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A Strange Pact

Who can remember just a few short days ago when each of the major contenders for the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate were pressed to find words vile enough for his opponent that were still printable in the state's newspapers?

One would think that the candidates and member of their camps were bitter enemies, sworn to a blood duel for all time.

Not so, we find when the smoke of the campaigning clears a little.

A "deal" whereby the winner helped the loser pick up his campaign tab which had been worked out ahead of time, and we find that Pierre Salinger, winner of the primary contest, winds up with an obligation to help bail Alan Cranston out of a campaign deficit.

All this was done with the blessing—if not the insistence—of the governor, we are told.

With the zeal shown by many "public spirited" groups, committees, and newspapers to uncover unfavorable material about the candidates, it is surprising that no one stumbled onto the pre-election pact between the two candidates to divide up the loser's cost.

It seems about like flipping for the price of a beer, with the onlooker paying the tab.

The onlooker, in this case, is the voter and citizen who contributed money to back his candidate only to find later that it has been committed to pay the costs of a man he opposed.

Such an arrangement is bound to be looked at with raised eyebrows for many elections to come. We just hope the practice isn't catching. It could be a terrible ailment.

A Starving Overeater

Some of our bigger-domed thinkers have been expressing concern over the emaciated condition of our so-called public sector. Which means government. There has, the thinkers say, been too much private spending, not enough public.

Consider just how starved the public sector is. The Wall Street Journal recently quoted Duke University economics professor David G. Davies as saying: "Since 1900 the gross national product of the United States has increased by approximately 33 times and the labor force by a little over one and a half times. During the same period federal governmental expenditures jumped by 234 times and employment by nine times. Between 1960 and 1963 the rate of growth in governmental employment was about five times as rapid as it was for our civilian labor force."

Poor, underfed public sector! It's the first time we ever heard of anybody suffering starvation from over-eating.

Opinions of Others

Want to keep from getting a job when you graduate from school?

Here are some simple things to do that will practically insure a summer—maybe even a lifetime—of leisure:

Show your individuality by affecting a Beatle haircut and other touches of distinction which make it clear you have a personality of your own.

Pull up a chair real close to the interviewer, rearrange the stuff on his desk so his ashtray is near you, and light up. This shows you are at ease and at home anywhere.

Tell him frankly what you think is wrong with his business. So he burns a little. So what? If he can't take a little honest criticism, he's too narrow-minded to fool around with.

Make sure the company is broad-minded about coffee breaks, long lunch hours, tardiness, absenteeism and time out for personal business. Bear down on this. It will indicate you have your career carefully planned.

If a starting salary is mentioned, react with pain and hurt surprise. Explain that your professor thought you would be worth a lot more.

Follow this routine and it's dollars to doughnuts you end up with time to catch up on your sleep in the mornings and to polish up your golf game—assuming, of course, that you can get hold of the dough to play.

—Santa Maria Times

Morning Report:

Talk about stopping Barry Goldwater is down to a whisper in Republican circles. And the GOP politicians are working on a platform. A platform? Yes, that's a very important thing in a campaign year. Any politician will tell you that.

It's a long pamphlet telling what a party believes in. It's tricky written by lawyers to please every Republican and all Democrats, except possibly Lyndon Johnson and his immediate family. The Democratic platform will be equally satisfying to everybody.

No party can operate without a platform. Just like no 1964 automobile can operate without running boards.

Abe Mellinkoff

That One Doesn't Just Pull Ears



AFTER HOURS by John Morley

Red Rulers Take Pains To Insult Each Other

During our interview with Red China's Premier Chou En-lai in Cairo, the impression was apparent that he took the road to challenge Khrushchev's leadership in the Middle East and Africa. Chou traveled abroad for several months, an unprecedented period for any premier to be gone from his post. And it so happens that Chou En-lai is also, second only to Khrushchev, the most important Communist in the world.

Premier Khrushchev recently returned to the Middle East to meet the challenge for Red China and Chou En-lai head on. From what he said in his speech at the Aswan Dam and upon his return to Moscow, two major inter-related policies have become apparent: A major peace offensive toward the U.S. ... and a major cold war toward his former ally, Red China.

In the backwash of this Communist split is also an ominous warning that ... Russia would like nothing better than a war between the U.S. and Red China ... and Red China would like nothing better than a war between the U.S. and Russia.

Khrushchev's two main objectives are clear. He wants a limited accommodation with the U.S. ... a kind of pseudo-co-existence ... without any real concessions, or change from his main objective of putting Soviet communism on the whole map of the world.

And he wants to put the squeeze on Red China by political and economic isolation, in an attempt to force Peking to either bow to his rule, or bring about the assassination or ousting of the present leadership, for other Communist faces in Peking who will do his bidding.

Entirely too much emphasis has been placed that the rift between the two red giants is mostly ideological. The Stalin policies, which Red China supports, and the Khrushchev policies they oppose, do rotate on separate Communist orbits. The former is world revolution—even war ... while the latter is a combination of localized military pressures, subversion, espionage and the undermining of the enemy by other weapons than a military confrontation.

A remark which Chou En-lai made in my presence in Cairo divulged another even more important reason for the rift with Russia. It had to do with Soviet loans to Red China, intended to strengthen the Communist flank in the Pacific against the U.S.

"The Soviet loans," declared Chou, "were made on conditions of promissory notes and mortgages on China's real estate, underground wealth in Manchuria and Mongolia, etc. But due to Russia's economic deterioration as a result of the enormous cost of Sputniks, nuclear weapons and assistance to Cuba, they decided to prematurely call for payment."

It is reasonable to assume

that this Soviet decision undoubtedly was aggravated by Peking's growing strength and prestige, and equally growing concern on the part of Russia that they may have created a monster who in time could challenge its leadership in the entire Communist world.

It is our opinion that Red China is probably one of the most over-rated big powers in the world. Its 700 million population is held up as a proof of its major power ... although it could be proof of its major weakness.

There is not enough food available to Red China to adequately feed these millions. They are multiplying at the rate of two per cent a year, while the food supply is dropping each year, mainly because of soil neglect and the lack of hard currencies with which to import food.

The Red Chinese have an army of some three million and they lack the funds to pay and maintain it adequately. The military hardware is almost entirely Russian and the replacement parts are not as easily available now. This is also true of food.

Russia, being also short of food, is not likely to import more from abroad, with its equally short supply of hard currencies, to help the Red Chinese who have been resorting to insults and name calling.

The meaning of the Russia-Red China rift will probably be reflected in the es-

tablishment of two major Communist blocs.

The pro-Chinese bloc will include: Albania, North Korea, North Vietnam, Indonesia, Southeast Asia, the Philippines and other Far East Communist parties ... plus a small segment of Communist hot-heads in Europe, Africa and South America who seek war with the West. We heard this referred to in Asia as "The Fifth Internationale."

The pro-Russian bloc will include: the Eastern European satellites, the major Communist parties in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and the U.S.

The immediate confrontation between the two Communist giants appears to be the newly emerging colonial countries ... those still under colonial or foreign influence ... the backward countries with raw material wealth ... and especially the oil wealthy Middle East where the 13 Arab nations are torn apart by the extremes of riches and poverty, power politics and greed, notwithstanding their united but ineffective threats against Israel.

The electrifying pronouncement of Premier Chou En-lai, while touring Negro Africa, that "Chinese communism will give the Negro Liberation Movement top priority" ... may be just the spark that could ignite a crisis, not only between Russia and Red China communism ... but a racial explosion that could engulf the whole world.

HERE AND THERE by Royce Brier

Succession Laws Leave Room for Some Worries

The fact that we have no elected vice president is a nagging circumstance in this political summer. It can, however, be cured with relative ease, though it probably won't be before the November election.

But the succession in case of the disability of a President is a much more complex matter requiring a constitutional amendment. It is also a delicate matter, involving the texture of the power we can confer on a President.

Students of government have always been aware the Constitution is vague on disability. In Art. II, Sec. 1, after mentioning removal, resignation or death, it says that in case of "inability to discharge the powers and duties of said office, the same shall devolve on the vice president ..."

We have had two disabled

Presidents in this century. President Wilson suffered a stroke and was almost helpless for months. Mrs. Wilson isolated him, and it was impossible even to learn his condition. When President Eisenhower had a coronary attack, his mental capacity was unaffected, and he was quite willing the vice president take over. The point is men in late middle life, under strain, are susceptible to non-fatal brain or heart accidents which may even bring coma.

Last week a Senate subcommittee approved a proposed constitutional amendment dealing with the succession, including the disability factor. Unhappily, this amendment, while perhaps better than nothing at all, appears to contain ambiguities and loopholes.

Section 3 has a President declaring himself disabled in writing. This would fit the Eisenhower case, but not the Wilson case, and

would not fit a case in which a sick President was semi-conscious.

Section 4 says if a President "does not so declare," the vice president, with the written consent of a Cabinet majority (or such other body as the Congress may designate), may declare a President disabled, and become Acting President.

But there is no provision for a medical, or other interested, determination of a President's fitness. So in Section 5, if a President writes that "no inability exists" (that he has recovered), the Acting President may contest this, and if he can win a two-thirds vote in both Houses, he is confirmed as Acting President.

As you perceive, if, as sometimes happens, a President has a heavy opposition majority in Congress, or an unfriendly vice president, there is hell to pay. There should be a more concise, scientific and sensible way to solve the problem.

NEWS SPARKS by James Dorais

Goldwater Facing All Odds in Victory Drive

Senator Barry Goldwater's California victory must be interpreted as a tremendous testimony to the Arizona conservative's voter appeal—for in the end, it was not just a contest between Goldwater and Rockefeller but a test of strength against all other Republican contenders.

Nevertheless, the Senator's success was greatly abetted by a factor beyond his control: the unexpected and appalling weakness of the Rockefeller campaign.

Here was a campaign that had everything going for it: Money. Most primary election campaigns are low budget, frantic pass-the-collection-plate affairs. But the Rockefeller campaign was an advertising agency's dream. There probably won't be that much money spent again in a candidate's campaign—even a general election campaign—for at least another century.

Political support. California's Republican Senator, the majority of party officials, and most Republican "names" were in the New Yorker's corner.

A friendly press. Newspaper commentators and national magazines, almost without exception, were plugging for Rockefeller

and giving the back of their hands to Goldwater.

What went wrong? If one thing can be singled out, it was the campaign strategy of "overkill."

With all the money in the world, Rockefeller, it soon became evident, couldn't be sold on a positive basis. The crowds came to meet a real live Rockefeller and drink his champagne, but they didn't stay to cheer.

So the strategy was devised to give Goldwater the kind of hatchet job Roosevelt used on Hoover. The trouble was: Goldwater, even his worst enemies have to admit, is a nice guy. No family trouble, no Bobby Bakers in his background. He doesn't even lift dogs by the ears.

In trying to kill Goldwater, the Rockefeller people overdid it. They tried to kill all his supporters as well. They tried to tar with Birchism everyone who bought Goldwater's brand of Conservatism, which in the end proved no more effective than the attempts in an earlier era to brand all liberals as Communists.

The Rockefeller radio spots were an insult to anyone with an IQ for more than 53, and the poll figures were clearly unbelievable even before the election. Despite campaign errors

of his own, particularly his neglect of Northern California, Barry Goldwater achieved a victory that may very likely win him the Republican nomination in July. But he was helped in some degree by Rockefeller—and the Rockefeller campaign strategy of overkill.

Youth Behind The Wheel



NATURE'S LAWS—There are traffic laws made by man, and traffic laws made by nature. You might ignore those made by man, but you can't ignore nature's laws. They don't always give you a second chance, advises the Automobile Club of Southern California. One of these is force of impact—the force with which objects meet. It is determined by the speed of the moving object, the weight of the object and the distance within which the object is stopped after hitting. The greater the speed, the greater the force of impact and the more severe the damages are likely to be in the case of a collision.

OUR MAN by Arthur Hoppe

Go Get 'Em Tiger, Ha! Ha!

Ever since Mr. Eisenhower retired from the Presidency he's had this yen to try his hand at politics. But it's a bit hard to learn a new game late in life and he keeps getting somewhat mixed results.

Like the other day when he rose courageously to the great crisis facing the Republican party, coolly drew a deadly bead on Senator Goldwater—and shot Governor Scranton right between the eyes.

I assume you read the 87 exclusive inside reports. Which for a change seemed to agree on the details: One morning Mr. Eisenhower collars Mr. Scranton and says now is the time for all good men to stop Mr. Goldwater. Mr. Scranton, all fired up, pledges to throw himself in front of the Goldwater bandwagon the next day over nationwide television.

Go get 'em, tiger, says Mr. Eisenhower. But the word leaks out, Mr. Goldwater's forces put the heat on, and the next morning Mr. Eisenhower calls up Mr. Scranton to report a slight change in plans: He's decided to stop Mr. Scranton instead.

The only thing these inside reports didn't reveal is exactly what Mr. Eisenhower said in breaking the news to Mr. Scranton. As a fight talk, it must have fallen a little short of Omaha Beach.

"Hello there, Bill."
"Oh, is that you, sir? It's good of you to call just as I'm going on the air. I don't mind confessing I'm a bit nervous—as the man said just before sticking his head in the meat grinder, ha, ha."
"Ha, ha. Well, Bill ..."

"But don't worry, sir. I'm willing to make the sacrifice. As you said yesterday, principles above all! And now that I at last have your support, we'll stop Barry cold."

"Yes, well, speaking of my, ha, ha, support, Bill, I've been getting some phone calls."

"I knew it, sir. Support's rolling in already, eh? And wait till they hear the hard-hitting speech I'm about to give."

"Hard hitting? Ha, ha?"
"You bet. It's the way you outlined it. I start off with what you said yesterday, giving you full credit: 'Senator Goldwater's nomination will wreck the party, ruin the country, and spell the end of all we hold dear!' How's that, sir?"

"Fine, Bill, fine. You know how I admire hard-hitting speeches, especially on the needs for a balanced budget, fiscal integrity, and high moral principles. Come to think of it, ha, ha, why don't you give that one instead You may quote me. Extensively."
"But, sir, you're not backing down on stopping Barry, are you?"

"Of course not, Bill. I'm behind you all the way. You can count on me to the bitter end. Just as long as you don't start indulging in personalities."

Well, personally, I think the trouble is that Mr. Eisenhower wishes to go down in history as a great moral leader. Only, as I say, he's got this itch to play politics. And the two don't mix.

No, sir, he's got to choose. And if he wishes to go down in history as a great moral leader he's got to stick to golf.