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CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

Lunch counter politics:
It's like the man said. What the country needs is more than the firing of an attorney general or the putting in jail of a crooked revenue agent or communist.

What's wrong with Washington is the rottenness that comes with a dying regime. The New Deal has lost its reason for being. Having lost its heart, it's homecombed and rotten. The only way to change it is to get a new regime — and that includes a lot of representatives and senators, not just the president.

Further lunch counter analysis: Eisenhower is the man. We know enough about him from his conduct as a general and from his speeches as a college president to know that he is fundamentally honest, courageous, diplomatic and is an executive who can pick good men and then delegate authority to them. We know further that, in spite of his dunes keeping him from French countries for long times, he's all American.

As a politician Ike showed his great ability as supreme allied commander in Europe. All the cross purpose political pressure, from Winston Churchill, the various French factions and all the other allied leaders, was on his neck. It would have broken a lesser man.

As a leader Ike enjoys the genuine confidence and enthusiastic support of more Americans than any other man.

As a politician again, Ike is more free from party commitments and political connections and entanglements of all kinds than any other possible nominee.

er possible nominee. If there's a man capable of starting things out with a clean slate, he's the man. Hooper for the Clean Slate party!

(Me, I like Ike AND Taft)

It would happen of course — to walk in for a haircut last Monday, the first closed Monday in the barber's new 5-day week.

There was the slightly frustrated feeling and the immediate reactions. What's the world coming to? The same thing happened before. It happened years ago. Working here one summer during school years, your shaggy haired summer laborer came to town one Saturday night and made for Swansen's to get trimmed.

Great was our chagrin to find the door locked. Here it was Saturday night and only 10:00 o'clock. Besides that, peering in behind the blind you could see the place full and hair being cut like mad. They'd be through with that bunch by 11:00 — what's the world coming to?

Our earliest recollection of Klamath Falls city is the long, long row of mounted deer heads and eagles that lined the wall opposite the mirrors in Swansen's Barber Shop.

Next Tuesday, April 15, is the day to register to vote. County clerk's office, Courthouse, Main Street between Third and Fourth. Wouldn't it be a heck of a note if by not registering you lost your vote?

Sam Dawson Business Mirror

NEW YORK — The price of your next fall's suit will be cut by the budget than last fall. It could be within easy calling distance of pre-Korean prices.

Some men's suit makers are even talking of the return of the "good \$40 retail suit."

The price of worsted is coming down to about what it was before the Korean war started. Most of the important mills have now cut back prices to that level. (The \$40 suit would be from a mixture of worsted first priced at \$3.80 a yard, cut in January to \$3.72, and this summer to be delivered at \$3.40.)

And the garment workers union agrees not to ask for higher wages at least not until September 15.

The effect of the last wage hike (12 1/2 cents an hour, in November, 1950) will still be felt, of course. Labor and overhead are held accountable for around 65 per cent of a suit's wholesale cost.

The reasons for this bright price prospect: 1. The sharp drop in the price of raw wool in Australia and South Africa. 2. The sharp drop in sales and the high inventories in the men's clothing business, which makes "promotion

sales and promotion prices" the way if the wool and suit making industries are to be revived.

American woolen, giant of the industry, this week confirmed the cut in worsted prices for fall previously made by several other mills, cuts ranging from 2 1/2 to 40 cents a yard. It was the second cut since the fall line first opened.

The wool clothing industry is beset with troubles: The wide swings in the price of raw wool, the growing competition of synthetic fibers, the price resistance of customers, a mushrooming tendency of men to wear less clothes and hold the buying of suits to a minimum.

In the United States total consumption of wool dropped by nearly one-fourth last year, the International Wool Study group reports.

The Bureau of Agriculture Economics of the Department of Agriculture says that last year per capita consumption of all fibers dropped to 44.64 pounds from 44.8 in 1950, but wool's drop was 25 per cent—from 4.15 pounds in 1950 to 3.09 in 1951.

And wool accounted for only seven per cent of total use of fibers, lower even than in the depression year of 1934. Mens suits production, of whatever fiber, dropped 18 per cent last year.

Wool men are fighting stoutly, however, against wool's losing by default. F. Eugene Ackerman, president of the Wool Bureau, trade organization, says that in the United States wool consumption postwar has been 73 per cent above prewar.

He predicts increasing use of wool, saying it is an accepted fiber and needs no proof of its virtues. In wool growing centers, however, optimism isn't running so high.

In the Western United States the new clip is starting and growers report no rush as yet of buyers. In Australia, wool prices continue weak, although not falling as fast as a few months ago.

From the outbreak of the Korean war prices skyrocketed, more than doubling by March of 1951.

Price breaks since then have brought them back to pre-Korean levels.

While the price of wool was high, synthetic fibers moved into the U.S. clothing field and took 30 per cent of wool's former market here.

Now that prices are down again, wool men hope to regain more than half of the lost volume.

They also hope spring will spur clothing sales. Some suits must be wearing pretty thin by now.

Inflation Sends Prices Soaring
PARIS (AP) — Tourists and foreign residents who complain about life in France being expensive got some evidence Thursday from the National Statistical Institute of just how inflation has swollen prices.

The institute gave these three-year price percentage rises from Feb. 1948 to Feb. 1952:
Coffee, 128 per cent; milk, cheese 84 per cent; noodles, 76 per cent; veal, 71 per cent; camembert, 70 per cent; bread, 43 per cent; gas, 10 per cent; rents, 101 per cent; barbers, 100 per cent; newspapers, 68 per cent; movies, theaters, sports, 87 per cent; subway and bus fares, 87 per cent; doctors' fees, 69 per cent; clothes, 25 per cent; shoes, 23 per cent.

They'll Do It Every Time



Hal Boyle

CINCINNATI — When you register at a hotel, the desk clerk bangs a bell importantly and calls out: "Boy! Show this gentleman to his room!"

The next few seconds are all a web of tremendous suspense. Getting a hotel room is one of the great dramas of everyday American life. Each person must play his role exactly right or the whole thing is ruined.

The desk clerk has acted his part perfectly. He looked at you with icy suspicion when you first step meekly up to him, like a prisoner at the bar of justice.

Then a slow smile spread over his stern countenance like a frost never breaking up in spring. Yes, Sir! Prefer a tub or shower? As you sign your name a small sensation of self-respect creeps back into you.

"Boy! Show this gentleman to his room!"

KEY FIGURE
Who will step forward? Whoever he is will make or break the whole performance.

There are some bellhops who pick up your bags, stare at them disdainfully and make you feel like a dime store thief as you trail them through the lobby to the elevator. Others can do it with pomp and ceremony, as if they were Cleopatra's servants unrolling the welcome rug for the great Caesar. Other guests look unimpressed, and you secretly hope they think you're a mighty elephant hunter just in from Africa.

Some day a perfect hotel will be built. One of the first things they will do is hire midgets to strew rose petals in your path. I have always thought that would make an impressive entrance.

There are all sorts of bellhops. Veteran travelers will recall at least some of these types:
1. The elderly retainer bellhop—He is white-haired and time-beat

ed and has been for years. They say that if you offer a bellhop only a quarter today he will look at it and ask in honest surprise, "What is it?"

2. The Hamlet bellhop—He never utters a word, just puts down your bag and looks at you like a melancholy wound dog. On his face is an expression that asks silently, "How could life do this to me?" You have a wild sense of fear that tears will begin to roll down his cheeks.

3. The Dodo bellhop—This is the old-fashioned bellhop who takes you bruski and cheerfully to your room, puts down your bag, hands you your key, and says "Thank you" if you give him an old-fashioned two-bit tip.

Most bellhop collectors I know insist this type is now extinct in America, and has been for years. They say that if you offer a bellhop only a quarter today he will look at it and ask in honest surprise, "What is it?"

James Marlow ABC's

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's no reason why the investigation of government corruption charges, already an incredible mess, can't get worse.

Soon after President Truman named him the new attorney general, Judge James P. McGranery said he had doubts there is any corruption but said he'd have J. Edgar Hoover look into it.

If the administration was thinking of an investigation in political terms, then picking the FBI chief for the job would seem like a very smart political move, on paper anyway.

Hoover has the public's confidence as the best investigator in the government, and his relations with Congress, where the administration gets most of its criticism have been extraordinarily good for years.

So good, in fact, that of all those now holding top jobs in the administration Hoover probably would have the best chance of keeping his if the Republicans won in November.

After all, it was the Republicans who put him in his present job back in the 1920's and he was so able the Democrats have kept him there ever since.

But by one of those same strange twists which have made the whole corruption investigation so remarkable, Hoover's first assignment won't be investigating corruption but investigating McGranery.

As Attorney General and head of the Justice Department, McGranery would be Hoover's boss, but before the judge can have the job he must be approved by the Senate.

And before the Senate gets a chance to approve, the Senate's Judiciary Committee must look him over. It so happens the committee is headed by Senator McCarran who, although he's a Democrat from Nevada, is no friend of Truman's.

McCarran told Hoover, before the committee questions McGranery, to give him a report on the judge. Other members of Congress want to quiz McGranery about his handling of the Amerasia magazine case in 1945 when McGranery was an assistant attorney general.

So for some time to come the public's attention may be diverted from the problem of the investigation of government corruption to the investigation of McGranery. If McGranery finally passes his examination, Hoover can start pumping into him information on government corruption, if any. At first the public may be started by

Pardon Sought for Noted Klamath Murder Convict

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Theodore Jordan, who was convicted of murder here in Klamath Falls and for two decades has been one of Oregon's most notorious prisoners, should be pardoned, in the opinion of a group of 75 persons which met in Portland recently.

The unnamed group passed a resolution to that effect and sent it to Gov. Douglas McKay.

The resolution was signed by Annie L. Hughes of Portland and declared that it was the opinion of those present at the Linnea Hall meeting that Jordan's continued confinement is solely based on the fact that he is a Negro.

Jordan was convicted back in 1932 of murdering F. T. Sullivan, a white man, Southern Pacific dining car steward, and sentenced to die.

Under the pressure, Julius Meyer, then governor of Oregon, commuted the Negro's sentence to life imprisonment.

The death sentence had been reviewed and affirmed by the Supreme Court.

Foreign Policy Review Asked

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House Foreign Affairs subcommittee Wednesday called for a review of British influence on American foreign policy to determine if it "has caused the loss of valuable allies in Europe and the Far East."

Members of the group told newsmen they knew of no specific cases but mentioned the Irish crisis in the Middle East and "anti-Americanism" in Malaya.

This demand was part of a new "get tough" program for foreign aid which the three-member subcommittee outlined in a special report on several European countries and discussed in a news conference. Members are Reps. Zalecki (D-Wis.), chairman, Keil (D-N.Y.) and Merron (R-N.H.).

The subcommittee report proposed that further aid be given only under "clear and precise conditions." These ranged from a demand for greater progress toward European unity to internal law reforms.

The group also strongly recommended developing Spain's military power. Merron said Spain would sponsor a move to give Generalissimo Franco substantially more than the 100 million dollars authorized last year to develop an air and seaport.

The foreign committees of both chambers are still considering the administration's \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid program. Cuts of between one and two billion dollars have been predicted.

Bureau Says National Economy Still Strong

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bureau of Agricultural Economics said Wednesday the national economy is strong and expected to continue to rise.

In a forecast of market prospects for farm products the bureau listed these factors as indicating the nation's economy will continue operating in high gear:

1. Industrial production is up from January and February levels.

2. Employment remains virtually unchanged.

3. Personal incomes continue near high levels of recent months.

4. The defense program is still expanding.

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Steel Mills Back to Work

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The nation's steel industry—backbone of defense—should be back to work Thursday under the government's say-so.

Within 74 hours of President Truman's dramatic seizure of the plants, heads of the industry told the secretary of Commerce Sawyer he could count upon a return to normal production as soon as possible.

And Sawyer, who took over the running of the steel industry under the President's order Tuesday night, said, "I hope by Thursday to be able to state that there is a national-wide resumption of normal full-time output."

Sawyer added that he expected to confer Thursday with Philip Murray, president of the CIO steelworkers, who called off the strike a short time after the President's declaration.

As the American flag flapped over the mills, the many thousands of steelworkers, themselves, hailed Sawyer's optimistic words with fresh cheer, as well as possible.

"Let's get on with it and stop the arguing," was a common expression.

Although the country's four biggest steel products started summing up their men back to work the full-scale resumption of some 150,000 furloughed workers was expected to take as long as ten days to two weeks.

Bethlehem steel, second largest producer in the land, was one of the first to get back to work. "Our plants are being put back into operation as rapidly as possible," LINEUP.

Thus Bethlehem lined up with United States Steel, highest of them all, Republic and Jones and Laughlin in acquiescence to government rule and in calling for a gradual, orderly restoration of normal operations.

Ben Morell, chairman of the board of J. and L. revealed his company is joining Republic Steel, Bethlehem and Youngstown Sheet and Tube in a court challenge of the legality of the seizure.

Big Roundup Dance Slated

RED BLUFF (AP) — The city is again set to entertain thousands of roundup fans at the big free Roundup Street Dance, Saturday, April 19.

As usual, an entire city block will be roped off, waxed, and prepared for the festivities.

Sponsored by Red Bluff businessmen, the party features dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. and celebrants are provided with confetti, noisemakers and other favors.

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Workers Find Human Bones

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Chimney Sparks Start Fire

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Probers Tripped By Own Rule

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