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A MEXICAN CUSTOM

Charles V. Stanton

Two Roseburg girls who recently made a trip into Mexico tell of their experiences with a Mexican motoring custom. The girls are Sonia Lander and Juanita Roscher who were members of a large party of young people gathered from all parts of the U. S. for a guided tour of missionary work in Mexico.

Part of their trip was made in buses operated by native drivers. As the girls relate their experience as passengers in these vehicles, traveling over what were roads in name only, we can sympathize with their anxiety.

At sites of serious automobile accidents in Mexico, the girls report, the Church has erected shrines, topped by a Cross. Motorists stop at these shrines, drop in a coin, and pray for divine protection.

It would seem that this practice should be most effective in promoting safe driving. The girls report, however, it has exactly the opposite effect.

Having assured himself of protection from the Holy Mother, the driver of the tour bus confidently proceeded on his way with utter disregard for all safety rules. The Roseburg girls, having had less faith than their driver, admit to apprehension as he passed on curves, cut corners, ignored the brake on steep inclines and took tortuous turns at high speed.

Oregon Plan Different

Inasmuch as the Roseburg girls made the trip safely and returned home with about 300 slide pictures to illustrate the story of their interesting trip, we can't deny the possibility of divine protection for the Mexican native driver. We have great faith in the efficacy of prayer. But the American driver who, without the benefit of intercession, leans on the arms of Providence as he squirms his way through congested traffic, has nothing but sheer fool's luck to thank if he avoids accident.

Secretary of State Earl Newbry and his Traffic Safety Department now propose a far different plan than is used in Mexico. It is the determination of the Secretary of State that the motorist who won't drive safely can't drive on Oregon's highways.

While in our opinion it behooves every driver to precede his exposure on perilous highways with a prayer for divine protection, we believe a little assistance from the arm of law is to be sincerely welcomed.

Although our St. Christopher medal goes with us on our trips, we don't want to overwork the Good Saint pulling us out of scrapes of our own making. And we're delighted to have a uniformed minion of the law assigned to the job of picking up drivers who endanger the lives of everyone.

Responsibility Demanded

The new plan for promoting safety on Oregon highways places the responsibility squarely on the individual driver. The driver who doesn't measure up to this responsibility and who, through incompetent operation, causes an accident in which people are killed or injured, is to have his license to drive suspended, at least temporarily and, perhaps, permanently. Then, if he attempts to drive without a license, the new program calls for an automatic jail sentence, providing the courts follow the request made by the Secretary of State.

If in this country we erected crosses at the scene of all fatal auto accidents and collected money at shrines, the money concession would go a long way toward paying off our national debt and markers would outnumber billboards. The new get-tough policy outlined for Oregon, we believe, may not produce revenue, but it will make a tremendous saving of both lives and property.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Speaking of fashions, why don't American women go into purdah?

The term purdah in Moslem countries means a curtain, screen or cloak that hides women from public observation.

Isn't it about time that we adopted this fine old Mohammedan tradition under which no woman appears on the street except wearing a kind of headscarf that covers her completely except for two holes for her eyes?

Personally, I believe it would be a fine thing, at least for a year or two. It would give both men and women a rest from the nervous wear and tear of changing feminine styles.

It's getting lately so that we have more crises in the world of fashion than we do in international diplomacy. The length of women's dresses has changed so often a girl doesn't know whether to put on a skirt or a window blind. And women's hair-dos have achieved a final imbecility in "the idiot look" which makes a girl appear as if her hair had been gnawed off by a seasick otter.

This year Christian Dior has raised a new clamor with his decision that big girls are only little boys at heart, after all, and therefore should have a boyish silhouette.

A great pawp went up that this would mean a de-emphasis of the bosom line, as if this spelled tragedy. But is there anything in America actually more needed today than a de-emphasis of the feminine bosom?

Since the sweater girl bloomed out a decade or so ago, there has grown up a cult of the bosom in this country that is as ridiculous as it is unhealthy. The bosom is getting to be regarded as a typical American product—like baseball, the hot dog, and the ice cream cone, and mom's bluetery pie. So much interest has been focused on the feminine bosom that soon the Russians will claim they invented it.

A man never was too sure of what he was getting when he married, but today he is double un-

"I Could 'ave Sworn the Bloke Smiled"



Reader Opinions

Mrs. Elliott Expresses Thanks For Remembrance

ROSEBURG — Never before have I realized how much cards to the sick mean to the one who is ill. Particularly pleasing are the cards with little notes on them. During my illness I have received hundreds of cards and banknotes. I want to thank everyone of the friends who remembered me. I can't begin to say how much I thank them. I am extremely grateful to all who gave blood. It was a legitimate plea. My operation would have had to be postponed if the folks in Roseburg hadn't come through. It's hard to find words to express thanks for such friendship.

OLIVE ELLIOTT
Roseburg, Ore.

In The Day's News

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much faith in United Nations, but the same rule holds good there. Instead of picking up our boys like a spoiled child and going home, we'd better maintain an outpost in U.N. to keep us informed as to what is going on.

If we STAY STRONG, mind our own business, and try to play Lady Bountiful to the rest of the world but give help to those who want it, need it and are willing to work for their own salvation, we stand a good chance to come out all right in the end.

Teddy Roosevelt's rule is still a good one: "Speak softly and carry a big stick." Let's not fly off the handle.

Personally, I have a strong conviction that if we can manage to live in the same world with communism without letting a war of extermination get started, communism will FALL EVENTUALLY OF ITS OWN FOULNESS.

That is— We stay strong enough to protect what is ours.

One more word on Ike: He wins his farm bill battle decisively in the senate, where the final vote was 82 for it and only 28 against it (for one reason or another six senators didn't vote).

Of this result, he said at his news conference: "It should be viewed AS A STEP TOWARD A STABLE ECONOMY AND NOT AS A POLITICAL VICTORY."

That's the right spirit.

On the Chicago Board of Trade grain prices SPURTED HIGHER in early trading. Hog prices were higher, cattle and slaughter lambs steady to higher and New York wholesale meats steady to higher.

How come? The teletype offers a word of explanation: "A drought-reduced corn crop estimated by the department of agriculture was largely responsible for soaring prices on all major commodities. . . . May corn opened eight cents higher than the previous close, the limit permitted in any one day. . . . Soybean contracts jumped ten cents, the permissible limit."

Here's a disturbing thought: SEVERAL YEARS OF DROUGHT COULD CURE THE FARM SURPLUS SICKNESS.

But it would be a rugged remedy.

Fortunately, the choice isn't ours to make.

If it were, some sap would say LET'S PASS A LAW AND HAVE A DROUGHT.

That would lead to more trouble.

Peter Edson

By DOUGLAS LARSEN
NA Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) — Eager as the Republican National Committee is to pass out federal jobs to loyal party workers, it had to agree to pass one out to a Democrat the other day.

No GOP politicians back home can squawk, however, because they all had a crack at filling it but failed to come up with a qualified taker.

This surprising personnel problem originated with the Supreme Court through Associated Justice Felix Frankfurter.

Justice Frankfurter is a member of the National Historical Publications Commission which passed on the printing of historical documents at public expense.

For several years he has been needing the commission to approve the preparation of the full transcript of the first session of Congress held in 1789. It's the only transcript of a session which is missing.

THERE'S A PUBLISHED "Official Journal" which does not contain the record of any debate. And a free-lance stenographer who covered the meeting, Thomas A. Lloyd, printed and sold brief portions of the verbatim record. He took the remarks and debate down in a shorthand system which he invented.

But the full text of Lloyd's shorthand notes, in two volumes in the possession of the Library of Congress, had never been transcribed.

It's this job which Frankfurter finally got the NHPCC to approve, to be done under the auspices of the National Archives.

This is when the Republican National Committee got into the act. The archives operate under General Services Administration and GSA, through proper channels, notified the committee that a person was needed for this chore.

THE COMMITTEE'S DELIGHT at latching on to this unique bit of patronage—\$6000 for a year's work—turned to chagrin after a couple of months when it was discovered that no good Republican was either able to transcribe Mr. Lloyd's notes, or interested in trying.

Finally someone from the committee called archives with the statement: "Find your own stenographer for the job, even if it's a Democrat."

With this green light Dr. Philip M. Hamer, director of the NHPCC, set out to recruit someone. Probably because Dr. Hamer travels in different circles than most Republican politicians he got on the trail of a Mrs. Marion R. Tilling who was an editorial assistant for the California State Dept. of Education.

Mrs. Tilling had made herself the only living expert on the Lloyd system by locating a copy of a textbook which he had written in it, in the New York Public Library.

WHEN DR. HAMER CONTACTED her about the opening she

Two Drivers Penalized Under New Campaign

SALEM — Two automobile drivers already have been penalized under Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry's new campaign to reduce traffic accidents.

One driver had his license suspended after his car hit another, killing the driver of the second car. The straggler got out of the wreck with a headache and didn't stop for a stop sign.

Another driver, who had a record of 30 traffic violations and 16 accidents, and who had his license suspended three times, was found by state police to be driving while his license was suspended, and using the license of another person.

He was sentenced to 90 days in jail and fined \$175.

jumped at the chance. She got a year's leave of absence from her other job and is in Iowa now, ready to go.

She admits she was a little dismayed when she first saw the two documents she will be working on for the next year. "His writing is so small," she says, "and I've kind of forgotten parts of the system."

Mrs. Tilling is middle-aged and looks like a schoolteacher. She's completely unabashed about being a Democrat in a Republican administration.

"Maybe I shouldn't even admit it," she says, "but that's my party."

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

RAYMOND MOLEY FINDS CRUEL EPITHET FOR MORSE

Eugene Register-Guard

Ajax McGurk always says: "Leave it to the P. D.'s to figure out the refinements of cruelty."

Oregon's junior Senator Wayne L. Morse has had a great many mean things said about him but it has remained for Raymond Moley, once an FDR brain-truster and long-time college prof, to give our Wayne the nastiest dig yet. In his syndicated "colym" Moley calls Morse a PANSOPHIST!

Moley has gone through the Congressional Record and has discovered that between May 24 and July 2 the Oregon Senator spoke on no less than 49 different subjects, ranging all the way from Basque shepherders, universal copyrights, and atomic energy, to McCarthy, wire tapping, and Texas hill country. Moley remarks:

"My space here does not allow a complete listing of the Morse anthology of learning because said space is paid for by customers, not taxpayers."

And thus he sustains his conclusion:

"Some of his colleagues no doubt regard him as a plain nuisance; others as a dangerous radical, and still others as a useful gadfly. There must be some, however, who have come to appreciate that they are privileged to sit in the same assembly and to share the same air-conditioned atmosphere with a revival of that parody of ancient and medieval times, the pansophist."

As far back as the 5th century B.C. Plato and Aristophanes were using the term "sophist" as a term of contempt for those teachers of rhetoric and philosophy who "could make the worse appear the better reason." The sophists' system was despised because they collected fees from their students which "no gentleman" of the times would do. But the pansophist to whom Moley refers did not come along until about the 16th century A.D. when the scholar Comenius proposed a system for universal knowledge or for pretense thereto.

Moley marvels at the size and variety of the Oregon Senator's output, although it is explainable in part by the fact that Congress is pretty generous to itself and allows a Senator about 60,000 bucks a year for secretarial and research help. This is not an unimpressive blessing. A few years ago Morse made a very long speech on reclamation and irrigation "to help Durbin" (who needed no help) ever in Bend. That demon for facts and granddaddy of reclamation, Bob Sawyer, dissected the Morse oration, paragraph by paragraph, and sentence by sentence, pointing out factual errors. It isn't safe to be a pansophist even with a lot of helpers.

Out here in Oregon we don't use such big words, but a lot of people have been saying for a long time simply that Wayne talks too much.

Wiley Wouldn't Withdraw From United Nations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Wiley (R-Wis.) told the Senate Wednesday that if the United States pulled out of the United Nations "we would probably precipitate a third world war."

Wiley, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he had read in the newspapers that retired Gen. Mark Clark advocated withdrawal from the U. N.

Clark testified before the Senate internal security subcommittee Tuesday that he favored breaking diplomatic relations with Russia and organizing the U. N. "against the Soviet Union."

"I haven't had much respect for the United Nations, the four star general said.

Commenting on that, Wiley told the Senate:

"I suggest that he (Clark) read what the U. N. has accomplished. I suppose the ten commandments have not accomplished what they were supposed to accomplish.

However, the ten commandments, when they are utilized by people of good spirit, who live according to the spirit, prove to be very valuable.

"The trouble is not with the mechanism. The trouble is with those who attempt to operate the mechanism."

Clark, now president of The Citadel, South Carolina military college, was critical of American policies in relation to the Soviets.

in World War II and postwar years.

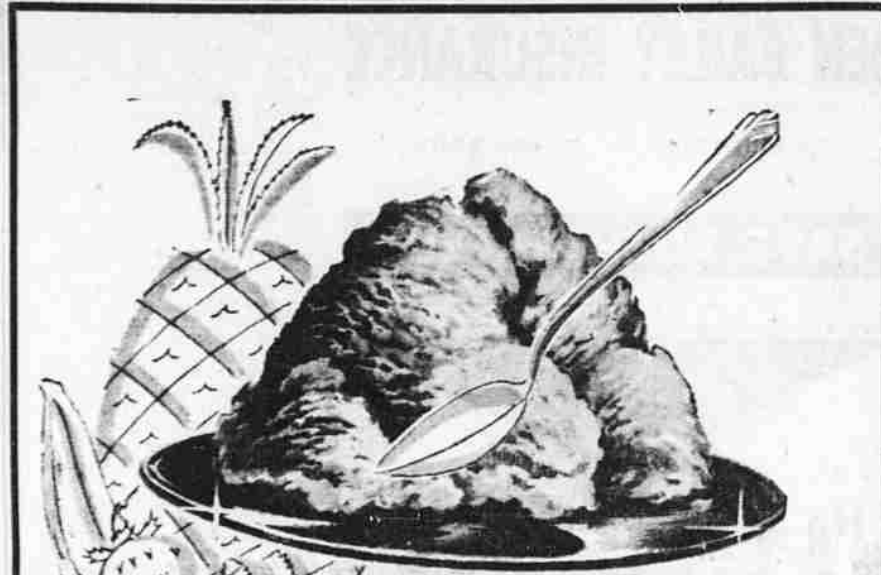
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