

A TIMELY GUEST EDITORIAL

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NEW YORK TIMES BREACHES SECURITY

Exposure Of Secret Hurts Nation

There is no justifying the action of the New York Times in publishing massive excerpts of a top secret report which traced our involvement in the Indochina war — particularly when the newspaper was told categorically by the Administration that its actions would damage the United States of America.

However, the real issue goes deeper than misbehavior on the part of a newspaper. It goes deeper than the obviously timed release of something damaging to our government on the eve of an important Senate vote on curtailment of support for our program in Vietnam.

The greater fact is, highly sensitive documents have been stolen; documents that appraise candidly the long road of our involvement in Indochina. They talk of our most private national plans, our secret strategies and decisions; they disclose what we knew and believed about our enemies. They shine a bright light on the inner most thinking processes of five administrations.

In short, they are documents for which our enemies would pay a king's ransom — and they are getting them for nothing.

Furthermore, it is pure sophistry to say that it is all right, in this case, to violate the espionage laws because the people deserve to know.

Of course they do; that is the very essence of our system. But none of us — no sober American — can have any wish to see our country's secrets bared to the benefit of our enemies. Certainly today, when the lives of hundreds of war prisoners hang in the balance, is a time to avoid any act, however small, that would compromise those helpless men.

The American people would now do well to pass quickly over the unsubstantial cries of legislators who deplore the secrecy of the 40-volume analysis as though they were not aware of its potential damage if released prematurely. Their complaints are obviously political.

Of more immediate significance is the fact that someone has broken the law openly and flagrantly and aided by a newspaper, has gravely injured his country.

No better service can be performed by an aroused public than to demand that the offenders, all of them — whoever they may be — be brought to justice.

We still are a nation of laws, and nobody is above them.

We read the above Editorial last week while attending the National R.O.A. Convention in San Diego, California and thought that it "hit the nail right on the head."

Developments in the past week concluding with the Senate vote last night emphasize the political motive all the more.

And, with several more left-wing Newspapers using the same material, it makes us wonder if perhaps that isn't a deliberate, well co-ordinated move to undermine our entire National Security.



50 YEARS AGO

June 3, 1921

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Howard Slade, 44, of Albany, former resident of Whitesville, died at his home in that city this week. His wife and a son survive. Interment was in Whitesville.

Miss Monica Forham, sister of Mrs. Edward Horan, died Saturday, May 22th at the family home in Whitesville.

Mr and Mrs. T. Joseph Lynch, are the parents of a daughter, born Friday, May 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wahl are parents of a son, Gerald Ayers, born last Saturday.

Mrs. Wallace Briggs and Wilma of Independence are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell of Waverly.

Messrs. M. A. and E. R. Crandall of Independence are attending the National Holstein Meeting in Syracuse this week.

Carroll L. Tucker is spending a few days home from Rochester Business Institute.

Mrs. Dell Rogers of Nile is passing the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. W. Stratton.

Thomas McTighe of Central Station, N. Y. is visiting Andover relatives and friends this week.

Frank Gray was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Lily Patterson of Hammondsport over the week-end.

Mrs. Jesse Hunt left Monday for a visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunt of Washington, D. C.

Martin Hoyer has gone to Canton to visit with his family for a few days.

Miss Kathryn Doran of Canisteo is spending a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Eliza Doran.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Johnson and daughter, Helen, enjoyed a motor trip to Corning, Elmira and Ithaca over the week-end.

Miss Esther Baker and friend, Miss Remington of Silver Springs, were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker.

Misses Clara and Alice Nobles were guests Sunday and Monday at the home of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blackman at Arcade.

Mrs. Etta Monte of Haverstraw, N. J. is spending the week guest of friends in Andover.

40 YEARS AGO

May 29, 1931

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mrs. Frank Davis was pleasantly surprised Saturday when a party of relatives brought a bountiful dinner and helped her enjoy her birthday.

Miss Potter and Miss Halbert of Whitesville were guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Clarke of Independence.

Miss Helen Clarke of Whitesville spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Charles Clarke of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood of Henrietta are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nye of Independence.

Edward Padden has rented the Mike Hyland farm. Mr. Hyland and family have moved into the Cocoman house which he recently purchased.

Mrs. Ada Atherton of Adrain has been engaged to teach school in District No. 7 the coming year.

Jay Bunt spent the week-end in Canisteo at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Clarkson.

Mrs. William Lang returned home Friday from a week's visit with relatives in Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Byron Ruger and son, Robert of Hornell, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ruger.

Mrs. David Slocum spent Monday and Tuesday with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bohne of Wellsville.

Horace Monroe of Conesus is visiting his brother, Ransom Monroe and other relatives.

June 5, 1931

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Mead are parents of a daughter, born Tuesday, June 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pease, Jr., moved their household goods Tues-



by Alex Rankin

The big showdown in state government comes on June 16.

That is the date on which the State Civil Service Employees Association promised to walk off the job, to strike, unless the State Legislature did something about restoring the more than 8,000 state employees fired as a result of the budget trimming performed by the Legislature.

At this point, it is fairly obvious that beyond some lip service — the Assembly appointed a commission to study the manner in which state employees were fired — the Legislature is not going to restore the money in the budget to rehire the fired employees.

For public consumption, CSEA announced they had taken a strike vote and found overwhelming support for a strike.

Privately, the CSEA leadership was really interested in what workers in the state's Department of Audit and Control would do. That department is crucial to the success of any strike. They send out the paychecks, approve the contracts of millions of dollars of construction and purchases and send out the state aid checks to state government. Empty that department of workers and state government comes to a halt, fast. Audit and Control employees voted to strike.

Will state government actually grind to a halt on June 17? Probably not.

Court actions, things like injunctions, will probably prevent an actual massive walkout. It is more likely that there will be token walkouts, just enough employees to show CSEA is serious, to lend credence to the urgency of the situation and most importantly, to keep CSEA's own tough-line image intact with its own membership.

As this is written, the state legis-

day to their farm home on Greenwood Hill.

Davis Hill school closed Tuesday with the usual picnic which was attended by the parents and friends of the pupils. Miss Clark will teach the Davis Hill school again for the eighth year.

Mrs. A. W. Whitford of Pittsford, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Maude Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith and family of Olean visited relatives in Andover from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Orvis accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Crosby to Addison Sunday where they are spending the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Williams returned home Monday from a visit with relatives at Buffalo and Rochester. Miss Louise Burdick of Rochester, returned with them for a visit.

Miss Margaret Dougherty is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. H. Griswold at Hornell.

Mrs. M. T. Garvin and son, Robert of Pittsburgh, Pa., are visiting Andover relatives for a few days.

30 YEARS AGO

May 29, 1941

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Jesse G. Slocum, 59, died at his home in Andover Monday, May 26. His wife, a daughter, his father and a sister survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Miss Elizabeth Bassett of New York City daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett of Andover, and Gust Charles Hoff of Buffalo, were united in marriage May 29th.

A 6 P. M. tureen supper and Lawn Party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church Thursday in honor of the 88th birthday of Henry Horan.

Mrs. Francis Casey arrived Friday from Tulsa, Okla., to spend some time with her mother, Mrs. Clara McGinnis at the Levi Leonard home in Elm Valley.

Mrs. Milford Bassett of Independence was called to Niagara Falls by the illness of her sister, Miss Helen Langworthy.

lature is still struggling for adjournment for the year — and still hung up over a tax hike package for New York City residents.

One good piece of news for taxpayers: The supplemental budget this year is the lowest in seven years, \$23.6 million, and contains a major item for towns with population of 125,000 or less.

The supplemental contains \$9 million to implement a bill passed last year having the state pick up the cost above \$125 of installing sewer laterals and mains. The law is retroactive to include home owners who have already installed laterals and towns which have installed mains.

The legislature also took action on the controversial Sunday blue law issue, sending a bill which allows a local option on what may be sold on Sunday in counties, a permissive referendum.

The bill allows the Sunday operation of coin-operated laundry and car washes, the sale of food and foodstuffs, pet food, soap, non-alcoholic beverages, candy, tobacco, flowers, items for emergency repairs to autos, and film, among other things.

While the issue of repealing last year's abortion reform law is dead for this session — its prime supporter, Senator Donovan of Chadwicks said he didn't have the votes but would bring it up again next year — the legislature did pass a package of bills clamping down on abortion procedures.

One outlaws profit-making abortion referral services. Another prohibits fee-splitting and discounting by hospitals and the third bill protects the confidentiality of records.

The supplemental also contains the \$300 million from the yet to be approved mass transportation bond issue to balance this year's state budget.

Mrs. G. W. Barrett and daughter, Miss Edna, passed the week-end in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hann returned Thursday from Salem, Va., where they have passed some time.

Mrs. Lottie Richardson has returned from Lockport, where she passed two weeks with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett.

Mrs. W. J. Alderson and son, Paul, of Bath, returned Tuesday from Lakewood, Ohio, where they were called by the death of Mrs. Alderson's sister-in-law, Mrs. J. M. Skaehill.

Frank Austin and children of Bloomington, Calif., passed the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick of Railroad Valley.

William L. Grossman has left for Tulsa, Okla, where he has secured a position. Mrs. Grossman will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker for a month before going to her new home.

James Leslie and Mr. and Mrs. James Carline and son, James of Troy, N. Y., passed the week-end at the home of their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Mickle.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowles Whiting were guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Waight of Jasper.

Mrs. J. Harvey Backus returned Thursday from a visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Backus of Indianapolis, Ind., where she accompanied them to Wessington Springs, South Dakota, for a week's visit at the home of Mrs. George Backus.

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