

LOBBY

H. - Delco Tues. Feb. 28th '56.

The ^{Republican} ~~Policy~~ Policy Committee in the Senate unanimously approves the creation of a special bi-partisan committee - to study the question of lobbying. Senator Bridges of New Hampshire said afterward that the plan is for an eight-man group - four Republicans and four Democrats. The investigation, to be, in the Senator's words, "wide open."

This bi-partisan committee ~~will be, of course,~~ ^{one of the consequences}

~~result~~ of the twenty-five hundred dollars offered to Senator

Case of South Dakota - when the controversial natural gas bill

was under consideration. Senator Case ^{said he} ~~voted~~ voted against the

bill because of that offer. And President Eisenhower vetoed ~~the~~

~~bill~~ - chiefly because of the incident. ^{the trouble it stirred}
up. TPW:ll

The special committee will handle that question - ~~but~~

it will also go over the whole field of lobbying - investigating

the way in which pressure groups ^{work} ~~try~~ to get ^{their pet} ~~measures~~

measures put through Congress.

MISSILE

The House Armed Services Committee moves to speed up work on the inter-continental missile - ~~the~~^{the} controversial weapon that has caused so much debate in Washington. *That is,* ~~the~~^{the} Committee approved five projects today. Four of them, secret.

The fifth, a vote to authorize fifteen million dollars for *what* ~~is termed~~^{is termed} expansion of our aeronautics program. *P* Congressman Rivers of South Carolina said *all* this would mean increased facilities for developing the inter-continental missile.

Meanwhile, a famous German rocket expert says that ~~the~~^{such a} missile will soon be almost the only weapon able to penetrate our defenses. Dr. Walter Dornberger declaring that *now* we have defensive weapons so good that they can knock down anything that comes in lower than one hundred thousand feet, *or that approaches* ~~or~~ at a speed of less than three thousand miles an hour.

In other words, *an* ~~the~~ inter-continental missile is now *the one important weapon we have to fear.* ~~our big danger~~ That's one reason why the Committee today voted to push research on it.

ALGERIA

The news from Algeria tonight has an ~~especially~~

~~ominous~~ ~~ominous~~ sound - Algerian troops, rebelling against their

French officers. It happened when a force of terrorists ~~launched~~ ~~struck~~

~~an attack on~~ ~~so-called~~ a French encampment in the "iron triangle," along the Moroccan

border - a disturbed area ~~from~~ which civilians were evacuated over

the weekend. When the attack was at its height, fifty-two

apparently loyal troops - suddenly mutinied, ~~and~~ ~~they~~ began to fire

from the rear. - ~~and~~ The French ~~were~~ caught between a cross-fire.

~~The~~ Result, eleven dead and twenty wounded. And the rebels

~~getting~~ ~~got~~ away with a cache of arms and ammunition.

This mutiny, the ~~largest~~ ~~most serious~~ that has yet occurred ~~in any~~ ~~so far~~

~~in~~ of the fighting in North Africa. Paris is ~~seriously~~ ~~much~~ concerned -

and a plan is announced to integrate Moslem troops more closely

with soldiers from metropolitan France.

VIET NAM

France is withdrawing her expeditionary force from Indo-China. ^{This} ~~It is~~ partly because of a request from the Viet Nam government. - Premier Diem, saying French troops are not needed any longer. Secondly, France can use the troops in North Africa - where most of ^{the rest} ~~them~~ have already gone.

There were two hundred thousand French soldiers in Indo-China at the time of the Battle of Dien Bien Phu. Only twenty thousand now - the rest already pulled out for North African service. Now the rest are to leave Indo-China -- possibly for North Africa, too.

POUJADE

The French National Assembly was tied up today - by the followers of Poujade. The Deputies were getting ready to debate the un-seating of nine Poujadists. But before they could begin, these members of the extreme Right Wing began to demand debates on other subjects. Under French law, there must be a debate on any point suggested by any deputy - as long as he has fifty of his colleagues to support him.

You can imagine what happened. The Poujadists demanded debates on a whole series of problems ^{— especially} Algeria, Morocco, ^{and} the French colonies, ~~and so on. Of course,~~ Each motion had the necessary fifty backers, And the National Assembly was tied up like this all afternoon. They ^{want} ~~were supposed~~ to debate the un-seating of these ^e Poujadists - but, it looks as if the men of Poujade won't let them.

Soviet leaders have been

taking turns addressing

the Communist Party Congress in Moscow, *some of them talking* ~~stating their attitude to~~

about the present world situation. Today ~~it was~~ Premier Bulganin, *in*
a speech, repeated ~~turn. And he said pretty much what each of the others had~~

already said;

~~Bulganin agrees~~ that Marx and Lenin were wrong about

the inevitability of ~~capitalist war~~. *Adding* ~~He told the Congress that~~

Russia can afford to wait for capitalism to collapse.- under

what Bulganin termed its "unstable elements." ~~He said this~~

That ~~must come about because the~~ American economy is one-sided -

and can't compete with Soviet Communism, which is based on the

labor of all the people.

Further ~~and~~ Bulganin did his bit to destroy the reputation

of Stalin *saying* ~~declaring~~ that "one-man rule" has been very

harmful to Russia. ~~Bulganin, parroting the statement~~ *and* that

Communism needs collective leadership - meaning, the leadership

of him and his ~~party~~

Kremlin Klie! All of which
sounds like an attempt
~~The Bulganin address climaxes the move to consolidate~~

As a group the men in the Kremlin power in the Kremlin. ~~The top men are obviously~~ afraid that one of their number may ~~one might~~ become strong enough to destroy the rest — as in the days of Stalin. So, they're all going on record as favoring collective leadership, ~~to prevent any of them from becoming~~ rule by the self perpetuating a menace to the others. handful of men who are now on top.

BELA KUN

A dispatch from Moscow mentions a notorious figure in the history of Communism. Bela Kun, once head of a Red government in Hungary, just after World War One. Today's dispatch states that the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth is being celebrated throughout the Soviet Union. ^{This is mighty} ~~an~~ interesting ~~point~~, because Bela Kun was executed during Stalin's ~~great~~ purge in the NineteenThirties.

Bela Kun was a Hungarian, captured by the Russians during World War One. He was in Russia when the revolution began - and joined the Bolsheviks, where he soon gained Lenin's favor. Lenin sent him back to Hungary - and in Nineteen Nineteen, Bela Kun seized power in Hungary; ~~He began to~~ ^{ed} destroy private property. ^{And then} ~~he~~ broke up ~~the~~ estates. ~~He~~ put the Hungarians under ^{an iron} ~~a complete~~ tyranny. ^{TP Which was} ~~Very soon, Hungary was suffering from~~ ^{Followed by} inflation, famine, and discontent. A counter-revolution movement began - and then Bela Kun started the thing for which he became most notorious - the Great Red Terror, that deluged Hungary in blood.

Finally he fell - and fled. ~~He~~ made his way back to Russia. *Where before long he was termed* ~~And then his story comes to an end suddenly - he was~~

~~attacked as~~ a "Leftist deviationist," ~~and~~ an enemy of the people.

~~After which,~~ Stalin had him executed.

~~TP~~ ~~Well, we know that~~ Khrushchev doesn't ~~have much~~ *seem to reverence the* ~~memory of~~ *respect for* Stalin - now that the old tyrant is safely dead.

~~So,~~ ~~and so it is not surprising that~~ Pravda comes out with a eulogy *he's now* ~~on~~ of Bela Kun. ~~He is~~ No longer a "Leftist deviationist" - ~~but one~~

proclaimed one of the heroes of the Communist movement. Pravda, pointing out

that Bela Kun was a good friend of Lenin. ~~TP~~ And so the wheel

turns in the Soviet Union.- ~~The~~ The men who were villains when Stalin was boss, are now emerging as heroes. ~~among them~~ *Even* Bela Kun.

7 The Assistant Manager of the New York office of a famous news agency - appeals to the Fifth Amendment. But this is not surprising, because it's not just an ordinary news agency - Harry Freeman works for Tass, the Soviet news bureau.

Freeman testified before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee. At first he claimed that he did not associate with persons known to be active in Communist espionage. But he quickly changed his answer - and then took refuge in the Fifth Amendment. ^{ing} ~~he~~ insisted that Tass does nothing more than any other news bureau. Its function, simply to gather news. ~~and Harry~~ ^{charging the Senate} Freeman ~~added~~ the Sub-Committee is trying to discredit Tass and intimidate its American employees.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Czechoslovakia charges that an American balloon caused
a Czech airliner to crash last month. ~~That~~ ^{that resulted} crash ~~killed~~
^{killed.}
ⁱⁿ twenty-two ~~persons~~. At first there was no explanation - but
now Prague ~~declares that~~ ^{says} the plane ~~was hit by~~ ^{collided with} a propaganda
balloon released in the west. The Prague Radio ~~declares~~ ^{adds} that
the remains of the balloon were found about a mile from the
crash - ~~also~~ ^{together with} propaganda pamphlets ~~that~~ the balloon had been
carrying.

Washington terms ~~the claim~~ ^{the charge} "completely phoney" -
~~because~~ ^{that} official American balloons are used for weather
research - and ~~they~~ fly so high that they could not be ~~dangerous~~ ^{a hazard}
to aviation.

BALLOON

Here's an odd item - about a
* weather balloon ~~has~~ drifted ⁱⁿ all the way from Japan
to Portugal. Our Navy announcing in Yokosuka, Japan, that the
balloon was released on Friday. Strong winds picked it up and
started moving it east. It soared along a great circle route
across the Pacific. Then it zigzagged down over Canada and the
United States - and sailed out over the Atlantic. It continued
to send radio signals until it was off the Portuguese coast -
then it ~~fell silent~~ ^{went dead.} Naval experts say it obviously fell into
the sea at that point. But it had set quite a record - from
Japan to Portugal, in two days and sixteen hours. *—without
power - a mere free balloon!*

WEATHER

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The State Department orders our Ambassadors in nineteen countries to find out what we can do to help the victims of the European cold wave. The countries involved include four behind the Iron Curtain - Romania, Hungary, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. Our Ambassadors will ask what is needed in the way of food, clothing and blankets - also, whether American aid would be accepted.

The cold wave is already three weeks old. Close to eight hundred persons have ~~been~~ lost their lives. Now there's a threat of an influenza epidemic. And a sudden thaw might mean floods, and avalanches. ~~in some places.~~

Our State Department hopes to have a special aid program going - before anything worse happens.

BRAZIL

The latest from

~~In~~ the provinces of Brazil, four towns remain in the hands of the rebels. Government forces, delayed in getting to the scene. Paratroop units were scheduled to launch an offensive against the insurgents - but were stopped by confused orders. At least, that's the official statement. The government, denying that any troops have refused to take part in the operation.

The leading figure among the rebels, Major Harold Veloso. He's in command at the town of Santarem. He told a reporter today that all the vehicles in town are now under his command - and he has a reconnaissance plane in which he flies over his area every day. Veloso claims that even if government troops arrive - he is prepared to fall back to a strong point, where he can hold out for at least three months.

intimated
The rebel Major Veloso ~~virtually admitted~~ that he is not the top figure in the rebellion. He told a reporter to ask in Rio - if he wanted to know the plan behind the insurrection. Which suggests that Pres. Kubitschek's enemies are still trying to unseat him.

Please drop the story slugged VIET NAM and use the following in its place.

PLANE. The ~~plane~~ plane that crashed at the Palm Beach airforce base this evening - exploded like a rocket, according to one eye witness. Mrs. Lillian Palmer was stunned by the accident, as she was leaving her house. She says she saw the four-engine cargo plane hit on Belvedere Road - then skid onto the base. Then came the explosion. According to Mrs. Palmer, "flames shot eighty feet into the air - and a big ball of black smoke covered everything." There were no survivors.

ULCERS

The cause of ulcers - is the right to vote. So stated by Dr. George Ham of the Medical School of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Ham told a medical forum that studies of the ulcer problem in Great Britain - show that there was a radical change after women got the right to vote.

Before then, the number of ulcer patients - was divided almost equally between men and women. But since woman suffrage, the ratio of men patients to women has been about fifteen-to-one. The ladies, overcoming that nervous ailment - because they were allowed to drop their own ballots in the boxes at elections. But the men got worse.

~~Well, that~~ ^a novel theory ~~anyway~~ - ~~a correlation~~
~~between~~ ulcers and the right to vote.

RADIO

1/2
A Pittsburgh housewife says she has word that a raft is in distress, off the coast of Ecuador. Mrs. Janet Erub is an amateur radio operator - a "ham". And she got the S.O.S. by way of another "ham" - a very round-about way.

First of all, the S.O.S. was picked up by an amateur operator in Mexico City. He sent out word - which was picked up by a tanker. And the tanker sent out the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ broadcast that was picked up by Mrs. Erub in Pittsburgh.

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The housewife says the S.O.S. obviously comes from the scientific expedition that left Peru about six weeks ago - apparently, the raft is ~~already~~ in trouble and ~~is~~ asking for help. If ~~the report is~~ true - this ^{again illustrates} ~~is one more example of~~ how useful ~~the~~ "ham" operators are. ~~Two of them, involved in this particular story.~~

At Thomasville, Georgia, the White House Press

Secretary ~~became irritated today.~~ ^{is being} Jim Hagerty, ~~feeling the~~
~~worn haggard by~~
~~effects~~, that one big question he has to face every time he

meets newsmen - will President Eisenhower run again? Today

~~Hagerty told his audience,~~ ^{he asked the boys} to "stop pressing." ^{As he} ~~he~~ put it: ~~like~~

~~this~~ "The President will make his announcement - at his time

and nobody else's." ^{So the} ~~the Press Secretary~~ ^{Henry} wishes they ~~would~~

stop throwing the ~~big~~ question at him, every time they see him!

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Ah, well Jim - you were a
reporter once - remember?