

"Mr. Bohlen, Please Come Down to the Chartroom"



EDITORIAL PAGE

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"Without or with friend or foe, we print your daily world as it goes"—Byron.

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What's Become Of Satire

Newspapers, particularly on what passed for their editorial pages fifty or so years ago, were noted for the satire which appeared in their columns. Newspaper satire, and that of magazines, was responsible for the fall of the infamous Tweed ring in New York City.

It was a real part of the life of the day. For some reason or another, satire has largely disappeared from newspaper columns.

The Webster in our office gives as one definition of satire:

"Trenchant wit, irony or sarcasm, used for the purpose of exposing and discrediting vice or folly."

To a great extent this has disappeared from newspaper editorial pages.

One departure from this general rule might have been a recent piece in this space suggesting the possibility of a strange alliance between Senator Morse and Governor Hatfield.

But the best piece of this type writing we have seen in recent months came from the facile typewriter of Jim Welch of the Salem Capital-Journal

Call A Baby Sitter

We view the latest request of the U. S. Forest Service with reservations. The federal foresters have asked Ore-

gon deer hunters who take to the hillsides to kill more than deer. Kill porcupines, too. For the walking wire brushes continue to multiply despite all normal controls plus trapping. And they're making a mess of young trees in the pine country by eating the bark off their trunks.

This poses one problem: how to distinguish a porcupine.

A deer, as every hunter knows, is about the size of a small cow or a big man hunched over. A deer also is about the size of a pony, or two small men bending over each other. So you shoot something about that size.

But a porcupine is tiny, like a dog, a baby pig, a tom cat. When it's unexcited, it bristles no more than a wire-haired terrier. Porcupine hunters doubtless will shoot something about dog (pig or cat) size. Which isn't too bad.

But small children are close to the same size, too. And since the Great American Hunter gets a bad case of glaucoma the moment he grabs his 30-30 this can be pretty rough on next year's kindergarten class.

Don't shoot until you can feel the temperature of its nose. If it's cold, it isn't little Alfie. Then move your hand back. If it needs a shave, shoot it.

We're for more of this sort of thing. Keep it up, Welch.

Charles Bohlen Returned From "Exile"

President Eisenhower has always had confidence in Charles (Chip) Bohlen, a career diplomat who has specialized in Russia. So when he was elected president he nominated Bohlen for ambassador to Moscow. This was fine, except for one thing. Bohlen had been to the Yalta conference with FDR. In the opinion of many, including Sec. Dulles and Sen. Taft, that's where all of our post war troubles began. Bohlen's appointment was barely approved by the Senate and

later Dulles moved him into "exile" in the Philippines.

Now he's being brought back to the State Department to help again in our dealings with Russia. This time there'll be no yapping about Yalta. He's done penance for that. His knowledge of Russia and Russians is expected to be invaluable to Eisenhower in his future dealings with the Soviet Union at a summit conference or short of one.

'Of Shoes And Ships And Sealing Wax'...

Even before the cigarettes without tobacco get on the market, comes announcement that coffee made without coffee will be available within a year or so.

The former were hailed as the ultimate test of whether the smoking habit is based on a yen for nicotine or just a desire to blow smoke and have something at hand to fiddle with. But don't let

anyone tell you the ersatz coffee will determine whether the coffee break has its roots in a yearning for caffeine or merely a desire to get away from the office and visit. The mountain of evidence on that subject includes milk cartons, soda pop bottles, fruit juice cans and other containers of liquids not having their origins in Brazil.

Time Of Year For Heart Checkup

This is the time of year when county health groups the U.S. over point up the need of physical checks on your heart.

The ticker may have been acting up some, but the hustle and bustle of summer, vacations, back to school efforts, etc., didn't allow the time for what should be a periodic heart examination. In 1957, it is pointed out, rheu-

matic heart disease took about 20,000 lives in this country. Even more important is the larger number of people disabled by rheumatic heart disease.

This disease is one of the three most common causes of heart ills. It is chiefly a disease of the young and is preceded by fever which, in turn, is preceded by a "strep" infection.

Symptoms of rheumatic fever may be joint of muscle pains, fever, fatigue, abdominal pains or a rash. Rheumatic fever may involve any part of the body but not seriously. When it attacks the heart, however, it may damage the valve or muscle and leave a permanent scar.

Only a doctor can diagnose this ailment and it is not always easy.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Labor Had Reason To Reject Industry On Steel Wage Plan

WASHINGTON—Though the steel industry's latest proposal for labor has been kept a strict secret, it was telephoned from Pittsburgh to the White House over the weekend to indicate that industry was trying to cooperate with President Eisenhower in his demand for a settlement.

The proposal was described to the White House by an industry spokesman as a 15-cent-an-hour package increase over a period of two years. But when White House experts at the Labor Department finished analyzing it, one of Ike's aides remarked, "It's a lie."

The proposal has been described as the best kept secret of the year, but what it boils down to, briefly, is 2 per cent increase in labor for each of the next two years. During the first year this 2 per cent increase would only apply to pensions and insurance. During the second year it would apply to wages also.

The administration's labor experts figured it might conceivably cost industry 15 cents over two years because of increased Social Security payments, etc. But analysis of the figures showed that during the first year, steelworkers would actually receive three cents an hour less in wages than they are getting now.

The second year they would receive about seven cents more per hour in wages.

Reason for the three-cent cut in wages during the first year is that pensions and insurance are paid on a 50-50 basis by both industry and the union. Therefore, if these are increased by 2 per cent, labor would have to contribute its share of the increase

or three cents an hour. These benefit funds were depleted during the 1958 recession, so extra payments will be necessary to bring them back into balance.

Feather-Bedding

Most important from the Union's viewpoint, however, is that in return for this somewhat complicated wage hike, industry demanded an end to all local practices regarding coffee breaks, wash-up periods, and spell-shifts, which the industry lumps together under the label feather-bedding.

Union spokesmen point out that the present contract gives the industry the right to do away with any job replaced by automation, but that the practice of coffee breaks, 10 minutes to take a shower before going home, etc., has grown up in each company over a long period of time and the men consider them more important than a wage increase.

White House sentiment, hitherto considered pro-industry, appears to have swung somewhat more over to labor in the past week. This may have been partly because only four steel presidents out of 12 answered Ike's invitation to come to Washington. Eight did not come. The change may also have been a political reaction to criticism that the President was favoring his old friends, ex-Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey, now head of National Steel, and George Allen and James Black of Republic Steel.

At any rate, when conferring separately with steel and labor executives last week, the President seemed a little tougher with industry than with labor.

Ex-President Says Same Old Ills Cause U.S. Juvenile Delinquency

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the following dispatch written for United Press International, former President Herbert Hoover speaks out on the problem of juvenile delinquency. He recommends, as one means of combatting it, formation of youth organizations, such as the Boys' Clubs of America, with which he has been associated more than 25 years.

By HERBERT HOOVER
NEW YORK (UPI)—Twenty-five years ago, when assembling a White House conference on health and problems of children and youth, I said:

If we could have but one generation of properly born, trained, educated and healthy children, a thousand other problems of government would vanish.

That was an ideal a long way from realization. But it was a great ideal. That conference re-

viewed the whole of the problems to be solved. It suggested remedies for our ills. It issued a "children's charter" which was circulated to millions through the press and otherwise.

Same Problems Today

Today another White House conference is struggling with the same problems. The obstacles to the attainment of the ideals of 1930 are the same now as they were then. But the situation has grown worse. In 1957 the number of teen-agers arrested for crime was 740,000.

The causes are the same now as they were twenty-nine years ago: parental neglect; lack of religious training as the base of morals; and slum areas where the only outlets for kids are the pavements and where the gregarious instinct of youngsters leads to the forming of gangs which drift into crime.

The basic solution twenty-nine years ago was, and is now, to organize prevention whatever the merits of punishment may be.

The weeding out of the slums is helpful, but that does not cure the street problem. The creation of playgrounds is also helpful, but playgrounds without organized sports and their systematic direction is not the whole answer. Despite these efforts teen-age crime is increasing.

No Born Criminals

Kids are not born criminals. But they are dynamos of energy, curiosity and adventure.

One aid to the solution of their problems, as I see it, is to create facilities by which their explosive energy has an alternative to the streets and pavements; a place where character-building can overcome the failure of parents; where sportsmanship, second only to religious faith, is a teacher of morals and can be substituted for the gang. And don't blame parents too much. They cannot keep the kids off the streets after school and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

There are many character building institutions working in these fields. They have proved by innumerable statistics that they are an effective method of prevention. But all of them lack sufficient financial support.

Cites Own Experiences

I can cite some experiences in one of these organizations where I have taken a part for some twenty-five years. That is the Boys' Clubs.

These clubs, built in slum areas, offer sports, games, recreation, fun-and-comradeship; they give preliminary training in handicrafts, in the enjoyment of reading and music and in methods of health—all under skilled and sympathetic guidance and direction. And these facilities are open that part of the day, every day, when the boys are out of school and until they should go to bed in their own homes.

The astonishing growth of these clubs in the last quarter of a century is proof that they are a contribution to the solution of the problem.

matter of FACT



When Samuel Pepys (1633-1703) wrote his six-volume "Diary" he took no chance on its being lost. He had it carefully bound and willed it to Magdalen College, Cambridge, England. Written between 1660 and 1669, the diary is now a valuable source for the history of the period. It is also one of the frankest and most amusing autobiographies in all literature.

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NEWS CHUCKLES

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HOT DEMONSTRATION

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (UPI)—Signals apparently got crossed Sunday when volunteer firemen gave a demonstration of how to fight fires. Twelve of them were overcome by the heat.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

FT. STEWART, Ga. (UPI)—It's back to school for Army cooks here. Military mess stewards are studying under chefs at Savannah in an eight-week training course "to improve the service of food."

NUDIST FILMS DULL

LONDON (UPI)—High Anglican churchmen today urged a full investigation of horror movies, but suggested that a church warning was all that was needed on nudist films.

Watching the nudist films "produces a tedium so oppressive that it seems impossible they can do harm," the clergymen said in the Anglican magazine Prism.

WARDEN'S SUGGESTION?

LONDON (UPI)—Prison officials said today they will put staff suggestion boxes in all of Britain's prisons. The suggestion boxes will be placed where prisoners can't get at them.

WINNIE'S SHOP CONVERTED

LONDON (UPI)—A British company announced today it plans to convert the London cigar store which supplied Sir Winston Churchill with his cigars into a hamburger joint.

TIMELY CHANGE

FONTANA, Calif. (UPI)—City councilmen met Tuesday night to discuss off-street parking regulations and to change the wording of a resolution which limited parking to a period of "not longer than two years."

THIS CHANGING WORLD

LONDON (UPI)—Gilbert Bartholomew, managing director of a match firm, said Tuesday the swan trademark was being switched from the left to the right side of the label after 62 years.

"We felt it had become rather old-fashioned," he said.

LOVE LOSES OUT

LONDON (UPI)—Stockbroker Ralph Layton has won a court order barring further telephone calls from a lovelick woman doctor who called him 98 times during the past year and sent him expensive presents and countless cards.

DIPLOMATIC DIPLOMAT

LONDON (UPI)—Swiss ambassador Armin Daeniker was both diplomatic and honest Tuesday when asked to comment on the forthcoming matches between Swiss and English football teams. "I don't know a great deal about football, but I think the best teams will undoubtedly win," he said. "Which are the best teams?"



EXPERT COUNSELING—Lt. Oakley Summers of the La Grande Salvation Army talks to an unwed mother in an effort to help her solve some of her problems. Helping unwed mothers is only part of the service rendered by the Salvation Army with the aid they receive from the United Fund.

REMEMBER WHEN Salvation Army Participates In United Fund Drive Here

... 25 years ago, Four-H Club Union County members picked up many ribbons at the state fair held at Salem. They included Clyde Kiddle, Jr., La Grande; June Conrad, Imbler; and Eleanor Richards, Union.

Jake Rostock was named deputy grand master for Union County by the Odd Fellows Lodge. His jurisdiction included La Grande, Cove, Summerville, Elgin, Wallawa and Enterprise.

Eastern Oregon Normal school registration was set at 254, a jump from the year before, according to H. E. Inlow, president.

The U.S. Wheat crop was expected to hit 496,892,000 bushels. Drought conditions were termed harmful.

... 15 years ago, Nazis told to surrender or die at Aachen as World War II progressed in favor of the Allies.

Union was the first community in county to go over top in the War Chest drive, with \$1,650—its quota—subscribed. R. E. Richards, superintendent of the Agricultural Station at Union, chaired the drive.

Major R. R. Carey, manager of Bunting Tractor Company here, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel with the Army Engineers, his wife, Julie, learned.

T-Sgt. Tim Metcalf, of La Grande, Oregon National Guard member, addressed the Lions luncheon meeting, describing his experiences in Australia. He had served for four years in the Pacific war theater.

August Shiftless Month

WASHINGTON (UPI)—More working time was lost from strikes in August than in any month since June, 1952.

The Labor Department said Thursday the steel strike accounted for 20 per cent of the 13 million man-days of idleness recorded in August. About 425 walkouts involving 170,000 workers began in the month.

OBITS

United Press International PARIS (UPI)—Harold Calender, 67, European economic correspondent for the New York Times, died Thursday of cancer in a Paris clinic.

MONTCLAIR, N.J. (UPI)—Richard De Lane Hudson, 60, a building expert who had served as a housing adviser in Chile with the International Cooperation Administration, died Thursday.

WILMINGTON, Del. (UPI)—The Rev. Frederick T. Ashton, 75, rector of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, Greenville, from 1919 to 1942, died Thursday.

Soviets Do It Again MOSCOW (UPI)—Soviet scientists have developed a glass microcrystalline material harder than steel, lighter than aluminum and capable of withstanding 1,000 degree (C.) (1,832 degree F.) temperatures, the Tass news agency reported today.

Tass said the new substance named "sital" has "high mechanical, thermal and electrical properties." It said it will be used for ball-bearing manufacture, frictional components and fireproof walls.

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