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Bruce Biossat

The power of Congress to investigate is inherent in its power to make laws. But it has been apparent that in recent years Congress has devoted a disproportionate share of its time to investigating, and too little to law-making.

A recent survey by the New York Times gives some fresh substance to this complaint. The Times found that since 1950 there have been 225 investigations launched, and that 60 are currently in progress.

This makes the 82nd Congress the most investigative one in U.S. history, and before it, the 80th and the 81st had established new peaks. The upward trend is unmistakable.

Money voted for these inquiries by the 82d Congress comes to $4,100,000 in addition to funds regularly alloted for normal committee work. This is about $600,000 more than the sum allowed for the 81st.

Right now about 20 proposals for new inquiries are pending. They call for outlay of almost $1,000,000 more.

FULL HOUSE

There are so many separate probes that Congress can no longer house them all. It has begun renting hotel rooms in downtown Washington. The old Supreme Court chamber in the Capitol used to be just a sightseer's delight. Today it is in steady demand as a hearing room.

Often the investigating groups hold both morning and afternoon sessions, thus limiting the average legislator's "law-making" to an occasional chase to the Senate or House floor for a roll call. This hardly seems a system designed to produce good laws.

Another complaint is an old one but it's still valid. Investigations of the executive departments and agencies are so numerous that many federal officials devote a good part of their time to Capitol Hill.

They frequently bring large staffs with them. This fact plus repeated committee demands for more data, reports and other supplemental work cuts heavily into the department's regular operating funds. Certainly government service must be impaired in at least some of these cases.

CONFLICT

Thus we have the spectacle of Congress in effect compelling a diversion of department funds at the very moment it is inquiring into that department's methods of spending.

No question about it congressional investigating is now out of hand. Not only is it far too time-consuming in ratio to the law-making process but it many times is without serious purpose.

The Times survey is a useful start toward showing the American people how their Congress spends its time. The next step is equally important.

We need to know how many of the hundreds of investigations conducted by Congress in recent years have actually led to useful legislation. And how many have been publicity circuses largely wasteful of lawmakers' time and the taxpayers' money.

Dr. E. P. Jordan

One of the most common complaints of the later years of life is creaking and grating in the knees, sometimes associated with discomfort.

Q—Of late I have noticed a definite creak in my knees when going up and down stairs. Would this be a lack of vitamins, or a more serious thing? Mrs. D.

A—In all probability, this is a degenerative condition in the knee joint, probably not related to vitamin lack. It is not serious except for the discomfort which it may cause, though it sometimes goes under the name of degenerative arthritis or osteo-arthritis. It is harmful for a person with this sort of condition to carry too much weight. A certain amount of relief can often be obtained by wearing elastic bandages and by other measures.

Q—My two-year-old son is seriously bothered with constipation, and my sister wonders if this is because he wears overall pants with elastic which leaves a mark around his abdomen. Mrs. F. E. G.

A—It is not wise for anyone to wear something too tight around the abdomen but it seems doubtful that this could cause constipation in a two-year-old boy. A more likely cause is his diet and of course habit plays a part also. This should be thoroughly discussed with your son's doctor.

Q—I've a fungus growing under my toenails which raised the nails and becomes unpleasant, although I keep them trimmed and the tops scraped off. What should be done? —H. O.

A—A fungus infection of the nails is ofter extremely difficult to cure. A person who has this unpleasant condition should be under the care of a skin specialist who may want to give X-ray treatments as well as employ other measures. Most dermatologists are frank in admitting that this is one of their most difficult problems.

Q—I have had a nervous heart for many years. Could this bring on a heart attack? Mrs. H. W.

A—It is hard to tell just what is meant by a "nervous heart." This, in itself, is not a serious heart disease, and would not be likely to bring on a heart attack or coronary thrombosis.

Q—Will a crooked bone in the nose cause serious trouble to breathing? Mrs. C. R.

A—It can very well obstruct one of the nostrils so that breathing is more difficult. If the symptoms are very severe, one has to consider an operation to straighten the septum in the nose.

Q—It is possible for a woman to go through the change of life in the twenties or early thirties because of an operation on the female organs? Mrs. A.

A—If both ovaries are removed by operation, there will be a premature menopause.

Sabres Down Seven MIGs

SEOUL (AP) — U. S. Sabre jets shot down seven Communist MIG-15s, probably destroyed another and damaged five in the week ended Friday, U. S. Fifth Air Force reported Saturday.

Only one Sabre was lost in air combat. One Allied warplane was lost to Red groundfire and three failed to return for unknown causes.

Snow, rain and fog settled over grounding Allied fliers and turning the frontlines into a morass of mud.

U. S. Eighth Army announced its troops inflicted 2,348 casualties on the Reds between April 8-14. The Army said 934 were killed, 1,375 wounded and 39 taken prisoner.

Eighth Army reported only light ground action Friday. A staff officer said the Reds jabbed lightly along the Eastern and East-Central Fronts. There was no significant action in the west, where the Reds have been probing for several days.

Naval and Marine planes roared off American carriers in attacks against both the East and West Coasts of North Korea Friday. Task force 77 pilots from the Valley Forge and Boxer claimed rail cuts in 76 places and destruction of three locomotives, 21 box cars, three railroad bridges and six rail bypasses.

Warren Coming To Oregon

PORTLAND (AP) — Gov. Earl Warren of California, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, will be in Oregon next Friday to confer with his state campaign leaders.

He said earlier that he plans to campaign extensively in Oregon before the May 16 primary election.

MORE RICE NEEDED

SINGAPORE (AP)—The people of Asia have been warned that they face starvation unless they grow more rice at once. The director general of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, Norris E. Dodd, who issued the warning, suggested two solutions: "Increase your production of rice, or cut down the number of people eating rice."

Lofftus Rites In Lakeview

LAKEVIEW — Funeral services for Mrs. Mary F. Lofftus, who died April 11, were held April 14 from St. Patrick's Catholic Church, with the Rev. James O'Connor officiating. Interment was in Sunset Park Cemetery and the service was directed by Ousley-Osterman Mortuary.

Born Mary McKenna on July 27, 1893, at San Francisco Mrs. Lofftus was 58 years old at death.

On Aug. 17, 1917, she was married to Wilbur R. Lofftus, of Lakeview, who survives. Also surviving is one son, Reece W. Lofftus, of Yreka, Calif.; her father, Patrick McKenna, of San Francisco; three grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Mabel Frost, Mrs. Annie Oliver and Mrs. Helen Allin, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Laretha Deicke, of San Rafael, Calif.

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Rotarians Consider City Manager And Full-Time Mayor Propositions

The proposal to increase the salary of the mayor of Klamath Falls to $500 a month, which will be voted on in the May 16 election, was the subject of a panel discussion at the Rotary Club meeting Friday noon at the Willard Hotel.

The charter now specifies a salary for the mayor of $175 a month and doesn't say how much time a mayor should spend on city affairs.

Mayor Bob Thompson said that Klamath Falls is the next to the largest town in Oregon that does not have a paid city manager and that city business requires a full time administrator "to do the job;" that the voters have turned down city manager proposals several times, so this measure is being offered to provide enough salary to enable the elected mayor to spend full time on the job.

Thompson stated that only because his business, Pioneer Tobacco Company, had been built up to operate without him during the war was he able to spend full time on the job now.

'WORTHY OF HIRE'

Wilson Wiley, who was mayor of Klamath Falls 30 years ago, stated that the compensation for the office had not been changed since he served the city. Wiley said that, in view of his experience, he was in favor of the measure—"a laborer is worthy of his hire."

Councilman Matt Finnigan pointed out that this ballot proposal was another step in modernizing the handling of municipal affairs. The bookkeeping systems, the physical plant and equipment have been brought up to date as much as possible, he said, adding that modernizing the city charter was necessary for further improvement.

The mayor is charged with the responsibility of the running of city affairs. The simplest way to insure efficiency is to authorize a salary that will keep a mayor on the job full time, was Finnigan's advice.

This proposal would add less salary than would be necessary to get even a mediocre city manager, he said.

TAKE STOCK

Al Hattan, businessman, brought up another viewpoint. He advised that it is time to "sit down and take stock of our affairs."

He questioned that $500 a month would get the right man to do the job, suggesting that it might work out that the city would be paying $500 for a $250 man."

He advocated paying enough to get a trained, professional city manager, and having a "dollar a year" man as mayor.

Answering questions from the floor, Mayor Thompson said that there still is time to get a city manager measure on the ballot for the fall election, and that towns this size pay about $10,000 a year for a city manager.

HIRE AND FIRE

It also was brought out that if the city council were empowered to hire a city manger it also would have the authority to fire him in the event of his falling down on the job, while an elected "mayor-manager" would be in for the duration of his term.

Bud Chandler was chairman of the meeting. Next Friday the club will hold a discussion of the city measure concerning the park commission.

Hal Boyle

By SAUL PETT
(For Hal Boyle)

OTIS AIR BASE, CAPE COD, Mass. (AP) — Off hand, I'd say I'm as brave as the next man, if the next man happens to be a coward.

I recently had occasion to go up in a jet fighter plane. Many people have flown in these 600-mile-an-hour jobs. But I'll bet none came as close as I did to blacking out before takeoff.

A nice young officer, whose serenity I learned to detest, helped me into my equipment.

"There's really nothing to it," said Lt. Lou Cilento of Denver, Colo. "Smoother than your car."

He zipped me into a flying suit which, I was assured, had built-in compartments that would automatically inflate against sudden pulls in gravity. Lou also helped me into:

A helmet, bigger but lighter than a football helmet; an oxygen mask; a bail-out bottle ("in case you need oxygen if you jump"); a 28-foot parachute with a folded up rubber dinghy attached; a Mae West life preserver ("the pack, you know, is shark-resistance"); heavy gloves, and a signal mirror, flashlight and whistle (in case I landed in the ocean in the dark or fog and needed to attract attention).

DEFLATOR

"There's a knife in the cockpit of the plane which you use to puncture the dinghy if it inflates accidentally," Lou said.

He and another man then put me into the rear cockpit of a two-seater F-94 jet. With all those gadgets, I couldn't get in myself.

With help, I was pushed in backwards and then sideways. It's really a very unglamorous way of taking off for the wild blue yonder.

I had to sit with my knees bent and my head leaning down slightly because of the low-transparent canopy.

"Now look," Lou said when I was all connected, "there's nothing to worry about. But if something should go wrong, remember the first thing is to keep calm."

I asked him to rush on to the next thing. The first advice was completely useless:

"If the pilot gives you the order to jump," Lou said, "you pull up these seat handles first. That makes ready a 20 mm. charge under your seat."

"Where, where?"

Lou put my quivering hands on the seat handles.

"Oh, yes, if the pilot can't open the canopy, you pull this gear here. As soon as it opens, squeeze this trigger on the arm of the seat. Do it quickly. The wind will be terrific."

"Where, where, where?"

"Right here. That will explode the charge and shoot you out of the plane. Now, you'll find yourself 70 or 80 feet in the air above where the plane is, or was. You'll still be in a sitting position, with the seat strapped to you. Remember, be calm. Then unhook the seat belt."

I felt frantically for the hook. Lou found it for me around my waist, under some other gadgets.

SWAN DIVE

"After you unhook the seat belt," he continued, "straighten up in the air, arch your back a little like for a swan dive. Wait a few seconds and then pull the chute cord."

"Where, where, where?"

"Right here. Pull the ripcord all the way out, arm's length. Stay relaxed. Keep your feet together, keep your legs flexible. If you land in water, pull these two small cords down to inflate the Mae West."

"Where, where, where, where?"

Lou showed me. Then we went over the various steps four times. I'm a sticker for detail.

Finally, the pilot, Maj. A. J. Coleman, climbed in, and we took off. The flight was comfortable and uneventful. Actually, I didn't see much. I spent most of my time memorizing and checking all the gadgets I might need but didn't.

Camp White's Future Fogged

MEDFORD (AP) — The possibility that reactivation of Camp White might be delayed or dropped was indicated Friday in the announcement that the land would be used for other purposes at present.

C. C. Hoover, owner of the site where the big World War II camp was located, said the delay had been "intimated" to him by Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Swing, commanding general of the 6th Army, and N. S. Green, project manager of the Army Engineers office in Seattle.

Plans to reactivate the camp for some 20,000 standby troops have been discussed for some time. Preliminary surveys already have been made of the area.

Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore), told the Medford Mail-Tribune that a recent letter from the Army indicated that reactivation of the camp apparently still was being planned. He said, however, the Army had deleted a proposed railway spur from the plans.

Raiders Find New Project

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Doolittle raiders, who have been looking for some project to keep them together, have found it in the work of one of their number who returned to Japan as a missionary.

Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle and six of his airmen met Friday on the 10th anniversary of their historic raid on Japan. They agreed to do everything possible to help the Japanese people.

And they said they will decide during their meeting to "adopt" The Rev. Jacob de Shazer of Salem, Ore., who flew with them an returned to Japan after the war as a missionary.

Col. William H. Bower of Falls Church, Va., said the Doolittle Raiders, who took their training in B-25 bombers at the Pendleton, Ore., Air Force Base, had been looking for a project on which they could unite. He said De Shazer met all the requirements.

'RUSSIA PROTESTS

ADEN (AP) — Russia reportedly has protested to Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia over the dispatch of additional Ethiopian troops to Korea.

Enlistees Get Longer Hitch

WASHINGTON (AP) — The enlistments of some 125,000 persons in the U.S. armed forces—those whose regular terms are due to expire in the year beginning July 1—were extended Saturday for an additional nine months.

The rule covers all volunteers in the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines except Selective Service registrants who enlisted for 24 months instead of awaiting induction.

By services, the affected group consists of 60,500 in the Army, 25,000 Air Force, 36,000 Navy and 4,500 Marines.

The Defense Department, in announcing the action, said not all the men will be required to serve the full period of extension. None will be kept on duty longer than is absolutely necessary the department said.

Rioting Cons Request Water

RAHWAY, N.J. (AP) — A bed-sheet sign appeal for "water" was hung Saturday from a glass-shattered window of the red brick dormitory where 231 convicts held nine guards as hostages in the third day of a prison farm revolt.

Authorities of the New Jersey state prison farm here proceeded cautiously for protection of the hostages, whom they believed still were unharmed.

The bed sheet, one of many messages from the mutineers, was displayed as the day grew warmer, with a high of 80 degree predicted.

All water, power and food has been shut off from the wing since midnight Thursday, three hours after the mutineers seized control of the wing in what authorities described as a sympathy strike with Trenton prison rioters.

The 69 weakened Trenton convicts left the state prison print shop Friday, 77 hours after they rioted there. They surrendered three prison employes they had held as hostages. The hostages were unharmed.

AS GOOD AS GOLD is the water well tapped in Friday morning on the Virgil Schmoe place several miles outside Dairy. Pictured with Schmoe (standing at far right) are (l to r) John Kunze, 1603 Ivory St., John Kunze Jr., 2132 Applegate St., and Art Reed, employes of West-Hitchcock Corp. The three-year-old well was drilled to 1000 feet and water was pumped from 91 feet, to deliver 2650 gallons per minute for irrigation purposes on 160 acres of land.

James Marlow

ABC's

WASHINGTON (AP) — This year the voters will have a better than usual chance to choose or reject the Democrats as a party since now it seems unlikely that a towering personality will be found to head the party's ticket.

The decisions of President Truman and Governor Stevenson of Illinois not to run left the race for the party's presidential nomination wide open to all comers.

None of those so far expressing a White House desire is so well known that the voters already have strong and even fixed opinions about him, as they did with Roosevelt and may already have about Eisenhower and Taft.

Of all the present would-be Democratic candidates Kefauver is probably the best known to the most people because of his televised crime investigation and because he's been going around to get acquainted.

REASONS

If the reasons why people vote for Candidate Jones instead of Candidate Smith in a presidential election could be reduced to a few points they'd probably go like this although not necessarily in this order:

They like Jones better. Or they have more faith in him. Or, unimpressed by Jones himself they prefer his party's policies and promises to Smith's. Or, on the negative side, they dislike Smith or his party so much they vote against him by voting the Jones ticket.

The depression already had set in when Roosevelt ran against Hoover in 1932 and beat him. At the time Roosevelt was far from being the huge and well-known figure he later became. Why did he and the Democrats win?

This is where the historians offer the negative answer: That the voters had lost faith in the Republicans's ability to bring them out of the depression and turned to the Democrats.

Nevertheless, allowance must be made for Roosevelt's ability, demonstrated often later, to persuade millions of people he was the Great White Father who could be trusted to have all the answers.

After that — in the elections of 1936-40-44— Mr. Roosevelt's face, name, performance and policy had become synonymous with the Democratic party. To a lot of people he undoubtedly was the party.

President Truman was only a minor figure in 1944 as a vice presidential candidate. But he succeeded to the presidency so early in 1945 that by the time of the 1948 elections he had had three years in which to establish himself favorably or unfavorably in voters' minds.

LEADER

Like him or dislike him, he was the dominant figure and guide of the party for three years, with a record and viewpoint that was known and could be judged. So the Democrats' victory in 1948 was inextricably mixed between votes for him and votes for his party.

Some critics attribute the Democratic win that year more to Governor Dewey's failure to make a better campaign than to any real voter endorsement of the Democrats. This may be true, in part.

But this year the Democrats must find a candidate far less known to the public than any they've had since 1936, thus enabling the voters to make a clearer decision about the Democrats as a party.

The Republican candidate, of course, will be a great and perhaps the decisive factor in the outcome since his personality and record may rally votes to the Republicans or repel them to the Democrats.

Doctors Use Monkey Lungs In Operations on Humans

By FRANK CAREY
AP Science Writer

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. (AP) — First use of a monkey lung to provide an external substitute for the lungs of a human being during surgery was announced Saturday by a surgeon who said the technique kept several babies alive for a time — one of them for three hours.

The monkey lungs, freshly removed from the animals, were used in conjunction with a "mechanical heart" and were employed specifically to supply oxygen to the blood of the patients whose own heart and lung systems were cut off.

One monkey lung was used for each of five human infants. All the babies were suffering from congenital heart defects, and direct operation on the heart itself constituted their only chance for survival.

None of the babies survived, but the surgeon who described the tecnique said it was developed by Dr. W. T. Mustard of the university staff.

Dr. Janes said the Canadian monkey lung technique constituted another possible step toward the objective of perfecting substitute heart and lung systems for use in cases where temporary stoppage of heart and lung systems for use in the patient's own heart and lungs offers the only chance for successful surgery.

He stressed that the Canadian work and that of other investigators in this "substitute" system field is still in the experimental stage.

Several investigators have kept animals alive for long periods with such systems, and there have been three cases where humans have been kept alive for short periods with the aid of purely mechanical systems.

But the Canadian work is the first in which the lung of an animal has been used as an experimental substitute for the lungs of a human.

Steel Threat Brings Uproar

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The steel labor fight grew hotter Saturday with the Truman administration threatening to raise worker wages in the seized industry early next week. The move also stirred a new uproar in Congress.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer late Friday served an ultimatum on the industry's private owners, saying that unless they reach an agreement with CIO President Philip Murray by Monday or Tuesday, the government will step in and give steelworkers a pay boost.

There seemed little chance the union and companies could get together on a deal. In fact, Murray and President Benjamin Fairless of U.S. Steel Co., left the capital to spend the week end in Pittsburgh.

Sawyer's announcement that he was practically ready to impose new wage terms and working conditions on the seized industry spurred a drive by wrathful Senate Republicans to forbid use of any federal funds for salaries of federal officials to run the steels under seizure.

Raising cries of "dictator" and claiming strong Democratic support, the GOP group, led by Sens. Knowland (R-Calif.), and Ferguson (R-Mich.), moved for a showdown Senate vote Monday on two proposals, both aimed at spiking the operation of the seizure order.

Sen. Hoey (D, N.C.), challenged Sawyer's authority to impose a wage hike, telling the Senate:

"I don't think the government has the power to take money belonging to the stockholders of any corporation and order it disbursed to the workers without consent of the authorized officers of the corporation."

Sen. McFarland of Arizona, Senate Democratic leader, declined to comment on the prospects of the Republican move or to talk about Sawyer's plans.

There seemed no chance of heading off the administration move to impose a wage boost over the industry's head. Attorneys for the steel companies are prepared to make a new court attempt in the event Sawyer acts to challenge both legality of seizure and the government's right to raise wages.

It was not known how much Sawyer may seek to give Murray's union members. The Wage Stabilization Board has proposed a 26-cent wage increase "package" including a 17½-cent boost in straight pay. The industry has offered a total of 17½-cent hike.

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