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Editorials

Wilkins Urges Defeat Of Bid To Change Electoral College

New York — Calling for the defeat of the pending Senate resolution to change the present Electoral College voting system, Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has alerted local NAACP units in key states and asked them to urge their senators to vote against the resolution.

The current resolution sponsored by Senators Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) and Price Daniel (D., Texas) would divide each state's votes for President and Vice President in the Electoral College in proportion to the population vote received by the respective candidates. Under the present system candidates receiving a majority of the popular vote win the state's entire electoral vote.

Former Representative Ed Gossett (D., Texas), an original sponsor of this resolution, which was defeated in a previous Congress, frankly announced that its purpose was to curb the voting power of Negroes and other minorities in the more populous northern and western states. He specified, in addition to Negroes, the need to curb the organized labor, Italian, Polish, Jewish and Irish vote in the big northern states.

Since the resolution, reported out of committee on May 19, may come up for vote any time, Mr. Wilkins warned local NAACP leaders that immediate action is required. "Write your senators without delay . . . Urge them to vote against the Daniel-Humphrey Joint Resolution 31 when it comes to the floor for action. Ask other organizations to do likewise. It is important to check this move to restrict voting power on the basis of race," the NAACP executive urged.

"The Tide Of History"

Statecraft would be disappointing if it did not produce an occasional rolling phrase. Secretary Dulles indulged in a familiar but appropriate one in his radio report with President Eisenhower on the recent meetings in Europe.

The entry of West Germany into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, he thought, "may mark a turning point in the tide of world history." Humanity does seem indeed to have been caught up in strong tides since World War II.

One of these has been described by the phrase "cold war." It has seemed to assume an unending hostility between communism and freedom which could be resolved only by physical clash. Yet the contradiction is between ideas, one of which will ultimately be proved specious and the other valid.

Physical clash need come only if men are too violent to trust to competition in production and trade or to the processes of experience and logic. Consequently, hope has grown, and the union of the West has consolidated it, that what Moscow calls "peaceful existence" can be more than a phrase—can be not a trap but a situation in which answers to world problems will evolve. This is the opposing tide, or the possible ebb of the "cold war" tide.

At the moment we are in what the mariners call "slack water"—between tides. Its calm can be deceptive. But the ebb of tensions can carry diplomatic boats out on voyages of discovery.

The tides of history cannot be predicted by astronomy nor is there mathematical regularity about them. They are tides of human thought. Even statesmen do not control them, but ride, and use, and often direct them. Popular passions can defy a King Canute. But if people value good leaders, and if they value peace with justice, they can make this prospective new tide in human history a beneficent one.

The Unique Case Of Gas

Should the Federal Power Commission regulate the price of natural gas at the wellhead? This question, now before Congress, affects more than 23,000,000 American homes. It also vitally affects an industry which has become the nation's sixth largest.

The question arises because this industry is unique. It is not just like the electric power and light business which is closely controlled. It is not exactly the same as the coal business, which is virtually uncontrolled. The key to it lies in 400,000 miles of pipelines. Gas production is further complicated by its connection with oil, both often coming from the same well. Also some gas is wetter than others, requiring more costly processing before use.

For these and other reasons the FPC has been reluctant to regulate gas-field prices as it regulates the pipelines. But last June the Supreme Court held that the Natural Gas Act of 1938 required control at the well-head. It in effect supported consumer contentions that regulation of local distributors or of the pipelines does not halt retail price rises if the producers lift the well-head rate. In this they are joined by some pipelines and local distributors.

Producers answer the demand for control on the ground of monopoly by declaring that there are more than 4,000 producers and that they compete for pipeline contracts. But advocates of federal regulation maintain that 85 per cent of natural gas sold in interstate commerce comes from fewer than 100 companies and that 8 firms produce one-third of the total. They assert that the main competition is between pipelines hunting for supplies.

One of the strong arguments of opponents is that if producers' prices are cut the incentive to seek new supplies will be lost. It is true that exploration is costly and uncertain. Last year the discovery of new supplies barely kept pace with consumption. But for several years the increase in reserves has far exceeded use and supplies are now in sight for more than 20 years. Since natural gas now furnishes one-fourth of the nation's fuel a failure to maintain reserves would be serious. Could the FPC adjust rates to meet a need for exploration?

The immediate decision is on legislation now before Congress to overturn the Supreme Court's interpretation of the law and exempt natural gas producers from federal regulation. The Supreme Court said the primary aim of the 1938 act was to protect "consumers against exploitation." That general purpose this newspaper also favors. But it does not favor the extension of federal controls if there is any reasonable alternative.

This unique case of gas sets up a conflict of purposes that would be resolved for us by factual answers to three questions: Do monopoly conditions exist? Is federal regulation practicable? Can the consumer be protected by any other means? The information we have been able to get so far does not supply answers.

Owen J. Roberts

Owen J. Roberts was more than a quondam associate justice of the Supreme Court equipped with a notably independent mind. Not that this was inconsequential. Personally a conservative Republican, he brought into a period of legislative innovation and experimentation a willingness to consider each issue on its merits rather than by any touchstone of prior opinions. Consequently he often held the balance between liberal and conservative views. He upheld, for instance, the Wagner Labor Relations Act but opposed the "court-packing" plan.

But Justice Roberts' reputation for unprejudiced approach drew him into large public service aside from the bench both early and late in his career. He was appointed by President Coolidge to prosecute, jointly with former Senator Atlee Pomeroy, those involved in the Teapot Dome oil scandals. And President Franklin D. Roosevelt drafted him to head the investigation into the attack of Pearl Harbor.

International problems and, as a citizen not as a judge, political matters challenged his interest. His active support brought weight to the World Federalist movement and, by way of a lawyers' committee in his home city of Philadelphia, to the nomination and election of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

A nation sets high value upon a citizen to whom it can turn with complete confidence in his impartiality and integrity. It found such a man in Justice Roberts.

News From Around Nebraska

At Bassett, Nebraska the Lions Club sponsored a fishing contest for the youngsters. It took place last Saturday afternoon. There were 8 prizes for \$1.50 each given and the youngsters were divided up into two divisions; grades four and under and grades five through eight.

At Red Cloud the Senior girls were honored at a tea which was staged by the women's society. The ladies worked out a program centering about the theme "This is Your Life" and they picked girls from the class who had taken part in some form of activity and portrayed them as they appeared the first time they performed. The Red Cloud Commercial Advertiser reported the party in detail last week.

Towns along the Missouri river in the vicinity of the now-forming Gavins Point reservoir are becoming quite conscious of the presence of that body of water. The Cedar County News, printed at Hartington, recorded two activities this week which indicate preparations for full use of the lake.

A new association, named the Lewis and Clark Lake Association, has been formed and it will embrace towns on both the Nebraska and Iowa sides of the river, both above and below the new reservoir. Purpose of the association will be to work toward the development of the area surrounding the lake to improve its fishing and hunting facilities. The association will also serve as an agency to publicize the area and work out means of getting tourists and others to make full use of the facilities.

In another move, entirely separate from the work being done by the association, a water safety course on the river and the lake is being prepared and those interested in boating, fishing or swimming, are receiving free instruction.

A new bakery and candy manufacturing plant is being installed at Curtis, Nebraska according to the Curtis Enterprise. The bakery will furnish that community with the usual run of bakery goods but will place considerable emphasis on the manufacture of candy which will be distributed through dealers over a wide area. The plant is being set up by a man who has recently come to the United States from Czechoslovakia. He states that in his native land his candy plant at one time employed 100 workers.

A Fourth of July celebration which will honor the older people of the community is being planned at Franklin. The Sentinel, printed there, pointed out last week that most Fourth of July celebrations are aimed at entertaining the young folks. This time, the affair will favor the oldsters.

There will be special recognition and prizes awarded for the oldest couple, the one married the longest, the oldest man and the oldest woman, etc. A picnic dinner and other entertainment is being planned.

A "buried forest" under which there is believed to be a supply of uranium is being sought in Allen Creek Gulch eight miles north of Missouri Valley, the Missouri Valley Times reported last week. The forest is being sought by men from the Iowa Geological Survey who have substantial evidence that the forest once existed and that there is a strong possibility of uranium in the area.

Fred Yost, operator of a lumber yard at Milford, Nebraska received a high school diploma last week, although he had left the Milford High School fifty years ago. The Seward Independent, in recounting the incident, revealed that Mr. Yost had left High School but a few credits short of graduation. He had engaged in the lumber business and had decided a few years ago that he would like to be a high school graduate.

He enrolled in an extension course from the University of Nebraska, made up his credits and became a full fledged graduate this year along with the young folks of the class of '55.

Seward is having water trouble, much the same as Blair and is now planning to spend \$80,000 on an expansion project. That community gets its water from wells three miles from town and now finds that it needs not only new wells but a larger pipeline as well.

Although this cannot be completed in time to alleviate the shortages of this summer, the work is being rushed to completion so as to be in readiness next year. Meanwhile a "share the water" plan of lawn sprinkling is being worked out so that no one will be short this year.

A huge mosquito control district, starting at Ogallala and running west to the Wyoming state line, is being formed, according to the Bridgeport News-Blade. The control district would be set up in much the same manner as a drainage district and would be financed by a small mill levy. The mosquitoes would be controlled by spraying. The Bridgeport newspaper points out that in an irrigation area, such as exists in that part of the state, there is much propagation of the pests and that formation of the district would be a big help.

There is a move on foot at Oshkosh to consolidate the rural routes out of that town. The present routes are to be consolidated into two routes, the Garden County News reports. The change is being made in the interests of economy.

TEENS IN THE NEWS

Hi! Ol' Robbins back again and a little birdie sure told me some things! O course I'm an eyewitness to most of the happenings though. I saw all the chicks and cats cruising down 24 Monday. I know Evelyn Turner was really having her fun at Carter Lake about that time. Some people just don't care. Any way, as I said once before, the coolest can be boiled down to size.

Wanda B. who were you out to the park with Melvin T. you say? Where was Leroy, or is it personal? What's happened between Don D. and Romona W. What chas say Ramona? Well, all's well that ends well. just cool your heels, cat. I mean, Geraldine G. just cool it in Leroy T.'s car. I see why Wanda was where she was Monday. Molly R. who were you with at

the dance the other night? Say what? Pat W. is what I hear true? Makes me kinda wonder. Why wasn't Delmar with you at the Coronation? Oh, I see. Well, cool it, hear.

By the way, Janice M. where did you get that costume you wore to the Coronation? Sharp! Wish I had one. Bobby H. you were just as cool as you wanted to be on Teen Party. Just cool it, hear.

Congratulations Tony H. Which is it, Bobbie, Pat, Joyce? And I don't know who all. Better check yourself, Dick. I know a certain somebody will key better than to ride on motorcycles from now on. Oh, how 'bout that, Carolyn? Couples of the week: Ralph Hollingsworth and JoAnn Balden; Art Breakfield and Shirley Gilreath.

Beauties At McCook June 15th.

A boat load of valuable prizes, plus an all-expense paid trip to Long Beach, California and a crown awaits the winner of the Nebraska "Miss Universe" beauty pageant to be staged at the beautiful Weiland Field at McCook, June 15th.

Communities throughout the state are called upon to select their candidate to the finals in the "Capital City of the South-west". Finalists will be judged particularly on beauty, poise and personality, with the only requirement that the candidate be 18 years of age or over.

This choice is left to the Chamber of Commerce, newspaper or other civic organization wishing to enter their candidate in state competition. Entries must be in on or before Saturday, June 11.

Plans are shaping for a gala stage production and auto show preceding the colorful crowning of the state's "Miss Universe". The winner will represent Nebraska at the international beauty pageant at Long Beach, California on July 14. Seating will be available for over 3000 people.

This will be followed by a special coronation ball at McCook's City Auditorium featuring Don Shaw and his orchestra and a special TV performance.

The contest is being sponsored by the McCook Reporter in cooperation with civic groups with proceeds going towards the proposed "Little Ak-Sar-Ben" coliseum.

Further information may be obtained by writing "Miss Universe" Beauty Pageant, McCook, Nebraska.

Fluffo Is New Golden Shortening

An entirely new, golden colored, all-purpose shortening, golden Fluffo, is being introduced this week by Procter & Gamble throughout Iowa, Nebraska and parts of South Dakota.

Golden Fluffo, the company reports, is a completely new blend of shortening ingredients that is the result of 16 years of research. The ingredients are combined in a special way to make a product which, according to the company, gives homemakers more golden-brown and appetizing baked and fried foods.

Although it is golden in color, P&G emphasizes, this new shortening is not designed or intended for use as a table spread. Rather, it is a pure all-purpose shortening for baking and frying which P&G says will produce superior results in any and all recipes.

"Fluffo also has special blending and mixing advantages," said Miss Lydia Cooley, Director of Home Economics at Procter & Gamble. "Imagine being able to see when all cake or pastry ingredients have been completely blended! This is possible for the first time with Fluffo, because its golden color serves as a guide to show when it is evenly distributed throughout a batter or dough mixture."

"It is ideal for shallow or deep fat frying or sauteing. When used this way it produces a particularly appetizing golden-brown result easily noticed, especially with light-colored foods like potatoes, fish or popcorn."

"You'll also like its economy in deep frying. Because it keeps clear and does not darken at proper frying temperatures, it can be re-used up to eight times or more for deep-fat frying."

Made by a new process, Fluffo has excellent keeping qualities. According to the company, it stays creamy longer than other shortenings and doesn't need refrigeration. An asset, indeed, in most homes where refrigerators have a way of getting crowded to overflowing!

Golden Fluffo requires neither special handling nor special recipes. Procter & Gamble points out, and it can be substituted, measure for measure, in all recipes calling for shortening. It

Eureka Art Class Held Scholarship Tea Last Sunday

Miss Ann Williams of South Omaha was chosen queen, brought in the largest amount of money from three ticket sales, Miss Mildred Gray was second. Both girls received beautiful prizes. A gift was presented to Mrs. Greta Wade, chairman of the tea. Miss Estell Vonner and her accompanist; Miss Marjorie Lenox; Janice Wesley and the Crawford Singers furnished the music during the afternoon. Each participant was presented with a gift. Mrs. Gertrude Brooks, program chairman served as mistress of Ceremonies. Mrs. Wiley, president; and Mrs. Littman, Vice-president; Mrs. Wade, chairman

and Mrs. Adelaide Turner, Executive Secretary of the YWCA gave some very inspiring remarks. A crystal bowl of primroses and white daisies centered the lovely hand embroidered, cut work, lace edged linen tablecloth. Three green candles rested in the shining crystal candleabra on either side of the centerpiece. The pink and green color of the club was carried out in the food and decorations. At the close of the Tea the centerpiece was given to Mrs. G. Brooks. The Eureka Art Class is the only Charter club of the Nebraska Association of Colored Women's Clubs, it is the oldest and largest club.

grand children, Billie Morrow, Frank Murphy, Jr., Gladys, Wilbert, Richard Morrow, Jr. Funeral services have tentatively been set for ten o'clock Saturday morning from Bethel Baptist Church with arrangements by Thomas Mortuary.

Apple Desserts Apple desserts can be made more colorful if you add some red cinnamon hearts to the apple before cooking. Try the candies in apple sauce, too.

Bald Eagle The mature bald eagle has a pure white head, neck, and tail, as well as white tail-coverts (special feathers covering the bases of quills). The rest of the plumage is dusty brown.

Aircraft Center Wichita, Kansas, has become a leading center of the aircraft industry.

State Department The United States Department of State was originally known as the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Level State Illinois is almost uniformly level, the result of a glacial moraine.

Chuck Mather To FAM-U



Chuck Mather University of Kansas head football coach, and former coach at Massillon, Ohio, will serve as a clinician at the eleventh annual Florida A and M University coaching clinic scheduled for June 13-18.

Mrs. Attlean Morrow Is Dead

Mrs. Attlean Morrow, 51 years, 3022 U. Street, expired Monday May 30th at a local hospital after an extended illness. In the choir. She is survived by Mrs. Morrow was a member of Bethel Baptist Church and sang

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