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BAD DRIVING IS COSTLY

By Chuck Grell

The burden of bad driving on the economy of the country is pointed up locally by statistics prepared by Charles F. Bollinger of Portland.

In an abstract of traffic accidents which occurred in Oregon in April, Bollinger points out that the 62 mishaps which occurred on Douglas County highways represented an economic loss of \$73,190.

He breaks down the loss into three categories: Deaths, non-fatal injuries and property damage. The losses were computed from national averages of loss in each category.

During April, one death occurred. Bollinger, reading from the national averages, set the worth of that man's life down at \$25,800.

Twenty-seven persons were injured. Nationally, the loss in wages, medical expense, etc., in each injury is figured at \$1,250 per person, adding \$33,750 to the Douglas County loss.

In computing property damages, it is assumed that two or more cars are involved in most accidents, but consideration also is given to damages resulting from one-car wrecks. The national average is \$220 damage to each car involved, adding another \$13,640 in the 62 accidents in the county.

County Can Be Proud

Douglas County can be proud of its traffic record this year — only five fatalities have occurred, compared to 13 on this date last year. In one period, more than four months passed without a death on the highways.

Although Douglas County stands fifth in Oregon in mileage of state highways, sixth in motor vehicle registrations and sixth in population, more accidents occurred in 10 other counties.

The picture looks bright here until one realizes that nearly \$900,000 a year (figuring April as an average month) is lost through driver carelessness and, perhaps, bad luck.

Those losses aren't restricted to the persons involved in the accidents.

Any car owner will see them reflected in his next insurance premium notice, a cause which should make most sit up and take notice — in traffic, it's hoped.

WHEREFOR THE DENT?

Another menace of the streets and highways is being studied in California. The Long Beach Press-Telegram reports a proposal requiring that any damaged automobile carry a sticker affixed by a traffic officer.

The proposal is aimed at hit-run drivers. It provides that any damaged vehicle without a sticker could be stopped by an officer and a garage couldn't repair a vehicle if it had no damage sticker.

Even a dented fender received in backing out of a garage would demand such a sticker. Any car found without a sticker could be stopped by a traffic officer and he would request a satisfactory explanation.

The idea sounds interesting, but the costs in money and officers' time would probably make administration prohibitive.

—Bruce Blossat—

The Russians make a pitiful sight squirming in the glare of worldwide resentment over their execution of Imre Nagy and other Hungarian rebel leaders.

There is nothing so degrading as a blatant effort to justify willful murder. In this instance, the crime was compounded by the fact that the victims were seized in flat violation of a pledge to respect their safety.

Not even the staunchest advocate of a summit meeting questions that these events have heavily damaged the prospect of such a conference.

Yet the Russians have the nerve to declare that the West is using the murders as a "pretext" to avoid the meeting. A pretext is an excuse, and that is just exactly what this is not.

The crimes perpetrated against the Hungarian leaders are in fact the most powerful reason recorded in some time for not trusting the Kremlin as far as you could move it with a set of jacks and pulleys.

Furthermore, there is considerable informed speculation in the capitals of Europe that the Russians, being smart enough to anticipate world reaction, simply don't care. In other words, they've already written off a summit conference and are truly glad to have its prospect diminished.

There is a certain irony in the present circumstances. The murder of Nagy and his associates seems to have stirred a more widespread and vigorous world response than the 1956 rebellion itself. But then, of course, the Hungarian uprising was crowded by the tangled events of Suez.

This time even India, in its unofficial voice, appears deeply shocked. The press uses the word "murder" as freely as do we. Except in a far worse extremity, the world does not expect to hear from the Indian government itself.

One wonders how many more shocks like this it will require to destroy the fraudulent presumptions of communism in the eyes of all the millions who still live beyond the gates of the vast prison camp we call the Soviet world.

Ouster Of Cat From Auto Tough
IRVINGTON, N.J. (AP) — George Franks motor purred rhythmically yesterday but George knew his car engine wasn't running.

Franks lifted the hood and reached for a cat hiding between the motor and the fire wall.

But it wasn't as easy as that. The cat scrambled to the safety of the chassis cross bar.

While a crowd gathered and offered advice, George crawled under the vehicle and shooed the cat away. But the cat took up a position between the splash pan and a crossbeam under the fan.

The party transferred operations from in front of Franks' house to a service station down the street. The service station mechanic put the car on a lift, removed the splash pan, tugged on something else and out came Mr. Cat.

He charged Franks \$1.

Two Crashes 24 Hours Apart Kill Both Flyers

TUCUMCARI, N.M. (AP) — An Air Force weather reconnaissance plane (U2) spun in from two miles high late Wednesday and scattered wreckage over a two-mile area.

The pilot, Capt. Alfred V. Chapin Jr., 28, San Angelo, Tex., was found dead in the cockpit.

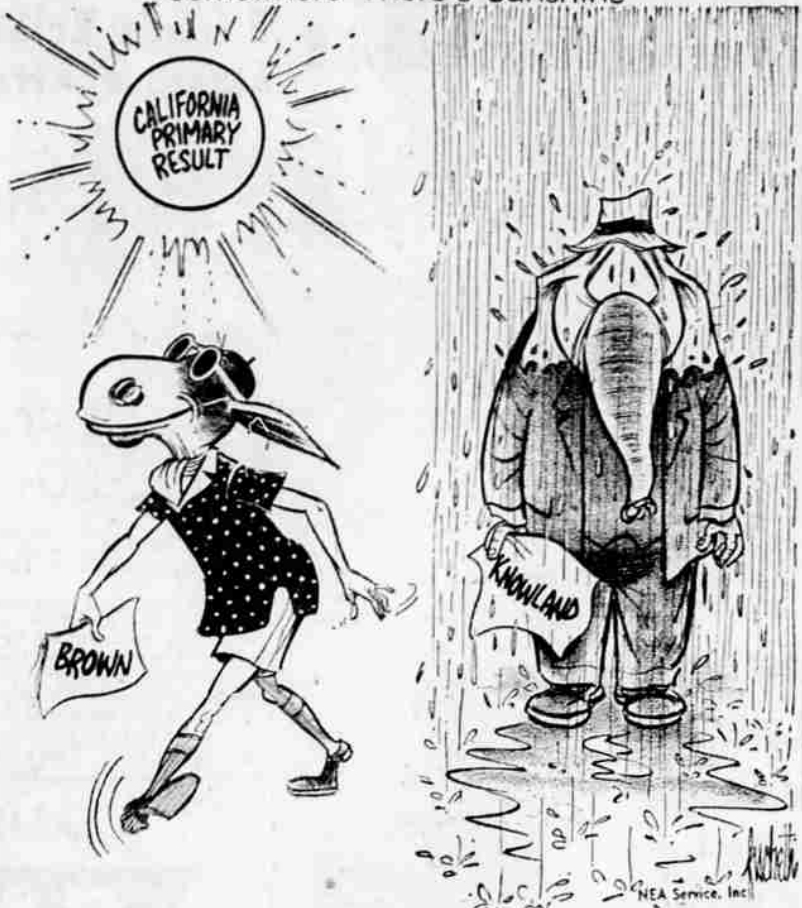
Only 24 hours earlier, another U2 crashed about 110 miles east of here near Amarillo, Tex., killing Squadron Leader C. H. Walker, a Royal Air Force exchange pilot.

Still, Liquor Seized In Clackamas Raid
OREGON CITY (AP) — Sheriff's deputies and federal agents seized a still and arrested Harold Wayne Faulconer, Route 1, Eagle Creek, this week.

The deputies said they also seized 4½ gallons of whiskey and 30 gallons of mash at a summer cottage back of a farm house.

They said the indications were that only one batch of whiskey had been produced.

Somewhere There's Sunshine



—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP) — When producer Leland Hayward decided to film Ernest Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea," Hemingway warned him:

"This one will be hard to do. 'You'll be dealing with the sun and the moon and the stars and fish and God. You're not used to dealing with these things. It won't be easy.'"

Recalling the warning three years ago and \$5,000,000 later, Hayward proved wryly:

"The Lord knows he was right. I never spent so much time on one project."

The completed picture runs only an hour and a half. There are those in the industry who figure it may be as big a financial turkey as Hayward's last picture, "The Spirit of St. Louis," another \$5,000,000 venture which failed to get off the ground.

Hayward, a former newspaperman and press agent who made his first million at 23 and went on

to become one of Broadway's most fabulous producers, seems unworried.

"I am a fellow who usually has an opinion on anything," he remarked cheerfully. "But I don't know how this will do financially. 'If you twisted my arm, I'd say we'll get our money eventually. This one can run forever.'"

It should have a big world market. The book was translated into 42 languages. The theme is universal—that man is not made for defeat, that he can be destroyed, but not defeated. It sums up Hemingway's whole philosophy.

Big Program Ahead
The film completes a trio that started with Hayward's highly profitable production of "Mr. Roberts." He now plans to leave the Hollywood vineyard for a while. His tentative plans include three big TV shows and three Broadway musicals, including "Gypsy," the life story of Gypsy Rose Lee, starring Ethel Merman.

Hayward, who runs an airline among other sideline chores, is a philosopher as well as a producer.

He sometimes has the melancholy feeling that the American people have already lost out in the world struggle "because we let ourselves get too soft." He also believes U.S. ladies have gotten out of hand.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D. D.

(Written for NEA Service)

A small cloud can obliterate the light of the moon. The same small cloud can hide the direct rays of the sun and diminish the daylight in great proportion compared with the smallness of the cloud. Even a small amount of moisture in the air can produce a haze which obscures the light from the heavens.

Through the centuries men have determined their locations by the direction of heavenly bodies. When a barrier comes between us and the focal points of location we are lost.

Folk sometimes overlook the fact that others depend on them for direction and for light. If we permit the haze of temptation or the cloud of sin to hide the light of God in us we can do naught but permit our children and others to become lost from our light.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Comment Editorial
From The Oregon Press

SLOW DRIVING HAZARDOUS
Salem Oregon Statesman

The wide divergence of opinion as to what actually constitutes safe and prudent driving was never better exemplified than in the comments of those who noted the recent arrest and fining of a motorist who was driving 25 miles an hour in a 30-mile zone on a two-lane highway.

We agree wholeheartedly with those who say speed is a prime factor in our awesome highway toll. Impatience and Napoleonic complexes engendered by a couple of tons of protecting metal are the great dangers inherent. But in the particular case at hand, we're on the side of the law.

If everyone went 25 miles an hour on our highways, there would be fewer accidents all right. But everyone won't. If such were the case, we might as well have kept the goat trails of yesterday rather than spending millions on new roads. Our highways are built to let us travel at a speed commensurate both with safety and the need to get somewhere within a reasonable time.

A 25-mile-an-hour driver on a reasonably straight, dry, hard-surfaced road in good weather is a menace because human nature isn't designed to yield to anyone wanting to set that pace. The accident risks are great when cars pile up bumper to bumper waiting for a chance to pass. We join those who believe the ultra-conservative driver is almost as much of a hazard as the speed maniac. It may not be right, but it's true.

Reader Opinions

Individual Initiative Seen As National Need

There was a time when in case work became scarce, one could move, perhaps a short distance or, perhaps, a great distance and again find plenty to do.

But such conditions no longer prevail in these great United States. This is something that most of our legislators are well aware of and they have taken steps. The question is are they the proper steps? They have legislated for unemployment payments, for social security and for other old-age assistance payments, and certainly so much assistance has involved a good many millions of dollars that have soon found their way into the channels of trade and have, no doubt, prevented as of the present, a good many hungry mouths.

Still there is a great backlog of unpaid accounts and this kind of assistance is not going to be enough to satisfy such accounts, let alone any possibility of new and greater ones.

This sort of conditions when so widespread are most assuredly a new proposition for these United States, and some errors in their correction can well be expected. Certainly no one should be satisfied with a dole or a welfare state for long. Individual initiative should be more to our liking.

None of these welfare setups are going to provide us with new cars or help much in paying for the one we may now be driving or are we going to be able to pay for a home of our own with such assistance.

We can hold our own for only so long, then we must either advance or lose ground. To advance, we not only need, but must have, the help that only individual initiative can provide. This is what is going to take if these states advance in the future as they have in the past.

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In The Day's News

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for the office of governor of California.

It's a lot of money.

But—shall be permitted to contribute money to the campaign expenses of somebody he conceives to be the best candidate for the job? Shall we lay down the rule that every candidate must pledge up HIS OWN EXPENSE MONEY?

A rule like that would provide the rich man with a great advantage over the poor man.

We wouldn't like that.

What shall we do about it? Shall we say that NOBODY shall be allowed to spend ANY MONEY to get elected to ANY OFFICE?

That would give a tremendous advantage to incumbents and well known persons. It would be a big handicap to able and competent unknowns.

I don't think we'd like that.

There is considerable talk to the effect that THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD FINANCE ALL POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

I'm sure we wouldn't like that.

Here's a thought: Let anybody spend as much of his own money as he wishes to get elected to office. Let anybody contribute as much money as he chooses to anybody's campaign expenses.

But—Require that very dollar contributed to a candidate's campaign expenses shall be accounted for under the true name of the contributor and that the names of all contributors and the amounts they contributed shall be PUBLISHED so that the people may know who is putting up for whom.

Then—Require that the names of the contributors and the amounts contributed shall be published BEFORE THE ELECTION so that the people may know when they cast their votes who is putting up the money for what candidate AND HOW MUCH.

I think something like that might help.

Boys Report Their Own Damage, Given Praise

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Six boys who knocked out a window in an abandoned city fire engine house here while playing baseball will receive a letter of commendation from the city law director this week.

The boys didn't run away after the damage. They reported the incident and said they were sorry. They offered to pay.

Robert Calhoun, public properties superintendent, asked city officials to forget the cost.

The letter by Law Director Richard Wehler reads in part:

"Character of your sort never leads to juvenile delinquency—and we are certain that if you maintain this attitude through your later life, you shall all make citizens worthy of any city."

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Creation Of Man Or Beast Breathing Water Or Gas, Idea Weighed By Scientists

By RENNIE TAYLOR

AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Space scientists are weighing the idea of trying to breed a special type of man or animal who could breathe water or gas instead of air.

In the place of lungs he might have gills like a fish. Or he might have lungs which could be filled temporarily with water and be converted back to air breathing later.

Even some kind of breathing organ which would enable him to stay alive in an atmosphere of ammonia or methane gas is an item for consideration.

These far-reaching possibilities were brought out by Dr. Blaine Levenhahl, zoologist from the University of California at Los Angeles. He talked to a reporter after addressing the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences.

To produce a creature like this, scientists would have to speed up enormously the process of evolution. Dr. Levenhahl made no specific suggestion as to how it should be undertaken. He expressed the belief, however, that researchers already have the means to make a start in that direction.

Agas Old Theory Cited
Evolutionary theory holds that all life started in the water; that the forerunners of all air-breathers had gills. It took many millions of years for them to develop lungs and move to dry land. So the production of a water-breathing man would be equivalent to turning the evolutionary timeclock forward until it completed a full circle.

A man with gills and with the ability to tolerate a full load of water in all his body cavities would be protected against the crushing effects of being shot into space. He could better withstand the shock of hitting the atmosphere at high speed on his return to earth, Dr. Levenhahl said.

Even without gills, but with lungs and other spaces that could be filled with water for a while he could go through these critical phases of space travel easily, the zoologist asserted.

Governor Race In California Bares Huge Sum
SACRAMENTO (AP) — The nominees for governor of California spent close to one million dollars campaigning for their party nominations in the June 3 primary.

Contributions to the campaigns of Republican Sen. William F. Knowland and Democratic Atty. Gen. Edmund G. Brown also were just under the million mark, the secretary of state's office said this week.

Knowland reported spending \$346,270. Brown listed \$431,331—about \$145,000 less than Knowland. However, Brown's headquarters said his expenses should be \$62,000 less, making the difference between the two some \$205,000. The \$62,000 was listed in both the northern and southern campaign expenditures through an accounting error, a spokesman said.

Donald E. Davidson, who ran on the Democratic ticket, reported spending \$915,136. He got about 80,000 votes.

Both Brown and Knowland reported contributions in excess of expenditures. Brown said he received \$415,078 and Knowland reported \$374,092.

Each won his party's nomination, but Brown gained some 600,000 more votes on both tickets than his Republican opponent.

Woman Peace Justice Marries, Quits Post
SALEM (AP) — Beaverton's woman justice of the peace, Frances Cook, has resigned to get married.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes this week appointed James W. Taggart, Beaverton business man, to succeed her.

Miss Cook, who has performed many marriage ceremonies, said she is quitting Aug. 1 to be married and move to Washington state.

Retirement Home Bids Awaited At Medford

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — The go-ahead signal to complete plans and specifications for the \$14 million dollar Rogue Valley Retirement home to be built southeast of here has been given to John W. Maloney, Seattle architect.

Authorization was given by the home's trustees, made up of Medford businessmen and churchmen. Awarding of bids is expected to follow.

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