

EDITORIALS

NO GAS RATE INCREASE?

We are still scratching our head trying to understand why our Nebraska representatives in congress supported the Fulbright bill that passed the senate Monday by a good majority. This bill discontinues Federal Power Commission control over prices charged by producers for natural gas at the well head.

If, as many are trying to tell us, this will not increase the cost of gas to the consumer, then, we ask, "Why was it so imperative that this control be abolished?"

We can understand why senators from great gas producing areas such as Texas, Oklahoma, and others would be in favor of such a change. Pressure from the big money boys forced a favorable vote—but surely not in Nebraska.

Local consumers can look forward to a substantial boost in their gas rates in the near future. It won't be the fault of Central Electric and Gas Company, local distributors. You can thank our representatives in Washington for that.

MR. BENSON'S USEFULNESS

The latest incident involving Mr. Benson, which unfortunately brings us the question whether or not Mr. Benson appreciates the woes of the small farmer, is the result of an understandable mistake.

But when a Cabinet official, charged with protecting the interest and the welfare of the farmers in the nation, is involved in such an incident and has his name signed to a letter criticizing farmers as "pampered," much damage is done.

It actually matters very little about the details of the "boner." The Secretary of Agriculture has called the nation's hard-pressed farmers "pampered" and no amount of retractions will completely restore the situation.

There have been other incidents, over the last few years, which have reduced Benson's usefulness. This latest incident seems to reduce it further. We believe the President will have to bring in a new Secretary of Agriculture, if he intends to run again, and if he wants to get the maximum support of the farmers of the nation.

LUCE APOLOGIZES

Henry R. Luce, editor-in-chief of Life Magazine, has apologized for the choice of headlines used over a magazine article explaining how Secretary of State John Foster Dulles led this country to the brink of war on three occasions.

The apology comes a bit late, after the damage has been done. Luce, who heads an outfit which publishes several magazines, admits that headlines used in the article, and the impression given thereby, was unfortunate.

We deplore the practice of high government officials passing out favors, in the form of exclusive major revelations, to one publication, especially a publication other than a newspaper, which is not actually dedicated to the presentation of news as a newspaper is.

It is well known that the Luce publications were great Eisenhower supporters, and, therefore, even if there is nothing to it, it does not look good for the Secretary of State to be passing out what apparently is a major scoop to a Luce publication.

We are not criticizing the magazine for using the article, which any editor would have done under similar circumstances, although many of them would have done it in a more responsible manner.

Because one does not care for the magazine involved, or any Luce publications, does not mean that the magazine

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When clouds are seen, wise men put on their cloaks. —Shakespeare

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Women may spend more on attire than men, but at least they do not keep buying their millinery back from check-room gals.

A local woman says she thinks her husband has grown tired of her — he hasn't been home for seven years, now.

Every newspaper pulls a "boo-boo" now and then. Our most recent: We reported that a local woman's 55-year-old twin brother was visiting her.

Said he: "I think I'll buy a rope And end this daily strife." So he bought a rope of pearls And gave them to his wife.

One of the boys in the office says he hopes we get no more snow. This snow shoveling has about wore his wife out.

A young fellow up at the pool hall says 1956 looks like a good year for him financially—he finally got his wife a job.

When asked her party affiliation when she came up to register recently, Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, said she would rather not say as he hadn't got his divorce yet.

It is hard to lose a beautiful daughter in marriage, but it is harder to lose a homely one.

should be expected to pass up a "scoop" such as that okayed by Secretary of State Dulles. However, newspapers, and magazines which have a large circulation and are supposed to present impartial news (which is fast becoming a joke), have an obligation not to sensationalize, for the purpose of street sales, or any other purpose, to the extent that foreign relations of the United States are affected.

In the case of the recent magazine article about the "brink of war" policy of Secretary of State Dulles, we think the article was harmful to his foreign policy, misleading and generally in poor taste.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Miss Irma Shera and Otto Stodola, both of Plattsmouth, were married by the Rev. Meyer at Papillion. . . Arnold Lillie was named by Democrats to run for mayor of Plattsmouth. Others named were M. D. Brown for treasurer; Bernard G. Wurl for clerk; C. L. Graves for police judge; R. F. Patterson, Don Seiver, Frank A. Rebal, Fred Vincent, and Walter Brittain for councilmen. . . Miss Mildred Knoflicek of Plattsmouth won a superior rating for violin and was awarded \$100 in the M-I-N-K meet at Peru State College. . . Harry Haws of Manley abandoned his car at Murray corner because of the snow drifts and nearly couldn't find it the next morning because it was covered with snow.

Friends of the President say he was more upset over this than any other recent event.

Irish Senator Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) had a laugh at Sir Anthony Eden's expense the other day, but Eden didn't know it.

The scene was the Senate floor just as the visiting British Prime Minister was entering to deliver his address to the senators. As the tall and distinguished Briton walked down the aisle, Humphrey strolled over to red-headed Boston Irishman, Sen. John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.), placed a hand on Kennedy's shoulder and said: "John, I'm all for a united Ireland and I know that you are too. Why don't you get up and say a few words about it while Mr. Eden's here?"

The backlash of Sen. Lyndon Johnson's revenge against opponents of the natural gas bill already has begun to be felt.

30 YEARS AGO

A mass meeting at Elmwood endorsed a bridge across the Missouri river at Plattsmouth with J. A. Gardner, editor of the Eagle Beacon, presiding. . . H. A. Schneider was re-elected president of the King of Trails Bridge company. . . Two Fords, one driven by Noel Golden with the sons of Ralph Door riding with him and another driven by Harold Oehlerking with passenger Herbert Reeves and two ladies, collided near Elmwood but no injuries were counted. . . Cass County Sheriff E. P. Steward and Deputy Sheriff Schaus rushed to the hills east of Union about 1 a.m. but did not find a wild party reported there. . . The Coates block, at the corner of Sixth and Main in Plattsmouth, was sold to Melvin Durkin of Omaha for \$45,000. . . A Plattsmouth man was sentenced to the state penitentiary for five years for receiving stolen goods.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

DEATH OF OREGON'S GOVERNOR PATTERSON UPSETS EISENHOWER; SENATOR KENNEDY URGED TO SPEAK ON IRISH PROBLEM DURING PRIME MINISTER EDEN'S SENATE VISIT; SENATOR SYMINGTON GETS STYMIED.

Washington—Two tragic deaths in the past few days have given pause to those concerned with picking the next President of the United States.

One was the death of Randolph Paul, one of the nation's greatest tax attorneys and former counsel of the Treasury Department. Paul probably had written more tax law than any other single man. Patriotically, he gave his time to Senate committees long after he left the government. A few years ago he had suffered from a heart attack, and this week while testifying before a Congressional committee on economic matters, suddenly slump-

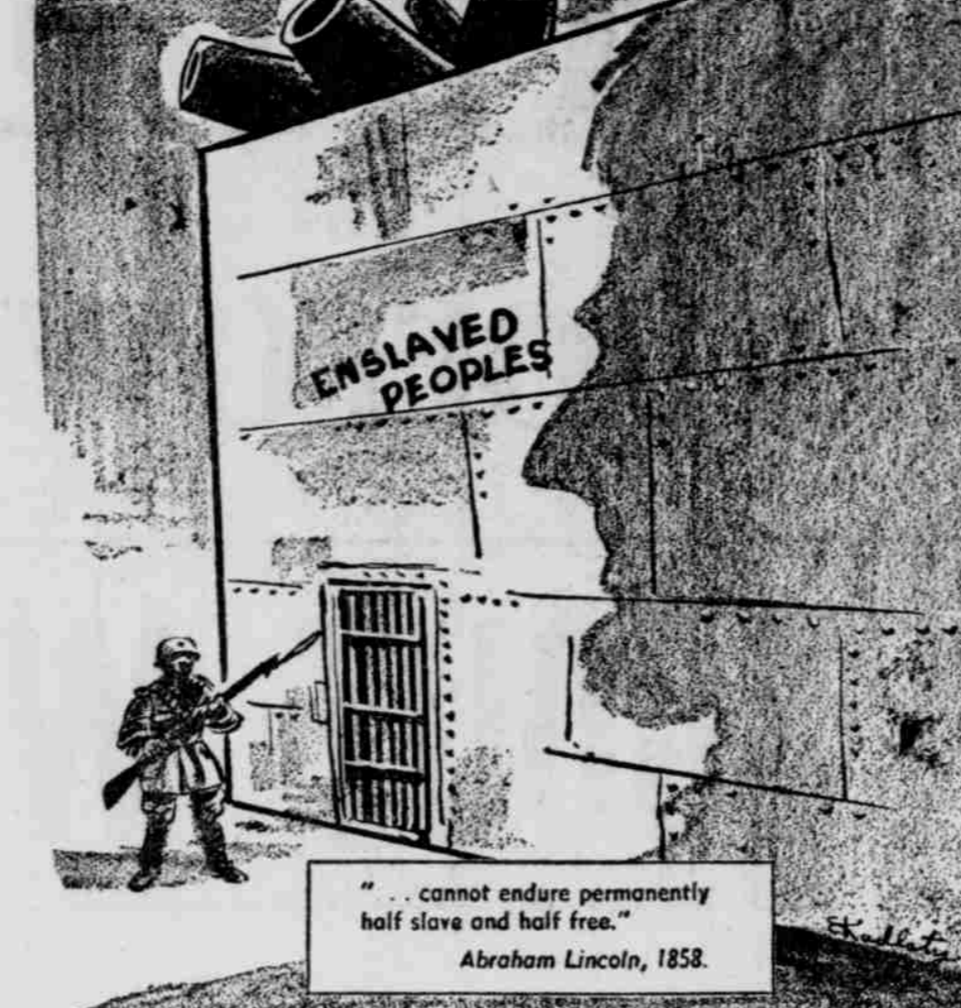
ed forward from a second attack and died within a period of seconds.

Paul was 65 years old, exactly the same age as the President. The second tragic death was that of Oregon's popular Paul Patterson, Republican, who also had been nursing a heart condition, but who had finally been persuaded to run for the Senate against Wayne Morse, Democrat.

Patterson had not wanted to run. Neither he nor his wife, Georgia, had been well during the past year. But political pressure mounted. Republicans were determined to get rid of Morse, who not only had rebelled against the Eisenhower administration but helped elect the first Oregon Democratic senator in 40 years, his former pupil, Richard Neuberger.

Among those who applied the heat to Patterson were John C. F. Higgins, ex-law partner of John Foster Dulles; Ted Gamble, theatre magnate and behind-the-scenes bigwig of the Oregon GOP; plus Paul B. McKee, president of Pacific Power and Light.

Good Counsel



The astute Lyndon, who in one term became one of the most powerful leaders in recent Senate history, has his likes and his dislikes. He plays favorites with open-faced charm and abandon. Then he can push a Senator or block him, can put him on a key committee or relegate him to the ragtag District of Columbia committee.

One of Lyndon's favorites in the past was Sen. Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), the able ex-Secretary of the Air Force. Lyndon even talked privately about making Symington a Presidential candidate if there was a deadlock at Chicago.

But not today. Today Lyndon is livid. For Symington made up his own mind on the natural gas bill. He was polite and cooperative with Lyndon, but he didn't fall for Lyndon's persuasive charm. He decided to vote against the bill.

So an interesting thing is happening in the Senate today. Symington wants to investigate our slackened air power. He knows we have fallen behind Russia, knows this is a danger to the national security. But he can't get permission to investigate.

Lyndon Johnson is chairman of a subcommittee to probe military waste and inefficiency, and he is not probing our slackened air power. Furthermore, when Symington has tried to get Senator Russell of Georgia, chairman of the full Armed Services Committee, to set up a special subcommittee, Russell says no. Russell is a close friend of Lyndon's. He knows what the score is.

So Symington is stymied. It's highly doubtful there will be any probe of air power—at least until Senator Symington of Missouri is fired for talking.

It doesn't pay to express your views against the Benson farm program if you want to keep a job with the government. This is what Lloyd Bohlike of Prosser, Wash., has just discovered after he appeared on a television program, "Questions Before the House."

Bohlike had been trying to operate an 80-acre potato farm near Prosser, but couldn't make both ends meet and had to quit. He knew the truth of what Secretary Benson had said about the difficulty of small one-man farming. But he got a job with the Kennewick Irrigation District near Yakima on Jan. 2. The job paid \$7,500. On Jan. 3, however, Bohlike made the mistake of appearing with Miss Virginia Burnside on her television program and spoke out frankly about the difficult problem the small farmer faces today. He also wasn't too complimentary to Benson's policies.

Shortly thereafter, Bohlike was fired by Reclamation Bureau of-

malicious working for Secretary of the Interior McKay. They replaced him with Van E. Nutley at \$10,000 annually.

Note—Bohlike was former master of the Rattlesnake Grange, had been a farmer for years, belonged to no left-wing groups.

2-Year Marine Enlistment Is Now Extended

The U. S. Marine recruiter in this area, Sergeant N. H. West, said today that two-year Marine Corps enlistment policy has proved to be popular with the young men of this area. As a result, Sergeant West has asked and received an increased quota for this type of enlistment. With this increased quota available the sergeant is authorized to enlist an unlimited number of qualified young men for the shorter two-year tour of active duty with the Marine Corps.

This program is especially attractive to young men who have already laid plans for civilian careers and desire to fulfill their obligated military service as quickly as possible.

Men may select the shorter two year enlistment and still qualify for the hundreds of Marine Corps technical schools in Marine aviation, sea and ground units; friends may enlist together and remain together throughout their recruit training at San Diego; high school graduates can plan on serving their obligated military service and make plans for a definite college entrance date.

Another important feature of the new program is that married men who are draft eligible or who will become draft eligible may now enlist for the two year active duty tour with the Marines.

Sergeant West who has his office at the Selective Service office, 3rd floor, court house, in Plattsmouth stated that he will visit this area every Tuesday afternoon or at 16th & Dodge Sts., Omaha.

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By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

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BIG BUILDING BOOM IN THE 60'S

A building boom in the 60's is assured and it's likely to be almost twice as big as the present one, says the Kiplinger Letter. Marriages are the major factor in the demand for new houses. Marriages are now at the rate of 1.5 million, yet they justify 1.3 million houses. In the early 60's, 1.8 million houses a year will be needed to accommodate the 2.1 million new marriages.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Game Bird

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