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Arlington Is For Honored Dead

The fact President Kennedy was buried in Arlington National Cemetery has given rise to a lot of guessing about what persons may find their final resting place there.

It is apparently a popular misconception that only servicemen or former servicemen are eligible. Actually, it is listed as the burial ground of America's "honored dead."

It is a national shrine of 1,100 acres containing graves of American heroes, distinguished statesmen and military leaders from the time of the American Revolution. Emphasis is, however, on the military.

President Kennedy is the second Chief of State to be laid to rest there. The first was William Howard Taft. Other distinguished Americans who didn't win their honors on the battlefield are Admiral Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole and Robert Todd Lincoln, son of another assassinated President.

Of course most of those buried in

the cemetery are military men, and it is probably for this reason the misconception arose that only military men could be buried there.

It is the last resting place of more than 2,000 unknown dead from the Civil War and more than 150 men blown up with the Battleship Maine in Havana Harbor. It also contains several military memorials, including the famous Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Temple of Fame, the Confederate Monument, the Maine Memorial and the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater, erected through the efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

And finally, the Fields of the Dead contain row after row of plain white headstones marking the graves of thousands of soldiers and sailors of all American wars.

President Kennedy certainly deserves his place among the honored Americans.

Caution Fashions Fine Fire Record

People of the state can be highly commended for their caution during the last summer when fire danger was at its greatest.

The record kept by the Keep Oregon Green Association shows that the number of man-caused fires in the forests last summer was the lowest in five years.

KOG shows a total of 847 fires on state, private and federal forests. This was more than 200 below the number in 1962 and more than 400 below the 1961 figure.

It would be natural to have expected a great increase with the immensely greater danger, but the people of Oregon who take advantage of the forests for work and recreation met the challenge admirably. Much credit also goes to the Keep

Oregon Green Association, which has dedicated itself to keeping the state forest-fire prevention conscious.

The Pacific Logging Congress recognized its successful efforts in Portland this month. In a special resolution, it noted that in spite of this being one of the most hazardous fire conditions in the Northwest forests in many years because of last year's Columbus Day storm, fire losses were among the lowest in history.

It cites the public for being careful, but at the same time gives much credit to such movements as Keep Oregon Green. It urged members of the Congress to continue giving full support to the program of public education.



LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON
... faces greatest challenge

-In The Day's News-

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, President John F. Kennedy, struck down by the bullet of an assassin, has just been laid to his final rest. Four times, in our relatively brief history as a nation, that has happened to us. In this tragic record, there are some startling similarities.

There are also some startling contrasts.

Let's take another look at the record. In the case of President Lincoln, there was a plot. A crazy plot, to be sure. But there was a plot. It appears to have been a plot to upset the government and bring about the separation of the North and the South.

Simultaneously with the killing of President Lincoln, Secretary Seward was attacked and wounded at his home by Lewis Powell, a fellow conspirator with John Wilkes Booth.

The plot, of course, failed. But there clearly was a plot—an insane plot, but still a plot. To that extent, the assassination of President Lincoln stands apart from the others.

In two of these assassinations, the assassin died within a matter of hours.

John Wilkes Booth was cornered in a barn in Virginia. The barn was riddled with bullets by the pursuers of the assassin. It was then set fire to. Booth perished.

Again, in the case of President Kennedy, the assassin was killed shortly after the commission of his horrible deed. He was spectacularly shot by another strange character—for what reason may never be known.

It was different in the case of the assassination of President Garfield.

The killing took place in a railroad station in Washington. The killer, Guiteau, was promptly taken into custody. After a long trial, which lasted for several months, he was convicted and hanged. His defense was insanity, and it was pretty well established that this was his real condition, but popular feeling was too strong for the jury to disregard, and it brought in a verdict of guilty.

President McKinley was shot on Sept. 6, 1901, in Buffalo, by an anarchist named Czolgosz, who held a pistol in a bandaged hand and thus approached the President without being suspected.

McKinley was shot on Sept. 6, and died eight days later. His assassin was tried in Buffalo and convicted. On Oct. 29, he was hanged.

In both cases, the trials dragged the public again through all the griefs and all the anger and hatred aroused by the killings.

The killing of President Kennedy's assassin is too fresh in

the public mind to call for repetition of the details of the fantastically strange shooting that climaxed the assassination. About all we know of it is the bare fact of the shooting of the assassin. The motives are as yet unknown.

Perhaps it is just as well—although it is generally regretted because it leaves the motives of the assassin shrouded in mystery. If he had lived and had been duly tried for murder perhaps useful knowledge as to how he came to do what he did might have been disclosed.

But again the country would have been dragged through a long trial—as in the cases of President Garfield and President McKinley.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 29, 1923

Briefs from the "Local News" column:
Painless extraction of teeth at room 9, Masonic Temple, Dr. Nerbas.
Car of cement in (L. W. Metzger).

Persons gathering mistletoe and evergreens on the Moore property in Edenbower will be prosecuted.

Wanted—\$10,000 worth of raw furs, all kinds, highest prices. With Powell's furniture exchange, B. F. Shields.

25 YEARS AGO
Nov. 29, 1938

The Civilian Conservation Corps has a total of 11,600 enrollees in 58 camps in Oregon, according to a report issued today. Of this number there were 2,370 Oregon residents employed as enrollees in these camps. Since the CCC has been put into operation, 30,210 Oregon men have been given employment.

Coming out in new and attractive white and blue satin suits, the Sutherland volleyball girls won an easy game over the Glide volleyball team in the Sutherland gym Tuesday evening.

The Sutherland basketball boys showed much improvement in passing and won a comparatively easy game over the Glide five, 48 to 13.

10 YEARS AGO
Nov. 29, 1953

The Salmon Harbor operation showed a net return of \$3,882.30, a report to the County Parks Board revealed Friday night at Drain. Parks Supervisor Charles Collins said that a gross return was \$11,439.73. The net will be split between the Port of Umpqua and Douglas County.

SHOTGUN FOUND

Partial clearance relating to the theft of a 20-gauge shotgun from the Roseburg J. C. Sporting Goods Store, 506 SE Jackson St., recently has been made when the gun showed up in a pawn shop in Beverly Hills, Calif.

The city police department was notified, and it has requested further information in an attempt to trace the thief.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:



Problem Poses Plumbing Panic

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The complexities of modern life are demonstrated in many and varied ways, some of which are rather bewildering.

Nothing along that line has bewildered me quite as much as a press release someone passed along to me recently. It was captioned thusly:

"BRAB announces appointment of Ad Hoc Committee on performance characteristics of sanitary plumbing fixtures."

A caption like that doesn't just grab your attention. It seizes your attention with a double hammerlock and throws it to the mat.

When I had recovered my equilibrium, I came to grips with two piercing questions: (1) Who, or what, is "BRAB?" and (2) How does an Ad Hoc Committee go about determining whether sanitary plumbing fixtures are performing characteristically?

For instance, some of the sanitary plumbing fixtures at my place will occasionally stop up and at other times overflow.

But I haven't the vaguest notion as to which of these performances is characteristic.

Seeking enlightenment, I plunged into the text of the press release where I learned that "BRAB" is the abbreviation of the Building Research Advisory Board of the National Academy of Sciences.

On the second point, however, the release was something less than lucid. It said merely that "the committee's work will be made possible by joint government-industry support."

Then it added that "with such support, BRAB will be able to bring to bear, on the problems of identifying and measuring physical and functional characteristics essential to the performance of sanitary plumbing fixtures, the collective knowledge of government, industrial, and academic scientists and en-

gineers." By the time I finished reading that, I was thoroughly alarmed. BRAB obviously was dealing with a problem of the first magnitude. And yet there was scarcely a hint as to its nature.

Fighting off panic, I called a chap in the information office of the National Academy of Science and asked him to tell me all he could about it without violating security.

He replied that he had not been completely briefed but understood it had something to do with a reluctance on the part of builders to accept new developments in sanitary plumbing fixtures.

That relieved my anxiety somewhat, but whetted my curiosity. I am determined to get to the bottom of this, and when I do I'll let you know.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Friday, Nov. 29, the 333rd day of 1963 with 32 to follow.

The moon is approaching its full phase. The evening stars are Jupiter, Saturn, and Venus.

On this day in history: In 1890, the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy played the first Army-Navy football game at West Point, N. Y., with the final score: Navy 24-Army 0.

In 1945, Yugoslavia became a federated republic after Marshal Tito read a proclamation to the constituent and national assemblies.

In 1948, opera was telecast directly from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City for the first time.

In 1960, Nelson Rockefeller announced he would seek a second term as governor of New York in the 1962 elections.

A thought for the day—American humorist Will Rogers said: "One third of the people in the United States promote, while the other two-thirds provide."

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst

Although not one of Black Africa's 25 newly independent nations has gone Communist, Soviet Russia never stops trying.

These efforts are both open and subversive and recent days have provided two more examples. In Leopoldville, The Congo, Congolese police roughed up and held two Soviet diplomats accused of carrying compromising documents. The Russians have been suspected of backing a Congolese government-in-exile.

Moving openly in Somalia, the Russians closed a deal to help equip a Somali army of 20,000 which, according to Western experts, is far larger than the country needs and which, it is feared, is intended for use against Somalia's neighbors, either Ethiopia or Kenya.

Washington estimates of Soviet arms exports since the first deal with Egypt in 1955 place the total at around \$3 billion.

Indonesia Best Customer
Probably the best customer has been Indonesia which has received about a third of the total. Also high on the list is Cuba.

Since these weapons were intended either for use against governments friendly to the

West or at least to stir up trouble for the West, a summary put together by analysts of Radio Free Europe is interesting.

Some idea of the scale of Soviet arms shipments to Egypt may be had from the fact that in the Sinai clash with Israel, the Israelis captured more than 300 Soviet-built T-34 tanks, about 600 guns and about 4,000 Soviet-made jeeps or trucks.

Moscow also has delivered to the U.A.R. submarines, destroyers and torpedo boats.

But despite this outlay, local Egyptian Communists continue to rest in Egyptian jails.

In Black Africa, Guinea bought some 8,000 rifles and some armored vehicles from the Soviet Union and then proceeded to kick out the Soviet ambassador.

A Costly Mistake

Iraq also so far has been a costly Soviet mistake. The country has modern T-54 Russian tanks, Mig-21 jet fighters and Soviet transporters. Yet Iraq oil continues to flow to the

Birdman's Book Held In Prison

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (UPI)—A legal fight brewed today over the U.S. Bureau of Prisons' refusal to relinquish a manuscript written by the late Robert Stroud, the famed "Birdman of Alcatraz."

Bureau attorney Eugene Barkin notified Stroud's attorneys Monday that Stroud's many personal effects, including a manuscript entitled "A History of the U.S. Prison System," would not be released.

Several months before Stroud died here last Thursday at the U.S. Medical Center for federal prisoners, he instituted legal proceedings to force the bureau to permit publication of the manuscript.

The 73-year-old Stroud, who gained fame for his knowledge of bird diseases, spent 54 years behind bars. His book on bird diseases won international acclaim.

Stroud died of acute coronary thrombosis at the medical center. He had twice been convicted of murder. During his lonely hours in prison, he became a self-taught expert on bird diseases. The movie, "Birdman of Alcatraz," was based on his book on bird diseases.

MOVE TO LEFT

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan, probably about as far left politically as anyone can go, got a strange request Tuesday.

"Mr. Mikoyan, will you please move to the left?" asked a television technician while Mikoyan asked the Russian official about his meeting with President Johnson.

Mikoyan did not seem to pay much attention to the request.

Opinions From Readers

Chicken Feed To Mark? Tough On Mr. Taxpayer

To The Editor:

The Department of Justice was created by an Act of the Oregon Legislature in 1947.

Among other things, the Act provides that: "No compensation shall be allowed to any person for services as an attorney to any department of the State Government, or to the head thereof."

Why, then, has Gov. Mark Hatfield employed an attorney at the expense of the taxpayers of Oregon? The expense since 1959 is estimated to be some sixty thousand dollars.

That may be chicken feed to Gov. Hatfield, but those dollars are hard to come by for the average taxpayer.

A ten month audit of the system of Higher Education by the office of Secretary of State Howell Appling, Jr., has, according to the press, found no evidence of graft or corruption but has shown that unwise and careless spending of tax dollars has cost the taxpayer in excess of one million dollars.

The Boardman complex, which may or may not be a good thing for Oregon, cost quite a sum of money to begin with and now it is found that in excess of one-half million dollars is needed before the contract can be executed and that the future taxes on the complex property will be in the excess of the sixty thousand dollars rental per year.

Gov. Hatfield has stated he

will assume full responsibility for the Boardman complex, but one thing he ignored is that many tax dollars have gone into the complex and, if any more are needed, Mr. Taxpayer is the one who will pay.

The recent rejection by the voters of a tax increase was not, in my opinion, a rejection of state services but a simple desire for more service per tax dollar.

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Incompatibility Seen In Political Description

To The Editor:

I want to commend Dr. Hanford on his diagnosis of the "left" and "right." His analysis shows research and thought. I have been a liberal (Jefferson) Democrat all my life and I resent the left wing radicals calling themselves "liberals." Now I find myself lined up with, what these so-called "liberals" refer to as "the radical conservative."

What is a "radical" conservative? The two words are incompatible.

A radical, according to Webster, is: "In politics, one who advocates radical and sweeping changes in laws and methods of government with the least delay."

According to Webster a conservative is: "Designation, pertaining to, or characteristic of a political party which favors the conservation of existing in-

stitutions and forms of government."

Maybe these people use a different dictionary. The communists have one in which words have an entirely different meaning than the way we understand them. Some examples are the words "peace," "warmonger" and "truth." The communist meaning of these words are as follows: "Peace"—complete surrender to communism (socialism); "Warmonger"—anyone who opposes communism; "Truth"—anything which spreads and advanced communism.

The harboring and toleration of radicals in this country has caused the death of a great humanitarian and liberal minded man at the hands of a radical. It is an inconceivable tragedy. The only thing worse is he would have been killed with thousands of other Americans by unleashing of the atomic warheads the communists have ready in Cuba.

The whole world mourns the death of John F. Kennedy. It is a tribute to a free and democratic country. Let us keep it that way.

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