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EDITORIALS

"BACKWARD AMERICA"—BUNK

All the proponents of socialism, communism and the other what-have-you isms argue that their systems offer the "common man" greater security and material benefits. As Al Smith used to say, let's look at the record.

England has gone in for socialism in a big way. And what has happened? Once a great coal exporting nation, she can now hardly produce enough for her own needs. Her electric power industry has gone down hill and rates are higher than under private ownership. Her whole socialized economy is as shaky as a tree in a storm.

Russia, of course, has gone whole hog in its version of a "people's government." To own or control all productive activity, and only a miserable minimum of consumer goods is produced. Her retail stores—all of which belong to the state—are stocked with only a few necessities and even these are strictly rationed. Prices, measured by average earning power, are far higher than in this country.

"Backward America," on the other hand, still clings to representative government and a capitalist economy. The "tragic" results of this are seen on every hand—the most efficient industries on earth, the highest standards of living in the world in spite of inflation, more leisure and opportunity for all, retail stores groaning with every kind of commodity, and a competitive system which has to please the people or go out of business—no "take it or leave it" system.

The socialists have a sad story. It just doesn't make sense. And yet they are working here to have government monopolies supplant private enterprise. Will we fall for it?

CAPPER QUITS AT 82

The announcement by Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, that he will not be a candidate for reelection calls attention to a service which began in 1919 and now comes to an end at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

Senator Capper has had a long and distinguished career, being the present head of the Senate Committee on Agriculture. Without disparaging his contribution in the field of government, one may question the wisdom of any individual's serving in the legislative halls at such an age.

The Kansas Senator is not the only man to hold office in the Senate at an advanced age. There have been others but we cannot help believing that three should be some retirement age for Congressmen.

JUST A PRESIDENTIAL YEAR

The nation is in the first phase of a presidential campaign that will result in an increase of partisan thinking and a decrease of intelligent voting.

President Truman, in his trip to the West, denounced Congress and his criticism was promptly taken up by Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio who suggested that Congress "might as well adjourn."

This is not the best atmosphere for an intelligent debate of the issues but it has been apparent for some time that "politics" is more important than the issues that confront the country. Both parties have been guilty of playing politics, with the result that the general welfare of the nation suffers—even though the politicians pick up the support of certain minority groups.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TEN YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. James Rebal celebrated their golden wedding anniversary June 26. . . Howard Schroeder of San Francisco arrived by plane to visit at the Emil Ptk and A. J. Snyder homes. . . Miss Augusta Robb, Union, was renamed chairman of the Cass County Chapter Red Cross; Elmer Sundstrom, vice-chairman and Mrs. H. A. Toal, Murdock, secretary-treasurer. . . Mrs. C. A. Johnson and daughters departed for a vacation in California. . . Spencer Tracy, noted film actor who was at "Boystown" in connection with the filming of movie by same name, visited Platte park, popular resort of "Rick" Lindsay on north side of the Platte river near La Platte.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO

Mrs. Louis Smetana departed for New York, where on July 2nd, she sailed on the Leviathan for Cherbourg, France, later going to Prague and Vienna and then on to her birthplace at Frysava, Czechoslovakia, for a three months visit. . . Don Arries, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Arries and Marion Dickson, a former resident, sailed for a visit in Europe. They planned to spend several months seeing the sights and looking over the scenes familiar to them while in service in World War I. . . Marriage of Miss Esther Delzell, daughter of Dean W. N. Delzell, Peru, to Samuel M. Brownell of Lincoln, was solemnized at Peru. . . Masonic members and Eastern Star ladies gave farewell for Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holmes, who left for Villisca, Iowa, to make their home. . . Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Jacobson of Louisville celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Furse's Fresh Flashes

Love makes the world go 'round—to the real estate offices and furniture stores.

A young boy down in Oklahoma was carried three miles by a recent flood and was rescued. Now he is safe, and is three weeks ahead with his baths.

The best thing in the world to hide old clothes behind is a pleasant smile.

Most wrinkles in faces are caused by worrying over things never will happen and never have.

The present price of gasoline, oils and tires, makes going broke a short trip by auto.

Why is it so many speedy drivers always follow the middle of the road policy?

We're already wondering what they will blame everything on after this presidential year has passed.

There's a fellow over near the river who has a wife and some applejack working hard for him at the present time.

Our biggest trouble is that we often have to undo tomorrow what we have done today.

Occasionally a man and his wife have a good time at the same party, but not often.

Baby sitting covers youngsters up to three and four year old—and we have seen some that really need to be sat on.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

GOP CONVENTION MUFFED CHANCE TO WIPE OUT MISTAKES OF REPUBLICAN CONGRESS; OFFICE GIRL DELIVERED MACARTHUR REQUEST TO SENATOR VANDENBERG TO DELIVER NOMINATING SPEECH—FOR MACARTHUR; BIGGEST BACKSTAGE CONVENTION JOCKEYING WAS OVER PALESTINE.

WASHINGTON—The republicans had a great opportunity at Philadelphia to wipe out the mistakes of the recent republican congress, but they muffed it. Progressive leaders of the party tried—and tried hard—during closed-door debates on the GOP platform. But they lost out to the right-wingers.

The most significant platform battles were over exactly the same issues fought out in the recent congress—public housing, Tidelands oil and Public Power. The final platform—the principles the GOP will follow for four years if elected—was a victory for the reactionaries.

Stormiest secret debate was over Tidelands oil. Gordon Richmond of Orange, Calif., managed to insert the plank in the original sub-committee draft giving the control of submerged oil lands to the states—just the opposite of the ruling by the U. S. supreme court. But alert Sen. Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, chairman of the platform committee, caught the insert and scratched it out. Later in the full committee meeting, delegate Richmond tried to reinsert it.

He was opposed by Senator Donnell of Missouri, who threatened to stay up all night rather than see the Tidelands oil land go back to the states. The argument got bitter.

"That's the New Deal theory of government," shouted Richmond. "What the hell are you trying to do—favor Truman over congress?"

Chairman Lodge supported Donnell, argued that Federal control of the coastline was vital to national defense. But Senator Baldwin of Connecticut and governor Herbert of Ohio, plus the Texas delegate jumped in on the side of California. The final vote favored state control of Tidelands oil.

PUBLIC POWER

Liberal republicans rowing over housing also inserted a plank favoring public power in the draft of the GOP platform, but somebody leaked this draft to the press, and the power lobby got busy. That afternoon, when the platform committee met in secret session, all reference to Public power was thrown out.

However, Utah delegate Vernon Romney of Salt Lake City moved to put it back. He warned that a lot of questions would be asked, especially in the west, if the republicans backstaged.

So as a compromise, it was reinserted, with two additional words, which tended to cut the ground out from under public power. The two words were "incidental thereto," pertaining to navigation and flood control. In other words the republicans went on record that water power could not be developed for water power alone, but only in connection with navigation and flood control.

PUBLIC HOUSING

Another tough battle was waged over public housing. At first the right-wingers wanted to omit it altogether. But Senator Ives of New York argued that the big eastern states had helped the western states pay for reclamation, now it was up to the western states to help the congested eastern state pay for housing.

This argument struck home and the right-wingers finally agreed to federal support for housing—with a big "if" attached, namely that the states spend the money. In other words, the federal government supplies the housing money and the states spend it.

That seemed to make all the republicans happy.

BACKSTAGE MOVE

MacArthur's boom—one of the most fantastic backstage moves at Philadelphia came when General MacArthur requested senator Vandenberg to deliver the nominating speech—for MacArthur. Believe it or not but the request was delivered to Vandenberg by an office girl from MacArthur's Headquarters.

Yeah, but, Gee Whiz, Let's Be Practical



It looks as if MacArthur has been taken in by his supporter's propaganda. They circulated an outdated article, printed February 12, 1944, by Vandenberg telling why he was for MacArthur. But a lot of people can change their minds between 1944 and 1948.

GOP ON Palestine

It didn't leak out, but the biggest backstage jockeying over principles, not politicians, at Philadelphia was regarding Palestine. The debate arose over the original plank in the GOP platform which merely greeted the new state of Israel with nothing said about Palestinian borders or United Nation's support.

This was a big comedown from the GOP platform of 1944 which put the republicans vigorously on record for an independent Palestine, naturally when Zionist leaders heard of this, they hit the ceiling.

Senator Lodge, they found, had drafted the compromise Palestine resolution after conferring with senator Vandenberg, who, they believed had been in touch with Pro-Arabs in the state department.

Immediately Zionists appealed to Governor Dewey and senator Taft. Both were sympathetic. Dewey called in his chief foreign adviser, John Foster Dulles, while Taft asked senators Millikin of Colorado, Donnell of Missouri and Brooks of Illinois, all members of the platform committee.

When the full resolutions committee finally met, senator Ives of New York led the move to rewrite the Lodge-Vandenberg Palestine pronouncement. "This resolution you've got here," he said, "says less than a New Year's Greeting Card."

In the end, the republicans went on record in support of the United Nations' plan for the partition of Palestine.

ANIMALS ALSO HAVE SLEEPLESS WORRIES

St. Paul (AP)—Domestic animals, as humans, suffer from insomnia, the University of Minnesota farm school reports.

The "contented" cow is not too sound a sleeper, according to W. E. Petersen. Cattle worries include being dropped from the social order of the herd, maladjustment and poor caretakers.

Horses worry when removed from familiar surroundings and friendly stablemates, and often go for weeks without lying down. They do catch a few winks while on their feet.

Sheep, the neurotics of the domestic animal kingdom, keep an ear cocked while asleep and poise on the alert.

The pig, however, is a hearty sleeper. H. G. Zavoral, animal husbandman, said the grumpy snorers of pigs serve as music to lull pen-mate to sleep.

Consumption of turkey meat averaged about two pounds per person in 1932 to 1934, and jumped to 4½ pounds in 1945 and 1946.

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Out Of Old Nebraska

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A little more than 100 years ago a subject of constant fascination for a certain group of American artists was the American Indian. Even then the Indian was regarded as a vanishing race, and it seemed important to capture the look of this stalwart group of people who once held dominion over North America.

One of the first of these artists in the West—and the first really important one—was George Catlin. Although he was trained in the law and practiced for a time at Luzerne, Penn., he was much more interested in painting, and apparently considerably more successful before an easel than before a jury. In any event he moved to Philadelphia while still a young man and devoted his full time to painting.

While living in Philadelphia he saw a group of Indians walking through the street and decided to devote his life to the painting of these original Americans in their native surroundings. In carrying out that work he traveled to all parts of the country and endured many hardships. On various occasions he barely escaped with his life.

Catlin first came west in 1832 as a passenger on the steamer Yellowstone, which the year before had made the first steamboat trip to the upper Missouri river. At every possible opportunity the artist-explorer painted pictures of Indians, buffaloes, and western scenery. Among the Nebraska scenes captured by his brush were Blackbird Hill, the trading post at Bellevue and the junction of the Platte and Missouri rivers.

Catlin was the first white man to visit the red pipestone quarry on the Minnesota-South Dakota border, from which Indians all

through the west got materials for making pipes. In his honor this stone now is called Catlinte.

All told, Catlin produced more than 600 paintings of notable Indians and of their dwellings and equipment. These were exhibited in the United States and Europe and created a great deal of excitement wherever they were shown.

A great merit in Catlin's paintings is that he portrayed his subjects just as he saw them, and did not follow conventionalized pattern. Without his work the task of studying life in Nebraska prior to the coming of the white man would be much more difficult than it is.

RAILROAD THAT ISN'T PAYS DIVIDENDS

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (AP)—The Rochester and Genesee Valley Railroad is the only line in the nation entirely debt free. But, then, the railroad isn't running either.

However, for a railroad which doesn't run, the R. & G. V. doesn't do badly for its stockholders. It pays them a total annual dividend of four per cent on \$555,200. And that dividend is guaranteed every year until 2051.

It happened this way: In 1851 the railroad was organized by a group of Rochesterians to run from Rochester to Avon. It had a capital structure of \$555,200 and a 200-year franchise.

In 1871, the Erie Railroad wanted to buy the R. & G. V. The stockholders refused to sell, but

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

By PETER EDSON

PHILADELPHIA, June 25—(NEA)—Convention posteriors—there ought to be some easier way to name Presidential candidates. Best speech, Herbert Hoover's. . . Worst speech, most all the others. They were so bad that even the radio audiences were pouring complaints. Biggest flop, the MacArthur boom. . . Biggest bust, the Taft balloon that floated to the high ceiling, hit a hot light and exploded, letting a "Taft for President" pennant fall symbolically to the floor. . . Most enthusiastic but worst singer, Congressman George Bender of Ohio, leading the Taft demonstration in the convention's most over-worked tune, "Four Leaf Clover," which should now become a symbol for bad luck.

Best press conference, Gov. Earl Warren of California. He made a hit as the squarrest shooter at the convention and a man whose word could be depended on. . . He was the only candidate who refused to predict his own election. . . Difference between Dewey and Warren: Dewey said Congress had made a remarkable record in a number of fields. . . Warren said frankly that Congress had failed to tackle many of the fundamental problems facing the country today.

Biggest boo from the crowd, to Sen. Ed Martin of Pennsylvania, when he came to the platform to nominate Dewey and said, "This is the most historic moment of my life."

Biggest demonstration, Harold Stassen's three A. M. show. . . All the other "spontaneous demonstrations," staged mostly by ringers and not by delegates, were put on by grim-faced old timers and extras for the mob scene. The Stassen following had youth and color and perhaps hope that the G.O.P. would become really progressive.

Biggest let-down, also Harold Stassen's. The day before balloting began, Stassen declared that the "Grundy-Dewey deal" had injured the Republican party. Next day Stassen proposed making Dewey's nomination unanimous. When Stassen did this, his followers in the crowd yelled, "No," gave him a few boos and cried, "We want Stassen." But once again a convention chose a candidate who had the delegates, but not the support of the crowd. It happened in 1920 when the Republicans passed up Hoover for Harding, and when the Democrats passed up Al Smith for John W. Davis in 1924.

Last man to give up on trying to make Gen. Eisenhower the G.O.P. nominee was C. D. Hicks, Missouri manufacturer. In spite of all the pre-convention hullabaloo about Ike, he didn't get one vote.

Last line in Speaker Joe Martin's speech after his election as permanent chairman was, "We have come of age. In our maturity, with the help of God, let us greet the future." Martin turned around and there, facing him, was Herbert Hoover.

Man who did most to spoil Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg's candidacy was Sen. Vandenberg himself. When he issued a perfectly meaningless 13-line statement after arrival in Philadelphia, it was shown to one of his most ardent backers. This politician read the statement grimly, paced the floor of his hotel room a couple of times and then remarked, "Did you ever hear about the country girl?" When asked, "Which one?" he replied, "The one who was so damn coy she never did get kissed."

Dirtiest crack heard at the convention, "Well, were going to get rid of the haberdasher, all right, by turning the store over to a model out of the window."

they offered to lease the line to the Erie in return for a guaranteed annual return of six per cent of the capitalization. The Erie agreed and a lease was signed running until 2051. Since then the Erie has had all the responsibility, and the R. & G. V. stockholders have just collected dividends.

Once, however, in the early 1940s, the stockholders agreed to make a concession to the Erie. They allowed the interest rate to be lowered to four per cent.

Picacho Peak in southern Arizona is the site of the only battle of the Civil War fought in Arizona.

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- 50c Size Nursola, Antacid Powder . . . 29c
- 35c Size Cleaning Fluid, 2 for 35c
- Waxtex, Wax Paper 19c
- \$1.25 Size Mem Toilet Soap, Box 75c
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