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FBI Watches Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Col. Jack Anderson said today that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is "happily prepared to come under FBI scrutiny although the FBI has no jurisdiction over justification for this kind of snooping."

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Where to Look

Easy Scan and Print

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Flames engulfed the factory at Carrickfergus, 10 miles outside Belfast.

Security forces said that 20 minutes before the first detonation they received an anonymous telephone tip that explosives had been planted in a canteen at the factory, owned by the British Chemical combine, Courtaulds.

As guards searched the building, a huge blast rocked the polyester department, packed with highly inflammable chemicals. The plant cost \$312 million and is among the most advanced in Europe.

The attack was blamed on the Irish Republican Army.

Britain's chief administrator in Northern Ireland, William Whitelaw, had emergency talks in Belfast during the day about the rampage of Protestant mobs through the capital Sunday night.

Security forces fear the long-awaited Protestant backlash

may have started against the IRA's guerrilla campaign and Whitelaw's concessions toward the province's Roman Catholic minority.

Shops and pubs were set ablaze in a three-hour fight Sunday between rioters and police in eastern Belfast's Newtownards Road district, a Protestant stronghold. Bloody riots in eastern Belfast Saturday night injured 12 police and 13 civilians.

A spokesman at Belfast police headquarters said, "It's a case of the gamekeepers turned poachers. The Protestant crowds are attacking us. The Protestant backlash seems under way."

He said the violence no longer seemed solely the work of teen-age gangs who wear tartan scarves as badges of Protestantism. The rioters' base appeared to be broadening from a purely hoodigan element, he added.

Up to now, the Roman Catholic Irish Republican Army has caused most of the violence in Northern Ireland's nearly three years of bloodshed and destruction.

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Delegates' Views Vary on

BY CHARLES S. JOHNSON
AP Staff Writer

Without exception, the six District 12 delegates to the Constitutional Convention are proud, in varying degrees, of the legislative article they drafted.

From that point of agreement, however, their opinions of the proposed document zoom off in six directions.

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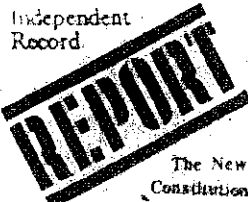
like the 1889 constitution) was the primary reason for having a constitutional convention," the Rev. George Harper, R-Helena, said.

And delegates tried to remove the constitutional shackles that have restricted past Montana legislatures.

The Changes

Among the changes that will go into effect if voters approve

the document June 6 are annual instead of biennial sessions, open meetings, recorded votes and single-member legislative districts.



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Warmer

Mostly fair weather is forecast for Helena with warmer days through Tuesday. High today 55. Low tonight 25 and the high Tuesday 60. Chance of precipitation near zero today and tonight, 10 per cent Tuesday.

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Addressing business leaders at the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, Rogers said:

"There are some Americans in Congress and elsewhere, who believe we should turn to protectionism to correct the current inequities in our trade and payments position."

"I profoundly disagree. In 'walling out' imports we would run the grave risk of 'walling in' the very U.S. exports that we want to encourage. Building

protectionist walls may seem tempting, but it can lead to retaliation and counter-retaliation."

"Today, no single country, no matter how powerful, can succeed in a unilateral policy of beggaring its neighbors or of exporting its domestic adjustment problems."

"It could be disastrous to our national interests to abandon our commitment to a more open world in which our economy, above all others, has flourished."

Aides regarded Rogers' remarks as directed in part at the Treasury and Commerce departments, which have been pushing for more protection against foreign imports into the United States. The State Department does not agree.

Views Vary on Constitution

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Brazier, D-Helena, agreed that some of the legislative restrictions had to be removed but fears the convention may have gone too far.

"We not only unshackled the legislature, we granted it almost unlimited power," he said. "By not keeping any restrictions in the proposed constitution, it unbalances the three-part system of checks and balances. What it amounts to is that the voter has to decide whether he has confidence in that legislature."

Making the constitution easier to amend is another reason for supporting the proposed charter, according to Harper.

"In fact, I'd guess that if the new constitution passes, we will have had our last constitutional

convention in Montana," he said.

It proposes allowing citizens to initiate constitutional amendments by petition and removes the three-amendment limit on the ballot.

Several delegates, Brazier, Harper and Loendorf, cited provisions strengthening justice of the peace courts as necessary reforms. Training qualifications will be set for JPs, and the convention leaves the door open for the legislature to turn them into small-claims courts.

Mrs. Babcock, Loendorf and Harper all endorsed the local government article, which allows units to write their own charters. Brazier liked the section providing for intergovernmental

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mental cooperation, which would permit counties and cities to consolidate offices and share services, if the residents approved.

Education Controversial

The education article, which provides for two separate boards of regents, remains controversial.

Burkhardt, who sat on the Education and Public Lands Committee, praised the article, saying:

"I was pleased we could get a strong board of regents with more autonomy, but it is not really autonomous."

Another delegate, Mahoney disagreed.

"I think we have given the University System absolute control," he said. "We have taken away every bit of control of the elected officials except for confirming appointments and appropriating money."

Mahoney supported the broadening of the bill of rights except for the section allowing third-party suits for negligence.

Brazier backed the change in the executive article that allows the governor and lieutenant governor to run as a team. He also praised the provisions affecting water rights.

Delegate views on defects in the proposed charter also vary.

Mahoney and Brazier conceded that the tax title article, which clears the way for a statewide property tax levy, troubled them.

"It doesn't permit a change," Brazier said. "It forces out."

The article would remove the two-mill limit on property tax levies along with ceilings on bonded indebtedness.

Mahoney called these two changes "terrible." The former senator from Garfield County predicted these changes could cause citizens in eastern Montana to oppose the constitution.

Mrs. Babcock objected to the change in the antidiversion amendment that permits three-fifths of the legislature to vote to appropriate previously un-allocable highway funds for other uses.

Executive Ballot

Harper said he would have

ballot. As it turned out, delegates eliminated one office—the state treasurer—from the slate of elected officials.

"Delegates felt they had done such a far-out thing with the legislative article that they didn't want to jeopardize passage by alienating anyone," he said. "If the article had come up two weeks later, I think we would have taken a different approach."

That the convention voted against creating the office of ombudsman or people's advocate disappointed Burkhardt.

"It would not have been a cure-all but it at least would have been an attempt to get through red tape," he said.

Loendorf, an attorney, said he was pleased that delegates sheared the 1889 constitution of much of the statutory matter. However, they still retained too much, he said.

Freezing the two boards of education in the constitution may be a mistake, too, according to Loendorf.

Mahoney and Brazier said the time crunch did not give delegates time to "smooth out" the final product, leaving some loose ends and overlapping areas.

As an example, Brazier said two previous statutory agencies, the Industrial Accident Board and the Public Service Commission, were given constitutional status unintentionally.

Legislative Appropriations

Mahoney said he only recently discovered that the convention omitted a two-year limit on legislative appropriations. A legislature could tie up future legislators and governors by making long-term appropriations, he said.

"It's one of those things that has slipped through without anyone knowing about it," he said.

Brazier expressed concern that the proposed document "pretty much washes away 83 years of Montana Supreme Court decisions."

But as Mrs. Babcock said, "I don't think any group could write a constitution that would satisfy everyone. We were writing a constitution for the future, not just for now, so it had to be a little more liberal than every-

day.

The controversial measure introduced by Kent Rowett of Great Falls, survived a 21-20 roll house vote. It was termed a revenue-producing measure and included health standards contained in a similar Nevada law.

The youthful legislature also passed a right-to-work law, outlawing union shops.

Gov. Mike Barrett of Missoula signed all but one of the bills. He refused to sign a bill concerning senior citizen centers, saying that one such center for every 250 persons over 55 would present problems for the state's smaller towns.

Great Falls delegates dominated the elections at the legislative conference. Brian O'Grady was elected lieutenant governor, Bill Bronson, attorney general and John Krankk, sergeant-at-arms. John Elliot, Bronson was elected speaker of the house.

Representatives from Bozeman, Billings, Butte, Missoula, Helena and Great Falls participated in the youth legislature.

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"Buck" worked for the telephone company for over 40 years and was very active in community affairs. This year "Buck" received the Carroll College "Community Service Award" for the fine work he has done. He has been a board member and past president of the United Givers, chairman of the Lewis & Clark drive for American Red Cross and much more.

Accept as our thanks, 2 free champagne dinners at the Here & There Lounge.

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Group Denies Organizing

BY ARTHUR HUTCHINSON

Special interest business and trade groups Monday denied reports they are raising a \$100,000 slush fund to kill the new constitution.

Representatives of powerful associations with lobbying clout in state government denied joining in any concerted effort to oppose ratification of the proposed new charter in the June 6 special election.

Unconfirmed reports of such a fund that circulated last week were given more substance after the Montana Supreme Court last Friday ruled that the Constitutional Convention's Voter Education Committee could not spend any money to educate voters on the new document.

The committee immediately disbanded but many members reformed as a voluntary citizens committee for constitutional improvement to push for ratification.

Delegate Mrs. Katie Payne, R-Missoula, issued a statement after the new committee's formation that accused a group mistakenly identified as the Montana Trades Commission of pushing for the court decision to undermine the proposed constitution.

Mrs. Payne said delegates were told the group had used the weekend before in Helena to make plans to defeat the constitution, including raising the \$100,000.

To counter this apparent threat, the citizens committee was formed to support the constitution with initial donations from the new charter delegates of \$1,500, she said.

The meeting the delegates referred to apparently was an April 24 luncheon of the Informal Montana Association of Trade Executives (MATE).

"We're not a policy or action agency or such," explained member Del Siewert, executive secretary of the Montana Chamber of Commerce.

"It's a coordinating group — you might call it a semi-professional group of trade executives."

Siewert said. During legislative sessions we let each other know what we're doing and why we're doing it. We help each other if we can. It's a way of washing our dirty linen in private."

Know-Northing

"There are no by-laws, no officers," added S. Keith Anderson, executive secretary of the Montana Taxpayers Association.

"Sometimes we even deny we have an organization."

Siewert, Anderson and Leonard Eckle, executive secretary of the Montana Motor Transport Association, denied any mention was made of raising any money to fight the proposed constitution.

All said the only thing that was done was to go over the new document article by article, explaining what the association executive think it says. "There was never a word

mentioned about raising so much as five cents," Eckle said.

Their version of the meeting was reinforced by Mona Torgren of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, Dave Smith of the Montana Woolgrowers Association and Jack Marlow of the Montana Contractors Association.

Several of the association executives suggested that the delegate committee was deliberately raising a "strawman" to enlist sympathetic votes for the constitution.

Mrs. Payne noted that some of the organizations represented at the meeting had been active in forming the now defunct "Save Our State" organization which promoted the ill-fated sales tax in last November referendum.

Eckle said others he recalled as being at the meeting represented the Montana Farm Bureau, Montana Automobile

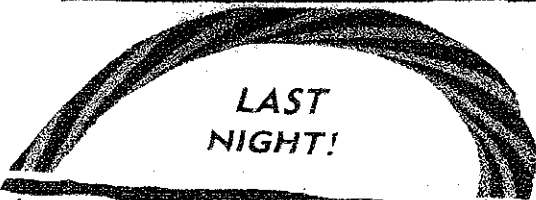
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Lodge Meetings

Masonic

Helena Lodge No. 3 A.F.M. regular and stated communication Friday, May 27, 1971. F. C. degree and refreshments. 7 p.m.

Morning Star Lodge No. 5 A.F.M. A.M. regular and stated communication, April 26, 7 p.m. F. C. Degree, refreshments.

King Solomon's Lodge No. 9 A.F.M. A.M. stated communication May 2, 1971, 8 p.m. Lodge of instructions on the B. A. degree, refreshments.

Scottish Rite meeting, Thursday, May 11, 8 p.m. Refreshments.

Algeria Temple, no May meeting. Next regular meeting, Monday, June 14, special Pastoral visitation.

Yule Rite, May 1, 7:15 p.m. special convocation of Helena Chapter No. 2.

Royal Arch Masons concerning the most excellent Master's Degree. About 8:45 p.m. stated Conclave of Helena Chapter No. 2. Knight Templars official visitation of Elks and Grand Sector Warden Dr. Robert E. Gaskin of Billings. Refreshments.

Eastern Star

Mary's Chapter No. 1, stated meeting, Tuesday, May 4, 8 p.m. Balloting election of officers, committee reports, social hour, refreshments.

Josephine Hedger Chapter No. 49, regular and stated meeting, Tuesday, May 4, 8 p.m. Election of officers, social hour and refreshments.

Daughters of the Nile

Sagehen Temple No. 79, Daughters of the Nile, installation of officers, Saturday evening, April 10, at 8 p.m. Consistory Shrine Temple. Next stated session.

Boyle Election Illegal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal district judge has overturned the 1969 election of United Mine Workers President W.A. "Tony" Boyle for "flagrant violation" of the law and ordered a new vote.

The date and the machinery of the new election will be settled later, after all parties submit proposals. Judge William Bryant, who tossed out the election, will fix the details.

Bryant issued a 23-page opinion Monday which held that the activities of Boyle and other incumbents violated the law and may have influenced the

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Road Building Scared
A number of these groups are
associated in the Montana High
way Users Federation, which is
expected to campaign against
changes made in the anti-diver
sion amendment to the current
constitution.

Highway vehicle and fuel tax
es now go into an inviolate fund
that cannot be touched except
ive for road building. Under the
new document a three-fifths
vote of the legislature will be
able to tap the fund for other
purposes.

Marlow indicated construction
will come out against the anti-
diversion changes because "it's
reaching into our pockets and
taking money away from us."

The highway money changes
in the new document also are
not popular with the prestigious
AAA.

But Jack Rebbing of the Pa
triotism Association, another
educational member, says he'll
Frank personally against the
new constitution but the asso
ciation will not take a stand.

"We're not going to do any
thing," Loker said for the mon
ey transport group. "There's
some things we like and some
we don't like."

Stewart said the state char
ter was not taking any position
on ratification one way or the
other although individual mem
bers may support or oppose it.
Teigen said the board of
directors of the MSGA decided

not to take a position. He said
the MSGA convention at the
end of this month will include a
panel discussion of the new doc
ument by six members who
also are convention delegates.

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(5) KSL-TV	CBS—Salt Lake		
(6) KHQ-TV	NBC—Spokane		
(7) KBLI**	NBC-ABC—Helena		
(9) KREM	ABC—Spokane		

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TUESDAY EVENING

6:00 News (3-7-11)
Mary Tyler Moore (3)
The Electric Company (11)
Truth or Consequences (4)
News (2)

6:30 Mod Squad (4-13)
Dick Van Dyke (5)
Ponderosa (2-9)
Political Junction (6)
Water Boys (11)
Hawaii Five-O (1)

7:00 News (6)
What's New (11)
Glen Campbell (6)
Mary Tyler
Moore (3)

7:30 The Dark Side (3-3)
Movie: "The
Amenities" (3-3)
Carol Burnett (9)
Munter, Sabers (11)
News (6)
Coca (4)

8:00 What's My Line (4)
Telescope (9)
Hawaii Five-O (3)
As We See It (11)
Dragnet (6)

8:30 Bewitched (7)
The Advocates (11)
Movie "Carousal" (1)
Mod Squad (4)
What's My Line? (2)

9:00 Nichols (3-7)
Maverick (3-7)

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Mutual Funds

Table listing various mutual funds such as INVESTING COMPANIES, NEW YORK FUND, and others with their respective prices and changes.

Lucas Supports Constitution

MILES CITY (AP) — House Speaker James P. Lucas, R-Miles City, said Monday he generally favors the proposed new constitution.

Lucas said he believed there were some areas of the proposed document that could have been improved.

"My reaction is generally favorable," he said of the document.

Lucas said he believed the constitution might have gone farther into the overall of the state's judicial system. He said the document also appears to "remove some of the fiscal accountability from the University System."

On balance, Lucas said, there are many good things in the constitutional provision for annual sessions of the legislature. Annual sessions, Lucas said, will relieve some of the pressure that has come on recent sessions of the legislature, which now meets every two years in a regular session of 60 days.

Asked about the side issue of a unicameral, or one-house legislature, Lucas said, "I am not a strong proponent of the unicameral."

He said the traditional form of checks and balance with a two-house system has been averted by the U.S. Supreme Court's one-man, one-vote dictum. But, Lucas said, "we still need a chance to take a second look at legislation before it passes."

Lucas said he will continue to study the new document further. "But at this point it looks good over-all," he said.

The proposed document goes before Montana voters June 6. A two-house legislature is contained within the body of the 12,000-word constitution and side issues on a unicameral legislature, abolishing the death penalty and legalized gambling are to be on the ballot.

Price Fixing Charged Against GM, Ford

DETROIT (AP) — Officials of General Motors and Ford Motor Co. deny charges in a federal indictment accusing them of fixing prices on automobile fleet sales.

A federal grand jury, concluding an 18-month investigation, contended Monday that prices of automobiles in the fleet market have been raised, fixed and maintained at artificial and noncompetitive levels.

It charged the two auto giants with conspiring to fix prices and with attempting to maintain a monopoly in the automobile fleet sales market.

The "accusations in the indictment are not true," Ford claimed. The charges have "no basis in fact," said GM.

The National Automobile Dealers Association and the nation's largest auto-leasing company, Peterson, Howell & Heather Inc., were named as coconspirators, but were not indicted.

Both GM and Ford face \$50,000 fines on each count. The charges were filed with a 12-page companion civil suit in U.S. District Court in Detroit by the antitrust division of the Justice Department.

The fleet car market consists of large-volume automobile purchases. It accounted for about 12 per cent of the new cars registered in the United States in 1969.

According to the indictment,

Miles City, said Monday he generally favors the proposed

GM and Ford now account for about 75 per cent of that market.

The civil suit asks for a permanent injunction against any continuation or renewal of activities to eliminate fleet market competition.

Falls Seeks Way Out of Money Jam

GREAT FALLS (AP) — Still looking for a way to relieve the city's financial crisis, the Great Falls City Council initiated a study Monday night into a \$1 million bond issue that may help pay some of the bills.

In a letter to the city council City Atty. Donald L. Ostrem suggested that the city immediately consider the issuance of refunding bonds to pick up outstanding warrants issued to local banks by the city. The warrants total \$1 million.

Ostrem said the bonds could be issued without an election. A committee was formed to study the matter.

The council also passed one proposed business licensing ordinance and requested an additional licensing measure be introduced next week.

Just one week prior to the meeting another licensing measure was defeated. That one would have levied a \$10 fee on employers for every employe and would have set a certain fee for placement of vending machines in the city.

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Lucas Supports Constitution

MILES CITY (AP) — House Speaker James P. Lucas, R-Miles City, said Monday he generally favors the proposed

new constitution.

Lucas said he believed there were some areas of the proposed document that could have been improved.

"My reaction is generally favorable," he said of the document.

Lucas said he believed the constitution might have gone farther into the overall of the state's judicial system. He said the document also appears to "remove some of the fiscal accountability from the University System."

On balance, Lucas said, there are many good things in the constitutional provision for annual sessions of the legislature. Annual sessions, Lucas said, will relieve some of the pressure that has come on recent sessions of the legislature, which now meets every two years in a regular session of 60 days.

Asked about the side issue of a unicameral, or one-house legislature, Lucas said, "I am not a strong proponent of the unicameral."

He said the traditional form of checks and balance with a two-house system has been averted by the U.S. Supreme Court's one-man, one-vote dictum. But, Lucas said, "we still need a chance to take a second look at legislation before it passes."

Lucas said he will continue to study the new document further. "But at this point it looks good over-all," he said.

The proposed document goes before Montana voters June 6. A two-house legislature is contained within the body of the 12,000-word constitution and side issues on a unicameral legislature, abolishing the death penalty and legalized gambling are to be on the ballot.

Price Fixing Charged Against GM, Ford

DETROIT (AP) — Officials of General Motors and Ford Motor Co. deny charges in a federal indictment accusing them of fixing prices on automobile fleet sales.

The civil suit asks for a permanent injunction against any continuation or renewal of activities to eliminate fleet market competition.

A federal grand jury concluding an 18-month investigation, contended Monday that prices of automobiles in the fleet market have been raised, fixed and maintained at artificial and noncompetitive levels.

It charged the two auto giants with conspiring to fix prices and with attempting to maintain a monopoly in the automobile fleet sales market.

The "accusations in the indictment are not true," Ford claimed. The charges have "no basis in fact," said GM.

The National Automobile Dealers Association and the nation's largest auto-leasing company, Peterson, Howell & Heather Inc., were named as coconspirators, but were not indicted.

Both GM and Ford face \$50,000 fines on each count. The charges were filed with a 12-page companion civil suit in U.S. District Court in Detroit by the antitrust division of the Justice Department.

The fleet car market consists of large-volume automobile purchases. It accounted for about 12 per cent of the new cars registered in the United States in 1969.

According to the indictment, Selected Quantities

Falls Seeks Way Out of Money Jam

GREAT FALLS (AP) — Still looking for a way to relieve the city's financial crisis, the Great Falls City Council initiated a study Monday night into a \$1 million bond issue that may help pay some of the bills.

In a letter to the city council City Atty Donald L. Ostrem suggested that the city immediately consider the issuance of refunding bonds to pick up outstanding warrants issued to local banks by the city. The warrants total \$1 million.

Ostrem said the bonds could be issued without an election. A committee was formed to study the matter.

The council also passed one proposed business licensing ordinance and requested an additional licensing measure be introduced next week.

Just one week prior to the meeting another licensing measure was defeated. That one would have levied a \$10 fee on employers for every employe and would have set a certain fee for placement of vending machines in the city.

The proposal that passed it's

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the Montana Constitutional Convention, the officers have a duty to open them and answer them as long as they don't apply to voter education," Toole said. "If they apply to voter education, we simply turn them over to the secretary of state."

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Anti-Constitution Forces at Work?

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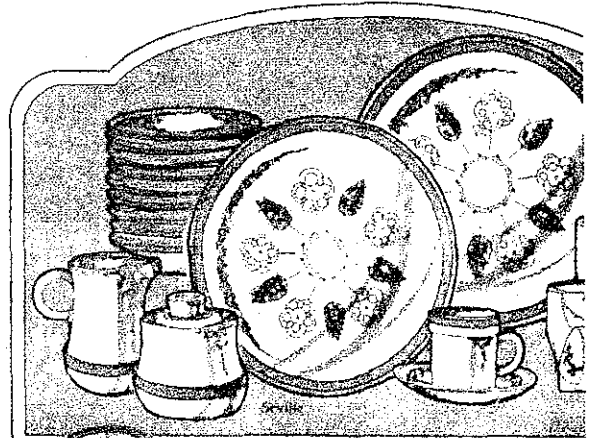
A leader of the Montana Constitutional Convention remains convinced that some of the state's business and trade groups are out to get the proposed new constitution. Convention vice president John Toole said Wednesday that despite denials by members of the Montana Association of Trade Executives he is sure money is being solicited for a campaign against the constitution.

"I hope the public will be aware that there is a concerted effort to defeat the constitution and that money is being raised

to defeat it," Toole said. He declined to say which specific groups he believes are raising the money. "I would rather not be quoted on that, because I can't prove it," he said. He added his information came second-hand from business contacts who were asked to contribute to a fund drive.

Although some of the business and trade associations have indicated they plan to oppose all or part of the proposed constitution, representatives of the informal trade executives association Monday denied reports they are raising a \$100,000 slush fund to kill the constitution.

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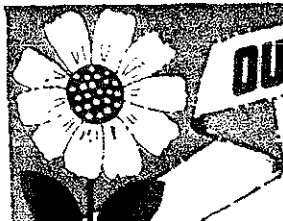


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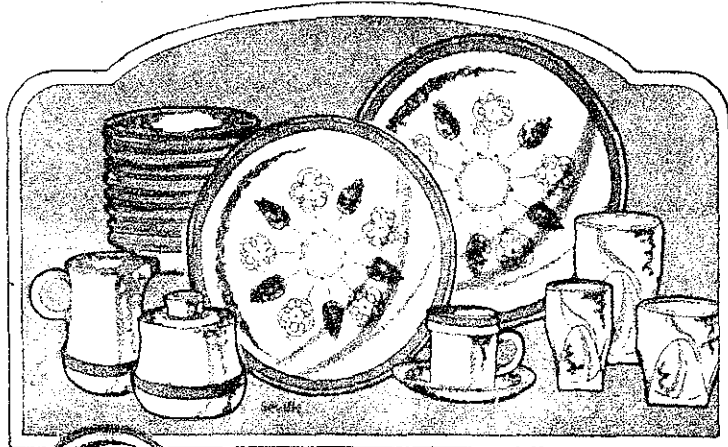
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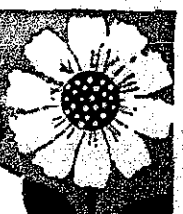
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New Era of Concern

After suffering through years of blowing dust that stung the eyes, coated lawns, buildings and crops and sifted into every corner of their homes, Townsend area residents are finally scheduled for some relief.

Contracts have been awarded and work will start soon on the first stage of a \$5 million dike and canal system to end the Canyon Ferry dust problem once and for all.

There are other benefits too.

The dikes will create nearly 2,000 acres of prime waterfowl habitat. The work will benefit the local economy, and contracts are being awarded to Montana firms.

But one of the most heartening results of the whole episode is the indication that the government agency involved, the Bureau of Reclamation, is learning from past experiences and developing a new attitude toward its projects and their effects on the entire environmental, economical and social system.

Harold Aldrich, general director of the Bureau of Reclamation, stated recently that the management of Canyon Ferry for all possible multipurpose uses has, of necessity, been a compromise to meet the demands of public interest.

It has been operated as a flood control device since its filling in 1954, for instance, while fluctuation of reservoir levels left mudflats and blowing dust. This problem wasn't accounted for in the original plans. It was one of the costs that society and the ecology paid in exchange for other benefits derived from the dam.

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, however, along with other legislation relating to pollution and the natural environment, have ushered in a new era, Aldrich said. Thus, Canyon Ferry is no longer considered simply a storage reservoir. Its water, the air above it, its plant and animal life and the people and land around it are all considerations of how it should be operated.

The government is learning.

Hopefully this new attitude will spread to other government agencies, particularly the Army Corps of Engineers who will build a dam or dig a canal at the drop of a hat simply for the engineering challenge involved — others be damned, regardless of whether it is really needed and without thought of its long-range effects.

It is high time, indeed, that we had a new era—an era of concern for all the ecological, social and economical consequences of such projects.

Guest Editorial

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By ANTHONY LEWIS

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Good evening,

As you have seen in your newspapers and on your television screens in the last few days, a new challenge confronts the American commitment to freedom in Vietnam. Communist forces, with the help of disloyal South Vietnamese elements, have seized control of Saigon.

Tonight I will want to tell you how I plan to meet that challenge and bring lasting peace to Southeast Asia.

First let me remind you that when I took office, in 1969, there were more than 500,000 American soldiers in Vietnam, suffering up to 300 casualties a week. By 1972 I had reduced the troop ceiling to 50,000.

The struggle against the Communist enemy has been carried on by the South Vietnamese themselves. Their gallant army, under the courageous leadership of President Thieu, has stood up well during all these years, even when taking casualties as high as 1,000 a week.

The United States has played its part in the continuing defense of freedom by flying air and naval support. When the North Vietnamese seized Quangtri, Hue, Kontum and other cities in their great offensive of 1972, we successfully prevented them from capitalizing on their armed conquest by destroying those cities.

New Invasion

This year again the Communist invaders have struck at the northern and central regions of South Vietnam. The gains they were able to make were countered by what our intelligence appraisals show was extremely heavy damage from the air in all areas they control.

But then, last weekend, there came a carefully planned and

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of electrical appliances—whose power source generates pollution as well as electricity—be moderated? In other words, should citizens be expected to make adjustments in their living style, and not rely wholly on technology to save themselves from more economical uses of resources?

We find the recent reports on air pollution's stubbornness to be cause not for pessimism, but for backing measures now in the works and making harder, basic public decisions.



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Supports New Constitution

Editor, Independent Record
Have you studied the proposed new constitution? Have you compared it with the present one? The new one is a good document. It does what needs to be done in Montana. It advances the theory of fundamental law and does not legislate but gives the people through their elected state officials, legislators, county commissioners and city officers the power to enact laws and make decisions where and when they are needed.

The present constitution restricts the power of the legislature, of counties and cities, and actually legislates in many instances. The new one is out everything to everybody. Each of us can find things to criticize as they may apply to us individually but the good so overwhelmingly outweighs the questionable things that we must all get behind it.

Nearly every questionable area of the present constitution has been deleted and if needed in the new one will be open to legislative action.

As a rancher I was at first alarmed by the tax action and particularly by the lifting of the debt limits for counties and towns as well as the proposed state property appraisal methods but after studying the new constitution and comparing it with the old and the statutes involved I confess my fears were unfounded and I found that the people through legislation will set the rules and laws for uniform appraisals and taxation methods much more equitably than at present.

The new constitution charges the legislature with strict accountability for proper investment of state money instead of the present system where political appointees often may let millions be idle in demand accounts and millions in earnings have been lost.

We could go through all fourteen articles. Please do it. You will find the balance is really favorable for you. Above all don't automatically vote against it because you think you don't

understand it. Ask someone who might know, like your convention delegate or your attorney.

The biggest problem in Montana today is the inability of state and local governments to finance the multiplicity of services people demand from the public treasuries. This new constitution will be a valuable tool for helping solve this and other problems.

Vote for this new constitution and elect competent state officers for your legislative people. Then you yourself will be governing your state as our new constitution intends you to do.

M. E. Richards
Miles City

Says No to Two High Schools

Editor, Independent Record:
Can the taxpayers of Helena High School District afford the additional taxes for two high schools? Can our students afford a lower quality of education just to have two high schools?

We do not need two high schools to give our young people a quality education; in fact, it will probably lower the quality of education.

If two high schools are established they must be equal in subject material, library facilities, vortech facilities, etc. Under these conditions, certain special subjects will not be taught if there are not enough interested students to warrant the time and expense. At present they are teaching some classes at Helena Senior High School that could not be taught because of the lack of student interest and monies.

Each school will be required to have a library of approximately 20,000 title volumes. With one school we could have a 40,000 title volume library, giving the students access to a greater variety of literature for research.

Pre-votech facilities at one school mean pre-votech facilities at the other school — additional expense for the taxpayer.

Under the two school program, they want to build another

junior high school. This expense payer could run from one million to two million. Again, there would keep on another could end up with money to open a buildings if the high schools is changed.

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er junior high school at a later date. This expense to the taxpayer could run from one million to two million dollars. Again, there would be more upkeep on another building. We could end up without enough money to operate too many buildings if the financing of the schools is changed.

We are now short of classroom space for grade school at C. R. Anderson School. Would it be to the taxpayer's advantage to make Sunhaven into a three-year junior high school — remove the junior high from C. R. Anderson and do all of our construction at the present senior high school? We have the land. I say yes because we cannot afford the duplication of the expense of two schools. The additional space required for classrooms, pre-vo-tech facilities and library space can be built at one place at a saving of 20 to 25 per cent.

The only way we as taxpayers can prevent such waste for having two high schools is to vote "no" for the high school bond issue.

The present school board did a wonderful job of putting two high schools into one, but now they wish to create the problems of having two schools. Even now they are having problems with the sophomores at Sunhaven being separated from the rest of the high school. As one high school girl said when asked by her father what she thought of having two schools: "If you want two war groups running around town, just have two high schools." If you don't believe they have problems with two schools, talk to the parents of the students, not the administrators, of cities having two high schools.

We at present are not the largest high school in the state. Cities with two high schools that are larger in the number of students are Billings, Great Falls and Missoula. If a growth was indicated in our school population, we should consider two schools; but figures right now, today, and projected by the

pre-school census, show it will stay about the same for the next ten years or else go down as much as 400 students.

It is now time the taxpayer was given some consideration — the ballot is our only answer — Vote "no" for the high school bond issue.

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Bank's Efforts

Editor, Independent Record:

We think the Union Bank has done a splendid service on behalf of securing broader citizen participation in the government process by the series of Register and Vote ads they have published in the Independent Record.

We understand that the maintenance of a registration table in the bank has been a most successful project in gaining registration of several hundred voters for the important constitutional ratification primary election June 6.

Hopefully other forward-looking businesses in the Capital City will emulate your example this fall so that Lewis and Clark County may gain the largest voter registration in its history.

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Wants Opposing Views Voiced

Editor, Independent Record:

The April 30 article concerning constitutional delegates written by Independent Record staff writer Charles S. Johnson ends with an interesting note stating local delegates will next discuss the merits and defects of the proposed constitution.

We have recently had ten Associated Press articles with delegates telling how good the proposed constitution is and a full publication of the incomplete and inaccurate "highlights" prepared by the convention staff.

I suggest that developments reported in the news during and since the recent convention demonstrate the difficulty or inability of most delegates to be impartial and objective in presenting their proposals whether financed by public funds or not. I assume that the Independent Record as a result of its own research or otherwise will present non-delegate views in an informative way for the enlightenment of the people.

Attention should be directed, for example, to the proposed elimination of the present constitutional right of the people to vote on tax levy limitations and creation of public indebtedness, to proposed deletion of constitutional requirements and restrictions concerning legislative procedure and activities, to stated limitations which render meaningless the proposed rights of the people to participate and to know, the inadequate investment protection of state permanent educational funds as proposed, to wide open possible tax exemptions.

Numerous other deficiencies are not disclosed in the "official publication" or in other material coming from the convention or its delegates.

Wesley W. Wertz
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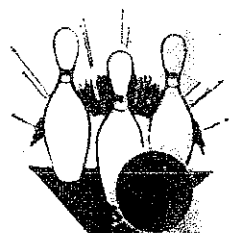
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GREAT FALLS (AP) — State Senate Majority Leader Dick Dzivi, a Democratic candidate for governor, Thursday came out wholeheartedly in favor of the proposed Montana Constitution and asked organized labor to work for its passage.


Dzivi, Great Falls, endorsed the new document in a telegram to the Montana AFL-CIO. In a telegram, Dzivi said he urged the state labor group to support the new constitution, saying the new document will "lessen the influence of special interests."

Dzivi said his endorsement came after careful study of the document. He gave a firm non-endorsement, however, to the issue of a unicameral (one-house) legislature that will be on the June 6 Constitutional vote.

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By PAUL FREEMAN
Associated Press Writer

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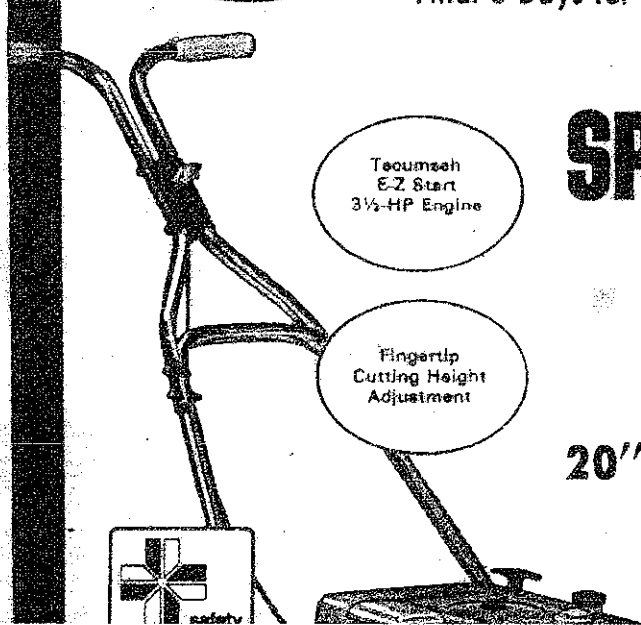
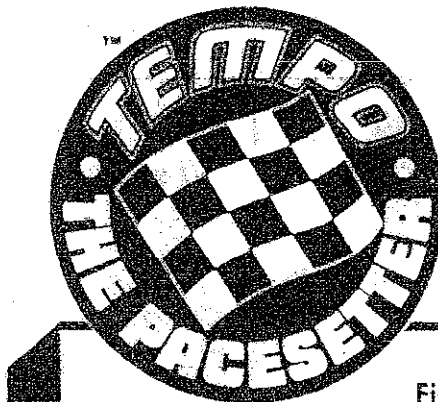
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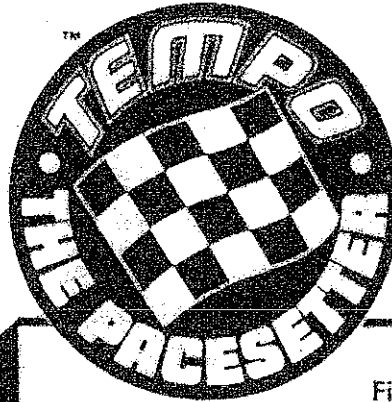
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union leaders have expressed a fear that the university system might be even harder to deal with if it is less accountable to the legislature.

Montana's proposed constitution does not contain the right-to-work section that helped sink a proposed constitutional revision in neighboring North Dakota. In that state, labor was one of the first groups to announce opposition to the new document and went out and helped send it down to

a resounding defeat.

The proposed Montana document does, however, hold out the potential for statewide property tax change and labor leaders have contended for years that corporations and many agriculture interests get favorable tax treatment, especially at the county and local level.

The chance of endorsement of the proposed constitution by the AFL-CIO is heightened by reports of the groups generally

opposing it. Labor leaders recall that the Associated General Contractors and Montana Chamber of Commerce are veteran supporters of the right-to-work provision.

"I expect many of the local unions are going to be hesitant to become bedfellows with groups like that, which not only supported the sales tax but supported right to work, which would destroy the trade union movement in Montana," Murry said.

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Labor Backs Const

By LEE JAMES

Associated Press Writer

The Montana State AFL-CIO pledged Saturday wholehearted support toward passage of the proposed constitution at the June 6 primary election, but not before some members attacked the document's more lenient highway anti-diversion amendment.

At the same time, the union delegates voted unanimously not to endorse any political candidates for the primary and did not take any position on the side issues of the constitution — the death penalty, unicameral legislature and gambling.

Only nine members opposed supporting the document. They represented the state's Operating Engineers and United Transportation Union.

But after the vote on supporting the measure, the dissenters said they would leave the special convention of the Committee on Political Education united with the rest in working for passage of the document.

The vital endorsement came after a panel of Constitutional Convention delegates drew a barrage of pointed questions from the union delegates.

Leading the barrage was Joe Crosswhite, Kalispell, representing the Operating Engineers.

Crosswhite vs. Reichart

Crosswhite clashed frequently with Con-Con delegate Arlyne Reichart, Great Falls, over the anti-diversion amendment, which would allow legislators — by a two-thirds vote — to spend money previously ear-

marked highway uses only for other purposes.

Crosswhite, who pointed out that 4,000 of the 5,000 operating engineers in the state work are directly or indirectly connected with the Montana Highway Department.

"What happens if federal funds are frozen and when they are unfrozen, matching funds have been ziphoned off for other purposes?" Crosswhite asked.

He said he was afraid the legislature — under pressure to adjourn near the end of the session — would grab the highway funds to meet their general budget needs.

Mrs. Reichart replied: "It would be tough to get three-fifths of the legislature to do that and I doubt if we will ever fail to have matching funds for highways."

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The good points, the executive board said, were the right of the people to initiate constitutional amendments, open meetings in the state legislature, the provision for the Office of Consumer Affairs, a broadened bill of rights and the revenue section "deletes tax favoritism."
Sharp questioning came from the COPE delegates about various provisions in the document that may open the door for a

right-to-work law. Questioned was the wording in the bill of rights and the more home rule for cities.
Dual Assurance
Both Blaylock and McKeon assured the delegates various sections of the document could not be construed as methods to sneak a right-to-work law in. Single member districts came under some questioning. J.D. Lynch, Butte, representing the American Federation of Teachers and a legislator, questioned the validity.
McKeon told him that the rational trend is toward the "one-man, one-vote rule" and "we have to live with it."
Champoux asked Blaylock, "How are we going to peek in the window at the Board of Regents?"
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The sappers put bandages on their hands and knees to avoid cutting themselves on the perimeter wire, Haynes related.

Farther north, the South Vietnamese on Thursday launched their first counterattack since the enemy offensive began March 30 and scored an early success at Chu Pao Pass on Highway 14.

South Vietnamese officers said they cleared the pass and one convoy from Pleiku got through to Kontum before the North Vietnamese struck back. The South Vietnamese were driven from Chu Pao after a day of heavy fighting.

Another government position, a ranger camp of Polet Kleng, 14 miles northwest of Kontum, came under increasing pressure.

Field reports said two U.S. advisers were evacuated and the camp was hit by 300 rounds.

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Federal and state investigators are spending the weekend interviewing rescued miners to find out just how the fire broke out. The inquiries are dealing also with safety regulations, whether the right procedures were laid down and also whether the miners followed them.

In Akron, Ohio, the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. said 100 rubberized bags, normally used to protect freight in transit, were sent to Kellogg in an attempt to put out the fire.

A spokesman said the bags, four feet by eight feet and shaped like a pillow when inflated, are made at Rockmart, Ga. He said the bags will be put in mine shafts and inflated with the hope they will form air pockets that will suffocate the fire. Rescuers obtained 27 bags earlier this week which "worked fairly well," he added.

Fire Kills Nine And Injures 32

On the northern front, around Hue, field reports said the North Vietnamese had moved 130MM artillery guns within range of the old imperial capital. The reports said three of the big guns, which have a range of 17 miles, were knocked out by U.S. fighter bombers.

Hijackers

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saying, vowing to sneak back to the country and repeat his act.

The FBI in Salt Lake City announced Saturday afternoon that it had identified the hijacker of the Western plane as Michael Lynn Hansen, 21, a former University of Utah student.

The FBI charged Hansen with kidnaping.

The FBI said Hansen said he was acting in retaliation for the renewed U.S. bombing of North Vietnam.

The FBI said Hansen also had attended college in California.

Meanwhile, the Air Transport Association of America reiterated an offer by airlines to pay up to \$250,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons committing airborne crimes, such as hijackings.

Crash Victims Rescued

PLEIKU, Vietnam (AP) — Five Americans presumed dead in a helicopter crash were rescued Saturday after surviving without food for 13 days near an airstrip captured by the enemy. Three were badly injured.

U.S. and South Vietnamese planes have been flying daily over the airstrip in the central highlands.

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State Road Toll at 85

ST. REGIS (AP) — Jodie Koski, 17, of Missoula was killed Saturday when the car she was riding in left a rain-slicked western Montana road and rolled over on its roof.

The death brought to 85 the number of lives lost on state roads this year.

The lone car accident occurred on U.S. 10 - Interstate 90, three miles west of St. Regis at 12:50 p.m. Mineral County authorities said.

The driver of the car, Robert M. Dryden, also of Missoula, was not hospitalized, a sheriff's spokesman said.

Last year on this date 72 had been killed on Montana highways.

Judaism Bypassed

NEW YORK (AP) — Social studies textbooks currently used in U.S. high schools and colleges largely ignore the contribution of Jews and Judaism to modern civilization, says a Stanford University historian.

Dr. Gavin I. Langmuir told an American Jewish Committee meeting here that the omission was directly responsible for the ignorance of most Americans about Judaism and Jewish history.

U.S. Wins Foreign Steel Curbs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House announced Saturday agreements with Japan, and seven European countries

allowed to increase their exports here at the rate of 5 per cent annually.

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the 1960s—which thrust the FBI ever deeper into domestic intelligence gathering.

Under Hoover, the bureau was slow to move in the areas of civil rights and organized crime; it has never really opened the ranks of its agents to minority races; it suppressed independence in its agents; its surveillance of civilian dissidents is often unwarranted and, in some cases, downright Big Brotherly.

Justice Department veterans who have to work with the bureau freely admit, off the record, the FBI had to be dragged into investigating civil rights and organized crime cases.

The bureau's track record on organized crime has improved since the mid-1960s. Prior to that time, according to former Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark in his book, the FBI was preoccupied with chasing Communists.

Today, only a little more than 100 of the 8,000 special agents are members of a minority group.

Rare Peak

A suit against Hoover, filed in 1971 by a former FBI agent who claimed he was blackballed for saying the bureau and its director had shortcomings, provided a rare peek at personnel problems in the FBI.

When his fellow agents in New York dug out of the wastebasket a letter he had written but not sent, said former agent Jack Shaw, he was ordered transferred to Butte, Mont. When he refused the transfer, Shaw said, Hoover accepted his resignation "with prejudice"—a designation he says has kept him from finding other law enforcement work.

The suit was settled out of court.

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Money Problems Plague Supporters

Constitution Backers Orga

A citizen's group which decided to scrap objectivity in favor of a positive campaign to sell the constitution to Montanans before the June 6 primary laid

its tentative battle plans Friday during its first formal meeting.

With \$6,000 in its treasury and plans that call for \$26,000 for the campaign, the Committee for Constitutional Improvement felt it was faced with an invisible enemy backed by large corporate interests and a growing opposition from voters in various areas of the state, especially eastern Montana.

"We definitely favor the constitution, so lets not be untruthful, but sell the constitution on its good points," said George Harper, Helena.

The Problem

The problem, however, before putting a concentrated effort to the voters before the primary election was money. The committee, headed by former Voter Education Committee chairman John Toole, Missoula, spent much of its first meeting discussing ways of getting money in the shortest amount of time.

The committee was formed after the Montana Supreme Court last week ruled that the Voter Education Committee had no authority to spend \$45,000 in public funds for educa-

tional purposes. The convention committee was retained for administrative purposes not dealing with voter education and several members immediately formed the citizen's group.

The bulk of the \$26,000 budget -- \$18,000 -- was designated for saturation in newspapers, television and radio.

But the method of using the media raised several areas of dissent among the committee members, particularly appeals of money through the newspapers.

"I don't have enough faith in the goodness of Montanans who may read an ad and say 'well, I'll send some money in,'" said David Drumm, Billings, who suggested a testimonial approach from prominent citizens in each area along with a coupon that would give readers the opportunity to send money.

Another suggestion by Drumm drew a more favorable reception from the committee's members. That suggestion was to contact larger contributors in various areas to raise the money "because of the short amount of time left before the election."

Newspaper appeals were left to local delegates who would decide on how to insert the appeals in newspapers, television and radio.

Because some delegates left the convention with either a negative attitude or kept in the middle, the committee decided to form "truth squads," groups which would hit trouble areas like Malta, Glasgow, Miles City and other parts of eastern Montana to give the committee's point of view.

Drumm urged the members against "brush fires" in generating a head-on battle with the special interests they believed were conducting an underground campaign to undermine the new document.

Dale Harris, former execu-

Dakota, where a new construction was defeated last week, conducted its campaign with negative questions like "Do you know..." and then presenting the negative aspects of the document.

"People in eastern Montana listen to the North Dakota radio, too," Toole said as he urged the committee to accept the "truth squads" as a method to put their side across.

Film Uncertainty

Still uncertain was whether the committee can use a film taken during the convention and prepared by a Bozeman advertising firm. The committee was not sure whether it would have to approach the state to make arrangements to use the film or, if the state refused to pay for it, the committee could buy the film and distribute it.

Toole said seven television stations had offered to run the film the night before the election.

An executive committee consisting of Toole, Harper, Betty Babcock of Helena, Jerry Loendorf, Helena and Drumm was formed to conduct of the routine business already approved by the whole Committee.

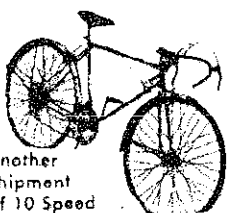
Betty Wallem, representing the Montana League of Women Voters, said her organization was offering its facilities and personnel to aid in the campaign. She was confirmed as a member of the committee.

The committee itself was briefly at odds on who should be on it. Toole favored picking members strategically, recruiting prominent citizens who would be valuable in the campaign, especially key figures of organizations that endorsed the constitution.

Open Participation

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Does a Monster Lurk Behind the Scene?

Political Bedlam Side

By PAUL FREEMAN
Associated Press Writer

The opponents of Montana's proposed new constitution may be ignoring it to death.

In a series of developments keying on unfriendly opinions from the Montana Supreme Court, the proposed document

son and his smooth-talking running mate, of 1968 prior to Anderson's decision to forgo another term.

When Anderson had further immediate ambitions, he ten-

News Analysis

ded to view the ambitious Judge as a threat. When Anderson lost his ambitions for office, he became more accommodating, since Judge was the obvious front-runner.

Added to that equation was Anderson's hearty and ill-concealed dislike for Dzivi when Anderson belatedly tried to sink when Dzivi bid for the majority leader's job in the State Senate.

One of Anderson's partial creations as a public figure is Republican Frank Dunkle. Dunkle was known as the director of the Fish and Game Department — and nothing else — until Anderson made him a star in a series of hassles that gave Dunkle a shining gloss as an environmental hero. There is a little doubt that Anderson if he had his last two years as governor to do over again, would bite his tongue and do battle with Dunkle.

Dunkle's Claim to Fame

But Dunkle's standing as an environmentalist is not all an asset in a GOP primary campaign. The bespectacled former bureaucrat is now running a quiet campaign aimed at keeping his environmental support on the one hand while trying to convince Republicans that his party credentials are in order.

Dagmar agriculture man, Ed Smith, a state representative

is to Judge. Smith began his bid for the governorship with an easy-to-remember name that few people knew.

Smith must attract the regular Republicans in the primary while crossing his fingers in the hope that the new teen-aged vote and a significant Demo-

cratic-independent crossover in the GOP primary does not go to Dunkle.

Dzivi's position is much the same, but different. He must show out an anti-Judge constituency among Democrats and hope that enough Republicans give him their primary ballots to deny Judge the nomi-

Paul Freeman



appears in for a rough time. Major support is coming mainly from the delegates who wrote it.

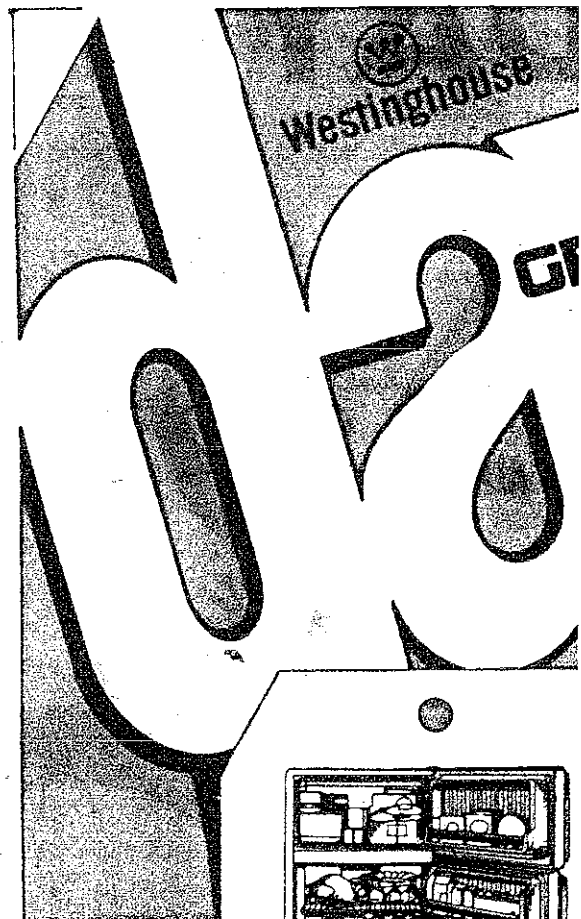
But in a successful political campaign in this state, an ogre of some kind is as necessary as an angel and the anti-construction monster has not yet become publicly visible.

So the delegates pushing for a favorable vote on the new document have been able only to make dark hints about the corporate behemoths backing campaigns against a June 6 ratification by the people.

If such a united front by large interests exists there is no "Save Our State" (SOS) committee to focus on. There is not a Ken Nybo (SOS state chairman) to do a disappearing act with the names of contributors.

Court Seals Bid

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And that same Supreme Court that has hamstringing the Constitutional Convention's "information" campaign by ruling it cannot spend public money, has ruled in the S.O.S. case that, in effect, there was no reason for Nybo to have left town ahead of the sales-tax election.

Sending the political uncertainty out in the ousting, candidates for elective offices generally have avoided the constitution. Senate Majority Leader Dick Dzivi, running a campaign against Democratic front-runner Thomas L. Judge for the governorship, broke ranks with the silent candidates Thursday and endorsed the new constitution.

It may be a long time before there is any indication whether Dzivi's endorsement will:

—Gain him support in cities, where the proposed document is reported getting a good reception.

—Force other candidates into making their feelings known.

—Or sink Dzivi's primary bid among the voters of Eastern Montana, where the proposed document does not exactly rank with the Bible as recommended reading.

Dzivi has little to lose by trying to force the issue with Judge on the proposed Constitution. Judge's current term as lieutenant governor has given him statewide exposure to the voters, something Dzivi has had little of before his current campaign.

Judge has been blessed with a strange turn of events in the office of Gov. Forrest H. Anderson. Anderson was, until recently, plagued by health problems and frequently deferred to the ambitious and accessible Judge on political speechifying, ribbon cuttings and even as acting governor.

Inner Office Conflict

The peril in that for Judge lies in the concerted attempt by Republicans to put the two men together in the Anderson-Judge Administration.

There are few insiders who believe that there was ever even so much as good fellowship between the feisty Ander-

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Easy Scan and Print the one hand while trying to convince Republicans that his party credentials are in order.

Dagmar agriculture man Ed Smith, a state representative who sided with the Democrats in killing off the 2 per cent sales tax, is to Dunkle as Dzivi

Jaycee Officer Installation Set Tonight

Gerry Hudson will head the slate of officers to be installed tonight when the Helena Jaycees hold their annual installation banquet at the Montana Club.

In addition to the president, other officers to be installed include Ken Cottrill, internal vice president; Terry Engel, external vice president; Ron Deyle, secretary, and Paul Eve, treasurer. The directors and their assignments will be: Jim McEneny, youth and sports; Dave Vill, civic affairs; Al Rickard, Director at large; Gale Pikkula, membership; Bill Davis, internal affairs; Joe Petrini, public relations; Steve Mandeville, ways and means, and Toby Benson, the outgoing president, will take over as state director.

Installing officer will be Chuck Clifton of Great Falls, a director of the U.S. Jaycees.

Carroll Orator Competes at National Meet

Peggy O'Malley, a sophomore at Carroll College, will represent Montana colleges and universities at the National Oratory Contest on the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky. May 4 and 5.

The contest is sponsored by the Interstate Oratorical Association.

Miss O'Malley, a native of Big Sandy, is a communication arts major at Carroll.

Miss O'Malley recently won



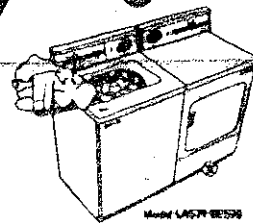
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er to nation. Most of the 1973 campaign amounts to politics-as-usual. The largest unknown quantity, however, is the proposed new constitution hewn out by 100 politically activist delegates barred by the Supreme Court from running for other office. The revised document, and the delegates who wrote it, are scarcely the favored politicians of the legislature. Had the Supreme Court ruled that delegates to the convention could run for other offices, the lines would have been clearly drawn at least on the constitution. Many of the delegates were fighting to run against incumbent legislators to further their own ambitions and to sell the document they authored. But the court decision dashed those hopes and a subsequent court ruling — issued one day after the deadline for filing for all state offices, including the Supreme Court — prevented the convention delegates from spending public money in a voter-information campaign. The only possibility for any drastic revision in the year's political scenario appears to be the new constitution — and the opponents are going to have to be put on public display if that is to happen easily.



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City Briefs

Monthly luncheon meeting of the Helena Board of Realtors will meet Tuesday, May 9, at noon at the Colonial Club. County appraiser, Bill Warren, will speak to the group on tax appraising.

Poppy Drive Starts Monday In Helena

The city of Helena will observe Buddy Poppy Week again this year, through a proclamation by Mayor Steven S. Keim. The drive commences May 8 and ends the day of the Vigilante Parade, May 12.

Under the slogan "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living," several Helena women will spearhead the drive. Among the volunteers are Lois Stephenson, Donna Richeson, Gail Smith, Theresa Bender, Coileen Johnson, Kathy Keim, Ruth Sampson, Florence and Catherine Marshall, Sue Gregory, Jacque Meyer, Vivian Johnson and Doris Stinson.

Mrs. Stevenson and Richeson are co-chairmen of the drive. Mrs. Marshall will coordinate activities in Canyon Ferry and Mrs. Stinson in Elliston.

Their efforts will be assisted by members of the VFW and auxiliary.

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The Scandinavian Fraternity of America will meet at the Stewart Community House May 10 at 7:30 p.m. Esther Johnson will show slides of her western trip.

Helena Sheldon, water safety instructor and her staff announces all parents and those interested in the special education of the swimming classes are invited to watch the children in action at the Carroll College swimming pool May 9 from 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served by the Pythian Sisters organization.

Consumer Credit Board Named

The first board of directors has been named for the Helena Consumer Credit Counseling Service and a membership drive amongs Helena businessmen has been announced, according to Margaret Atkins, board member.

The board said it hopes the service, which was formerly funded entirely through Model City, can receive financial support from the business community and continue with partial support from Model City.

From the 14 member board four were elected as executive officers. They are: Jerry Christison, president; Glenn Wilson, vice-president; Betty Geniger, secretary-treasurer and Margaret Atkins, counselor.

The free service formed in 1969, has been operated by Helena Legal Services in the past. It is a community service designed to help people in solving their debt problems and to avoid bankruptcy.

"It is a community service designed to aid the debtor, creditor, employer and the community," Mrs. Atkins said.

Tax Issue Stirs

By DANIEL J. FOLEY
IR State Bureau

A statewide property tax may be necessary to equitably finance education, says a Constitutional Convention delegate in a memo explaining why the convention dropped a controversial section limiting state property taxation to two mills. Without a statewide property

tax, Montansans may have to pay more than twice as much in income tax or an 8 per cent sales tax to support the schools, says Russell C. McDonough, Constitutional Convention delegate in Clarendon. The statewide property tax would replace, not be in addition to local school taxes, the delegate says. McDonough, who served on a

Fort Harrison's Pay Is \$4 Million Annua

The Fort Harrison VA Center for veterans, among expenses listed were \$2,700,000 for housing loans, \$1 million for insurance benefits and \$6,500,000 in GI Bill benefits. At this time 4,587 veterans are in training, Walter added. More than 100,000 veterans served in Montana by the center.

Each two week pay period the center pays out \$7,236 in federal income taxes and \$7,700 in state income taxes, Walter told the merchants.

Besides property taxes paid by the center's employees, Fort Harrison reimburses the school district \$24,000 each year because of the impact of federal employment.

As the regional center for the VA in Montana the fort administers the second largest area in the United States, nearly 93 million acres, Walter commented. "The only center with a larger area of coverage is Alaska," he said.

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More than 100,000 veterans served in Montana by the center. Speaking in the Unionville Room of the Travelodge, Walter said the President and Don Johnson, administrator of Veterans Affairs, have encouraged federal employes to participate and share in community functions.

The Montana native, a resident of Helena since being named center director in September, said "it is important that the community and the center get to know each other. Being part of the community is our goal." He invited the merchants to attend the Fort Harrison open house on May 19 and participate in the VA's "Half Century of Progress" celebration.

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the convention Revenue and Finance Committee, has prepared a long memorandum explaining delegate thinking on four tax issues which reportedly are stirring controversy and opposition around the state. He comments on state assessment of property, the net proceeds tax on minerals and the diversion of highway funds, in addition to the

two-mill limit. Under the existing constitution, the state cannot levy more than two mills of property tax without a vote of the people. (The people have, in the past, approved an additional levy of six mills to support the university system).

Rural Criticism

The proposed constitution, which will be on the ballot June 6, eliminates that limit and has drawn some criticism, particularly in rural areas of the state. Many farmers and ranchers fear that their property taxes might increase under a statewide levy.

Income and excise taxes (sales taxes on such items as cigarettes and liquor) already are at the discretion of the legislature, McDonough says, noting that the new constitution would place property taxes in the same status.

Courts in other states have ruled that under the U.S. Constitution, the states must provide an equal education opportunity for each child in the state, the Glendive lawyer says.

"The courts have said that it is not equal education opportunity when one school district must levy 30 mills to spend \$600 per student and another school district levies only three mills to spend \$1,500 per student," McDonough says.

The answer to the problem seems to be an equal statewide property tax levy rather than equal county and district levies, he says.

Otherwise, the \$20 million now being raised by local property taxes would have to be raised by an increased income tax, a sales tax or a combination, McDonough says.

Railroad Break

The effect of depending on income or sales taxes would be to give large property owners a two-thirds tax break, he says, noting that some transportation companies pay only the \$25 minimum corporation income tax. (Although he doesn't say so, McDonough's remark apparently is in reference to the Northern Pacific Railroad, among others. The legislature subpoenaed tax records several years ago which showed that the NP, now merged into the Burlington Northern, paid only the minimum tax in one year, despite its millions of dollars of assets and revenue in Montana.)

McDonough's comments on other taxation articles:

State instead of county assessment of property; some counties are assessing property at lower values than others, so taxpayers in those counties aren't paying a fair share of statewide property taxes and schools in those counties are getting back additional school foundation money from the state, McDonough says.

Net proceeds tax on minerals: the convention dropped the requirement that minerals be taxed each year on net proceeds (value after subtracting the costs of mining). The legislature may wish to tax miner-

Anti diversion of highway taxes: the convention proposes that highway tax money (such as the gasoline tax) be diverted for non-highway purposes if 60 per cent of the legislators vote for diversion. Giving the legislature control over highway taxes will make the highway department more responsive, McDonough says. "The theory on non-diversion carried to its natural conclusion would bring you to the conclusion that taxes on beer and alcohol should be used (only) for the rehabilitation of the alcoholic and his family, and the tax on cigarettes for cancer and heart disease," he says.

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president of the merchants' association, reminded the group of the Vigilante Parade scheduled for Friday. Due to summer vacations the next meeting will be in August.

Al Lundborg, representing the Helena YMCA, asked the merchants' support in this month's drive to raise \$250,000 for the proposed "Y" building on Lyndale, next to the National Guard Armory.

He said \$20,000 has been pledged by "Y" board members toward the building.

Secretaries Install Officers

Rose Skoog, legal secretary for Keller, Reynolds and Drake, will be installed as president of the Helena Legal Secretaries Association at its annual installation ceremonies on Tuesday.



Rose Skoog

Carroll Coed Places Fourth

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Carroll College sophomore Peggy O'Malley, representing Montana colleges and universities, finished fourth in the women's competition of the National Oratory Contest here Friday.

Candy Winston of Defiance (Ohio) College won the first place award among state champion women orators from 39 states. John Danner of Loras (Iowa) College won the men's competition.

Miss O'Malley, from Big Sandy, Mont., became the first Montanan to finish among the top four places since Valerie Dickerson, also a Carroll College student, took second place in women's competition six

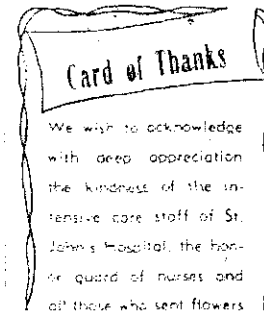
Benefit Auction For Mrs. Pocha Set for May 12

The Dearborn Homemakers of Wolf Creek are holding a benefit auction sale for Mrs. Jim Pocha of Augusta.

Mrs. Pocha is to have a kidney transplant in the near future and the auction sale is to raise money for the operation.

The cost of the operation will be at least \$10,000, of which over \$6,000 has already been raised.

All new merchandise, donated by area merchants will be sold at the auction to be held at Rowman's Corner, May 12 beginning at 7 p.m.



The World At a Glance

Truman Reaches 88th Year

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Former President Harry S. Truman observes his 88th birthday today, but a family spokesman says Truman and his wife Bess plan no special activities. The spokesman reported Sunday that Truman is in excellent health and spent the weekend reading messages and letters received from old friends and associates on the occasion of his birthday.

More School Lunch Money Asked

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon will send Congress this week proposals for broad changes in the school-lunch and breakfast programs to wring more out of each dollar spent on them. Instead of the present apportionment system for parceling out lunch-breakfast aid, Nixon proposed a performance system. The President said the more pupils served in a state the more federal assistance it should receive.

Nixon also is asking for an extra \$25 million for feeding needy children in cities this summer, and an additional \$19.5 million to bring 2,000 new schools into the school-breakfast program in the coming year.

The White House announced over the weekend Nixon will ask for an extra \$44.5 million for federal school nutrition programs, but added there would be cutbacks in other areas so no new money would be spent.

Nixon said under the most important change states would be encouraged to expand school lunch-breakfast programs so

Huge Voter Turnout in Italy

ROME (AP) — Italian voters today were winding up the election of a new Parliament with no indication yet of whether the Christian Democrats and prospective allies in a center coalition would achieve a majority.

A massive 78.9 per cent of the 37 million voters cast ballots in fine weather Sunday. There was another seven hours of balloting today.

It was Italy's sixth election since it became a republic 26 years ago. The Christian Democrats, who are backed by the Roman Catholic Church, have always been the largest party although never winning a majority. They have governed alone or with junior partners. But in recent

years, with their vote percentage slipping from 48.5 in 1948 to 29.1 in 1968. Challenging the Christian Democrats are the largest Communist party in the west and the resurgent neo-fascist party, the Italian Social Movement, or MSI.

The Communist party, which increased its vote from 22.6 per cent in 1963 to 29.9 in 1968, feared it might lose votes for the first time. The neo-Fascists were once considered a joke, but in local elections last June they rode a law-and-order backlash and almost tripled their vote to 13.9 per cent. This time they predicted they would double their membership in the Chamber of

Cyclamate I

By EDWARD COWAN

• New York Times

WASHINGTON — "There's been a tremendous amount of lobbying," replied Rep. Emanuel Celler, the Brooklyn Democrat who is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, when asked about H.R. 13367 known for short on Capitol Hill as the cyclamate bill.

H.R. 13367 is a sleeper — a bill that presents a substantial question of principle, that would cost the federal treasury a substantial sum, that has the administration's quiet support and that has barely come to public notice.

It would authorize compensation to businesses and farmers who lost money when the Food and Drug Administration banned the use of cyclamates.

the artificial sweeteners, in 1969, Celler's observation that "The lobbyists have been very vigilant and very active among the members" in support of H.R. 13367 leaves no doubt that the bill is important to somebody — certainly to those who stand to get more than \$100 million from the federal treasury if it is enacted.

The cyclamate bill is also important to the taxpayers. Yet, only a figurative handful have heard of it. Like many measures that affect particular groups directly and the public indirectly, H.R. 13367 has been progressing through the legislative process virtually unnoticed.

Hearings were held by the Judiciary committee seven months ago. On April 25, when Washington was preoccupied with the Pennsylvania and Massachusetts primaries, Apollo 16, resumption of the Paris peace talks and price controls, the Ju-

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(Continued from Page 1) and "we cannot get the feed — the raw material. He said a small wire mill was closed at Great Falls also because it "just wasn't competitive."

"The most important thing is to get the Anaconda Co. on as healthy and as sound a basis as we can," he told a newsman. "In the long run, a healthy, viable company will be good for the state of Montana."

He said the sale of the company's forest assets for cash materially strengthens Anaconda's position, saying, "We're delighted that such a responsible company as U. S. Plywood-Champion Papers is going to take over the property on or before June 30."

Asked to comment on the sharp reduction in its work force and the move of its mining headquarters to Arizona the former New York banker

stated that it's imperative to "take this type of action."

"Geographically, Tucson is located far more centrally to our over-all operation than Butte."

Place said the company "is pouring a considerable sum of money into the smelter at Anaconda, not only for pollution control purposes but for expansion."

He said the work will expand the output by slightly more than 15 per cent — to 35 million pounds a month from about 30 million.

The company has tentative plans, although not immediate, to expand its operations in Butte. "They're already drilling the East Berkeley or Continental Pit now."

"There is a lot of work to do on our mining and smelting operations in Montana and we're working hard to make them as

"I can only conclude that Dr



Sen. William Proxmire

Burns is more interested in building a personal power dynasty than with getting the best economic judgment needed to run the Federal Reserve System," the Wisconsin Democrat

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said he would oppose the nomination, as he did an earlier nominee, Jack E. Shonhan, a man Proxmire said had no experience in economics or monetary policy.

The senator said he believes Bucher is "an able lawyer and a competent banker." But Proxmire added there are thousands of professional economists more qualified to serve on the board.

"Such an obviously weak appointment can only invite speculation of a political payoff," the senator said.

Bombing

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down south of Hanoi. Later, however, it referred to planes it claimed were shot down Sunday.

No Losses

The U.S. Command said it had no losses to report in raids either Sunday or today over North Vietnam.

Urgent Meeting

The urgency of the National Security Council meeting was underscored by Nixon's orders for Secretary of State William P. Rogers to interrupt his tour of European capitals to return to the United States for the session.

There was no official indication of whether the President had already made his decision, or whether he was still considering a set of options designed to stem the current North Vietnamese offensive and begin meaningful Vietnam peace talks.

The options reportedly range from a naval blockade of Haiphong Harbor to renewed bombing of military targets in the Hanoi and Halphong areas to possible dispatch of Marines now on Navy ships in the China Sea to protect U.S. installations and troops in the beleaguered Hanoi region.

The National Security Council meets irregularly and only when major decisions are in the making. Its staff is headed by presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger and its members include the secretaries of State

and Defense, the vice president, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Constitution Mailed to County Voters

Copies of Montana's proposed new constitution have been mailed and should reach Lewis and Clark County voters today, according to Helena Kovich, clerk and recorder.

Mrs. Kovich said that with the help of six Vo Tech students working Saturday she was able to mail the documents one day ahead of the Sunday deadline.

Postage costs for the mailing totaled \$915.

Mrs. Kovich reported her final tally of voters registered for the June 6 election. She said 18,278 electors have registered in the county. This compares with 14,640 who were registered for the Con-Con primary Sept. 14 and 15,332 registered for the Nov. 2 general Con-Con election.

Looking through her records, Mrs. Kovich said the registration tally for the 1968 presidential primary was 15,063 and 16,859 for the general election Nov. 5, 1968.

"The population is growing," Mrs. Kovich said, "but we have the machines to take care of them."

lumber mill, eventually would be larger than now.

Bendetsen said U.S. Plywood-Champion would organize its properties while the building is going on. He said when his firm gets back into forestry operations, a work force at least as large as Anaconda's present forest-products employment would be put to work.

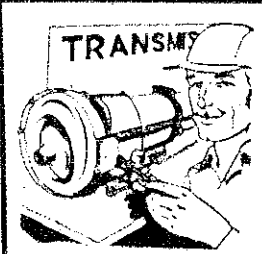
Bendetsen said his firm will use advanced environmental forestry practices to stimulate timber growth and to protect fish and wildlife.

U.S. Plywood-Champion Papers currently has lumber-production facilities at Silver City, near Helena, and on the Blackfoot Indian Reservation near Browning.

In a memorandum accompanying the announcement of the sale, Bendetsen said the Montana properties would be operated on a multiple-use program.

Anaconda's forest-products background went back to 1896 when the firm acquired the Big Blackfoot Milling Company, consisting of sawmill operations and timber land in western

at Bonner supplied timbers for underground mine supports in Butte and lumber for other company operations in the state.



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Selstad Opposes New Constitution

GREAT FALLS (AP) — Tom Selstad, who is seeking the Republican nomination for governor, said Monday he is opposed to passage of Montana's new proposed constitution.

Although there are some good proposals, said Selstad, "in several areas I believe the document falls short of what Montanans expect.

"Two major reasons for opposing the constitution are the highway anti-diversion amendment and most certainly the elimination of the two mill property tax limit."

He points out that the present constitution prohibits tax monies from being spent for any purpose other than highway use. The new constitution, if approved by the voters June 6, would allow the legislature, by a 60 per cent vote, to "raid the highway funds for any purpose it saw fit."

Selstad said the measure would hinder road construction and jeopardize the jobs of highway workers.

The ten-year Great Falls legislator also said the measure would adversely affect the state's tourist business.

"My other major objection," he said, "is in elimination of the two mill property tax limit. The legislature could levy additional property taxes at its own discretion. I don't believe people of Montana want to see another governmental body given the opportunity to enact higher property taxes."

He said "property tax levies

were already too high" and that he doesn't believe it is the right area in which to seek more revenue.

Details Sought On Mill Closing

KALISPELL (AP) — Democratic Congressional candidate Harriet Miller said Monday she was attempting to reach officials of the Anaconda Co. and U.S. Plywood-Champion Papers to urge them to provide specific details to the workers affected by the Bonner mill closure.

Miss Miller said the details should be made known immediately.

"Surely the planning of a multi-million dollar transaction such as this must have included specific details about jobs, seniority and retirement benefits of the affected workers, among other things," she said.

Monday the Anaconda Co. said most of its forest products interests in Montana, including the Bonner lumber mill, for \$117 million to the plywood firm.

Miss Miller said "the generalities thus far made public about potential future employment opportunities are inadequate" concerning the evident layoff of the 650 mill employees at its closing about June 30.



FOR SALE — Barney McPhillips, a banker in McMinnville, Ore., owns 302 acres on the northern Oregon coast, including this scenic area of Cape Kiwanda. He says taxes are too high and public

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Politics and the Schools

A recent flap concerning the appearance of a gubernatorial candidate at a school assembly in Glasgow was pretty much dismissed by news media. However, we have heard reports that this has happened in other communities and therefore feel it is time to call publicly for a halt to this practice.

It is understandable that the candidates want to talk to the newly-enfranchised young voters of this state. But, use of school facilities on school time is completely out of order.

If one candidate is granted permission to appear, all candidates should be given the same treatment; and this could prove to be extremely difficult.

We have no quarrel with registration campaigns in the schools

by organizations, such as the League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, and other groups who seek to get people of all ages involved in their communities and country. We also think that knowledge of political parties and candidates can, and should, be a part of the educational process. However, this education should be left in the hands of the teachers to present as fairly as possible.

If the school administrators feel that their students should be exposed to the politicians they should open their doors after school hours, notify the student body that candidate Joe Doaks is going to appear at such and such a time and leave the attendance up to the youngsters.

Politics should not be allowed to mix with school assemblies.

A Shocking Report On Our Bombing

BY ANTHONY LEWIS

© New York Times

LONDON — American bombing and shelling since 1965 have produced 21 million craters in South Vietnam.

That is the estimate of a scholarly study published in this month's Scientific American. It is a figure so breathtaking that one must pause a moment to take it in: 21 million craters.

tors try to chop the metal fragments out by hand but cannot find them all; many saw blades are ruined.

Total Impact Underestimated

If anything, the report probably understates the total impact of American bombing. It covers only the seven years from 1965 through 1971, and some of the most intensive bombing has come this year.

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I don't mind so much paying \$1.75 adult admission. But a single movie just doesn't make for a night out and I'm sure the Circus doesn't expect us to spend another \$1.75 at its twin the same evening.

And how about some cartoons, travel shorts and so forth. An "art" theater is fine if there's a choice of other theaters, which isn't the case in Helena in the winter.

Frank Adams
1801 Silver

A Voice Against The Constitution

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From a Great Falls Tribune article (May 5), I learn that those advocating the approval of the proposed constitution are continuing to try to tie the opponents to the discredited SOS organization of unhappy memory.

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tion this as they also deserve the right to vote on state tax levies and state and county indebtedness proposed to be eliminated. The weakening of the anti-diversion amendment and the legislative control of the university system, mentioned in the Tribune article, are only two areas which are obviously objectionable to labor.

The people are entitled to better protection on investments of permanent educational funds and to the present limitation of appropriations to two years, also slated for elimination without reason or reference by the convention.

Wesley W. Wertz
Power Block

Urban Renewal's Parking Lots

Editor, Independent Record:

I am directing this letter to the members of Helena's urban renewal project.

I would like to know what is going to be Helena's big attraction (besides the parking lots)? What's with all the parking lots fellas? No one is going to want to go downtown because nothing is there—well almost nothing. I hadn't realized that Helena was in such urgent need of parking facilities. Wow, isn't it going to be fun to wait and see if all the parking lots become crowded with shiny cars roaring around, creating pollution.

I think you should have enlisted the help of Charles Bovey before the big leveling.

I watched the workmen as their machines crunched away at the Monticello. What a rip off. What a waste. What a ---

Fill in the blank with an appropriate phrase.

But one of the workmen reminded me that "it was just a firetrap." Possibly it was—but one with a very unique history

and design. So, why didn't you guys restore it? Is it really too little money? Maybe it's too little time and imagination. Instead you are setting up those jiffy concrete block structures.

I wonder what else you people can create besides concrete blocks and parking lots.

May I stress that it doesn't take any intelligence to destroy—only to create. It would have been grand if you old tigers would have restored our town into the Victorian Helena that it was built to be. Instead you chose to replace the historic memories with a gray, colorless kaleidoscopic mess.

I know the times have changed, but does Helena have to change with the times?

Cheye Ann Butler
Box 372

P. S. What happened to the Marlow's Tiffany glass? Is it really in your warehouse?

Parents Support The YMCA

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As the parents of three boys, we would like to urge our fellow citizens to get behind the YMCA in its efforts to provide more and better facilities for the youth of our community.

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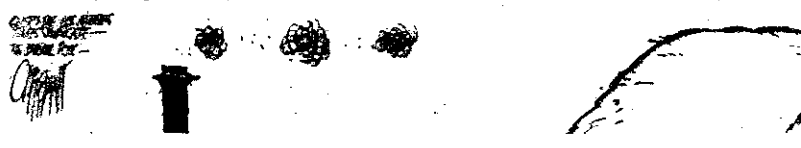
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With this section eliminated and the complete power given to the legislature to exempt "any other classes of property" (Section 5 (1) (c) of Article VIII of the proposed constitution) any class of corporations or all of them as a class could be exempted from taxation if they are able to exert enough pressure on any legislature.

Do the delegates who are trying to sell the proposed constitution really know what they have done—inadvertantly or otherwise?

The people deserve better

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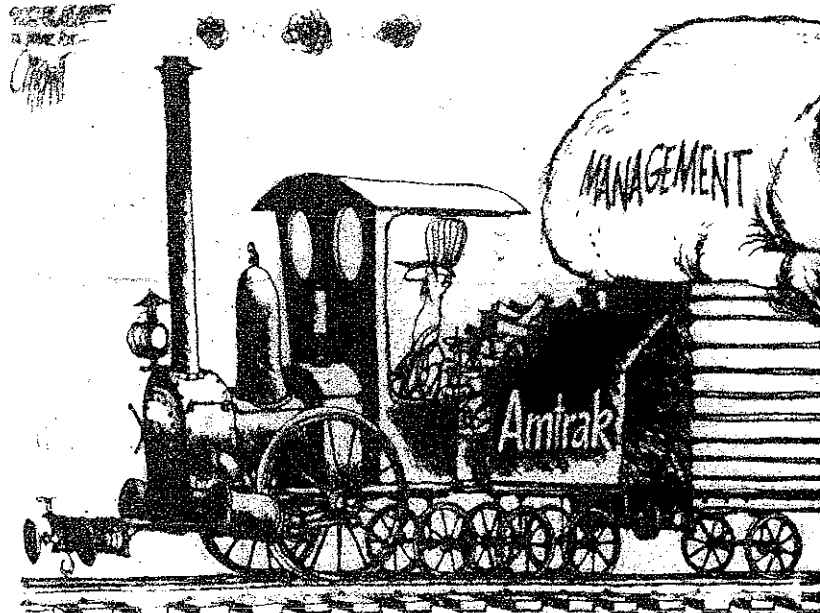
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Tax Group Wary of New

BY DENNIS E. CURRAN
IR State Bureau

The Montana Taxpayers Association, expressing concern over the possibility of increased state taxation, has offered a decidedly uncompromising critique of the proposed new constitution.

Without taking a stand for or against the new constitution, the association's monthly publication, The Montana Taxpayer, devotes most of an eight-page

special issue of an inflating look at the new document and an admonition to the voters to study it carefully.

The association directorship includes representatives of many of the state's large agricultural, industrial and corporate interests.

Many of the objections are aimed at the revenue and finance article, and specifically at the elimination of the two-tax mill levy on state property tax-

ation, which it predicted could result in increased property taxes.

"If there is an impasse over revenue, it would be simple to impose a state property tax to raise the revenue needed for excessive spending programs," the publication said. "In bold face type it committed to levy a property tax sufficient to balance the budget, if predicted."

Intent of Deletion
The Taxpayers Association failed to mention the intent of

Dunkle Supports Constitution

INDEPENDENT RECORD
State Bureau

Republican governor hopeful Frank Dunkle has given the proposed new constitution a reserved endorsement.

Dunkle, a staunch conservative but a fiscal conservative, said he was not altogether happy with the financial article including removal of the 2-mill limit on state property taxes.

But he praised the fact that the new constitution to be voted

on June 6 was easy to amend and left the good features outweighed the bad ones.

However, Dunkle said he would vote against all three-side issues on the ballot; a unicameral legislature had not been explained well enough and he doubted if any existed. He said he did favor annual sessions.

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Dunkle said the death penalty should be retained if only because without it persons accused of capital crimes could be bailed out and disappear or commit other crimes.

A gambling ban should remain in the constitution, he said. Bingo in churches or non-profit social clubs could be authorized in a referendum, he said.

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the convention in deleting the two-mill limit — to allow Montana to comply with expected court decisions requiring equitable school financing. Recent court cases suggest the state may have to replace local school district taxes with an equitable statewide tax.

The association also said that under the new constitution, any property could be taxed, state tax money could be allocated to local governments, not proceeds taxes on minerals would not be required and debt limits would be deleted.

The Montana Taxpayer special issue also contended that annual legislative sessions would cost the state an extra \$1 million a year.

In two separate articles and an editorial, the Taxpayers Association concluded that Montana would be better off with a two-house legislature. "The unicameral (one-house) system needs much more perfection," it said in an editorial headlined "Why two houses are best."

The publication also seemed unhappy with the education article, particularly the separate board of regents and the elimination of the present 6-21 age

limits, allowing for possible public kindergarten.

"One thing is certain," it warned. "The people through their elected representatives will have far less power than they have had in the past, and it will cost a great deal more."

The Taxpayers Association, which complained that convention delegates are telling only the favorable aspects of the proposed constitution, did find one bright spot in the constitution, however.

It noted that amending the new constitution would be easier and concluded that because of "ambiguities, contradictions, unforeseen results of hasty drafting and other bad things" might be found in the new document, making it easier to amend the constitution "might come in handy."

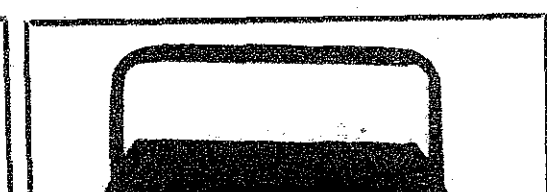
Bang! Bang!

FRIENDSHIP, Ind. (AP) — Rifles and powder horns will be in use again as the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association holds its annual spring championship matches May 18-21 at Friendship.



DEMONSTRATION DRAG—Police Capt. Richard Lee of Iowa City, Iowa drags away one of 24 persons arrested Tuesday night during a demonstration against President Nixon's new strategy of mining North Vietnamese harbors. (Phototax)

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No Sierra Funds Going to Dunkle

INDEPENDENT RECORD
State Bureau

Frank Dunkle, Republican candidate for governor, says he's not getting a dime's worth of financial support from the

state fish and game director. This was a reference to a \$50 contribution by former television newscaster Chet Huntley to Ed Smith, state representative from DeGuerre and one of Dunkle's

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Behind the Closet Door

DATELINE: THE CLOSET — It's the silly season and just about everything can, and probably will, happen.

What we view as a hilarious encounter between Independent Record State Bureau reporter Arthur Hutchinson and Douglas G. Smith became even more ludicrous Tuesday when Smith gallantly stepped forth to explain why he was found in a dark, cubbyhole-sized office in the campaign headquarters of Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Tom Judge last Friday at 4:10 p.m.

Hutchinson alleged that Smith was working for Judge's campaign on state time. Embarrassment was evident at the moment of the encounter, related Hutchinson. There was also the element of surprise. A brief exchange in the dark of the closet. "Hi Doug;" "Oh, hi Art." The mystery deepened. No explanation from Smith as to his presence.

Aha, deduces sleuth Hutchinson: No explanation! Ergo, Smith is moonlighting for Judge.

No, Smith finally retorts. You merely found me up to my neck in fertilizer. I was just doing my job and compiling a report requested by Judge when he was acting governor. Judge requested an investigation into planned fertilizer price increases, Smith retorted.

He added credibility (?) to his contention. He produced a report on the fertilizer conspiracy. Fancy Capitol stationary? Initialed by a secretary? Nosiree. Handwritten by the agriculture coordinator

so Judge would get the word immediately, forget the fact that Judge was out of town.

Doubt concerning the truth and veracity of our state bureau's startling discovery immediately crept into our minds.

We called Hutchinson into our office. "Was there really a feeling of embarrassment?" we asked. "Yes," the reporter replied. "It was like opening the door to a water closet and discovering that it was occupied."

"Really?" we replied. "Really," he said.

Time to ponder. What to do? Why, tell Mr. Judge to look on the bright side. Every politician has his dark days, but this cannot and must not go down in history as another Black Friday.

Judge has been given the perfect opportunity to capitalize on a campaign theme song. He can change the lyrics in the song "Who's Behind the Green Door?" and retitle the tune "Who's Behind the Closet Door?"

Like television star Dean Martin, Judge can walk on stage and, before he tells it like it is to his audience, open a conveniently placed door and out will step a Judge supporter.

If this doesn't appeal to the candidate he can indignantly point out that President Andrew Jackson had a Kitchen Cabinet and if he wants to have a Closet Cabinet that is perfectly within his rights as a favored candidate.

If this fails to turn on the voters he can change Harry Tru-

An Alternative To Bond Issue

Editor, Independent Record:

We will shortly be asked to vote approval of another substantial bond issue for construction of additional Helena school system classrooms. This will come approximately two years following the last even larger bond issue.

I would like to suggest an alternative to the bond issue as a basis of discussion. This proposal is not made solely for economic reasons, but has many points of merit beyond the savings taxpayers could realize through reduced capital construction costs.

I believe the most feasible year around school plan is the 45-15 (or the 3-3) plan. Under this system, one group of students will start on a certain pre-selected date. Fifteen school days later a second group will start and group three will start 15 days after group two. By the time number one group has completed 45 school days it will take a three week break and the fourth group will start. In this manner, there will only be 75 per cent of the pupils in school at any one time. In the summer, each of the groups will have an extra week. This plan permits each pupil to have 180 school days per year.

Some of the reasons for changing to year around schools: (1) Spiraling costs of education; (2) Increased population mobility; (3) Rapid accumulation of new knowledge; (4) Emergence of urban education problems; (5) More leisure time for travel and recreation; (6) Reluctance of taxpayers to vote money for school buildings.

Advantages of the 45-15 plan: Learning opportunities—if the child is not doing well he can be held back 45 days rather than one year—gives more flexibility in curriculum planning and negates necessity of review each September due to the

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not affected by the weather. We have many schools that are air conditioned and we can have heat waves in the fall and spring as well as cold waves in the summer.

Employers can arrange sequential employment for the year around students. It would help eliminate pressure for summer jobs by so many out of school students.

The year around plan also permits more efficient use of our present school facilities. It gives 33 1-3 per cent more classrooms and teachers will receive more pay 12 months versus 9 months. It also permits contracts from 3 to 12 months, a better reserve of substitute teachers. Those on three week break are available for substituting. There also would be a reduction of school vandalism, the buildings are not vacant for three months.

As we head toward this bond issue, I believe we have an opportunity to consider the merits of a 12 month school year. I hope we can have rational discussion of the issue rather than a closed mind, emotional outburst.

D. H. Siewert
901 Flowerree

Groups Deserve To Be Heard

Editor, Independent Record:

Supporters of the proposed Montana constitution seek to discredit opponents of the document as the grumbling of special interest groups as if such groups had no legitimate interest in the general welfare of Montana or in constitutional processes.

Delegates themselves have a special interest in the promotion of the document if merely to justify their own recent activities financed by the taxpayers. These taxpayers, not incidentally, include most of the special interest groups in our

great state.

Furthermore, it is hardly conceivable that the several special interest groups who got what they wanted would knock a constitution they created in the collective mind of the Convention.

Stephen A. Birch
Great Falls

Make Your Views Heard

Editor, Independent Record:

We think it appropriate in view of the renewed bombings in Vietnam and the massing of U.S. air and naval forces in Southeast Asia, to remind those who are concerned that they can and must do something now

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Senator Mike Mansfield
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Mrs. Joanne Jennings
Bozeman

(On behalf of
Gallatin Valley
Citizens for Peace)

Anti-Constitution Fund Denied

Some Constitution delegates have accused Montana Trade Associations of compiling a \$100,000 fund to defeat the new constitution.

We initiated a meeting with 12 other organizations' directors to study the new constitution on April 24, in Helena. Pros and

cons of the new document were discussed, and at no time was any mention made to create a fund of any size to promote or defeat the new constitution. In fact, no position was taken either way.

At our noon luncheon, an economics professor from the University of Montana spoke on the Montana State Council on Economic Education. Labor unions, large corporations, and small businessmen are deeply concerned that only five per cent of our high school students receive education on basic economics, and therefore we have joined together to financially support this cause.

It is regrettable some Constitution delegates will stoop so low to create a straw man to pass their new Constitution. It seems they don't want the voters to study it, but to simply accept their judgement as gospel.

John T. Cadby
Executive Vice-President

Clearing Up Some Questions

Editor, Independent Record:

While explaining the provisions of the proposed new constitution to various groups and radio talk shows, the question has been raised several times as to what happens if the constitution fails and one of the alternative proposals receives the approval of the majority of those voting at the election on June 6.

If the majority of the people voting favor a one house legislature but the constitution itself does not pass, our legislature will continue to have two houses.

Similarly, if a majority of the voters favor legalized gambling but fail to pass the constitution, there will be no change in the present law. In fact, this is what apparently happened in North Dakota. A majority of voters favored legalized gambling but opposed the constitu-

tion. The legalized gambling naturally went down with new constitution.

Robert L. Kellcher,
Delegate
2108 Grand Ave.
Billings, Mont.

Legion Backs New YMCA

Editor, Independent Record:

Lewis and Clark Post of the American Legion, support the Helena YMCA in its proposed new building, recapitulate and encouraging confidence of its service to the programs of the community. We wish them success in their fund drive.

G. Halvorson

Commander
Wm. A. Morley
Adjutant.

Model Cities, Paper Blasted

Editor, Independent Record:

In your editorial a group of businessmen titled "Woo Industry, But I Up," you said "pardon our simism" you have heard this before.

Model Cities announced \$1,211,000 for our city. I may times. They promise rose garden and we got parking lots. I never believe the wonderful thing

I wrote you a letter, eight cent stamp, mailed post office and it never received at your office. Couldn't it. I've read our paper for many years. V two papers, morning and evening several years ago. paper has so few news. there is a Tribune and vision news. If this letter in the mail I'll register it you.

Mrs. B. L. Dunn
703 Logan

Tom Judge Silent on Constitut

FAIRFIELD (AP) — State Senate Majority Leader Dick Drivi charged Lt. Gov. Thomas L. Judge Wednesday with failing to speak out on the proposed constitution.

Both are candidates for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

"With the Montana primary election now less than a month away it is time we took some positive action on issues that are pressing but on which I found my opponent strangely silent," Drivi said.

The Great Falls legislator was the first gubernatorial candidate to take a stand on the document, endorsing it last week.

"We can no more operate within limitations of a constitution 84-years-old that we could go back to the strictly horseback transportation and trains pulled by balloon-stripped locomotives, so I publicly voiced my support of the new constitution and was the first to do so," he told a Fairfield Democratic dinner.

"Let me add," he said, "if I had my way in its wording, there were a few things I would have done differently."

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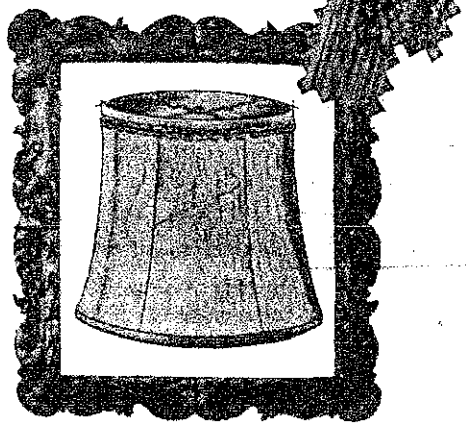
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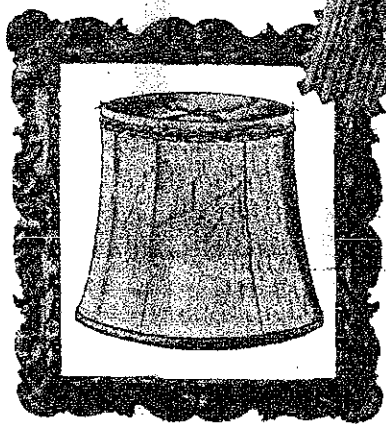
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The Tax Bugaboo

More and more individuals and organizations are expressing concern about the Constitutional Convention's removal of the property tax limitation in the proposed constitution.

There are other areas in the revenue and finance article that have been opened to serious debate; however, at this time we are going to limit our discussion to the elimination of any limit on a state property tax.

The opponents point out that under the proposed constitution the legislature could tax property for any amount to support the university system; it could levy any amount for the public school foundation program; if an impasse developed over revenue, it could very easily impose a state property tax to raise the revenue needed for any excessive spending project.

Delegate Russell C. McDonough, D-Glendive, maintains that a statewide property tax could be necessary to equitably finance education. He maintains that this tax would replace, not be in addition to, local school taxes.

McDonough says that the alternatives appear to be a doubling of the state income tax, or an eight per cent sales tax.

There is good reason for concern over giving the legislature unlimited powers of taxation. However, should the legislature

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On the other side, there is good reason for the people of Montana to press for equalization of property taxes and equal appraisal of property.

The Montana Taxpayers Association says that the property tax on a \$30,000 home in Helena is \$981 a year.

A recent news story in another Montana newspaper noted the sale of a home which was appraised at \$56,000. The property tax on it was in the neighborhood of \$900 a year.

When it comes time to dispose of a home or acreage the seller places a premium on it. This is hardly the case when the local tax appraiser pays those same individuals a visit.

We are victims of tax overkill; but we are not victims of equalization overkill.

The opponents cite the dangers of elimination of any limit on a statewide property tax. However, they do not offer reasonable alternatives. The opponents have a right to criticize. They also have a duty to suggest better, more equitable methods of solving present and future financial dilemmas.



Nixon

By ROSCOE DRUMMOND
WILL NIXON STEP DOWN AS DID L.B.J.? The answer is a qualified no. He will not quit whatever happens in Vietnam.

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Blistering at what they consider unfair and malicious pamphleteering, they voiced their discontent and sharply questioned a Helena lawyer — even as another critical critique was being distributed through the halls.

Helena attorney Wesley W. Wertz, a frequent critic of the proposed constitution, was asked if his letter-writing campaign is being sponsored by anybody and if so, whom. Wertz said his views are his own and denied being paid to criticize the constitution.

Delegates also charged that "the same people who were behind SOS" are opposing the constitution but are afraid to come out into the open. They particularly criticized unsigned and allegedly inaccurate pamphlets being distributed opposing the constitution.

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Jones had been employed at the plant for the past five years.

He was born in Pine Bluff. (Continued on Page 2)

Delegates, Lawmakers Rehash Constitutional Arguments

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Constitutional Convention delegates came home to their old stomping grounds Saturday to explain their work to a small, shy group of present and potential legislators.

In a day-long seminar planned as a give-and-take session between delegates and critical lawmakers, delegates did most of the talking and sometimes good-naturedly debated some of the issues again.

About 100 persons attended

the seminar in the capitol, including about a dozen present legislators and another two dozen legislative candidates.

The guests, politely recalcitrant at first, gradually warmed up to ask questions, but the opposition and gripes that some delegates expected never materialized. At least as many praised the constitution as criticized it. Revenue and finance was the big issue, but guests also had some comments and questions on the legislature, education, water rights and local government articles.

Columbus Concern

"My people are quite concerned with this (highway) diversion but not nearly as much as they are concerned with this top on property tax," said Rep. Larry Aber, R-Columbus, of the deletion of the two-mill limit on state property tax. "This is taking the lid off property taxes."

Delegate Russell McDonough of Glendale, one of the chief architects of the taxation article, explained that the limit was deleted to facilitate possible statewide financing of schools. Without statewide property taxation, expected new school financing requirements could cause greatly increased income or sales taxes, he said.

Mahoney on Taxes

But another delegate, Charles Mahoney of Clancy, was quick to criticize the taxation article.

just as he did during the convention, for taking power over taxation away from the people.

While the bemused guests watched the debate, Convention President Leo Graybill Jr. quipped "at least we're putting on a good show for the people. This is why we had so much fun here."

The highway anti-diversion provision, which would allow the legislature by three-fifths vote to spend highway tax money on nonhighway uses, prompted criticism from a former highway commissioner, Stanley Haivorson of Kailuspell.

"We don't want highway user taxes diverted from highway uses," he said, adding that the highway department is not aloof from the legislature as some claim.

That drew criticism from delegate Fred Martin of Livings-ton, who criticized highway offi-

cial for ignoring invitations to talk to delegates.

"I think it is time for that commission and that department to realize they are subject to some controls," Martin said.

Debt Limits

Other discussion centered on removal of debt limits, a step the convention took because it felt the present limits are unrealistic and are circumvented anyway.

About 35 delegates returned for the seminar, which at times took on some of the aspects of a class reunion.

But ironically, the convention's inability to spend its money on voter education forced it to get special permission to use the House or Representatives Chamber for the conference — the same chamber which it used for 54 days during the convention.

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Survivors are the widow and six sons, all of Helena; Raymond, Charles, Tim, Dennis, Delmar and Curtis. Two sisters also survive: Edora Jones, Milwaukee and Lois Anderson, Boise.

Memorial services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Hagler Chapel with the Rev. H. W. Luebeck officiating.

\$1,000 Bonuses Awarded To 2 Surviving Miners

KELLOGG, Idaho (AP) — It was a \$1,000 week for Ron Flory and Tom Wilkinson. But their agony and uncertainty cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

Flory, 28, and Wilkinson, 29, spent the seven days beginning May 2 crouched down in the Sunshine Silver Mine shafts, 4,800 feet below the surface, tapping water from pipes and eating from the lunch buckets of their fellow workers who died.

"I am not a praying man," said Flory, "but I prayed a lot down there."

There were 201 men on duty

"I was kind of delirious and they put me down on the drill ground, kept talking to me and telling me I was all right and I was in good air. My partner (Flory) went back out and told them there was good air and to get back there. Ron stayed and Dick (unidentified) said he would get the others back to us. "Dick went out there and he never came back. Ron said 'I'm gonna find out what's wrong and he started walking out. He came back and says, 'They're laying all over' so I jumped on the motor, and I says 'Let's go' and we went

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Legislature Gains In New Constitution

INDEPENDENT RECORD State Bureau

Montana's legislature would be restored to its "rightful stature" with the passage of the proposed constitution, one of Montana's leading constitutional historians said Saturday.

Marge Brown of Missoula, a member of the Constitutional Convention Commission and its predecessor, the Constitution Revision Commission, praised the document during a speech before convention delegates and present and prospective state legislators.

"I find the basic and long-held hopes for a better fundamental law for the state and local government in Montana more than well fulfilled by the proposed Montana Constitution

3 Killed In Whitefish

WHITEFISH (AP) — A Flathead County sheriff's spokesman said three persons were killed Saturday evening in a shooting incident in Whitefish.

The spokesman said the sheriff and coroner have been called to the scene and added little information was immediately known.

Identity of the victims was yet to be revealed.

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of 1972," Mrs. Brown said. "I believe it merits the state's approval June 6."

Mrs. Brown, who wrote a doctoral thesis on Montana's previous experience with writing constitutions, added she thinks the 1972 effort outlines improved machinery for government and enlarged rights.

Standing Ovation

In tracing Montana's constitutional history, she focused on the legislature and drew an emotional standing ovation when she finished.

"Gone is much of the peripheral — unnecessary verbiage and many of the 19th century proscriptions of state government's ability to move in response to public needs," she said of the new proposal.

"Central is the long-delayed legislative reprieve and restoration of the legislature's rightful stature in a society that functions freely," she said.

Mrs. Brown said the territorial legislative experience of an unshackled legislature which "performed its work well" was virtually ignored when the state's 1884 and 1889 constitutions were written. Those documents had their origins in Pennsylvania and Illinois and reflected an unusual distrust of the legislature.

She also said during the luncheon speech that while Montana's earlier constitutions did debate some issues fully, they often borrowed provisions because attaining statehood was the prime goal of the constitution.

"A vote for the constitution was a vote for statehood; a no vote consequently was hard to cast," she said. However, she added that then, as now, there was opposition.

Two Killed On Highway

nesses with 60 or fewer employ-
es.

It then concentrated its 3,000 Internal Revenue Service agents on bigger fish, many of which now face audits of their profit margins for the first time.

Officials now say they can't estimate how much of the average man's dollar goes for items exempt from controls. The theory is that controlling the big guys will keep down prices of the little fellows with whom they compete.

Time will tell.

Meanwhile, plenty of problems remain.

Unions are looking for ways to beat controls by pushing pay gains to the rear of new contracts, hoping controls will be lifted before they're reviewed. But the board is moving to head off such dodges.

Food prices, which enraged

licated for easy understand-
ing, and may simplify them in coming months.

It's also found that one of its pet rules, requiring retailers to post price lists, isn't of much use to customers. That rule may be changed, too.

Will controls help the nation meet Nixon's goal of a 2-3 per cent inflation rate in the last three months of 1972?

Most private economists put it higher than that, and so do the Price Commission's own staff forecasts. Some say inflation would have improved even without controls.

Still, administration spokesmen stick to the line that there's no proof they won't make it, which is true enough.

Anyway the President can't be proved wrong until well after the election, and for now the trend is at least in the right direction.

Gov. Rockefeller Upholds Abortion

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller vetoed a bill to repeal the state's liberal abortion law Saturday.

"I do not believe it right for one group to impose its vision of morality on an entire society," Rockefeller said, referring to right-to-life groups, Roman Catholic clergymen and others who had urged repeal of the law.

Rockefeller's action keeps in effect the two-year-old law which allows abortions on demand within the first 24 weeks of pregnancy. The repeal bill

Store Fire Kills 118

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — Fire damaged a seven-story department store in Osaka Saturday, and police said 118 persons were confirmed killed in the blaze.

would have prohibited all abortions except when the mother's life was endangered.

Approval of the repeal bill last week by the legislature climaxed an intensive lobbying campaign, primarily by housewives and clergymen who opposed the present law and women's rights groups who said it should stand.

Rockefeller had told the legislature he would veto the bill.

"I fully respect the moral convictions of both sides in this painfully sensitive controversy," the governor said in his veto message.

"The truth is that this repeal would not end abortions," he added. "It would only end abortions under safe and supervised medical conditions."

"The truth is that a safe abortion would remain the optional choice of the well-to-do woman, while the poor would again be seeking abortions at a grave risk to life in backroom abortion mills."

"The truth is that, under the present law, no woman is compelled to undergo an abortion."

No Room for Maybe, Baby

Constitution Selathon Causes Delegate Riff

By LEE JAMES
Associated Press Writer

Constitutional Convention President Lee Graybill Jr. clashed with members of a committee promoting the proposed constitution Friday over the committee's advertising campaign plans.

At the weekly meeting of the Citizens for Constitutional Improvement, Graybill rebelled at a decision to cut a planned two-hour telethon from two hours to one hour to make room for additional 30-second commercials.

"You have made a serious error in changing from a person-to-person approach to hard sell," he said.

"If you hold the same image as the opposition's hard-sell, you'll be dead on June 6," he predicted.

The state's voters will decide whether they want the new constitution at the June 6 primary.

Jean Bowman Billings, said she felt the campaign would benefit more with the 21 spot commercials.

Two Hours, Too Long

Some of the committee members felt the telethon, if kept at two hours, would be too long to keep the attention of viewers.

The telethon would have a panel of Constitutional Convention delegates answering telephoned questions from viewers on various issues involved in the document.

"When you cut the public participation out of this cam-

paign, you also cut the heart out of it," Graybill insisted.

As the committee members met, two paid 30-second commercials and one public service announcement were auditioned on a local Helena television station. They were well received by the committee.

Graybill told the committee members they have to set a promotional campaign and stick by it. He said the weekly juggling of the committee's \$26,000 budget would hamper the campaign.

The committee, formed after the Montana Supreme Court ruled the convention a residual Voter Education Committee could not spend public funds for promotional purposes, has raised \$9,040 in its independent effort to match an adjusted \$25,000 budget.

Committee chairman John Toole of Missoula said he was "pretty sure" queries posted by the committee would get as much as \$25,000 for the campaign.

Graybill pointed out the two-hour telethon would cost \$4,800 involving a total of 10 hours when aired by five stations, while the \$10 1/2 seconds in spot commercials costs \$5,000.

Daphne Bugbee, Missoula, said she wasn't sure there is "a single one of us who could do a good job on the telethon."

"We were good at writing a constitution, but we're amateurs on TV," she said, adding, "We are always put in a posi-

tion of having to defend the constitution."

The committee voted 7-5 to go with the one-hour telethon and 21 spot commercials and go two hours on the telethon only if "funds are available."

Harry Billings, director of education and inter-group relations for the AFL-CIO, a new member of the committee, told the members what the union would be doing in backing up its endorsement of the constitution.

He said the union would conduct a "get out the vote" campaign among its members, providing babysitter help and rides to the polls to insure a good turnout on June 6.

Dale Harris, former director of the Constitutional Convention, suggested that the committee should involve the civic leaders in various Montana cities, discussing with them on what to do to win the election.

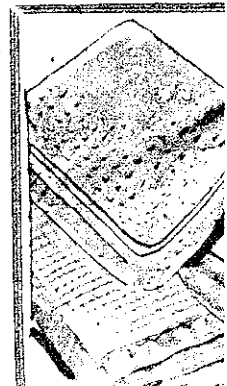
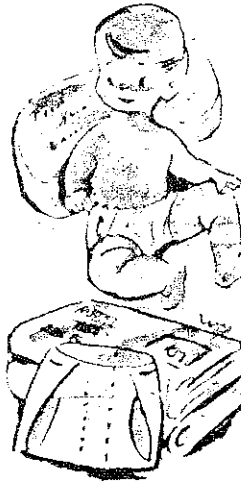
"We want to get other people besides delegates involved in the campaign," he said.

Betty Babcock, Helena, ended the spirited debate when she urged the delegates: "We have to start drawing together—Democrats, Republicans and Independents—so we can get the constitution passed."

She pointed out that 25 days remain before Montana voters will decide the issue at the polls.

The executive committee was authorized to finalize the promotional campaign.

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Planning for His Next Trip

Presidents Do Make Mistakes

Return the Books

The Montana Library Association had its annual convention here this weekend, so this might be an appropriate time to discuss one of the biggest problems libraries and librarians have.

And it ought to concern the taxpayers, too, because it costs them plenty.

It's the failure to return books and other materials to the libraries — some of it deliberate, no doubt, but most of it probably due to inadvertence, carelessness, forgetfulness.

A conservative estimate is that 10 per cent of the budget of the average library goes for replacing books that patrons have failed to return. And the cost is getting worse. The price of books has gone up 47 per cent in the last 10 years and is still climbing.

You can help ease this problem by searching through your bookshelves at home to see if any of the volumes therein belong to the school or public library. And if so, return them.

The librarians will thank you, and you may thank yourself, too — at tax time.

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But, we would like to remind our readers from now on we expect them to adhere to the 300 word limit. The political campaign, controversy regarding the proposed constitution and the school bond election will no doubt increase the volume of letters to the editor.

If we feel that a letter which exceeds our word limit is worthy of publication we will print it as a guest column; however it probably will not appear as promptly as a shorter letter. Letters which exceed our limit and are not deemed column material will be returned to the author for editing.

Those letters which are typed and double spaced will receive priority over those which are handwritten.

Series Starts

Independent Record State Bureau reporter Dennis Curran has written a series of 21 stories on the proposed constitution which will go to the voters June 6.

The press has been accused of blindly endorsing the new document. We hope that Curran's series of articles will inform the public as to the pros and cons of the constitution, particularly as regards the more controversial sections and articles.

Unsigned Letters

While we're on the subject of letters to the editor, now is prob-

ably an appropriate time to state our policy regarding unsigned letters.

It is tragic that in a free society employees of state agencies are forced to refrain from writing letters to the editor because they fear discipline or loss of their jobs if their minds — particularly in the field of politics and financial projects.

We will not publish unsigned letters. If the author requests his name not be used, we will print the letter without his name — but we must know the name and we feel that the writer should be used without his name unless we have permission.

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More and more campaign public office are releasing financial statements, some of them are this trend.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Tom Selstad is gratulated for the first statement which he released last week.

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Controversy Is Brewing

By CLARK MOLLENHOFF

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Helena, Montana, Sunday, May 14, 1972

Briefs

A special musical program featuring the fifth and sixth grade band and orchestra students will be presented at the Jefferson PTA meeting, set for 7:30 p.m. Monday in the school auditorium. Elmer Hausken, a member of the school board, will also speak on the building program in the district.

Survivors of Wayne Fritsch, 23, of Anaconda, killed near Hamilton Saturday in an automobile accident, include a sister, Sandra Prodergast, 54, Spencer.

Sunshine Home Extension Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Jim Hatcher, Canyon Parkway at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Members are asked to bring something for pot luck lunch.

The Lewis and Clark Diabetic Club will meet Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Community Action Center, 1421 N. Roberts Dr. Vincent Ardicucci will be the speaker.

25 Year Club will meet Wednesday, May 17, 8 p.m. in the Old Eagles Hall. Hostesses will be Sylvia Swanson and Florence Alhey.

A mother cat with four 8-week-old kittens are available for adoption at the Helena Animal Shelter. All have had distemper shots. Also looking for a home is a male German Shepherd about 10 months old.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. "Bud" Iwen and family, 1109 Sixth, have returned from Wolf Point and funeral of Iwen's father, Austin J. Iwen, 75.

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Business Land Taxes

By DANIEL J. FOLEY
IR State Bureau

The timberland and lumber mill which the Anaconda Co. sold this past week for \$117 million is on the tax assessment rolls of 10 western Montana counties at only \$97 million.

The low assessment means the loss of hundreds of thousands of tax dollars each year to Missoula, Sanders, Flathead, Powell, Mineral, Lincoln, Granite, Lewis and Clark, Lake and Ravalli counties.

The wide discrepancy between market and assessed value of the former Anaconda timberlands is almost a classic illustration of what is becoming a nationwide controversy: the different tax treatment afforded

big business and large landholders compared to residential homeowners.

Montana has had a law on the books since 1931 which provides that "all taxable property must be assessed at its full cash value."

But subsequent legislative enactments, tax agency policies and court decisions have rendered the law virtually meaningless in part, that may be a reflection of the political clout of such large owners of timber as the Anaconda Co. and Burlington Northern and its predecessor railroads and of the agriculture industry in general.

Reappraisal Here

The State Board of Equaliza-

tion has directed counties to assess residential homes, and most other property, at 40 per cent of market value. (That goal is not always achieved, as was recently demonstrated in Crows and Clark County, where a board study showed assessed value at about 28 per cent of market value. The board requested that the county bring its assessments in line with the 40 per cent standard.)

But, in contrast to either the 40 or 28 per cent figure, the 670,500 acres of timberland which Anaconda sold to U.S. Plywood-Champion Papers Inc. is on the tax rolls at an assessed value of less than 5 per cent of market value.

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Chamber Takes No Position On Proposed Constitution

GREAT FALLS (AP) — Faced with a division among its membership, the Montana Chamber of Commerce board of directors voted Saturday to

Cardiac Care Meeting Theme

The Montana Heart Association's eighth annual conference on cardiac nursing for licensed practical nurses will be held May 17 at the Rainbow Hotel in Great Falls.

Theme for this year's conference is "Congestive Heart Failure."

Principal speakers will be F. John Allaire, M.D. on pathologic physiology of heart failure and Robert M. Addison, M.D. on physical findings of heart failure. Both doctors are from Great Falls.

A noon luncheon will be held at the Rainbow Hotel at which

take no position on the proposed new constitution.

The chamber board met Friday and Saturday and heard arguments pro and con on the new document.

In a board meeting chaired by Chamber President Lyle Leeds of Havre, the group adopted a policy statement urging "all citizens to study carefully and give thoughtful consideration to all provisions of the constitution and then vote June 6 in such a manner as to reflect their own best interests and the long-range good of Montana."

A chamber spokesman said the board spent a long morning session reviewing the report of a special task force that studied the new constitution.

The chamber spokesman reported the group liked the local government section of the new document but expressed con-

cern about the antidiversion amendment. The antidiversion amendment in the present constitution precludes spending money earmarked for highway projects.

The proposed constitution would allow diversion of such money after a three-fifths vote of each house of the legislature approved spending highway-related money on other purposes.

The task force committee report came from Missoula lawyer-legislator Robert Dye S. Keith Anderson, executive secretary of the Montana Taxpayers Association, and Anaconda Co. lobbyist Lloyd Crippen of Butte.

Three new directors were added to the chamber board. They include Miles City newspaper editor Paul Husted, Peter White of Two Dot and Frank Switzer of Billings.

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