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Modern Note

By BILL JENKINS

At least one major television company has announced that it will cancel its big quiz shows as a result of all the ruckus stirred up by the recent investigation by various congressional committees. I suppose others will follow suit.

Crux of the whole matter, as so often proves the case, was that the government through the person of Chairman Kintner of the Federal Trade Commission threatened to move in and regulate industry if that body couldn't take care of its own problems.

What problem? While I am not what you would call an ardent fan of the boob tube I cannot for the life of me see what harm was being done to anyone except the sponsor in the big give-away shows.

Did it hurt Uncle Sam that some big advertiser was willing to give away thousands of dollars? Did the viewing audience have to put up any of that money? Did the contestants evade taxes on their winnings and thus cheat the tax-paying public?

It seems harmless enough to me if the sponsor feels that giving away money will bring in trade. Again, I am not the type who gets a vicarious thrill out of watching someone else win enough to live on for the rest of his life. In fact I hate anyone who is getting any more than I am.

But I'm also quite willing to defend his right to win that money if he is willing to get up in front of all those people and answer questions. Whether he knows the answers or not is purely academic as far as I'm concerned.

Many politicians, perhaps even some of those involved one way or the other in the quiz quiz, hire ghost writers to draft their speeches concerning the giveaway of tax money. Is this any worse than giving away a thousand dollars to the man who can identify the first president of the United States? After all, that politician knows all the answers before he goes on the air with his diatribe.

Or look at it another way. If the government can, as it has threatened in this case, step in and regulate private industry then what is the basic difference between this country and any of the many nations with which we are currently disagreeing over the subject of Democracy?

On a more human level it was put pretty well by a fellow named Billy Pearson who was a big winner in a recent show. He says, in effect, what the heck. Are they going to "regulate" the wrestling that is presented to the fans over TV? Who knows if the fights are fixed or not? But, either way, does the federal government have the right to step in and "regulate"?

I would say not. If they do have that power then here is what you can look forward to:

Advertising of any product except that of a company owned by a politician who is a member of the board of regulation will be barred.

Freedom of the press (and radio and TV) will be a thing of the past because the board of regulation will step in and take over.

Book burning will no longer be in the hands of minority groups. It will be the prerogative of the government through the board of regulation.

Fashions will be decreed by the government, not by Dior or Hart, Schaffner and Marx. You'll wear what the board of regulation says is good for you.

You will also eat what the board tells you is good for you, look at the program that is selected for you on your television, take your vacations where the board tells you to and, eventually, think like the board tells you to.

All of which seems to remind me of something or other. Wasn't there a fellow named Hitler once? Or is it Mussolini I'm thinking of? I don't know. I might even be thinking of Russia.

Reducing

By FLORENCE JENKINS

It is always pleasant to learn that a group whose opinion is respected has expressed itself along the lines of our own thinking.

The AMA News, published by the American Medical Association, reports the Health, Education and Welfare's secretary Arthur S. Flemming has pledged an all-out effort to back up the Food and Drug Administration's campaign to protect the public from fraudulent weight reducers.

"There is no such article," he told a news conference, "as a simple, safe and sane food, drug or device which will bring about loss of body weight without exercise of the will to cut down the food intake."

The secretary points out that the American Medical Association estimates that "Americans are being fleeced of \$100 million a year in their purchase of spurious diet" and other useless reducing devices.

The AMA declares that medical guidance is important to almost everyone who needs to lose weight. "The possibility of undetected chronic disease, or the continuing need for health and guidance, indicate the wisdom of consulting a doctor," Mr. Flemming states.

"The individual who wishes to lose a large amount of weight has a serious medical problem and without exception needs expert guidance."

The American Medical Association, Health, Education and Welfare and the Better Business Bureau have joined in a campaign to guard the public against "fraudulent products and schemes" promoted as safe weight reducers.

The truth-in-advertising code adopted by almost all media and advertisers is another safeguard seldom thought of by the purchasing public.

Columnist's Mail
By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—Things a columnist might never know unless he read his mail:

A report put to the U. S. Senate says that as a people we are growing older faster than we are growing younger. This is not only probably true nationally, but it substantiates regional doubts in our own neighborhood and local veins. The figures say only 3 million Americans were over 65 in 1900; by 1970 it will be 20 million.

The fellow we gave our opinions to yesterday today shows the usual old age signs of nongratitude.

The mattress has no known father in history. The Romans enjoyed it 300 years before they traded republicanism for dictatorship. At different times mattresses have been stuffed with reeds, hay, wool, feathers, and uneasiness.

Do you have trouble in reading a menu? Singer Polly Bergen is said to own more than six dozen pairs of eyeglasses but rarely uses them. Have you ever met anyone with weak eyes who had 73 excuses for not saying hello?

Our quotable notables: "As I grow older," said Andrew Carnegie, the steel master, "I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do."

The responsibility of fathering one child at a time grays many a man with duty. Here are the odds of multiple daddynood: quintuplets, 90 million to 1; quadruplets, 900,000 to 1; triplets, 9,000 to 1; and twins, 90 to 1.

Women call for room service more often than men, according to a survey by the Hotel Edison here.

It now costs \$47,000 to train a general practitioner in medicine—far less than it does to locate one by phone.

St. David's Episcopal Church at Cheraw, S. C., has been used as a hospital in two wars—the American Revolution and the Civil War—and has the veterans of eight wars buried in its graveyard.

Some doctors predict that if the normal life expectancy reaches 100 years, women will outnumber men five to two.

That would be too many too late. One can only hope that a male of that vintage will reward them with a bright remembrance and a deaf ear.

It is said that science has perfected a new atomic clock that will neither gain nor lose a second in 1,000 years. The fellow who built it awaits his critics.

Papal point: Pope John XXIII, a bountiful man, told a friend, "In the days of Pius X, the people said of him, 'He may be a pope, but he is a fine figure of a man.' Of me, on the other hand, they

say, 'A fine figure of a man he is not, but he has an honest face.'"

The Schick electric razor people say that U. S. men remove 500,000 miles of whiskers daily. Whir-r-r today, where tomorrow? Urgent geographical bulletin: Word has just reached me there is positive proof that the western tip of Virginia is farther west than Detroit. See your local map.

Memorable signs of modern times: This one over a store selling frozen foods said, "Best food you ever thaw."

It was Thomas Wolfe who observed: "There is no spectacle on earth more appealing than that of a beautiful woman in the act of cooking dinner for someone she loves."

Controversial Book
By LYLE C. WILSON
WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Henry Regnery Co. of Chicago has published a book with a provocative title which is likely to stir up some angry dispute in the United States.

The title is: "Roosevelt's Road To Russia." The author is George N. Crocker. The price per copy is \$5. That is a high price for a book of 312 pages, and it may discourage some readers.

More discouraging to readers could be a trend in book reviewing which the right-wingers of American politics declare they can discern and identify. This is a trend toward shrugging off as bad manners, or worse, those books and pamphlets in circulation which fiercely challenge Franklin D. Roosevelt's 1933-45 stewardship of the American destiny.

Crocker's book is a fierce and bluntly worded challenge. It will be all the more offensive to FDR's defenders because it challenges their hero as the architect of World War II strategies which left the world in the condition now prevailing, which is a mess. The theme of Crocker's book is that FDR was a glib stoolie for J. V. Stalin's master plan to dominate the post-war world or as much of it as possible.

"Roosevelt's Road To Russia" is a chronicle of the men around FDR and of the great wartime conferences at which these men and the President matched wits and wisdom with the Allied teams and notably with Stalin and V. M. Molotov. Crocker documents his charge that the U.S. team was over-matched and out-played. He especially tags the late Harry Hopkins as a safety man who forever was dropping the ball for lack of the will to catch it.

"That a web of subversion was spun over Washington in Roosevelt's administration is now beyond question," Crocker writes. "J. Edgar Hoover's 'Masters of Deceit' is but one of many authoritative sources which verify that the government was infiltrated by both Communist sympathizers and Soviet agents and that U.S. policies, plans and official attitude were not only influenced by these infiltrations but also promptly reported to Moscow."

"If Franklin D. Roosevelt became, as war went on, Stalin's favorite fellow traveler, it was not necessarily because any ideological conversion occurred."

"The pro-Russian atmosphere in Washington . . . was galling to many, including the frustrated Secretary of Navy, James V. Forrestal. His diaries reveal that in September, 1944, he had written to a friend that 'If any American suggests that we act in accord with our own interests, he is apt to be called a . . . Fascist or Imperialist, while if Uncle Joe (Stalin) suggests that he needs the Baltic provinces, half of Poland, all of Bessarabia and access to the Mediterranean, all hands in Wash-

ington agree that he is a fine, frank, candid and generally delightful fellow.' Such was the frame of mind Roosevelt took to Yalta."

The dust cover of "Roosevelt's Road to Russia" says: "Many people will be made angry by this book." That is a sound and reasonable prediction, especially if the questions raised by Crocker become involved in next year's presidential campaign.

Foreign Notes

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, his cabinet reorganization completed, now plans to devote himself primarily to foreign affairs in coming months. He has not dropped his idea of making summit meetings a regular part of world diplomacy—"a continuous chain of summits," he once called it. Meanwhile, what happens now to Britain's defeated Labor Party remains a question.

West Germany's outlawed Communist Party is expected to start a large-scale propaganda drive for readmission to the federal republic's list of legal political parties. Well-informed West German intelligence sources said the Communists decided on the drive at this time because of the world situation created by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's visit to the United States. To be used in the propaganda drive are pamphlets smuggled over the border from East Germany and the East German press and radio. First move: A 50-year-old man threw several hundred leaflets demanding readmission of the Communist Party into a Bundestag, West German lower house of Parliament, sitting.

Reliable sources in Vienna, a western listening post for events inside the Soviet Union and its satellites, expect announcement of a purge in the Moldavian Soviet Republic. D. G. Klatsh, second secretary of the Moldavian Communist Party, already has come out with self-criticism of mistakes committed in connection with ideological party work. An unknown number of journalists and officials of cultural institutes are said to have been relieved from duty.

West Germany finally is on the verge of signing an agreement to provide part of the financing of Egypt's Aswan Dam project not already covered by Soviet aid. The deal almost collapsed twice because Bonn suspected the Egyptians of wooing the Communist East Germans. But now it looks as if the project to tame the waters of the Nile will be financed, at least in part, by West Germany.

The Almanac

United Press International
Today is Monday, Oct. 19, the 292nd day of the year, with 73 more days to follow in 1959.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.
The morning star is Venus.
The evening stars are Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn.

On this date in history:
In 1781, the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va., virtually marked the end of the Revolutionary War.

In 1814, "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung in Baltimore for the first time.

In 1936, a round-the-world airplane race among three American newspaper reporters came to an end when H. R. Elkins of the New York World Telegram flew into Lakehurst, N.J.

In 1943, Arkansas Democrat Hattie Caraway became the first woman to serve as presiding officer of the United States Senate.
In 1954, Great Britain signed a pact with Egypt providing for the withdrawal of British troops from the Suez Canal Zone.

A thought for today: English novelist Charles Dickens said: "One always begins to forgive a place as soon as it's left behind."

Quotes

United Press International
LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Charles Coburn, 83, to his nervous 41-year-old bride, the former Mrs. Winnifred Gean Clements Natzka, during their wedding ceremony: "Calm down. I'm not going to bite you—at least not very hard."

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. — Former President Harry S. Truman, denying he has named anyone as the leading candidate for the 1960 Democratic presidential nomination: "I am neutral. But I'll tell you this. I'm going to see a Democrat elected next year."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



GHERKIN COMMUTED TO HIS JOB THIRTY YEARS—BY BUS PLUS TRAIN—THEN FERRY—THEN ANOTHER BUS—SIXTY MILES EACH WAY—



Cancer Survey Will Be Made

PORTLAND (AP) — The American Cancer Society said Friday Oregon is one of 22 states where surveys will be conducted this winter to determine whether some persons are more likely to get cancer than others.

The society said 1,700 Oregon residents will be asked to volunteer as research workers. They will interview 17,000 families in the state.

William Feldenheimer, Oregon president, said an effort will be made to find out:

"How people live, where they work, what they eat and drink, what their personal habits are, where they live, what kind of air they breathe, their illnesses, their family background."

Lumber Industry Conference Due
EUGENE (AP) — A conference on lumber industry problems will be held here Nov. 2.

Rep. Charles Porter (D-Ore) said lumbermen, loggers and anyone interested are being asked to attend the meeting on the University of Oregon campus.

He said one topic will be how to increase the allowable timber cut on federal property. He added that proposals include plans for new inventories, withdrawal of lands for recreation and revising the formula for allowable cuts.

NEW POLIO CASES
PORTLAND (AP) — This city recorded four new polio cases this week. The victims were two women, aged 27 and 25, and two males, 18 months and 24 years.

Clinics for administering Salk anti-polio shots were held in Portland and throughout Oregon today. They are sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.



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Gym Accident Goes To Court

HILLSBORO (AP) — A Beaver-ton High School physical education instructor, Theodore Wilson, is defendant in a damage suit filed by a man who said he received a fractured neck in a gym class two years ago.

Dale Walters, now aged 20, said he was permanently injured when he suffered the fracture while somersaulting over four classmates. Walters seeks \$200,000 in general damages and \$1,600 in special damages.

Walters charges that Wilson was negligent in failing to provide proper training for the gymnastics and not arranging for adequate care after the accident.

Ullman Slaps Money Policy
PRINEVILLE (AP) — The Eisenhower administration was accused Friday by Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore) of "effectively turning over the Federal Reserve Board to big financial interests in the country."

He said the Republicans policy of high interest rates is designed to enrich "the few at the expense of the many."

Ullman said at a Democratic Party meeting:

"The American public is being fleeced through artificial tight money restraints which are forcing the price of money to unconscionable usury levels."

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SINGER PIAF RELEASED
PARIS (UPI) — French singer Edith Piaf was released Wednesday from the American Hospital of Paris where she underwent an operation for inflammation of the pancreas three weeks ago. Miss Piaf said she hoped to resume her singing career in February.



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By Frank O'Neal

