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Dragged Out

By BILL JENKINS

The dreary case of Cary Chessman vs. the State of California, the Supreme Court, the People of the United States and everything else still drags on.

The convicted hoodlum has spent the last 11 years sitting in San Quentin's death chamber, filling in his time with writing books and turning out appeals.

It is a comment of some sort or other on the American legal system. And like most things I suppose there must be two sides to it.

Only those who are students of jurisprudence can get into the tangle of the laws involved. For us laymen the whole thing must come to a decision as to whether this is a good thing or a bad thing.

Are we protecting the rights of the American people by allowing this flexibility in the interpretation of the laws or are we merely playing footsie with the courts' time and money?

I swear! I wouldn't know. If a man is guilty of a major crime then it seems ridiculous to free him on a technicality. On the other hand, such delays are no doubt better than the quick trial before the tribunal with the firing squad and the long waiting just outside.

In the long run I don't suppose that the fate of Chessman as an individual has much to do with it any more. It is now a case that will either set a precedent or won't. Maybe someday, if we all live long enough, we'll see it decided one way or the other.

Speaking of courts and the law reminds us that we saw a news release the other day from Los Angeles, I think, in which a man was suggesting the use of trained dogs in police cars instead of a single patrolman.

Not that the dog would drive the car. Merely that each single patrolman be accompanied by a dog. I think it a splendid idea. Anyone who has seen well trained police dogs in action will have no doubt as to their value in this type of work. And they have the added advantage of a nose that can often aid in locating a criminal or in warning both the dog and the police of his presence before he has a chance to shoot them down in a dark alley.

Back in the war days I had occasion to see some of the war dogs at work. They did their share. And more.

I'd say that the dogs would be an invaluable asset to any police force, large or small.

Dunes Park

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

It appears that the proposed sand-dunes park is doomed to failure . . . at least at this time. I don't think there will be too many tears shed, however, because of its demise.

Since the project was first voiced in Congress by Sen. Richard Neuberger, it has met with increasing stiffening resistance on the part of property owners, organizations, and even government agencies.

Thursday, in Salem, the U.S. Soil Conservation Service stated it was opposed to creation of the national park in the dunes area near Florence.

Speaking for the service, Donald A. Williams, administrator, said, "We have recommended against it because we need to stabilize the dunes in order to prevent them from encroaching on adjacent farm and dairy lands."

Williams pointed out that the dunes move 30 to 40 feet a year in some cases, encroaching on farms, lakes, streams and roads. He also pointed out that the Department of Agriculture, of which the Soil Conservation Service is a part, has taken an official position against the proposed park.

Meantime, both Senator Neuberger and Rep. Charles Porter issued a joint statement warning of the demise of the project.

They said, "We believe it is only fair to warn the people of our state there is a very grave likelihood that, while seacoast national parks may be established in other states, none will be created at Oregon Dunes."

"This disturbing possibility," the statement continued, "is due directly to the widespread hostility voiced to the Oregon Dunes National Seashore Park by quite a few citizens of this state, including high public officials."

In their joint statement the two officials said, "We are working hard and long for this seashore park because we believe Oregon's scenic assets deserve it."

good faith when they pushed for this seashore park.

I think they were a bit hasty in that they did not consult the state officials, nor from indications, even take a popularity reading before backing the project.

Personally, I opposed the park on the grounds that the federal government already owns more than half of the state of Oregon and little is to be gained by selling them more of it.

That may seem short-sighted, but the actions of both congressmen is typical of the governmental attitude so prevalent on the national level . . . that of not asking the states what is good for the states.

In the discussions of the dunes park, very good arguments against it were propounded. So good that both Senator Neuberger and Representative Porter tried under several instances to re-mold their park plan.

I think their claims that it will increase the economy of the area by many millions of dollars can be classed with the same propaganda which told us the Centennial would draw millions of people to Oregon in 1910.

I would also deplore the injection or the attempts to inject political partisanship into this proposal.

If Governor Hatfield opposes the plan from the state level, I'm certain he does not do so because he is a Republican and the two congressmen are Democrats. To impute this is to delve in political dishonesty, something highly criticized by Senator Neuberger in recent speeches.

Neither is the problem itself political.

It's a question of eliminating private property from the tax rolls, taking additional privately-owned land and putting it into the already immense federal government storehouse of property.

It also involves a question of eliminating private enterprise by installing a federally controlled monopoly in the area.

In addition, it involves the loss of at least one state-owned park and several recreational areas, and takes control of a portion of the Oregon coastline from the hands of the state of Oregon and vests it in the hands of the federal government.

This is the problem, and should be examined under the light of whether or not it is good for Oregon. It should not be fashioned into a political football.

When examined honestly and logically under that same cold light of whether or not it is good for Oregon, I think the plan for such a park will be found wanting considerably in the balance.

Christmas Sales

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Increased Christmas sales are predicted by retailers across the nation, according to a newspaper industry survey conducted by the Bureau of Advertising, American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Eighty-two per cent of the retailers included in the 125-market survey expect sales this year to be greater than 1958. Seventy-two per cent anticipate a profit rise and 97 per cent plan as much or more promotion and advertising than last year.

Soft goods merchandise lines are being counted on to make the biggest percentage gains this Christmas at a ratio of more than two to one over hard lines.

Local major appliance retailers state their inventories of appliances are adequate now. What will happen if the steel strike continues its pinch on manufacturers is not known, but it was indicated that inventories on the West Coast are good at present. For that reason,

the local dealers are going all out on the promotion slated to start Sunday, "Make Your Home Happier With a New Appliance."

It is true every holiday season that the early shoppers get the best selection to choose from, regardless of conditions.

Sportswear was mentioned by 20 per cent of the retailers surveyed in this country and Canada as the biggest single volume gainer in soft goods. Other categories mentioned as leading sales boosters this Christmas were women's wear, men's wear, children's wear, appliances and electric housewares.

In Klamath Falls, as elsewhere in the United States, Christmas promotions start in November.

This is not a case of over-commercializing Christmas. Aside from, and coupled with its religious significance, Christmas is a family time and a time of gift-giving. The more time and thought given to the selection of just the right gift for each loved one, the greater the pleasure for the recipient and the more satisfaction for the giver.

We have known just one person who managed to do her Christmas shopping early in the year. When the holiday season rolled around, she had leisure to buy the last minute gifts and time for the season's parties including her own entertaining.

U.N. Thanks

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—The Klamath Falls chapter of the Oregon United Nations Association wishes to express its appreciation to the community for its generous contribution to this Halloween's trick or treat for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). A total of over \$200 was raised. We also wish to commend the youth organizations who participated in this worthwhile cause. Mrs. Isabelle Brixner, 883 Lakeshore Drive.

Rail Rebuffal

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—I have just finished reading the article in the November issue of Reader's Digest entitled "It's Showdown Time for Feather-Bedding on the Railroads." I'm boiling!

As the wife of a fireman, I can't claim an unbiased opinion, but, by the same token, perhaps I am a little better informed than the general public. It seems to me the article is a combination of misinformation and partial truth. Railroad workers are pretty well agreed that many rules now in effect are obsolete, but, by and large, the article in question gives a false picture of the situation as it exists.

I should like to know by what authority Mr. Steinberg "rode in the locomotives and climbed on the cabooses," unless he was there by arrangement with the railroads, to present their side of the story. The statement that the fireman has become an anachronism because he has no fires to tend, makes about as much sense as to say that a ship without sails needs no sailors. The fireman still has an important and necessary place as the engineer's assistant in many ways.

I quote in part from an article in the Fireman and Engineer magazine of July 13, 1959. "Basically, he (the fireman) performs the same duties he always has, that is, production of power, locomotive inspection, assistant and trainee in the engineer, safety look-out and other duties."

There is a great deal more to a diesel locomotive than the cab. While en route one of the fireman's duties is a periodic inspection of the engine to ascertain proper working condition and spot any malfunction.

He is also a trainee for the very

complicated job of engineer. Besides the relatively simple knowledge of the manipulation of controls, he acquires through his work as a fireman, a knowledge of, and experience with locomotive operation, air brakes, train speed, switching techniques, signals, track curvature and grades, safety requirements, and a thorough understanding of the complicated machinery of the diesel engine. This knowledge could not possibly be acquired in a few weeks.

The engineer cannot leave the cab while the train is in motion, therefore, the job of necessary inspection falls to the fireman.

The fireman acts as a look-out on the left side of the train. From this point, signals, speed zones, track obstructions, etc. can be noted, and the information relayed to the engineer. The fireman is also important as a safety factor. Many instances are reported in which a fireman was responsible for saving a life, or lives, or an entire train.

The "dead-man's control" is not infallible, and in the event that the engineer is incapacitated, only the fireman is in a position to stop the train safely and avert possible disaster.

Concerning the pay scale which provides a day's pay for each eight hours work, or 100 miles travel. I say this: True, the crew may collect a day's pay for less than eight hours work, but let me point out that at the end of the run, they may be away from their homes and families as much as 100 hours a week. In the interest of the railroad, they must remain on call, available when needed, and, I might add, at their own expense.

The rule limiting the monthly mileage, which Mr. Steinberg calls, "A ridiculously short work month," is 3,800 miles, or 38 working days a month and includes Sundays, holidays and night work. The fact is, neither Mr. Steinberg nor the railroads present a true and complete picture of the actual situation.

All the unions ask for is fair compensation for services rendered. Is this feather-bedding?

Mrs. Raymond Johnson, 2255 Orchard Avenue.

The Almanac

United Press International
Today is Friday, Nov. 6, the 310th day of the year, with 55 more days in 1959.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The morning star is Venus.

The evening stars are Mercury and Saturn.

On this date in history:

In 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected to the presidency.

In 1860, the first formal inter-collegiate football game was played at New Brunswick, N. J. Final score: Rutgers 6, and Princeton 4.

In 1882, Lily Langtry, known as "the Jersey Lily," made her American debut.

In 1903, Maude Adams launched a stage classic when she opened in New York in "Peter Pan."

In 1953, Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell set off a bitter national controversy when he charged that former President Truman promoted the late Harry Dexter White with the alleged full knowledge that White was, in Brownell's words, "a Russian spy."

Mr. Truman immediately denied the charge.

A thought for today: The English author Somerset Maugham said, "People ask you for criticism, but they only want praise."

Quotes

United Press International
SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Bob Hawk, original master of ceremonies of the \$64 dollar question quiz show "Take It Or Leave It" in 1940, commenting on the disclosure of fixes in big-money TV quizzes:

"I'm sorry to see the business get into the condition its gotten into. No answer to any question is worth \$100,000."

NEW DELHI — Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, warning that if war broke out between India and Red China other nations would be dragged in:

"... Unfortunately things go worse and worse between India and China and even to the extent of war — I hope not, I don't think they will. I am only saying 'if' — such a thing will not remain an isolated, limited affair."

TAMPA, Fla. — Judge Bob Johnson, suspending his sentence of 180 days or \$500 against Paul Carter, 19, charged with using a car without the owner's permission, after Carter's mother fainting when she heard the original sentence:

"I hate to see these mothers hit the floor."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Haddo



Eye Swelling Has Receded In Girl, 11

DETROIT (AP)—Carol Krumm, 11, may not have to undergo the surgery objected to by her mother for religious reasons.

The girl was released from Sinai Hospital Wednesday after surgeons said a swelling behind her eyes had receded. Dr. H. Harvey Gass said earlier that exploratory surgery might be necessary to determine if Carol had a brain tumor.

Authorities made the girl a ward of juvenile court after her widowed mother, Doris Krumm of suburban Berkeley, refused to allow surgery because Carol might require blood transfusions.

Mrs. Krumm, a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses, said that while she was not opposed to surgery itself she would not allow possible transfusions because she believed this would violate a scriptural rule against the "eating of blood."

Dr. Gass, who asked that the girl be made a ward of the court to make an operation possible, said Thursday that surgery may not be necessary now.

The girl returned home to her mother after her discharge from the hospital. Juvenile court spokesmen said they would retain the authority to allow an operation should the hospital or Dr. Gass decide one is necessary.

Carol will be kept under observation while at home, Dr. Gass said.

Four Texas County Cities Rap Others For Land Grab

BEAUMONT, Tex. (AP)—It's a wise citizen who knows where he's at in this Southeast Texas area. That's more than the annexation-mad city fathers in four municipalities can say.

All four Jefferson County cities—Beaumont, Port Arthur, Nederland and Port Neches—accuse the others of being land hungry and out to latch onto all the industrial plants and oil and gas fields in the area.

It all started Oct. 22 when Port Neches annexed a row of petrochemical plants which lay outside the city limits.

Beaumont, on Oct. 27, annexed a 10-foot wide strip of land 2 1/2 miles long as a buffer zone to protect industries outside Beaumont's city limits from annexation by Port Neches and Nederland.

The industries were protected from annexation to Beaumont by city ordinance.

Monday Port Arthur annexed 12,000 acres, almost doubling the size of the city and taking in Port Acres, a suburban municipality.

Port Arthur followed this up Wednesday by jumping over a buffer zone set up months earlier by Nederland and annexing another big block of land which included the airport, about halfway between Beaumont and Port Arthur.

Beaumont's City Council held a special session, rescinded its first buffer-zone action and adopted a new and larger buffer boundary that included a Du Pont chemical plant.

Four hours later, though, the Beaumont City Council gave up on the buffer - zone program and started working on a whopper of an ordinance to add some 39,000 acres to the city.

Already citizens could go to sleep in one community and wake up inside the city limits of another.

But to further confuse things, Nederland started a study of how to annex the Gulf and Texaco refineries at Port Arthur, which are not within that city's limits. Nederland also approved five other

annexation ordinances, including one claiming the airport already claimed by Port Arthur.

One thing was sure—the "land war" will end in court.

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Tutor, Cleric Leads In Race

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A Negro minister who teaches at Knoxville College led in a five-way race for a seat on the city school board in Thursday's election.

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Graves Uses 'Ethics' In Gambling Operation

By MARY T. FORTNEY, Associate Editor—Daily Commercial News

SPARKS, Nev.—A Gambling casino-restaurant operation with a clean-cut collegiate-family type of atmosphere has brought a steady stream of customers to this small railroad ghost town three miles east of Reno.

Creator of this unique enterprise is Dick Graves, who has combined money making ability with personal integrity and honesty to come up with "Dick Graves' Nugget Casino."

And the Nugget Casino, even when described with restraint, is "really something." Graves, after operating small restaurants-casinos in Carson City, Nevada and Reno, moved out to Sparks a couple of years ago. There he was able to buy enough property to allow for full expansion of his enterprises and to provide parking space for 1100 cars. This was a significant point, because of the parking problems faced by downtown Reno casinos.

FACILITIES
Graves' first casino-restaurant in Sparks seated 130. By now he's expanded to a seating capacity of 716, and already has new projects underway.

His operation now features, in addition to the usual slot machines, roulette, blackjack, etc., the following restaurants: the Golden Rooster, featuring fried chicken; the Round House, specializing in broiled steaks; the Prime Rib room, used alternately as a dining room and private banquet room; a coffee shop, a snack bar, and Trader Dick's for Polynesian food. All are under one roof, except for Trader Dick's, which is directly across the street.

New projects include a Pancake Room, to be completed soon and a "Chicken Coop" in downtown Reno which sells fried chicken to take out. This opened last week and was so successful that everyone from Graves on down through his top management were on hand to help the regular kitchen workers keep up with the orders.

MONEY-MAKING
The above gives a physical description of the Nugget Casino — it doesn't explain why, except for its extraordinary profitability, this restaurant-gambling operation is different from any other.

The difference stems from Dick Graves, a tall rather taciturn family man who would look like a preacher except that he habitually wears a sport shirt. Graves, who started his career in Idaho with a slot machine business, early adopted this gambler's philosophy. "You have to send out winners to get players."

Or, to paraphrase it, "You have to give value for money received." Graves declares, "It doesn't make much difference what kind of a business you're running . . . you have to give value whether with the most liberal slot machine, the best meal for so much money or the best drink of whiskey."

He feels this is particularly so in this economic era, when inflation and taxes have forced people to watch their spending more carefully.

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PUBLIC GETTING PUNCHY
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