

## IKE'S SENATORIAL FOES THREATEN TO BLOCK ATOMIC MEASURE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(LNS)—The fight against President Eisenhower's order to the Atomic Energy Commission to sign a 25-year contract with a private utility combine which would supply power to TVA has mushroomed in Congress.

Senatorial foes of the plan threaten to block atomic legislation and a House foe has called for a Securities and Exchange Commission probe.

If the administration persists in carrying out the plan, Congress will "not place any more discretionary authority" in any agency headed by AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss, Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) warned. Admiral Strauss has put himself on record as opposed to AEC participation in the power business but as favoring the controversial contract labeled by critics one that would make AEC a "power broker" in a move to undercut TVA.

Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.), predicted that there "will be no additional legislation" amending the atomic law "if this outrageous order is to be carried out." Hill charged that:

"The administration is sacrificing the national defense in order to serve the selfish interests of the private power lobby."

### LANGER JOINS DEMOCRATS

Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.) once again displayed his rebellious independence of the GOP by joining the Democrats' attack on the contract.

Langer charged one reason for the 25-year contract is that the GOP is afraid it will lose the 1956 elections and its wants to assure the private power group's "greedy profits" for the next 25 years.

The Langer charge was similar to the charge made by farm co-op and labor participants at the recent electric consumers' workshop in Washington, one participated in by Langer. These consumer group spokesmen had charged that the utilities were rushing to get as many grabs nailed down as they can before the Republicans get whipped this November and a Democratic Congress next year starts probing the giveaways.

Langer told the Democratic senators they could count on his aid in opposing revision of the atomic energy law.

Meanwhile, Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif.), the member of the Joint House-Senate Atomic Energy Committee who did most to bring out the nature of the administration plan, wrote to Chairman Ralph Demmler of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Holifield asked for "full hearings" by SEC into the proposed contract with the utility combine.

Holifield told Eisenhower-Ap-pointee Demmler that the presidential order would involve AEC "in transactions for utility services not necessary for its own program nor authorized by the Atomic Energy Act."

He recalled that previous long-term contracts by AEC with two

other utility groups to supply power to AEC installations were approved by SEC on an interim basis because "the facilities to be constructed were urgently needed for the national defense and that therefore a liberal interpretation of the applicable provisions of the holding company act was justified."

### AEC HAS "FIRM" CONTRACT

But, Holifield pointed out, the pending contract proposal "cannot properly rely upon such an argument" because AEC already "has a firm contract" with TVA to supply AEC's Paducah, Ky., installation's requirements.

The proposal for the contract with

### Sweepings Used to Increase Bulk of Costly Coffee

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The Food and Drug Administration announced last night it had seized more than 12,000 pounds of adulterated coffee and coffee by-products since coffee prices started shooting upward. Such things as match sticks and wax paper had been roasted with the coffee to make it go farther and thus take advantage of the booming market.

FDA inspectors picked up 10 batches, totaling 8,152 pounds, of coffee padded with chickpeas, barley, chicory, soybeans or used coffee grounds. The agency said the packages bore such labels as "superior coffee" or "100 per cent fresh roasted coffee."

In addition, the FDA recovered 43,408 pounds of bug-infested chickpeas and is looking for the rest of a 100,000-pound shipment sold to the coffee trade. Another 4,320 pounds of by-products of powdered coffee were seized in Brooklyn (N. Y.) warehouses, where they were stored for a coffee roaster. One batch contained brush fibers, match sticks and other sweepings, the FDA said. The other two consisted of coffee chaff and coffee dust containing insects.—ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH.

### Multi-Lingual Ballots

Ballots printed in six languages featured a recent wage-and-working condition agreement signed by the AFL Meat and Cannery Union with the Seabrook Farms at Bridgetown, N. J. The local has 1,150 members composed of 17 nationality groups, so on the vote on the new contract the ballot had to be printed in English, Japanese, Estonian, Latvian, Polish, and German.

If the nations of the world would spend one penny for peace every time they spend a hundred dollars for war, there would be an end to war. They would not have to wait for the H-bomb to end both war and civilization.

the combine headed by Middle South Utilities, Inc., and the Southern Co. "contemplates that the new corporation" to be set up would be "the nominal purchaser of the electrical energy." The power would be delivered to TVA for use in supplying "the commercial, industrial and domestic needs of the Memphis area," Holifield noted.

"In other words, this device would make the Atomic Energy Commission a 'power broker' involving it in transactions for its own services not necessary for its own program, and in my opinion, not authorized by the Atomic Energy Act," Holifield commented.

### LEGALITY QUESTIONED

He questioned the "legality and propriety of a directive" to AEC to "enter into such a contract against the better judgment of a majority of the commission and without a clear mandate in the Atomic Energy Act."

He challenged further the "legality and propriety of this directive in view of the fact that the subject companies, both holding companies within the purview of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, have not obtained approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission for the proposed arrangement."

Holifield said the arrangement "apparently involves the formation of a new operating company, acquisition of stock interests therein by the sponsoring companies, and the flotation of bond and security issues."

Holifield asked SEC to "determine whether the public interest is adequately protected" under terms of the Holding Company Law.

### Fruits of Unionism

Ten years of militant unionism by the United Packinghouse Workers—CIO has brought many benefits to the men and women who process much of the nation's meat and sugar supply.

Wages, on an average have been increased by about one hundred per cent since October 1943 when UPW became a self-governing international union. Membership has grown from 70,000 to 150,000. The regional wage differential between the lower wage areas of the southeast and metropolitan areas of the north and west has been cut from 25 to 8 cents per hour. The wage gap between women doing the same work as men has been reduced from an average of 10½ to 5 cents.

In 1943 there was no premium pay for Saturday in the packing and sugar processing plants. Today there is. At that time there was no provision for paid holidays, sick pay, severance pay. Today the Saturday scale is time and one-half; sick leave is now paid at the rate of two weeks at half wages for every year of service; severance pay ranges from one week for first year employees to 7½ weeks for 10 years service. Over 10 years, 1½ weeks for every year of service thereafter.

Other improvements include larger shift premium, clothes-changing time of 12 minutes allowed daily on company time, improved annual vacation clauses.

### Monopolies Don't Worry U. S. Agency

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(LNS)—Rep. Wright Patman (D-Tex.) warned 12,000 independent grocers here that a Federal Trade Commission majority "is not disposed" to enforce the Robinson-Patman Act against monopolistic and discriminatory business practices.

"Apparently, those now in control believe the previous administration went too far in applying the law," he said. Unless FTC does a better job, "it might be better to abolish it entirely and give local United States attorneys the job of enforcing the act."

Patman, coauthor of the 1936 act, told National Association of Retail Grocers that eight bills pending in Congress would "weaken or destroy" the measure.

Watson Rogers of National Food Brokers Association and Henry Bison, NARG associate counsel, sounded similar warnings.

## U. C. G. DENIES COMPENSATION TO EAST HELENA WORKERS IDLED IN RECENT DISPUTE

Eligibility of claimants for unemployment benefits was before the Unemployment Compensation Commission at its June meeting in Helena this week. Involved were claims of workers idled in construction and smelter labor disputes at Billings and East Helena earlier in the year.

Adverse finding was announced on the claims of 153 smelter employees out of work in May and early June at the East Helena plant of the American Smelting and Refining Company, to the effect that the claimants were participating in, financing, and directly interested in a strike.

Briefs to support oral arguments were called for in the appeals of four Billings construction employees to whom benefits have been denied because of strike participation. Decision will follow the filing of briefs, for which ten days to appellants and ten days for reply were granted.

Participants at the hearing on the Billings case Monday were J. F. Ryan, William Bowman, and Clark M. Carpenter, construction contractors of Billings; Charles V. Huppe

and James S. Umber of Helena, and R. E. Morhous of Billings on behalf of the claimants. Claims in the appeal are those of Peter D. Jaborski, Eugene V. Madsen, Calvin E. Stanton, and Adam Bender, all of Billings.

Members of the state commission attending the hearing were Chairman Wesley Castles and Commissioner Paul R. McClure. Absence of Commissioner Albert F. Root was reported due to illness.

### Western Historian To Conduct Workshop At MSU, July 19-24

A new kind of student is walking the halls of the liberal arts building at Montana State University this summer, according to H. V. Larom, director of the Roundup of the Arts program. The stockman, the old timer and the mountain man are coming to see him about attending the sixth annual writers' conference. They are bringing him reminiscences of Montana pioneer days, stories of their parents who came to Montana in covered wagons, diaries of early times, and short stories with pioneer western backgrounds.

This interest is due, Larom says, to the fact that J. Frank Dobie is to handle the non-fiction workshop at the conference from July 19th, through the 24th. Dobie, who has edited more than 20 volumes for the Texas Folklore society, is the author of many books about the West including Colorado's Children, Apache Gold and Yaqui Silver, The Voice of the Coyote and The Mustangs. His work during his week at the University will include the reading of these old diaries and stories to see whether they can be re-written or edited for publication.

As the old timers disappear, it is more important than ever, Larom said, that these records be published if possible. Dobie's experience in writing and editing, plus his sympathy and understanding of all things western should be of tremendous help to those who have authentic manuscripts. Conferees who send manuscripts to the University by July 14th can have them read by Dobie. Then, while attending the conference, each registrant will have a personal interview with him concerning the manuscript and can ask questions and get all the help possible.

During the conference sessions, Dobie will discuss the theoretical problems involved in publishing such material, as well as give a talk in the Music School auditorium, open to the public.

Those wishing to attend the conference and send in manuscripts should get in touch with Larom at the earliest opportunity, he said, because the number of manuscripts that Dobie can read during one week will be limited.

Other members of the conference staff include Walter Van Tilburg Clark, author of the Ox Bow Incident and The Track of the Cat; Jessamyn West, author of The Friendly Persuasion, The Witch Diggers, and Cress Delehanty, the Book of the Month Club selection for last January; and Alan Swallow, poet and publisher, and director of the Denver University Press.

### Rug Prices May Rise

NEW YORK.—Industry wide advances in the price of carpets is in the offing as four of the seven biggest producers have announced plans to hike their quotations.

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