

THE Lighter Side...

BY DICK WEST

Mel Allen Tops Valachi's Diction

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The World Series began this week right at a time when the current Senate crime hearings were getting really interesting.

This presented a conflict which I foolishly tried to resolve by keeping up with both at the same time.

I spent the day shuttling back and forth between the Senate press gallery, which has a television set, and the Senate caucus room, where the investigating subcommittee was at work.

In one place, the attraction was the World Series. In the other, it was a hearing locally known as "sing along with Valachi."

In one place, the Dodgers were murdering the Yankees. In the other, the Cosa Nostras were murdering the Mafias.

In one place, Mel Allen, the broadcaster, was giving a play-by-play account of baseball-type warfare. In the other, Joseph Valachi, the underworld informer, was giving a shot-by-shot account of gang-land-type warfare.

After awhile, this began to get a little confusing. For instance, when the Dodgers were at bat in the second inning, a reporter stuck his head in the gallery and asked "Who's on first?"

"L u c k y Luciano," I replied.

Actually, of course, it was "Moose" Skowron.

Meanwhile, back in the caucus room, the name of Gaetano (Three Finger Brown) Lucchese was injected into the crime hearing.

"Gee, I thought 'Three Finger Brown' was a coach for the Yankees," I told a colleague.

"No, you're thinking of 'Yogi Berra,'" he said.

If I had to choose between Allen's baseball commentary and Valachi's crime recitation, I would be hard pressed.

Personally, I thought that Allen had the better diction. He may hobble a word now and then, but he wouldn't be likely to identify a famous New York street as "Pock Avenue," as Valachi did.

On the other hand, I would give Valachi the edge over Allen in the matter of phraseology. At one point, the ex-mobster described a character named Charlie Jones as being "a sort of businessman. Like he ran crap games."

Valachi was definitely weak on geography, however. He testified that he had never heard of Omaha, Neb., and that he had traveled from New York to Arkansas by way of Chicago.

If Allen can't navigate better than that, he will never make it to Los Angeles in time for the third game.

Soldiers of Normandy Invasion Wouldn't Recognize France

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The GIs who hit the Normandy beaches and fought their way across a country to help liberate Paris would have trouble now recognizing the petulant voice of LaBelle France.

The word now is that France has little time for the United States and, more specifically, feels no need for U. S. protection.

The French don't want any direction, either, from the Americans.

"Scram, boys," says LaBelle France to Uncle Sam, "beat it!"

Or, anyway, that is what President Charles de Gaulle is saying in the series of speeches he is delivering now. Le Grand Charles spurned further U. S. protection in a speech delivered in the last week of September in Belley. Only last week De Gaulle's representative at the International Monetary Conference in Washington, D.C. opposed policies designed to help the United States and other countries with balance of payments problems.

Recently, too, De Gaulle happily volunteered to interfere with U. S. efforts to hold the anti-Communist line in Vietnam. De Gaulle, in short, is conducting himself as though he were a majority stockholder in Western civilization and not merely the president of a weak sister who would have flunked both 20th century tests of nationhood but for the armed assistance of the British, their dominions and the United States.

The last time the French went alone and triumphed was during the Napoleonic wars. Even Napoleon's magic finally ran out of white rabbits. In 1870-71, the French tried to handle Prussia, a small kingdom that became the core of the German empire. Soon Paris was besieged and the defeated Parisians were eating rats. They had better luck in 1914-18 when British and Americans arms helped fend off the Germans.

In 1940 the French collapsed politically, morally and militarily under pressure. They got their country back again courtesy of British and American young manhood and the Allied taxpayers.

De Gaulle stalls on cooperation within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. His predecessors contributed mightily to the chaos in Southeast Asia

therby compelling the United States now to engage in a nasty little jungle war. The French genius for messy colonial operations helped to charge North Africa with explosive instability.

Considered a Nuisance

Americans might be forgiven if they decided that France and De Gaulle are not good neighbors even at a trans-Atlantic distance of 3,000 miles. Given due allowance for his efforts to rally French resistance during World War II, it is a fact that the Allied high command, military and political, rated De Gaulle as pretty much a nuisance during the war and there-

after. He seems not much to have changed.

Le Grand Charles' bold spurning of U. S. protection should be had in writing, if possible. And thereafter, the United States should seek some system of collective security in which De Gaulle and France would be left as once proposed to "stew in her own juices."

The trouble is that no such collective security without France could be devised. French geography and natural endowments being what they are. But if there is any isolationist sentiment in the United States, De Gaulle will keep it alive and growing.

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Goldwater Due in Eugene Saturday

EUGENE (UPI) — Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) is expected to arrive here about 4 p.m. Saturday, three hours before he speaks at McArthur Court on the University of Oregon campus, a GOP official said today.

Both Goldwater and New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller are scheduled to speak Saturday at the Western Republican conference, but at different times. Rockefeller's speech is scheduled at noon at McArthur Court.

Foster Anderson, co-chairman of the committee on arrangements for the conference, said Goldwater planned a news conference at 6 p.m. at McArthur Court's Lettermen's Room. The Arizona senator also plans a talk at the Lane county fairgrounds following his McArthur Court speech.

Goldwater is scheduled to fly to Portland by commercial airline and take a chartered plane to Eugene Saturday. Rockefeller arrives in Eugene late Friday. The three-day Western Republican conference starts Thursday.

Roseburg Man To Head Oregon Nurses

ONTARIO (UPI) — James Hall of Roseburg has been elected the first male president of the Oregon Nurses association.

He was elected to succeed Barbara Browne of Portland at the closing session of the association's convention here. His term is for two years.

Other officers elected were Tina Boyce, Portland, first vice president; Hannah Borgers, Eugene, second vice president; Barbara Hiatt, Salem, secretary; and Marie Wetzel, Portland, treasurer.

SHORTAGE OF MEN

LONDON (UPI) — Raymond Blackman, editor of Jane's Fighting Ships, said Sunday that a shortage of 20,000 men in the Royal Navy has kept 129 warships out of full commission.

Your Money's Worth

By SYLVIA PORTER
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WHAT THE TAX BILL WOULD MEAN TO YOU—1

(First in a Series of Ten)

The odds are that the massive tax reduction bill will become law by the end of 1963 or early in 1964 with the changes retroactive to Jan. 1, 1964.

The bill — which would give American taxpayers \$11 billion in annual tax savings when fully effective in 1965—was passed by the House on Sept. 25. It is now in the Senate and unquestionably it will be many weeks before the Senate completes its work on the measure and reaches agreement with the House on any differences which may arise. But it's a safe bet that President Kennedy will sign whatever bill Congress finally sends to the White House.

Thus the chance that this bill will become law by Jan. 1 makes it important for all of us to know two things:

(1) Just exactly what tax breaks could we expect for ourselves under the bill? And

(2) What should each of us do, or avoid doing, between now and Jan. 1 to make sure that we don't lose out on any tax saving opportunities or get hurt by any new tax pitfalls which may become law on New Year's Day?

The widely publicized rate cuts for both individuals and corporations are only part of the 1963 tax bill. Also in the bill are special provisions creating new kinds of tax breaks which could save far more in taxes for many of us than any of the rate cuts would.

Here's one illustration of such a special break. A person over 65 who sells his house at a profit and doesn't buy another might not pay any tax at all on the profit if the 1963 bill becomes law. But this could be so only if he sells his house after Dec. 31, 1963. It could not possibly be so if he sells it during 1963.

This example dramatizes the type of tax saving information you'll read in this series. If you are 65 or older and you expect to sell your house at a profit without replacing it, you should know right now that you might save substantial amounts in taxes by postponing your sale until 1964. If you must sell in 1963 because you otherwise would lose a customer or would not get your price, then fine — sell in 1963. But there will be thousands of 65 or older homeowners who can wait to sell in 1964.

You cannot be certain that the 1963 tax bill will become law and thereby make your profit tax-free. No one can guarantee this. But if you can hold off on your sale until 1964, you put yourself in a position to get the tax break if the bill does become law. By selling in the remaining weeks of 1963, you eliminate the possibility of getting the tax break. The knowledge that the special provision on home sales is in the proposed measure should influence your decision.

Of course, this series will explain in simplest form how you would save under the rate cuts in the House-passed bill.


Even more significant, though, it will explain what the new tax breaks would be and what you should do or not do now in order to qualify for them. The 1963 tax bill also would reduce or cut out certain existing tax breaks. Again, you should know what, if anything, you can do to protect yourself against the possible loss of these tax benefits and this series will help you on this.

The bill passed by the House is more than 300 pages long. Over the months it was being prepared in the House, so many yes-no-maybe stories were written about it that you're the rare newspaper reader indeed if you have a clear understanding of what its provisions would mean to you.

Thus, in this series I will submit the proposed changes most actively affecting tens of millions of us, including changes in capital gains, deductions for state taxes, casualty losses, child care expenses, medical expenses, sick pay, the dividend credit and exclusion and group life insurance.

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