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Caught in the Net

By DEB ADDISON

Did you note these announcements this week?

1. That HST has instructed Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson to lift federal export restrictions on financial actions of state and local governments. (Oregon's \$5 million vet bonus.)
2. That similar orders have authorized a 10 per cent increase in allotment of metal supplies to makers of automobiles, appliances and gadgets.
3. That the Wage Stabilization Board is offering a "stabilization" upward by 2 1/2 cents an hour for steel workers.
4. That Mr. Brannan's Department of Agriculture is talking about extending and increasing price supports to the farmers. (So you'll forget the OPS and potatoes.)

If you did take in these announcements did it occur to you that this is an election year?

If you were one of those persons who said last year, when Crime and Corruption started boiling out all the seams in the administration's bureaus, that the Fair Deal could never be returned to power—if you were, didn't it occur to you that it was a long time before election?

Well, this is election year. The shots in the arm are starting. They will be timed to bring on the dizzy height of the jag just before election—and the hang-over afterwards.

By the way, this IS election year. Are you registered to vote? If not, trot down to the Courthouse. Go in the front door and turn down the hall to the left. That office at the end of the hall will fix you up—if you do it before April 15.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Spring prayer by the poor man's philosopher: It is such a beautiful season, Lord, that everything upon the budding earth and bending sea should share the same old compassion. Teach us to understand the eternal why of all unlovely things.

Such as—

Poison snakes, biting dogs, poison ivy, snakes in zoot suits, the thorn upon the rose's stem, the stinging thistle underfoot, gossip and witches and people too big for their britches.

Yes, such as toll roads and taxes, road hogs and gay old dogs, tourist traps and weasels, and the clubs of paint upon modernistic artists' easels.

Show us thine own endless patience in dealing with our daily vexations and frustrations.

Such as—

Falling hair and rising prices, doors that jam, slide fasteners that stick, relatives and wonder drugs that won't work, television sets that work too often, drug clerks who try to sell us deodorant and lotions, and statesmen with political notions.

Grant us, O Lord, thine own mercy in judging the stuffed shirts of our time.

Such as—

Pontifical columnists and commentators, sanctimonious parsons, people who measure your worth by standing by the length of your motor car, radio master of ceremony smarties, and the long-winded intellectuals who try to

James Marlow

WASHINGTON (AP)—A certain amount of sweetness, but no light, has suddenly invaded the steel dispute which is a gorgeous mess. And even the sweetness is probably only a fleeting illusion.

This dispute resembles a powder keg which could explode in a strike or the wreckage of wage controls unless there is a public explanation, or solution, by President Truman, Defense Mobilizer Wilson, or some other source.

The sudden squirt of sweetness came from Wilson, who first topped his own Wage Stabilization Board (WSB) and then threw out the lifelines, and from Nathan P. Feinsinger, board chairman, who alone seems to be checking a silver lining.

Meanwhile, the public, with a vital stake in the outcome, is left cooling its heels, puzzled and waiting for a sensible explanation.

The dispute began with the CIO steelworkers' demand for a wage increase which the industry said it couldn't grant unless the government, controlling wages and prices, permitted a price increase.

So, because of the government's control program, there were two basic questions from the start:

1. Were the steelworkers entitled to a wage increase at all and, if so, how much?
2. If the government approved a wage boost for the steelworkers, out of line with its policy on wage limits, other unions would flock in, demanding higher wages too.

The President persuaded the union and the industry, which could not agree, to let WSB examine the wage claims and make a recommendation.

If the workers were entitled to an increase, could the industry afford to grant it without raising prices?

There was no doubt that if steel prices were permitted to rise sharply, the Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) would have to grant increases to other industries dependent on steel, a basic industry.

But OPS officials said steel could afford, out of its large profits, to grant wage increases without raising prices. It was up to WSB to decide what wage increase, if any, the steelworkers should get.

Last Thursday Feinsinger's spokesman WSB recommended a sizeable wage boost for the steelworkers. Would that increase, if the steel industry granted it, upset the government's efforts to stabilize wages in general?

Feinsinger said the board's recommendations were "in all respects fair and equitable and not destabilizing."

Defense Mobilizer Wilson thought otherwise. He flew to Key West to consult Truman and on his return Monday night told reporters: "There is no question in my mind but that, if the wage increase contemplated under the WSB's recommendations are put into effect, it would be a serious threat in our year-old effort to stabilize the economy."

Merrill Hi News

By YVONNE CONNER AND EDNA MAE REEVES

All Merrill High students looked as though they really believe spring is finally here as we returned to classes after our week's spring vacation.

With our vacation ending, our basketball season ended, too, but other sports can be looked forward to in our remaining weeks of school.

The Juniors are planning an assembly for Friday, March 28. It is to be a television quiz show. With the work put into it, we know it will be very enjoyable.

The GAA girls are sponsoring a movie to be shown at the high school Friday, March 28 at 7:30. It features Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "Little Giant." A comedy and a short featuring the "Little Rascals" will also be shown. The admission is 35 cents for adults, 25 cents for students, and 15 cents for children.

The Seniors are working hard on their play, "The Case of the Missing Heir," to be given the evening of Friday, April 4. The public is invited.

VET COMMIE KICKED OUT

HONG KONG (AP)—Wang Chi Hui, a veteran Communist who operated underground in Shanghai before the Reds took over China, has been drummed out of the party, the Communist Shanghai Liberation daily reported Thursday. Wang was charged with "decadent bourgeois corruption."

They'll Do It Every Time



Oregon's Delegate Setup Gives People Choice, But Some Have Choice Of Vote

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.

SALEM (AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft isn't a candidate in Oregon's six-way presidential primary, but he could end up with as many as eight of the state's 18 convention votes.

Oregon is one of the handful of states where people tell the delegates how to vote. The Republican Party will choose among Gens. MacArthur and Eisenhower, Earl Warren, Wayne Morse, Harold Stassen and William R. Schneider.

The delegates who filed for election by paying their filing fees will be bound to vote at the Chicago convention in July for the voters' choice. They had to sign pledges that they would do so.

But—

Candidates for delegate who file by petition don't have to sign such a pledge. If elected they can go to the convention and vote for whomever they please.

Eight candidates, all active in Republican affairs, filed for delegate by petition. Most, if not all, of the eight are believed to favor Taft, although they won't say so. So, if these eight are elected, Taft could get eight of Oregon's convention votes.

The eight are Lowell Paget, a party workhorse who is running Taft's Oregon campaign; Robert A. Bennett, former state representative; Irving Rand, former state senator; Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, Phil Metschan, John R. Latourette, Jr., all of Portland, and running delegate at large; U. S. Balentine, Klamath Falls, former state senator; and Ernest G. Swigert, Portland.

Paget says he doesn't know if the other seven are for Taft. However, Paget is a 100 per cent Taft man, and he circulates the petitions for some of the other candidates for delegate.

On the last day of the filing period for candidates, Paget was in the elections division on pins

Navy Plans Defense Of Formosa

TOKYO (AP)—U.S. Secretary of Navy Dan A. Kimball believes the United States Navy will continue to protect Formosa regardless of what happens in Korea, a Navy spokesman said Thursday.

The spokesman, who is traveling with the Kimball party on its Far Eastern tour, said: "That is the secretary's interpretation of the present policy in Washington."

It marks a departure from policy statements made by President Truman at the start of the Korean War. The President at that time linked the use of the U.S. Seventh Fleet to defend Formosa with the Korean War.

On June 27, 1950, the President ordered the Seventh Fleet to prevent any attack on Formosa and called on the Chinese Nationalist government on the island to cease all air and sea operations against the China mainland.

Since then, the Seventh Fleet has maintained small patrols in Formosan waters while the most of its vessels have been concentrated off the coast of Korea.

The spokesman said Kimball was not backing down on what he told newsmen Wednesday on Navy policy regarding Formosa.

Kimball was asked at a Taipei press conference whether the policy of protecting Formosa was a permanent policy. He was told there was uneasiness among the Chinese on Formosa that protection of the island might be sacrificed in the event of a Korean truce or for other reasons.

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Mud Slows Efforts To Save Cattle

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Western Pacific Train Jumps Track

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—An earth and snow slide derailed the engine and three cars of the Western Pacific streamliner California Zephyr 40 miles west of Winnemucca, Nev. Wednesday night. No one was injured, officials said.

An estimated 75 passengers were on the two coaches which left the rails. The engine and baggage car also were derailed.

The remainder of the 12-car, eastbound train was backed up to the Southern Pacific line at Reno for detouring around the blocked mountainous area on the trip to Salt Lake City.

The slide occurred in an area where blizzards have heaped snow on the mountains.

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Authors Face Libel Suit

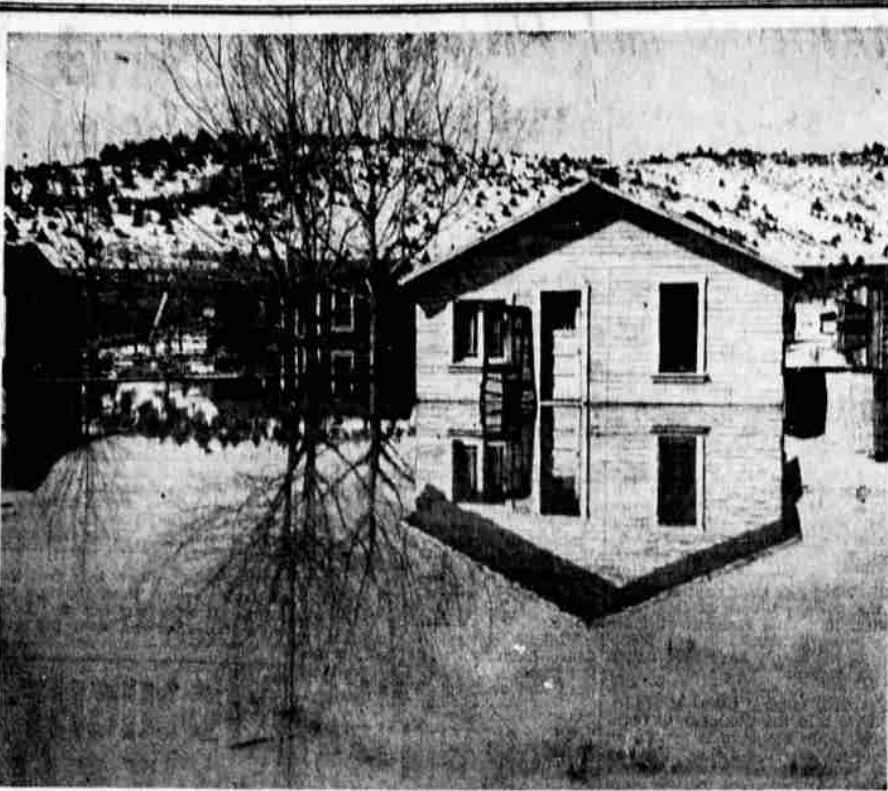
CHICAGO (AP)—An attorney said Wednesday night he has asked the publisher and authors of "U.S.A. Confidential" to "prove or retract certain statements" in the book or face court action.

Daniel Carmel, the attorney, said he made the request in letters to the Crown Publishing Co., New York, and authors Jack Laity and Lee Mortimer.

He said he acted in behalf of Dave Beck, executive vice president of the AFL Teamsters Union. Carmel said the book "contained some very libelous statements about Beck and his union."

"We're giving the authors and the publisher a chance to retract the statements in future editions of the book, or prove them," he said.

Carmel said he had sent letters to some 3,000 booksellers in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Kentucky asking that they withhold the book from sale or face court action "for disseminating a libelous statement."



WOCUS WATER went up as the hill snow melted and came down. Above is a Wocus home that was turned into an island.

Women Plan Confab At SOC Campus

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Hop Marketing Plan Talked

PORTLAND (AP)—The proposal to change hop marketing rights brought out only one opponent at a hearing here Wednesday.

That speaker, Walter Von Flue, Silverton, said he represented 25 small growers who considered the proposed change "unworkable, undesirable and discriminatory."

There were a number who spoke in favor of the change which would allow growers to trade marketing rights only on hops, actually harvested.

Several speakers said the present marketing agreement has brought into the hop field a number of growers who never intend to harvest their crop. Instead they sell their marketing rights to other growers, leaving their own hops unpicker.

They objected to this, saying it reduced quality, increased production and lowered the stable allotment.

The matter will go to a vote by West Coast growers if the Federal Department of Agriculture approves. Department representatives conducted the hearing here.

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