

Who Fumbled 15 School Cafeterias?

Cafeterias were authorized for 15 small schools in the Territory by Joint Resolution 55 of the last session of the legislature, but they are not functioning yet—or are they?

The DPI, which should know, says the schools most needing this service were not finally selected until recently and one or two haven't been selected yet.

Civil service, authorized by law to govern the hiring of personnel, says they must be working because the personnel was hired a long time ago. The reason civil service knows is that the DPI ignored the law and principals hired persons on the spot instead of consulting an eligible list of 250 civil service had ready in September.

Though there has been some

rumor of friction between the DPI and civil service on the hiring, Earl McTaggart, deputy superintendent, division of personnel, said his division is working well enough with civil service. He says realization of the program has been held up by lack of housing and equipment and the fact that the legislature gave only \$25,000 of \$66,000 requested.

He says the program should be working by the first of January.

"Hard to quit? You been a civil service spokesman says the parttime workers to staff the cafeterias were hired a long time ago, and the law was bypassed in the hiring.

Principals Ignored Law
Principals, he says, ignored the change in the law which puts

civil service in charge of such hiring and the result is a mixup.

"The only thing we could do," says the civil service spokesman, "was to see if the persons working can qualify."

A check by civil service showed that only two out of 18 hired as parttime workers were on the elig- (more on page 3)

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Airlines to Step Up Flight Frequency To TH Drastically

Mainland airlines will step up flight frequency to Hawaii shortly from 20 per cent to a few hundred per cent as in the case of Transocean Air Lines, according to Randolph Lee, director of Hawaii Aeronautics Commission.

Transocean which now is permitted eight scheduled flights a month to Honolulu will be entitled to 10 scheduled flights a month from any one point on the Mainland from January 1, 1956. This will boost flight frequency of this airline several hundred per cent if points include Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and other ports, as well as Oakland and Burbank which have been used to a great extent by the airlines.

The increase of flights of Transocean, Pan American Airways and United Airlines planes to take (more on page 4)

Lurline Rebel Red-Baits SUP Head

Goes To FBI For Lawyer; Charges Stewards' Sellout

Harry Lundeborg, who has for years been the most prolific red-baiter in West Coast maritime labor, is now getting the treatment himself, and by one of his own members so angry he's putting out his own "newspaper" to do the job.

The height of something or other has been achieved by John



MR. LUNDEBERG

HAC CRITICIZED

Gray Line Gets Airport Taxi Concession; Lee Explains Setup

The Hawaii Aeronautics Commission (HAC) by unanimous vote last Saturday appointed Gray Line Hawaii as exclusive ground transportation operator to pick up passengers at Honolulu airports.

Three other taxi operators applied for the franchise by sending in their qualifications. They were Allen Tours of Hawaii doing business as Tradewind Tours, Airline Taxi and Charley's Taxi and U-Drive.

Commission Criticized

In taxi circles the commission is being criticized for restricting ground transportation operation to one firm when it has authorized about 10 taxi operators to pick up casual passengers at the International and Hawaiian Airlines airports. Some contend that the whole new setup is tailored for Gray Line and it is political.

They explain that A. D. Woolaway, territorial GOP central committee chairman, holds controlling interest in Gray Line and that the governor's son, Sam F.

King, is an attorney and officer of the transportation company.

Randolph Lee, director of aeronautics of the HAC, explains that this is not so, that ground transportation of passengers from the airport is a duty of the aeronautics commission and it must be handled efficiently and properly.

Lee Explains

Gray Line's permit to pick up passengers applies to casual passengers who have no previous contract or arrangement to be transported from the airport to the city. He said that patrons at airport may call for taxis of their choice and those who have previous arrangements to be picked up may ride taxis they have engaged.

In this manner Gray Line's franchise is not exclusive, Lee says.

Some taxi operators say that the privilege to station taxis at the airport gives Gray Line practically all the advantage of picking up fares.

Lee, on the other hand, says (More on Page 4)

1,500 Catholics Wait in Vain to be Televised; KGMB, C&C Apologize

About 1,500 Catholics of Filipino ancestry waited in vain Nov. 13 for KGMB to televise their big parade and program.

The scheduled televising was for the Castle & Cooke-sponsored "Life of the Land" TV show which is put on Saturday nights. The program presents a TV report on community life.

This week this oversight by either KGMB or Castle & Cooke was still a top news item in the Filipino community.

Employe Got Married
Castle & Cooke became concerned this week when some source attributed the failure to carry out the televising agreement partly to prejudice against Filipinos on the part of the Big Five firm and/or KGMB.

Upon learning that the RECORD had the story, Castle & Cooke called this weekly to explain the oversight. It turned out that the RECORD had heard about the incident but had not yet interviewed

Anyone to get details of the story.

William Norwood, Castle & Cooke public relations director, explained that the unfortunate experience occurred when an employe of the company who was handling the TV show took a few days off to get married, without informing Norwood's office about arrangements already made to televise the Filipino Catholic program.

Arrangement Changed

Up until about a month ago KGMB's staff was responsible for developing the program material for "Life of the Land" and pro- (more on page 3)

Escapers To Get Year's Isolation; Matias Still Isolated—"Not Good"

William K. Swain Jr. and Albert T. Nishimura, inmates who escaped from Oahu Prison and stayed out four days until their capture, will probably be placed in the isolation of maximum security cells for about a year.

While this type of imprisonment is not exactly solitary confinement, inmates are in single cells in the isolation block. Their food is pushed to them through a hole in the door, and they are taken out for exercise an hour a day.

Warden Joe Harper said the length of time in the isolation unit is determined by the disciplinary committee, but usually first offenders among escapers are given about a year.

Matias Still Isolated
Ernest Matias, probably the most

widely known escaper in prison, has been in isolation for nearly two years.

Asked for comment on a report that Matias had a bad mental attitude as a result of his long isolation, Warden Harper said "It doesn't tend to be good but we have no choice."

Explaining, he said Matias' two escape efforts have made it impossible for the staff to have confidence he will not try again if given an opportunity.

Although Matias has expressed the wish to be returned to McNeill Island, Wash., the Federal prison from which he was paroled some years ago, he is presently serving a territorial sentence, Harper explained, and may not be sent there until he completes it.

Cremona, crewman in the stewards department of the luxury ship, Lurline, who now blasts Lundeborg and other top officials of the AFL marine cooks and the Seafarers International Union (AFL-Lundeborg, president) for "selling out" the membership without any voted authority.

"Lundeborg is not the law of the land," Cremona reminds his readers among the crew of the Lurline. "This is not Communist Russia. He is not the reincarnation of Stalin, Turner is not a Molotov. This is the United States of America."

The immediate cause of dissension among members of the stewards department is the report (more on page 4)

"Koreans Starving," Writes Hawaii Soldier; Held By Guard, Barbed Wire

"The Koreans are starving and dying for lack of food. At night, they slip through the barbed wire to steal anything they can lay their hands on to eat or sell on the black market."

That is a line from a recent letter of a Hawaii G.I. in Syngman Rhee's Korea to his friend in Honolulu explaining why he and the others stand guard every night, even though the compound in which they live is surrounded by barbed wire. The guard has its rifles turned not against the

North Koreans or Communists, but against the starving people the troops are there to "protect."

The army life in Korea is "rough," the G.I. writes, but his description of it makes it sound fairly soft as compared with wartime service. All barracks cleaning, bed-making and such chores are done by Korean servants for whom each G.I. pays \$6 a month.

But the weather during the night guard sessions (6 hours at a hitch) is freezing, the Hawaii soldier writes.

Crouch, Once Highly Priced Informer Dies, Dumped by User

Paul Crouch, 52, Big Island resident, professional ex-Communist witness since 1949, died Friday at San Francisco, of lung cancer.

In 1952-53 the highest paid of the Immigration & Naturalization Bureau's "special consultants," Crouch was dropped from its rolls in 1954 after being caught in a number of glaring falsehoods. He then announced that he had filed charges with Senate committees against Attorney General Herbert Brownell and his deputy William F. Rogers.

Obvious Fantasy

Crouch, ironically, had a few months before organized a Federation of Former Communists to protect the interests of professional informers.

In the course of his career as informer Crouch testified before several congressional committees, before the California Committee on Un-American Activities that employed him for a while, before grand juries, in Smith Act cases including the one in Honolulu three years ago, and in numerous hearings looking to deportation of foreign-born persons.

In 1954 he lived for a while in the Washington home of the Archbishop of Nanking, the Most Rev. Paul Yu-Pin, apparently working part-time for the Chinese Nationalist cause.

Crouch's testimony was marked by a great deal of obvious fantasy. He has testified that:

• He began serious reading of Communist literature as a boy of 10-12 years on a North Carolina farm.

• While in Russia, a 24-year-old ex-private with six months in the Communist Party, Marshal Tukhachevsky revealed to him plans "for penetration of the American armed forces." Crouch also, he claimed, studied at the Soviet equivalent of West Point.

• At the age of 24 he was co-author of a plan adopted by the Communist International for subversion of "imperialist armies" all over the world—though he could remember the name of only one of the other men with whom he worked on the plan and came up with a different set of nationalities for them each time he testified.

Inventions Exposed

Crouch's less spectacular inventions are too numerous to mention. The three that caused him to lose his well-paying job as informer were these:

(1) In the Philadelphia Smith Act trial Crouch testified against David Davis as a well-remembered fellow Communist. He was forced to admit under cross-examination that in 1949 he had sworn firmly at the Harry Bridges perjury trial that he knew of no Communist functionary and former associate named David Davis. The Alsup brothers, nationally known columnists, took up this perjury and forced from Attorney General Brownell promise of a "study" of Crouch and similar witnesses.

(2) An employee of Pan-American Airways named Armand E. Scala was awarded \$5,000 damages for a Hearst newspaper story in which Crouch described him as "the chief courier for the (Communist) party in Latin America."

(3) Called to testify in a deportation hearing against Pulitzer prize-winning cartoonist Jacob Burck, Crouch pointed to another man in the room as Burck. He also testified at length about his own career, especially since leaving the Communist Party. Burck's lawyer, checking Crouch's story, found that:

• Crouch claimed to have been CIO Florida publicity director and editor of the Union Record, "official organ of the CIO in Florida."



PAUL CROUCH

CIO officials swore that there never was a publicity director, Crouch was not even a CIO member, and the Union Record was never a CIO official organ.

• Crouch claimed that in 1948 he was editor of the Dade County (Fla.) News. Tax office and post-office records show that there was no such paper in 1948.

• Crouch claimed that he had been employed in editorial capacities by the Miami Herald and Miami Daily News. The managing editors swore that his work had been in the print shop.

• Crouch testified he "openly" recanted Communism in 1946 in the presence of a "personal friend," Judge Oscar C. Dancy of Brownsville, Texas. Judge Dancy swore that he "never met Crouch in his life."

Crouch, during the Honolulu trial, also testified to some of his invented job history, as well as to attendance at certain colleges which later informed the HONOLULU RECORD that they had no record of Crouch's enrollment.

THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

Fighting Children's Boredom

By AMY CLARKE

Wherever mothers gather, sooner or later the talk turns to children—how difficult they are. As a rule the mothers of teen-agers and about-to-be-teen-agers smile tolerantly at the worries of the toddlers' mothers. This is nothing, they imply. Wait until yours is 12, or 14 or 16!

My great-grandmother used to say, "When your children are little, they give you little troubles; when they are big, they give you big troubles."

Good Work Habits

Let us take one of these "bigger" problems that many parents are wrestling with today—how to develop good work habits in children.

I think everyone would agree that this quality is absolutely essential to every person who has to work for a living. Yet no matter how good a start you get off to with the five or six year old, there is bound to come a time when the novelty of work wears off and the chore becomes a boring piece of drudgery that is rushed through as quickly as possible.

What to do when Sister slides over the dinner dishes and leaves a coating of grease or streak of coffee on the china? Or when Junior makes his bed with the blanket dragging on the floor, or pulls weeds lazily by the tops, leaving the roots in the ground?

Fines and Bonuses

Angry nagging does no good. Some parents have tried a system of fining the child for sloppy work,

Opelu Visit Hilo Harbor; Fishing Industry Promising

By LEO AGNEW

Schools of opelu coming into the mouth of Waioa River in Hilo focused territorial interest on fishing in the Hilo area.

Opelu frequently come into the most unexpected inshore areas and Hilo residents flocked to Waioa River to catch their share of the fish last weekend.

Fish Driven Away

The visit of opelu schools brought back old memories to many bait fishermen. Bait fishing has been a big problem in Hilo harbor for many years since the Canec plant has been dumping chemical waste into its basin near the Waioa River which empties into the harbor.

The waste drives the small fish away.

Lately, however, Canec's dumping basin is filling up and little of the waste reaches the stream.

Manallii for Cannery

The overall picture of the fishing industry in Hilo is promising. The fishing industry in Hilo is an enterprise which should be encouraged, say fishermen.

An outspoken advocate of a fish cannery and packing plant is Frank Manallii, a fisherman for 30 years. He says a cannery in Hilo would be of immense benefit to the people of the Big Island.

Fifty to sixty people would be employed in a cannery suitable for Hilo's requirement. Boat building would step up. He said a packing plant would double the present fleet of a few tuna boats in Hilo. When a cannery is built in Hilo, Manallii told the RECORD some time ago, fish could be sold locally to the cannery at an added profit of two cents a pound.

This he said is preferable to flying fish air freight to Honolulu.

The idea of a fish cannery on the Hilo waterfront was proposed in the mid thirties, but the proposal was quickly quashed by certain influential groups. Since then there has been much discussion around the fish cannery question.

such as a penny for each dish not completely cleaned.

This seems to work with some children; as they always choose to do the job over rather than pay the fine. This trick is all right as long as it does not include bonuses for good work.

It is a bad precedent to pay children for the work they do as part of the daily routine. Exceptional, more difficult jobs may be paid for if the children want to earn extra money. But it should be understood that each child's duties are his contribution to the smooth running of the household. To pay for them would instill the false idea that good performance is not required of a job unless it carries compensation.

Remember To Be Patient

One mother with a very studious daughter was at her wits' end because in spite of all her directions, the girl never cleaned the dishes properly. As a last resort, the mother assigned the daughter to write a two-page composition on the subject, "Why It Is Important To Do Housework Carefully."

The girl approached it as a joke, but during the writing she became seriously interested in what she was doing, and turned in a very creditable theme.

"Fine," the mother said, "Now, every time you forget some of these things, I'll have you copy this over." She says the results have been pretty good.

The important thing to remember is to be patient; to understand

Movie Lane

Japanese films with English subtitles are becoming more and more popular. "Rashomon" brought international recognition to Japanese movies. This was followed by "The Gate of Hell" now showing for the last times in Honolulu, according to announcements.

"The Gate of Hell" won the Grand Prize at the International Film Festival (Cannes, France) last year. It also took two academy awards: Best foreign picture and best color costume design.

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IN CONTRAST TO these achievements' Hollywood's best last year was "On the Waterfront," which purportedly gave insight into U.S. organized labor.

Harper's magazine reviewed this top Hollywood movie for 1954 thus: "On the Waterfront . . . is beautifully acted, beautifully directed, and beautifully photographed—and in total it is an obnoxious fake: false to the longshoremen whose lot it purports to depict, false to the dedicated individuals who have tried to improve that lot, and ultimately false to itself."

Frontier magazine remarked, "In short, 'On the Waterfront' is a denial of the democratic ideal that people can organize to advance and protect their common welfare."

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THE CONTENT OF U.S. films has dropped to a low level in quality. And what many moviegoers do not know is this—that top productions imported from abroad are cut drastically and tailored to cold war and McCarthyism.

Flashlight publication of the Palo Alto Peace Club, says "The French-Venezuelan film, 'Wages of Fear,' winner of the Grand Prix at the Cannes film festival and chosen by British critics as the 'film of the year' in 1954, was shown in this country early in the year, but it was not the film that Clouzot made." The qualities which evoked admiration of moviegoers abroad had been cut out for U.S. showings.

"A R E - Y O U - O R - a r e - y o u - n o t ?" lunacy is carried into the film business as everyone knows. Variety reported months ago that "Overseas distributors sign statements that films contain no threat to the American way of life." It also said, "All foreign pix imported to U.S. must undergo a 'security check' under the McCarran Act."

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FOREIGN COUNTRIES have been kicking about violence and sex in U.S. films. Recently in Japan the PTAS, government authorities and teachers denounced and boycotted "The Blackboard Jungle," "The House of Bamboo" was severely criticized too.

If foreign countries had laws for "security check" pertaining to films, most of them would undoubtedly outlaw U.S. movies of violence, sex films, and some would ban films degrading American Indians, Negroes and other colored Americans.

Here if what an American labor union representative saw in Bangkok and wrote in the magazine America:

He "found in the center of town, in front of a large movie house, a huge portrayal of an American. Gun in hand, this two-floor-high model American hov-

that young hands are clumsy and that what looks obvious to us can be puzzling to a youngster. And let us try not to be too angry when we have to repeat the whole thing the next day.

After a while the child will understand that he will not be released to go about his own business until the job is done well. Once acquired, the habit of doing anything thoroughly will stay through life. It is well worth achieving.

ered over the main street of Bangkok, a symbol of what America represents to the Siamese and Chinese in that city: a gangster."

He also wrote, ". . . After racial discrimination, the factor that most harms relations between Asian peoples and ourselves is the run-of-the-mill Hollywood production." Which means the majority of U.S. films.

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FLASHLIGHT makes this incisive comment in a recent issue:

"If the thaw in the 'cold war' which has followed Geneva is to become a thoroughgoing fact, Hollywood will have to undergo a basic reorientation. For the front of the 'cold war' is by no means confined to the line of U.S. air bases in Europe and Asia. There is, in fact, no phase of our daily lives which it does not interest. One of its most active salients today lies in Hollywood."

Tailoring Hollywood production for "cold war" purposes resulted in the persecution of the Hollywood Ten. Since then from 300 to 350 have become unemployed for political reasons in Hollywood. And the quality of Hollywood in this witchhunting environment has skidded tremendously.

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HOLLYWOOD HEROES tell a revealing story. Of the 23 U.S. film heroes the London Monthly Film Bulletin reviewed in its June 1955 issue, 2 were spies, 4 policemen, 2 juvenile delinquents, 3 gangsters, 4 military personnel and 1 uranium prospector.

Albert Kahn wrote in his book "The Game of Death": "With rare exceptions the hero . . . is distinguished from other characters solely by the fact he is stronger and tougher, can shoot faster and straighter, and has greater proficiency in the arts of boxing . . . and jiu jitsu."

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CRIME AND VIOLENCE stuff is not limited to films in Hollywood. Frontier reports that "A non-profit organization called the National Association for Better Radio and Television recently reported that Hollywood is producing TV crime programs at a rate of approximately 4 times greater than in 1951."

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TWO HUNDRED MILLION people abroad see U.S. films every week. They undoubtedly understand why there are so much crime of violent nature and juvenile delinquency in U.S. today:

China Has Record Medical Graduates

Chinese colleges and universities have produced a record number of graduates in medicine and pharmacy this year. Placement of 6,700 graduates in factories, minority areas and city hospitals in various parts of the country was announced recently in Peking.

This year's graduates total five and a half times the highest number of graduates under Chiang Kai-shek's regime and one and a half times the number graduated last year.

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Former Biltmore Workers Give Tips For Massaglia

News of the sale of the Waikiki Biltmore Hotel came as no surprise this week to former employes of the hotel who were working there when the first guests were escorted in.

"It was the talk even in those days," says one. "After all, Greenbach was running a realty company. He was in the business of building and selling."

If, as Joseph Greenbach indicated in a statement to the Star-Bulletin Monday, the hotel is not already sold to Massaglia Hotels, Inc., as reported by the Advertiser the same morning, and if it only "will probably be" sold, then some of Greenbach's former employes think there are a couple of things Joseph Massaglia, Jr., president of the purchasing firm, ought to be advised of before he planks down \$3 1/2 million.

Wind Rattles Mauka Rooms

The Biltmore, say men who used to work there, has a few structural shortcomings that have a decided effect on its usefulness.

"Did you know," says one, "that the mauka rooms have winds blowing in day and night from the mountains so the wind rattles the doors? I used to wonder how people could sleep in there. The way the architect built it, you can't avoid catching that wind."

The two elevators in the Biltmore and the service elevator outside the building are still too few, one former worker there says.

"You have five at the Kāiulani," he says, "and I don't see how you can get along comfortably with less at the Biltmore with its 447 rooms. With only two, a lot of people are going to be standing around waiting any time you have any kind of a rush. Suppose you have a fire?"

If there is a fire, however, staircases and elevator shafts are adequately fireproofed, the territorial fire marshal says, so that people could conceivably stay inside with safety while the hotel burned down around them.

Plumbers who worked there used to complain that the system, though similar in some ways to that of the Kāiulani, is really too small for the job expected of it. More and larger pipes, said the plumbers, would have done a better job.

But it's to be assumed, of course, that Massaglia, an experienced hotel man, looked the place over and laid his price accordingly.

Teacher Pleading 5th Amendment Reinstated

Herman A. Bellan, Philadelphia high school teacher of English who pleaded the Fifth amendment before the House Un-American Activities committee, was ordered restored to his position by a unanimous decision of the Court of Common Pleas late in October.

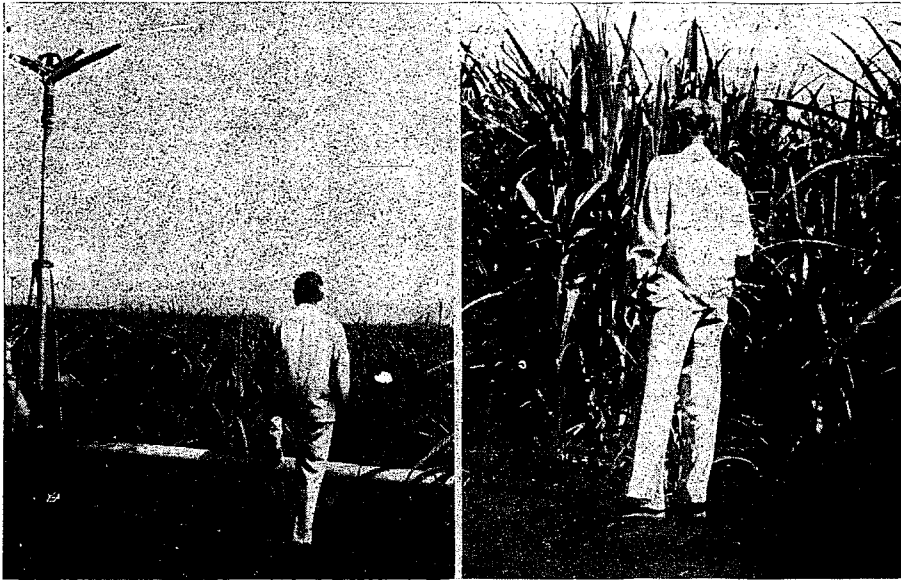
The decision held that Bellan's refusal to answer a question as to whether he was a member of the Communist Political Assn. in 1947 "was obviously not relevant to the issue of his present competency as a teacher."

The Philadelphia Board of Education, with its president dissenting, had held that Bellan could be fired as "incompetent" for invoking the Fifth Amendment.

The court noted that the state legislature since 1953 had twice refused to enact bills providing for the removal of public employes who refuse to testify on constitutional grounds.

Diabetes Week is Nov. 13-19. Diabetes week is the time when every man, woman and child should take a diabetes detection test.

Same Age Cane. New contraption costs dough but . . .



SUGAR CANE STALKS on the right look healthy and seem to be shooting for the sky but those in the left panel seem barely starting to grow. Surprisingly both are of same age. The stunted stalks are newly planted cane while the taller ones are ratoon. Ordinarily new plants grow faster than ratoon but not in this case at Field 57, Waipahu, where the opposite situation prevails. The reason is method of irrigation. The field with taller stalks was ground-irrigated. This is the old method. The sprinkler system with huge pipes on the ground and overhead sprinklers is being experimented with at Oahu Sugar Co. and its results have been poor. The experimental area comprises about 50 acres. Irrigators using the ground irrigation method are watching the company's experiment to slice off employment by mechanization.

CATHOLICS

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during the show. Castle & Cooke accepted or rejected the material, Norwood said.

This arrangement was changed when the person handling this show left KGMB. Castle & Cooke took over responsibilities of arranging the program material.

Castle & Cooke didn't know that previous arrangement had been made with the Catholic group to televise their program and a week ago a member of the group called Norwood to inform him that a promise had been made by Castle & Cooke and not kept.

Norwood said he found this contention to be correct and told the individual that his firm would be happy to make amends.

Letter of Apology

Meantime, it is reported that an official of KGMB had written a letter of apology, stating that on the prearranged Sunday morning his office had tried to get in touch with the individual handling televising arrangements on the Catholic side. He said that calls were put through to the individual's home and to the church to contact her.

A prominent lay Catholic said it is strange that this individual was not paged at the church, and if this were done she would have been informed that a TV crew from KGMB was not coming out as prearranged. It was also said that the individual is well known among Catholics and locating her would have been no trouble.

The RECORD learned this week that at first various Catholics of Filipino ancestry took the failure of KGMB and Castle & Cooke in televising their program as a manifestation of their prejudice against people of Filipino extraction.

Some felt that a Catholic father who spoke the night before at their gathering expressed pro-labor sentiment and this apparently upset the sponsors of the TV program and resulted in KGMB personnel not showing up.

Norwood explained the unfortunate experience was inadvertent and that in the future his firm would be happy to put on a TV program featuring the group.

PHILIPPINES NOTES

Jose Laurel and Son Face Party Discipline For Backing Sen. Recto

Te two Laurels, Sen. Jose Laurel Sr. and Speaker Jose Laurel Jr., face probable disciplinary action from their Nacionalista Party when the Philippines Congress convenes in January, reports the Free Press for Nov. 19, because of their backing of Sen. Claro M. Recto, who left his party prior to the recent election to run as an "Independent Liberal."

While successful in reelection, Recto ran sixth, though some prognosticators had picked him to top the lists.

But according to the Free Press, plans are already being laid for the disciplining of the Laurels, father and son, and if those plans are carried through, neither will be as powerfully politically as he has been in the past.

Sen. Laurel, besides having been a power for years in Philippines politics, is chairman of the important senate committees on education and justice, besides being a member of a half dozen more important committees.

New Speaker Suggested

His son, of course, is speaker of the house of representatives. Plans toward dumping the younger Laurel from that position are reported to have included Rep. Daniel Z. Romualdez as his successor. The Free Press reports that this bit of the plan came into the open recently when Romualdez, quizzed on a radio program, denied that he would seek the speakership, but answered in the affirmative when asked if he would accept the post without working for it.

The elder Laurel got a cold shoulder from a caucus of big operators in his party recently when they met at Malacanang Palace to discuss party matters and left him conspicuously out. Laurel commented to the press on his omission, wondering if it indicated the shape of things to come in the Nacionalista Party—of which Laurel has often been the strongest leading figure.

President Ramon Magsaysay is the by, is now an honorary member

reported generally in agreement with proposals to discipline the Laurels, who have opposed him more than once especially on matters of foreign policy. The irony of this situation is, of course, that Magsaysay was a Liberal until invited into the Nacionalista Party to run for president, while Laurel has been a Nacionalista for many years—some of them rather lean.

Despite the plans, however, the Free Press reminds its readers that the Laurels are fighters and will certainly oppose any action against them with their customary vigor—and that vigor may be enough to scare out the plotters.

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IF SEN. GIL PUYAT really learned anything during a recent three weeks tour of the U.S., then the Philippines are regarded by American industrialists and investors as the "safest anchorage for investment in the Far East today." At least, that is what the senator told newsmen on his return. He elaborated, saying he had talked to numbers of American businessmen who expressed much sympathy and concern for the Philippines, as well. Some, said Puyat, are already planning investments, and he named the Goodrich and Goodyear Tire companies, mentioning also a textile company and two food firms.

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SEN. QUINTIN PAREDES, who jumped out of the Liberal Party and is now jumping back into it, has issued a statement entitled "These Are the True Facts" about why he is returning to what he calls the "grand old party." His statement inspired Rep. Cornelio T. Villareal, general campaign manager of the Liberals, to express the hope that what Paredes "has chosen for himself is really a practice of politics of principle and not politics and morals of opportunism."

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PRESIDENT MAGSAYSAY, by

King's Confidence Melts Down to Cutting Services

Governor Samuel Wilder King who made a TV report to island residents six weeks ago that he is confident the Territory can solve its financial problems, this week announced a possible \$5,000,000 cut in the budget.

Six weeks ago the governor blamed the predominantly Democratic legislature for the shortage of funds, saying it failed to pass a "fair" tax bill. The bill it passed and which King vetoed was generally considered, outside of certain big business circles, to be an improvement over past tax laws.

Mandated Cut

The legislature also mandated the governor's administration to cut \$1,500,000 from the biennial expenditure it appropriated. Since then department heads proposed, after making a study, a cut of \$2,288,000, which included the mandated \$1,500,000.

Paul J. Thurston, director of the bureau of the budget, has deflected the departments can save \$5,432,000. The governor is reportedly in favor of Thurston's figure and has said the \$5,432,000 "is cutting it as close as we can without reducing government services."

The governor's statement is considered double-talk, for a huge cut proposed by Thurston will affect government services.

Says Encouraging

A question is asked whether the governor had this cut in mind when he said six weeks ago that the trend in the financial situation of the territorial government is encouraging. He said instead of a \$20,000,000 deficit estimated earlier, the Territory will be in the red only \$15,000,000.

He mentioned among encouraging factors greater savings in government operations. He also mentioned favorable credit rating for the Territory.

This last point made headlines when the governor had hushed up the borrowing from a bank. If known, it was reported, this would have jeopardized the credit rating of the Territory, because of over-borrowing, especially in the sale of bonds, with the government required to pay higher interest. When the governor's hush-hush move was exposed, there was speculation that future financing of territorial projects might be affected.

Spy Ring Charges By Defected Russians Exposed As Fantasy

When Vladimir and Olga Petrov, attaches of the Soviet embassy in Australia, defected to the West in August, 1954, they made broad charges of a spy ring and named Madame Rose-Marie Ollier, a clerk in the French embassy, as one of their informants. Mme. Ollier was sent home to France under heavy guard.

These events were widely reported in the American press.

What was not reported was that Mme. Ollier was acquitted by a French military court, late in October of this year. It turned out that Petrov had tried to pump her for information but got nothing.

The French paper *Le Monde* hailed Mme. Ollier as victim of a "too hasty witch hunt."

of the New York Yankees baseball team. Casey Stengel, the Yankee manager, bestowed the title on him and gave him a Yankee cap and a baseball. That's how you win friends and influence people.

Lundeberg

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that the union will replace the crew at the first of the year.

Broad Protest

Cremona makes it clear, however, that despite his methods and tactics of turning red-baiting against the union bosses, his protest is for a voice for the membership in the affairs of the union. He protests against "sellouts" in which the members have no vote, efforts to "brainwash" them into giving over to the union a million dollars in overtime and sick leave pay, and domination of the union by "the great one," apparently Lundeberg, and others not even members of the stewards department.

FBI Recommended Flynn

Apparently to forestall any red-baiting attack against himself by Lundeberg, Cremona took precautions before he published the first issue of "The Stewards News M.C.S. A.F.L.," back on Oct. 20. He tells in his first issue how, "I went to the FBI and requested the name of a lawyer who is not affiliated with any communist or other subversive groups and opposed to gangster or racketeering groups."

It may seem a strange function for the FBI, but they came up with a name, Cremona writes, the name being that of Thomas Flynn, once an FBI agent, himself. Later a deputy attorney general during the regime of Ingram Stainback as governor, and rather inconspicuous around the courts since he left that office.

Flynn was asked for an opinion on a number of questions by Cremona. In answer to those questions, Flynn advised him the stewards are not bound by SIU rules, because they have never accepted membership in the SIU, that, according to a U.S. Court ruling, a union may "not adopt a rule that requires the discharge of an employe or prevents the re-employment of a member" except for failure to pay dues or initiation fee, and that no contract is actually now in force.

His Appointed Officials
Armed with the written opinion, which he published in his first paper, Cremona went back to his ship and began his first paper as follows: "This is the first time that the members of the MCS-AFL will receive information from members of the MCS-AFL on what the appointed officials are doing to us. These are the officials who were never elected by a majority vote and are enforcing a constitution that was never voted upon by the membership."

He began turing out a mimeographed issue a day, assisted by Nora Smith, whom he called, "the courageous one."

"Where is our contract?" he asked in the third issue, pointing out that ballots to vote on the contract had arrived on the ship, but no contract so the stewards could know what they are voting on. Both deck and engineroom departments had read and discussed their contracts.

"Do they think we are so stupid that we will misinterpret it," Cremona asked in his paper, "or smart enough to see through it and turn it down?"

Sold Out Before
Then he told the story of how, after he and others helped kill the original independent MCS in the Olsen Steamship Co., which worked the northwest coast, until his ship was 100 per cent AFL then, without ever getting a voice in their contract, the stewards were "sold out."

Is that, he asked, what is going to happen again? Pleading with minor union officials and members whom he named—Joe Goren,

"Halibut Head" Petersen, Grace Boyd, "Scoop" Miller,—he asked that they stand together to save the union from a sellout.

But he warned, there was an "incredible" rumor about the ship.

Next trip he was back with the "incredible rumor" confirmed, though he had learned of it in the newspapers. Cremona quoted an item in the San Francisco Examiner of Oct. 21 to the effect that the AFL marine cooks had signed a three year "no strike" contract with the Pacific Maritime Assn., APL and PFEL. In the item, Ed Turner, "MCS international organizer," was quoted as calling the agreement "generous," since it provided for an annual wage review, a \$25 monthly salary increase, and a raise in overtime pay.

Cremona let his readers know the score in very few words.

"THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED WITHOUT VOICE OR VOTE," he wrote. "We union members have been 'Sold Down the River.' The appointed officials know that, in an honest vote, the contract will be turned down by a majority of 10 to 1."

Still Fighting

But the fight isn't over, Cremona declared. "We have not been idle," he warns Lundeberg and hints that he and those who think like him have already solicited aid of: the NLRB, the PMA ("They may have been a party to the illegal signing of our contract," the labor press, the FBI, a labor attorney (Thomas Flynn?), and Congress. "They investigated and suppressed the old communist dominated MCS and will do the same with the appointed officials of our Union. Lundeberg is not the 'law of the land,' he is not the reincarnation of Stalin, etc. . . . No union officials can deny us our jobs. They cannot take us off the ship. Neither full books or permits. WE CAN'T LOSE."

Honolulu seamen, staunch members of the original independent union who fought for it and the democracy it afforded members, read such of Cremona's papers as came into their hands and smile sadly.

"Now they find out what they got themselves into," says one. "They didn't know when they had it good. The red-baiting scared them, and now they've got to learn the hard way."

Up to 20,000 Chickens Per Farm Died During Sept. Heat Wave

Southern California poultry farmers lost from a few hundred to 20,000 chickens per farm from the intense heat wave of early September.

Vista, San Diego county area, was reported to be hardest hit, although poultrymen in Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange counties suffered big losses.

The Vista Press reported: "Charles Carpenter, San Marco . . . lost most of his flock of 7,000 chickens; Mrs. Lyman Thompson, Vista . . . flock of 1,000 nearly all dead; Charles Christy, Vista . . . 50 per cent all flock of 10,000 layers dead and still dying; A & M Farms, Vista . . . 10,000 out of 20,000 chickens dead; Robert K. Brass, Vista . . . half of flock of 20,000 lost; John Frohroff, San Marcos . . . 18,000 to 20,000 out of 100,000 gone."

Referring to truck farmers, a farmer said, "One lost a \$7,000 crop of tomatoes because they cooked on the vines."



IN DIMES 'MARCH'—March of Dimes Poster Boy for 1956, 5-year-old Tommy Woodward of Baltimore, gets as assist from child actress Patty McCormack. In the Broadway pro of the The Bad Seed, Patty plays the role of a child killer. The annual March drive begins Jan. 3. (Federated Pictures)

Gray Line Gets Airport Taxi Concession; Lee Explains Setup

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taken care of. The commission has studied the problem of ground transportation for years. There was a time taxi operators stood in line and called for fares. Later a system of rotating taxi operators was tried out. Then concessions were given out to a limited number of operators.

24 Hour Service

The bulk of the Mainland passengers are casuals while tourists traveling inter-island go on pre-arranged tours and for them ground transportation is provided. Gray Line handles a bulk of this business.

The commission has had com-

plaints from airlines and passengers with regard to transportation services, including old equipment.

To give maximum service to passengers who seek ground transportation from the airport, Lee says, the operators of vehicles must provide service 24 hours a day. To divide the fare of casual passengers would not be practical, he says, for two or more operators would not be able to make out financially in the long run by giving satisfactory service.

Taxis in the past have not served all hours and with numerous operators operating pickup service at the airport, it has been difficult to fix responsibility.

Fixing Responsibility

With one operator responsibility can be fixed and the firm must provide service at all hours.

The peak hours are around 7:30 in the morning and in the evening. During the dead spots, the operator must keep his vehicles employed. Therefore, Lee said, a transportation firm with tie-in with tours can make a go, but he doubts others depending solely on airport passenger service will be able to stay in business.

At least 40 cars—30 of the seven passenger type and 10 vehicles for 12 passengers—are required of the franchise holder by the commission.

Taxi operators who disagree with Lee contend that passengers were getting satisfactory service and there was no need of changing the setup. To their charge of GOP politics, Lee says that the commission is divided into five GOPs and four Democrats.

Ask King For Whole Loaf, Mizuha Advises DPI, Chamberlain

Commissioner Shizuichi Mizuha of Maui has not ceased plugging for more funds for the Territory's schools and less attention to Gov. Sam King's mandated cut of \$1,500,000, he revealed at the last meeting of the DPI, Wednesday, Nov. 16.

While William H. Coulter, deputy superintendent of the division of vocational education, was telling commissioners his division needs a "good functional guidance program," Mizuha interrupted with a question.

Why wasn't the guidance program a good one? he asked.

Coulter's answer was that funds and personnel are limited. And that, according to report, led Mizuha to ask some questions about the "mandated savings."

Clayton Chamberlain, DPI head, said the DPI will actually turn back only \$400,000. Chamberlain said he thought that was pretty good, that while the legislature had appropriated \$45,000,000 of the \$48,000,000 asked, Gov. King can reduce expenditures if he finds revenues are not coming in fast enough.

"Why not ask for the whole loaf?" asked Mizuha. "You might get it."

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COMMISSIONER WALTERS K. ELI, of the AFL Central Labor Council, hasn't shown up at recent meetings of the DPI, according to report, though he managed to appear at the current hearing on shipping to be a witness for the Pacific Far East Lines. Some Democrats have wondered if he's supposed to be an "innocuous labor leader," somewhat resembling the "innocuous Democrats" Gov. Sam King has boasted of appointing to his committees and commissions. And could A. S. Relle, AFL organizer, recently appointed by King to a committee to attend the White House Conference, qualify on both scores?

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THE WATER BILL FOR LA-HAINALUNA High School continues to be forwarded to the Territory by the Maui Waterworks board, but no one knows yet who is legally responsible for it, though the matter has been brought up a number of times. Mizuha asked what was being done and Chamberlain said the attorney general's office has been asked for an opinion and Deputy Robert Fukuda is reported working on it.

Airlines to Step Up Flight Frequency To TH Drastically

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effect early next year is to accommodate the greater volume of tourists expected to visit the islands.

Pan Am is increasing flights by 25 per cent from April 1, 1956. It will add DC-7s to its present fleet of Stratocruisers.

United Airlines will increase its flights by 20 per cent from April 1, 1956. It is reported that in the next several months it is adding 33 new planes and some of them are expected to be used for flights to the islands.

Municipal Power 38% Cheaper

A municipally-owned power plant in California supplies electricity at rates 38 per cent lower than its privately-owned competitor and the move by the private outfit to buy the city's power system was defeated by the people of Riverside, Calif.

The California Electric Power Co. (Calelectric) offered \$7,300,000 for the city's Riverside plant but after comparing the rates, residents rejected the sale 10,423 to 6,647.

According to the California Farm Reporter, October, the city-owned plant not only offers rates 38 per cent lower than Calelectric but has averaged \$286,000 profit for the past 10 years. This has reduced the city's tax rate.

Calelectric whose 10 largest stockholders live outside the state organized a "Committee of One Thousand" to carry on a well-financed campaign for sale of the municipal plant.

Opponents organized "Citizens United to Save Our Light Plant."

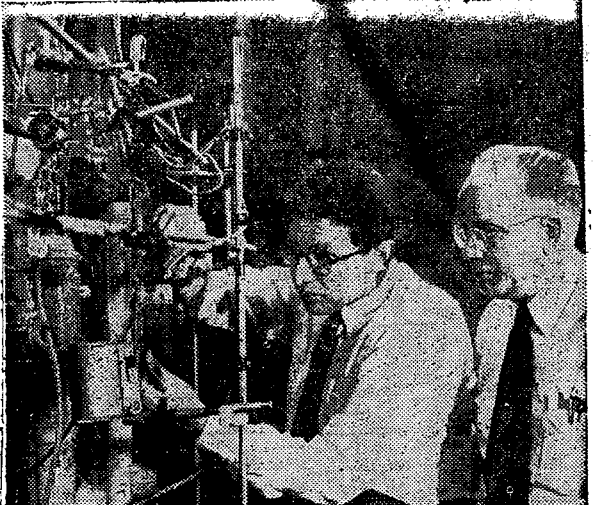
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DEVICE AIDS ATOMS-FOR-PEACE—Using a beer can, some plastic refrigerator pans and \$2,000 worth of tubes and valves, these Columbia University chemists have come up with a discovery that may greatly aid scientists in atoms-for-peace research. With the do-it-yourself device, they have produced the world's first supply of 99 per cent concentration of nitrogen 15, a long-sought ingredient for the homogeneous breeder type nuclear power reactor. (Federated Pictures)

Waipahu Irrigators Walk More Than Soldiers; Incentive Pay Slashed

"If you are an irrigation man at Waipahu plantation today, you march more than a soldier," an Oahu Sugar Co. employe said last week. "The company cries all the time in the Big Five newspapers, 'Hard time, can't make money.' The big bosses tell lie. They can't make the grade to heaven," the worker declared.

1 Does Work of 7
Several years ago seven men irrigated a 120-acre field near camp five. Today one worker, sometimes two, handle the same irrigation work. "You walk more than a soldier. Soldiers don't walk like hanawal men," he said. "You walk up and down, up and down, sideways, this way, that way all day long. Bonus? You say company give bonus. The company squeeze. Squeeze your sweat. Leave you dry."
When seven irrigated the 120 acres, after the harvest the company gave a "big pay." This was in addition to their daily pay, as an incentive to make the men do a good job of irrigating so that sugar tonnage would be high.

Co. Pays Much Less
"Big pay before was \$600-\$700 one man. Today one man irrigates and he gets \$700. If he is lucky, \$800 or \$900. Before the company paid \$4,900 all told to seven irrigators. Today \$700 to \$900."
Near Camp 29, previously nine to 10 men worked as irrigators on a tract of land. Today one man does the entire irrigation work, with occasional assistance from another man. Cane yield is now 120 tons an acre, compared to 90 tons before.

But on "big pay" day, the one worker gets about \$800. Formerly every one of the 10 irrigators collected \$600 to \$700.
Field 27-B was irrigated by two men during World War II. Top

Many Mainland stores were impressed by findings of A. J. Wood & Co., researchers, whose study showed that 57 per cent of potential customers with charge accounts never come out of a store without buying something.

In England doctors were thoroughly condemned from the pulpit for interfering with God's laws when smallpox vaccine was first used.

"big pay" was \$1,900. Two men irrigated the same tract before the last harvest. The yield was better but the "big pay" was about \$900, or \$1,000 less. "This is contract work. It is not under union contract. Irrigator's day work is covered by union contract," the worker explained. "Better if irrigators get together and let the union handle everything to protect them."

Author Ishigaki Leads Movement to Free Japanese Women

A Japanese woman who wrote in her book "Restless Wave" about discarding the ways of feudal Japan is the leading advocate of freedom of women movement in Japan.

Mrs. Ayako Ishigaki, writer and lecturer, lived in the U.S. for many years and returned to Japan a few years ago. She is the wife of an artist.

"Her advocacy of greater freedom for women made her popular overnight," wrote Tamotsu Murayama, Tokyo newspaperman, in the Pacific Citizen of Oct. 14.

"She was regarded as an emancipator for the women of Japan. She has urged the women of Japan to go out and work to boost family finances. She even spelled out complete freedom for freedom's sake for the women of Japan."

According to Murayama, Mrs. Ishigaki is the "No. 1 anti-American woman agitator."

"A gifted speaker and writer, Mrs. Ishigaki attacked the weaknesses of America. Her audiences were spellbound. What she mouthed appeared most convincing since she had lived for many years in the United States. There was an air of authority about her."
During the last war Mrs. Ishigaki contributed to the war effort of this country by assisting in psychological warfare against Japan. After the war she gave lectures on Japan. An organization sponsored by Author Pearl Buck had her among the team of speakers.

Four Unsolved Killings Greet Liu On Return

Chief Dan Liu of the Honolulu police returned Wednesday on the Lurline from attending a national conference of police chiefs and a vacation to a department confronted with four unsolved killings.

First was the killing of an aged Chinese man, L. W. Ching, some months ago in his room at 1178 Maunakea St. Ching was found with his skull fractured by a blow from a blunt instrument. He was thought to have been the victim of an attempted holdup.

Next was the slaying of Kenneth Chong, Beach Walk Inn proprietor, shot to death by a gunman after closing his place for the night about two weeks ago.

Gang-Style Slaying?
Third was the discovery of a largely decomposed body 50 ft. from the road near the Blow Hole. After an early surmise of suicide, police reported two bullet holes in the head of the body, one slug being found in the head and another in the ground under it. Though some have seen this as a gangland style killing, of a sort almost unknown in the islands, the body has not yet been identified.

Fourth was the unusual case of a victim who walked into the police station to complain of violence against him, and later died as a result of the beating he had received. He was John K. Kapukui Jr. who went to the assistance of his landlady attempting to quiet a disturbance, and was beaten and kicked to death by two men.

CAFETERIAS

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ible list of 250 compiled by civil service after tests.

The schools in question are spread throughout the Territory, but special concern was expressed at the last DPI commission meeting by Commissioner Majorie Hind of Hawaii who stated that, since these schools do not share in the "surplus food" program, many of the children suffer from malnutrition.

But McTaggart says they're not entirely done choosing the schools yet.

Who's right?



HAT IN RING?—Should Sen. Estes Kefauver (D, Tenn.) decide to toss his coonskin cap into the Presidential ring for 1956, he will find a ready-made headquarters in Washington, complete with Kefauver for President posters. Adlai Stevenson opened the political season with announcement of his candidacy. (Federated Pictures)

PAULING VS. SINCLAIR

If Gregg Sinclair, former president of the University of Hawaii, were present in the Senate caucus room Nov. 15 and listened to Dr. Linus Pauling, winner of the Nobel Prize in chemistry, has ears undoubtedly would have burned.

The eminent scientist was insulted and harassed by the university's big shots when witchhunting was at flood tide.

As everyone must recall, the notoriety earned by the Manoa campus went this way—Dr. Pauling was invited by Sinclair to dedicate the new chemistry building. The eminent professor at the California Institute of Technology accepted the invitation.

Then the territorial subversive commission put a bug into Sinclair's ear, saying that Dr. Pauling had refused to answer when asked if he was a Communist.

John T. Jenkins, then the sound organ for the anti-labor, red-hunting IMUA, made a lot of noise over the radio.

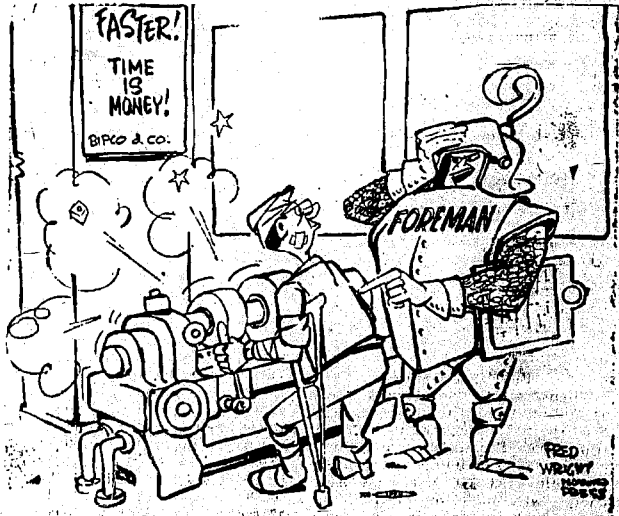
What took place then was character lynching. The university's board of regents and Sinclair knuckled under pressure and did what more and more people in this period of returning common sense are saying was a foolish thing to do. They withdrew the invitation to Dr. Pauling, thereby virtually tarring and feathering him as undesirable at the Territory's institution of higher learning. They did this without investigation. By the time it was learned Dr. Pauling had denied he was or had been a Communist, the authorities had committed themselves. But it doesn't seem that they had preserved their face by not reversing their stand taken hurriedly.

A few faculty members demonstrated intelligent courage by openly favoring the invitation of Dr. Pauling. Notable among them was Dr. Leonora N. Bilger of the chemistry department. Students spoke up for re-inviting Dr. Pauling. Common sense prevailed at the university, generally, except at the top.

Today with the witchhunting tide on the ebb, the witchhunters no longer ride so high and mighty. The subversive commission after operating for some years suffered a sharp cut in its budget during the last legislature. IMUA has had to change tactics. It faced trouble. It removed Jenkins who apparently isn't doing much of anything now in the ranks of flag-waving, super-patriots—the same Jenkins who used to moan over the radio almost nightly (more on page 8)



DR. SINCLAIR



STEP ASIDE, JERKLY, AND LET ME SHOW YOU HOW TO GET SPEED FROM THAT LATHE!

Why Not Post-Season Games To Decide Football Title of Oahu, Territory?

By SPECIAL WRITER
Who will be interscholastic champion of the Territory, or even of Oahu?

Even though Roosevelt has clinched the Honolulu championship, Waialua and Castle are tied for the rural Oahu championship, and a number of excellent high school teams compete on the outer islands, no one will ever know the answer to either of the questions posed above because there is no setup for deciding any of these titles.

It is high time, some close followers of scholastic football believe, for steps to be made in the direction of setting up some new championships. Though football is comparatively new in some rural schools, these men say, the caliber of play at the country high schools has improved so rapidly that even now the winners of the rural league could compete on even terms with the winners of the city league.

So why, they ask, shouldn't the winner of the rural loop play the city champion for the championship of Oahu? Surely the game would be profitable from the viewpoint of the gate, they emphasize.

5,000 Saw Game at Waialua
The Roosevelt-Kamehameha game Saturday drew about 8,000 fans, while the Castle-Waialua game Friday drew 5,000 at the Waialua field, the largest crowd ever to witness a game in rural Oahu, according to the dailies. While it is possible that a few fans may have seen both games, it is the belief of those favoring a championship match that a game in the stadium for the championship of Oahu would draw well in excess of 10,000.

"What's more," says a veteran coach, "I'll bet either Waialua or Castle could play on even terms with Roosevelt."

Over a period of years, beginning now, says the coach, he believes rural Oahu high schools would win at least their share of titles from city teams, regardless of obvious advantages enjoyed by Honolulu's private schools.

While the Shriners' post-season all-star game draws well, it merely gives fans a chance to see individual stars performing under unusual circumstances when they cannot possibly show to the best advantage. A post-season game for the championship of Oahu, on the other hand, would bring an element of rivalry not seen in the Shriners' game at present, and would have some significance as well. And possibly, football enthusiasts say, the Shriners should be allowed to promote the post-season game, participating in the profits.

T.H. Title Game Next
The next logical step, of course, would be a title game for the championship of the Territory. As

football championships in many of the Mainland states are decided, so they might be decided by still another post-season game, possibly to be held about New Year's Day, some fans believe. Again, they point out that the recent records of outside island teams, especially Kauai-High this year, indicate they would get their share of the titles.

The University of Hawaii, already benefiting by the increased football skill developed in rural Oahu and the outside islands, would benefit even further by such rivalry, fans say, because a high proportion of the football players developed would wind up at the university.

The old coach endorses that thought, putting it another way. He says, "The scouts from the Mainland colleges that come down here to see what they can get in Hawaii—they're going to have to go into the rural areas from now on. Because they won't necessarily find the best boys in Honolulu. Now we're developing good players on all islands."

More Power, Speed Will Feature Stock Car Races Next Season

With the return of Jerry Unser to Honolulu, the local stock car racing will provide excitement. Unser who imports latest and expensive parts to make his car outperform others has probably contributed most to improving local races.

Fortunately for Unser, he comes from a racing family and he gets assists from home. The fine points of racing, use and performance of new gadgets are all important information to a racer who weekly tries to push his car for additional speed and better track performance.

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EXPERIENCED DRIVERS like Unser have raised the level of local drivers.

In various garages and service stations in Honolulu stock car drivers, their sponsors and pit men are working on their cars. Last season cars were souped up more than ever with regular high compression heads, magneto and fuel injector.

The high compression heads were used previously with cylinder heads shaved to give more compression but during the 1955 season cars began carrying ready-made high compression heads.

The magneto which costs a lot of dough was not used widely. Toward the end of the season Wally Tavares began using fuel injector which does not need carburetors. Next season scheduled to begin in mid-January will bring with it more powerful, faster cars.

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ENCOURAGING NEWS for stock car drivers comes from New York where a nursery operator races during weekends and ranks among fulltime pros who usually race six nights a week. The nursery owner is Tetsuo Fuchigami who manages the Ozone Park Nursery, New York. On weekends from May to October he becomes George Tet, according to the weekly Hokubel Shimpo.

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GEORGE TET is listed close to the top in the National Assn. for Stock Car Auto Racing records. Last year he was 15th in national standing and this is an impressive record, considering he races but two nights a week.

\$10,000-\$30,000 Pledged, Donated For Parish School

The Star of the Sea fund drive to raise \$500,000 for its building fund will hit the home stretch Dec. 4 when about 400 men will go out to make contacts for pledges from the 1,600 families in the parish that have not already made pledges.

Edward A. Murty this week said "We are over-the-halfway mark." The fund drive has aroused much interest in the community because of its unusual procedure. While organizing soliciting teams for the drive, pledges have been collected. Three are for \$30,000 each, two are for \$25,000, one for \$20,000 and three for \$10,000.

The \$500,000 will go toward paying on indebtedness incurred in building a 1,150 children school. About \$1,000,000 was spent for the land and building. The parish has paid \$250,000.

Edward A. Murty, general chairman of the drive, said that since tuition barely pays for operating expenses, it cannot amortize the indebtedness.



By Wilfred Oka



SPORTS TIDBITS FROM HERE AND THERE

Governor George M. Leader of Pennsylvania, who suspended boxing in his state after some smelly shindigs this week, got some action from the Commission through his chairman, James Crowley. Mr. Crowley announced this week that the two co-managers of Wallace Bud Smith, the new lightweight champion, had been suspended in Pennsylvania. They are Anthony Ferrante and Carmen Graziano, who also manages the middleweight contender Joey Giardello. Wallace Bud Smith won the title from Jimmy Carter in a scoring melee which had the officials going because of the mistakes in addition by one of the judges. In spite of what the score-card showed, this particular judge insisted that Jimmy Carter won the fight. We are prone to suspect that both Smith and Carter are actually owned and controlled by the same syndicate that controls boxing throughout the country.

In announcing the suspension Chairman James Crowley said that it was being done for the best interests of boxing and that the two co-managers were charged with associating with gamblers, bookmakers, and other persons of ill repute. The Commission has asked the other states which like Pennsylvania have working agreements with the National Boxing Association, to go along with their ukase. Pennsylvania has a tough campaign to clean up boxing and the attendant rackets and the Governor's consistent interest personally has given the Commission a strong incentive to carry out the Governor's orders.

LOCALLY, THE TBC approved a Baby Gonay-Gil Velarde main event with a card made up of the sorriest mess of preliminaries including the following: Linford Chung paired with Eddie Mars; Larry Souza against Felix Aciro; Dala Canales versus Ralph Goldie. The semi-final shows Danny Kid of the Philippines with some kind of reputation in a "no decision" four-rounder against George Nil, a local flyweight also with some kind of reputation. Some of our local sports writers have billed this as a "no contest" match. This was done because of a "slip" of the typewriter. As we understand it this four-rounder is a "no decision" affair with the ranking and the reputation of Danny Kid remaining untarnished. This "exhibition" or sparring session isn't going to get the local colony jumping. And the prelims in support of the Gonay-Velarde main event are an insult to the boxing IQ of our local fans!

HILO'S ADVISORY RECREATION COUNCIL came up with two requests to the Board of Supervisors this week for major improvements in 1956. They are: to build and maintain a lighting system for Koolulu Park, a center for Hilo's major baseball and football contests; and construction of swimming pools at all communities with high schools. On the whole island of Hawaii only Hilo has a public swimming pool and community-wise this is a pretty low standard. Measured against recreation importance the cost of building a pool in key localities should have secondary importance. A swimming pool can give years and years of excellent recreation for thousands of people and this is a step in the right direction for the County of Hawaii. Kokua!

THE INCONSISTENCIES of the Missouri Valley AAU glaringly came to light this week. First, the very important registration committee suspended Wes Santee, hope of the US in the Olympics, on charges that he accepted excessive expense money at three California track meets which were sponsored and run by three legitimate AAU organizations. This week's meeting of the Board of Governors of the Missouri Valley AAU cleared Wes Santee by a vote of 21 to 7 of the charges and suspension by their own registration committee. The action will automatically revoke Santee's suspension if no appeal is made by the registration committee to the AAU's National Board of Governors.

It is a well known fact with anybody with any knowledge of the functions of the AAU that the registration committee is the most powerful group and it has been the practice in any state AAU or local AAU to appoint the top men for this much maligned committee. So it is a great surprise that the Wes Santee mess was not settled outside of the meeting of the Missouri Valley Board of Governors' meeting. This is tantamount to a slap on the wrist to the registration committee. However, in looking over the total picture we came out with the prediction that Wes Santee would be reinstated by the Board of Governors. However, we still maintain that such inconsistencies will lower the prestige of the organization, especially when it slaps down the decision of its own registration committee.

CALIFORNIA'S STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION which controls both boxing and wrestling got itself into an investigation of pro rassing instigated by Chairman Frank Bonelli of the State Assembly who wanted to know whether pro rassing matches were fixed or not. It is a well known fact that pro rassing is a "show" and an exhibition but when Mr. Bonelli started the proceedings with tongue in cheek or not, this investigation got a lot of people jumpy with the seriousness of it. Some of the licensed referees didn't want to testify and then two finally said that the "matches" were pre-arranged and they knew who was supposed to win. Then the two referees were placed on the inactive list because of their testimony and then only this week both of them were reinstated along with those who didn't testify one way or the other.

We are not quite sure how the principals are taking this right now. But everyone would admit the simple fact that pro rassing is only a "show" and pre-arranged but to admit this simple fact would cut down attendance, and to have the principals let the general public in on the great American hoax will just about kill pro rassing. So the principals involved don't know whether to laugh or not. But it seems that some of the investigators are pretty serious about the whole matter and there's the rub. In any case the public is going to get some inside dope on rassing that they never even dreamed was possible. And one of them is that rassing is like the movies made in Hollywood and as a pro rasser the first requisite is your ability to "act."

GEORGE PURDY of Roosevelt, the year's outstanding football player, is a better than average baseball player. While he may be an asset in track, it might be a good idea for the athletic director to give him a crack at baseball for he may have a bright future in pro baseball.

Negroes Seeking Fed. Action on Till Murder Shadowed by Police

A delegation of 32 from Chicago, including seven Negro ministers, which came to Washington to ask Federal action in the Emmett Till murder were shadowed by the police everywhere they went.

Six motorcycle policemen and three full police cars followed them to Vice President Nixon's and Attorney General Brownell's offices and on a sight seeing trip in between.

Chicago police tried to intimidate and persuade them not to make the trip.

No mention of these facts was made in the general press, including Honolulu dailies.

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Strippers In Local Hot Spots Still Far More Modest Than Frisco Burlesque

By STAFF WRITER

We haven't caught the girl with the 44 inch chest expansion at the Pearl City Tavern, but a couple of exposures to the hottest shows in town (Hubba Hubba and the Ginza) where a couple of Mainland strippers are playing indicated that the liquor commission really hasn't much to worry about—if it's judging by Mainland standards. Recent observations on the Mainland lead us to believe the hottest you'll see in Honolulu wouldn't get much better than a bored yawn from patrons of Mainland burlesque.

Not that the girls don't make a good show—they do. Sue Martin in the Hubba Hubba and "Pepper" in the Ginza are two of the most enthusiastic, and extremely shapely showgirls you're going to see. But they have to operate within such rules as the local commission has set up to govern pelvic and posterior operations such as bumps and grinds. As for clothing, they don't really hide much but we're a notion they'd put a much different show on without restrictions.

Whether that's good or bad depends entirely on your point of view. The girls, after all, are selling sex because that's what the proprietor figures helps sell drinks.

They do it well, but they're still under wraps.

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STRANGEST THING about this sex business, probably, is that the strippers aren't necessarily the top salesladies. The Ginza "lovelies," or at least the two that are left, (since something seems to have happened to one) peddle more sex with nary a pelvic maneuver, at least in the mind of this reviewer, than all the recent strippers. Maybe it's because they don't try.

★ ★
YASUKO KOBAYASHI, a Japanese classical dancer at the Ginza, offers what regular customers may well figure is the outstanding stunt of the show—though she doesn't rate a nod in that corny uncle tomming advertisement the proprietor runs in the dailies. She steps into the place of the missing "lovely" and dances a couple of roles as if she'd written them. She's the dancer who's always played the man's role in the classical dances, and done it so well she had the women in the audience pitying her lack of femininity. In her chorus role, she looks and acts enough like a very attractive woman to suit the most critical customer.

★ ★
WE'VE BEEN wondering when Roy Matsuda, the Ginza proprietor, is going to start billing one of the "lovelies," Eiko Sawa, as maybe the "Japanese Lorraine Day." Certainly it would be as good a stunt as Bill Pacheco's "Gombo" the mambo specialist, and probably far more nearly justified. If Miss Sawa doesn't gain any more weight, that is.

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TOURIST GUIDES have their moments. Tuesday night, an Oriental guide escorted an elderly haole couple along Hotel St. explaining loudly, "This is the tenderloin—you know, like the Embarcadero."

And in our few visits to the Embarcadero, we'd never found anything but longshoremen, seamen and truckdrivers in the daytime and winos at night.

★ ★
A SPECIAL POLICEMAN, working at a Hotel St. night spot, wandered away from his door front one night last week and almost got pinched for loitering by a rookie cop. On reflection, the cop thought better of it.

Atrocities in Okinawa

A six year old girl was found dead as a result of rape on the morning of September 4, according to Times of Okinawa. Another child, a school girl, was raped by a U.S. soldier on Sept. 10. Two days later another U.S. soldier broke into a home in an attempt to attack a woman.

Okinawans held an emergency conference to discuss measures to protect their children, Kyodo news agency reported.

Tent Schools Opened In China's Grassland

The People's Republic of China has extended education to remote areas of the country with more than 600 million people.

Children of Tibetan and Mongolian herdsmen of the grassland of Chinghai province are now studying in tent schools. Recently seven new schools were opened with 400 students.

Children attending the schools are taught in their own languages and receive government subsidies to cover expenses.

The province now has 32 such schools in the pastoral lands.



SIDETRACKED—William F. Lewis, vice president of Alco Products Inc., testifies before Senate anti-trust subcommittee investigating the monopolistic structure of General Motors Corp. War orders for Diesel locomotives from GM in wartime gave the auto giant a "protected position" which enabled it to capture three-fourths of the locomotive market, he told the committee. (Federated Pictures)

Cutter Lab Wage Dispute Near Crisis

Berkeley, Calif.—Either a strike or a lockout was pending at Cutter Laboratories Nov. 15 where the warehouse division of the ILWU is negotiating a new contract.

The firm which received bad publicity through the production of faulty Salk vaccine refuses to agree to union demands for a 15 cent hourly wage increase and full welfare plan.

Company vice-president Fred Cutter said the lab might lockout the 218 warehouse employees. He contended that the snafu over the Salk vaccine had cut down profits.

The ILWU Local has voted 3-1 to strike if the raise is not granted. The company has rejected arbitration proposals by both the union and the U.S. conciliation service.

Publishers Threaten News Blackout

OKLAHOMA CITY—(FP)—The publisher of this city's two daily newspapers is out not only to smash the union of his employees, but every civic organization in town that believes in freedom of the press.

This was made clear by E. K. Gaylord, president of the Oklahoma Publishing Co., when he called in representatives of civic organizations and told them their groups faced a complete publicity blackout if they issued any information to the recently launched Oklahoma City edition of Labor's Daily, publication of the Intl. Typographical Union (AFL).

The local edition of the ITU paper was the union's answer to the Gaylord's bid to smash unionism in their plant, forcing out all their composing room employees.

funct business on Maunakea St. The old man would begin scraping pieces of pork into a bag, then engage his customer in conversation, call his attention to some other object in the shop, and scrape a few pieces into a drawer while the customer looked away. The weighing had been done earlier, of course.

"But if you ordered a pound," laughed his nephew, recalling the old days, "the chances are you got only three-quarters."

Gadabout

Over a period of months of contributing to this column, one arrives at a number of dead ends that leave only questions. Some of them, undoubtedly, aren't dead at all, though the openings aren't immediately obvious. And in some cases the answers may seem apparent, but are best found in the reader's own mind. But in any event, we can't help wondering WHY—

• the Territory doesn't abrogate its "agreement" with the armed services about turning service personnel back to the services for trial on criminal charges against local people and haul them into court like anyone else?

• little or nothing is ever published about the punishment servicemen receive from their own branches of the service for crimes like sex-under-16?

• Riley H. Allen never writes an editorial condemning hoodlumism by servicemen, when it occurs, but never misses a chance to blast local people on such charges even before the charges are established?

• local police had only three detectives working on the Kenneth Chong murder the day it happened when clues and leads were the hottest?

• Sam P. King, Duffy Mendonca and other local GOP leaders prefer Nixon to Warren as a Presidential candidate, though the most recent Gallup poll on the subject showed Adlai Stevenson would beat him?

• the kids living adjacent to McKinley High School prefer to dodge traffic and play football in the streets instead of going across Pensacola into the large fields laid out for that very purpose?

• the Advertiser's "Hawaii a Holiday" magazine should devote almost a whole page to a picture of Kingie Kimball's secretary who, though comely enough, doesn't seem to be much more of a story than any one of a hundred secretaries you can find around town?

• the board of supervisors, or the mayor, doesn't retire Fire Chief Harold Smith to his well-earned pension and end much of the squabble in and about the fire department?

• the Veterans Administration seems reluctant to have veterans air their gripes about the homes they bought from Bishop Estate at Aina Koa?

• Joseph Dwight continues to head the Territorial board of agriculture and forestry despite the indictment of three employees and revelations of highly irregular procedures by others in the department?

• Frank Fasi has suddenly reversed his policy of lambasting Democrats and has begun making like a Democrat, hitting out at Republicans for a change? Does he think he can win support from his former victims at this late date?

• one of the many liquor peddlers on Hotel St. doesn't try putting tap beer out at, say, 10 cents a glass to see how that would work as a counter attraction to the "exotic" dancers and musical cowboys?

• more customers didn't show up to try eating all they could for \$1 during the two weeks between Peter Q. Lee's opening as a restaurateur and his closing for lack of business?

• Joe Rose can't think up some more illuminating comment on news items he doesn't like than, "Aw, stop it!"

• some employees in some C-C offices give off a knowing smile when Mayor Neal Blaisdell's rule against liquor at City Hall parties is mentioned?

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BALLPLAYERS HAVE their own ways of recognizing one another. The October issue of Sign, a na-

tional Catholic magazine, carries the story of how Bill Dickey, the famous Yankee catcher met Joe Gantenbein, infielder for the Philadelphia (then) Athletics in the army, though he'd never met him to speak to before. When the infielder gazed at Dickey reflectively and said he thought he should remember that face, Dickey answered, "Right! If I pitched you inside, you hit the cover off the ball."

★ ★
Whatever else he didn't know about Gantenbein, he knew the infielder's hitting strength and weakness.

★ ★
FRANK FASI, so we hear, is being passed around among Democrats as a possible candidate for mayor. At the same time, he's said to have admitted in conversation with acquaintances that Long would probably beat him in a primary race, though so far as we know, he's said nothing on the subject at all to his radio listeners. If that's true, it's quite an admission for Fasi. Could he be losing his confidence?

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COULD IT BE TRUE as rumored, that there are now slot machines operating some places in town where you play quarters in the top and—once in a blue moon—win proportionate jackpots at the bottom?

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AL SCHAFF isn't here to defend himself, so perhaps it's not fair to write this story, but somehow we don't think he'd mind anyway. Might give him a few chuckles. Anyhow, one of his old pals was telling the other day about a trick Schaff used to pull to make extra change when he was selling hot dogs. Says Schaff used to drop one hot dog, smeared with a little mustard and minus buns, out in front of the stand at the beginning of the evening. Then, serving an unsuspecting customer, he'd insert a finger in an open bun, mustard it quickly and withdraw it all in one motion. When the customer bit on an empty bun, and looked puzzled, Al was immediately solicitous.

"Maybe you dropped it," he'd suggest. They'd both look down and, sure enough, there would be the one Schaff had put there before. Seldom, if ever, did the customer care to pick it up, so the trick would work many times during an evening—or at least, so Schaff told his pal.

★ ★
IF AL GETS IRRITATED at that item, of course, we may have to do a little ducking. Back in 1949, when Joe Rose was on another station and in verbal combat with Schaff and other figures in the local boxing world, the RECORD was also publishing some inside stories about the scandal in the boxing commission, co-promotion, free and unlisted tickets for fights and one thing and another. Rose would read a RECORD story over the air once in awhile, when it suited his purpose—seldom, if ever, giving credit as we recall. Well, one night he read one Al didn't like and a night or two later, Schaff punched the radio announcer right in the nose in front of several hundred fans at the Civic Auditorium. Then he told the RECORD his side of the story and it ran the following week.

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EVERY TRADE HAS ITS TRICKS, apparently, and another old-timer, hearing the story about Schaff and the hot dogs, was inspired to tell how an uncle of his had saved a penny or two selling Chinese roast pork at a now-de-

US Relaxes Curbs on Export to Eastern Europe; China Excluded

WASHINGTON—(FP)—U.S. exports to the USSR and the smaller countries of Eastern Europe, termed by official Washington "the Soviet bloc," will be easier to arrange under a new export licensing procedure announced Nov. 3 by Commerce Sec. Sinclair Weeks.

At present, every time an American businessman wants to make a sale to these countries he must apply for and secure a separate license. Now Weeks is planning to publish a list of so-called "peaceful" goods (non-strategic goods) for which individual licenses will not be required. It was assumed here the list will be a short one, consisting largely of items already permitted in shipment to Eastern Europe.

Effect of the new procedure will be to stimulate U.S. business to look for markets in those countries, where the task is made fairly simple by the fact that government purchasing officials make deals in large quantities.

It may also lead to U.S. business efforts to get Weeks to expand the list of non-strategic goods so that a wider range of U.S. products can be sold there. Government officials have throughout the cold war tried to keep the "strategic" label on as many kinds of goods as possible.

Weeks made it clear the new procedure will not apply to the Peking government of China, or to North Vietnam or North Korea. Here the U.S. maintains a complete embargo on all exports. However, even during the Korean war the U.S. was buying a limited amount of so-called strategic goods from China and Outer Mongolia, as well as from the USSR.

New Labor Directory

WASHINGTON—(FP)—National and international unions with headquarters in the U.S. had a total of about 18 million members at the beginning of 1955, the Labor Dept. stated in its new directory of labor unions.

Sinclair vs. Pauling

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about "good" people not doing enough against Communists, etc.

Dr. Pauling on the other hand is having his day. Last week he appeared before a senate committee holding hearings on the trampling upon of civil liberties. He mentioned how the Truman and Eisenhower administrations denied him his right to travel abroad.

The scientist told the committee headed by Sen. Thomas Hennings (D, Mo.) that it took a Nobel Prize and the worldwide renown accompanying the honor to win him the right to travel.

He had done secret work for the government during World War II and Pres. Truman awarded him the Medal of Merit. But in 1952 his passport which he had held for a long time was suddenly cancelled. He had to scrap lecture engagements abroad, in Europe and elsewhere. Ceremonies at which he was to be an honored guest, at the same time honoring this country, were held without him.

The Indian government in 1954 invited him to attend an important event. In July 1954 he was told by the State Department that he was suspected of being a "secret communist," which charge he denied. Then in October 1954, the department wrote him he could not have his passport because he had "followed the Communist party line."

A few weeks later the world was informed that Dr. Linus Pauling was the recipient of the Nobel Prize for chemistry, most respected award in world science.

Suddenly the denial of the right to go to Europe by the State Department became so ridiculous, so damaging to the prestige the authorities in Washington want, that the ponderous wheels of the State Department reversed themselves quickly to save face. They ruled that Dr. Pauling could go not only to Stockholm to receive the award from the King of Sweden but could also make the world tour he had been denied a few weeks earlier.

The eminent scientist told this story to the Senate committee. Dr. Pauling is a great man and his greatness transcends his highly specialized field of science. He fought for and won the right to travel, and to restore a national environment where common sense prevails. Thus, he appeared before the Senate committee.

In Hawaii people remember that after he was dropped by the university authorities as a hot potato, Dr. Pauling came here anyway in the interest of science to speak to a small private gathering of chemists. It takes a big man to behave in such an honorable and unselfish manner.

What the university authorities did was tantamount to kicking a big man when he was down. In the light of history, now and in the future, the big man who picks himself up and keeps on fighting for a freer, better USA towers and will tower in stature over those like Sinclair and board of regents members like Judge J. Frank McLaughlin.

As for the university, as it now stands on this matter, it can't do better than to invite Dr. Pauling, extend him the honors due him and at the same time profit academically and otherwise from his visit.



WATCH THAT TURKEY

With Thanksgiving just a few weeks away, we occasionally turn a pleasant thought toward the pump, brown turkey we will eat—in quantity. If personal history is to repeat itself, we know that we will have somewhat of a stomach-ache on the night of Nov. 24. Our gluttonous experience will be repeated in hundreds of thousands of American-homes. We hope, however, that all of the aches will come from over-eating and not from consuming diseased birds. We also hope that Thanksgiving will be a happy event for all poultry workers and that none will have caught ornithosis or one of the other diseases transmissible from fowl to man. Again, if history repeats itself, we know our hope will be unfulfilled. In the present legislative anarchy concerning poultry, a number of diseased and filthy birds will go through processing plants and, onto the dinner table. The Amalgamated will increase its campaign to eliminate all such dangers. We will press even harder than in the past for compulsory poultry inspection legislation to assure cleanliness and wholesomeness. —The Butcher Workman.

THE TENNESSEE VALLEY KNOWS

In the past month unharnessed New England water has killed scores of people, destroyed thousands of homes and washed out factories. Possibly the best flood control system could not have prevented all the damages. However, we have seen that, while other areas are being inundated, the TVA region in equally heavy periods of rainfall, opens and closes its network of dams to produce an orderly runoff without floods. The impounded water produces low-cost power. It seems to us that now is the time for our governors, congressmen and senators to extend to the northeast the one method of flood prevention which can pay in part for itself, for full-scale flood prevention is a costly matter. —The Machinist

New Ohio Method

Another highly promising new test for detecting cancer has just been reported by three Ohio researchers. In a study of more than 1,700 cases, the method proved at least 90 per cent accurate.

The test, based on thickening of blood plasma, disclosed evidence of early cancer as well as hidden types that frequently went undetected in routine examinations ("In as high as 96 per cent of cases," the report stated. The scientists said their test is "practical for mass screening, inexpensive, rapid and easily mastered by medical technologists.")

They said changes in blood serum, easily measured by optical methods, indicated there were "distinct differences" between blood serum of persons with and without cancer.

Frank-ly Speaking

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about the Mississippi River floods of 1927 which destroyed the homes of some 700,000 persons. One of my favorite blues—and it was so popular that it has been reissued twice—is called "Going Down Slow" and is a sort of last letter from a tuberculosis victim in the final stages of the disease.

These and many other blues which have found a ready response in the hearts of Negro America have nothing to do with sex. The point I'm trying to make is that blues subject matter is limited only by Negro experiences and that even sex blues are based on realism. Study the lyrics of genuine blues and you can get a picture of Negro life in America.

Frank-ly Speaking

By FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

The Blues Are Real

There is a vast difference between the words found in genuine blues and the words in popular songs. Broadly speaking, it is the difference between realism and pretense.

Love in a popular song is, as a rule, romantic love. Sir Galahad boy meets wide-eyed, innocent girl beneath a moon in June. Everything is such enchantment, way up high in the sky. Knight and fairy princess stuff.

The blues assumes that male and female are flesh and blood people, behaving in an everyday, earthy way. In other words, the blues lyrics accept sex as a perfectly normal activity in male-female relationship while the popular song evidently is written on the assumption that sex doesn't exist—or, if it does, is indecent and must be ignored.

The frankness of Negro blues songs in comparison with the pretense of the popular song reflects a basic difference between life in white and black America. A people forced to live life in the raw with no trimmings, as was the case during slavery and even today in the rural areas down South and the slums up North, has no need for nor inclination to fool itself. White America insists on hypocrisy. A society which talks democracy and actually practices discrimination could logically be expected to have the same pretense extended to its popular songs.



MR. DAVIS

Must Express Commonly Held Ideas

In addition to frankness about sex, blues lyrics often have a dry-and-bitter-humor possible only among a group used to getting the dirty end of the stick. Often they are pungent folk poetry. But most of all, they must express commonly held ideas or they won't get to first base.

About as pithy a farewell as you'll find anywhere is in these words of a blues song:

"When you see me leavin' pin crepe on your door

Said when you see me leavin' pin crepe on your door;

I won't be dead but I ain't coming back no more."

Here is another, equally brittle:

"I asked the brakeman to let me ride the blind.

Asked the brakeman to please let me ride the blind

He said, 'I'm sorry, little girl, but this train ain't none of mine.'"

It is true that a large proportion of blues lyrics are concerned with sex. But so, for that matter, is a large part of adult life. In addition, since in pre-Civil War times it meant more slaves and even today means an abundant supply of cheap labor, for generations sex was the main source of pleasure permitted Negroes by white America.

Sex Blues Commercialized

Even so, the sex blues have been built up out of proportion for commercial reasons. Back in the 1920's when the music business learned there was a lot of loot to be taken from blues with off-color or suggestive words, it encouraged this type and has recorded or pushed only a comparative smattering of other kinds of blues on the ground that they "aren't commercial enough." The singers and musicians, who like to eat regularly, have found it profitable to go along.

But there have been and still are many great blues songs that have nothing to do with sex. Blues lyrics can often present a biting social commentary as, for instance, Josh White's famous "Southern Exposure—an Album of Jim Crow Blues" which was marketed by a small company some 15 years ago after the major recording firms turned thumbs down.

The range of possible subject matter for blues lyrics is as wide as the day-to-day experiences of the Negro people themselves. Bad housing often means unsanitary living conditions and such pests as bedbugs. One of the best known was a number called "Mean Old Bedbug Blues" which had a number of verses in the following vein:

"Bedbugs big as a jackass will bite you, stand and grin.

Yes, bedbugs big as a jackass will bite you, stand and grin.

They'll drink up all the chinch poison, come back and bite you again."

Tells of Negro Life

One of the great, Bessie Smith's most famous hits was called "Backwater Blues" and was written

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