

Crane Operator Wins Choice Political Plum

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Joseph Tomaskovich, a 39-year-old crane operator who supports his wife and three children on an \$36-a-week pay check, says he has no objection to quitting his job just because he'll pick up around \$50,000 in the next four years as tax collector.

Tomaskovich, a Purple Heart veteran of World War II, was elected Tuesday to one of the chosen political jobs in Pennsylvania. He lives in Franklin Borough, a community of about 2,000 on the outskirts of Johnstown, where Bethlehem Steel Co. has a big plant—and is a big tax payer, contributing about \$400,000 annually to the borough's coffers. The other taxpayers chip in about \$100,000.

The tax collector doesn't have much work. Bethlehem just mails in the tax check to the collector and the collector deducts his 2 1/2 per cent commission.

"It's really not a great deal of work," Tomaskovich laughed. "Of course, I have to fill in regular monthly reports but being tax collector in Franklin Borough, I'll have to admit, is a choice job. I'm lucky to get this extra job. I have a lot of friends. With the help of God, in the next four years, maybe I can pay off the mortgage on our home and give my wife and kids a good many of the things we can't afford now."

Tomaskovich, who, incidentally, works at the Bethlehem plant, is the father of a 3-month-old girl, a 4-year-old boy and a 9-year-old daughter.

He said he wasn't particularly worried about winning the election because he did so well in the primaries last May.

"I was running on the Democratic ticket against five other candidates. I won the nomination by getting more votes than all of them combined. Then, my friends in the Republican party put on a sticker campaign and I got the Republican nomination too."

At Tuesday's election, Tomaskovich's only opposition came from Sadie A. Salen, who ran on the "People's party" ballot. She received 40 votes while Joe coasted home with nearly 400.

"I'm sure a happy guy," Tomaskovich declared. "We never had an automobile. I'm sure, now, I can afford one. But I'm not going to throw away my money."

"It is sort of an unwritten rule in Franklin Borough that you don't succeed yourself as tax collector. I go along with that."

"One term of four years is such an easy job is enough for anyone."

Signal Corps Probe Ends

NEW YORK (AP)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-N.Y.) says evidence presented before his Senate permanent investigations subcommittee indicates that a spy ring was functioning at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., and elsewhere for a considerable length of time after World War II.

McCarthy's subcommittee yesterday wound up current closed hearings into alleged Communist activities and espionage in the Army Signal Corps and especially at Ft. Monmouth top-secret radar laboratory.

Among seven witnesses who testified during the day was an unidentified woman who, McCarthy said, refused to say whether or not she was a spy.

"There is no question but that she had engaged in espionage in the Signal Corps at Ft. Monmouth," McCarthy said, and added:

"Evidence before this subcommittee clearly indicates that people labeled as part of the Rosenberg spy ring are still walking the streets free."

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed last June as atom spies. McCarthy says evidence shows that Rosenberg also headed a radar spy ring at Ft. Monmouth.

McCarthy described another witness as an engineer who he said worked on radar material in the Federal Telecommunications Laboratory at Nutley, N. J., from 1942 to 1951. The witness said the laboratories are a subsidiary of the International Telephone and Telegraph Co. and "are doing 100 per cent government work."

McCarthy said the engineer refused to tell the subcommittee whether he is a spy or whether he ever stole radar secrets.

"We have evidence," McCarthy said, "that he is a member of the Communist underground today and that he was part of the Rosenberg spy ring which delivered material to Communist agents."

Another hearing witness yesterday was a man suspended as an employee at Ft. Monmouth Oct. 20 because of alleged Communist affiliations.

Test Pilots Hunt In Tularelake Area

Four jet plane test pilots and an air carrier inspector left the local airport Thursday afternoon for Los Angeles after spending two successful days hunting in the Tularelake area.

The group of a sixmen made the flight in a Douglas A20 Havoc owned by the Hughes Aircraft Co., of Culver City, and piloted by C. A. Snoop, Beverly Hills.

Lee Bushon, fifth member of the group is an air carrier inspector from the regional offices in Los Angeles. The pilots are all employed by the Howard Hughes Aircraft Co.

Bumping was good and the five boys returned home with 20 ducks and geese, according to Russ Avery, airport manager.

Bonanza To Have Improvement League

BONANZA — A large group of Bonanza citizens have organized a Civic Improvement League. The group will be "For Civic Betterment." They will take up any interesting discussions and later municipal government.

No regular date has been set for the monthly meeting, but the next meeting will be at the Bonanza Library Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. Anyone interested is cordially invited to these meetings.

Bob Schuman is chairman, Irene Hartley is secretary. It is a non-political organization.

Francis Matthews, juvenile officer of Klamath Falls, will be present at the next meeting to enter into discussion of juvenile difficulties and to answer questions.

Tester of Wrecked Secret Car Better

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)—Charles L. McCuen, a General Motors executive seriously injured in the crash of a secret, experimental car on GM's test track Oct. 11, is recuperating at home today.

McCuen, 41, was dismissed from Pontiac General Hospital yesterday.

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New Sawing Record Set

SEATTLE (AP)—In little more time than it will take you to read this, Paul M. Searls last night sawed through a log thicker than your dining room table is high.

In doing so, he set a record he thinks will stand a long time. As far as Seattle personally is concerned it never will fall. The 46-year-old Trout, Wash., saw filer hung up his contest outfit saw after whinning through the 32-inch log in 1 minute 26.4 seconds and said:

"Never again."

His sawcut-making feat broke his own old mark of 2 minutes 8 seconds. Searls has been cutting logs in competition since 1936 but never for a living. His occupation is sharpening saws for Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. at Toule.

The new mark was set at the Pacific Logging Congress.

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Stars & Stripes At Dinner, NAM Chairman's Idea

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers Board of Directors said yesterday American parents should "talk freedom at the dinner table" if they want to keep their children from turning to leftist beliefs in college.

William J. Grede of Milwaukee told a Rotary Club meeting that American people too often blame higher education "for making pinks of our children."

He said, "We are probably as much to blame as the schools by our failure to inculcate an understanding of our heritage."

Grede said government monopolists, industrial cartels and a labor line are taking form in this country and are "threatening our individual freedom here."

Town Wants Traffic Cop

CORUNNA, Mich. (AP)—Corunna's 2,258 citizens are demanding that City Council get them — of all things—a traffic cop.

All they've got now is a combination night watchman-policeman, who doesn't have a car. They say they're getting tired of speeding and a rash of traffic accidents.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today issued an order designed to give citizens a free flow of information about their government without jeopardizing national security.

Effective Dec. 15, the order replaces a controversial measure former President Truman put on the books Sept. 24, 1951.

In announcing the forthcoming repeal of the Truman order, Atty. Gen. Brownell denounced it as an example of "dictatorship." The Cabinet officer also said that under the old order government officials could "cover up dereliction of duty and mistakes."

Truman, responding to similar criticism from editors when his order was issued, denied there was any cover-up involved. He said the measure actually would promote the flow of news and sought only to keep security secrets from potential enemies.

Brownell outlined the new Eisenhower order at a news conference before leaving for Chicago to address a meeting of the Associated Press Managing Editors Assn. today. He said the measure includes suggestions made by that organization, the American Society of Newspaper Editors and representatives of other news media.

In brief, the Eisenhower order:

1. Eliminates the "restricted" category for classifying government data as harmful to national security if made public—leaving only "top secret," "secret" and "confidential."
2. Sets up a system for receiving

complaints, from newsmen and others outside the government, and for checking up on the program.

3. Takes away document-classifying authority from 28 agencies, such as the American Battle Monuments Commission and the Veterans Administration.
4. Gives classifying authority to the heads, only, with no power to delegate it to someone else, of 17 agencies, like the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Tennessee Valley Authority.
5. Permits the heads of other agencies, such as the Defense Department, to name an employee as classifying officer.
6. Defines what information is to be classified, how it is to be transmitted and stored, marked and, when indicated, destroyed.

A White House statement said the purpose of the order is to attain "a proper balance between the need to protect information important to the defense of the United States, and the need for citizens of this democracy to know what their government is doing."

The statement added:

"The issuance of this order will revise, in a manner more in keeping with the American tradition of freedom of information, existing requirements for the safeguarding of defense information."

Eisenhower made public a proposed draft of the order last June 27. He said then it would "open the door for citizens to obtain more information about their government" without endangering national security, and he invited changes.

Brownell said the order in final form incorporates one major change—a system of review to insure that (1) information is not improperly withheld, and that (2) security data is properly safeguarded.

On the first count, the order provides for appointment by the President of a staff member to "receive, consider, and take action upon, suggestions or complaints from non-governmental sources relating to the operation of this order."

James C. Hagerly, White House press secretary, said Eisenhower plans to assign that job to Bernard M. Shanley, presidential special counsel. There had been suggestions that such a post be handled these were not adopted.

To make sure security information is properly safeguarded, the National Security Council will conduct a continuing review of the order.

The review procedure also calls for a continuing study within federal departments and agencies.

Brownell told newsmen he recommended abandoning the "restricted" label because some government officials had used it "when they didn't have any reason to classify (information) but wanted to keep it from the public."

The Truman order gave civilian federal agencies, for the first time, about the same authority to classify information as agencies like the Defense and State Departments already had in the case of security data.

The Eisenhower measure strips such authority from 28 agencies, and in 17 others limits it to the agency heads.

Brownell was asked whether abolition of the "restricted" category wouldn't lead to moving information up a notch to the "confidential" category.

He said the definition of "top secret," "secret" and "confidential" are explicit enough to prevent that. He added:

"We certainly would look with a jaundiced eye on any unwarranted upgrading."

The "confidential" stamp can be used only where disclosure "could be prejudicial to the defense interests of the nation."

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