

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Oregon's Governor Hatfield is reported to have told a member of the U.S. House of Representatives education and labor committee, which is considering President Kennedy's omnibus federal education bill, that he doesn't think Oregon wants federal school aid.

That rubbed the fur the wrong way on Speaker Clarence Barton, of the Oregon House of Representatives—who was miffed the other day when Governor Hatfield accused the ways and means

committee of the Oregon legislature of "wielding a meat cleaver" on some of the governor's requests for appropriations.

S—In Salem—Barton disagreed sharply with the governor on the issue of federal aid for Oregon's schools. As quoted by the reporters, he said: "I don't think the governor speaks for the majority of Oregon people on this question."

He pointed to Oregon's basic school support program where, he said, some "have" areas share with "have not" areas. Federal aid, he said, is designed to do the same thing at the federal level.

SPEAKER BARTON then added: "There is a place for federal aid in Oregon's school program."

"Oregon is a COLONIAL state. If it were not for federal grants all our money would

go to Detroit or to the California oil fields."

ALL of our money? Oh no, sir!

A lot of it would keep on going to Washington for federal taxes. Last year, for example, we sent back to Washington some \$600 million for our share of the FEDERAL taxes. That's about 50 per cent more than we are proposing to raise for our own Oregon state budget for the next biennium.

LET'S look at it this way: When we send money to Detroit, we GET AUTOMOBILES BACK.

When we send money to California, WE GET GASOLINE BACK.

WE DON'T build automobiles. When we send money to Detroit and get automobiles in return, we don't go into competition with any local industries. WE WANT automobiles. WE NEED automobiles. We couldn't get along without them.

We don't produce gasoline. We have no oil wells within our Oregon borders. WE NEED gasoline. Without it, our economy, in these modern days, would go to pot.

BUT—When we send money to Washington, we get GOVERNMENT BACK.

We don't need to import government. We have vast quantities of it right here in our own state—BETTER GOVERNMENT, most of us are inclined to believe, than the government we get from Washington.

AND—Not only does Oregon consume a lot of government. Oregon produces a lot of government. EXPORTS from time to time, even EXPORTS government—the initiative, the referendum and the recall, for example. Under the product name of The Oregon Plan, Oregon has shipped popular government all over the country. The situation, sir, is quite different.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris

TACT At the bridge table the other night, we were performing a post-mortem on a hand, and someone mentioned that his partner had made a "tactical" bid rather than a truthful one. Then we began to discuss how far truthfulness should be modified in the interest of tact—both at and away from the bridge table—and it was generally agreed that, of all people, the French are best at this delicate task.

One of the players recalled the story about the time Marshal Foch was in this country on a mission during World War I, and was buttonholed by a loud Westerner who began sneering at French politeness. "There's nothing in it but wind," he snorted.

"There is nothing but wind in a tire," the marshal answered with true politesse, "but it makes riding in a car very smooth and pleasant."

This reminded another of the time Talleyrand, the French statesman, sat at a dinner between the reigning French beauty and Mme. de Stael, who was as homely as she was brilliant. She turned to Talleyrand and asked: "Tell me the truth—if you, this beautiful woman, and I were in a boat together, and it overturned, which one would you save?"

"Ah, madame," Talleyrand shrugged, "you swim so well."

Even French bureaucracy has its own form of graciousness. Secretary Lansing was fond of telling about the French government official whose job it was to issue passports.

One morning he was confronted with the task of making out a passport for a rich and eminently respectable lady who had only one eye. Not wishing to hurt her feelings, the gallant Frenchman filled out the description: "Eyes, brilliant, brown, and expressive, only one is missing."

Often the literal truth can give a false impression than a tactful remark. Billy Phelps, the popular English professor at Yale, used to tell the story about the captain of a ship who wrote in his log, "Mate was drunk today."

When the mate recovered, he was angry and chagrined, and requested that the notation be stricken because this was the first time he had ever been drunk on duty. "Sorry," said the captain, "in

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

VICTOR MATURE, dressed as a Roman soldier of Caesar's legions for a historical picture, took advantage of a break in the day's shooting schedule to repair to a nearby bistro for a drink. He took with him two lesser actors in similar garb.



The bartender wasn't used to serving movie actors in costume, and his eyes popped when Mature and his friends walked in. Mature, noting his astonishment, asked casually, "What's the matter, pop? Don't you cater to service men here?"

A very pretty lady on a world cruise decided she had to bring home a pair of wooden clogs from Hong Kong—the kind tiny-footed Orientals used to wear. The manager of a bootery there took one look at the lady's very large feet and told her frankly, "We could make a pair specially for you, but we'd have to send to the mainland for the lumber."

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Washington Report

By William S. White

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CABINET CHANGE Washington—A cabinet change to tighten the Kennedy administration's ship politically against the President's approaching campaign for re-election of next year may be expected within a few months. It will involve what has been, until recent years, the most frankly "political" post within the cabinet, Postmaster General J. Edward Day of California will retire, under present planning, in favor of some lame-duck but still powerful Democrat from one of the big electoral-vote states where Democratic fortunes have been on the wane.

Michael DiSalle of Ohio and Richardson Dilworth of Pennsylvania, both defeated gubernatorial candidates of last fall, are high on the list of probabilities to succeed Day.

IN 1964 the President will badly need Pennsylvania, which he carried in 1960, and Ohio, which he lost. And the fact that since 1960 both have turned from Democratic to Republican control at the statehouse will surely not ease that problem.

Moreover, though he will no doubt in fact be his own campaign manager, the folklore of politics will more or less require him to have an official manager. This cannot again be his brother Robert, since his position as attorney general would surely inhibit him from undertaking the all-out partisanship of such a post.

The long and short of it is that the President needs to strengthen the party politically for 1964 and has about decided to do it through the old-fashioned route of the Post Office department, which, until the Eisenhower administration and thus far in the Kennedy administration, had nearly always been the home of the resident boss position.

The next week the mate kept the log, and in it he wrote: "Captain was sober today." The exact truth, of course, but how does it read to the official eye?"

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