

"Pot and Kettle" Exchanges Liven State Inquiries

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Controversy is a familiar spice in legislators' work, so none of us lets ourselves get too aroused over it. But sometimes we are a little surprised by the heat which some topics produce, and the directions in which the heat flares out.

A case in point involves the state printing plant, which has been under fire for several years. Recently, a subcommittee of the assembly ways and means committee held a hearing in San Diego, at which printing of textbooks by the plant was again attacked vigorously, and as hotly defended. This time the clash involved the alleged motives of those

on either side of the controversy. One witness, a resident of Sacramento who appeared as a private citizen, defended the efficiency of the state printing plant, and maintained that the motives of those attacking the plant are "self-seeking."

THIS BROUGHT prompt rebuttal from subcommittee members. One of them questioned the witness sharply as to the identity of the group who support the plant, and he, himself, named them as the state employees' organization, the leading Sacramento newspaper, and a Sacramento legislator.

All, it was asserted, have either economic or political

motives for continuance of the printing plant. This "pot and kettle" exchange enlivened the session quite a little.

The state department of finance was criticized for not producing information as to costs of printing textbooks at the state plant. The subcommittee chairman said the department reports that another six months will be needed to provide the data which, he said, was the same answer given by the department a year ago.

THE REASON for this long delay in providing the facts was analyzed in a penetrating report by the legislative analyst's office. "The State Printing Plant is still without

the proper managerial and accounting controls necessary to insure an efficient and productive operation," was the conclusion of the report.

The report traced the history of cost controls at the printing plant back to 1958, when the legislative auditor-general, after studying internal controls at the plant, concluded that certain controls over costs and plant operation were either missing, or could be improved.

In 1959, a senate resolution called for an immediate study of possible cost control systems, which was made by the legislative analyst. The study called for installation of a machine accounting system to produce daily reports on labor,

machine use, and job costs. A system, supposed to be complete, was installed in 1960, but as of today, is neither complete nor working properly.

THE ANALYST'S report stated that the system still does not produce the basic information needed for efficient operation of the plant. In addition, reports arrive too late to be of effective use — 6 or 7 days late for daily reports, 64 to 74 days for job cost summaries.

The analyst was also critical of the report of the outside printing consultant, about which I recently wrote.

First, though it was supposed to contain recommendations for improvement of the cost

accounting system, the subject was scarcely touched on in the consultant's report.

Second, expenditure of a million dollars for modern printing equipment was recommended, but no comprehensive analysis of future printing plant needs was given as justification.

So the experts disagree with each other, and we legislators still can't find out if it is cheaper for California to print its own textbooks.

Approximately 18 tickets remain for Torrance Lions Club members for the Aug. 29 Dodged Cincinnati contest.

The bus will leave City Hall at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$3.50



"Could you wrap it so it looks like a bag of groceries?"

Bishop Montgomery High Expects 1,200 Students

More than 1,200 high school students are expected to be in their seats and ready for class when Bishop Montgomery High School begins in fall semester Tuesday, Sept. 4.

The Rev. Joseph M. Pekarick is principal at the school. He estimates enrollment will top 1,250 students this fall.

Five new sisters and three new priests have been added to the religious faculty. A group of 14 lay teachers, in both boys and girls departments, supplement the religious staff.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS at the high school this year include the MSG Math program, and new emphasis will be given the reading program.

An entirely new coaching staff will be on hand for the athletics departments, Father Clement, OFM, Conv., heads the athletic staff as director. George Swade, formerly of the Air Force and Pomona Catholic will become head football coach.

Athletics at the school will include football, baseball, basketball, track, swimming, golf and tennis.

JOHN McVEY heads the Bishop Montgomery Fathers' Club, while the Mothers' Club is under the direction of Mrs. Francis Chamberlain. Both groups are busy planning extra activities to supplement the school's scholastic and athletic programs.

Additional information about the new school year, classes, and registration is available by calling the principal's office at the school.

Col. and Mrs. Wendell W. Fertig entertained with a party at The Pen & Quill hotel-restaurant in Manhattan Beach. The occasion was the reunion of 32 former American guerrillas of Mindanao (Philippines), whom the dinner host commanded during World War II.

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