

SUB BRICKER AMENDMENT (P. W. Fri., Feb. 26-'54,

The Senate action, tonight, on substitutes for the Bricker amendment - was a thriller. The first vote - a set back to President Eisenhower.

The vote was on a proposal by Senator George of Georgia. The White House was against it, and backed another substitute for the Bricker amendment. One drawn up by Republican leaders in the Senate.

But the George proposal won out. Sixty-one to thirty - which provided the two-thirds majority necessary to pass a constitutional amendment. Thirty ~~Rep~~ Republicans - deserting the ~~Eisenhower~~ administration.

The vote, however, was only tentative - and another had to be taken. Whereupon there was a dramatic announcement by Senator Knowland of California, Republican leader in the Senate. Who stated that he would vote for the George proposal. But not as Republican leader - only as one

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individual. He said the President was still against the amendment before the Senate.

That seemed to seal the decision - the George proposal sure to pass. But, when a final vote was taken - it lost out. Sixty to thirty-one. Just one vote short of a two-thirds majority.

There had been a switch of votes by Senators, and ~~this~~ and the ~~next~~ result was that both substitutes for the Bricker amendment ^{were} defeated. Meaning - that the whole business of curbing the President's treaty powers ^{has now been} ~~was~~ put off, something for the future.

RECESSION

A joint congressional committee reports on what it calls - "the current recession." And recommends - that President Eisenhower's flexible farm plan be postponed. Also - that it may be necessary to change administration tax policies.

The joint congressional economic committee is controlled by the Republicans, and has been studying business and unemployment conditions. The report proposes that a "reservoir" of federal public works be prepared, which could be put into operation if the "current recession" becomes worse.

The Republican high command in the Senate is taking a hand in the battle between Senator McCarthy and the U.S. Army. Today, the G O P policy committee decided to hold a sweeping inquiry ~~na~~ into the methods of committees making investigations. Which, first of all, would apply to the spectacular methods of Senator McCarthy.

Senator Potter of Michigan, states that, hereafter more Republican members will attend the hearings, along with McCarthy. Which will cut down the number of one-man hearings, with the Wisconsin Senator ^{acting as} ~~X~~ a committee of one,

This was followed by a news conference - held by Senator McCarthy. Whose tone was - all conciliation. He expressed high regard for Secretary of the Army Stevens, with whom he has been feuding. ^{Also he} ~~just~~ denied that he abused ~~General~~ General Zwicker, when the General was a witness.

The Senator said he never told General Zwicker he was "unfit to wear that uniform." What he really said was - that a

General defending a "Fifth Amendment Communist" was "unfit
to wear that uniform."



Tonight, the Army issued a statement explaining the controversial affair of former Major Peress. The Army dentist - who started the rumpus. The Major, appearing before the McCarthy committee, refused to answer the sixty-four dollar question - was he a Communist? Whereupon, a few days later, the Army gave him - an honorable discharge. That's what aroused the ire of Senator McCarthy.

So now an Army spokesman explains that - they either had to court martial Peress or give him that honorable discharge. They could find no legal grounds for court martial - and the other alternative had to be followed.

DEWEY

Governor Dewey calls for a list of all the State employees who own stock in the harness race tracks. This is the latest in the investigation of scandal connected with the trotting horse's.

Previously, it was shown that prominent Republican politicians had a financial interest in harness racing. So now Governor Dewey wants to know about any state official or other kind of employee. He says there's nothing immoral or illegal about owning stock in the harness tracks, but he thinks that people are entitled to know - if public servants do own such stock.

At the same time, we hear that the state government is investigating the bank accounts and ~~tax~~ income returns of all persons having a financial interest in those horse and buggy race tracks.

EGYPT

The new government of Egypt states that one of its immediate efforts will be to settle the Suez Canal problem with Great Britain. Yesterday, the word was that the military junta had overthrown strong man Naguib, because his policy was pro-British. But that interpretation would seem to be reversed by the statement today - indicating a pro-western policy of coming to terms with Britain on the subject of Suez.

GERMANY

It sounds as if old times were coming back in Germany. Today, the Lower House of the West German Parliament voted a bill for the conscription of eighteen ^{year} ~~year~~ old youths - to be drafted into the Army. The measure is part of the plan to incorporate half a million Germans into the West European defense forces.

~~(Only the Socialists voted against the conscription act - which requires a constitutional amendment. Under the system imposed by the conquerors at the end of World War Two, the Germans were forbidden to have an Army. But now the West insists - they must have German troops in their western defense forces.)~~ So, once again, young Germans will start drilling - even as in the days of Kaiser Bill.

BRITISH TRADE

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There's a favorable reaction in Congress to the news that Great Britain plans an increase of ~~ka~~ trade with countries behind the iron curtain. American legislators noting - that the commercial dealings will exclude strategic material, stuff that could be used for war. And, Great Britain, while willing to do business with Communist countries in Europe - excludes Red China.

Republican Senator Wiley of Wisconsin, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee - speaks favorably. So does the ranking Democratic member, Senator George of Georgia, who calls an increase of East-West trade "inevitable."

In London, the word is that Britain will open trade ~~re~~ negotiations with Poland and Hungary next month. Poland - march fourth. Hungary - March Fifteenth.

This follows a declaration by Prime Minister Winston Churchill in the House of Commons last night, ~~he~~ *calling* for an increase of trade across the Iron Curtain.

SMUGGLING

An astonishing story of smuggling is unfolded at Hong Kong - Communists running a trade in materials procured from the United States Navy. Red smugglers getting hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of diesel engine parts, belonging to U.S. warships.

The way it worked was this:- Chinese merchants would go aboard American vessels in Hong Kong harbor - ostensibly as visitors. Actually - agents for the Reds. They'd buy the engine parts from American sailors - paying them small sums. An epidemic of thefts - for ~~the~~ undercover trade ^{via} ~~from~~ Hong Kong to nearby Red China.

The Navy ^{is} ~~is~~ said to be making a full scale investigation.

POPE

The Pope's condition is improving again. Today, Pius the Twelfth ate solid food for the first time in thirty-two days. ~~Ever since he was taken down with a gastric ailment, he had been on a liquid diet, now able to eat some stewed fruit.~~

~~The word from the Vatican is that the Pontiff does not believe his illness is as grave as the doctors have been reporting.~~ *And he* ~~He~~ insists on transacting business - as he

prepares to celebrate his Seventy-Eighth Birthday, March Second.

GLOOMY DEAN

In London, the "gloomy Dean" has died, at the great age of Ninety-three. And England loses one of its odd odd figures.

(Dean Inge (ing), earned his melancholy nickname by making sombre forecasts - that the world was entering a new "dark age". He became the Dean of St. Paul's cathedral in Nineteen Eleven, and was in the news for years. Actually, the "gloomy Dean" was a philosopher and a classical scholar of renown in the world of learning. He just had the knack of saying lugubrious things that got in the news.

From Australia, a bit of news not so bright and cheery - about the royal tour of Queen Elizabeth. Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh - given anti-polio injections. It happened last week at Canberra - the word ~~was~~ made public today.

The royal party, traveling in the Land Down Under, included an Australian Army officer and his wife - and the wife fell ill. Polio suspected. Australia has been having a number of cases of infantile paralysis, and there was fear for the royal couple.

There's no information about the type of anti-polio serum used in the case of the Queen and the Duke. Australian health officials insist - they don't ~~know~~ know. The word being that the medication was administered by the Queen's own physician, commander D. D. Steele-Perkins, who is accompanying the royal party.

SCOTLAND

We Americans have our problems of banning books - for one reason or another. Now - Scotland. So what volume is bothering the Caledonian conscience? The London Journal of James Boswell, one of the most renowned of Scotland's own sons; Boswell, the immortal biographer of Dr. Samuel Johnson.

At Stonehaven, Scotland, the County Council has before it a demand - that the "London Journal" be forbidden to children. Which adds a new detail in the strange history of the works of James Boswell.

Twenty odd years ago a great find of Boswell papers was made by Colonel Ralph Isham of New York - an old time friend of this program, by the way. He discovered the ~~treasure~~ treasure in an old castle in Ireland. - And in the ~~years~~ years that followed, Colonel Isham brought to this country other quantities of Boswell papers, which had been forgotten. The whole magnificent collection - finally going to Yale University. Three volumes of Boswell journals published to

date - with outstanding ~~SEVERE~~ success.

Naturally, these writings of James Boswell, in published form, meandered back to Britain, to Scotland. Where now a county council takes moral exception.

Well, the London adventures of young Mr. James Boswell were sometimes unedifying- in spite of all his reverence for his illustrious friend, Dr. Samuel Johnson, the great moralist.

In London, a man faced the judge - today - for knocking off the head of Winston Churchill. Not only that, he knocked the heads off four other members of the Conservative government.

Which doesn't however, mean the sudden demise of Sir Winston and his chief aides. It happened at Madame Tussaud's waxworks - the heads knocked off the sculptured effigies.

You might think this the doing of some Labor Party fanatic - or, perhaps a Communist. But not at all. Ernest Bridgen, thirty years old, says he did it in protest against - illiteracy. Explaining: "I would rather children looked at books than at wax effigies."

Like that Her. Trib. Wester-Roth cartoon of the man blasting his

TP The reasoning ^{seems} a bit complicated for knocking

the the heads off the Prime Minister, ^{the} home Secretary Sir David

Maxwell Fyfe, President of the Board of Trade, Peter

Thorneycroft, and Former Transport Minister Lord Leathers ^{doesn't it?}

But, maybe, Sir Winston would agree. He's an author, and he'd

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rather have people read his books than gaze at his effigy ~~at~~

Madame Tussaud's waxworks *on Marley bone Road.*

FOOTBALL

A radical cure for the football problem is propounded by a top ranking educator, who says college athletes should not have to meet any academic requirements at all. They should not have to study like other undergraduates, or pass entrance examinations. They should be treated, not as students, but as athletes.

This - from Dr. Harold Stoke, former President of the University of New Hampshire, and of Louisiana State University, ^{and} Now - Dean of the graduate school of the University of Washington.

Dr. Stoke argues that big-time college athletic games are now a part of the nation's entertainment, and should be regarded as such. Writing in the Atlantic Monthly, he says that, last year, forty million ~~people~~ people attended college football games. Which now take in - a hundred million dollars a year. And television, has added ~~an~~ enormously to the revenue.

"We should admit," - he ~~is~~ insists - "that inter-

collegiate athletic programs are operated primarily as public entertainment, and not as educational responsibilities."

he says
On that basis, the recruiting of athletes should be made legal and proper. *He adds that* It's the pretense of study that causes unethical practices, dishonesty and ~~hypocrisy~~ hypocrisy.

What the Professor would seem to mean is - that the colleges should, quite openly, operate professional football teams.

ACTRESS

In Hollywood, movie actress Susan Hayward relates a mournful story of - a domestic squabble. How - she was agitated and in tears. And how - her husband said he'd cool her off. There was a swimming pool handy, as there often is in Hollywood - and you can guess the pathetic details.

"I was crying," the actress tells the court, "and I ran out into the back garden. I just wanted to get away. But he caught me, forced me into the house again. I struggled to get to the telephone and call the police. But, as I was rushing to the phone, he said: 'I'll cool you off.'"

"He grabbed me," Susan Hayward goes on, "and took me to the pool - and ~~he~~ threw me in."

As if that were not enough, she says that, when she climbed out of the pool - he spanked her, while she was still wet.

However, in these domestic uproars, a charge is usually followed by a - countercharge. The husband, Jess Barker, retorts with a mention of "Mr. Magic." He says

that Susan Hayward was visited by "Mr. Magic." So who could ~~that~~
that be? The husband replies - Howard Hughes, the multi-
millionaire film producer. Susan Hayward explains that
Howard Hughes visited her on motion picture business; ^{Harry} - just
the magic of movies.