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A NEWSLETTER THAT TELLS YOU WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE AMERICAN RIGHT

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Dear Subscriber:

RIGHT TO WORK OFFICIALS MAY GO TO JAIL. The epic legal battle of the National Right to Work Committee and the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation versus 10 international unions, led by the United Auto Workers, the Machinists, and State, County and Municipal Employees, has reached what Committee Executive Vice President Reed Larson accurately calls the "critical stage."

Federal Judge Charles Richey ordered that a sampling of contributors to the Foundation be turned over to the union. The Foundation appealed the decision but was told the order can be reviewed by higher courts only if the Committee and the Foundation do not comply with the Richey order, thereby placing themselves in contempt of court.

The initial order involves only 190 "company" contributors to the Foundation but if complied with, a precedent would be set to turn over every individual contributor as well. This would not only have a "chilling effect" on contributions to the Committee and the Foundation, but could place contributors in real physical jeopardy.

Legal counsel for the unions has admitted in open court that the names of Right to Work contributors will be transmitted to local union bosses throughout the country for "discreet inquiry." "The tactics of union officials," said Larson, "in dealing with 'recalcitrant members' and other vulnerable individuals are well-known."

Faced with this dilemma, Larson and other Committee officials acted with characteristic courage. They respectfully informed Judge Richey last Wednesday, April 29, that they would not comply with his order to give up the 190 names. Instead, they asked for a review of the ruling that the matter could not be examined by a higher court and also requested a hearing to put important evidence into the record.

As TRR went to press, Judge Richey had not yet responded. He could impose sanctions shutting down the Committee and the Foundation as well as large fines and even jail sentences. However, any such penalties would require a hearing and could be appealed.

This grave dilemma comes at a time when the National Right to Work Committee is celebrating its 20th anniversary and is at an all-time high in membership and effectiveness. The Committee is expected to reach a membership of 100,000 and an annual budget of \$2 million by the end of the year. The Foundation, which received \$2.2 million from 85,000 contributors in 1974, has participated in over 100 lawsuits since 1968.

Such success explains the union lawsuit which has been described by a union spokesman

as "the largest multi-union legal action ever undertaken." The Right to Work movement represents an increasingly serious threat to compulsory unionism, and organized labor is going all out to try to eliminate the Committee and the Foundation.

Larson and his associates are determined that they shall not succeed.

RUMSFELD ENCOUNTERS ROUGH GOING ON CAPITOL HILL. When Presidential Counselor Donald Rumsfeld came to Capitol Hill to meet with some conservative Republican Senators to find out what is bothering them, he got more than he bargained for. Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina cut short the pleasantries and told Rumsfeld he and other conservatives are outraged at Secretary of State Kissinger's latest scheme to give away the Panama Canal.

The recently introduced Thurmond resolution (TRR 3/24/75) has 37 co-sponsors, enough to make ratification of a treaty giving up the Canal to Panama virtually impossible. Now Kissinger is trying to accomplish the same by Executive Order.

Helms told Rumsfeld that President Ford had better get the message that he means business on this issue. "You can tell him", said Helms, "that if he pulls this one, I am finished. Through. Do you understand?" This was an obvious reference to Helms' plans for 1976. The Senator has made it clear that he is not locked in to supporting Ford and Rockefeller for election.

Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina told Rumsfeld that after he had sent a letter to the President protesting the Canal giveaway, Secretary of State Kissinger called to deny there was substance to the Thurmond charge. "But", said Thurmond, "I have the facts and my original statement stands." Rumsfeld said he got the message, but protested that he didn't know what the Senators were talking about.

HARTMANN, CALKINS FAIL TO IMPRESS CONGRESSIONAL AIDES. Rumsfeld isn't the only Presidential advisor appearing on the Hill and trying to mend fences. Ford confidant Robert Hartmann and Jack Calkins, who left his position as director of the House GOP Campaign Committee to be a Presidential political aide, appeared at a legislative briefing session sponsored by the Republican Study Committee in the House.

One aide to a Congressman who attended the session summed it up this way: "I was never so disgusted in my life. Calkins said absolutely nothing. If he is advising the President no wonder Ford is in trouble. As for Hartmann, he didn't give a single straight answer the whole time."

Aides were particularly annoyed at Hartmann's contention that President Ford signed the tax cut bill (producing an all-time high deficit) because it would have been impossible to have upheld a veto. House GOP Leader John Rhodes is known to have told Congressmen just after the bill passed that his count showed there was an excellent chance of upholding a veto. Indeed Rhodes urged a veto.

On a positive note, Hartmann did indicate the President might veto the proposed land use bill, sponsored by Democratic Congressman Morris Udall of Arizona.

WHEN WILL NEW HAMPSHIRE GET ITS SECOND SENATOR? Although it has been six months since the voters of New Hampshire elected Republican Louis Wyman to the U.S. Senate, he has yet to be seated. And it is still not clear when, if ever, he or Democrat challenger John Durkin will be declared the winner of the closest U.S. Senate election in history.

Last November, Wyman was declared the winner by 355 votes out of 223,363 ballots cast. Durkin demanded a recount and emerged with a 10 vote victory. Wyman appealed to the Ballot Law Commission, which declared Wyman the winner by two votes. Durkin appealed

to the U.S. Senate, which is the final judge of its elections under the Constitution.

Since January, the eight-man Senate Rules Committee has been reviewing contested ballots and other matters. It now has reached an obvious impasse. It is expected to send some 27 disputed ballots and other issues on which it has deadlocked to the full Senate either late this week or early next week.

Informed sources have told TRR that Democrats on the Rules Committee, with the exception of Sen. James Allen of Alabama, have done everything they can to resolve the issue in committee and prevent a new election which they fear would be won by Wyman in the post-Watergate atmosphere. Democratic Sen. Thomas McIntyre, the senior Senator from New Hampshire, has reportedly used his prestige and prerogatives at every turn to block his being joined in the Senate by a Republican.

Wyman won an important victory when the Rules Committee agreed to send its majority and minority counsels to New Hampshire this past weekend to examine voting machines which Wyman claimed might have malfunctioned last Nov. 5. If the machines can be proven to have malfunctioned, a new election could be called in New Hampshire.

Observers are reluctant to predict how the full Senate will vote on the Wyman-Durkin dispute. Democrats will be under strong public pressure not to be openly partisan. It is ironical that a Democratic Senator from Alabama - - James Allen - - may well decide who the next Senator from New Hampshire will be.

Meanwhile back in the Granite State, the town of Raymond, with a population of around 3,000, has announced it is going to hold a special election for a new Senator regardless of what the U.S. Senate does.

REPUBLICANS SQUABBLE OVER REAGAN. How divided are Midwest Republicans? Consider: The Iowa Conservative Union and Iowa Young Republicans last week sponsored a joint fund raising dinner with former Governor Ronald Reagan of California as the speaker.

The Reagan appearance precipitated a head-on clash between Iowa's liberal Gov. Robert Ray and Leroy Corey, a leader in both the YRs and the conservative group. The liberals went so far as to call Reagan to demand that he not attend the dinner. Reagan replied he had no intention of backing out.

The upshot was that Charles Grassley, a conservative and Iowa's only Republican in Congress, attended the very successful dinner as did former Rep. H.R. Gross and other top conservatives. As one observer commented to TRR, "That'll teach Bob Ray to mess around with Leroy Corey."

Liberal domination of the Iowa GOP has resulted in the loss of both U.S. Senators as well as all but one Congressman.

HOUSTON SCANDAL MAY HELP TOWER. Houston Mayor Fred Hofheinz, a young (35) liberal who is considered a leading contender to take on Republican U.S. Senator John Tower in 1978, may have a major scandal brewing in the Space City.

Hofheinz has never masked his ambition for the Senate and the White House. He was narrowly elected to a two-year term by 3000 votes in 1973 over conservative City Councilman Dick Gottlieb. The Houston mayoralty elections are "non partisan". Both Hofheinz and Gottlieb are Democrats.

Gottlieb charged wide-spread voter fraud and went to the courts for redress. Gottlieb's case will be called up in September just before the November mayoral election, when Hofheinz is up for re-election. Houston conservative leaders in both parties tell TRR

that liberal Hofheinz will be tied directly to the vote-stealing, which would have tremendous effect on the November election.

Texas Conservatives agree that Hofheinz needs an overwhelming re-election mandate in order to take on the conservative Tower. Hofheinz's plans are further complicated by Democratic Rep. Barbara Jordan's own Senate ambition and her popularity in Houston's black community.

Gottlieb is awaiting results of a professional poll. He'd like to run and beat Hofheinz this time.

WARNER MAY JOIN GOP CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE. One of the most competent GOP state chairmen in recent memory is conservative Clarence Warner of Oklahoma. He was noted for his efforts to build up the party in his state, which now has two Republican Senators. Warner also concentrated on candidate recruitment, an effort which many state chairmen totally ignore. He recently resigned his Oklahoma post.

Reliable sources tell TRR that Warner is under consideration for the position of Executive Director of the House GOP Congressional Campaign Committee. The interim director there is former Michigan Congressman Jack MacDonald, who doesn't want to stay longer than six months. MacDonald replaced Jack Calkins, who joined the Ford Administration as a political operative.

FONG FIGHTS FOR FREE CHINA. Hawaii Republican Senator Hiram Fong, long one of the quietest Members of the Senate, has become visibly active on the issue of Nationalist China. Fong fears that the deteriorating situation in Southeast Asia raises real questions about U.S. intentions toward Free China.

Fong is urging President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger to visit that nation and that U.S. policy be set in concrete regarding Taiwan. Fong has enormous prestige among his colleagues, and his activism on this issue is the best news the Republic of China has had in some time.

PROXMIRE PROTEGE STUMBLES. Congressman Les Aspin (D-Wisc.), the protege of Senator William Proxmire, is stumbling in his anxious quest for prominence. Aspin went all out in his endorsement of Racine (Wisc.) alderman Ben Mascaretti running for re-election in the April non-partisan election.

A 31-year-old conservative, Timothy Mattes, defeated Mascaretti by a two to one margin, thus becoming the only candidate to defeat an incumbent in that election.

Mattes said the people are looking for "new leadership" which he apparently provided in his populist conservative campaign. Mascaretti, a garden variety liberal Democrat, used his close association with Aspin as one of the cornerstones of his unsuccessful re-election effort.

LAIRD CONFIRMS TRR EXCLUSIVE. A TRR subscriber rode beside former Defense Secretary Mel Laird on an Eastern Airlines flight last week. "Is it true," our reader asked, "that President Ford offered you the chairmanship of his 1976 election campaign and that you refused?" (TRR 4/7/75)

"Yes," replied Laird, "but no one's supposed to know. How did you find out?" "I read it in the current RIGHT REPORT," our reader answered. "Oh, them," said Laird.

Six days after that plane ride, the Washington Post reported that Ford had finally prevailed on Laird to accept the chairmanship of his election campaign. One Laird associate denied the report. There is increasing speculation that the White House is

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THAT "OTHER" WASHINGTON NEWSPAPER - - THE STAR-NEWS

Conservative newspaper publisher John P. McGoff of Michigan is still trying to buy the Washington Star-News and provide some real competition to the ultra-liberal dominant Washington Post in the Nation's Capital. In an "open letter to Washingtonians," published in the Post last week, McGoff explained his intentions:

(1) To make the Star a "competitive newspaper - - with a fresh point of view" and not a "pale carbon of its major competitor," and (2) To prevent the "national tragedy" of Washington, D.C. becoming "another one newspaper town."

The latter point is a reference to the well-known fact that the Star-News has been losing better than \$5 million a year for the last several years as its circulation has fallen far beyond the Post and advertisers have shifted to the front-running Post.

Background: Last July, Joseph Albritton, a liberal Texas banker who backed Muskie and then McGovern in 1972, bought controlling interest in the Star-News and its broadcasting properties. Albritton asked the Federal Communications Commission to waive its rule that daily newspapers and broadcasting outlets in the same market must be separated when ownership is transferred. McGoff has filed with the FCC, opposing the waiver of its rules.

Albritton argued that he needed the income from the TV and radio stations to "subsidize" the Star-News. He said that otherwise it would be impossible to continue the newspaper. McGoff disagreed. He said he would not have offered \$25 million for the newspaper alone if he did not think it was economically viable. As the buyer of only the paper, he said, he would "have no alternative to seeing the newspaper succeed."

Last week, McGoff publicly challenged Albritton's purpose in seeking to buy both the paper and the stations. "The Star is an ailing enterprise. It could go under . . . when a fellow buys profitable broadcasting stations and a losing newspaper, which is more likely to be killed off in a financial crush?"

McGoff, who operates 47 daily and non-daily newspapers, would bring journalistic balance and excitement to Washington, D.C. He may yet succeed in doing just that - - if the FCC refuses to waive its rules which are intended to encourage diversity in media ownership. And if there's one thing Washington needs, it's more diversity in the media!

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deliberately leaking stories to put pressure on Laird to take the post - - and counteract the persistent feeling in the Nation's Capital that Ford is not going to run in 1976.

SOUTH AFRICA-RHODESIA COLLISION? Some conservatives in the ruling National Party in South Africa are concerned that the policy of Prime Minister Vorster's government to reach accord with black African states may be done at the expense of Rhodesia. Recent Congressional visitors report that the South African government has adopted a hard line against Rhodesia.

Meanwhile, a West German trade mission visiting South Africa made a secret trip into Rhodesia. TRR learned that several important trade deals were concluded by the German delegation with Rhodesian enterprises. Paradoxically, the South African government is pressuring Rhodesia to adopt a policy of black majority rule which it is unwilling to adopt.

HERE & THERE

J. DANIEL MAHONEY, chairman of New York State Conservative Party and member of Committee on Conservative Alternatives (TRR 2/24/75), announces RONALD REAGAN will address Party's 13th anniversary dinner this October. Conservative Party seems sure to make its Presidential ballot line available to Reagan in New York in 1976 - - no matter what Rockefeller-dominated GOP does. . . .

Vice President NELSON ROCKEFELLER signs high dollar fund-raising letter for Republican Congressional Committee, using official Veep letterhead. Rocky asks for \$1000 over next two years "to keep alive the critical spark of individual involvement which has long characterized the Republican Party". . . .

JOHN HOWARD, Rockford College president, files formal complaint with Federal Communications Commission, protesting against one-sided, anti-marriage NBC-TV program, "Of Men and Women," aired Jan. 9, 1975. Howard urges concerned conservatives to write FCC "asking them to give full attention to this complaint". . . .

HERITAGE FOUNDATION will sponsor one-day conference, "Public Education: Freedom or Compulsion?" on May 9 in Washington, D.C. Keynote speaker will be RHODES BOYSON, Member of British Parliament and regarded by some as possible shadow minister of education for newly-elected Conservative Leader Margaret Thatcher. . . .

UNITED STATES INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL reports Joint Economic Committee will hold hearings in May on proposals which could lead to 5 or 10-year economic plans for some sectors of nation's economy. Congressional sponsors include Senators Hubert Humphrey (Minn.), Bennett Johnson (La.) and Alan Cranston (Calif.). . . .

Dr. Fred Schwarz of Christian Anti-Communism Crusade undertakes national distribution of his testimony on Urban Guerrilla Warfare before Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. Schwarz calls such warfare "deadly threat which is growing in magnitude and malignancy" and is based on "an amalgam of students, returned veterans and convicted criminals". . . .

GALLUP POLL reveals that new third party, more conservative than Republican Party, could draw support from as many as one-fourth of all voters in 1976 Presidential race. 24% of Democratic and Republican voters said they would support conservative party while 29% of independent voters said they would be likely to support it. . . .

Godfrey Sperling, Jr. of Christian Science Monitor confirms "very strong and apparently still-growing appeal of GEORGE WALLACE . . . to blue-collar workers," concludes their support is based primarily on "the strong Wallace stand against rising taxes". . . .

Quote of Decade: After being relieved of command for trying to prevent Chinese Communists from crossing Yalu River during Korean War, Gen. DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR said: "We shall eventually see the fall of all Indochina to the Communists as a result of our failure in Korea. If we maintain a limited war posture against an enemy willing to fight all out at any time they deem our weakness to be such as to warrant such attack, our nation will eventually be isolated". . . .

Sincerely,

