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Senator Replies

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
Another answer has been received on the question of nepotism.

Senator Wayne Morse stated his views on nepotism, and since they are deserving of your consideration, I'd like to pass along his letter verbatim.

Sen. Morse wrote: "In answer to your specific questions, I am pleased to advise that I have always opposed the practice of nepotism. I haven't a member of my family on my payroll. I should add that Mrs. Morse donates on a voluntary basis, without pay, much of her time to the work of my office. In fact, she is in charge of handling my mailing list and also helps out with a good many of the other so-called tedious but important paper work activities of a senator's office."

"I do not charge the government for rental space of any office or any other space, either in Washington, D.C. or elsewhere. As you probably know, I maintain an Oregon office at 706 U.S. Courthouse, Portland, Oregon. This Oregon office space is provided through the Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate pursuant to law. A copy of the appropriate extract from the United States Code authorizing the use of such office space is enclosed."

"I might add that the supplying of office space for senators in their home states is a service that is made available to all senators without exception. I have maintained an Oregon office for several years and I have found that it has been of tremendous help in supplying to the people of Oregon the very best in the way of service from my office."

"Although you have not requested my general views on the subject of nepotism, I am supplying the following comments with the thought in mind that they may be of some help in giving you a more complete understanding of my views: The problem of nepotism is a very serious one. In fact, it runs through many American government offices — city, county, state and federal. Newspaper accounts of recent weeks have brought to the attention of the public a situation that has existed for many years, namely, that a substantial number of congressmen and senators hire members of their immediate families to assist them in their offices."

"Except for the accounts I have read in the newspapers, I have no way of knowing the extent to which some senators hire members of their families and pay them out of Senate funds. In many instances, I am sure, the relatives working on the payroll earn every cent they are paid. In some cases, this may not be true. However, the sad fact is that the mere presence of a relative's name on the payroll of a Congressional office may arouse suspicion. This suspicion is intensified if the payroll remains secret, as in the Senate. I am opposed to this secrecy because I think, in a Democracy, the public is entitled to a full disclosure of the public business."

"I have tried for years to develop some support in the Senate for a change of Senate rules that would require publication of Senate payrolls, but I find that few senators share my point of view about this. In fact, in 1952 I offered a resolution to require publication of the names of senators' employees and their compensation."

"There was no great interest expressed on the part of the press in this most worthwhile proposal. Perhaps the recent cases brought to light by the press will produce more support for my proposal, which I shall reintroduce in the Senate this year."

A frank expression of views, and a viewpoint in which I'm certain we all heartily concur. To date, I have had expressions from all of our Washington delegates with the exception of Mrs. Edith Green. All indicate that they condemn the practice of nepotism and do not have relatives on their payroll. I'll publish some of the others tomorrow.

basis. This, however, still does not condone nepotism. Again it's pertinent to point out that there are justifiable cases of relatives of representatives being on the payroll, and cases where they certainly merit what compensation they get.

This is not the type of thing that nepotism infers. Nepotism covers those cases where work done is relatively minor while salary is higher than it would have been for anyone else doing the same job.

In other words, padding of the payroll.

Welfare

By FLORENCE JENKINS
When communities are small they usually do a good job of taking care of the unfortunate families among their residents. It isn't charity, it is just helping out, when assistance comes from one's neighbors and friends.

As communities grow and the labor pool enlarges, assistance is more frequently needed and so county units are voted state aid. It is, actually, the same kind of sharing because the state has only the taxpayers' money to spend, but it gets to be pretty impersonal.

There is always a small percentage of the people who don't mind chiseling. "The state has lots of money," perhaps they say, "so I better get my share."

And so fraud comes into the picture and, when funds are short, as they are now, it takes more time and money to sift the instances of chiseling from the actual cases of need.

A few unscrupulous claimants for welfare assistance in Klamath County have been found in the past and undoubtedly, people being people, there will be more. These spurious claims, when granted, not only give aid where aid is not deserved, but deprive legitimate claimants of some actual necessities.

Times are good in Klamath County. Witness the amounts of money contributed for practically every cause that comes along. During good times, it is well to scrutinize our procedures, take inventory and see how we are doing.

Perhaps it is time to take a look at the county collective agency which asks for a "fair share," yet emphasizes the recreational aspect for youth rather than making sure those youngsters have shoes.

If we don't take care of our own affairs, somebody else will come along and do it for us. Already the Ways and Means Committee is considering an interim committee to investigate the welfare set-up for the whole state.

Navy Leadership

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—The gray wastes of the Atlantic today creak a silent, never-ending struggle for leadership in naval power.

Adm. Jerauld (Jerry) Wright, top sea dog for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, has a new worry—reports that the Soviet Union is developing a submarine that can launch a guided missile with an atomic warhead.

old admiral wears two hats. As American naval commander in the Atlantic, he guards the eastern approaches to North and South American continents from the North Pole to the South Pole.

As NATO's Atlantic commander, his ships and men from eight Allied nations patrol millions of square miles between the West Indies and the North Pole, all the vital sea lines that link Europe and North America.

"It isn't an easy thing to bring naval forces of different nations into a coordinated task force," he said. "But we feel we have done it. They get along well, and they work together as a team."

Finally, there is the question of East Germany itself. The ultimate objective of the Russians is to gain international recognition for a permanently separate East Germany. A first step is the Khrushchev plan to turn air and land controls over to the East Germans, thereby forcing Western retreat.

Any sign of Western retreat here is met by the deepest suspicion both by the Adenauer government and by the West Berlin administration of Mayor Willy Brandt.

It has been obvious the United States approaches the forthcoming foreign ministers' and summit conferences both with suspicion and pessimism.

There seems only one ray of hope. The questions of Australia and Trieste at one time also seemed insoluble but solutions were found.

Strategy

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Editor

Despite the honeyed words of the official communiques, there remain plenty of irritations and differences of opinions among the Western Allies on just how to deal with the Berlin question.

Fortunately, on one significant detail there is agreement: The West must not be forced out of Berlin, nor can it afford to sacrifice any of its rights there as defined under the Potsdam and subsequent agreements reached among the Western powers and Russia.

But after that, the divergencies are both wide and deep. British newspapers have accused West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of undermining Prime Minister Harold Macmillan who has taken a leading role in attempts to find a basis for honorable negotiations between East and West.

British newspapers have been equally caustic in their criticism of some American generals, including Gen. Lauris B. Norstad, Allied commander in Europe.

The criticism springs from Norstad's firmly stated position that there should be no reduction in the North Atlantic Treaty's defensive powers and no agreement reached which would sacrifice its maneuverability.

Among other Allies, including the French, there was general disapproval of Macmillan's trip to Moscow and his private talks with Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Despite Macmillan's known record of having opposed appeasement of Hitler prior to World War II, there remains the suspicion that he would not be above some appeasement of Khrushchev now.

Polish plan of more than a year ago for a neutralized missile and atom-free belt across Central Europe.

Military men scoff at the idea of disengagement and point out that it would take modern missiles only a matter of minutes to cross any neutralized belt which might be set up.

Further, they point out that military maneuvering space in Europe is limited anyway and that any plan to pull Allied forces back from their present positions would give all the advantages to the Russians.

Three-fourths of Russia's 450 submarines are concentrated in European waters," he pointed out. "There they are in position to try to sever Europe from America and extend the Iron Curtain to the very shoreline of the United States and Canada."

"That is their goal. Our task is to prevent them."

Wright, son of an Army lieutenant general, at 19 was one of the youngest men ever to be graduated from the Naval Academy. He served as naval aide to Presidents Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover, played a hero's role in a number of daring naval combat missions during World War II.

Ward Park

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—

To the city manager or any other who are interested in doing something in the way of developing better recreation for the older people as well as the youngsters in Klamath County. This takes in the city, too.

Now don't you think it would be more cooperative if you would let up a little on such things, as at every one of your meetings, and over television, radio and the newspaper, a discussion is held of how the people in the suburban and the county use the city parks and the swimming pool—those who go there who are able to pay and those with large families who go without paying. They also told us at the meetings that the people can take a bus to the city, pay bus fare and pay for the swimming pool and other things that the city has. Can large families pay for these things?

What do they come out from the city of Klamath Falls by the hundreds to Ward Park where we try to welcome them and give them the best we have.

It is very easy to sit at their meetings and tell what ought to be done for the younger generation. But it takes action. Believe me plenty of hard work. All we ask is a little consideration — work and not talk.

It is wonderful that the lodges, churches, schools and organizations are always welcome at Ward Park. We invite you to come when you can and enjoy the park and the good people who come to see us.

But quit harping about what the city of Klamath Falls is doing for the suburban and county and get out and work and not just talk. Then we will build a better relationship and work together.

Maybe we can do something for the people that have from eight to 10 in a family—the ones that need help more than anyone else. It makes me laugh when they talk about what they ought to do.

But people are funny when it comes to the pick-and-shovel labor.

Thank you very much. I don't know the city manager, but he will know how we feel about some of the things that they are saying.

Two thousand people on Father's Day—and they can tell you how to run a park as they sit in an office—it can't be done.

Yours as a good friend and neighbor,
Harry L. Wiard

'They'll Do It Every Time' By Jimmy Hatlo



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Natives Aided By Air Drop

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The little missionary supply plane flew over the dense New Guinea jungle on a 45-minute flight into the highlands from Lae. It dropped two bags.

"One bag contained rice, the other about 25 pounds worth of Australian shillings," said Miss Evelyn Muhlenhard, of the American Lutheran Mission.

"Both burst and scattered over the wild terrain. During the heavy rain season, the rice sprouted on the warm hillsides and we heard the natives were amazed at the sudden wind-fall of rice where none had grown before."

"The next word from the Kuku-kuku area was that the natives are still waiting for money trees to sprout."

OPEN TRADE TALKS

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