

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

JOHN STRALEY tells of a recruit on guard duty who had orders to admit no car to the post unless it carried a special license tag. In the shank of the evening a four-star general came along with no tag at all on his car. Hearing the brass hat order his chauffeur to zoom right through the gate, the recruit cocked his rifle. "I'm kinda new at this, Bub," he told the general. "Do I shoot you, or the driver?"



Two ladies eating creamed-something-or-other together were bludgeoned by an absent mutual friend. "Her new husband was a judge, wasn't he?" asked one. "Everybody thought so," sniffed the other, "until he married HER!"

An 8-year-old girl pupil received a big heart-shaped box of caramels from her ardent suitor for St. Valentine's Day. Enclosed was a card reading, "For Mary—with all my allowance."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

U.S. electrical manufacturing companies found guilty of violating federal antitrust laws have been fined about two million dollars. In addition, seven executives of these concerns have been sentenced to jail terms. There can be no appeal from the fines and jail sentences, since all the convicted corporations and men had pleaded guilty.

All the defendants were charged with price-fixing and bid-rigging in the sale of electrical equipment for generating, transmitting and distributing electrical power.

IT IS inexcusable, of course. Deliberate violation of the law is NEVER excusable.

But—Let's look at the whole picture. If asked why they did it, these representatives of one of America's largest industries might say something like this:

"In employing labor, which represents one of the largest items in our production costs, we are faced by a giant monopoly. We can't deal with individuals on the basis of what each individual asks in the way of wages. We must deal with giant unions that have MONOPOLY POWER to enforce their demands.

"If we are to make a profit, under such restrictions, we must get HIGHER PRICES. If we are to get prices high enough to yield a profit on our investment, we must ELIMINATE COMPETITION AMONG OURSELVES.

"That is about the only recourse left to us."

IT ISN'T an adequate answer of course.

But, inadequate though it is, it poses this searching question:

If we are to forbid combinations in restraint of trade, including agreements on prices to be charged, among those who represent industry, must we not eventually forbid similar combinations among those who represent LABOR?

SOONER or later, we must find an answer to that question.

Or—Sooner or later—WE WILL FIND OURSELVES PRICED OUT OF WORLD MARKETS.

WHAT raises another question:

If we are priced out of the world markets, how are we going to FIND EMPLOYMENT for all of our people who must have jobs if they are to survive?

The problems raised by these antitrust convictions call for a lot of serious thought.

Udall's Program May Start Feuds

Washington—UPI—Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall has announced resumption of a five-point basic electric power program that may fan new feuds between private and public power interests.

Udall, in a statement to department employees, said Monday the policy declarations of President Kennedy and Congress would be followed, but the foundation would be these five basic goals outlined under the Truman administration in 1946:

—Federal dams shall, where feasible, include facilities for generating electrical power.

—Preference in power sales shall be given to public agencies and cooperatives.

—Power disposal shall be for the particular benefit of domestic and rural consumers.

—Power shall be sold at the lowest possible rates consistent with sound business principles.

—Power disposal shall be such as to encourage widespread use and to prevent monopolization.



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Plans Told For Teen-Age Group

An organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. for a Service Club for Teen-agers. The meeting will be held at the Jackson County Juvenile Detention home court room at 7:30 p.m.

Valley civic groups, lodges, and members of the Jackson county juvenile department and others interested in the proposed group are invited to attend. It was announced that one of the planned projects for the club will be a teen-agers' forest camp.

For additional information contact Larry Tweedy at the juvenile home, SPing 2-5877.

Hatfield Has Three Speaking Engagements

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield has three speaking engagements this week, two in Portland and one in Eugene.

Wednesday evening he will address Lewis and Clark alumni and Thursday night the Banquet of Champions at University of Portland.

Friday morning he addresses the Oregon Press conference at the University of Oregon campus.

Las Vegas, Nev.—UPI—Alice Harris, 18, daughter of former actress Alice Faye and Phil Harris, today weds S. Ted Alcus III, 23, at Christ Church Episcopal. Alcus is the son of a New Orleans, La., investment broker.

Valley Salesman Gets Award, Cash

Virgil Pfeifer, 803 West Jackson St., was named Salesman of the Year for Oregon last Friday by the Physicians and Hospital Supply company, Portland, the firm for which Pfeifer is southern Oregon district salesman. He received a prize of \$1,000 cash.

Pfeifer, who has lived with his family in Medford for the past year, was a salesman in Portland for the firm prior to that time. The award is based on the percentage of quota attained by salesmen in their particular districts.

Legislative Briefs

Salem—UPI—Surveys to determine the extent of radio and television audiences would have to be filed with the secretary of state under terms of a bill introduced in the House.

The measure is HB1469. The sponsors are Reps. Kessler Cannon (R-Bend), Carl Fisher (R-Eugene), and John R. Dellenback (R-Medford). Cannon and Fisher are in the news business themselves.

Failure to file such material would result in a \$250 fine, 10 days in jail, or both.

Salem—UPI—A bill has been

introduced that would place women on an even footing with men as far as carrying firearms is concerned. It deletes discriminatory provisions referring to men only.

Salem—UPI—A bill that would allocate \$233,243 in the Pacific International Live-stock Exposition in Portland has been introduced in the House. It would reimburse the PI for some expenses already incurred which the state pays and certain future expenses.

The bill came from the Ways and Means Committee.

Salem—UPI—Discharged

mental patients who have homicidal tendencies would have to check in periodically with local or district health boards under terms of a bill introduced in the House today.

Rep. Ed Elder (R-Eugene) is the sponsor.

Salem—UPI—A joint memorial has been introduced urging Congress to appropriate more money to the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service for rehabilitating Eastern Oregon grazing lands.

Sponsors are Rep. Robert Smith (R-Burns) and Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario).

Salem—UPI—Rep. Doug has Heider (R-Salem) has introduced a bill that would hike basic school support \$10

a census child and be paid for by a 3-cent cigarette tax.

His school support increase would be on top of other increases pending in other bills before the legislature.

Heider's increase would be effective only if the cigarette tax passes.

SOUND-PROOFING ASKED

Salem—UPI—A bill providing \$8,500 for sound-proofing legislative committee rooms in the capitol was introduced Monday.

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