stop signs on streets leading into Riverside ave. Jackson county placed fifth in the state for the number of crimes committed during 1930.

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1921 (Sunday) Medford merchants plan to combat the high cost of living with special prices and sales next Wednesday. Burglars broke into two Central Point grocery stores Saturday and left notes advising the owners they should keep more milk on hand for their next visit.

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1911 (Monday) Mayor W. H. Canon will be seeking reelection when voters of the city go to the polls tomorrow. Members of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet tonight to discuss plans for a new \$25,000 church here.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. Name the late war correspondent whose writings as a roving reporter are compiled in a book, "Home Country."
2. What was the first creature to leave Noah's Ark?
3. Alligator pear is a common name for which fruit?
4. The Solicitor General of the United States is appointed by the Supreme Court, the Attorney General, or the President?
5. Name the British nobleman who wrote "Charge of the Light Brigade."
6. What is the name of the instrument that measures wind velocity?
7. What is the missing letter in this scrambled word beginning with S: Sivece?
8. Is the marimba a bird, tropical vegetable, or musical instrument?
9. Gold is weighed by the fluid ounce, Troy ounce, or avoirdupois ounce?
10. Which of the oceans is the largest in area?
Answers: 1. Ernie Pyle. 2. A raven. 3. Avocado. 4. President. 5. Alfred, Lord Tennyson. 6. Anemometer. 7. H. (service). 8. Musical instrument. 9. Troy. 10. Pacific.