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Easy Does It On Senate Filibusters

UNLESS all of the sootysavers have suddenly gone giddy on us, something is going to be done in the Senate to curb filibusters. Washington's air is already filled with cries of anguish from southern Democrats and much bitterness is brewing.

The bitterness will come to a hasty and turbulent boil if Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.) is successful in ramming through his proposal to amend the Senate's hoary old Rule 22. Under the Douglas plan, debate could be halted by two-thirds of those present and within two days after the filing of a petition signed by 15 senators, and by a simple majority of the Senate membership 15 days after a petition is filed.

Southerners who fear the "tyranny of the majority" and hasty action, understandably like things as they are. Presently, Rule 22 says that debate can be shut off only by two-thirds of the entire Senate membership.

A compromise has been proposed by Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson and it plainly deserves the thoughtful attention of both conservative and liberal elements of the club. Sen. Johnson simply suggests that two-thirds of those present and voting, rather than two-thirds of the Senate membership, should be allowed to shut off debate and that this should apply also to votes on rule changes.

The Johnson plan would not make filibusters impossible but it would do away with the requirement of 66 (with Alaska) positive votes to impose cloture.

(that is, shut off debate). Furthermore, absentees and abstainers would no longer be counted in favor of unending talks.

The Johnson plan would also apply to debate on rule changes themselves. The Senate, therefore, would not be committed eternally to an undemocratic obstacle of any sort of change. Constant and petty abuse of rules governing debate could still lead to the adoption of majority cloture if two-thirds of those present and voting so decide. It is this second "standby" feature of Sen. Johnson's plan which is so significant.

But if the Senate decides to go the whole distance with Sen. Douglas the effect could only be divisive and unnecessarily rancorous. The Washington Post this week explored the possible results with considerable discernment. It spoke editorially of "the psychological impact of such a change upon the South in this time of unreason and inflamed emotion." Said the Post: "Too drastic a change might, instead of paving the way for constructive national legislation, promote new acts of resistance and defiance against what would be considered a rule of force."

The South is indeed going through a period of terrible turmoil and adjustment. Harsh legislative shenanigans now would only aggravate the socio-political situation below the Mason-Dixon line. Let the remedy—if a remedy may still have—be gentle to bruised feelings.

All Charlotte Needs Is The Opportunity

It is de rigueur after a particularly successful athletic extravaganza here to proclaim Charlotte a "sports metropolis" and demand that the Rose Bowl or something equally gaudy be moved right into the local Coliseum for keeps.

We've been guiltier than almost anyone we know. Time and again we've tried to convince the Atlantic Coast Conference's official family that Charlotte, not Raleigh, is the place for the annual ACC basketball tournament. All we've received for our trouble has been an icy stare from down east.

We can be icy, too. Let's begin with a few cold facts about the North Carolina-Notre Dame game last weekend. It attracted 9,200 fans to the Big Egg. UNC took home \$15,000 plus another \$4,000 or so in television fees. As a result,

News Sports Editor Bob Quincy reports, Tar Heel Coach Frank McGuire is already seeking future games here with Kentucky, Indiana and like powers.

It would be well for North Carolina State to follow suit. This nook will pay handsomely to see Tarheel's best battle big intersectional foes. Furthermore, local folks will ante up to watch top-ranked ACC teams battle each other. The fever will even spread in time to the superb Carrousel tournament which conflicts with the better-publicized Dixie Classic.

Never has the South had such a fine "neutral" market for big-time sports in its history. How much more convincing is needed? The local fandom will be happy to oblige. All it asks is the opportunity.

The Second Worst Idea Of The Century

CREDIT Chairman Francis Walter of the House Un-American Activities Committee with the worst idea since the invention of air rifles for the sandbox set.

Having spent an inordinate amount of the taxpayers' money investigating things that go bump in the night, Rep. Walter now wants to enlarge his quaint and restless rite to include jurisdiction over immigration and passport control.

To gather in this new power, he proposes to scrap the Legislative Reorganization Act, depriving the Judiciary Committee of its supervision of immigration and taking jurisdiction over passports away from the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Rep. Walter's panicky prejudices as grand panjandrum of Red scares is well known. The echoes of his recent investigations have been heard in such outlandish places as the Maryland Chess Federation, a television quiz show and a studio orchestra. He has consistently demonstrated a poor understanding of this nation's traditional civil liberties and should not be permitted to expand his legislative activities in this field or in the equally sensitive field of international relations.

We have some doubts about his efficiency as well. The fellow hasn't even been able to find out who promoted the anti-Soviet Goodness knows he must have tried.

Why Not Just Exchange Surpluses?

DON'T make any wild wagers on the success of the latest traveling salesman to call at the door of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. He is Soviet Deputy Prime Minister Anastas Mikoyan and he is supposedly planning for trade agreements between the United States and the U.S.S.R.

Except in the late and unlamented lend-lease years, Soviet-American trade has never been large. There was a time—during the 1930s—when America was shipping Russia more than \$100 million a year in various goods, mostly machine tools and factory equipment. During an average pre-war year, the Soviets were

shipping us about \$65 million in merchandise, mostly furs.

But now the experts say the problem of trading with the Soviet Union is that it simply does not produce much of what we want to buy.

This obviously calls for a little cold-blooded practicality on both sides. Now if they'll send us some more rejected manuscripts like Boris Pasternak's *Doktor Zhivago* we'll send them all of our surplus rock 'n' roll recordings. Our publishers will get rich—which is the alleged purpose of capitalism—and their teenagers will get hip—which is the alleged purpose of youth. The results, if anything, would be diverting.

W.E.H. In The Sanford Herald

SCRAPPLE AND COUNTRY SAUSAGE

MRS. G. P. Jones of White Hill has written me describing scrapple as made in her girlhood days. She tells it this way:

"When we cooked the liver lights, etc., at hog killing time to make liver pudding, we took the scraps of all that with chopped onions to make the scrapple."

"The meaning comes from the word scrap in the dictionary: remains, ends, etc. To make it one takes some of the broth and cook the onions in that until tender. Then add the scraps of the above and cook together for a few minutes."

To make our scrapple liver pudding we would grind the cooked liver lights, cracklings all together, add sage and hot pepper with plenty of broth. To thicken, add corn meal, then cook until thick. Later we would stuff it in guts and boil again, hang in the smoke house to dry.

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in the smokehouse to dry and it would keep indefinitely. Then when the meat was taken up, washed and hung for the hickory smoking the sausage would get full benefit of the hickory smoke."

"To do the smoking, after the meat was hung, an old iron skillet would be filled with cornmeal and hickory sticks and placed in the middle of the smokehouse. For three or four days it would be kept burning. It took careful watching all the time on account of fire. This would flavor the meat and also keep flies away until the meat was thoroughly cured."

If there's to be an agricultural hall of fame, why not a metropolitan hall of fame, featuring such displays of historic interest as a group of stuffed 'Jack-sorells' from Union.



ANASTAS MIKOYAN Sounding For Notes

Mikoyan Notes The Weather Of The West

By JOSEPH ALSOP

WASHINGTON—Anastas Mikoyan, the second man in the Kremlin, has come to smell the weather in the street in the capital of the West. He wants to know which way the wind is blowing at this stage of the Berlin crisis.

This being Mikoyan's primary purpose, it is good news that the West German government and the West are in close to final agreement on their "contingency plans," for the defense of Berlin.

Supreme Test The present case is the supreme test of Western firmness. Difficulties were indeed encountered at the outset, in the first discussions at Bonn between the American, British and French ambassadors and the West German government.

Apparently on his own initiative, the British ambassador to Bonn, Sir Christopher Steel, somewhat rudely challenged the West German government's policy and courage to support a truly firm policy. Sir Christopher argued that the West Germans might indulge in great talk now, but would retreat when the crunch came. The sequel was sufficiently heated to cause a change in the locale of the planning talks.

According to high authorities here, the planning talks have now produced rather detailed and general agreement on the right tactical responses to the several different sorts of challenge that the puppets may offer.

Duck Or Dodge? Since these "contingency plans," as they are officially called, have fully satisfied the greatest Westerner of absolute firmness, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, it may be presumed that they are not plans to duck or dodge but to meet a challenge at Berlin.

'Stonewalling' Because the planning for Berlin is so well advanced, however, Mikoyan can be answered with confidence. But that "by no means the end of the matter. When the Mikoyan visit was announced, the Soviets first tried to see whether the American government would show weak nerves, by falling all over itself to seize this opportunity for talks. Long mutual stonewalling at last induced Mikoyan to name the persons Mikoyan desired to see. Thereupon the Embassy set a schedule that will almost certainly bring Mikoyan together with the President and with Vice President Nixon, while Secretary Dulles is absent in Ottawa.

The object, no doubt, is to see whether Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard Nixon strike the same unyielding note in the absence of the secretary of state. If this test is passed, further sounding will surely be made, later on, at Paris and London and Bonn. Truman, Gov. Averell Harriman strike the same note as Washington has struck. It remains to be seen whether the Kremlin will be sufficiently impressed by Western firmness combined with extreme American "detente" to try, in place of an open threat of war.

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Only Presidents Can Govern

By DORIS FLEESON

ONE STARK fact lies behind the political struggles which debate in Congress will soon illuminate.

It is that the President is the fulcrum of the American system. He is the only point on which the political lever can get direct and immediate purchase. His alone is the touch which can readily turn new directions in new directions. He can be stopped but he cannot be started against his will.

President Eisenhower hates to make decisions. It is therefore next to impossible to break new ground now except by the slow process of public education and discussion which will create pressures of a kind the White House cannot resist.

EDUCATION IN OVAL STUDY

Liberal Republican senators are trying to start that process of education in the oval study of the President himself. In his increasing isolation, the only Republicans Eisenhower sees regularly are talks with, not just to, are the congressional leaders. The GOP liberals are therefore going for broke on the Senate leadership, and a similar fight has been won in the House against the aging and ailing minority leader, Rep. Joe Martin.

The Democratic Congress in turn is led by veterans now accept the fact that their heavy majorities can legislate but cannot govern. These men are not all of one mind about how they would govern if they could or what the voters meant to say Nov. 4 last.



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER Reluctant Fulcrum

They are agreed in wanting to avoid tactics which would give the impression that they are running the country who are not and cannot.

PLAGE ON BOTH HOUSES

The outcome of the 1960 Presidential election will very probably depend on the ability of the Democratic Congress to discipline enough to persuade the voters it could do wonders with a Democratic President and yet not give rise to the idea that it could have done a lot more if it wanted to.

The maneuvering in prospect for the next two years will be a wonderful study by itself. It is left added fascination by the new dimension in Albany, New York, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Gov. Rockefeller is in a position to cry

a plague on both your houses when Washington falls, an advantage denied to his rival, Vice President Nixon.

Notreably, a h. a Rockefeller inaugural address identified the state with the national interest and bent an informed glance at international affairs. Unquestionably he has the best seat on the sidelines and proposes to make the most of it.

Such so many Democratic senators wanting to be President, no one power struggle there can be more than a skirmish. In contrast, House Democratic liberals have bowed to the unique power and prestige of Speaker Bayburn.

NO DISCUSSION

The speaker refused to discuss enlarging the Rules Committee, dominated by a conservative coalition. He said he had long ago agreed with Republican leader Martin to leave an 8-4 ratio on that committee no matter which party controlled Congress.

He would not support a 21-day rule or similar proposals to break a rules log jam but instead gave his personal assurance that he would help the liberals to pass a reasonably comprehensive domestic program.

They had to be content; that the speaker's influence is decisive with the roughly 50 Democratic moderates who hold the House balance of power.

"We have learned to count. For liberals, this is a great achievement."



GROUCHO MARX Pro Stuffed Shirts

It seems to me that every other time I pick up a piece of literature, I find the most important clauses in that historic document, more or less a necessary adjunct to life and liberty. And it seems now we have an expert on our side. Only other day, Dr. Sol Weiner Ginsberg, president of the New York Society of Clinical Psychology, allows as how he feels it's wrong to leap to the conclusion that a "fun morality" represents an evil or a sense of false values.

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Perhaps we do tend overmuch to a slight exaggeration of the necessity of the assorted gimmicks and gadgets that make life a little more pleasant. I for instance do not know how I ever made it before Scotch tape and paper clips came into my life, and I would rather have a Cadillac for Christmas than a little red sled.

'FUN' MORALITY IS FUN

I always thought that the phrase "pursuit of happiness" was the more important clauses in that historic document, more or less a necessary adjunct to life and liberty. And it seems now we have an expert on our side. Only other day, Dr. Sol Weiner Ginsberg, president of the New York Society of Clinical Psychology, allows as how he feels it's wrong to leap to the conclusion that a "fun morality" represents an evil or a sense of false values.

IRON MONKEY

And perhaps the sloganers in the buckle trade have created what might be called non-essential needs, in order to sell their electromerger and electrical apparatus, their breakfast foods and soap chips and handy shortcuts to housekeeping. But the necessity of the purchase of these things has managed to provide employment and money circulation, which is one reason we pay such a price to give things away to people who would not know a Crisp-Creme from an electric fan.

And Dr. Ginberg, as well—do not see that we have weakened the fiber and softened the bones of the farmer by giving him rural electrification and a food freezer to husband his year-long output, and if the shorter work week allows us more time for fun-making gadgets, it is some sort of down payment on a longer, healthier

WRONG PATIENT

As a matter of fact, I have always thought that the cries of doom who cite frivolously as a result of the great American cure have more or less been barking up the wrong patient. The very hucksters who sell frivolity drop dead of heart attacks and are consumed by ulcers in the more act of bravely trying to give things away to people who would not know a light-weight, the gent with the horrrors and the puckered brow is a deep-dish thinker.

What this country needs, it seems to me, is not more shoddy, but about a million Groucho Marxes, and a large supply of pins to puncture an ever-closer supply of stuffed shirts. I don't know how much longer we have on the globe, but I, for one, intend to mingle with the dust after an exit, laughing.

'Step Into My Office, Lad, And Tell Me All About It'



People's Platform

'Fifth Column' Not An Argument

Editor, S. C. Editors, The News: NOW that the policemen have gone on the back of their head to Hoffa and that issue is out of the way I keep wondering if the "fifth column" argument against the police union has merit. To suggest that the police would be "too dependent" upon complete impartiality, to be laid bare to union pressure," needs some thought.

Let Us Unite & Live Peacefully

Editor, S. C. Editors, The News: WE here have taken note of the plan suggested by the Hon. Richard Russell, senator from the great State of Georgia in regard to the relocation of the Negro.

Quote, Unquote

"We are not inspired to speak, I guess, but to be silent!"—Theau.

why police unions should not exist. The "fifth column" argument makes least sense. It's doubtful that our people where they are best suited and where they can earn a decent living in this nation of plenty.

I wish to state that the Negroes' best friends are in the South and I dare to say they will find it out sooner or later. We have all seen a beautiful picture on paper—but it was just ink deep. We feel that if the NAACP is interested as they appear to be in the best for Negroes they will be working with local communities of our states to improve the working conditions of all our people. As the white race advances so does the Negro race. Let's be a united people living in peace together.

What he says is: "What committees do you want to be on? Then he talks about the question of changing the rules on filibustering, points out that a lot of procedural questions have been decided." After these questions have been decided," says publicly, "we'll see what committee assignments we can fix up for you."

Inside Havana

To Americans crowded into the Hotel Capri in Havana, movie actor George

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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with him without twisting his wrist at all.

He doesn't indulge in blackmail. He is discreet, but he is not a politician. He is a man of letters. He doesn't say: "If you vote with me you'll get the right committee assignment."

Hubbard's Cupboard

They had moved on the hotel in general resentment against Americans and because the hotel operates an ornate restaurant of extravagance to the poverty-stricken revolutionaries. The Cuban treasury was left as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard when the government was overthrown. The American Embassy in Havana had little idea the revolution was making such headway. No one was aware American tourists to keep out of Havana.