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HGEA Passes Dues Hike; Asks Legality

The problems of democratic process have the Hawaiian Government Employees Assn. in at least a temporary dither.

The HGEA's Territory-wide general council passed a resolution to increase dues from \$1 per month to \$1.50 to defray the expenses of more staff work. The general membership approved that decision by a vote.

But still the dues haven't been raised and the board of directors has asked an opinion of its attorney, Michiro Watanabe, as to whether or not it can start collecting the dues.

There are, it seems, complications on which the board of directors can't agree, foremost of these being that the membership approved the increase by only a small majority. And since many mem-

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Kido Seeks Views Of Sand Is. Hazard

Bd. To Air Facts Planning Comm. Refused To Ask

Sup. Mitsuyuki Kido said this week he will "strongly invite" safety engineers, as yet unheard on the proposed oil refinery on Sand Island, to give their opinions before the board of supervisors.

Since the illness of Sup. Noble Kauhane, Kido has served as chairman of the public works committee.

Kido's statement came on the heels of a surprise meeting of the C-C planning commission Tuesday at which the commission rezoned Sand Island for "noxious industries," making it available for the proposed \$30,000,000 refinery Standard Oil of California seeks to construct there.

But the planning commission action must be approved by the board of supervisors.

Kido, in promising to invite the safety engineers, said he cannot understand why those in official capacity have not come forward already to give opinions either approving or disapproving the project.

Houghtalling Changed Mind Joining him in this sentiment was George Houghtalling, C-C planning engineer, who told the RECORD last week he planned to extend special invitations to safety engineers. Later, while powerful forces were pushing the planning commission toward Tuesday's sur-

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Local Japanese Hit Tax On Social Security by Japan; Oshio Explains

Complaints against the Japanese government's taxing of U.S. social security payments to aliens who return to Japan from Hawaii have caused the local Japanese consulate general to report the matter to the home government.

Vice Consul Torao Oshio explained this week that the Japanese government is following the law which provides for such a levy.

Pension payments are taxed on a graduated scale in Japan, he said. There is no social security in Japan.

Complaints against the tax have appeared in local Japanese newspapers, but Vice Consul Oshio said direct complaints to the consu-

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Officer Faria Shows No Aloha To Wild Waikiki Motorist Who Runs Over Foot

It doesn't do any good to appeal to Officer Chris Faria's sense of Hawaiian hospitality—not even in Waikiki and not even when you offer him a chicken dinner. It doesn't do any good, that is, when you've just run an automobile over his foot and then sped five blocks through the night with no lights and, in Faria's opinion, endangering the lives of other people all the way.

That was what J.H. Spahn found out last Sunday night.

Hailed by Faria, on motor patrol along with another officer, Spahn didn't wait for a ticket for a traffic infraction that Faria was writing out for him. He made his move while Faria was still standing in the street at the corner of Kuhio and Kalakaua.

That move was to take off in a hurry in his yellow Mercury, running over Faria's foot in the process. The officer jumped into his own car and pursued, his siren going full blast.

By the time he had caught up

with the yellow Mercury, at the corner of Ohua and Kalakaua, Spahn and his wife had left their car and were going into an apartment house. Faria apprehended the driver on the steps and put the handcuffs on him, and it was then the plea about Hawaiian hospitality came up.

"Where's your Hawaiian hospitality?" bystanders heard him say. "Where's your Christmas spirit?"

No Aloha For Careless Drivers Faria answered that he didn't have any when it came to driving like that. When some of the bystanders asked about a little hospitality for the driver, Faria told them he might have killed somebody.

So Spahn was taken to the station, along with his wife who'd been riding along, and booked on three charges instead of one. They were: careless driving, driving without a light and speeding.

Though some officers have been accused of enforcing the law with a lighter hand in Waikiki and in high places than elsewhere, the

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Hawaii Spends Less for Education Than 28 "Poorer States"—Clopton

The Territory with annual per capita income (\$1,704) that's within 4 per cent of the national average spends less per student in schools than 17 of the 28 states with per capita income less than that of Hawaii.

"Only two of the 28 'poorer states' spend less per student enrolled in state-supported institutions of higher education than does Hawaii!" according to an article in The Oahu Democrat (fall issue).

Some of the 28 "poorer states" spend a lot more than Hawaii does, Robert Clopton, professor of education at the University of Hawaii, writes in The Oahu Democrat.

He cites Kansas with a per capita income of \$1,689 that spends 38 per cent more per student in public schools than Hawaii with a per capita income of \$1,704.

Professor Clopton writes: "Hawaii's public school program costs each resident of the islands \$42.24 per year. But the residents of seventeen of the 28 states with lower per capita income pay more than this amount—some of them a great deal more. The resident of Arizona pays 147 per cent as much; of New Mexico, 143 per cent as much; of Minnesota and Colorado,

more than one-fourth again as much as does the resident of Hawaii!

"What do these figures mean in terms of actual ability to pay?"

Only 3 Pay So Little

"The \$42.24 which is each resident's share of the annual cost of Hawaii's public schools comes to 2.4788 per cent of the \$1,704 which represents his proportionate share of the total income. In only three of the 28 'poorer states' do residents pay such a small percentage of their total income to support public schools!"

The Territory's expenditure for higher education is \$98.80 per student per year, compared to \$1,205.97, the average of current expenditures per student enrolled in state-supported colleges and

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

It Pays To Advertise— In the Record

Frank Fasi, who is rapidly becoming the Meddlesome Mattie of the Democratic Party here, has done us a favor again. In doing so, he has pretty obviously quoted Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler on matters Butler hadn't chosen to make public here.

To those who watched Fasi jump to make the headlines last week by beating Sen. Estes Kefauver to the papers with an announcement of the senator's candidacy for President—and this from a friendly wire Kefauver had sent Fasi—this latest breach of political trust is no surprise.

Anyhow, our local Meddlesome Matilda did us a favor by going on the radio to say Butler had told local Democrats not to advertise in the RECORD. Of course, the "commentator" who gives the "news the newspapers won't print," as usual failed to tell all the story, and he failed to tell the advice Butler had given him. But he did the RECORD a favor by bringing out a subject in a manner that allows us to make some pertinent comments ourselves.

Maybe with the Star-Bulletin editorializing about "Cuddling up to the Honolulu Record," it's time to tell the whole story, in any case.

The Star-Bulletin and the Advertiser, of course, are anxious to split Democratic unity here and Fasi, viewing an almost solid Democratic front against him, may be quite as favorable to a split—somewhat like that of the walkout of 1950. Probably he would applaud right along with the dailies and their Big Five backers.

But the whole truth is another matter. Certainly it is true Butler told local Democrats that, if he were

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Planning Comm. Jumps To Okay Sand Island Rezone; Who Held Shotgun?

By EDWARD ROHBROUGH The C-C planning commission rezoned Sand Island to make way for a \$30,000,000 oil refinery Tuesday with the nervousness of bridegrooms at a shotgun wedding.

But a whole day later, no one would admit he had held the shotgun.

Tuesday's meeting and vote took many interested parties by surprise since the commission had previously deferred action until mid-January. Also, it ignored the possible findings of a report from the U.S. public health service on dangers of smog, a report which it had requested and which is

being airmailed to the islands. It further ignored the absence of one opposing commissioner, David K. Bent, on the Mainland and further ignored a cable from him asking action be deferred until he returned.

The action lent much credence to words of a territorial official, quoted in last week's RECORD, to the effect that the Sand Island sale will go through on Jan. 6 and contractors move in to begin building on Jan. 7, no matter what anybody says.

The vote of 6-2 by which the rezoning was approved was a

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Automation at Plymouth

Automation at the Plymouth division of the Chrysler Corp. makes Ford's famous Cleveland plant look a little antiquated. At the Plymouth factory unveiled recently, after the blocks are automatically machined, parts are assembled and the assembled engines are tested automatically.

It takes about 150 men to produce 150 Qualmatic V-8 engines an hour. Some operations, such as setting the tapets, still require workers but in time they will be incorporated into the machine's operation.

The quarter-mile-long machine that is turning out Plymouth engines was built by the Cross Co. This builder of automation equipment is building a new \$5,000,000 plant in Detroit. The Cross Co. which builds automatic machines that displace thousands of workers employs only 500.

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universities for all 28 "poorer states," Professor Clopton writes.

"It's worthy of note," he continues, "that more of Hawaii's cost per student is contributed by the students themselves, in the form of tuition, than is the case in any of the 28 'poorer states.' This fact means that public support of higher education in Hawaii is even more niggardly than the comparison of figures indicates!"

What is the cost of higher education on per capita basis?

In the Territory residents pay an average of \$9.17 per person to support the University of Hawaii to carry on its current program. The residents of all 28 of the "poorer states" pay an average of \$10.11 each to maintain higher education. In 11 of the 28 states, residents pay more than \$12 apiece to support higher education.

King, GOP Criticized
"What then about the standard

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of 'ability to pay?' Professor Clopton asks.

"Hawaii per capita support of higher education, \$9.17, represents 53.81 per cent of the \$1,704 per capita income figure. Only four of the 28 'poorer states' show figures as small as this! In 24 of these states the residents pay a larger proportion of their income to support public colleges and universities. In five of the states, the proportion is twice as large."

Professor Clopton criticizes Governor Sam King, the interests he represents and the controlling elements of the Republican Party for the situation existing in public education.

Provided "they are equitably assessed," he writes, "more and more clearly and unmistakably the people have indicated their willingness to pay increased taxes in order to provide funds for a public school

system and university of the sort that's good enough for their children."

"The disgrace of Hawaii's position near the bottom of the list of the poorest states in the Union in the support of public education appears to be of no concern to the Governor, or the interests which he chooses to represent. Nor, if truth is told, is there any evidence that it is of concern to the controlling elements of the Republican Party."

Song of Poverty

"The song of Hawaii's poverty has been sung so long, so loud, and so often," Professor Clopton writes, "that even when the Board of Commissioners for Public Instruction and the Board of Regents of the University submit their budget estimates, they request far less than they know to be necessary for a really good program of public education."

Another article in The Oahu Democrat says that the DPI, for example, requested \$340,000 for

educational and recreational supplies for elementary, intermediate and high schools. The governor cut this request in preparing his budget for legislative action to \$170,000, or in half. The Democratic-controlled legislature restored the original amount in the budget bill.

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Reaction To Stories On Record Advertisers Hits Star-Bull, Fasi

Results of recent publicity in the dailies regarding politicians who advertise in the RECORD were of, perhaps, somewhat different nature than the dailies might have expected.

Some elected officials told the RECORD the dailies had pressured them for advertisements, one charging the Star-Bulletin finally published his name in its greeting list against his refusal to the agent.

And one Democrat told the RECORD he had received \$5 in an envelope along with a note advising him, "If you want to put an ad in the Honolulu RECORD, this is to help you do it for nothing." The note was signed.

One told of a strong Democrat who came into a store profanely angry over the kind of publicity that had been given the Democrats—and he said it was hard to tell whom he was cussing the most, the Star-Bulletin or Frank Fasi.

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they, he wouldn't advertise in the RECORD, but at the same time he did no favors to the Big Five dailies. He told local Democrats he didn't advocate advertising in the Star-Bulletin and the Advertiser, either. He advised more advertising in the Japanese dailies, instead.

Even that kind of talk didn't go unanswered. Several Democrats let Butler know they felt it is their own business where they advertise. Best information is he began to pull back on that issue when it looked as though he might get more argument than he bargained for.

Butler hadn't intended any of this to be public, of course, but Fasi went on the air with it and the upshot was Butler was forced to take a public position.

Possibly to Fasi's relief, Butler didn't make public some advice he had given Fasi, himself. That was to the effect that Fasi will have to make up his mind whether or not he'll be a candidate for mayor of Honolulu, Democratic national committeeman or a radio commentator.

From Frank's latest caper, it would appear he hasn't made up his mind yet. But he certainly made up his mind not to tell his radio audience about that piece of Butler's advice.

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For instance, Leonard K. Fong, former C-C auditor, advertised in the RECORD in both 1950 and 1952 and won both times. In 1954, influenced perhaps by the hammering of his party colleagues, he withheld his advertisement. James K. Murakami, his challenger, did not. Today Murakami is the auditor.

An explanation for the success of the RECORD'S advertisers lies partly in Hawaii's political history. Only a few years ago, bigwigs of the GOP and the Big Five barred Democratic candidates from speaking on plantations. Those were the days when it was dangerous to be known as a Democrat, but those days have changed. As Jack Burns has pointed out, with a clarity that made the GOP writhe, the workers organized into the ILWU brought political freedom to the Territory. Now politicians can go into plantations and speak to the workers, and the latest Democratic victory shows their words are heard.

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late general have been relatively few. In letters to the editor in Japanese newspapers, writers say that taxing of social security discourages old nationals from returning to their country.

Vice Consul Oshio explained that this question has to be considered from various angles, some of which he said were:

- If the U.S. government taxes social security allotments before making the payment, the Japanese government cannot tax them again. Any income taxed once by one government, by mutual agreement, is not taxed by the other, he explained.

- Tax on social security is low. The vice consul said he did not have figures at hand.

- Tax on pension, if it is a sizable one, can take a sizable chunk from it.

- People receiving pension or social security here and who are considering returning to Japan to live should consider the rate of exchange and the cost of living, the vice consul said. In the U.S. a social security payment of \$50 is a comparatively small amount, but in Japan it is income equivalent to that of a skilled carpenter who works at \$2 (U.S.) a day.

- An income of \$50 per month provides a fairly comfortable living for an elderly couple according to Japanese standards, he said. This amount is equivalent to 17,500 yen at the exchange rate of 350 yen to \$1 U.S. And, the vice consul said, a person receiving an income of \$50 is assumed to be able to meet his tax obligations.

- Reports of tax figures might indicate that the rate of taxes is high in Japan, but this is misleading, he said. The other day an individual complained to the consulate general that the Japanese government charged a duty of 60 yen on a bottle of drugs sent from there. Sixty yen sounds like a big amount, he explained, but it is 15 cents (U.S.).

Hopes for Adjustment
In explaining taxation in Japan, the vice consul said his own monthly salary if converted to U.S. dollars in Japan would come to about \$100. The secretary of foreign affairs, a top position in government, draws between \$200 and \$250 (U.S.).

Despite the above considerations, he said his office hopes an adjustment will be worked out to the satisfaction of local Japanese nationals, receiving social security, who want to retire in Japan. This is the problem of the legislators and his office has communicated local opinion on this matter to the home office.

He added that in the future Japan may have a social security system and at that time provision could be worked out to exempt social security payments from taxation.

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prise meeting and a hasty vote approving the rezoning, Houghtailing changed his mind.

He explained this week that he believes any safety engineers, official or otherwise, who have important messages regarding the project should have come forward already and do not deserve special invitations.

The two safety engineers most likely to receive Kido's first invitations were Robert M. Bailey, president of the local chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineering, and Robert Ebert, territorial industrial safety engineer. Bailey has already expressed his willingness to appear and cooperate with city officials in any feasible way. Ebert has been non-committal on the prospect and was unavailable at presstime.

Arthur Trask, who brought up the question of possible hazard of the harbor at a public hearing last week, said this week he has talked with safety engineers and almost without exception, they say the addition of an oil refinery on Sand Island will increase a hazard which already exists.

"They will say so privately," Trask stated, "but they don't want to talk out in the open."

As both Trask and the RECORD have learned, some safety engineers feel they are virtually gambling with their careers to take open positions opposing powerful Standard Oil Company and the chamber of commerce.

Speak Privately
Yet in private, they predict that the result of such placement of the proposed refinery may result in catastrophes similar to those at Texas City and Perth Amboy, N.J. They point out that during the war the harbor was considered hazardous and that since that time the hazards have increased because of more oil concentration.

Now, if the board of supervisors follows through on a promise given by one and affirming opinions stated by others, the public may hear for the first time what safety men have to say about the oil refinery and the possible risk it carries for the safety of Honolulu's lives, harbor and industry, and industry.

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change from the last vote taken, when the issue was reported tied 4-4 with one abstaining. At that time, the four opponents still holding out against the refinery were Katsuro Miho, George Centeio, Henry Chun Hoon, and David Bent. The abstainer was M. B. (Kit) Carson, who explained that he had shares of Standard Oil of California and doubted that he should vote. Some City Hall observers note all the haoles were for the refinery, the non-haoles opposed.

Tuesday, as the vote changed before someone's powerful shotgun, Chun Hoon flipflopped, Bent was absent and unable to vote, and Chairman Alex Gignoux asked Carson to vote, saying the matter was one directly concerning the Territory rather than Standard Oil. Carson voted for the rezoning.

Only Miho and Centeio held their ground in a meeting room packed with the lobbyists of the Chamber of Commerce, Bishop Estate and Standard Oil. Universally, they wore the uniform of Merchant St. and the King administration, the conservative business suit and tie.

Miho, staunchly spearheading the opposition in argument, was at times almost eloquent as he pointed out the danger to Hawaii's aesthetic appeal, the possible safety hazard, and the possible danger of unduly hasty action but he was outnumbered by Chairman Gignoux, Kenneth Roehrig, and Lester Petrie, the latter of whom repeated, "I can't help but think of the economic side," in prefacing different arguments.

No sooner had the meeting been closed than supervisors in the board room, hearing the news, began wondering who had forced the hurried action.

Mayor Blaisdell, who met last Thursday afternoon with the commission in a closed session, denied that he had held the shotgun. Wednesday, he repeated for the RECORD what he had said Tuesday afternoon.

"I told them there was no point of delaying a decision if they had the facts," said Blaisdell. "I told them they vowed it to everybody to make up their minds."

Apprised of the reserved opinions of safety engineers, Blaisdell said he believes competent authorities have been consulted and lashed out at experts who have failed to come forward with adverse opinions they may have held. But he left little doubt that he is strongly favors the Standard Oil project.

Another shotgun holder appears to have been Gov. Sam King in whose office the commission also met, minus Commissioner Miho, earlier. There were several references in Tuesday's verbal sparring to things that had been said in the governor's office. But when one commissioner referred Miho to the minutes for something from that meeting, another said quickly,

"No minutes were taken."
Trask Threatens Legal Action
Following Tuesday's meeting, Attorney Arthur Trask, a strong opponent of the proposal, announced that the project may run afoul of the Joint Resolution of July 7, 1898, whereby the Republic of Hawaii ceded its property to the U.S. providing that crown land may be "used solely for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands for educational and other purposes."

Trask's stand was discounted Wednesday by some land authorities who claim Sand Island was not crown land but was originally ceded to the Dowsetts and later sold by them to the army—and that most of Sand Island is "fill," though submerged land was ceded to the Dowsetts as well.

Despite a statement last week by George Houghtailing, C-C planning engineer, that he would invite safety engineers' opinions of the project, no such opinions were heard, or even mentioned at the meeting. Houghtailing did, however, quote a statement made by Randolph Lee, director of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission to the hearing before the land commission on the subject. But Lee's statement, while giving tentative approval, left many a loop-hole.

"We don't have plans from Standard Oil in detail," Lee had said, "as it relates to the overall capacity to this installation as to height."

Lee had further added that the degree of heat from the operation may also be a factor and it is unknown to his commission; and he said the HAC would appreciate strong legal language to govern the safety-factor regarding planes which pass over Sand Island. The island lies, he said, in the approach path to the airport.

Houghtailing said later the RECORD correctly reported him last week as saying he would invite the safety men, but that he had "After all," he said, "I think it's up to them to express opinions if they see anything wrong with the project. They don't hold back other times, and this has been going on since September."

Frank-ly Speaking

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young woman who phoned me about the recent Billboard article on this number.

It seems, according to this trade publication of the theatrical and amusement world, that residents of the mining towns in Pennsylvania and West Virginia have been buying this record in large quantities. The stores in these towns are mainly company stores—who, because of the demand and the profit are placed in the uncomfortable position of a record aimed directly at them!

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A Happy New Year from **ILWU Local 142 - Unit 33** (MAUI SODA & ICE WORKS) **Wailuku, Maui**

HGEA Passes Dues Raise; Asks Legal Opinion On Whether Act Was Okay

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bers returned blank ballots, some directors feel there may not be a majority at all.

Directors Disagree

These directors say instructions that went out to the membership were misleading—stating that if the raise was not approved by 51 per cent of the total, it would not be approved. And they believe many members may have submitted blank ballot believing these were "no" votes in effect.

Further, these directors say, the resolution passed by the convention, or general council, was of two parts: first that the increase in dues be enacted and, second, that it be ratified by the membership in the manner any constitutional amendment is ratified.

That would require approval of two-thirds of the members, and some directors feel no such consent has been given. Some feel the only fair way to settle the present confusion is to hold another election with the member-

Garbage Truck Helpers' Jobs Dropped Grade

Upwards of 120 truck helpers' positions have been regraded down from SR-7 to SR-6, a difference of \$9.58. The drop in rating will not affect men now in those jobs, except possibly by limiting the maximum salary they can achieve.

Mrs. Nesta Gallas, C-C civil service personnel director, said the regrading group which she heads concluded that the job is not much different from that of unskilled labor except for a certain amount of hazard and the unpleasant nature of handling refuse. Thus, the job is rated above one merely calling for hazard pay, ordinarily GS-5, and the same as that of trades helper.

Trades helpers, (electricians, carpenters, or plumbers' helpers) were dropped, like refuse helpers, from SR-7 to SR-6.

Under the new pricing, unskilled labor is set at SR-3.

ship advised correctly ahead of time.

But at present, everything must wait for an opinion by Watanabe as to whether the resolution is constitutional in both, or either of its parts.

Officer Faria

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charge cannot be made against Officer Faria. He is remembered as the man who led the gambling detail of the vice squad on a raid against a gambling game in the upper recesses of Iolani Palace some years ago during a session of the legislature. The raid resulted in the arrest of several employees, including a former member of the legislature.

Later Faria was assigned to other duty.

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Fasi's Words Fail To Thaw Wilson's Friends

Frank Fasi, presently Democratic National Committeeman and constant candidate for mayor, shocked some of his listeners on his last program by the profuseness of his birthday greeting to former mayor, John H. Wilson, and a plea for visitors for the ex-mayor that sounded very much like a recent editorial in the Star-Bulletin.

The shock came because Fasi, more than anyone else, contributed to the present forced retirement of the mayor, said the listeners. After virtually nominating Wilson for mayor at a dinner arranged for the purpose in 1952, Fasi turned at the last possible moment and ran against him.

And in 1954, Fasi's candidacy offered Republicans an opportunity to beat Wilson in the primary, then turn back to elect Blaisdell in the general election. Despite Fasi's warm words for the mayor now, old Wilson Democrats were saying this week he hadn't fooled them at all, and they don't like him any better than ever.

Productivity, Earnings

While productivity in manufacturing rose over 10 per cent between 1953 and the second quarter of 1955, average hourly earnings in manufacturing in the same period rose scarcely half as much.

It is estimated that in the first half of 1953 a larger percentage (well over 6 per cent) of consumer disposable income went for automobiles and parts than during any previous period in U. S. history.

Since January 1953 when the Republicans came to power, output of goods and services has risen by 6 per cent, but employment only 2 per cent. By contrast, dividends were up 18 per cent and stock prices rose 68 per cent.

In 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains, residential contracts awarded in September were below year-earlier figures for the first time in nearly two years. The decline was 6 per cent under a year ago, and the total for the month represented a slump of 31.5 per cent from the April peak. The drop was only partly seasonal in nature.

Mortgage debt on 1-to-4 family properties has been rising sharply—from about \$57 billion three years ago to probably \$85 billion now. It was \$82.8 billion in July.)

Net farm income in the third quarter of this year fell to an annual rate of \$10.2 billion—down 5 and one-half per cent below the second quarter. This is a new low for the decade since world war II and a drop of more than 11 per cent from 1955's first quarter.

In the second quarter of 1955, the largest companies—with assets of \$100 million or more—accounted for 65 per cent of all net profits shown by U. S. manufacturing corporations.

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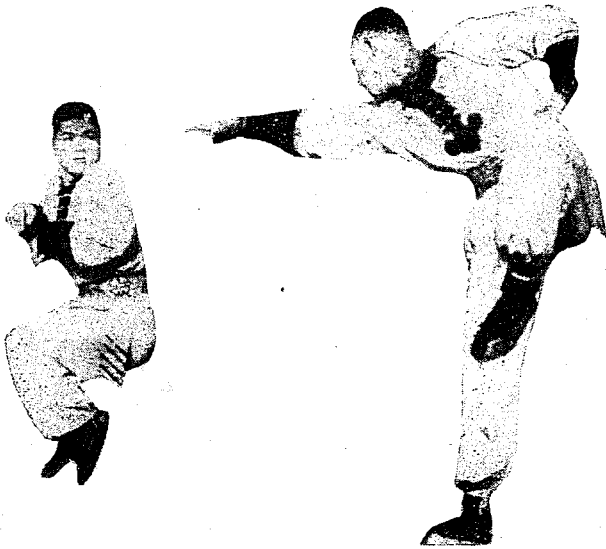
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GOOD WILL TO MEN

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PREVAIL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

ILWU LOCAL 142-UNIT 6

Peepeekeo, Hawaii





CHINESE BOXING (Chuan shu) pertains to fighting with the fists as the name implies. In its old form it was a deadly fighting technique that made use of a knowledge of anatomy. It is still used for self-defense and locally it is being taught in some circles. In China today it has become a system of calisthenics. An article on Chinese boxing with illustrations will appear in a future issue.

Business Week magazine reports that price boosts of 5 per cent-7 per cent are expected in electrical appliances after Christmas, while Ford has already announced increases of \$46 to \$99 on new car models.

The July rise in the BLS consumer price index was 0.3 per cent, the largest increase since May, 1954. This followed a rise of 0.2 per cent in June. The July index (with 1947-9 average equal to 100) was at 114.7 compared with 115.2 last July.

"Yank" Digest Shrinks 128 Pages In 2 Years

Millions of GI's in World War II remember Yank, the "Army Weekly" written by, of and for enlisted men with no brass allowed. Millions of civilians heard of it. Besides featuring the straightforward, comparatively uncensored views and reporting of well known writers among the enlisted men like William Saroyan and Irwin Shaw, it developed stars of its own like Bill Mauldin, the cartoonist, Marion Hargrove, the writer, and others.

So many, who haven't heard of it before, will be happy to know a volume containing the "high lights" from Yank is now published in a pocket size and sold on the newsstands for 35 cents.

At Long Last?

Readers may be pleased to agree with the blurb on the back of the book that proclaims, "Now at long last, in an edition inexpensive enough for everyone to afford, the choice selections from Yank are available to the public."

Readers MAY agree, that is, if they didn't purchase another reprint edition "containing almost twice as many pages and far more "high lights" about two years ago.

That book was 8x5 in., contained 320 pages and cost 50 cents. The new one is 7½x4½ in., contains 192 pages, and costs 35 cents. Such cartoons, blurbs, introductions, etc., as are contained in the first are also contained in the second, except of course, a good many articles are not included in the second.

And the part about "At long last," hardly applies to the second, unless of course, you figure 35 cents is inexpensive as compared with the 50 cent price of the edition published two years ago.

The U.S. has \$123,900,000,000 tied up in armed forces properties and supplies, according to Pentagon. This does not include the \$12,500,000,000 included in atomic energy, most of which was used to build atomic weapons.

Happy New Year!

WITH PEACE ON EARTH

San Francisco Friends

Season's Greetings!

INTELLIGENT COURAGE COMES FROM UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWLEDGE

California Labor School

San Francisco

Sports World

By Wilfred Oka

SPORTS TIDBITS FROM HERE AND THERE

The question of de-emphasis of big time college football is still being discussed in many circles, the chief argument for it being the need for intramural sports and more active participation by the students themselves. Having this in mind we were surprised by the recent championship game between Palama and Kailua played at the Stadium under the auspices of the Pop Warner Foundation. This game was the culmination of a series of kids' games theoretically, with the emphasis on sportsmanship and team play.

There is some doubt, however, as to how much actual values kids can acquire in this kind of "emphasized" football. Similarly, biddy boxing, with TV viewing and its imitation of big time pro boxing may also be doubtful as far as the total picture of children's play and recreation is concerned. Educators and physical educators in the field of play and recreation have had grave doubts about organized, competitive, school leagues, especially for those below the ninth grade level.

Recreation leaders, physical educators, group workers in the schools, YMCAs and community centers should have a definite understanding of the basic philosophies of recreation for children. So we have been surprised that the local physical educators, especially from the department of instruction and the Ys, haven't given the whole program of "emphasized" football and biddy boxing some evaluation and honest criticism. Injuries and legal entanglement may some day awaken those people who should know better from this kind of lethargy! We hope fatality is not the only reason for persons to awake!

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BIDDY BOXING reminds us of the recent case of Mrs. Elaine Flores, wife of welterweight George Flores who died in 1951 in a Madison Square Garden bout after being KO'd. Mrs. Flores was awarded \$80,000 by the New York State Court of Claims that held five New York State Athletic Commission physicians were negligent in permitting fighter Flores to fight too soon after previous KO's. Still pending is the half a million dollar suit against Madison Square Garden Corp. and the IBC. Which also reminds us of boxers being allowed to fight too soon after a KO in our own local ring. Which also reminds us of biddy boxing and the probable chance of severe injuries to kids and the legal responsibility of the sponsors and the TEC. This phase may be one off the hottest potatoes in local circles!

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GEORGE TANIGUCHI, Nisei jockey, now making the big time circuit, recently won a big one. Up on Bobby Brocato, Taniguchi handled the thoroughbred like a veteran to lead by 4½ lengths over the field to win the \$35,000 Taniforan Handicap.

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LOYOLA OF THE SOUTH (New Orleans) recently played two "integrated" basketball games. One, against Bradley, marked by a boozing incident, includes Shellie McMillon, a Negro player. The other, against the University of San Francisco Dons, indicated that "mixed" games were OK with the three Negro players of the Dons' squad receiving a tremendous ovation after the game. Loyola should be commended for taking a forward step in scheduling "integrated" games."

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THIS IS OUR ANNUAL reminder to Al Karasick and the pro rassing fraternity to look into the prospect of the strong man from Nehoa Island by the name of Paakai Seemoi, whose steady diet of seaweed gives him extra strong tendrils. We don't know the meaning of the word except it sounds good. Seemoi's favorite hold is the okole grip. The other suggestion for the pro fraternity is Aku Sashimi who we believe will make a match with Kokichi Endo. Aku Sashimi for any of our scouts may be found out Kewalo Basin way.

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DR. H. M. HOLMES, one of the principals in the fight for Negroes to play in public golf courses, was threatened by phone calls which ordered him not to play in any of the municipal golf courses. The threats came soon after the US Supreme Court handed down its decision on the interracial use of public parks, etc. However, in spite of the threats, Negroes in Atlanta teed off to open the way.

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WHEN TRUMAN GIBSON Jr. of the International Boxing Club was questioned soon after the murder of Alex Louis Greenberg, owner of Canadian Ace Brewery, it started another chain of murmurings as to the connection of the mob and the fight game. And it was Greenberg who managed the deal, using two great Negro fighters, Joe Louis and Sugar Ray Robinson as front men, to push the beer in New York by giving them some shares in the brewing company. The New York State Alcohol Board refused to go along in spite of Joe Louis and Sugar Ray.

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THE GREAT NUMBER of our Hawaii tourists who went to the Mainland last year and played the horses might be interested in the information that betting totaled more than two billion dollars this year. This means an increase of 2 per cent. The interesting thing was the increase of \$32,000,000 in harness racing, to bring the betting total in this field to 476 million dollars. Practically every visitor to the Mainland has patronized the tracks. Like it or not the day will also come when this pastime will hit Hawaii. Most likely Maui will be the testing ground.

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OF INTEREST TO OLD-time breaststroke swimmers is the recent time of 1:02.2 for the 100 yards orthodox breaststroke set by the German star Horst Fritsche. That's some going!

Season's Greetings!

Let's strive for the reign Of Peace, for a Far East "Geneva" Conference as a Starting point.

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FONTANA, CALIFORNIA FRIENDS

Holiday Greetings to the Workers of Hawaii and to the Readers and Friends of the Honolulu Record FROM THEIR LOS ANGELES FRIENDS

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THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

Bus Boycott, Murder Trial, Crib

By Amy Clarke

BILL PACHECO, who used to be a cop and football player, and who now runs the Oasis, seems to have added a new calling to his list. He's now Bill (Masaru) Pacheco, local correspondent for the Tokyo Preview Monthly. In a recent issue, he plays the political line right down the middle, prophesying that Rep. Dan Inouye, Democrat, and Sen. Joe Itagaki, Republican, both have bright political futures. Remember when Bill ran for the constitutional convention on the argument that he ought to be elected since he had brought thousands of dollars worth of publicity to the Territory by clowning around up on the coast when he tried out for the 49ers?

INOUE, by-the-by, didn't fare that well at the hands of Ka Ieo O Hawaii, the paper of his alma mater, the University of Hawaii, in its Dec. 13 issue. Or maybe he fared better, depending on how you look at it. Reporting how he was one of the judges of the All-Hawaii Oratorical Contest, it called him a "former Speaker of the House." While Inouye may not mind being promoted from floor leader to speaker, we doubt he appreciates having his political career ended in the next phrase.

MAYOR BLAISDELL may have slipped a couple of times politically with things like his rule against parties (which doesn't popularize him with anyone but the Chamber of Commerce that he has already) but he gets in a lot of solid, grass-roots politicking when the supervisors are otherwise occupied. For instance, the Aiea Community Assn. has three times invited the mayor and the board down for various functions, but the only one who ever showed up was Blaisdell and he was there every time. Can't imagine what Doc Apollona was thinking of to miss chances like that. He has long had a reputation for being the hardest worker at the grass-roots level on the board.

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STREET SCENE: Homesick GI

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addressing local shoeshine boy Monday on Hotel St.: "You was born here? You never been away? Gee, you never had a chance to see Arkansas!"

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ANOTHER MOVIE is slated for production here some time after the first of the year, according to rumbies around town. This one's to have a title something like "Last Years of the Century," though we wouldn't venture a guess as to what century. But we understand it's to be a war picture.

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A FUTURE BOXING CHAMP was honored Christmas Day at a party attended by many UPW officials, officers and members at the Kalihi Valley home of Adolph Samuels, vice-president of the Oahu Division, UPW. He is the same Samuels who licked many a good man in Oahu's boxing rings. And the future champ, of course, is Adolph Jr., born only a few weeks ago.

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C-C CLERK LEON STERLING got some hot publicity last week over the party he had in his department, and it made him a little hot at the time. But he was all cooled off by Tuesday morning, sipping a glass of milk in the Croton to show his new diet. Somehow, we gotta notion the Fourth Estate, consumed as much liquor on the City Hall premises last Friday afternoon as anyone, though we're just guessing.

★ ★
ACE HUDKINS of the HGEA is rumored none too happy in the service, partly because of the pay. But then, he might not be alone in that complaint. None of the HGEA staff got its increment this year. A couple of reasons are given, but one is financial hardship of the organization and, therefore, it is tied up with the question of the dues increase the members voted—which is treated in another story in this issue.

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One of the most encouraging things I've read in the papers in a long time is the Negro boycott of the city bus system in Montgomery, Ala.

The UP story in the Advertiser was very short. Naturally, the big wire services and the big business press don't want to build up incidents of protest against the color-caste system that prevails down South.

I AM SURE THAT behind the terse sentences of the UP reporter is a dramatic story with high significance, and I hope that more of the story will be made public soon.

Residents of the islands will find it hard to believe that in Montgomery and all over the deep South, there are a few rows of seats at the back of the buses reserved for Negroes. Negroes may not sit in seats designated for white patrons.

Early this month a Negro seamstress "defied" the law and insisted on sitting in the "white" part of the bus. She was arrested and found guilty and fined.

SUCH THINGS HAVE happened before—isolated flare-ups of protest when human dignity can stand degradation no longer. What makes this incident so different is the immediate and complete rising up of the Negro community behind her.

It would seem almost impossible to attempt a boycott of the city bus system. Remember that most Negro adults work, because their wages are so low that two or more breadwinners are necessary for most families to live. And their jobs are in the "white folks' district," on the other side of town.

The fact that 90 per cent of the city's Negro population kept the boycott and found other ways to get to work and school shows a militant spirit we have not seen since the early days of the CIO.

REGARDLESS OF HOW this particular issue is resolved, the Montgomery Negroes' solidarity is a promise that the rotten structure of race prejudice is at last being challenged.

I have no doubt that social and economic equality is going to be fought for and achieved by the Negro Americans in spite of all the outraged screaming of certain white elements. Like political democracy for Hawaii, it is long overdue.

★ ★
A rather disturbing item appeared in the newspapers recently regarding the murder trial of Harry Washburn in Waco, Texas. I do not know anything about the case except that Washburn was charged with killing his mother-in-law a year ago. What appalls me is that the trial was telecast "live" to viewers in the Waco area.

THERE IS SOMETHING ghoulish, I think, in the spectacle of a man on trial for his life being under the constant scrutiny of cameras transmitting the slightest twitching of his facial muscles to thousands of curious watchers.

I do not think I can be accused of sentimentality toward murderers when I say that the strain of the trial itself, with its momentous implications, is enough for anyone to undergo. There is also the effect the distracting cameras may have on witnesses and jury.

I HOPE THIS DOES NOT start a trend toward televising other trials. If anyone is interested enough in a particular trial to go to the courthouse, he has a constitutional right to be admitted to the proceedings.

But to put a murder trial on TV for the titillation of housewives and idle watchers reminds me of the French women who used to bring their knitting to the guillotine, or the Romans who flocked to the amphitheater to watch the gladiators kill each other.

★ ★
Perhaps you noticed this last item in the papers, too, with a wry shake of the head. A Honolulu policewoman recently went to the Mainland to attend a civil defense school. In an interview with an Advertiser reporter, she told what she had learned on her return.

THE HOME, SHE SAID, must be the starting place for defense against a bomb attack. She was photographed with a plastic crib every mother should have to seal her infant in when the bomb falls. A "diffusion window" in the crib keeps the air pure inside.

She also said that schools are going to be provided with plastic suits for children which cover the body, with a hood to fit over the gas mask.

Then she listed a supply of canned foods, flashlights, matches, and other emergency items that should always be held in reserve in case of enemy attack. She ended by saying that literature is available aimed at the homemaker which tells us what to do to insure protection of our families.

WELL, NOW, I DON'T find this the least bit reassuring. I have never believed that preparing for war is the way to achieve peace.

I think that mothers the world over want peace more than any other single thing, and I believe in whatever way we can we should try to influence our government to reject war. If the Bomb is outlawed, there will be no need for gas-proof plastic cribs.

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It Pays To Advertise

(From Page 3)

So politicians who wish to get their message to working people both on the plantations and in cities, use media they feel those people will read. They know the workers have suffered from discrimination, racial and economic, and they know the RECORD has blasted those evils. They know the farmers have suffered from lack of land, and they know the RECORD has fought to get more land for farmers. They know the RECORD has fought for greater industrial safety and for fuller compensation for injured workers, both causes close to the hearts of all working people.

That is undoubtedly why akamai politicians advertise in the RECORD, despite the buffeting of the dailies. They know, of course, that this buffeting represents the current effort of the Big Five to keep politicians they don't like from being heard by the workers. They feel an advertisement in the RECORD carries weight an advertisement in the dailies doesn't carry.

Our advertisers understand fully, of course, that advertising with us doesn't necessarily imply any endorsement of ideas expressed in the editorials, any more than in the Advertiser or the Star-Bulletin. Occasionally, those blasted hardest by the RECORD use its pages to carry their political messages. One such was Richard K. (Kingie) Kimball, one of our unsuccessful advertisers in the last campaign. Kimball had even appeared in the Smith Act trial to testify as a hostile character witness against this weekly's editor.

The record of success of our advertisers is, we feel, all the more impressive inasmuch as our editorial views have agreed oftener with the Democratic platform than with the Republicans, controlled as they are by the Big Five. And three out of the last four elections resulted in Republican victories. Yet many RECORD advertisers won.

It is interesting to recall, in view of recent yammering of GOP clubs against advertisers in the RECORD, that Sen. Noboru Miyake (R.-Kauai) advertised in our pages in 1952, won his election, then received the praise of the whole GOP convention for tactics which made him the only Republican from the Garden Island to be seated in that session of the legislature.

There have been times, too, when the Star-Bulletin and the Advertiser refused to print advertisements from candidates they had opposed, and who said things the publishers of those high and mighty organs didn't like. For instance, we find one advertisement after a successful campaign that ran as follows: "Thank You, People of Honolulu, for helping me beat the Advertiser and the Star-Bulletin and Merchant St. John H. Wilson." But the RECORD and other small Oahu papers ran it.

So on a basis of facts and figures, we might generalize and say it doesn't really pay to "cuddle" the Star-Bulletin and that "cuddling" the RECORD pays better. Only it's silly to say advertising is "cuddling" anybody. And most discerning readers know the dailies are interested much more in splitting the Democrats than in discouraging advertising.

It still pays to advertise, and the readers will pardon us if we point to our figures to show it pays a little better to advertise with us than with our competitors.



EDITORIAL COMMENT

NAKATSUKA, GOOD WILL EMISSARY

Lawrence Nakatsuka, Governor Sam King's press secretary, says after a two-and-a-half-month tour of the Orient that "It was difficult for me to get over the idea that a Territory is not a colony."

He said in a press interview that the audiences he spoke to on the State Department sponsored tour think Hawaii is "an American colony."

His assignment was to acquaint people of newly independent Asian countries with the "American way of life" as it is lived in these islands.

One wonders what Nakatsuka told people abroad when asked about the territorial status of the islands, which his former employer, the late Delegate Joseph Farrington, on several occasions declared publicly was a U.S. "colony." Did Nakatsuka explain that people here are taxed without representation? That for years people of Hawaii have been demanding statehood?

Did people in the independent countries ask him if the top officials of the islands are elected? Did he explain that Washington does the appointing and the appointed governor in turn appoints department heads?

Nakatsuka said to the press this racial background "made it possible for me to approach my Asian audiences without having to be either apologetic or boastful about the way I have been treated as an American citizen."

Naturally there must have been people who asked or wondered why was Nakatsuka sent out as a show piece and a propagandist if everything was so good.

In Asia where Orientals occupy positions of responsibility of their government, it must also have sounded odd to some that a territorial governor's press secretary should try to propagandize them that there are some Orientals like him holding down positions of responsibility in the Territory.

Nakatsuka must have provided some lighter moments as a relief from his serious talk. He must have amused his Oriental audiences, who have a reputation of being highly political, with his answer to the question:

"What's wrong with Communism?"

The governor's press secretary said this week, "I answered in return, what government—speaking of myself—could have given me more than the American way of life has?"

In colonial countries or countries recently rid of colonialism, this sort of answer must have sounded foolish. People in those countries know through their experiences that the ruling class and its regime use individuals from discriminated groups when forced to do so.

Was Nakatsuka asked whether the growth of inter-racial trade unions forced big employers and their political party to use Orientals on management staff and for political offices? Did he explain the Democratic Party's policy of recognizing Oriental Americans forced the GOP hand?

Nakatsuka told the local press his observation of Asian economy, thus: "But I am convinced that economic development and stability in the American sense will come to these countries in South and Southeast Asia."

Asians declare that the West grew from the sweat, blood and toll of colonial people, and this is largely true. But Asian leaders have declared that they are against imperialism and exploitation which they have experienced and are experiencing. And they want production for use, not the storage of billions of dollar of surplus goods that could not be distributed at a profit, and economy geared for the profit of a few big corporations. And they do not want an economic system periodically threatened by recessions and depressions and hit by them time and again.

Nakatsuka's view of Asian economy is most interesting and distorted.

Frank-ly Speaking

By FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

50 And '56

Like most people, I approach a new year with optimism. No matter how rotten the previous 12 months, no matter how dismal the immediate future, most of us have a kind of blind faith that somehow, some way the coming year will be better.

Undoubtedly I should know better by now.

Exactly one hour before midnight ushers in 1956. I reach the half century mark. If you're ever going to get any sense, you should have it then. And yet, only a few breaths short of 50, I find myself anticipating the new adventure of 1956 with the same relish that 30 years ago I awaited 1926.

When I was in high school back in Kansas, I was convinced that I would never reach the advanced age of 45. I often wondered what went on in the feeble mind of such an ancient. Today, I would like to reach back some 33 years in time, tap the adolescent me on the shoulder and say:

"Son, when you reach 50 your biggest regret will be that you're not likely to stick around for another half century to watch and take part in man's struggle with himself and the world around him. You will thank your lucky stars for having lived in one of the most exciting and fruitful periods in mankind's history. You will have seen such inventions as the phonograph, motion pictures, radio, talkies, television and the airplane grow up and become commonplace; you will have heard the labor pains at the birth of a new atomic age.



MR. DAVIS

Living in Changing World

"You will have seen this new music called jazz roar out of New Orleans and spread all over the world. It will have been your privilege to have seen and heard in person such greats as Ma Rainey, King Oliver, Freddie Keppard and the rest; you will have seen and heard such fabulous things as Louis Armstrong and Fats Waller at the old Vendome Theatre, Jimmy Noone and Earl Hines at the old Apex in Chicago in 1927, and Bennie Moten battling George Lee at the Pasco Dancing Academy in Kansas City—events now chronicled in jazz histories and known to younger enthusiasts only through the printed word.

"You will have learned that you are nowhere near the ball of fire you thought you were at 25; the world will not come a-blaze at your genius. You will find that no matter how good you are, there are many others who are far better at anything you can name.

"You will have taken an active part in the struggle of Negroes for full equality in America; you will have seen the barriers of race crack and give way at many places. And you will have realized the kinship between all darker peoples seeking to overthrow white supremacy, you will have understood that the triumph of Asians and Africans in their battle against colonialism aids the Negro people of America and vice versa.

Still So Much to Say

"Your ego will have been salved by the praise given three published books of your poetry and the translation of your work into foreign languages. And yet there will still be so much you will want to say in books that at times you will despair of living long enough to get more than a fraction of it on paper.

"Somewhere in your 30's you will learn that despite what your friends call your cast iron stomach, you cannot get rid of it as fast as the distilleries can make it. Women, you will have found also in your 30's, can be almost as exasperating to you as you are to them.

"And when you reach 50, you will find that physically you feel little different from what you did at 35."

That's how it is as I approach the double-header of a 50th birthday and a new year. I just don't feel 50. And I'm still giddy enough to think things will be better next year. Maybe the rank and file of the new AFL-CIO can bring about the election of enough new lawmakers in Washington to produce a government favoring the ordinary citizen instead of the monster corporations. Maybe also the anti-colonialism forces, banding together at Bandung, will gather sufficient momentum to deal another major blow to white supremacy. And maybe the big nations will agree to halt the mad race to create bigger and better instruments of mass extermination.

And maybe also we will have more songs of the type of "Sixteen Tons" on the Hit Parade. In this connection, I want to publicly thank the

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