

Senate Shake-Up Is More Than Partisan Politics

By HENRY C. MacARTHUR
SACRAMENTO — (CNS) — While the displacement of Senator Hugh M. Burns, veteran president pro-tem of the state senate, by Senator Howard Way, is being touted as a great Republican victory, now factual if somewhat belated, the fact of the matter is there are more underlying reasons behind the senate action than mere partisan politics.

The groundwork for the "ending of an era," and the breaking up of the most exclusive "club" in California, which the senate has been for half a century, began when the U.S. Supreme court handed down its "one man, one vote" decision, which caused reapportionment of the senate, and paved the way for the addition of a group of assemblymen to be elected to the upper house.

The move to break up the "club," which controlled everything, including committees, finances, appointments, and prestige, started when the newly reapportioned senate first went into session. The club, however, maintained its control with the necessary 21 votes, Republican and Democratic alike, until May 13, when the old order changed, and the insurgents, bolstered by 13 Republican and 8 Democratic votes, produced the power to come out on top.

If anything, the action goes only to show that partisanship is not the ruling force in the senate, but rather the fact that Republicans were unable to get together, and that Democrats were unable to stay together in conducting the affairs of the upper house, and in maintaining the venerable traditions of the past, which centered on the unwritten rule of seniority, where the "man with the whiskers" usually was awarded the choicest of committee appointments and chairmanships.

And in the tradition, the members who played along with the leadership managed eventually to become club members and work their way up to leadership over a period of years.

The insurgents, or "Young Turks" as they were called, apparently felt the "system" was a relic of by-gone days and sought immediate change which it took a number of years to accomplish. And although they were aided in part by partisanship, it was not wholly the Republican majority of one in the senate which brought about the change.

But for what it's worth, the demands of the Republican organization throughout the state have been met, and the various party committees of GOP workers throughout the state, should be satisfied, for the moment at least.

Only time will tell, of course, what the new leadership will accomplish in the senate. The "old guard" does not expect a significant immediate changes, as the margin of one vote can be circumvented in many ways, some of them devious.

The Burns-Way showdown, however, is scheduled to encourage bitterness on the part of Republicans and Democrats alike. In fact, one Democratic senator, Lawrence E. Walsh, of Huntington Park, already has castigated publically the eight Democrats who, he said, "sold out the party" and charged that they were "the same ones who were recipients of the largesse proffered by Senator Burns."

But such is the course of politics.

ANN
LANDERS

No Fancy

Dear Ann Landers: demonstrative but since to say one tender or love fogies, Ann. I'm 27. Go

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Dear Wife: Th humble apologies to offense. None was in

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Auditions for "The P Game," the fifth annual mer teen musical, spot by the Torrance Recr Department will be held day, May 20 and Wedne May 21 from 7 to 10 p.m. Those planning to at should meet at the recr center, 3341 Torrance from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday 20 for registration. Call will be held from 7 to 10 Thursday, May 22. Actors, musicians, si and dancers as well as and costume crews are n

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Armed Forces Day

Torrance today is in the middle of its 10th anniversary celebration of Armed Forces Week.

From all the normal indicators, it is going to be one of the community's outstanding chapters in the 10-year history of the event.

Brig. Gen. Carl Hoffman, commander of the Marine Corps base at Twenty-Nine Palms and a veteran of Vietnam command assignments, started off the weekend of activities Thursday at a Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon by telling a large group of officials and civic leaders how it is in that Southeast Asian battle field.

He received a standing ovation after telling the luncheon crowd that the United States was never better represented on the battlefield than it is today.

General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, the "soldier's soldier" of World War II, will be guest of honor at an Armed Forces dinner tonight and will be the grand marshal and reviewing officer at tomorrow's parade — a parade dedicated to his late friend and comrade, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

That the 1969 Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration probably will be one of the greatest tributes to America's fighting forces in the nation this year is largely a matter of dedication on the part of many local people and groups.

From General Chairman George Wing through city officials, Chamber of Commerce staff and directors and literally hundreds of volunteers, tonight's dinner and fireworks show, and tomorrow's parade represents a great measure of dedication and a great outpouring of this community's appreciation for our young men in military service.

Torrance has contributed and is contributing significantly to the efforts of our military defenders, both in manpower and in technical skills. We are proud to salute all the Armed Forces this week.

We welcome General Bradley, the other leading military figures who will be with us today and tomorrow, and we welcome the more than 7,000 persons who will make up Saturday's 10th anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade.

Enjoy yourself and come back again.

Boypower '76

"Boypower '76" is the title of a new, long-range expansion plan adopted by the Boy Scouts of America. It will run until 1976, the 200th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. as a nation. It is aimed to double Scout membership to some 6.5 million.

There was never a more important time in the history of our nation for young people to learn respect for law and order as the basis for their future rights, opportunities, obligations as citizens, and the perpetuation of the liberties they are privileged to enjoy.

Commenting on "Boypower '76," the Long Island Lighting Company in its company publication says "the success of Scouting for boys of all ages is reflected in the enthusiasm and interest of the volunteer leader. He teaches ideals along with the skills, has a genuine interest in the program, and demonstrates that his great concern is in seeing boys grow."

Encouraging young men to work together, to strive for personal goals in citizenship, community service, vocational exploration, social skills, personal fitness and outdoor living, are the very foundation stones of a government under liberty and law.

The volunteer leaders in Scouting can render a service beyond price. They deserve our wholehearted support. They can help build respect for law and order and property rights that seems to be somehow lacking in our educational system. Give "Boypower '76" a hand today, and the boys will be a steady influence in our country tomorrow.

You Stay in the Background



CONGRESSIONAL REPORT

Local Congressman Leads Fight on 'Smut By Mail'

By GLENN M. ANDERSON
Congressman, 17th District

During the past several weeks, my office has received an ever increasing number of samples of unsolicited, unwanted and, to the recipient, deeply offensive sex-oriented mail. Upon inquiry to the Post Office Department, I found that homes throughout America are being bombarded with the largest volume of salacious mail in our history.

In the past five years the number of complaints received by postal authorities has almost doubled. One hundred forty thousand letters of protest were received during the last nine months alone. Upon verification with other members of the Congress I again found that tens of thousands of concerned mothers and fathers from coast to coast have asked for federal assistance to protect their children against ex-

posure through intrusions into the home of erotic materials. I felt that this problem demanded immediate attention.

Last week I reviewed previous unsuccessful legislation in this area: (1) To determine the reasons for failure; (2) To better define "social objection." (3) To provide meaningful controls for that segment of our population who wish them.

Today (Friday) I introduced a bill calling for the enactment into law of new, stronger measures that would require existing and potential mailers to respect the expressed wishes of those citizens who do not solicit or want sex-oriented materials sent into their homes.

The State of New York has moved ahead of the Federal Government in drawing distinctions between materials considered obscene for adults

and materials considered obscene for children. I agree with their theories and believe they have taken substantial strides in the protection of their youth from materials considered obscene by adult standards.

The United States Supreme Court has recognized the unique status of minors with respect to exposure to morally damaging materials. It is because of the Court's repeated and favorably rendered decisions on New York's statutes that I have drawn my bill along accepted judicial lines.

When transmitted to law, my bill, which is similar to the Administration's proposals and which is co-authored by House members of both the Republican and Democratic parties, prohibits the use of interstate facilities, including the mails, for transporting certain materials to minors.

As a part of this program, I am asking for burdensome monetary penalties with maximum fines on the first offense of \$50,000 or five years' imprisonment. This is an attack on the professional smut-peddler who violates these provisions. In addition, I am asking for the removal and exemption from future mailing lists of persons under 18 years of age.

There are no simple solutions to this problem. The First Amendment to our Constitution holds a prohibition against any law "abridging the freedom of speech, or the press." This guaranteed right inadvertently provides a shield for many publications dealing with sex — in a way considered by many to be offensive. It is difficult, if not impossible, to determine what is and what is not obscene under the law for our adult population. However, it is not as difficult to make these determinations for our children.

As I stated earlier, there is no simple solution. The ultimate answer lies not with the government, but with individual people. When the market for indecent material ceases to exist, so will the problem.

HERB CAEN SAYS:

Some Additional Thoughts About the Terrible Quake

Epic times call for epic poems. The revered Ina Coolbrith, whose salon rang with the harty jibes of Jack London, Ambrose Bierce, Bret Harte and Joaquin Miller, was so undone by the events of April 18, 1906, that her anguished heart turned to treacle: "In olden days, a child, I trod they sands, Thy sands unbuilded, rank with brush and briar And blossom — chased the sea foam on the strands, Young city of my love and my desire!" and so on to "But I see thee ever as of old! Thy wraith of pearl, wall, minaret and spire, Framed in the mists that veil thy Gate of Gold — Lost City of my love and my desire!" Later, for reasons that are perfectly obvious, she became Poet Laureate of California.

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won't detain you further except to mention such memorable images as "Supreme Pacific wonder, fair Goddess of the Gate!" and "Behind the smoke and horror let your prophetic eyes Perceive God's chosen

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earthquake of April, 1906? It scored a rather exciting 6.5 on the Richter scale, and George Lemont recalls it vividly because he was in a crowded restaurant there at the time. As plaster fell from the ceiling and plates crashed to the floor, our hero arose and shouted coolly: "I'm from San Francisco — we always stand in doorways!" Loud male voice from across the room: "I'm from Chicago — where the hell do WE stand?"

Speaking of Dr. Richter (Charles), who invented this invaluable measuring device, he was supposed to be here for the dedication of the seismograph center at the Josephine Randall Jr. Museum, but he decided he would be in the East instead, and sorry. I don't think this means anything... Easy as falling off a logarithm: Each higher number on the Richter scale represents about 31 times the energy of the preceding number. Thus, S.F.'s 8.3 in 1906 released more than a billion times the energy of the smallest quakes (Richter 2) ordinarily reported felt by humans... You can't park your ark in Redwood City; the simple removal of one letter has created a "No Arking" sign in the lot at Kaiser Hospital there, reports Janet Sasser, in case you were planning the Noah bit for California's slide into the sea... Meanwhile, Chase Webb is back from Hawaii, where, he says, the No. 1 song is "California, Here It Comes!" and I agree: let's change the subject.

THE MONEY TREE

Money Business Is Better Than Auto Insurance Risk

By MILTON MOSKOWITZ
Everything about automobile insurance is frightening.

If you are unfortunate enough to be involved in an accident, you know the resulting miseries. A litigation that gets into the courts can tie you up for five years.

Once you do have an accident, your fault or not, you may have difficulties getting your insurance renewed.

And accident or no accident, the rates keep climbing.

It's just as frightening to look at the picture from the other side of the frame, the insurance company's viewpoint. Insuring cars is no picnic. But the companies have one fat compensation: They're in the money business. And that business is a picnic these days.

State Farm Mutual and Allstate Insurance, two Illinois-based companies, are the big wheelers-and-dealers in automobile insurance. Allstate, we know, makes a handsome profit contribution to its parent, Sears, Roebuck & Co.

The question is: How can it do that when automobile insurance is supposed to be such bad news? The answer is that Allstate makes money off the premiums paid by its policyholders.

To see how this works, check out the 1968 performance of the industry's No. one operator, State Farm Mutual. If you have a car, the chances are not unlikely that you know this company. State Farm insure 11 million cars or about one out of every eight on the road. In 1968, the premiums paid

by these State Farm policyholders came to the colossal sum of \$1.2 billion. Higher rates helped to swell this total. State Farm won rate adjustments in more than 30 states last year.

Now, with all this money flowing into Bloomington, Ill.,

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you would think everything would be coming up roses for State Farm. Not quite. 1968 turned out to be a horrendous year on the highways.

While it was taking in more than \$1 billion, State Farm was paying out about \$1 billion in claims.

The company settled 3,697,661 claims during the year — an increase of nearly half a million over 1967. The company employs 8,732 people just to handle claims.

The claims were eating up premium dollars at the rate of \$350,000 per hour of every working day.

They weren't only accident claims. Car thieves were out in force last year. They stole more than 12,000 State Farm-insured cars, resulting in a payout of \$28 million, up 60 percent over 1967.

With \$1.2 billion coming in and \$1 billion going out, when you added the other costs of doing business, such as commissions, fees, salaries, office expenses, State Farm ended up with an underwriting loss of \$19.7 million. It was the second worst performance in the company's history. State Farm

took it on the chin for \$24.5 million in 1964.

This red ink is typical of many casualty insurance operations today. What you have to keep in mind, though, is that the insurance companies are wiping out this deficit with their investment income.

Take State Farm Mutual, for example. While it suffered its \$19.7 million loss on 1968 operations, it raked in \$56.7 million from its vast holdings of stocks, bonds and mortgages.

In short, that money you pay for automobile insurance is being invested — and profitably. Insurance companies are becoming more adept at making a buck from your buck, and that, in some cases, is keeping their heads above water.

Insurance companies don't often like to talk about the money they're making on investments. They prefer, of course, to moan about underwriting losses. But it's your money they're playing with, and you should know it's bringing a tidy return — in many cases enough to cover easily the claims resulting from mayhem on the highway.

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