

EDITORIALS

Furse's Fresh Flashes

TREAT ALL ALIKE—

We read an editorial the other day in a daily newspaper that reminded us of the discrimination that has been shown here in Plattsmouth and numerous other towns and villages located on transcontinental highways.

Young fellows with jalopies having an urge to attract attention place gadgets on tail-pipes and mufflers of their cars giving them an "umph" on the get-away and an airplane-like roar on the highway. Several of these kids have been brought into court in violation of city anti-noise ordinances, have been warned, some fined and ordered to remove the disturbing factor before further driving.

However, a lot of us have been scared out of our wits on numerous occasions by the terrific noise created by giant diesel-powered truck tractors roaring down our avenues. Most Plattsmouth residents can vouch for the fact that most of these drivers delight in giving their motors full power along about 2:00 a. m. sending many peacefully slumbering persons into fits of fright or scurrying for shelter fearful of an atom bomb attack.

We are firm believers in fairness to all. If anti-noise laws are applicable to one driver, they are equally meant for the other. If some young fellow breezing along with his muffler open is disturbing the peace and tranquility of our city, by just what right does the truck driver create a bigger disturbance and get away with it?

Let's get on the ball and post some warning signs to these drivers. If that doesn't do the trick, then crack down with a few arrests. It is surprising how fast the news is passed along the "grapevine" in trucking circles.

Most deals made at parties the night before turn out to be two different agreements.

FOR CIGARETTE SMOKERS—

It was found that there was a definite statistical relationship between death rates and the amount of cigarette smoking. It was found that the lung cancer death rate was at least five times, possibly even sixteen times, as high among heavy smokers as among those who never had smoked regularly!

The death rate for cigar smokers was slightly higher than for non-smokers, but the rate for pipe-smokers was not appreciably different from that for non-smokers.

This is stunning news of great significance to the civilized world, and it cannot be ignored or contradicted by medical authorities anywhere. The American Cancer Society certainly has no axe to grind. It has been conducting this study for years and will continue it for another two and a half years. It was originally begun as a five-year comprehensive study to finally resolve the controversial question whether cigarette smoking is harmful to the body.

In our opinion, the American Cancer Society's report removes the last vestige of doubt as to the harm being caused by cigarette smoking, and although filtered cigarettes and other devices may reduce the damage to an unknown extent, we believe the Society's report will have a tremendous impact on the smoking habits in this country. Until a sure-fire cure is found for lung cancer, at least, many Americans will think twice before becoming chain-smokers, or heavy smokers, and many others will probably curtail their smoking or switch to pipes or cigars.

The way to wealth lies in saving some of what you earn, each week.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Harsh words, though pertinent, uncouth appear; none please the fancy who offend the ear. —Garth

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Kid in here the other day was looking for a job where he could start at the top. We suggested he try painting flag poles.

Sometimes we wish we had never been educated. About all it does is assist you in worrying about things all over the world.

Now that we've learned about all the tricks of the newspaper business, think we'll start in learning the newspaper business.

Just read where mistletoe is bad for trees. Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says it may be bad for trees but it's fun for twos.

A local father has been most critical of his son's choice of girl friends, but the kid tells him it's the best he can do with the car they've got.

Colleges don't teach some of the things their graduates know.

Mothers tell their small sons about the boy who cries wolf. They tell their daughters about the wolf who cries "Boy!"

A Plattsmouth new father tells us that Lincoln was wrong — all men are not born free. He just paid the obstetrician's fee.

Those who have one or two real friends have more than the average.

Why is it wives always think someone else's husband is sweeter than theirs?

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

P. T. Johnson, five years superintendent of the Murdock public schools is a candidate for county superintendent. . . . A pitch fork was run through the right foot of John Wolph while he was working in the harvest fields on his father's farm at Avoca. . . . Wheat is averaging about 12 bushels an acre in the southern portion of Cass county. . . . Earl Bennett has opened a mercantile business at Alvo. . . . Miss Amana Hiatt of Plattsmouth will combine study with pleasure on a two-month travel tour of America. . . . The Murray Farmers Elevator, a stock company for many years, has been sold to Ray E. Fredericks for a reported \$2,000. . . . Miss Florence Lancaster and R. A. Noell were married at Rockport, Mo. They will reside at Murray. . . . A pound of coffee is selling at from 25 to 31 cents in stores here. . . . The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rosenow of Murdock was destroyed by fire.

10 YEARS AGO

The marriage of Mary Floren Schafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schafer of Nehawka, and Glen J. Heeter of Circleville, Ohio, was solemnized July 9. . . . Thomas E. Dunbar has been appointed judge of the district court here. . . . Mrs. Ray Norris of Weeping Water has been named county chairman for a United War Fund campaign in Cass County. . . . Dr. Paul T. Heineman is the new commander of the American Legion post at Plattsmouth. Frank A. Rebal is senior vice commander; and Edgar Glaze is junior vice commander. . . . The marriage of Geo. Earl Miller to Constance Elizabeth Wade of England has been learned here. . . . Sgt. James Schafer of Nehawka has been awarded the Air Medal for flights over Europe. . . . John H. Jacobs has graduated from air cadet training and received his wings.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: BRAZILIAN RESENTMENT AGAINST "YANQUI" MAY LEAD TO WORSE DISEASE — COMMUNISM; BRAZIL WAS WRONGLY BLAMED FOR ZOOM IN COFFEE PRICES; IMPORTERS ADD INSULT TO INJURY BY BUYING AFRICAN COFFEE.

WASHINGTON — One thing to be learned from our headaches in Guatemala is that the seeds of Communism are seldom planted in a hurry. They take time to sprout and are almost always nourished by a wave of Anti-Americanism.

In Guatemala, the Red seeds actually began sprouting back in the days of President Jorge Ubico's harsh dictatorship, and the tragedy is that his nephew and secretary, Col. Carlos Castillo Armas, is now one of the new would-be dictators, currently rowing with the other colonels for supreme power.

An entirely different, though dangerous, situation is brewing in a country which long has been the best friend of the U. S. A. — Brazil. And now is the time for us to do something about it — not later, as in Guatemala.

Brazil is not threatened with Communism or revolt. But it's been swept by a wave of Anti-Americanism, thanks largely to one thing — coffee.

And if it's true that Anti-Americanism



"Well it looks like my ad in the Journal to trade my frogs for a snake is getting results."

usually precedes Communism, then now is the time to mend our fences in Brazil. Furthermore, it isn't healthy to have a country which has gone down the line for us in crisis after crisis suddenly become bitterly sore.

Here is the situation: No Brazilian Price Supports — Brazilians have long known the U. S. A. as a country with high farm price supports, where the farmer is guaranteed a reasonable price despite a slump. Brazil, up until a few months ago did not have such supports. Its coffee prices went up and down, with the coffee grower sometimes using his coffee to pave roads because it was such a glut on the market.

Last winter there was a frost in the great coffee-growing state of Parana. Coffee bushes were killed, some farmers went bankrupt, luckier farmers made a killing. Coffee growers in other countries were especially lucky — because the price of coffee zoomed. American housewives had to pay more, but Brazil, which suffered the frost, got all the blame.

U. S. newspaper editorials condemning Brazil naturally are read in Brazil. Speeches by Congressmen criticizing Brazil have been published widely there. And they all add up to just one thing — resentment against the United States by a country which has been our best friend.

Today there's a development which may make things worse. Some U. S. coffee importers are boycotting Brazilian coffee for African coffee. Brazilian sales have dropped alarmingly. This will mean only one thing: Depression. And depression is the surest breeder of Communism.

If the latter ever gets started in the biggest country of Latin America, the U. S. A. will really be out of luck.

Here is some breakfast coffee information you may not know about: For about 75 years a hot trade war has raged between colonial Asia-Africa and Latin America. . . . This dates back to 1876 when an Englishman smuggled the seeds of 17 rubber trees out of Brazil to Asia. Thus began the rubber empire of the Malays and Indonesia. Somewhat the same thing happened with quinine, chocolate, coffee, tobacco. All were developed in Latin America, except tobacco; but, taking advantage of slave labor in Asia-Africa, big European exploiters moved to develop those areas. That slave labor has now revolted, which is one reason for Communist success in Asia, one reason why Indo-China is falling so rapidly. The social revolution came earlier in Latin America. Wages, though still not high, were much higher than the African-Coolie slave labor of the European colonies. So Africa and Asia flourished in the race to grow tropical products — except for coffee. In Latin America, and especially Brazil, coffee remained king. Today we might as well kiss off Southeast Asia as any steady supplier of the quinine, tin, rubber we fought to get back from the Japanese after Pearl Harbor. Arab restlessness in North Africa will soon put that area in the same uncertain boat. Also it's a long way from these areas in case of war, and the atomic submarine is going to make wartime shipping almost impossible. . . . So it will pay us not to forget our good neighbors in Latin America, even if most sometimes increases their prices. They are close at hand and dependable unless we let depression and Communism get a foothold.

Things you may not have known about a good neighbor: In three wars Brazil has come to the aid of the U. S. When we fought Spain over Cuba, Brazil was the only Latin country coming to our side. She had just taken delivery on two new cruisers in London, and though they had not even been in Brazilian waters, they were ordered put at the disposal of the U. S. Navy. Six days after World War I was declared, Brazil came in too immediately amalgamated her entire fleet with the U. S. fleet. World War II could not have been won in the same length of time had not Brazil given us key bases on the "Hump" — the part of Brazil that sticks out nearest Africa

were backing the late Sen. Robert Taft for president while the moderate were working for Gen. Dwight Eisenhower. This feud has smoldered ever since. Even before Sen. Butler died the pro-Eisenhower elements were beginning to work for Gov. Crosby in his Senate race. Although Sen. Butler did not do so openly, there was reason to believe that more and more he was backing Curtis.

Hruska had generally sided with Butler but the pro-Eisenhower faction has always hoped that he would work harder for the administration once the mighty shadow of Butler was removed. Significantly, the Crosby and pro-Eisenhower forces aided Hruska in his struggle for the State Central Committee's nomination.

Furious 50 Hours — But perhaps it would be easier to explain the new alignments by telling chronologically the events of 50 hours which were unprecedented in Nebraska political history.

It started the morning of July 1 when the word was flashed from Washington, D. C. that Sen. Butler was dying of a stroke. That day happened to be the deadline for candidates wishing to file for the primary election.

Politicians waited anxiously for news from Washington. It was expected that if Mr. Butler died before the 5 p. m. deadline for filings that several would be made.

But when the senior senator died at 9:30 p. m. it wasn't long until someone was knocking at the door of Secretary of State Frank Marsh, seeking to file for former Congressman Howard Buffett of Omaha.

Buffett, an ultra-conservative at one time had been considered more or less the "crown prince" of Butler. But some observers believe that Hruska had roved into that spot in recent months.

When word of the attempted filing got around, the pro-Eisenhower forces got busy. With less than an hour until midnight, they were almost desperate. Finally John Quinn, Lincoln public relations man, volunteered to file. He roused county officials from bed, paid his filing fee, and showed the filing under the door of Marsh's office at the Statehouse.

The next day Quinn explained he did it only to counter what he called a "death virgil" filing by Buffett.

As if events weren't moving fast enough, Atty. Gen. C. S. Beck told Republican and Democratic party officials they had better move by Saturday noon to fill the vacancies on the ballot. This was necessary because both Beck and Marsh maintained that the Buffett and Quinn filings were too late and that the only way to fill the vacancies was by action by the State Central Committee of both parties.

The long distance wires were humming as State Republican Chairman William Spear of Fremont and State Democratic Chairman William Meier of Minden summoned the committees to emergency meetings at Lincoln.

Meanwhile Buffett was working hard to get the nomination. Against him was lined up Chas. Reed, Omaha attorney and a pro-Eisenhower man. But Friday night word came from Hruska that he was interested.

Another matter was still up in the air — Gov. Crosby's appointment to fill the vacant seat until the November election. This was the second such momentous decision Crosby had faced in three months. After Sen. Griswold's death he appointed Eva Bowring of Merriman to serve until November.

So the Republicans gathered, less than 50 hours after the first word of Butler's illness had arrived.

Gov. Crosby, known for his surprises, pulled another out of the hat. He announced that he was appointing Sam Reynolds of Omaha, coal company executive, to the vacant seat. He said Reynolds would not run for the unexpired term.

That left that matter entirely up to the Central Committee. Five men were nominated but Hruska won on the second bal-

Capitol News

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LINCOLN — The coming August 10 primary election loomed even more important this week as a "make or break" affair for a number of Republican candidates.

With the death of Sen. Hugh Butler (R-Nebr.) eliminating the greatest political power in the state, the coming primary election has all the makings of a struggle by others seeking his "crown."

Because of the many turns of political fate this year, most of the major contenders are running for one office or another.

The appointments to the U. S. Senate made by Gov. Robert Crosby after the deaths of Sen. Dwight Griswold in April and Sen. Butler this month appeared at least temporarily to have put Crosby in a top position in the state party. But he will have to survive the August primary in which he is running for the six year term in the Senate if he is to keep his place on top of the heap.

Congressman Carl Curtis of Minden, running against Crosby for the Senate, is another contender.

And an Omaha politician, whom some considered to be Butler's "heir-apparent" even before the 76-year-old senator died, must be counted in. He is Congressman Roman Hruska, who was nominated by the Republican State Central Committee to run in November for the unexpired four year term of Sen. Butler. Since he is not in the same race as Curtis and Crosby, he could be the other "pole of power" in Nebraska Republicanism if elected.

Also being tested in the August primary will be the relative strength of the conservatives of the party and the pro-Eisenhower element. This struggle broke out in its strongest form before the 1952 Republican national convention. The conservatives

Ten Word INTELLEGRAM

- Check the correct word:
1. The Air Force Academy will be located at (Colorado Springs) (Denver), Colo.
 2. Jump-off point for Guatemala invasion was (Honduras) (El Salvador).
 3. (Jacobo Arbenz Guzman) (Col. Carlos Castillo Armas) heads the anti-Red forces.
 4. His recent visit was Sir Winston Churchill's (7th) (8th) to this country since 1941.
 5. Boa constrictors (are) (are not) poisonous snakes.
 6. A person's normal temperature is (lower) (higher) than a dog's.
 7. A (squid) (squib) is a marine animal.
 8. Oregon is the (Beaver) (Groundhog) state.
 9. Repeal of Prohibition occurred in (1930) (1933).
 10. (John Landy) (Roger Bannister) now holds the title of world's fastest runner.
- Check your answers, scoring yourself 10 points for each correct choice. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior, and 90-100, very superior.

Decoded Intelligram
1—Colorado Springs, 2—Honduras, 3—Armas, 4—8th, 5—are not, 6—higher, 7—squid, 8—Beaver, 9—1933, 10—John Landy.

lot, 33 votes to the 15 of his nearest opponent, Buffett. There was reason to believe that at almost the last minute Crosby had thrown his strength behind Hruska. Over on the Democratic side it took their Central Committee just four minutes to choose James Green, Omaha attorney, to run against Hruska.

Buffett immediately filed a mandamus action against Secretary of State Marsh to force him to accept his late hour filing.

But over the weekend Buffett's advisors apparently sensed the deep shock resentment that has arisen over his filing so quickly after the late senator had died.

Reed said this could help eliminate such occurrences as at the Ohio and Indiana border where the Ohio turnpike virtually ended in a cornfield, dumping traffic on an unprepared Indiana highway system.

It was still too early to tell the final effects on the political scene of Butler's passing. But Crosby and Hruska appeared to be the men to watch — if they win their respective elections this year.

Toll Road Talk
Gov. Crosby was to meet with Govs. William Stratton of Illinois and William Beardlee of Iowa to work out plans for a possible turnpike from Chicago past Des Moines and Omaha into Nebraska. State Engineer L. N. Rees said this could help eliminate such occurrences as at the Ohio and Indiana border where the Ohio turnpike virtually ended in a cornfield, dumping traffic on an unprepared Indiana highway system.

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