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

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Young Man In Hurry

Young man, where goest thou? is a question La Grande Democratic party leaders probably asked of Senator John Kennedy here Tuesday.

In answer to a similar question asked him by a newsmen, Kennedy said his mind would be made up one way or the other by next January.

The Massachusetts lawmaker is the personification of a young man in a hurry and going places. Don't let his youthful looks fool you. He is a natural born politician and he admits it.

He stressed the field of politics before an audience largely made up of college students here. He said it was an honored profession but would not remain as such unless the sharpest minds of our young people became actively engaged in politics.

Showing his political skill, Kennedy did not let himself become engaged in such questions as "Kennedy-Morse" or "Kennedy-Religion."

He referred to Sen. Wayne Morse in only one instance in general discussion, that of their co-sponsorship of a piece of legislation. A devout Roman Catholic, Kennedy was not asked his views on the question of "Church-State" separation. He has admitted that he is a strong advocate of separation of church and state, however.

The angular and smiling young senator, with his cultured Boston accent, could be a real vote getter. But how he fares from his trip through Oregon will not be known until after the primary election.

Cascadia Opens Door To Much Speculation

Buried in recent news was a startling story.

It concerned the discovery of an ocean-floor river five to ten times larger than the Mississippi.

The subterranean channel reaches across one-fourth of the northern Pacific ocean. It sweeps south from the strait of Juan De Fuca to break through a pass of submerged rocky ridges off the Oregon coast, opposite Cape Blanco.

Subterranean canyons, of course, are nothing new. But the one off the Pacific Northwest coast was unknown until the Scripps Institute of Oceanography recently located its course.

This new submarine canyon has been named the Cascadia Channel. It is about 1,500 miles long. It starts in water nearly two miles deep and has been traced to depths of almost four miles.

A submarine canyon has been known to exist off the Oregon coast just south of the mouth of the Columbia. There are vast gorges off the California coast.

They are known in all parts of the world. One of the most famous is the gorge that plunges into the Atlantic depths off the mouth of the Hudson River on the east coast.

Oceanographers are inclined to believe that the Cascadia Channel was shaped by high-speed underwater currents. It is a simple explanation. But it does not answer all questions in connection with their mysterious river channels on ocean bottoms.

There are about half a dozen theories. All have their advocates and in the past decade, debates have been waged in the pages of science publications.

One group of scientists came up with a theory that seemed to explain the huge Hudson canyon: Back in the ice age when much of the world's water

was massed in glaciers around polar caps, the levels of the oceans dropped. The Hudson, and other rivers, cut deep gorges in areas once covered by ocean water.

When the ice age passed and glaciers melted, the ocean basins were refilled, and great canyons were submerged. Simple explanation, but that theory has been under fire.

The prevalent belief at present is that giant submarine canyons off the California coast have been eroded by one or more processes. These processes, it is held, have cut canyon heads in the past, and are operating today.

Arguments have been advanced in support of the theory that canyons are cut by sediment moving seaward down-slope under gravity.

Still another theory is that canyons cut by rivers as a result of land emergence were preserved and reopened by submarine processes.

Possibly the origin of the mysterious ocean-floor rivers will never be solved. Nature did not gauge all its miracles to the level where they can be interpreted by the mind of man.

But the study of the Cascadia Channel off the Oregon coast may throw new light on a controversial question—the manner in which river gorges were cut on the ocean floor.

Barbs

It's much easier to always have a sweet disposition when you have plenty of sugar.

A man with six youngsters can think of six good reasons why he can't do office work at home.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Nixon's 'Little Dog' Show Revealed Television Staging

WASHINGTON—The current congressional probe into phony TV programs and false impressions given the American public may have wider political repercussions than the probing congressmen anticipated.

One thing it might make difficult in the future is such a carefully staged TV program as the famous "Little Dog" telecast as that of Vice President Nixon when his \$18,000 personal expense funds was challenged in the 1952 election.

Some of the congressmen now probing TV were surprised, though pleased, that President Eisenhower expressed such indignation over rigged TV programs; also that CBS President Frank Stanton criticized canned applause and even advance rehearsals on Ed Murrow's person-to-person program.

It happens that no less than Nixon himself once gave away the secret of how his famous "Little Dog" telecast was staged with all of Madison Avenue's most effective techniques. Nixon let his hair down at a meeting of the Radio and TV Executive Society in New York on Sept. 14, 1954. Much to their amazement, he told in great detail how he had staged his famed telecast.

What Nixon didn't know was that Variety magazine of the TV-radio and theatrical world, had a reporter present and spelled out the story later.

Ike's Surprise

It will be recalled that during the election campaign of 1952 President Eisenhower was flabbergasted to learn that a group of wealthy California businessmen had contributed \$18,000 to pay what Nixon later described as some of his Senate office expenses. There was an immediate demand by many Republican leaders and newspapers that Nixon be dropped from the ticket.

The New York Herald Tribune, bellwether of the Republican press, led the demand. The Washington Post, then strongly supporting Eisenhower, did likewise. Gov. Tom Dewey in New York did not go that far, but expressed private doubts to Eisenhower. Eisenhower himself was badly shaken, especially when he learned from the newsmen on his campaign train that their vote was 40 to 2 that Nixon should be dropped.

What shook Eisenhower and stuck in the craw of newspaper editorial writers was the statement by Nixon to Peter Edson of the Scripps-Howard newspapers that he would not have been able to make the down payment on his house in Washington if he had not had the \$18,000 expense fund; also the very frank statement by Dana Smith, the Los Angeles attorney who collected the \$18,000.

"Dick Nixon seemed to be the best salesman against socialization available," Smith told the press. "That's his gift, really—a salesmanship... here we had a fine salesman who didn't have enough money to do the kind of selling we wanted, so we got together and took care of some of those things."

A United States senator is supposed to "sell" for all the American people, not just for a small group which pays him on the side. Furthermore, Nixon received \$70,000 annually for office expenses from the U. S. government. So, Eisenhower took seriously the advice of important and friendly newspapers that he be dropped.

Finally he consented to postpone any decision until Nixon could go on the air, report to the American people and let them decide. Nixon demanded that all three networks—CBS, NBC and ABC—carry his telecast. Some Republican leaders were opposed to paying out \$75,000 for this, but in the end several big GOP money backers agreed to foot the bill. Later enough money flowed in from small contributors all over the country to pay for the telecast and then some.

REMEMBER WHEN

... 25 years ago, Eastern Oregon Normal was defeated, 46 to 13, by a hefty Mommouth Normal football team here in the state normal championship game. It was one of the best grid tilts seen here in several years.

An October heat wave that had been quelled by cool weather that extended through early November came back to haunt the Grande Ronde Valley again. A high of 72 on Nov. 11 set an all-time monthly record.

The La Grande Tigers defeated Baker, 18-0, to grab the runner-up spot behind Pendleton in conference play as their season ended.

... 15 years ago, British bombers sank the mighty German warship, Tirpitz, and American battleships and tanks penetrated the bastion city of Metz.

Three La Grande girls joined the WAVES. They were Rebecca Jane Williams, Nancy C. Robbenkamp and Fay Andrews.

Final vote tally figures gave FDR a 23,000 lead in Oregon state voting; Wayne Morse was an easy GOP winner.

At this point it is interesting to note Nixon's own description of his technique as told to the radio and TV executives in New York September 1954.

In order to build up nationwide suspense for his telecast he said he had it delayed two days. This had people tense with anticipation as to what he was going to say.

Although he carefully planned what he was going to say, he did not write it out. He had five pages of notes, but, to read his speech, he told the radio and TV executives, would have spoiled its effectiveness. You have to give the impression of ad-libbing, he advised. When you rehearse you lose in spontaneity what you gain in smoothness, he said.

On the day of the broadcast, he went swimming with his close friend Bill Rogers, now attorney general, and did not go near NBC's TV studio until the last minute. This was part of his strategy of taking plenty of rest just before an important telecast. Otherwise you're likely to have dark circles under your eyes, regardless of makeup.

He explained, however, that Ted Rogers who handled the broadcast had a "stand in" for Nixon so that the cameramen could get their lighting and focusing arranged in advance. At that last minute he sat down at a library table, had his wife "freeze" alongside him, and started the telecast which was to make him vice president of the United States.

The response to that telecast was about 350 to 1 in favor of Nixon—thanks to the techniques of Madison Ave. now under congressional scrutiny.

QUOTES IN THE NEWS

United Press International

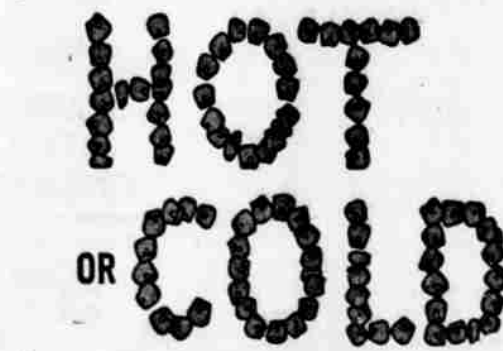
NEW YORK — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, discussing what he hopes to accomplish on a four-day swing through California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho: "When and whether I make a decision to seek the 1960 Republican presidential nomination may be decided on this trip."

ALGIERS — A high French army officer, shouting at a crowd of extremist French settlers who surged through the streets yelling anti-government slogans: "Shout 'Algeria is French' as much as you want but stop shouting against de Gaulle."

WASHINGTON — Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell, who lived up to his promise and ate a cake "hat" because more than three million persons were jobless last month, explaining why he cut slices of the "hat" for steel strikers: "If there had been no steel strike, unemployment would be well below three million."

WASHINGTON — Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer (Ret.), warning in a Veterans Day speech at Arlington National Cemetery that the most dangerous threat to America may be the people's indifference to the responsibilities of citizenship: "We could lose our freedoms by default simply because we take them for granted."

DIRKSEN TO REST — WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) planned to leave Washington today for several weeks of rest in Florida.



Walla Walla corn MAKES IT GOOD

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Good COLD! Stuff tomatoes with this hearty mixture! Walla Walla corn, chopped green pepper, onion and cucumber, with mayonnaise dressing.

New American Commandant Faces 'Grave Situation' Inside Berlin

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following memo was written by a newsmen who has covered Berlin since four-power occupation began in 1945. He saw growing East-West friction, the blockade, the air-lift, West Berlin reconstruction and the East-West struggle for the city. He has known five Berlin commanders. The memo is to the sixth, Maj. Gen. Ralph M. Osborne.

By JOSEPH B. FLEMING UPI Staff Writer

BERLIN (UPI) — Memo to a new American commandant: You have 4,000 American troops and 100 State Department diplomats isolated 110 miles deep in Communist territory.

You are surrounded by 30 Soviet divisions of more than 300,000 men. If war breaks out your position is untenable. You will be expected to fight courageously to the end as American soldiers did at Bataan with the hope of eventual victory.

You might not live to see that victory. It is a grim thought. The 7,000 American Army wives and children—"dependents" in Army jargon—will share your fate.

Most Critical Time You are coming to Berlin at the most critical time the city has seen since the Soviets cut all land routes to the city in 1948 and began the one-year Berlin blockade.

An Anglo-American airlift beat that blockade but the future is uncertain.

The situation is fairly quiet now. Things have calmed down since the Berlin crisis began just one year ago with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's demand that his troops and the 7,000 British and French troops get out of the city.

He said the Western Allies must end their occupation of West Berlin and make it what he called a "free, demilitarized city."

The West saw this proposal as a Soviet plot to get the West out so they could swallow the city and make it a part of the "German Democratic Republic"—the surrounding Soviet Zone of Germany.

The United States, Britain and France rejected Khrushchev's free city proposal and said they would fight to hold West Berlin.

OBITS

United Press International

NEW YORK (UPI) — Robert Aura Smith, 60, an editorial writer for the New York Times and author of several books on foreign affairs, was found dead Wednesday in his apartment.

WEST CORNWALL, Conn. — (UPI) — George V. Denny Jr., 60, founder of the radio program "America's Town Meeting of the Air," died Wednesday.

RALEIGH, N. C. (UPI) — Asst. Atty. Gen. Claudel Love, 63, one of the framers of North Carolina's pupil assignment law, died Wednesday.

SEARCH GERMAN SHIP — CHERBOURG, France (UPI) — French officials Thursday searched the German freighter Bilabo, intercepted by two French navy destroyers in the English Channel Wednesday and escorted here. Informed sources said the freighter was suspected of carrying a consignment of arms to North Africa for the Algerian rebels.

You are coming here to make good that pledge, if necessary. Khrushchev's proposal and the Western rejection of it led to talks at Geneva of the Big Four foreign ministers. The conference ended in a deadlock. Breathing Spell But the Soviets made no move to take over the Western sectors because it was agreed that the world's top men, President Eisenhower, Khrushchev, the British and French leaders would meet at a so-called summit conference to try and settle the East-West clash that has raged since World War II ended. No one knows what will happen at that conference. Perhaps agreement will be reached and your stay here will be as peaceful as your tour of duty was in 1955 at Ft. Bragg, N.C., where you commanded airborne artillery. But Berlin is marking time. The city has been given what may turn out to be only a breathing spell.

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