

RELIGION

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The point at issue in the latest Supreme Court ruling on religion in the schools - is not the content of the New York prayer. What our highest tribunal objects to - is the fact that the formula was composed by State officials. This, in the opinion of the Supreme Court - violat^{ca}~~ing~~ the separation of church and state.

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Critics in Congress are asking - how far this logic will be pushed. For example, that motto on our coins - "In God We Trust." It's been there - since Lincoln's administration. But, by the definition of the Supreme Court - is it constitutional? What about holidays - at Christmas and Easter? Dissenting Justice Stewart Potter points out - that some verses of "The Star Spangled Banner" might have to be dropped.

Thorny/~~constitutional~~^{constitutional} questions - of which we are sure to hear more. Much more.

STRIKE

If you are scheduled to fly on a Pan American plane within the next ten days - you may feel like saluting Judge George Rosling, for extending his ban - on the Flight Engineer's trike. The walkout was about to spread from Eastern to Pan Am this afternoon - when the original restraining order expired. Judge Rosling calling a halt at the last moment - by granting that order another ten days. Reason - he needs time to hear the testimony in the case.

Pan Am, still flying - tonight.

AGRICULTURE

The national allotment for wheat in 1963 -
Fifty-five million acres. Minimum price support - a
dollar and eighty-two cents a bushel.

These figures, released by the Secretary of
Agriculture - who says he doesn't like ~~them~~. Orville
Freeman, preferring a lower rate of planting - to keep
down the surplus. But, forced to obey the law - "with
great reluctance," as he puts it.

How big - is our surplus? ^{Surplus} ~~It~~ enough to take
care of our domestic and export needs - for over a year.
The government, storing surplus wheat worth - One billion,
three-hundred and forty-five million dollars.

ESTES

brings

to Billie Sol

surplus - including
speaking of surplus grain this naturally

Congressional investigators today reached - a familiar impasse. That old problem of - witnesses contradicting one another. Both - under oath.

Two weeks ago, Maynard Wheeler of Commercial Solvents - denied ever suggesting that Billie Sol Estes move to Europe.

Today, Frank Cain of Pacific Finance - denied Wheeler's denial. Cain, telling the House Sub-Committee -- that he and Wheeler met Billie Sol at the Estes home in Pecos. Time - last March. Subject of discussion - the financial problems of the Texas tycoon.

According to Cain, Wheeler offered to send Estes to Switzerland - as a consultant. "If", in Cain's words - "if matters got too bad for Billie Sol." What about Wheeler's testimony - to the contrary? Said Frank Cain - "Mr. Wheeler did not tell the truth."

So - is someone committing perjury? The Chairman of the Sub-Committee is asking the Justice Department - for an opinion on that.

ALGERIA

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The word from Algeria is that the OAS - has failed.
Meaning - the terrorists failed to burn down ^{the city of} Oran. The fact
that the news can be reported in those terms - proves how far
the situation has deteriorated.

A raging fire on the Oran waterfront - that's routine.
Now, if the seaport had gone up in flames and smoke - that
really would have been some cause for alarm. Such is the
attitude - in Algeria.

Anyway, those Oran fuel tanks are still burning -
after being blown up by time bombs. Firemen worked all night -
to keep the blaze from spreading into the city. But they
couldn't keep a cloud of smoke and ashes - from settling over
Oran. The buildings that used to gleam white in the North
African sun - now smudged with a dirty, oily, coating of black
and grey.

Almost anywhere else in the world - home owners would
be aggravated. Also - cleaning up. In Oran - they couldn't

care less. Half the European population - already gone. Most
of the others, frantically trying to book passage - for France.

NEW GUINEA

The Dutch army has taken over from the Dutch airforce - in New Guinea. Last night, we had the story of combat planes - flying sorties across the grasslands near Merauke. Hitting Indonesian paratroopers - with bombs, rockets and bullets. Tonight, foot soldiers are slogging ~~through these grasslands~~ *across the New Guinea terrain* - in search of the survivors.

At the same time, the Indonesian residents of Merauke - have been ordered to turn in their weapons. This order, following reports - that when the Indonesian paratroopers jumped, they were guided by lights on the ground. The Dutch, moving fast - to eradicate any fifth column behind their lines.

CHINA

A dispatch from Warsaw reminds us - that its a myth to say that our government has no connections with the government of Red China. For years, our Ambassador to Poland has been holding talks - with his opposite number from Peking. The latest, concerning - the Red Chinese buildup on the mainland opposite Quemoy and Matsu. John Cabot, informing Wang Ping Nan - that Washington is concerned about Mao Tse-tung's intentions. And that our fleet in the Formosa Strait is ready for action - if Mao starts a shooting war.

Meanwhile, the guess in Washington is - that the Red buildup is defensive. Mao, apparently worried about - an invasion from Formosa.

BERLIN

The three western powers will send their troops right^{up} to the Berlin wall - in case of any more serious incidents. That's how the Mayor of West Berlin interprets - the latest Allied guarantee. The reference to - "appropriate counter-measures." Willy Brandt thinks the first of these counter-measures would be - a confrontation with the Reds at the Wall. Not just allied patrols - but combat-ready army units.

The Communist answer - strengthening the wall. Two-hundred East German policemen, working around the clock - digging ditches and stringing barbed wire. Making life more difficult - for the refugees.

ROYALTY

Shall we raise a glass of champagne to the Earl of St. Andrews. That's what they are doing in Britain - all the way from Lands End to John O'Groats. A toast to - the tenth in line to succeed to the British throne. But the lucky chap isn't responding - except with a wail or two. Not much you can say when you are only a day old - even if you are an Earl.

All of which means - that the Duke and Duchess of Kent have a brand new son. The Earl of St. Andrews - who just might become King of England. Humorist H. Allen Smith has an entertaining new book out called To H - in a Hand Basket 10th in line! As H. Allen Smith might say - that's just about low man on the totem pole.