

Washington Report

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CONNALLY AND JOHNSON

Washington — Far-right-wingism has been stopped cold — if it ever really started — in Texas, where eastern absentee experts had so long proclaimed it to be so positively rampant and so dreadfully dangerous.

And Vice President Lyndon Johnson, a veteran occupant of the moderate center in the Democratic party, has gained in national prestige — thanks almost solely to his old enemies, the knee-jerk super liberals.

These are the messages of national significance to be read in the aftermath of the Democratic primary in Texas. The most ultra-ultra conservative man among six aspirants for the gubernatorial nomination, Ex-Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker, finished sixth. You cannot do much worse than finish last. The next-most-ultra conservative, Marshall Formby, finished fifth.

IN LEADING the field by far for the primary nomination for governor, John Connally, Johnson's political associate, is the heavy favorite to win in the runoff and then in No-



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LEVEL OF CULTURE

A friend of mine wanted to know what all the fuss was about in the censoring of "The Tropic of Cancer." He walked into his neighborhood cigar store, which also stocks books, and asked for a copy. "I don't carry that sort of thing here," said the proprietor smugly. My friend looked at the bottom shelf of the bookcase — on which were displayed dozens of cheap girls' magazines and pornographic booklets.

As the late Elmer Davis wrote, more than 30 years ago: "I would almost favor a censorship myself if I thought we could get one that would pass Aristophanes and suppress Earl Carroll; but what we would get under any political or police supervision would probably be a board that would pass Carroll and suppress Aristophanes."

For some strange reason that only a psychiatrist could explain, police censorship has always cracked down on serious works of art, while permitting the really nasty trash to go unmolested. Our greatest playwrights and novelists have felt the censor's wrath, but the lewd magazines, the burlesque houses, and the cheap saloons continue to cater to depraved tastes.

As far back as 1906, the play "Sappho" was suppressed in New York — because the heroine was carried upstairs by a man. Ibsen's "Ghosts" was taboo for many years. Mary Garden was prevented from appearing in "Salome."

Shaw's "Mrs. Warren's Profession" was censored in this country. Eugene O'Neill's "Strange Interlude" was run out of Boston in 1929, along with Sean O'Casey's fine play, "Within the Gates." Lillian Hellman's first, and possibly best, drama, "The Children's Hour," was suppressed in New England. Providence banned Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men." Memphis knocked out Sherwood's "Idiot's Delight."

Good literature has suffered even more than the stage. In one censorship wave alone, Boston removed from its bookstores "Dark Laughter" by Sherwood Anderson, "What I Believe" by Bertrand Russell, as can be said for every elected Democratic politician in office today — including the special hero of the Texas ultra liberals, Senator Ralph Yarborough. But that seems about the size of it.

"An American Tragedy" by Theodore Dreiser, "Elmer Gantry" by Sinclair Lewis, "The World of William Clissold" by H. G. Wells, "The Sun Also Rises" by Hemingway, and "Annie Hall" by Aldous Huxley.

During a wave of "obscenity" hysteria in the 1920's, U. S. customs inspectors seized as obscene such classic works as Aristophanes' "Lysistrata" (which is included in the Great Books course), Defoe's "Moll Flanders," the Arabian Nights" in the Burton translation, the "Satyricon" of Petronius, Balzac's "Droll Stories," and Voltaire's "Candide."

And, during my own time, the police commissioner in Chicago banned the presentation of Sartre's serious drama, "The Respectful Prostitute," while a piece of meretricious junk like "Maid in the Ozarks" ran for years. This is the way of the censor, and the reason he must be fought; his motives may be high, but his cultural level is generally zero.

Two Accidents Are Reported in City

Two non-injury vehicle accidents occurred in Medford Wednesday, according to city police. One driver was cited.

Three vehicles received minor damage, police said, when the brakes failed on a car driven by Patricia Jean Bigger, 35, of 308 Haven st., Medford, about 10:30 a.m. in front of 324 West Sixth st. The bigger car struck parked vehicles registered to Robert D. Shangle, 704 West 10th st., Medford, and Harold Reith Bulman, route 1, box 316A, Medford.

A citation for failure to yield the right of way was issued to Enid Colleen Wolff, 30, of 2879 Military rd., Medford, after the vehicle she was operating collided with a car driven by Ethel Mary Nagle, 32, Central Point, about 6:05 p.m. at Niantic and Edwards sts., police said.

Benton Budget Given Approval

Corvallis — (UPI) — A budget slightly over \$2 million for the operation of Benton county during the fiscal year 1962-63 has been approved by the county's budget committee. The budget grants elected officials up to \$50 a month pay hikes, and some employees as much as \$60 a month more. Most employees got raises from \$5 to \$20 a month. The budget increases the county's tax levy by \$42,850 to a total levy of \$182,450.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

DATE	TAURUS	GEMINI	CANCER	LEO	VIRGO	LIBRA	SCORPIO	SAGITTARIUS	CAPRICORN	AQUARIUS	PISCES
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MAY 21	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43
JUNE 22	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43
JULY 23	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43
AUG 24	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43
SEPT 25	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43
OCT 26	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43	3-1-43
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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Stockholders of the Pennsylvania and the New York Central railroads vote overwhelmingly to merge these two of the nation's three biggest rail systems into ONE system that will have assets of about five billion dollars, 20,000 miles of rail routes and 120,000 employees.

The Pennsylvania is the nation's No. 1 railroad. The New York Central is the nation's No. 2 railroad. The Southern Pacific (not concerned, of course, in the merger) is the nation's No. 3 railroad.

Why this overwhelming vote to merge?

The answer is quite simple. Last year the Pennsylvania showed a net profit of 3.5 MILLION dollars on an investment of 2.0 BILLION dollars. The New York Central reported a net LOSS of 12.5 million dollars in 1961.

GETTING farther away — Dispatches from Hong Kong this morning report that in recent days Hong Kong police and British troops have rounded up thousands of recent refugees from hunger-ridden Red China and have returned them to their communist homeland.

WHY? The answer is brutally simple. Overcrowded Hong Kong doesn't have room for them and OTHER NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS WON'T TAKE THEM.

IN THE past half-dozen years, this little British crown colony (its total area is only 397 square miles, or about the size of Klamath lake) has built some 300 multi-story apartment blocks in which to house the refugees that have run away from communism to freedom.

It has resettled some 440,000 of them, including finding jobs for them. There are still a half million of them living in board and tar paper shacks perched on hillsides, 80,000 living in similar huts built on house-tops, an estimated 225,000 living in substandard tenements — and 100,000 who sleep on sidewalks and in stairways.

AT THE end of World War II, Hong Kong's population was only 600,000. It has now swollen to somewhere between three and a half and four MILLION. It's hard to take an accurate census of this fantastic ant-hill. People who live as the refugees live in Hong Kong are hard to count.

WHY is Hong Kong doing what it is doing?

This answer is given by the colony's officials: Hong Kong no longer has the capacity to care for the natural increase of its PRESENT population — there were 91,000 more births than deaths in 1961 — and at the same time to make room for the 10,000 or more refugees who slip over the border every month. It's a tragic situation.

SEND PRISONERS FOOD Washington — (UPI) — The American Red Cross said Thursday it has sent food to 23 U.S. citizens being held prisoner by the Fidel Castro government in Cuba.

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Cecil To Conduct High School Clinic

Ashland — Dr. Herbert Cecil, chairman of the music department at Southern Oregon college, will conduct a band clinic Saturday, May 12, at Pacific High school near Langlois on the Oregon coast.

Taking part in the clinic will be band students of the high school, and the program will include morning and afternoon rehearsals and a concert in the evening.

Earlier this month Dr. Cecil served as guest conductor and adjudicator at the Southwest Oregon District Music Festival in Reedsport, Oregon. The program at the festival included rehearsals and a concert featuring an all-district honor band and adjudicating bands from Brookings, Gold Beach, Bandon, Myrtle Point, Coquille, Coos Bay, North Bend, and Reedsport.

Washington — (UPI) — The House Space committee has trimmed \$116 million — about 3 per cent — from President Kennedy's space program which is aimed at landing an American on the moon before 1970.

Dayton, Ohio — (UPI) — Mayor Frank R. Somers doesn't figure he shortchanged the man who called and identified himself as "a taxpayer who helps pay the mayor's salary." Somers advised the caller Dayton has 282,000 residents and added, "Your share is less than one cent a year. Since you won't tell me your name, I think you've already had your cent's worth."

Contract Awarded For County Tractor

A contract for \$47,207 including a trade-in was awarded to Crater Lake Machinery, Medford, for a crawler tractor for the Jackson county roads department, according to the county clerk.

Low bid on the tractor was submitted at \$43,990, net, by Haupter Tractor company, Medford. Next lowest bid at \$45,545 net, was submitted by Howard Cooper company, also of Medford.

North Portland Mill Destroyed

Portland — (UPI) — A three-alarm fire destroyed the Monarch Shingle Co. mill on North Portland rd. early today. The loss was estimated at \$100,000. The cause was under investigation.

The blaze was brought under control after about an hour and a half, but firemen remained at the scene for several more hours.

The fire hoses closed off the section of North Portland rd. for a few hours, and traffic was rerouted.

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