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Pride In Our County's Resources

One of the very interesting features of the Douglas County Fair and Exposition is to be found in the displays coming from the various parts of the county.

All too often fairgoers fail to give sufficient attention to the educational features of these respective exhibits. The booths usually provide a very brilliant display of the products of each of the respective communities.

If a person should start a list of the many agricultural and industrial products of each community, that list, it is certain, would indeed astonish the writer by the diversity to be found.

While it was not winner of first place among the community displays, the showing from the Lower Umpqua county affords a good example of the many resources of which any community may well be proud.

One of the outstanding activities in the Lower Umpqua is the fishery to be found at Salmon Harbor-Winchester Bay. This sports fishery, which produces a great deal of revenue for the community, was demonstrated by a salmon frozen in a cake of ice.

Along the same line, showing a comparatively new source of recreation, was a beach buggy.

Other recreational assets were to be seen in the lavish display of photographs.

However, recreation was not the sole subject of the Western Douglas County booth.

Other exhibits stressed the International Paper Company's pulp and paper plant now building at Gardiner, U.S. Plywood Company's Reedsport plant

furnished a showing of plywood, drawing attention to the forest resource of the area.

A good many people were surprised to find that cheese is made in Reedsport. They sampled some of the product of the Reedsport plant and had good reason to understand why this cheese has captured so many prizes up and down the coast and is in great demand by food stores, particularly in Southern California. For a long time a concern in the southern part of California had a virtual exclusive on the cheese from the Reedsport factory.

Another unusual display was furnished by the Umpqua River and Navigation Company which placed on exhibit a sample of gravel taken from the Umpqua River.

We are inclined to think of silver, gold, and other precious metals as making up our mining industry. The fact of the matter is, however, that Oregon's income from mining comes not from the precious metals but, instead, from gravel, rock, shale, and the more common minerals. And one of the leading "mining" operations is carried on in the Umpqua River in western Douglas County.

This mention of the booth from Western Douglas County isn't made to detract from other community booths. Many factors other than diversity of project had a part in judging the winners and the placement of the various displays. But the booth gave a good example of the resources of Douglas County which were most effectively demonstrated in the various community displays. Together they add up to something that should fill us with pride.

"It May Be Irrelevant and Immaterial But Congratulations Mr. Douglas!"



Crime Is Likely To Be Continuing

By ROBERT C. RUARK

Crime has not always been attended by punishment, and I have a magnificent hunch that all this noise about the "Cosa Nostra" version of the Mafia will join the old Black Hand in legend, and younger versions of the same boys will keep on doing business at more or less the same stands.

Some will get knocked off in purely intramural argument, and others, banished to Capri and Naples, will be run down by priests on bicycles, and a few will die from an old venereal complication because penicillin was discovered too late. Syphilis was always a greater enemy of the mob than the FBI; both Charlie Lucky Luciano and Al Capone finally fell to its stealthy enforcement.

Nothing New

But mostly nothing is new in these recent "disclosures" so dear to the pencil of headline writers, and so beloved of Congressional committees. Maybe it's all new to the Attorney General, but to any retired cop, Broadway gossip writer, or cafe hanger-on, it's the oldest possible black hat.

Sure, crime is a business. Sure, it's directed by various "families" stemming from the old Sicilian Mafia. Sure, nobody talks. And for very damned sure, there is very little evidence against the people the dicks in the major cities know are guilty — who the FBI knows are guilty of all the crimes you can stick in the book.

Until they legalize wiretapping as evidence, all you will ever get is a moral certainty of "guilt," and it'll get pitched out of jurisdiction by any grand jury that listens, even if the Senators was fast on the TV waves as they sweat righteous indignation and second-hand headlines.

You start with the assumption that belonging to an official brotherhood, such as "Cosa Nostra," isn't any more legally punishable than the sin of wearing funny hats and membership in any business group, from the Elks to the Legion. So the Irish march on Saint Patrick's Day? Who can say a transplanted Italian can't hang out with his buddies?

So Albert Anastasia gets cloaked in the barber shop, and you

know who did it and why. Maybe one'd dead and the other's in the clink on a minor rap, but who is going to say he saw him do it? So Vito Genovese is head of the famed "syndicate"? At 66 he is no cinch to outlive a 15-year-narcotics rap.

It's Uncertain

If you're a cop, you know that goes on and how it goes on, and if you had enough stuff, maybe you'd take it to the young D.A. and break the world wide open—for 10 minutes. Once in a while you can lay in a good frame if your witnesses don't get either suddenly absent-minded or as suddenly bumped off.

But mostly what you lack is evidence, real evidence that you can take into the courtroom and stuff down the jury's throat. The rest of the time you have to depend on subterfuge — the kind of legal technicality which sent Al Capone to jail for income-tax evasion; the kind of suspect evidence which convicted Luciano on a vice charge when he was possibly guilty of everything else in the world but the rap Dewey sent him up for.

Everything that is being splashed in the news now has been accruing dust in the files for a long time. The fact that Joe Valachi, a minor affiliate of the heavier muscles, is now squealing platitudes, doesn't mean anything. Giuseppe has nothing to lose — and very little to gain — because if they want to kill him, you can murmur the magister words "Abe Reles" and even Bobby Kennedy couldn't save him from an accident if he personally baby-sat him.

It's A Joke

This nonsense about the price of a hundred grand on the squealer's head? There must be laughter from Detroit to Evansville, Ind., and back to Greenwich Village. A hundred bucks would be a likelier price than \$100,000 for a punk under six shapes of rap, including murder, who is telling nobody, any thing new.

But it does make good reading, and I have no doubt that television, at least, will be courageous enough to once more start using Italian names when it recycles a streamlined version of "The Untouchables."

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News Analysis

'P.J.' Left Mark On Venezuelans

By PHIL NEWSOM

Whatever the rascalities of one-time Venezuelan dictator Marcos Perez Jimenez, the plump and pompous former army colonel left his mark upon Caracas and upon its people.

It has been nearly five years since he gathered his family about him and fled to the Dominican Republic in the face of the same sort of violent revolution by which he himself had risen to power.

But in Caracas the people still refer to him familiarly as "P.J." "P.J. built it," one may remark.

And the reference might be to the broad highway which sweeps up to Caracas from Maiquetia Airport, or to the magnificent modernistic buildings of the University of Caracas.

Vertical Slums

It might be to the gaudy, skyscraper apartment buildings which "P.J." built as a slum-clearance project but which quickly became merely vertical slums under conditions of anarchy worse than that from which its inhabitants came.

Ironically, that district meant

to be a monument to Perez Jimenez today is called "January 23rd," commemorating the date of his fall.

"P.J." left Venezuela \$400 million in debt despite its oil riches which pour \$3 million a day into a country whose population is only about six million.

And beyond the monuments of stone and steel which Perez Jimenez left behind, few of these six million had benefited.

But besides the hatred which he also left behind, one may also detect a note of grudging admiration in those references to "P.J."

For in many a Latin American nation the successful swindler is regarded as no great criminal.

Former Argentine dictator Juan D. Peron retained millions of followers despite looting his country of amounts whose estimates run as high as \$600 million.

A one-time Cuban minister of education made off with \$172 million and aroused no great indignation.

U.S. Swindlers Travel Freely

In Rio de Janeiro, U.S. citizens urgently wanted by Uncle Sam to answer for a fast shuffle with the dollars of American investors travel freely in the best cafe society.

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The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Monday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 1963 with 134 to follow.

The moon is at its new phase. The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Mars and Saturn.

Those born today include elder statesman Bernard Baruch, in 1870.

On this day in history: In 1915, two Americans were killed when a German U-boat torpedoed the British liner Arabic.

In 1934, Germany voted that Adolf Hitler would be the official successor to President Von Hindenburg.

In 1955, the worst flood in northeastern United States killed 200 persons and destroyed or damaged 20,000 homes.

In 1960, U-2 pilot Francis Powers was convicted of espionage in the Soviet Union.

A thought for the day—American author Anne Morrow Lindbergh said: "One can never pay in gratitude; one can only pay 'in kind' somewhere else in life."

NOTHING TO IT

YARMOUTH, England (UPI)—Sadie Whitewood, 7, dropped a line over the side of a pier recently and hauled in a 15-ounce eel to win the top prize of fiberglass fishing rod in a contest with 100 experienced anglers.

—In The Day's News—

By FRANK JENKINS

From Tokyo (which is our best peephole into Red China) comes this bit of information as to how the Red Chinese feel about Mr. Khrushchev:

"The Red Chinese charge that Russia has wretched on its promise to TEACH THEM HOW TO MAKE ATOMIC WEAPONS. They said the dirty deed was done away back in 1959, at Camp David, and that it was done in order to please President Eisenhower."

That prompts this question: What does he think of the test ban treaty that is now before the U.S. Senate for ratification or rejection?

In New York yesterday, where he had just arrived on his way back from his visit to the Normandy beaches, he told the questioning reporters that he has been asked by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to give his views on the pact.

He replied that he would do so, "in studied fashion, and in writing," after he has had time to study the proposal carefully. He said he would favor the nuclear test ban treaty "unless there is some rather hard evidence that America's security would be endangered."

He added: "While I am not inclined to give off-the-cuff opinions, unless there is evidence of which I know nothing — some rather hard evidence that the Soviets are away ahead of us, or the security of the United States is in danger — then I would certainly be on the favorable side."

In other words: On the face of all the evidence presently available, it looks like the treaty should be ratified.

County 4-Hers Win Awards In Fair Knitting Category

Many ribbons were awarded in the 4-H knitting division at the Douglas County Fair. Some carried in addition the coveted state fair award. Winners and awards in the different classes are listed as follows:

Class 1
Blue Award: Virginia Weinholt, Cindy Williams, Sandy Preston, Linda Cramer, Lori Campbell, Patty Jean Waterfield, Arthur Hickok, Christine Elich, Kristine Engdahl and Debra Lee, all of Roseburg; Mary Lou Anderson, Gwendolyn Mary Del Lawrence, Canyonville.

Red Award: Kathy Ketchum, Marilyn Marie Pratt, both of Reedsport; Dana Shaffer, Linda Rae Burt, Bunny St. Clair, Kela Hughes, Jeanne Reeves, Linda Cotton, Camille Follett, Suzanne Marie Pock and Teresa Shaffer, all of Roseburg; Gretchen Williams, Miss Christy Mack, Drain.

Exhibit Award: Kathleen Cary and Vera Cary, both of Reedsport.

Class 2
Blue Award and State Fair Champion: Patty Peppel, Charlene Kitchel, Roseburg; Lindsay Linggie and Sandy Parker, Tenmile; Julie Ann Shively Kitchel, Roseburg; Kathy Welch, Davis Creek.

Red Award: Julianne Zurcher, Roseburg; Sharon Ruth Morrison, Judy Bartow, Reedsport; Clarice Hedges, Gardiner; Ethel Hartrich, Glenora.

White Award: Patrice Lucille Finn, Drain; Florence Larson, Roseburg.

Exhibit Award: Barbara Hatfield, Roseburg.

Class 3
Blue Award and State Fair Champion: Annette Brinkley, Jennette Kitchel, Roseburg; Marie Metsker, Lola Jean Stanley, Reedsport.

Blue Award: Sandra Hardman, Lynette Peppel, Roseburg.

Red Award: Susan Major, Glendale; Linda Fosback, Winston; Dorothy Young, Canyonville; Janet Cooper, Roseburg; Melissa Stanley, Vickie McLean, Reedsport.

Blue Award and State Fair Champion: Kathy Plov, Sandra Rose, Reedsport; Iona Kay McCord, Glide.

Blue Award: Sara Mae Olin, Reedsport; Red Award: Lorretta Metsker, Kay Brynfon, Judy Brynfon, Reedsport.

Blue Award and State Fair Champion: Karen Dancer, Myrtle Creek; Tanya Wright, Jean Melvin, Glide.

Red Award: Roberta Hansen, Kathy Melvin, Glide; Elizabeth Buckner, Winston; Judy Harris, Roseburg.

Blue Award and State Fair Champion: Helen Ann Moore, Glide; Nancy Lee Barlow, Reedsport.

Rivers In Lane County Getting Dousing Of Dye

SALEM (UPI)—The State Water Resources Board's research project which has kept the waters of the Row, Coast Fork and main stem of the Willamette River near Eugene "in the red" is nearing completion, it was announced today.

Engineer Malcolm Karr said a red dye was dumped into the waterway Tuesday as part of a flow-temperature study.

The dye, which turned the swift-moving stream brick red from bank to bank, enabled researchers to measure the rate of water flow.

Data being assembled will be used by the water board's staff to check methods used in a study of the Umpqua River Basin in Douglas County, Karr said.

McMinnville Publisher To Be Backing Goldwater

PORTLAND (UPI)—Philip N. Bladine, publisher of the McMinnville News Register, today was named Yamhill County Chairman of the D. & F. Goldwater Committee, it was announced here.

Bladine will be responsible for the committee's activities in Yamhill County, Everett Rake, Oregon chairman, said.

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The Editor's Corner
By Charles V. Stanton

Kennedy Trying To Emulate Franklin Roosevelt In Pact

Is the United States being backed into another propaganda "corner"? Is the pending nuclear test ban simply another bit of Russian cold war strategy to make the United States look bad in the eyes of the world.

Since the Second World War Communist Russia has been prating of "peace." Russia, the world is told wants only peace and friendship. Yet it goes on enslaving people by force of arms, making them prisoners behind walls, shooting those who would escape to freedom, killing those who promote rebellion. Yet it clothes itself in sheepskins.

On the other hand, the United States is held before the world as a "warmonger." We want war, Russian propagandists proclaim, while the Soviet wants only peace. Yet we pursue peaceful means while Russia uses the gun and bayonet to hold people in subjection while it forges their menaces.

For some reason I find it hard to understand why, as I have said before, the United States should be so all-fired anxious to conclude a pact with a country that time and again has shown a total disregard for its pledged word.

Yet what would result if we failed now to sign the pact? After trying so long to reach some sort of an agreement—practically giving Russia the "moon with a fence around it," as the old saying goes—where would we be now if the U.S. Senate declined to ratify the treaty?

But the thing that worries me most is the apparent resumption of the policy of "personal diplomacy."

Opportunity Good

Having agreed to sign the treaty we've been proposing so long, Russia would have an exceptionally good opportunity to point the finger at us and cry "warmonger," should we refuse ratification.

Who engineered this treaty with Russia? Was it planned and directed by any large group of people, or was it the brainchild of one person or of one small clique and segment of our administration?

Personal diplomacy entered into the conduct of our federal government on a major scale under the late Pres. Roosevelt.

Roosevelt had great confidence in his personal ability to win friends and influence people.

Our troubles with Russia commenced when he took it upon himself to renew diplomatic relations. Prior to Roosevelt we had refused official recognition. We had been getting along fairly well.

Relations Resumed

But Roosevelt counted upon Russia as an ally in the war and so resumed relations he apparently thought he could control by his own magnetism.

FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department intends to purchase some surplus turkeys for use in the national school lunch program.

The department said recently the ready-to-cook turkeys will be served in the hot lunch program to about 17.5 million children.

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