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Mud-Slinging

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
Charges and counter charges have been fired in recent days across the Oregon political horizon.

None of them have foundation on which to stand, and should be ignored.

But since they are being bruited about, let's discuss them in small detail.

I have two releases from Senator Richard Neuberger's office in Washington, D.C. One depletes the statements of the Republican state chairman Peter Gunnar, and the other roundly castigates Governor Mark Hatfield.

They both have reference to remarks made by Gunnar, in which he is reported to have sharply criticized Senator Neuberger for his \$100,000 payroll.

The Gunnar release I have not seen. Gunnar has been particularly critical of Senator Neuberger in recent weeks. This is political in view of the fact that Senator Neuberger will be up for reelection next year.

He has blasted what he terms as an "arrangement" between Senator Morse and Senator Neuberger whereby Morse will push Neuberger into reelection by threatening to oppose him. In the minds of many voters, Morse's ill-timed remarks concerning Governor Hatfield still rankle.

Be that as it may, that appears to be fair political ammunition.

However, on the other side of the fence, I can't accept either Gunnar's criticisms of Neuberger for his \$100,000 payroll, nor can I accept Senator Neuberger's criticisms of Governor Hatfield for his transportation since becoming Governor.

I concur with Lloyd Tupling, Senator Neuberger's assistant, who says "We think it is a shame to reduce Oregon politics to such shabby demagoguery."

He explains: "To our knowledge, there never has been the slightest issue raised in any other state of the Union over such a matter, which is uniform under law according to the population of a Senator's state."

He goes on to say, "Therefore, we are reluctantly calling attention to Governor Hatfield's perquisites, which are far more personal and lavish than anything ever enjoyed at public expense by Senator Neuberger."

In another continuing release in much more detail, Senator Neuberger's office highly criticizes Governor Hatfield for the use of two state automobiles and a state police chauffeur.

The political demagoguery is two-fold.

Neither charge stands to gain either side any advantage.

The fact is that the Senator's payroll is what is allotted to a state the size of Oregon. There is no question in my mind but what the duties of Senator Neuberger's office require the expenditure of this payroll, and perhaps more.

I can't quarrel with that. We must have adequate representation in Congress to take care of our affairs. If it takes a Senatorial payroll of \$100,000 to get the job done, then it does.

I will add that Senator Neuberger has been quick to release the full payroll list of his office. It is not open to criticism from the standpoint of nepotism.

So, certainly, if Mr. Gunnar made charges against the size of this payroll, they were groundless charges.

On the other hand, it seems like strange politics that would have a Senator's office strike back at the Governor of a state in defending charges against himself.

It has been the custom for the Governor to have automobiles that are state-owned and also to have a state police chauffeur at his disposal.

Also, the junket to Puerto Rico was in the main paid for by Puerto Rico. The people who made the trip were persons on official business with the exception perhaps of the Governor's wife.

They made the trip in a National Guard plane.

Senator Neuberger's criticisms were leveled at the fact that Mrs. Hatfield made the trip to Puerto Rico. This, to me, is also reaching a little far under the table.

It boils down to a case of two wrongs not making a right.

I suppose this is the type of political muck-raking that many politicians indulge in.

Perhaps I'm too naive, but it does seem to me that the level of intelligence of the general public, and their sense of rightness won't permit them to dig in the

same mud with such political accusations.

If either side of the political fence thinks such mud-slinging will bring them votes, then they are insulting us in thinking that we will accept such charges and counter charges.

Let's clean up the political scene and keep political charges confined to the basic issues. Only in that manner can the public get a clear view upon which to base his ballot.

Friday

By FLORENCE JENKINS
In the Moslem world there is the saying: "All days are good, but Friday is the best."

For the world's 400 million followers of Islam, Friday is special because it is the counterpart of the Christians' Sunday. It is the Sabbath. It is the day when offices and shops remain closed. For the children, it is that wonderful day when there is no school.

Although Friday is not the first day of the Moslem week, it is the waited-for day of rest.

The Moslem calendar has a straightforward system for naming the days of the week. Five of the days, Sunday through Thursday, are numbered. The word "yaum," meaning "day," precedes the names of all of the days, but it is generally dropped in the spoken language.

Friday and Saturday are left as the only unnumbered days.

"Al-juma," the word for Friday, translates as "the day of congregating (for prayer)." The Arabs call Saturday "al-sabt" which comes from an old, old word for Sabbath. The early Moslems observed Saturday as their day of rest, but the holy day was moved to Friday more than a thousand years ago.

The Arab days do not end at midnight. They end the moment the rim of the sun slips down behind the horizon. Then clocks are set at 12 o'clock. According to Arabic computation, any time after sundown on Thursday is considered as Friday and so on through the week.

"If you want to travel, start your trip on Monday," is a bit of Bedouin advice. Alms-giving on Friday during the fasting month of Ramadan reaps double blessing for the charitable man, since the day is already a good day.

Bedouins often nickname a child for the day on which he was born. So, a Friday child may become Jumaal ("Little Friday") to his family. (Which might lead to a lot of confusion in a very large family, it would seem.)

With the coming of American industry, especially the petroleum industry to Arab coastal areas, another day has won great favor with the people.

In Saudi Arabia they call it "yaum al-ma'ash."

Here in America we call it "pay-day" and it falls more often than not on Friday.

Farm Folly

By NELSON REED
When you read about how much the farm subsidy program is costing this country, you wonder how much longer the long suffering taxpayers are going to put up with it. Farmers are still collecting storage fees from Uncle Sam on 26 million bushels of surplus corn grown in 1955. The corn originally cost the government about \$1.60 per bushel. Storage charges already add up to about 30 cents per bushel and they will amount to 65 cents if the corn is held until next July.

Corn prices have been trending downward. So if Uncle Sam's corn now it will only bring about \$1.13 per bushel. And the worst is yet to come. This year's crop is expected to smash all records, reaching 42 billion bushels, up

from the 1947-58 average of 32 bushels.

Neither the Congress nor the Department of Agriculture nor anyone else has come up with any really workable solution to the problem of surpluses. We cannot give it away to Europe even if they would pay the freight for it would upset their farm economy and ruin their farmers. The little that we are able to trade off for doubtful foreign currency hasn't made much of a dent in the problem.

It makes a man wonder if the only solution is to "cut the Gordian knot" and simply destroy all the surplus farm products that are eating the taxpayer up, pay the terrible price of a folly that should have been foreseen by anyone with a rudimentary knowledge of economics, and end the subsidy nightmare once and forever.

Keeping Up

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP) — American leadership is showing a growing concern about the ability of this country—at the rate and in the way we are going—to keep up with Soviet progress.

Time was when Soviet claims to achievement were taken with a grain of salt in the United States.

That attitude began to change when the Soviets showed how far advanced they were, industrially and scientifically, first by making the atom bomb, then the hydrogen bomb, and then beaming us into outer space with their Sputniks in 1957.

Earlier in the week this writer reported President Eisenhower:

1. Is concerned about the driving urge to get ahead which the Soviets seven-year plan is giving them.

2. Thinks this country needs an incentive toward harder work—something similar to the seven-year plan—which he believes is providing the Soviet people with the moral equivalent of war.

3. Feels Americans must be induced to work harder, think more of achievement, less of leisure and money.

Now comes the Draper committee—a 10-man group headed by the investment banker, William H. Draper Jr.—which sounds like a direct echo of the President.

Eisenhower created this committee to study the United States program of military assistance to other countries. Its report, made public Thursday, urged even bigger aid and went much beyond talking in terms of weapons alone.

The 10-man group sought to look at the Soviet challenge from many angles—its progress, its productive expansion, its goals, and its tactics—plus the need it creates for American efforts to match Soviet efforts.

The committee, noting the Soviets are maintaining a higher rate of growth than the United States in industrial production and in their technology and technical education, said:

"Their objective of equaling and exceeding the United States in selected areas of their own choosing has provided an unusual psychological stimulation to their people which we must more than match by dedication to our own cause.

"These trends in the Communist world cannot be ignored. They suggest the need for real concern about our present and prospective rates of progress which will determine our future ability to compete with communist states.

All this requires a positive individual and national dedication, greater emphasis on hard constructive work and thought, less rather than more emphasis on leisure, more rather than less application to our tasks."

The similarity between Eisen-

hower's thinking and the committee's statement may have been one result of the President's having seen the Draper report before it was made public.

But he was concerned about this problem of competition and incentives many months ago. He announced in his State of the Union message last January he would create a committee to study and then propose national goals.

The Soviets' seven-year plan is in their case a national goal. Eisenhower is ready to name his committee as soon as he can find enough private organizations to finance its work. He doesn't want the government to foot the bill.

But neither Eisenhower nor the Draper committee has come up with an answer to the question they raise:

How can Americans—people in a free society—be induced to work harder and think less of leisure and money in order to compete with the Soviet people living under a dictatorship which can direct, control and compel them?

The dictatorship controls everything: People's lives; the work they do; where they work and on what and for how long; the luxuries they can have or must do without; their hours; prices; wages; and the means of production and distribution.

We may be entering a period of public-breast beating for our failures to do more and do without more. But self-flagellation is neither an answer nor a substitute for action.

Perhaps Eisenhower's committee on goals may produce suggestions for the old philosophical, but now very real, problem of how a free people, with all that means, can compete with a people controlled and centrally directed.

The Almanac

United Press International
Today is Friday, August 21st, the 233rd day of the year, with 132 more days to follow in 1959.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The morning star is Mercury. The evening stars are Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.

On this date in history: In 1621, "one widow and 11 maidens" were sent from London to Virginia to be sold to wife-seeking bachelors for 120 pounds of tobacco each.

In 1858, the Lincoln-Douglas debates began.

In 1887, southpaw pitcher Dan Casey of the Philadelphia Phillies struck out in the ninth inning in a game with the New York Giants, inspiring the poem, "Casey at the Bat."

In 1930, Britain's Princess Margaret was born.

In 1945, President Truman ordered the end of lend-lease.

In 1950, the U-N Secretariat moved into its glass-walled skyscraper in New York City.

In 1951, the United States ordered construction of the world's first nuclear submarine.

Thought for today: Abraham Lincoln said, "I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end."

of Silver Lake. Mrs. Chancy and Calcute are sister and brother of Mrs. Gillette. Their home is in Eldorado.

Reunion—Mrs. Susie Denny and Harrison Howell, Etna, accompanied by his grandson, Michael, attended the reunion of the Nutting family at the home of Dr. Arnold Nutting, San Rafael.

Weekend Visitor—Amy Derham, Etna, visited her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cloyd in Fort Jones, last weekend.

Visits Etna—Miss Marjorie Eller, Pleasanton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Amy Derham.

Redding Visitors — Earl and Steve Mullin, former Etna residents, now of Redding, visited recently with Scott Valley relatives.

Scott Valley—Minnie Smith, a member of the Eureka High School faculty, is visiting relatives in Scott Valley. At present she is staying with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Matthews Jr., near Etna.

Guest—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, Etna, had as their guest the past week, her great-niece, Colleen Haggatt, Sacramento. Colleen is also visiting her grand-

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bigelow in Yreka.

Arrived—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mason, Ione, arrived at Etna to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Louisa Young.

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BASIN BRIEFS

Dunsmuir—The annual back-to-school rummage sale will be held in the Episcopal Guild Hall Wednesday, August 26, under the sponsorship of St. Barnabas Episcopal Guild. Mrs. Albert Zenonian and Mrs. Chester Grenvick, co-chairmen, are seeking usable articles of all description, particularly children's clothing. The sale hours will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Etna — Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Quigley entertained relatives recently with a barbecue dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Quigley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith and children, Sacramento, and Mr. and Mrs. William Smith and family, Mount Shasta, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Quigley.

Dinner Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, Etna, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Joubert near Sawyers Bar recently.

Purchase Home—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wright, Callahan, have purchased the Frank Roberts home at Etna.

Sunday Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. Al Journey, Etna, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Palmer, Weed.

Home from City—Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fowler, San Francisco, returned Mrs. Bonnie Fowler and daughter to Etna. Mrs. Fowler and Sue had gone to San Francisco so Sue could have foot X-rays at the Shriners Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fowler spent the weekend with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hearst Dillman and family.

Visits Callahan—Ted Hamblen, Etna, was a Callahan visitor on Sunday.

Improving — Dan Schumacher, Silver Lake, a patient at Emanuel Hospital, Portland, for three weeks underwent brain surgery Wednesday. Mrs. Schumacher reports he is improving.

Guests—of the Charles C. Miles and the Jess Miles of Fort Rock have been Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Forrester and son of North Bend.

Weekend Visitor — of the Bud Parks, Fort Rock, was Loma Mae Jones of Portland, state director of Christian Education for the Oregon Christian Missionary Society.

From Texas—are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chancy and daughters, as well as Chuck Calcute, who are visiting the Jack Gillette family.

Flags of four countries have flown over Michigan — France, England, Spain and the United States.

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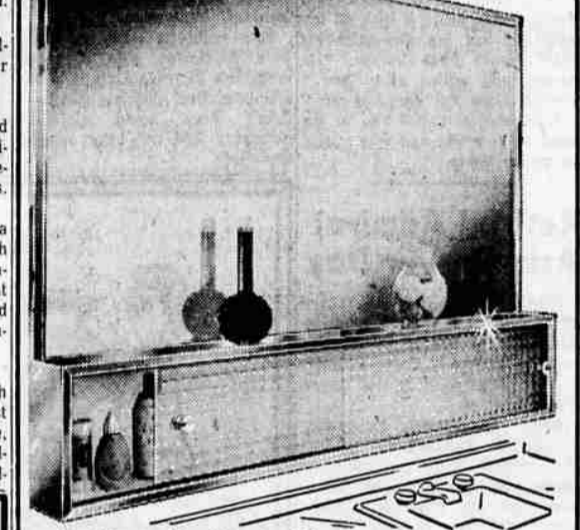
The fanciful name of "Curse of Scotland" for the nine of diamonds in playing cards is from the resemblance of the card to the armorial device of the Earls of Stair. The first of these earls was widely hated for organizing the notorious massacre of the MacDonalds of Glencoe, Scotland, in 1692.

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SHORT RIBS By Frank O'Neal



SIERRAVILLE, Calif. — Sierra County District Attorney Gordon I. Smith, after filing a murder complaint against Larry Lord Motherwell in connection with the slaying of a rich Washington, D. C. widow:

"It's not the easiest case in the world to prove, but we think we've got enough to go after him."

LOS ANGELES — A secretly-recorded voice that police charge is that of Kris Albert, wealthy Beverly Hills motel owner, offering a farm worker \$1,000 to kill his crippled wife as an "act of mercy."

"It isn't worth that much, Mike. Believe you me, I've been tempted to do it myself at times, but the finger would always point to me, who else? I go in there and just stuff a pillow up against her mouth and in three minutes, she's a goner. But as soon as this would happen, they'd check on me."