

# TV Debates 'Unfair,' Says Scribe

By LYLE C. WILSON  
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Take it from an old hand at viewing and participating in TV news panel performances—the Great TV debate between the presidential candidates is unfair.

It is unfair to the newsmen who ask the questions. It is unfair to the viewers who seek enlightenment. It is unfair because the ground rules are such that a candidate may—and sometimes does—duck a tough question if he is so minded.

Here's how: There are two candidates fielding questions, four panelists pitching. The rules provide that the panelists shall ask questions each in his turn at intervals of 10 to 15 minutes. Assume that panelist A asks a candidate a penetrating, precise and very tough question.

Can Evade Question  
The candidate may choose to evade the question by talking around it. His answer will stick to the subject raised but will avoid a precise yes, no or maybe answer to the precise question asked. Panelist A is helpless. He has asked his question and he may not even complain that the answer is not responsive to the question asked.

UPI's Alvin Spivak, a good man with words, was a panelist on the second of the Great Debates. Here's an excerpt from his report on the performance:

"Another difficulty (there were several) under the format was that a panelist was allowed one question, in turn, and no opportunity even to interrupt and say, 'Just a moment, Senator (or Mr. Vice President), you're not answering the question I asked.'

"The hope here, of course, is that the listening public will be aware of who's dodging what."

Feeling of Helplessness  
"But there is a feeling of helplessness, or helplessness, in a panel whose members can ask one question and then must sit silent for some minutes before getting in another query."

Spivak's complaint is that no panelist had a proper opportunity to follow up an original question or to compel a direct answer.

There should be perfection of the ground rules. This old hand suggests panels of two instead of four newsmen. Between two there can be easier agreement on continuity, subject area and follow up.

# "DENNIS THE MENACE"



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# Series Causes Problems

By DICK WEST  
WASHINGTON (UPI)—For the past week, I have been trying to do my work and follow the World Series at the same time. It hasn't been easy.

For instance, with two Pirates on base and nobody out in the fifth inning Wednesday, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield opened a demonstration of a new high-speed mail sorting machine.

This was exquisite timing on Summerfield's part and it provided a severe test of my ability to combine baseball with journalism. So if my account of the demonstration becomes a little confusing at times, you will understand why.

I mean, Summerfield's machine worked fine but Bill Mazerowski, the next Pittsburgh batter, hit into a double play.

The machine, developed by the Pitney-Bowes Company at a cost of \$2 million, is called "the boxer." Don Hoak, the Pittsburgh third baseman, is called "The Tiger," and Bill Skowron, the New York first baseman, is called "The Moose."

Walter H. Wheeler Jr., Pitney-Bowes board chairman, described the machine as "a significant accomplishment in the postal mechanization program." Danny Murtaugh, Pittsburgh manager, sent in a pinch hitter.

Wheeler handed Summerfield a golden key with which to start the machine. Rocky Nelson ended the Pittsburgh rally by striking out.

Summerfield led off the Yankee half of the sixth inning with a triple off the right field wall. Beg pardon, it was Cletis Boyer who did that. Summerfield slid into a postal worker's chair and posed for photographs.

In front of Summerfield was a long stack of envelopes, which had been mailed by the Democratic presidential campaign headquarters. Summerfield is a Republican. Tony Kubek is a Yankee, who singled home Boyer.

Only one of the machine's 12 input stations was operating at this point, but with the score standing at 7-0, the other 11 were promptly turned on. This brought up Roger Maris, who hit a single, sending Kubek to third.

The machine is capable of sorting letters at the rate of 60,000 an hour. It would take a trained human worker more than 300 hours to sort 60,000 letters. This is much longer than it takes Murtaugh to sort out a relief pitcher.

Pitney-Bowes also is developing an electronic coding and reading system, which will make the machine even faster. Summerfield

# Conflict With Red China Faces K On Return Home

LONDON (UPI)—The most explosive problem facing Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev on his return to Moscow is the smoldering conflict with Red China over world communism's future policies.

The ideological differences between the two Communist giants appear to have deepened during Khrushchev's absence in New York.

Peiping's studied near-silence on the Soviet leader's performance before the world assembly has spotlighted the coolness in Sino-Russian relations.

But Khrushchev apparently is confident that he has strengthened his hand for a possible showdown by his activities at the United Nations General Assembly.

This has emerged from the buildup which the Soviet press and radio have given to the Communists in Russia and behind the Iron Curtain generally (except in China) of Khrushchev's role in New York.

Meet in November  
Talks with Red China in Moscow early next month when the leaders of some 20 Communist parties from the Red camp, the rest of Europe and Asia will meet ostensibly for the Soviet revolution anniversary celebrations.

Meanwhile, a Communist "high court" composed of top Communist leaders from the Red camp nations is collecting evidence on the extent of the ideological rift and on whether it can be healed or not.

There is still no sign whether Red China's Mao Tze-tung will go to Moscow. The signs were that unless a compromise looms up in the meantime he may choose to stay away.

Both sides have been busy canvassing support meantime for their line of policy.

Broadly, the conflict concerns the relations of the Communist world toward the West and how best to enlarge the Red empire. Khrushchev believes that the Communist camp should seek peaceful co-existence with the so-called imperialists who are on the wane anyway.

Peiping maintains imperialism cannot be finally overcome without resort to war—even nuclear war if necessary.

Most Back Khrushchev  
If the Red Chinese gospel were to gain ground, Moscow's leadership would be seriously jeopardized.

Khrushchev has sought to win over the European satellites during the recent New York conferences. All, except Albania, have now rallied to him. Many of the Asian

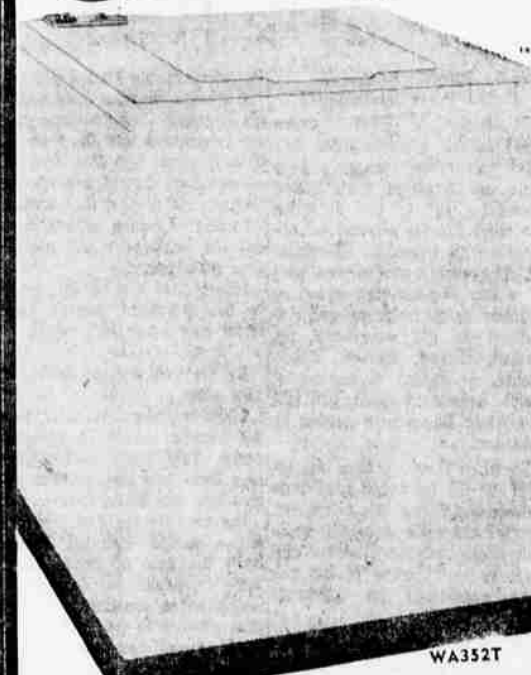
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# Gun Course To Continue

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Lt. Bud Adkins said registrations for the fall course will be accepted Thursday, October 27, at the Police Pistol Range, 310 South Fourth Street.

Registration is open to boys and girls from 10 to 15, inclusive. It begins at 4 p.m.

Classes start the following week. Adkins said, and continue for eight weeks. Instruction includes use and care of rifles, and plenty of target shooting in the range around the corner from police headquarters.

In the past, the classes have been filled to capacity. The limit is 100 for this course. Another course will begin in January.

The registration fee is \$1. Each student must buy his own ammunition, which is available at cost at the range.

Classes are scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. week nights; each student attends one class a week. Examinations are given at the end of the course. Diplomas and awards will be presented to eligible recipients.

# Reapportionment Kit Drafted

SALEM (AP)—The Legislative Counsel's staff has drafted a do-it-yourself legislative reapportionment kit.

The kit will be submitted to the Legislative Counsel Committee for approval Oct. 17, Sam R. Haley, Legislative Counsel said Wednesday.

"We're neither recommending nor suggesting any form of reapportionment," Haley said.

The Oregon Constitution provides that the Legislature must reapportion both houses after every federal census.

Haley said his staff was trying to make the job easier. He said the kit is do-it-yourself because it outlines all the law and factual data pertaining to reapportionment that the Legislature will need.

"We can give them the facts, but it will be up to the legislators to shuffle the counties into districts," he said.

Haley said that based on the 1960 census, some counties will lose representation and some will gain. This means that the counties will have to be regrouped into new districts, he said.

There have been nine apportionments since the state joined the Union in 1859 and four since 1900, he said. This means apportionment affecting both houses of the Legislature.

# Lumber Destroyed

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP)—A lumber yard, its retail outlet and the offices of two lumber companies were destroyed Wednesday night by a fire which could be seen as far as 15 miles distant.

Fire Chief Leonard Adams said the blaze was well under way by the time the fire department was summoned at 9:52 p. m. The flames were finally subdued shortly after midnight.

No estimate of damage was immediately available from officials but it was believed it would run in the tens of thousands of dollars. The cause was not immediately established.

Destroyed were the retail store, lumber yard and offices of the Whitehouse-Crawford Lumber Co. and the home office of the Tum-Lum Lumber Co., which has 19 yards in the Northwest.

Also damaged was a nearby church and parsonage. The flames roared over an area of about two-thirds of a block, located adjacent to Walla Walla's business section.

The fire, worst here in several years, was battled by firemen from the neighboring communities of College Place and Milton-Freewater, Ore., as well as Walla Walla fire department personnel.

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Discussion for the Mariners' float and a food booth at the Klamath Basin Potato Festival was the topic of business for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Cunningham are chairmen of both committees. There will be a special guest speaker at the next meeting, November 14. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sanders were present as guests for the evening.

# State Hunters Top Northwest

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon had the greatest number of hunters in the Northwest last year, the Department of Interior said today.

In all, there were 764,966 hunters in Oregon, Idaho and Washington in 1959. They paid \$4,553,383 for licenses, tags, permits and stamps, the department said in its annual report.

The largest number of hunters was in Oregon—298,317. Their licenses cost \$1,646,818.

**WARN AGAINST COUNTERFEIT**  
WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has warned that the marketing of counterfeit drugs "may be on the increase." FDA Commissioner George P. Larrick urged drug retailers Wednesday to report to the agency promptly "whenever they are offered special deals under suspicious circumstances."

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