

Does Television Infringe Privacy?

An interesting question has been raised by a nationally-known betting commissioner, who recently refused to testify at a Senate-Crime investigating committee hearing in St. Louis, on the grounds that television invaded his constitutional right of privacy and subjected him to ridicule and embarrassment.

It seems that the committee, headed by Senator Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee, permitted the hearings to be carried by a television station in St. Louis, where many public places have receiving sets.

The question raised by the betting commissioner may present a legal test of television as a means of reporting a public event.

From Our Point of View

Until Michigan restores the one-man grand jury law, you may expect crime and corruption to be on the increase in this state. Such an increase was the reason why the law was adopted years ago. It was rescinded by a Republican dominated Legislature two years ago, and approved by a Democratic (?) Governor. Crime certainly does make strange political bedfellows, doesn't it?

Remember the old yarn about the teen-ager who, after he reached his majority and began to wrestle with practical problems, said, "Gosh, how much had I learned in the last few years—now he agrees with so many of my own ideas!" Well, that counterpart is seen on the international scene in President Truman's recent utterances that "Stalin is a tyrant, just like Hitler and Mussolini." (And it was only several years back Harry told his countrymen: "Sure, I can get along all right with Uncle Joe.")

During 1950, colleges and universities in the United States granted almost 500,000 academic degrees. Question: how much of this intellectual temperature will find its way into practical methods of making the thermometer of self-government rise to higher standards?

So They Say . . .

Fred Kuszmals, Assistant-National Child Welfare director of the American Legion: "Juvenile delinquency is a normal reaction to abnormal situations in our society."

Homer E. Capehart, U. S. Senator from Indiana: "I know of no bank or corporation in the United States that puts all power in one man."

Dwight D. Eisenhower, General of the Army: "America's record and America's strength certainly should prevent hysterical apprehension of the future."

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

REMARKS AT RANDOM

I see where a jet airliner recently flew from Chicago to New York in the record time of 1 hour and 42 minutes. If this keeps up, pretty soon those wolves won't have any time at all to make a play for the hostess.

Only seven days for taxpayers to take cover before March 15th when the Bureau of Internal Revenue declares open season on the male and female of the specie.

A man in a top hat approached an MP on duty in New York City. He handed the soldier a \$100 bill, then walked away without a word. The soldier, who was as dumb as a "Hello" or "Goodbye," My, how discourteous!

Seems to me that branding the Reds as the aggressors in Korea is simply calling a steam shovel a spade.

Out in Los Angeles a woman won a divorce by testifying that

was attended by reporters from the press. While the issue raised by the betting commissioner may cause some delay in connection with his testimony, there is not much chance that the courts of this country will bar television as a means of reporting public matters.

Certainly, if newspapers can print and radio commentators relate the details of a hearing, there is no more objection to a television record than to any other photographs that might be taken in connection with the news.

RFC Is A "Loose" Agency

When former President Herbert Hoover created the RFC in the depression days of the early Thirties, both he and the Congress dedicated it to the purpose of rescuing hard-pressed legitimate business enterprises from collapse, thus helping to stabilize employment.

Since those days, under Roosevelt and Truman, the RFC has become a loosely operated political device, providing finances for both legitimate and illegitimate types of business.

The current investigation by a Senate Commission into RFC activities proves how much politics has entered into RFC operations.

To correct (?) the present bad situation, it is being planned to eliminate the five-man board now operating it, placing one man as its head.

But to expect one man to do the job, even though he were freed from politics in his control of this multi-billion dollar agency, is asking much. About him he would have an army of mediocre civil service men and women who could, if they desired (and they generally do), "put over" many undesirable deals.

PERSONALLY, WE THINK the best way to control the RFC is for Congress to cut down, vastly, the funds it has at its disposal, place three able men in control, and then watch it closely through Congressional committee inspection.

It must be remembered that every dollar the RFC has comes from the taxpayers. Like any well operated bank, RFC loans should be made only when the borrowers needing financial help are in legitimate businesses—and no loan should be allowed where "political favoritism" plays any part in the deal.

Why the Delay, Mr. Underwood

Claiming that fraudulent signatures were found on some of the nominating petitions for county delegates to political conventions last fall, the Oakland Citizens League is pressing Prosecutor Clyde D. Underwood to investigate the matter. If fraud is found, then prosecution should follow. But Mr. Underwood, a Republican, to date has done very little on the subject.

Certainly it cannot be that he hasn't sufficient help in his office to look into the problem. Underwood's office is very important in the frame-work of self-government. Failure to measure up to its responsibilities is dangerous to the public welfare.

We hope he gets busy and really does something about these petitions. He owes such action to himself, his county, his political party, and to the cause of self-government.

In Either Case

When criminals flourish in any section of the country and develop profitable rackets, one of two things is true:

(1) The criminals have more sense than the law enforcement officers; or

(2) The law enforcement officers are living down on their jobs for some reasons known to themselves.

In either case, the public should get new law enforcement officers.

Anti-German demonstrators threw gas bombs into a concert hall in The Hague recently. The program undoubtedly turned out to be a tear-jerker.

A weather-beaten old farmer in Osceola, Ark., ordered steak. When it arrived, he pulled out a knife. He undoubtedly had eaten one before.

When those atomic blasts lit up the sky north of Las Vegas, we read that gamblers in that city's den of crime rushed to the windows. Probably thought the Kennedys' favorite committee had just blown into town.

On the wedding of an Army nurse and a captain that took place in a short ceremony, Mrs. Paul Penfield, general chairman, and her committee will set up collection stations throughout the city.

A school for women is being

How Loud Does a Guy Have to Yell?



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items that Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO  
March 8, 1901  
Having learned that I was nominated for village treasurer on Monday evening, March 4, in direct opposition to my state wishes and orders, I hereby reaffirm that my decision is unchanged and that I positively refuse to run for said office. C. H. CARTER.

Have you noticed the tamarack logs going south on the electric road lately? They are to be used, we understand, for the construction of a new log cabin in Palmer Park in Detroit, which will be open for the use of the public.

A broken telephone wire across a trolley guy wire made it a hot time in Birmingham last week one Mr. House kept off all eavesdroppers and spectators until all danger was past. No one suffered any injuries.

We have a law against cruelty to animals yet every few days horse standing hour after hour on the streets, often without proper cover. On the other day a case of this kind was reported to the proper authority but the official did nothing and the poor animal was left to suffer while a hater kept himself warm in a heated building.

At Zimmerman's factory things are humming and 20 men are employed to fill their orders. All winter they have been busy on the home of the little birds. There are other orders for these, along with handles for hammers, picks, axes, pry bars and the like. Mr. Zimmerman is our largest wage-payer. Long may he prosper!

20 YEARS AGO  
March 13, 1931  
Interested Birmingham persons will meet at the home of Mrs. G. T. Hendrie Monday evening, to unite their efforts to fight capital punishment in this state. The meeting is open to all who oppose this form of criminal sentence.

Damage estimated at \$350 was caused when a garage and chicken coop at the home of Clarence J. Redfield burned Monday. The blaze, which destroyed both buildings and a number of chickens, is said to have been caused by an overheated stove pipe.

A Gross Pointe man was slightly injured here Sunday night when his car was struck by a hit-and-run driver. Donald McKenzie gave chase as soon as possible but lost the other car in the heavy snowfall.

Good Friday observances will be held in the First Baptist church, beginning at 1 o'clock. All local churches will observe in the three services which will conclude at 3 p. m. The Rev. A. M. Atkins of the First Methodist church will preside.

Charles Collins, Republican, has been named the successful candidate for the office of treasurer in Southfield township. The winner received 183 votes against 180 for his opponent, Mrs. Fannie Adams, and was conceded the election early after a recount.

5 YEARS AGO  
March 14, 1946  
Birmingham, today, owns 200 parking spaces. Installation will start soon throughout the business district when motorists will have to become penny and nickel conscious. The meters were purchased at a cost of \$59.50 for each unit.

Two small boys were pulled from Quanton Lake Thursday afternoon after the ice gave way beneath them. The two were about 150 feet from shore when they went through. Three high school boys saw them clinging to the edge of the ice and effected their rescue.

Prof. Ralph C. Fletcher, professor of social work in the University of Michigan, will speak at "Health and Social Security" at the League of Women Voters meeting here with a description of the much discussed medical aid bill.

A special campaign has been organized in Birmingham to provide canned food for those areas of Europe which are experiencing the greatest shortages. Mrs. Paul Penfield, general chairman, and her committee will set up collection stations throughout the city.

Building Permits Issued LAST WEEK

Total Valuation	17	\$184,200
New	15	\$181,600
Single family	1	1,000
Business	1	1,600

Attends Conference

Irving Segal, 4725 Beverly, was among the east central district representatives of the Elgin national watch company attending a regional planning conference at St. Charles, Ill., March 5.

Mental Hygiene Lecture Slated

Third and last in a series of lectures by Dr. Robert Drewes will be held Tuesday evening, March 20 at 8 p. m. at the Longfellow school on 11 Mile road in Royal Oak.

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