

Small Business Surveys WAA Sales

Democratic Leaders Fear Surplus Property Scandals

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—There is an old political axiom attributed to various national figures of the past which runs something like this: Never argue about charges of the opposition party; either admit them frankly and fully, or deny them with every tissue of your oratory.

Mistakes of the "ins" are the chief grist-of-the-mill for the "outs" in an election year.

There is a small but very earnest body of Democrats in Washington today which believes that unless certain mistakes of the administration are freely and frankly admitted and given a thorough airing, they will come back to haunt the Democrats even into the third and fourth generation.

These mistakes, they say, are the ones which have been made by the War Assets administration. There is a segment of the administration, on the other hand, including some of the White House chief counsellors, who don't approve of this theory. They think that the best thing to do is to get rid of the surplus property as quickly as possible and forget all about the whole mess.

But the whole mess is not going to be forgotten. In fact, it is quite safe to predict some riotous headlines shortly after election, which will make the rather limited revelations of the Mead committee on war contracts look like very pale and limp prose.

The headlines are likely to concern that matter which already has emitted some rather noxious odors but which when exhumed, will cause a still stronger stench in the public nostrils. This is the disposal of surplus steel equipment and facilities connected with the Geneva plant in Utah—a layout that cost the government some 200 million dollars. It was sold to the United States Steel corporation for \$47,500,000 in May of this year, over the bid of the Colorado Fuel and Iron corporation, the dominant figure in manufacturing and distribution of steel products west of the Rockies. Congressman Chenoweth of Colorado questioned this WAA disposal.

Smart Politicos Outsmart Themselves

When Senator La Follette raised a memorial to his senatorial career in the form of one of the most progressive pieces of legislation affecting the internal affairs of the congress, the reorganization act, something occurred which the liberal wing of the Democratic party didn't realize was being done, and which has caused them no little concern ever since its practical application dawned upon them.

What happened was not Senator La Follette's fault, but the result of that ancient evil, seniority, which the original reorganization measure would have eliminated. Congress couldn't accept that radical departure and seniority still operates. Under this procedure a senator automatically becomes chairman of any committee to which he is appointed if he has been a member of the senate longer than any other member of the majority party on the committee. This system has long been recognized as an evil.

Just having been around longer than anybody else is frequently less than a recommendation. Unfortunately there are too many cases where a stuffed shirt and an empty head, although they can win votes from a constituency, provide a contribution which contributes less than nothing to the highly important function of running a committee. And chairmen have become even more important now that there are fewer of them.

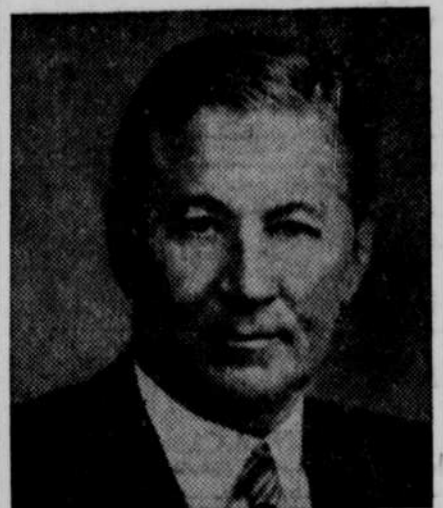
Administration Democrats might have acted otherwise had they realized what they were doing. Because of the seniority rule, only two northern Democrats will retain their chairmanships when the new and modernized congress organizes next January. They are Walsh of Massachusetts and Wagner of New

implements because of the crying need for such commodities and the many veteran users interested. Members of the Small Business committee believe that the pattern of the distribution so far has been haphazard and not in accordance with that provision of the law which plainly states that war material may not be sold to buyers in a manner that will encourage monopoly, but that instead will stimulate free competition. Members believe that the faults of the past must be studied carefully in order, negatively, to prevent further encouragement of monopoly and, positively, to establish a pattern which will stand as a standard of operations for the future.

Disposal of Aluminum Plants Sets Pattern

They point out the distribution of facilities for the manufacture of the light metals, especially aluminum. It was feared that the Aluminum Company of America might benefit to the exclusion of competition or potential competition. But as a result of the co-operation of Stuart Symington, when he was Surplus Property administrator, there are now three lusty competitors in the field, all apparently having benefited from a fair distribution of the war enterprises made available to them on equal terms.

However, other Pharaohs came to Egypt. Haste and other incentives are said to have destroyed the pattern. Present WAA officials deny



Senator Murray

this, but the Small Business committee expect to prove their charges in open court.

The first step which the Small Business boys would like to see taken is the appointment of an administrator on whom they agree. They feel the official should be a civilian rather than an army man. The incumbent, at this writing, Maj. Gen. Robert Littlejohn, is said to have expressed the desire to be relieved of WAA responsibilities, but no successor has been indicated.

The next step desired, after the hearings, is a thorough reorganization of methods and, if necessary, an overhauling of the whole set-up of the agency. This, proponents of the idea claim, will not only be in the good of the veteran, the business man and the national economy but in the good of the party, as well.



RETURN FROM EXILE . . . Some of the 800 Poles who returned to Poland after seven years of exile in Siberia are shown arriving at Lublin, where they received clothing from the American Red Cross. They were among two million Poles taken to Siberia when Russia divided Poland with the Nazis in 1939.

NEWS REVIEW

Strike Front Spreads; Meat Crisis Sharpens

MEAT: New Crisis

As housewives scoured their neighborhoods for scarce meat and exercised their culinary arts for putting up more meatless meals, men folk were left to tussle with the difficult task of overcoming the distressing shortage.

It was hard to tell which job was harder, the women's or the men's, for the heavy shipments of livestock to market during the recent suspension of OPA and reluctance of feeders to fatten up the small supply of range cattle under OPA ceilings complicated the policy-makers' problems.

As the crisis sharpened, department of agriculture had the only word of encouragement, stating that late fall runs of grass-feds would partially relieve the stringent shortage. But their predictions were tempered somewhat by livestock experts' statements that the high prices for range cattle would make feeders' purchases less profitable and further cut the supply of finished animals in late winter and spring.

With packers laying off thousands of workers in the face of diminished receipts of livestock, AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen called for restoration of free markets to stimulate shipments. President Truman was asked

LABOR: Teamsters Revolt

With union officials branding the strike of 25,000 members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in New York City "the worst rank and file revolt in history," IBT Pres. Dan Tobin stepped into the picture at the request of Mayor O'Dwyer to help settle the walk-out.

Tobin acted after O'Dwyer had cited the union's refusal to permit the transport of essential food and medicines and warned him that the IBT would have to accept responsibility for "bloodshed and injury." Tobin ordered 10,000 sympathy strikers of 23 locals in New York and New Jersey to return to work and suggested that employer approval of an 18 1/2 cent an hour raise for 15,000 strikers would serve as a basis for negotiation.

CANADA: Farmers Strike

Following the technique of "direct action," 20,000 members of the Alberta Farmers' union in the western Canadian province withheld all produce except milk from market in their drive for a readjustment of parity prices.

Pickets appeared at many points but concentrated their strength at grain elevators. Some operators were warned that they would lose striking farmers' business if they accepted deliveries from non-strikers.

With the strike in full swing and union members of neighboring Saskatchewan joining the movement, government officials promised thorough consideration of the parity question. Farmers demanded an increase in the parity level to compensate for the higher cost of commodities they must purchase.

WORRY NO LONGER

Vets Allow Insurance To Lapse

WASHINGTON. — Since leaving the armed forces, World War II veterans have allowed 90 billion dollars in government life insurance to lapse through non-payment of premiums, records of Veterans' administration disclose. More than 10 million veterans have failed to keep their policies in force, and VA officials estimate that these policies had a face value of \$9,000 or more.

About 2,700,000 former servicemen of World War II have kept their policies in force, the agency estimates. Officials offered no explanation for the large number of policies allowed to lapse.

Veterans may reinstate their policies by the payment of two monthly premiums, one payment covering the 30-day grace period, the other the current month. Until February 1, 1947, no physical examination will be required to reinstate a policy. A veteran, however, must sign a statement that his physical condition is as good as when he allowed his policy to lapse.

Temporary waiving of a physical examination has caused no stampede to reinstate policies, officials said. While doing its best to induce veterans to reinstate their low-cost gov-



ELMER TWITCHELL ON THE BEER OUTLOOK

"Well," said Elmer Twitchell, "I see where it is announced that on account of the government's 15 per cent increase in grain allotments the breweries the beer shortage will be over in a few months but I am still betting that there is a big battle ahead before the old time glass of beer comes back. The demi tasse glass of suds has become routine stuff and it would break a lot of barkeepers' hearts if they ever had to serve the stuff in a man-sized goblet again."

"I admit there has been a real beer shortage and that with costs of operation and high taxes the schooner of beer and the growler had to go. But my point is that once the size of anything sold to the consumer is cut down it rarely comes back. And I know of nothing that was cut down so much as the size of the beer glass since Pearl Harbor."

"In my opinion the barkeepers could have served a much larger glass at the price they were getting and not have gone to the poorhouse. But be that as it may, what America needs as much as anything else is a good five-cent glass of beer. Or maybe I should say a good glass of beer, even if it costs 10 cents."

"There will be no rest, peace and contentment in this country until a man can get a decent glass of suds at a decent price. You can talk about all the things that have caused unhappiness, trouble and low morale here, but among the top causes is the custom of serving beer through an eye-dropper and getting as high as 20 cents a glass for it."

"This nation knew its most contented and peaceful years when beer was paraded out in a glass that was hard to lift and when, all over town, there were signs 'The Biggest Glass of Beer in Town for a Nickel.'"

"There was little of the brother-hate-brother stuff, every man didn't suspect every other man's motives, the soap-box orator on the green was almost talking to himself, the country wasn't echoing to the cries of 'We're being exploited,' and war was about the last thing anybody had in mind."

"Bring back the five-cent glass of beer and the free lunch and civilization will take on its old-time appearance!"

Elmer was quite excited. "It's something the U. N. should put on its agenda," he declared. "Let it drop half the stuff it is studying as the cause of war and just study the beer situation. Let it drop everything else and come out for the return of the free lunch! Even Russia will be appeased!"

THE SOARING ORANGE

The ceilings have been taken off all fruits except oranges and bananas, lest the prices run away. Personally, we can't remember back to a time when the price of an orange didn't seem to be not only to be running away but going for the record.

Secretary Anderson, we note, also has suspended ceilings on 'edible tree nuts.' That simplifies our food problem for the fall and winter, provided we can get a priority on ladders and shoe-spikes.

ALL OKAY
("Mr. Porter has agreed to decontrol oats . . ."—Wall Street Journal.)
My oats are wild
And decontrolled,
Vitamins added
And perfectly rolled.
C. H.

OLD SONGS RESUNG
Drink to me only with thine eyes
And you won't have to join
Those anonymous guys.
Now sleeps the crimson petal,
Now the white,
But garbage cans keep me
Awake all night.
O! Give me a home—
Period.
Wallace Cox.

Henry Ford is still an optimist. He continues to believe that the day will come in America when people will buy automobiles freely.

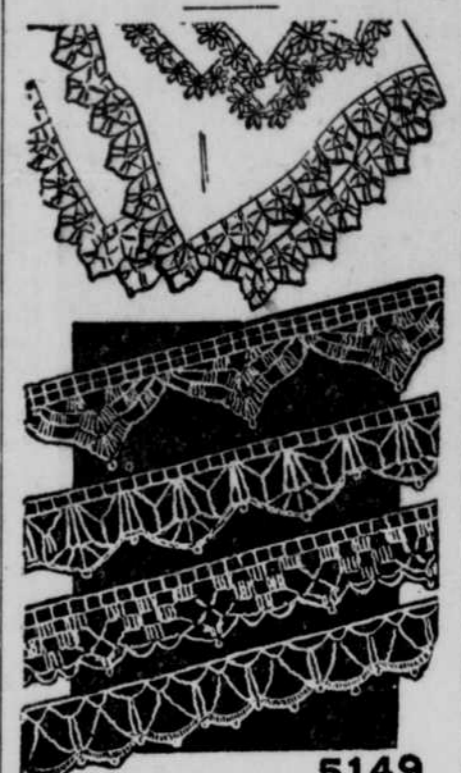
"Family Fights for Mussolini Estate."—Headline.

It was cut off, it seems, without a balcony.

Barbers, everywhere, are raising prices. But at this stage there are some people in America whose rich relatives will stake them to a haircut and shave once in a while.

RURAL OBSERVATION
Country life is often synonymous
With alcoholics not so anonymous.

Delicate Edgings Fun to Crochet



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FUN to crochet are these delicate little edgings for pretty handkerchiefs—they certainly do turn a plain hanky into a pretty and expensive-looking one. Make of fine tating thread and use them for baby frocks, lingerie cases and around oblong luncheon place mats of pastel linen or cotton.

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Portlight of GRANTLAND RICE

RED BLAIK'S brilliant Army football team is on the march again. With a record of 18 consecutive victories picked up in 1944 and 1945, Army's first team should carry it through another big year, even if its spotless record so far happens to be dented before December arrives.

At least no one should expect any further wild romping over such teams as Notre Dame, Michigan, Duke, Cornell, Columbia, Pennsylvania and Navy.

"Our first line strength is extremely good," Red Blaik tells you, as he looks over his eager talent—talent that includes such backfield stars as Blanchard, Davis, McWilliams and Tucker. "But we are no longer three deep. We are no longer even two deep. In addition to our starting backfield, which will match any in football, we have Fuson at center, Poole and Foldberg at ends and two good guards."

As good as Blanchard and Davis are, they are not as likely to steal the entire show again from such fine backs as young Tucker at quarter and Shorty McWilliams at halfback.

A look at the complete records in McWilliams' case proved the Army was entirely blameless in connection with Coach McKean's charges from Mississippi State. It was McWilliams, backed up by his family, who wanted to come to West Point. McWilliams made application while still in high school, before he ever entered Mississippi State. Letter after letter has proved this.

The trouble started on his home furlough when rather luscious financial inducements, apart from any Mississippi State official connection, were made. And don't believe this was the only large financial inducement offered a college football player this year.

A Smart Choice

McWilliams elected to stay at West Point of his own free will. It was a smart move in his case, as too many leaving service football have come under the gossip of ducking the draft, whether or not the charges are true. I might add that his opponents will find the able entry from Mississippi is one of the best backs in football. He is a great kid with unusual ability. And if there is a better quarterback in college football than young Tucker, or a much better passer, I'd like to have his name.

This year of 1946 may be the last season in some time that Army can field any winning team.

For one reason, too many colleges are paying good football players money that West Point and Annapolis won't and have no desire to meet. For another reason, too many young men have no yearning to get up at 5 a. m. and work 16 hours a day.

It is my belief that college paychecks are going to lead to a national scandal unless there is a sudden check. The fight for young stars, plus inducements offered, already have broken all past records. Athletic scholarships and jobs that can take a young fellow through college, are O. K. But not the substantial paycheck on the side, usually handled by key-up alumni.

Back again to this 1946 Army squad—

In my opinion Army will have the best backfield in college football—Blanchard, Davis, McWilliams and Tucker—power, speed, smartness and spirit. Once again, keep a more open eye on McWilliams and Tucker.

Tough Year for Army

"This is the hardest year we've known since 1943," Blaik says.

"Frank Lahey at Notre Dame is three deep with a flock of veterans who range back to his great team of 1943. Many have picked Notre Dame as the best team in football. It may be Pennsylvania will give us all the trouble we can handle. Navy had some hard luck in losing men, but Tom Hamilton will do a fine job with a squad that will give anyone a battle.

"Few men on our squad," Red added, "have ever known defeat. They love football. They are all fine officer material, and that is what West Point is supposed to turn out. We can be beaten and we may be beaten, but unless we are handicapped by injuries to key men, it will take quite a team to turn the trick."

At this point, Athletic Director Colonel Bill Jones was gazing moodily into the autumn sky. "I was just thinking," he said, "that if we had enough parking space for the human body, we could play to at least 300,000 in the Notre Dame and Navy games. We might do 300,000 in the Pennsylvania game.

"You don't think so? Come along to my office and see the ticket requests already piled up. There were over 110,000 applications for the Michigan game early in June.