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TAFT ERRS, BLUFFS AND BUSTS ON TV

Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, lost his temper and a good deal of face in a stormy "Meet the Press" television program over the NBC television network on May 28.

At one point in the program, Senator Taft became so irritated that he refused flatly to answer a question and the moderator announced that the Ohio Republican would be given a "breathing spell" during which to recover his poise.

The cause of Senator Taft's mental upset, in full view of perhaps millions in the television audience, was a series of sharp questions from three newsmen and one newspaperwoman challenging the Senator's views on foreign policy.

First, Taft said he opposed the Atlantic Pact on the ground that the United States could not undertake to arm Europe against the threat of attack by Soviet Russia because it would cost too much.

He also remarked, rather sneeringly, that it was doubtful whether the European nations receiving military assistance from us would really resist a Russian attack and that the arms we contributed probably would fall into Soviet hands.

In response to questions, Taft admitted he had favored giving arms to Greece and Turkey when they were threatened by Communist attacks and he said these programs were a success. He also said he favored giving military aid to the Chinese nationalists at Formosa and to the democratic forces in Indo-China.

Asked to reconcile these contradictory policies, Taft blustered that aid to Europe would cost too much and then lost his temper and angrily refused to answer further questions on the subject. He said he had agreed to go on the program to state his opinions but would not enter into argument or debate on his opinions.

After a charitable pause, the program resumed with Taft smilingly declaring in response to a political question that there was no such thing as a reactionary or a liberal.

A little later, he used the term "reactionary," himself, when he was caught up on this contradiction, he blundered into a definition of what constitutes a reactionary and a liberal. He said a reactionary is against all change and, in fact, wants to go back to the past, while a liberal is open to reasonable changes.

No one asked Taft what category he belonged to, perhaps because the answer was so obvious.

GOMPERS PEN SALE HELPS UNION FIRM

AFL unions can help a fair-dealing union label company by ordering Samuel Gompers Centennial Union Label Fountain Pens in quantities from S. Buchsbaum & Company, 1737 South Michigan Ave., Chicago.

Samuel Laderman, president of Local 241, AFL Chemical Workers Union, reports that 600 members employed by the company are idle because non-union merchandise is being dumped in the Chicago market.

"Owing to the excellent labor-management relationship which has existed between our union and S. Buchsbaum & Company for the last 10 years, we deem it our obligation to help them and the only way we can do that is through the promotion of our union label, and they are the only manufacturer so far using our label," Mr. Laderman said.

In addition, Mr. Laderman said the union is trying to promote the union label, thereby preserving hard-won standards, and to commemorate the name of Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the AFL born 100 years ago.

The pens, \$1 each in quantity lots, can be ordered from the company directly or Mr. Laderman, 1118 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 5, Ill.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE PRAISED BY TRUMAN

President Truman in a special message to the Workmen's Circle, largest Jewish labor fraternal organization in the nation, said that the order, "by serving its members through its programs of fraternal benefits and insurance, and through its labor and citizenship activities, has likewise served the entire community and benefitted the public welfare."

President Truman's greeting was received on the eve of the gala Madison Square Garden opening of the Workmen's Circle 60th Anniversary Convention on May 28. The sessions of the national gathering were attended by delegates representing more than 700 branches from some 40 states and Canadian provinces.

AFL President William Green and other AFL leaders extended greetings.

Mr. Truman said in part: "Throughout the entire half century of its existence the Workmen's Circle has been an important factor in the lives of Jewish immigrants in this country. It is particularly gratifying to know that you have grown from a small organization to one of more than 70,000 members devoted to the advancement of the Jewish immigrants as workers and citizens of the American community."

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Many Persons Do Not File for Old Age Pensions

Of increasing concern to the Social Security Administration is the fact that many potential beneficiaries under the Old-Age and Survivors Insured program are losing benefits because they fail to file applications promptly. This statement was made today by Lone T. Proctor, manager of the Charlotte Social Security office.

In a recent study conducted by the local office, it was disclosed that more than 11.5 per cent of living wage earner claimants and 1.5 per cent of survivors claimants in the Charlotte area lost benefits during 1949, he added. Losses to these persons ranged from \$10.00 to more than \$1,000 in total payments. An analysis of the study indicated that the chief reasons for these losses were that workers and their families were not aware of their full rights and privileges under the Social Security Act and, to a lesser extent, that they had received erroneous information from unofficial and unreliable sources.

The Social Security Administration has no way of knowing when a worker retires, whether the retirement be temporary or permanent, Mr. Proctor said. In order to protect his interests the worker should file a claim for benefits if he has worked under Social Security, has reached age 65 and has retired from employment under the law. An employee who is nearing 65 should contact the Social Security office to find out his status under the provisions of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program. Retired workers are not the only persons who are losing benefits, continued the local manager. Survivors of deceased workers are likewise losing benefits by failing to file their claims promptly.

Benefits are not payable unless a formal application is filed by the claimant at a Social Security field office. Benefits that are lost through delay in filing cannot be recovered.

Mr. Proctor pointed out that employers are playing an important part in reducing losses. As a part of their personnel relations program, the larger industries are periodically informing each of their employees that they can claim benefits for any month in which he earns less than \$15.00, provided, of course, he is 65 years of age and has worked long enough in covered employment to be fully insured. These alert and progressive employers are encouraging survivors of deceased workers (regardless of a worker's age at death) to contact the nearest social security office in order to protect their claim rights.

The Charlotte Social Security office is located at 122 East Third Street. Office hours are from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., Monday through Friday. This office serves the residents of Anson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Stanly, and Union counties. Interested persons are urged to obtain official information regarding their rights through this office.

FLORIDA'S TOM WATSON DEFEATED

Tampa, Fla.—J. Tom Watson, former Attorney General of Florida and supporter of the Florida Anti-Closed Shop Amendment, was roundly defeated in his race for United States Congress for the Tampa District.

Tom Watson had made a spectacle of himself when he stood out as an enemy of Organized Labor in Florida for many years. He sought election to the Congress among the field of three candidates and barely got into the second primary by virtue of strategic court action through which he garnered a questionable 100 votes for himself which placed him in the run-off with Chester B. McMullin of Clearwater, Florida.

Latest results in the election on Tuesday, May 23, are McMullin 58,000, Watson 38,000.

GOD'S MINUTES

I have only a minute—
Only sixty seconds in it—
Forced upon me—
Can't refuse it—
Didn't seek it—
Didn't choose it—
But it's up to me to USE it—
I must suffer if I LOSE it—

Two Vet Training Extension Orders

A 60-day extension of certain time limits covering compliance with veterans' apprentice-training regulations and student-learner regulations that permit the payment of subminimum wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act is announced today by the U. S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions.

These time limits, scheduled to expire today, are extended to July 25 in two orders signed by Administrator Wm. R. McComb and scheduled for publication today in the Federal Register.

In a previous order, effective January 25, the Administrator directed that, until May 25, a written approval by a State agency authorized under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 as amended (the G. I. Bill of Rights), of a training program and an apprentice-training agreement on the basis of which a veteran is eligible to receive a subsistence allowance, would constitute a temporary certificate authorizing the employment of the veteran, at wage rates between 40 cents and 70 cents an hour. The order further provided that at the earliest possible date within this period the employer of such veteran, if subject to the Wage-Hour Law, should file a copy of the approved program and agreement with the Administrator.

McComb advised Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin that the extension of time to July 25 is necessary for two reasons. First, to prevent possible curtailment of opportunities for employment. Second, to give employers subject to the order more time in which to file their programs and agreements. After July 25, he said, those employers who have not so filed will be deemed to be in violation of the minimum wage provision of the law and will be required to pay their veteran apprentices 75 cents an hour. He added that no part of a subsistence allowance granted such veterans by the Veterans Administration may be considered as wages from the employer.

The Administrator's order applies only to those apprentice-training courses requiring two years or more training in accordance with the G. I. Bill. It does not apply to vocational rehabilitation programs for disabled veterans administered by the Veterans Administration nor to veterans employed in on-the-job training programs of less than two years. Authority to employ veterans under the latter programs must be obtained by making application to the Wage and Hour Division in accordance with existing learner, or student-learner, regulations.

The student-learner regulations were revised last January 25. The revision provided that under certain specified conditions the written approval of the employment of a student-learner under a co-operative work-study program, trade school, or other type of cooperative vocational training program by a State Commissioner of Education or a local Board of Education shall constitute a temporary certificate authorizing the employment of the student-learner under such program at wage rates less than 75 cents an hour but not less than 56 1/4 cents an hour until May 25.

McComb said that vocational training programs in general have complied with the regulations and that the temporary exemption is now extended only to allow more time for the Divisions to study the programs in a few large cities.

Are you listening to Frank Edwards?

Reader's Courtroom

Parental Interference
"Sorry" Won't Help
Fragile Reputation
By Will Bernard, L.L.B.

State laws vary. For personal guidance, see your local attorney.

May a Father Mix into the Affairs of His Married Daughter?

Despite parental objections, a co-ed ran off with a garage mechanic and got married. She soon found out that married life wasn't as pleasant as she had expected, and in three weeks she had moved back home. Her husband thereupon sued her father for alienation of affections, claiming that he had talked the girl into believing she had made a mistake. But the court refused to hold the father liable. The judge said that parents have a right to "but into" their daughter's marriage, if they do so sincerely—out of love for their child, not hate for her husband. "From whom should a girl seek advice," exclaimed His Honor, "if not from her own parents?"



Does It Help to Say You're Sorry—After Shooting Somebody?
A man and his wife began arguing about household expenses one evening, and the fight waxed hotter and hotter. Finally the wife seized a gun and fired. The bullet missed her husband, flew out the window, and felled the man next door, injuring him fatally. The woman was arrested and brought to trial on a homicide charge. In an effort to minimize her guilt, the woman told the court that she had apologized to the neighbor's widow—and even offered to pay the funeral expenses. But the court ruled out this "irrelevant" evidence and found the woman guilty as charged. The judge said that repentant words don't help at all—after the criminal deed is done.

May a School Superintendent Be Fired if Involved in a Scandal?

A school superintendent in a certain town was indicted on a charge of immorality. Without waiting to see if he would be found guilty, the school board removed the man from his position. He promptly challenged the validity of this move, on the ground that a person should be considered innocent until found guilty. However, the court upheld the board's action. The judge said that the scandal alone, whether justified or not, was enough to impair the superintendent's usefulness to the community. "Not only a good character," said the judge, "but also a good reputation is essential in such a position."

May You Denounce An Auto Dealer For "Selling Lemons"?

A woman bought a car from a dealer. Although the car worked all right, she soon decided that she didn't like it. One morning the woman hung several lemons on the sides of the vehicle, along with signs warning the public against buying other "lemons" from this particular dealer. Soon the man



filed suit for a stop-order. At the hearing the woman insisted that she couldn't be prevented from speaking her mind, but the court ordered her to cease her campaign. While admitting some judicial disagreement on the point, His Honor decided that he should stop the woman's deliberate attack on the dealer's business.

Ouster proceedings were filed against a certain judge, on grounds of "habitual drunkenness." It seems that His Honor would go on an all-day spree once a month, and often had to be helped home. At the hearing he said his drinking wasn't "habitual"—because he often stayed sober for weeks at a time! But the court ruled that he wasn't fit for his job. The court said that drunkenness is a habit when it happens this often—even though there may be intervals of sobriety!

LABOR produces all our goods, And delivers them everywhere; Labor services all our needs— And demands an honest share.

THE REFINER'S FIRE

He sat by a fire of seven fold heat,
As he watched by the precious ore,
And closer he bent with a searching gaze
As he heated it more and more.
He knew He had ore that could stand the test,
And He wanted the finest gold
To mold as a crown for the King to wear,
Set with gems with a price untold.

So He laid our gold in the burning fire,
Though we fain would have said Him "Nay,"
And He watched the dross that we had not seen,
And it melted and passed away.

And the gold grew brighter and yet more bright,
But our eyes were so dim with tears,
We saw but the fire—not the Master's hand—
And questioned with anxious fears.

Yet our gold shown out with a richer glow,
As it mirrored a Form above,
That bent o'er the fire, though unseen by us,
With a look of ineffable love.

Can we think that it pleases His loving heart
To cause us a moment's pain? Ah, no! but He saw through the present cross
The bliss of eternal gain.

So He waited there with a watchful eye,
With a love that is strong and sure,
And His gold did not suffer a bit more heat
Than we needed to make it pure.

—Copied.

THE BEST SERMONS

I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one any day.
I'd rather one would walk with me than merely tell the way.
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear.
Oft counsel is confusing, but example's always clear.

The best of all the preachers are the men who love their creed; For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.
I can learn the lesson sooner if I can see it done.
I can watch you in action, but your tongue too fast may run.

The lectures you deliver may be very wise and true; But I'd rather get the matter by seeing what you do.
I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give; But there is no misunderstanding how you act and live.

All travelers will witness that the best of guides today Are not the ones that tell them, but the ones that show the way.

A good man teaches many; folks believe what they behold.
One deed of kindness noticed is worth forty that are told.

Who stands with men of honor learns to hold his honor dear; For right living speaks a language which to everyone is clear.

Tho' an able speaker claims some with his eloquence, I say, I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day.

—Sent in.

NIGHT AND LIGHT

By Leslie C. Rusher
Sin's mantle blacken out hope's glow,
And death reigns on a throne of woe;
Despair's dark flag, in night unfurled,
Casts deeper shades o'er a graveyard world;
Souls vainly search where light has been,
While stygian gloom enwraps the scene.
It is Night!

There's a Warrior leaving the realms sublime,
He is making His way to the world of time;
A kingly crown is on His head,
And He carries a banner, 'tis blood-stained, red;
Sin, death and hell can hold no sway
When the King of the skies is on His way!
It is Light!

Are you listening to Frank Edwards' radio broadcasts?

BAKERY WORKERS WIN MERITA

Atlanta, Ga.—The Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America announces the winning of several NLRB elections and the organization of several shops without the aid of the National Labor Relations Board.

Vice President Amos W. Miller, Chattanooga, Tennessee, reported to J. L. Rhodes, Southern Director of Organization, American Federation of Labor, that a project to organize the American Bakeries plants at several cities in the South has been signally successful. Elections have been won in Florence, South Carolina, High Point, North Carolina, and Jacksonville, Florida. The combined vote in all these elections was an overwhelming union sentiment vote. In the Florence, South Carolina, plant a Union Shop election was held and the employees voted 127 to 1 to authorize the establishment of a Union Shop in the plant.

Vice President Miller stated that Stewart's Potato Chip Company at Chattanooga, Tennessee, Butter Krust Bakery at Tampa, Florida, and Lloyd Bakery at Aniston, Alabama, had been organized. Although these plants do not come under the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board, they nevertheless, are now operating as organized plants.

The Bakery and Confectionery Worker's International Union of America is continuing its organizing activities among the American Bakeries plants and expects to be in a position to represent all the employees of this company in its national chain of bakeries.

N. C. DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

RALEIGH, N. C.—Driver's license examiners of the Department of Motor Vehicles are faced with the problem of issuing approximately 110,000 licenses to drivers in North Carolina during the next month and a half, Department officials pointed out today.

More than 40,000 of this number will go to drivers of for hire vehicles, while an estimated 70,000 will be issued to drivers of private cars. The Department began issuing licenses to chauffeurs two weeks early this year in an effort to avoid a last minute rush when the June 30 deadline arrives, but so far persons in this group have been slow to report for renewal of their licenses.

Previously issuance of chauffeur's licenses has begun on May 15, but the date for obtaining 1950-51 licenses this year was moved back to May 1. More than 40,000 licenses were issued to drivers of for hire vehicles in 1949-50 and a larger number of applications are expected for the next fiscal year.

Drivers whose last names begin with N, O, P or Q also must obtain renewals of their licenses by June 30. Approximately 180,000 persons are included in the N through Q category. Only 110,000 have obtained their new licenses to date. Issuance began on January 1. Persons whose surnames begin with R, S or T will get their new licenses beginning July 1.

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