



WASHINGTON, July 4.—The Supreme Court has so boldly asserted assumed leadership in the last thirty days that crisis concerning the extent of its powers seems to be shaping up on Capitol Hill. Both the White House and Congress have been distributed by some of the recent decisions of the court—members of which have a surprising lack of judicial experience.

But despite this lack of experience on the bench, a left-wing bloc on the court, composed of Chief Justice Warren, and Associate Justices Hugo Black and William Douglas, now apparently includes recently appointed Associate Justice William J. Brennan. If these four obtain the support of any other Justice, or if the former three convince any other two of the six remaining Justices, they are in the middle.

When Chief Justice Fred Vinson, an appointee of former President Harry Truman, was alive he kept the court's powers within bounds. Now, however, the court is curbing the authority of the Executive and the Legislative branches of government and that of the states.

In Congress the first dead-serious reaction came in 1954 when the new model Supreme Court reversed an 8-1 decision of the same Supreme Court to tell the States that separate but equal facilities in education had to be the same facilities. This decision which was interpreted by professional racial groups as the beginning of an era in which force would be used to ram integration down everyone's throat and feeling in the South on a scale not seen in half a century.

Much of the steady progress toward equality stopped in its tracks, as a result. Of course in the border states the decision caused the integration of schools but in the areas where members of a minority race were quite numerous progress has been almost nil and state legislatures in a number of states have already passed bills ordering the closing of the public school system the first time a court orders immediate segregation of a public school within the state.

The bad feeling, economic competition and injured citizenry, on each side, in the educational tension created by the court's reversal of itself, has been surprising and integration has not been achieved in the South, to any extent. Knowing this would be the result, over a hundred members of Congress from southern states signed a resolution condemning the Supreme Court's usurpation of power in 1954 and its reversal of its earlier decision.

But then only Southern Congressmen worked themselves into a lather. Now Republicans and Democrats from all sections are disturbed. Serious concern began some time ago, when the high court knocked down a states' rights to hire or fire a pro-Communist employee. The court

curbed the powers of the states in other important cases, and the effects of its decision became a great source of aid to the Communists, who used the most liberal and idealistic interpretations plus sociology to win cases under the court's interpretation of laws and the Constitution.

Finally, not long ago, the high court went even further. It freed a group of Communists arrested and convicted under the Smith Act, which the court itself found constitutional some years back. The Smith Act makes it a crime:

1. To teach or advocate the overthrow of the U. S. Government by force; 2. To organize or help organize a group advocating violent overthrow; and 3. To become a member of such a group knowing its purpose.

Under the act Communists could get maximum sentence of only five years and a \$10,000 fine. The other day, in freeing the convicted Reds, the high court's decision was that one could advocate the overthrow of the government, so long as he did not incite action. But who can tell whether one's advocacy will incite action at a later date or not? In other words, in quibbling over the law, and giving the Smith Act a body blow, the court greatly eased the Communists' job in continuing to advocate the overthrow of the Government.

This decision, plus all the others, finally blew the lid off in Washington and even President Eisenhower himself was thoroughly disgusted. The court also ruled that defendants can look over secret FBI files, another blow to Ike and Congress. And it has greatly curbed the powers of Congress to investigate crooks, racketeers, Communists and un-American practices.

Neither Congress nor the Administration is going to take it any longer, lying down. Yet what can be done is a question. There is no easy way to curb abuses of power by the high court—a court now composed of reward-seeking politicians and not judges for the most part.

In The Service PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (PHOTO) — Marine Sgt. Robert L. Gaines (right), is congratulated by Col. John P. Leonard, Depot Controller, upon graduating second in his class from the Recruiters School at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

A Nice Rat Pack

The Dayton, Ohio, sheriff's office recently became concerned with the existence of a large pack of rats in the backyard of an eight-year-old woman. The rats, it was said, were being fed and cared for by the woman.

The sheriff's office represented by Deputy Dorothy Lochner, discovered that the old woman was feeding the rats daily and that they were being treated as pets. She reported that the rats were playing like kittens in the old lady's backyard.

The number of rats being fed, encouraged — and multiplying — was estimated at 1,000. Finally, the sheriff's office took action. The old woman was picked up and is being held until authorities can determine whether she is to be committed to a hospital. We do not know what has happened to the rats, but we assume that authorities in the area have given them the extermination treatment.

All of which goes to prove that some people have strange ideas about pets. A pack of a thousand rats, for example, would appeal to few of us. Maybe they have some good points we fail to appreciate.

There's No Limit

We read a story recently which reminded us that there are no limits on what a person can do in this life. Usually, the main limitation is one's own imagination.

The story we read concerned a couple who lived in New York and who were sick and tired of city life. They wanted a life of their own — in a small town.

Although it was a gamble, the couple decided to move to Charlottesville, Virginia, the home of Thomas Jefferson and try to make a go of it with a business of their own. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burke thereupon moved out of their New York City apartment.

Mrs. Burke had been experimenting for some time in mixing dried flowers with various herbs.

She finally believed she had found a pleasant mixture — not too sweet and not too pungent — having a wholesome and pleasing smell about it, and she and her husband planned the production of the little sachet bags, which were to be sold in stores.

At first the going was tough and the Burkes wondered if they would make it. They even had to buy some of their products on credit. But when the stores found they could sell the sachet bags and ordered more, the Burkes quickly got on their feet.

In about four years, they had a \$100,000 business going, had moved into an old plantation home near Charlottesville and were thoroughly enjoying their new life.

This is merely one example of a couple, apparently set in their lives, changing course and direction and making new horizons. This is an example to all those who need a change of environment in life. One can usually do anything he puts his mind to, if he has the necessary self-discipline to back up his decisions.

National Hot Dog Month

Newspaper editors all over the country recently received five pages of facts and data concerning National Hot Dog Month, which is July. Not only did the information sheet fail to knock us out of our seat, but, in addition, it brought to mind the extremes to which publicity is carried in the United States.

If governors and mayors do not have more to do than issue proclamations about Hot Dog Month and if beauty contestants vie for the title of Hot Dog Queen, then we guess that makes it official.

The longer we live the more we realize

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

A couple or three ton doesn't amount to very much unless you get hit by it instead of driving it.

The country used to be full of seamstresses that altered dresses to fit. Today, women folk go on a diet.

When you get to be 98 years old you don't have to worry much — statistics show that fewer people die at this age than any other.

A bachelor is a guy who didn't have a car when he was young.

A local farmer isn't too proud of his son's accomplishments at the university. He says they are learnin' him to spell taters with a "p."

A Plattsmouth father says his kid is growing as fast as the public debt.

A fellow told us it would be cool in his apartment if the landlord would run ice water through the radiators like he did last winter.

A budget will save you money. By the time you balance it every evening it is too late to go anywhere.

Most of the ballyhoo in life is unnecessary, and most of the highly publicized events, celebrations and observances are ninety per cent hokum. It is well for citizens who have something to contribute to their community to put their time and effort to worthwhile causes, and accomplish something, rather than fritter away time and efforts on nonsense.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

E. W. Thimgan of Plattsmouth was in Murray looking after the locating a number of WPA sanitary toilets. To date the force at Plattsmouth have made and installed some fifty of these units to private parties and schools — Edward G. Ofe named as commander of local American Legion, Milo Fulton and C. L. Pittman vice commanders. Officers were installed by Judge A. H. Duxbury — The Missouri Pacific railroad paid to Cass county the sum of \$4,636.19, half year payment of tax on the property of the company, including the terminal at Union John J. Cloldt, Jr. and Ronald Rebal left for Fort Crook to enter the CMTC at that place to enter military training for the month of July — Little Miss Janis Schmidtman returned home from Omaha where she has just undergone an ear operation — The wheat harvest was starting in the Weeping Water locality, the wheat looks good but has suffered some from rust. In the Murray community Curtis Faris and W. O. Troop were getting busy cutting the crop — The American Red Cross of Cass county held their meeting at Union and named C. Augustus Kobb as chairman, Elmer Sundstrom of Plattsmouth and Mrs. H. A. Tool of Murdock, secretary-treasurer.

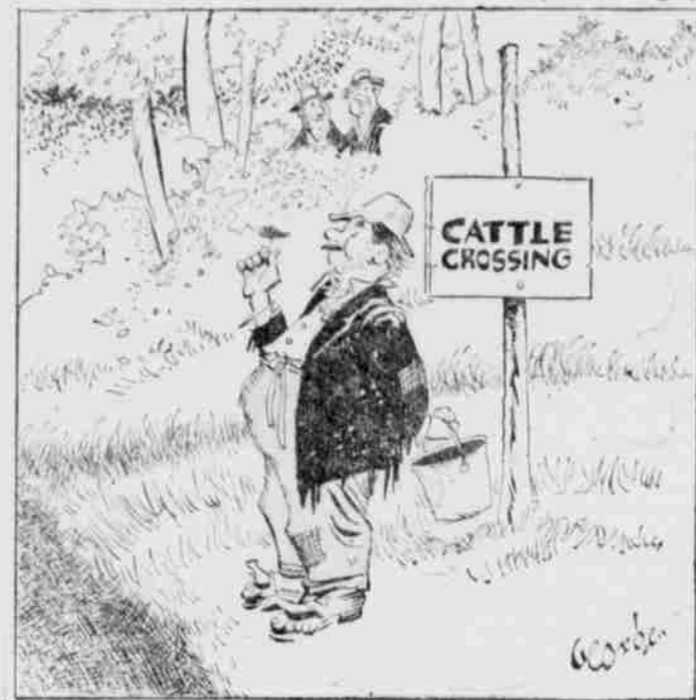
30 YEARS AGO

The C. C. Cotner bus line started operation of their line from Plattsmouth to Omaha, Mr. Cotner having secured a master 6 Buick for the line. The depot in Omaha is at the Hotel Henshaw and in Plattsmouth at Morgan's Sweet Shop — The home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Valley north of the city was scene of a very pleasant time as Mrs. Valley entertained some thirty young people in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Gertrude. Games were played and Janet Valley was winner of the guessing contest — An auto accident took place north of this city when the new Ford car of Clement Woster was in collision with a large seven passenger Studebaker touring car claimed to be owned by the Yellow bus line. Henry Woster was driving his brother's car which had just been purchased three days before. The bus swung in and hit the Woster car, damaging the fender and breaking off the front wheel. No one was injured in the accident. The bus was able to get under way and no action taken — The wedding of Miss Margaret Alwin and Carl Hall occurred at Denver.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND by DREW PEARSON

(Copyright, 1957, By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.) DREW PEARSON SAYS: STEEL PRICE INCREASE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER INCREASES; STEEL INCREASE CUTS OUT CHANCE OF TAX CUT NEXT YEAR; BUSINESS LEADERS GIVE BRONX CHEER TO IKE'S PRICE CONTROL WARNINGS.

WASHINGTON.—The increase in the price of steel will not be the only one to help hike the cost of living this summer. It will be followed by a chain reaction of price increases, all further decreasing the buying power of the white collar worker, the farmer, the school teacher, the oldest living on a pension, and anyone with a fixed or low income.



"Sam insists on cream in his coffee!"

Aluminum manufacturers are expected to ask a penny a pound more on Aug. 1, because of a 15 cent an hour wage boost. The meat and glass industries will increase prices. The price of men's fannels will go up three cents per pound, ammonia \$3 a ton, and the leading TV manufacturers will try to get \$20 more per set.

There's already been a lot of agitation about inflation. But you ain't seen nothing yet.

No Tax Cut in '58 Most important political effect of the increased cost of steel will not be felt until next January. This is the period when politicians will try to carry out that long awaited promise of a cut in taxes.

They won't admit it, but the inside fact is there will be no tax cut.

The reason is quite simple. The increased price of steel, together with other simultaneous, spiraling prices, will add \$4 billion to the budget. This just about absorbs the surplus on which both political parties based their promise of a tax cut.

It is no secret that the biggest bill Uncle Sam has to pay is for military hardware. This is the term given battleships, submarines, tanks, armored cars, trucks, and guns. So when the price of steel goes up, the man who feels it most is the Uncle who has to pay for this hardware.

There's another reason why there will be no tax cut. In addition to the \$4 billion extra for hardware, another extra billion will be added to the expense of Government because of higher interest rates. Uncle Sam will pay that extra billion just to borrow money.

Messrs. Humphrey and Burgess have hiked the interest rate on Government bonds to the highest point since the depression, with the result that interest on the national debt is also at an all-time high.

Ike Gets Kicked Twice President Eisenhower has appealed to business and labor to hold down prices and wages, and each time he has been promptly kicked in the teeth by the big business leaders who did so much to elect him. Here are the kicks.

Kick No. 1 came just before and after Feb. 6 when the President publicly stated: "When I said business and labor must exercise and must discharge their authority in conformity with the need of the United States, I wasn't merely asking them to be altruistic. Their long term good is involved, and I am asking them merely to act as enlightened Americans."

"Unless this happens, the United States then has to move in more firmly with so-called controls of some kind."

This got a private horse laugh from business. Reason was that, next day, Ike's own secretary of commerce, Sinclair Weeks, himself a big businessman figuratively kicked his boss in the teeth. He stated at his press conference that the administration was not considering wage and price controls at all.

The President had warned business and labor that unless they held down inflation "The United States has to move in more firmly with so-called controls." He did this for the obvious purpose of trying to get business to stop inflation.

Whereupon the man in charge of his business policy cut the ground right out from under his own president.

Kick No. 2 came from another big businessman, James Zellerebach, to whom Ike had given an important diplomatic plum — The ambassadorship to Italy. As Zellerebach took his post, he increased the price of paper sold by his crown Zellerebach company. This hit newspaper and magazines all over the nation.

Simultaneously, crown Zellerebach announced: "The most successful year in the company's 88-year history." Profits went up 13.4 per cent over the preced-

ing year. Despite this and despite Ike's appeal to stop inflation, his own ambassador brazenly added to inflation.

Kick No. 3 came last week when the Giant U. S. Steel company jacked up its prices just one day after the President again appealed to keep prices down.

Behind The Horse Laugh There's an interesting reason for the business horse laugh regarding the President's warnings.

They figure he doesn't really mean them, that he has no idea of ever getting tough. They base this not only on the Sinclair Weeks' denial but on the well-known Eisenhower policy of "Reward your opponents."

For instance, business leaders all knew that Eisenhower did nothing about Zellerebach's price increase — except continue him in the choice reward of ambassador to Italy. They also knew that Ben Fairless, chief power behind U. S. Steel for years, had been rewarded by Ike. He was appointed coordinator of the President's citizen advisers on the mutual security program.

For several weeks it was known that U. S. Steel was going to hike prices on July 1. It had been printed in the trade press and was reported by this writer. Obviously the White House knew it. But no heat was applied to Ben Fairless and other steel moguls, most of them heavy contributors to the Eisenhower election campaign. Technically Ben Fairless is out of the steel corporation, but he still exercises potent influence.

So business leaders, watching the Eisenhower policy of sweeteners and light, go blithely on their price-raising way.

Note — In his last press conference, the President reversed his Feb. 6 warning that there might be wage and price controls. He said controls were the way to bring the socialism which Khrushchev predicted for the USA. Many economists say that uncontrolled inflation is a quicker way to bring it. Inflation has already brought socialism to a good part of Europe.

CPPD Takers Third Top Safety Award

NEW YORK CITY — Consumers Public Power District of Nebraska Thursday evening was named winner for the third consecutive year of the American Public Power Association's top safety award.

The 1956 award, for utilities or more during the year, was presented at the annual APPA safety award banquet held Thursday evening by Floyd Guss, of Los Angeles, chairman of the APPA's safety committee. The award was accepted by Lloyd Lundin, of Columbus, Consumers' personnel director.

Consumers, with about 1,100 employees, recorded 2,077,134 man-hours of work during 1956. The first-place award went to Consumers in the Class "A" division of Consumers' low accident frequency rate of 4.33 for each million man-hours worked. Also, Consumers had only nine employees hurt on the job and forced to lose working time during the 12-month period.

Previous awards were presented to Consumers in 1954 when CPPD had an accident frequency rate of 1.92 (CPPD's best) for each million man-hours worked; in 1955 when Consumers had an accident frequency rate of 4.83.

The award to Consumers and other utilities around the nation were presented on the final day of APPA's three-day annual meeting.

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Corn Borers May Be On Short Rations

LINCOLN—Corn borers will be short of food for the next month, Robert E. Roselle, extension entomologist at the University of Nebraska, reported today.

Most of the corn planted in Nebraska is too small to be attractive to the first brood of corn borers. Corn must be about 24 inches tall before the little borers can survive.

If the corn growth was at the right stage, the number that overwintered, although not extremely high could cause some trouble, the entomologist added.

Corn borers prefer to deposit eggs on corn that is 36 inches or higher in June. Since only a few fields will be far enough advanced to attract the first brood, the corn borers will likely turn to oats, weeds and other plants to support their population.

The second brood borers in late July and August might find corn to their liking, however it is impossible to predict the threat this early in the season, Roselle said.

Roselle advises farmers to check with their county agent about the first of August for the second brood situation.

Aphids Should Not Be Deemed Helps Calves

LINCOLN — Aphids, although still present in wheat and oat fields, should not be considered an economic pest, Robert E. Roselle, extension entomologist at the University of Nebraska reported today.

The small, greenish aphids with black legs rarely require control unless they are present in large numbers throughout the field. If present in large numbers shriveled kernels will result, Roselle said.

Most infestations this spring have been found only in spots in fields and control recommendations have not been made in most cases.

June is the latest month in the spring they will build up, and warmer weather is not conducive to rapid reproduction, Roselle said.

Roselle advises farmers to keep an eye on fields and to contact county agents for control recommendations if aphids occur in large numbers.

LETTER BOX

The Journal welcomes letters from readers for this column on any subject. Your name must be signed on all articles intended for publication. However, by request, it can be omitted from the letter appearing in print. (Comments do not necessarily express the opinion of this newspaper)

To the Editor: The Nebraska Society of Long Beach appreciates your courtesy in publication of announcements in the past of the two parties yearly of present and former residents of Nebraska. They were 1955 names registered at the January picnic. The summer picnic of Nebraskans will be in Bixby Park, Long Beach, Calif., Saturday July 20, 1957. Registrations will be by Nebraska Counties, making possible reunion of friends of the early days of the home state. J. B. Crompton, President Paul A. Dunham, Secretary

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes a 'Large Dog' illustration and a 'Here's the Answer' key.