

TOUGHER ELECTION LAWS TOLD

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What of the Mexico of the future? I wouldn't know. But I think maybe I have a clue. The clue is Manuel (pronounced Man-o-ELL).

I'll tell you about him.

In the city of Tepic in the state of Jalisco, some 100 miles north of Guadalajara, there is a hotel with the musical name of La Posada de la Loma — which, roughly translated, means The Little Inn in the Hills.

It is a little inn. It has only six units — which in these days of heavy travel is a minuscule establishment. Its roof is tiled and its ceilings are beamed. The floors are tile, as are nearly all floors in Mexico. On the walls are Mexican pictures, painted on tin. Mexican art is a little of the crude side, but it is oddly soothing.

The taps above the wash basin are marked C and F — the C for caliente and the F for frio. The trouble is that the water that comes from the C tap isn't quite as hot as the F isn't very hot. That goes also for the shower. When you come out from under it your teeth are chattering, but you're full of zip and zing.

Along the front there is a gallery, with a tile floor and chairs and tables, where you sit and sip whatever you may have brought along with you in the way of antidote against tarantula bite — for there is no cantina. In the little patio bougainvillea glows like a flame.

There is a pleasant little restaurant, where tasty Spanish food is served.

It develops that the keeper of the motel — who, it turns out later, is a pinch-hitter — speaks no English at all. My scanty store of Spanish doesn't contain the word for vacancy.

Just as the situation is approaching an impasse —

Manuel appears and shortly thereafter the situation is as fully under control as if the Marines had landed and taken over the beach.

Manuel stands maybe a slim four feet in his bucharas, but he has bounce. In practically no time at all, he made it plain that there was a vacancy and not only that but a vacancy that existed for the purpose of becoming an occupancy.

Then he hustled in the baggage, and when that was over he dashed out to look the Americans over. His eyes shone.

"Quick," he murmured admiringly.

Then he patted it as one would pat a beautiful, blooded steed.

"And only 1955," he breathed.

He knew the purpose of every gadget, how to open the doors, how to lock them, and so on. He insisted that the parking brake be set and set firmly. It was plain that Manuel, aged maybe 12, was looking forward to the time when he too would own and drive a shiny car — regardless of Mexico's presently more or less feudalistic economic system.

Later, when he came around with his box for the shoe shine that is inevitable in Mexico, I queried him as to the identity of the man at the motel desk. "Oh," he replied in a casual tone: "He my fran."

I said to him: "You speak pretty good English. How come?" He shrugged his slender shoulders. "I have, what you call, tutor," he answered. (It came out later that his tutor is his mother, who teaches in the Tepic schools.)

Asked as to the price of the shoe shine, he shrugged again. "What you wish," he replied to a meek tone, I gave him the customary peso (eight cents). He looked at the worn shiner thoughtfully and murmured "muchas gracias."

It was obvious that Manuel knew quite well that in the U.S.A. the going price for a shoe shine is 25 cents and that he was looking forward to the time when he too would charge an American quarter and get away with it — so that he might much sooner have a shiny car of his own.

Mexico is still feudalistic in its economy. It has a small class at the top that gets the bulk of the cream that comes off the milk. It has a very large class at the bottom that gets the skim milk — and not too much of that. But it has a growing middle class.

And it has a LOT of Manuels, who will be the coming generation. I have an idea that when these Manuels all grow up there will be GREAT changes in Mexico's present system.

Malin Chamber Plans Crab Feed
MALIN — The annual Malin Chamber of Commerce crab feed will be held in the Broadway Hall at Malin on Monday, February 27. Serving will start at 7 p.m.

New chamber officers will be introduced and outstanding high school athletes honored.

Weather
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Railroad Launches Search For Clues

ODENTON, Md. (AP) — An "intensive investigation" was launched by the Pennsylvania Railroad Friday into the derailment of one of its crack passenger trains near here Thursday night. Five persons were killed and more than 100 injured, four of them critically.

Three cars of the Washington-to-New York Embassy plunged down an embankment and overturned as the train raced through the flatlands between Washington and Baltimore at 80 miles an hour. Six other cars were derailed.

No clue to the cause of the disaster was reported from the first probing of the wreckage.

Some 90 persons were taken to six Maryland hospitals. About 30 were treated and released.

Dozens of nurses and doctors treated others for lesser injuries at the scene. The engineer said the brakes appeared to grab suddenly, but a spokesman for the railroad said Friday faulty brakes had been ruled out as a possible cause.

MANGLED DINER
The worst mangled car was the diner, which apparently tipped over just as it started to pass one of the heavy steel girders supporting overhead electric cables.

The force of the impact literally peeled back the roof of the diner like a sardine lid. The coach broke apart. Dining chairs were tossed 50 to 75 feet away. Scattered stacks of linen napkins were

blackened by the tramping back and forth of rescue parties.

Ten-year-old Paul Sloane of Baltimore, making the trip from Washington alone, said:

BUMPING HEARD
"I felt a bumping and heard a big noise. Then I knew we were in a wreck. I was real scared. I got bumped around, but I didn't get hurt."

The dead were Alexander Nero, 22, Trenton, N.J.; Thomas Reed Johnson, 35, Baltimore; Alfred B. Haupt, Baltimore; Sydney Jackson, 50, New York City; and Edward G. Holloway, Wilmington, Del.

Jackson was a Negro porter, and Holloway was a flagman on the train.

Of 90 persons taken to six Maryland hospitals, 59 remained hospitalized today. Scores of others were treated at the scene by dozens of doctors and nurses.

The derailment occurred about 10 miles south of Baltimore. Engineer Herman Malzer of Point Pleasant, N.J., told police he was making "normal speed" — 80 miles an hour — when the air brakes suddenly grabbed.

Herbert R. O'Connor of Baltimore, former Maryland governor and U.S. senator, was among those injured, though not hospitalized.

CREDIT
Passengers credited him with helping persons trapped in one of the overturned passenger coaches to free themselves.

A dining car waiter, Watson Hayes, was serving a ham steak when the car "broke wide open."

"It seemed like I was in a pillow of clouds for a second. And then I was in a field," he said, nursing his injuries. "I don't know what happened. I guess I was thrown clear. People are lucky to be alive who were in that car."

The cars jumped the track in a relatively isolated section where the right-of-way is built up about 15 feet over low, marshy ground.

Two of the three lines of traffic were tied up by the springing rails. Railroaders at the scene reported the third track was clear, but the impact of the dining car against the girder had torn away the overhead power lines.

Hart Mountain Trek Slated
Word was received here today that the board of directors in Lakeview last week set the dates for the annual Hart Mountain trek for July 20-22. This will mark the 21st annual trip by members of the organization which was founded in 1932.

Invitations will be sent out early in July, probably. Leith Abbot, Portland advertising executive, is Chief Whitehall this year and promises the usual splendid accommodations at the Blue Sky Hotel, the usual fine cuisine in the spacious dining room and the usual gatherings in the lobby.

The Order of the Anielope was founded by a small group of men who gathered on the slopes of the Lake County mountain to pledge themselves again to the cause of conservation of our natural resources and wildlife. Since that time the original group of a dozen or so men has grown into a gathering that annually attracts several hundred men from every state in the Union to the scenic spot.

Knight Offers Olive Branch
SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California's Republican Big Three presented an unusual harmony front today in teaming behind a state delegation pledged to President Eisenhower.

Gov. Goodwin Knight, giving up plans to control the state, held out the political olive branch.

Vice President Nixon and Sen. Knowland, possible rivals for the presidential nomination, quickly accepted it.

That peace is founded on the assumption that Eisenhower will run. There was no mention in the Knight-Nixon-Knowland exchange of telegrams that the partnership would continue if the President does not seek re-election.

Knight, in the name of party solidarity, offered to let the vice president and the Senate minority leader pick a "fair and equal proportion" of California's 70 delegates. He previously spurned a suggestion for a coalition proposed by Nixon supporters with whom he has tangled bitterly.

The three-way agreement came after the governor notified Nixon and Knowland he was going ahead with a pro-Eisenhower slate for the June 3 presidential primary. The filing date is March 7. The candidate's written consent is required in California. Eisenhower has indicated he may tell his decision around March 1.

Crater Snowfall Said Continuing
Snow continued to fall this morning at Crater Lake National Park. Eighty-eight inches have fallen since last Friday. Six inches of new snow last night brought snow depth to 172 inches compared with 71 inches on this date last year and 187 inches in 1951.

BALLOON AWARD
MOSCOW, U.S.S.R. — The government newspaper Izvestia said Friday a wolf-hunting Kazakh shepherd found a U.S. weather balloon near the border of Outer Mongolia and received an award for his vigilance.

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Canal Group Bucks USBR Survey Plan

Members of the Klamath Falls Fence the Canal Committee were on record Friday as opposing a clause in a resolution introduced in Congress which makes \$5,000 estimated for a survey of the reclamation ditch reimbursable.

The resolution providing for the survey to determine a feasible means of safeguarding the reclamation bureau "A" canal which has claimed 25 lives, was introduced by senators Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger, Democrats of Oregon.

REFERRED
The resolution has been referred to the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Neuberger is a member of the committee.

The canal committee met Monday night in the City Council chambers. Following the session, Committee Chairman Fred B. Robinson issued the following statement:

"In a letter just received from Congressman Coon, with an enclosure from the Bureau of Reclamation, it appears that since the Senate resolution did not specifically state otherwise, the bureau considers the money for the survey to be reimbursable which means some local agency would have to repay the \$5,000. The Fence the Canal Committee members are directly opposed to this and we say so in no uncertain terms.

SHOWDOWN
"We feel that we might just as well have a showdown on the matter right now as later. We have averaged almost one drowning per year in the six mile stretch of the canal to Homestead Road. Counting both banks, this is one drowning per year per 12 miles of exposure. Whereas the average for all the remaining rivers, lakes and ditches in Klamath County is one drowning per year for approximately 130 miles of exposure.

"This brings the matter into the category of an emergency. We believe we are justified in asking the government to take steps to 'safely' the canal on a non-reimbursable basis."

UNANIMOUS
Robinson added that the committee voted unanimously to notify Oregon members of Congress of its stand and ask that the pending resolution be amended.

The original committee named by Mayor Paul Landry was augmented Monday night by the following County Court-appointed members: William Ganong Jr., Van Millison, John Short, M.F.S. Grooms and J.M. Martin.

The new members give the suburban area representation on the committee.

The Management Specialists have given deep and careful consideration, for the past several months, to the problems involved in termination of federal supervision of the Klamath Tribe and reservation. We have previously discussed the possibility mentioned by Mr. Melis and have publicly

stated on numerous occasions that it may be the most desirable solution to a difficult aspect of the situation with which we are faced. It is yet too soon to say, in our opinion, whether government purchase is the best way to resolve the problem.

"Under Public Law 587, the provisions of which we are required to carry out, present members of the tribe are given the election of either withdrawing from the tribe and receiving their prorata shares of tribal assets in cash, or of remaining in the tribe and participating in a legal entity to be set up to manage the remaining assets retained under tribal controls.

"Final determination of the number of Indians who may elect either of the above alternatives cannot be made, under the present law, until after the appraisal of tribal assets, now under way, is completed. It is apparent, however, that if a considerable number of members elect to withdraw, at least a part of the valuable timber on the reservation must become the source of funds to pay such withdrawing members. If it should become necessary, under the law's provisions, to dispose of any considerable amount of timberland within the short period of time allowed for such sale, serious problems will result from the point of view of both the withdrawing and remaining groups of Indians.

"Not only would the quick sale of a large amount of timber — mandatory under the existing law — tend to have a depressing effect on its market value, and reduce the amount received by each withdrawing member, but also maintaining a reasonably adequate tribal income from sales of stumpage on the remaining timberlands would be made extremely difficult.

"Within the next few weeks we hope to reach a definite conclusion as to the best way to solve the problem. It is apparent that some legislative changes may be desirable, and we shall not hesitate to recommend them if in our judgment the best interests of the Klamath people will be served by such action. Meanwhile, of course, we are obligated to proceed under the act as it now stands."

The three specialists were meeting in Klamath Falls today with various agencies to further study the problems of the proposed action on the reservation required by Public Law 587.

SIX MISSING PLANES FOUND
MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — The Coast Guard said Friday six light planes which disappeared Thursday after taking off from Cuba for Jamaica had been found at Niquero, Cuba, and the 16 missionaries aboard were all safe.

"We don't know whether they had trouble or just decided to land there for the night," said a Coast Guard spokesman.

Nine planes carrying the missionaries on a goodwill tour of the Caribbean islands took off Thursday from Camaguey, Cuba, bound for Kingston, Jamaica. Only three of the planes reached Kingston.

The planes were owned by members of the Church of God of Prophecy, with headquarters in Cleveland, Tenn. The pilots, most of them young people, had planned to make the flight in a cross formation symbolic of their religious mission.

Second Term Said 'Safer'
THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP) — President Eisenhower's personal physician said Friday the Chief Executive "might be safer" from a health standpoint in serving a second term than he was before his heart attack.

The physician, Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, made the statement to newsmen on this fifth month anniversary of the President's attack in Denver last Sept. 24.

Snyder chatted with newsmen as the President was climbing aboard a hunting rooster near here in a new quest for quail.

A reporter asked the doctor whether he feels Eisenhower will run for re-election.

"I have no impression about that," Snyder replied.

The next question was whether Snyder thought Eisenhower is physically able to run again.

Eisenhower had ridden off out of earshot when Snyder talked to newsmen at quail hunting grounds owned by the daughter of Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey. The place is located about 10 miles

from Humphrey's own big plantation estate where the President has been vacationing since Feb. 15.

Eisenhower, who plans to fly back to Washington Saturday and perhaps announce next week whether he will run again, was getting in his last full day of hunting Thursday he gave his physical stamina the most rigorous test since his heart attack. He played 12 holes of golf and then hunted for two hours.

In the light of all that, Snyder pictured Eisenhower as "in very good shape." The doctor added the President "has not been fatigued at all down here."

Morse and Neuberger may put an end to all the guessing about his second term plans a few days after he gets back to Washington.

Solons Plan Four-Step Program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats and Republican leaders disclosed Friday they are working on a bill to put more teeth in the election laws for this year's presidential and all Congressional campaigns.

Sen. Johnson of Texas, the Democratic leader, told reporters "we're going to have a strong election bill this session."

Sen. Knowland of California, the GOP leader, said:

"I would like to see something accomplished before the 1956 elections."

Johnson said the leaders were not trying to bypass the new eight-member committee named by the Senate Thursday night to investigate campaign contributions, lobbying and improper influence on senators.

BIPARTISAN SUPPORT
He said, however, that if bipartisan support can be obtained for the proposed leadership measure it can be revised to meet any developments the inquiry brings.

In general, Johnson said the bill under consideration would:

1. Provide federal tax exemption for up to \$100 of individual political contributions.

2. Permit the television and radio networks to give equal free time to candidates of the major parties. Johnson said this would be framed so any minor party such as the "States Rights" group of 1948, also would get free time, but that "splitter" groups could not claim this privilege.

3. Provide "stringent" requirements for reporting of campaign contributions.

4. Lift the present limit on donations to a "realistic level." Present law limits a national committee to three million dollars. Actually each major party spends much more than that on a presidential campaign by channeling donations to various different committees.

OBJECTIVE
Johnson said the objective of the proposed new measure would be to "put all contributions in a goldfish bowl." The present plan is not to include primaries in the bill's coverage.

The bipartisan, eight-man committee, yet to be called in session to organize, projected a many-sided Senate investigation.

In compliance with a resolution passed Wednesday by a 79-1 vote, Vice President Nixon last night officially named the four Democrats and four Republicans who will undertake what Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) called "one of the most searching investigations in our history."

Johnson, the Democratic leader, picked as members from his party's ranks Senators Gore of Tennessee, McClellan of Arkansas, Anderson of New Mexico and Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Sen. Knowland of California, the Republican leader, named GOP Senators Bridges of New Hampshire, Thye of Minnesota, Goldwater of Arizona and Purtell of Connecticut.

DEMOCRAT TO HEAD
By agreement, a Democrat will head the group. Johnson made it plain he wants Gore, chairman of the Senate's Election Subcommittee, to fill that role. Gore had been planning such a broad inquiry as the Senate voted.

However, Knowland said in an interview that it will be up to the committee members to pick a chairman. He would not forecast whether the Republicans would accept Gore.

Nixon, who will call the group to order for its organization session, had set no meeting date.

Goldwater, an advocate of barring political contributions from involuntarily collected union dues, resigned as chairman of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee to accept appointment on the inquiry group. Gore and Kennedy resigned as members of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Nevada Senate Vetos Navy Site
CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — A joint meeting of three Nevada State Senate committees voted Thursday to send a "do pass" recommendation to the Senate floor on a resolution asking the state's congressional delegation to block expansion of the Navy's gunnery range.

The Navy proposal to enlarge its 272,000-acre Black Rock Gunnery Range in Northwestern Nevada by almost three million acres has stirred up a storm of objections, chiefly from cattle and mining interests.

The three committees considering the controversial resolution were the Mining, Agricultural-Irrigation and Livestock committees. They approved the "do pass" recommendation eight to one.

EDUCATION
The Klamath-Lake County follow up meeting on the White House Conference on Education will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in Mills school auditorium. The meeting is open to the public free of charge.

Oregon's delegates to the White House conference, a legislative representative, and educators from Klamath and Lake counties will be on the agenda. The problems and aims of U.S. education will be discussed.

BAKED POTATO DAY
WASHINGTON (AP) — Friday is "Oregon Baked Potato Day" in the House and Senate restaurants.

Batches of Russets were sent to Sen. Morse and Rep. Green, Oregon Democrats, by the Oregon Potato Commission for mealtime delivery to Congress members.

Long-Bell Faces Huge Damage Suit
SEATTLE (UP) — An \$85 million damage suit was filed late yesterday against Long-Bell Lumber Co., which was accused by Harbor Plywood Corp. of "fraudulent scheming to eliminate competition."

The Long-Bell firm is one of the nation's largest corporations, headquartered at Kansas City. It has huge timber holdings in Washington, Oregon and Northern California and holds the major stock interest in Harbor Plywood, which maintains its head office in Aberdeen, Wash.

The suit, filed in Federal Court here, asked \$75 million treble judgment for actual damages, plus \$10 million in exemplary damages.

Norton W. Simon, Los Angeles financier and chairman of the board of Harbor Plywood, accused Long-Bell of "unethical business practices" in relation to a contract signed by the two firms five years ago.

STRANGE POSITION
He accused Long-Bell of putting a vice president on the Harbor Plywood board of directors—thus placing that official in "a strange and indefensible case of corporate schizophrenia."

Specifically, the Harbor Plywood complaint charged:

1. Long-Bell entered into an "illegal, fraudulent and secret scheme to obtain control of Harbor Plywood and its timber resources" with the purpose being "to utilize such control . . . and to eliminate Harbor as a competitor in the plywood field and in the acquisition of sources of timber supply in the Pacific Northwest."

2. Long-Bell "usurped" corporate opportunities which became available to Harbor Plywood . . .

BUILT COMPETITION
3. Long-Bell expanded its plywood operations from approximately 30 million square feet a year in 1949 to 125 million square feet in 1955, after entering into a contract with Harbor that there was to be no substantial competition between the two companies.

4. Long-Bell gained access to Harbor Plywood's "confidential manufacturing, sales and other trade information from its books, records and files, and utilized such confidential information for its own sole benefit."

5. Long-Bell attempted to monopolize the manufacture and sale of plywood and sources of timber supply in the Pacific Northwest.

Harbor Plywood asked the court to cancel a 50-year contract between the two companies, charging "non-performance" on Long-Bell's part and also maintaining that the document had become an "illegal contract in restraint of trade" by reason of Long-Bell's activities.

LONDON (AP) — A slow thaw spread fears of a landslide and flood threats over parts of southern Europe Friday. The rest of the continent shivered, with little sign of a break in the worst winter anybody could remember.

No deaths were yet reported from the new slides of snow and earth in Italy and Yugoslavia. But it was feared they would add to the total of 631 known dead in the record freeze-up, now in its 25th day.

Crop damage ran into hundreds of millions of dollars. Food prices rocketed. Coal and other fuel was running short.

At Vado, in central Italy, a landslide crumpled 150 homes. Hundreds of workmen fought to divert the vast mass of rumbling soil and snow from other homes and a railroad.

Scores of smaller slides cut roads and menaced villages throughout Italy's central Apennine Mountains. Landslides also were reported in Yugoslavia.

A temperature rise promised Britain failed to materialize and new snows spread over the eastern part of the island. More cold weather was forecast. Snowplow teams worked through the night to reach east coast villages cut off by 19-foot drifts. U.S. helicopters stood by at Manston, Kent, to act as ambulances if needed.

Twelve thousand people faced a disastrous fuel shortage in Vadsoe, on Norway's frozen border with Russia. The city's supply was down to three days—and the temperature was 22 below zero. Coal was ready in emergency stores in neighboring towns, but no transport was available to get it to Vadsoe.