

Editorial Page

Self-Defeating Expedients

A number of bills now before Congress would shorten the standard workweek of 40 hours. This has long been a goal of many leading unions. The argument is that it offers a solution to the vexing unemployment problem.

At the same time, under current proposals, pay for the shorter week would be as much as for the longer week now in general effect. This, say union spokesmen, would be necessary to maintain purchasing power.

The net result, obviously, would be to force up the prices charged for commodities and services. That always happens and must happen when wages outrun worker productivity. So, in a word, the net result would be price inflation, at a time when

price stability is an urgent national need and goal.

Another result would be to impair the ability of U.S. industry to meet foreign competition — which becomes tougher and tougher, with its advantages of lower wages and other basic costs. So, in the long run, there is an excellent chance that a shorter workweek accompanied by higher hourly wage rates would increase, not decrease, employment. People would buy less of higher priced products.

President Kennedy, who is certainly no foe of labor, and who is as deeply concerned with the unemployment problem as anyone, has described proposals to arbitrarily reduce the workweek as "self-defeating expedients which can only restrict the economy, not expand it." That covers the case succinctly and accurately.

The Non-Cheaters

It is not too surprising to find that the Internal Revenue Service put the electronic bloodhounds on the trail of 7 million income tax returns and came up with, now get this, ONE cheater.

The Atlanta district processed the 7 million returns with the new IRS computers. Lots of errors were found but only one case of fraud serious enough to prosecute came to light.

American people have a way of being law abiding. Tragedy has ensued, in one case, when motorists automatically waited

for a traffic light to change while rising waters engulfed their cars.

As for taxes, the average person takes what the W2 tells him and pays it. That doesn't mean a lot of people don't try to cheat on their income taxes, but when you realize the very ones who need the money most are the ones who are most honest, it does something for your estimation of that old phantom, the "common man." And when the IRS proves it, brother, you've got to believe it.

Skull Session Pros

One of the blossoming mysteries of current history is the speed with which heads of government can communicate thoughts.

Burdened with all the complexities of intergovernmental relations, our foreign friends come to Washington. There may be a luncheon, which we must presume is accompanied largely by social small-talk.

Afterward, there is a face-to-face discussion "for a full hour," usually. As the foreign guest departs, a statement is handed out that the meeting resulted in a "full and frank exchange of views" or that it was a "useful meeting."

And they were talking through interpreters, yet.

It would be helpful all around if our good and wise government would pass along this secret of fast action to the rest of us. In our office, the guys sit down for an "exchange of views" and by the time it's over, the morning is shot. So they continue at lunch and then come back for an afternoon session.

Once in a while, it even goes into the second day.

At PTA, any meeting which could possibly be called "useful" goes on until those little chairs get so agonizing that the group revolts and walks out on the officers.

No wonder those guys who meet so fast in Washington are heads of states.

The 'Do-Nothing' Congress Acts

Who says this is a "do-nothing" Congress?

For 40 years it has been illegal to sell ice cream in cones or on a stick in the District of Columbia.

The House has given its approval of a bill regulating the size of milk and ice cream containers. Previously, the law said it was illegal to sell it in a cone or on a stick unless the volume was at least a half pint.

As soon as approval is official, the

page boys in Congress will have another type of errand to perform, running out to the soda shop to bring back a hunky.

Legal or otherwise, the products have been sold in the District right along. But of course, no member of Congress has eaten one of the illegal things.

We may even see a Senator voting "aye" with a mouthful of vanilla and chocolate and the stuff melting off a stick down on his chin.

Constitution By Initiative

(Gazette - Times, Corvallis)

The 1963 Legislature, which has now been so soundly repudiated by the people for its tax measure, also failed to permit the people to exercise their judgment in regard to a sales tax or a new state constitution. Consequently, citizens groups are taking things into their own hands to rectify both oversights.

Two groups seem to be working on the sales tax with the Farm Bureau heading one and a Portland attorney the other. Maybe they can get together and thus present an even stronger front.

The Citizen Committee for Constitution Revision is behind the movement to permit a vote on the Constitution. This group was active during the session but failed to get the Senate to see the light.

The Revision Committee called on the original august Constitutional Revision Commission which drafted the proposed new constitution to make some changes in their original version.

The two most significant recommendations by the Commission would require the Governor and the Secretary of State to be elected as a team with the latter taking over first in line of succession and a reapportionment provision which very

slightly favors the sparsely settled area of Eastern Oregon and would set top maximum House membership at 65 and top Senate membership at 35. The emotional issue of the death penalty in Oregon was left up to the Legislature.

Certainly having the Secretary of State first in line of succession is an improvement on the present system. Now the next in line is the President of the Senate who isn't even elected in a state wide race. Further, electing the two as a team means an elimination of embarrassing situations such as occurred this year when acting-governor Ben Musa appointed a friend of his to the Welfare Commission while Mr. Hatfield was out of the state.

The drawback to initiating a new constitution is that no one knows if this procedure is legal. This is somewhat more than a minor item. The Committee has decided to take the matter to the courts if the Secretary of State, probably on advice from the Attorney General, refuses to accept the initiative filing.

Oregon is very much in need of a new constitution. The present one, speaking kindly, is much too long, filled with statutory provisions, poorly arranged and archaic.

'We're Sure Overcoming That Old Reputation For Being The Colossus Of The North'



WILLIAM S. WHITE

Eastern Republicans Seek Goldwater Halt

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

WASHINGTON — The great perils of being a front-runner in Presidential politics are heavily gathering now over the head of Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

Nothing yet visible suggests that Goldwater is losing much of his extraordinary momentum among the Republican rank-and-file. There is every sign, however, that one of the most powerful "stop" movements against a Presidential aspirant ever to be mounted by Eastern, internationalist — and also very rich — Republicans is now in motion.

It is rising within that "modern" Republican faction which divide the G.O.P. for his own sake. However, and for the sake of a clean, plain record for the voters, the Senator ought in his own time and his own words to state what line he would follow in world affairs. And Rockefeller should do the same.

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Goldwater down — deeply and genuinely fear Goldwater on foreign policy. And they are capable of spreading this fear, with huge and perhaps fatal harm to Goldwater's campaign, among other Republicans and independents and dissident Democrats who are not Rockefeller partisans as such.

Has Goldwater really favored our withdrawal from the United Nations, as Rockefeller charges? Does the Senator truly favor, in general, policies of a dangerous belligerence?

Taft was not in truth an isolationist — but many thought he was. Goldwater's refusals to debate Rockefeller are understandable, since this would only divide the G.O.P. for his own sake. However, and for the sake of a clean, plain record for the voters, the Senator ought in his own time and his own words to state what line he would follow in world affairs. And Rockefeller should do the same.

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Almanac

By United Press International Today is Sunday, Nov. 3, the 307th day of 1963 with 58 to follow.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The evening stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

On this day in history: In 1783, Congress ordered the Continental Army to demobilize.

In 1917, Americans learned of the first deaths of U.S. soldiers in combat at Nancy, France, in World War I.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was re-elected to his second term.

In 1960, President Eisenhower gave vice president Richard Nixon an all-out endorsement for the presidency. Nixon lost to John F. Kennedy.

A thought for the day — Former President Dwight Eisenhower said: "In the final choice, a soldier's pack is not so heavy a burden as a prisoner's chains."

'I'm Not Interested'



EDSON IN WASHINGTON



Allies Dragging Feet

By PETER EDSON

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WASHINGTON (NEA) — The gag in Washington now is that the United States may have to work out a nonaggression pact and a disarmament agreement with the Russians because it's impossible to get agreement with America's North Atlantic Treaty allies on the defense of Europe against Russian attack.

But the Kennedy administration is making still another try at getting NATO to accept the multilateral force — MLF — concept for the nuclear defense of western Europe.

Most notable thing about talks on this just resumed in Washington and Paris is that the French are not taking part. British, German, Dutch, Greek and Turkish representatives are sitting in. President De Gaulle wants none of it.

The Paris talks are political and financial, between permanent mission representatives to the NATO council. Ambassador Thomas K. Finletter is U.S. spokesman. The Washington talks are technical and strategic, among military experts at the Pentagon.

French absence is highlighted by announcement from Paris that France now has its own nuclear striking force. It is small compared to the British force and infinitesimal compared to the American. The French have only plutonium — not hydrogen bombs. And no one is sure just how operational are the six Mirage IV bombers

supposed to deliver them. This new French nuclear "force de frappe" is therefore characterized as being able to start a war but not finish it. That is its danger to the peace of the world.

It is a sop to De Gaulle's ambitions for an independent atomic capability. It gives him a further excuse to stay out of a European MLF under NATO.

De Gaulle's possession of this force is not expected to change the U.S. bargaining position on MLF. But it might influence the thinking of other NATO allies.

As a result of the nuclear test ban treaty with Russia there is said to be a general atmosphere of relaxation in Europe. Also, MLF is going to cost a lot of money which some countries don't have and none wants to spend. And there is considerable political instability in the air.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer has just resigned in Germany. New Chancellor Ludwig Erhard still has to state his policies, though he is expected to continue reliance on American nuclear protection, rather than French. The British Conservative party is changing leaders following resignation of Prime Minister Harold Macmillan. British elections are likely in early 1964.

If the Labor party wins, its leader Harold Wilson has said he would "de-negotiate" the Nassau agreement to accept U.S. Polaris missiles for the defense of Britain.

The present Italian government favors the MLF idea and

wants in. But if a more leftist coalition takes over government, this policy might be changed. Greece and Turkey were in for prestige but could not pay their way.

The Kennedy administration wants to push the MLF plan for its own prestige reasons. Whether anything concrete will be ready for presentation to the NATO Council of Ministers in Paris first week in December is doubtful.

MLF was originally conceived by the Eisenhower administration, not only to strengthen Europe's defenses but also to improve the U.S. balance of payments position.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter at the December 1960 NATO council meeting offered to sell Europe five nuclear submarines with Polaris missiles. At the Oslo council meeting in May 1961 Secretary of State Dean Rusk announced the Kennedy administration would follow through. He asked the European countries to prepare their own plan. They were never able to agree.

Subsequently the Pentagon revised the plan to put Polaris missiles on surface vessels manned by multinational crews. This is still the favored plan.

The hope is that if it can ever be submitted to the NATO council, France will not veto it under the unanimous approval requirement but will abstain from voting. This would allow other European countries to go ahead with it.

Government Confiscation

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Every generation is beset with problems. We are tested by our ability to discern the trends of the time. Only as we sense the direction in which we are going can we reverse our course.

There is a moral weakness growing in this country that is an affront to the past and the present. The pioneer spirit is being placed in jeopardy. "Give me liberty or give me death" is a far cry from the servitude and submission of the public today. An atmosphere of weakness encloses us. The gavel is in the timid hand of fear.

Today, more than anything else, we need champions of human rights, and a rebirth of the spirit that gave birth to this nation. Let us remember that we are the trustees of tomorrow. No nation has the right to mortgage the future of the unborn generations and commit them to slavery, physical or fiscal. The tragic, useless waste of our tax money cries out for immediate relief — it brooks no delay.

Neither has any government the moral or legal right to destroy the traditions and high purposes of the past and substitute the philosophy of expediency and extravagance. You cannot establish pillars of peace when a government pursues paths that lead to national and individual bankruptcy.

Today, the government is confiscating the property of individuals, as well as their incomes. It is driving the mother from the home because of the economic stress induced by insane spending. She is compelled to labor to save what is endangered by the government — the home.

Corporations belong to the people — they owe their existence to the frugality of those who saved their money. Corporate dividends are, in many instances, the pay envelopes of the poor. Widows and orphaned children live off accumulated savings stored in corporations. Yet, the policy of the government is to tax them to death.

wasting the money in causes both fanatical and fantastic.

The founding fathers knew that every civilization must rest on justice. It was, and it is, the hope of the world. To this end, Jehovah God put a brain in our head, and the founders of the Republic put a ballot in our hand. The survival of freedom depends on our willingness to use both the brain and the ballot. The establishment of justice involves effort; it is not a gift but an accomplishment.

The founding fathers believed that the most serious of all crimes is treason. Treason consists in levying war against the United States or in adhering to its enemies, giving them aid and comfort. When we blindly pour billions of dollars into Poland and other countries and receive only condemnation from them in the United Nations, one wonders if we are committing treason against ourselves. One wonders if there is any justice in bringing our own people to the brink of bankruptcy to feather the nests of those nations which hate us.

Treason against the United States carries the death penalty when individuals avail themselves of it, and it is suicidal when nations blindly engage in it. There is a national death that comes with struggle and without struggle. Today we witness dangerous signs of the old Roman road that leads to burial. The enormous debts being heaped on the backs of the taxpayer may well be the ritual of death.

The dominating bigotry of the federal judiciary is tearing apart the established order of justice and leaving the states with a mythical existence, subject to the whims of the federal government. Justice requires a sensitive conscience and an understanding of human nature. Without these qualities, our courts become cheap counters over which individual ideas are peddled, to the disgust and contempt of the average citizen. The fiscal insanity and wild spending sprees of taxpayers' money without legal redress drives a dagger through the heart of hope.

When our national legislative bodies convene, their sessions are opened with prayer, invoking the wisdom and aid of Almighty God. We recognize God as a God when our Constitution sees in man a conscience an provides that he may affirm and not swear if it is at variance with his belief.

As go the courts, so goes the nation. To take prayer away from children or adults is to play into the hands of a few fanatics and disregard the voice of the majority.

A nation is dead when its people are not more sensitive than its courts. There are unwritten laws that tug at the heart of a nation. Unenforceable laws hold this nation together. Unwritten laws perpetuate the laws of the home and the influence of the mother, after the courts have settled the material property interests. The people and our legacies must outlive and outlast the passing storms of state.

Without religious experience man is not obedient to law — thus we are fast becoming the most lawless nation on earth.

while the highest court pets and abets the criminal and displays the low art of legal technicality. We are depending on the body to do that which only the spirit can accomplish. We are handing our enemies the pay envelope with the hope they will love us. We are electing to office men who have betrayed us with the hope that they will reform and serve us.

We are weak and wounded with accomplishments that come through physical effort only; we are pitiable and bankrupt from those that are evolved from the spirit. This nation cannot turn its back on Almighty God, and the traditions that have made us great, and survive. Religion is affected by the atmosphere in which it exists and it is growing soft as it serves our faltering society.

We are consuming ourselves in a frenzied search for more pleasure. Much work needs to be integrated with honesty before we can stand before the world and become its leader.

The challenge of our hour is to awaken to reality, to see clearly that fiscal insanity means the destruction of our way of life. We are witnessing a field day for dreamers, unheard of in the history of this country.

If the present Congress is unwilling to serve the interests of the average citizen, we have a way to replace them in orderly fashion. Beginning at the local level and continuing to the highest official, we should ask whether they serve the people or whether they serve the "party." Life is too complex today for party worship. It is too serious to be saturated with selfish gain. Under the stress and fear of the hour, freaks and failures are seeking and, in some instances, securing offices. Exigency demands that in many cases we place in office a new breed of politician. One who possesses the awareness of danger seeks to serve rather than to salvage.

Now, as never before, we must remain firm in the faith of our fathers and drive the money changers from the temple. The ballot gives us the hand of the past as a guide and with it we can remove from office those who would remove us from freedom and our way of life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Service

I wish to both compliment and thank you for your excellent article in the Oct. 29 issue of the Herald and News concerning the status of judicial business in Klamath County. The article based on the annual report of the administrative assistant to the Chief Justice was unusually accurate and informative. I think you are performing a meritorious public service in keeping your readers informed about the administration of justice in your district.

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