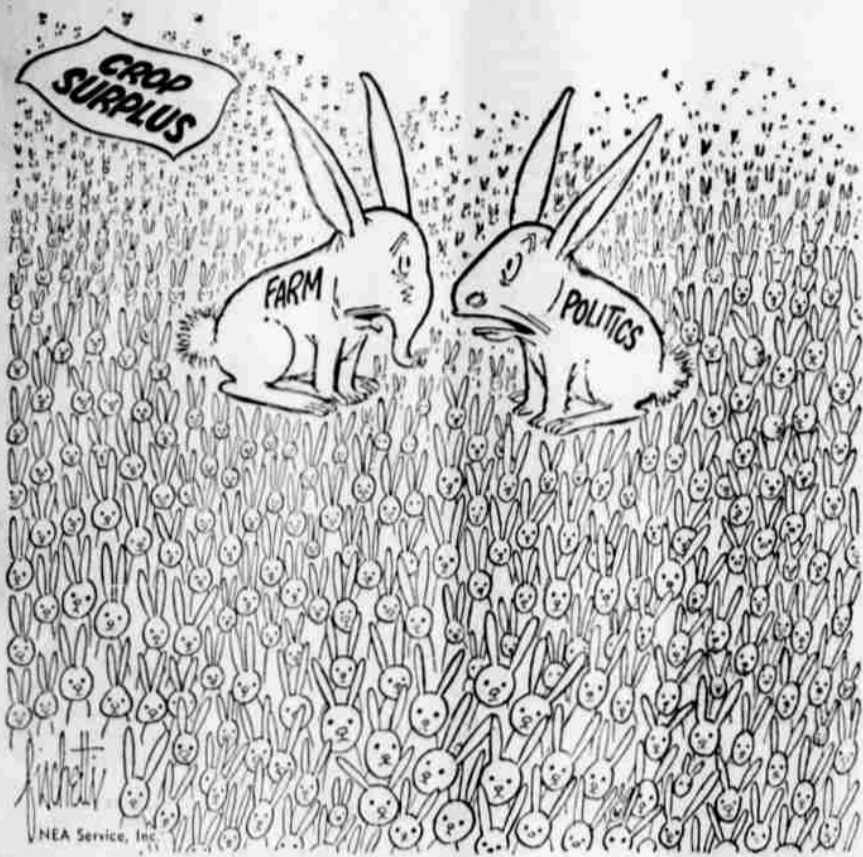


MY Fault?



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

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Will It Be Worth It?

A woman doctor in London is working on a plan to allow her to live to the ripe old age of 200.

Her diet consists of honey, fruit juice and water. She sleeps only two hours a night.

She avoids, as if they were poison: Proteins, carbohydrates, fiber foods, starches, sex, tobacco and alcohol. She might live to be 200, all right. But, the office wag wonders: Can you call that living?

Will Gauguin's Art Become Masterpieces?

A French blank clerk, long before most of us were born, gave up his career and deserted his family to devote his life to art. He was a painter. As with so many artists, his life was tragic and he died in the south seas, a poverty stricken, victim of leprosy, but left behind a number of paintings that in his day were not greatly admired and certainly not given much value.

He was Paul Gauguin, and a fortnight ago, when one of his south sea paintings came up for auction in New York it sold for \$364,000.

What happens in the world of art appreciation, one wonders, to cause what looked like junk to be worth far more than its weight in gold now? The explanation has two facets. One is the change that has occurred in the ability

of many people to understand and thus develop some feelings for the works of such men as Gauguin.

They did not paint simply what they saw, photographic style, but let their feelings—their impressions—reshape what they say into the form they put on canvas. Few could even make a living at it. And these early masters of impressionism did not live to see their genius appreciated.

The second factor that makes a Gauguin so valuable now is the fact that the artist is long dead. The more rare something is the more valuable it is to a collector whether it be first editions, paintings or Indian head pennies. There will never be any more Gauguin's produced. Hence what few there are increase in value with the years.

Logging May Take To The Air

Bob Conklin, an Oregon logger of long experience, was called upon to do some prognosticating at the Forestry Centennial Conference at Corvallis earlier this year. He foresaw a number of changes in logging methods, one of which he described as "the air age of log transportation. By that, he meant the movement of logs out of a forest by air, eliminating the expensive necessity for logging roads.

Those who heard Conklin undoubtedly thought he was just dreaming but they may think otherwise when they read something about a company that may be merged with Boeing. It is the Vertol Aircraft Co. of Morton, Pa., which spe-

cializes, among other things, in helicopters and other vertical take-off aircraft. Officials of Vertol in the past have expressed interest in the practicability of using helicopters to airlift logs out of an area too remote or too hilly for economical road construction.

Conklin also foresaw tree felling by loosening roots with sonic waves, making possible the extraction of a whole tree. Also he predicted complete utilization of stumps, roots, tops and branches.

Thus we have a picture of the logging show of the future. No axes, no saws, no rigging, no cats. Just a sonic machine to shake a tree loose from the ground and a big helicopter to pick it up and haul it off to the mill.

That'll Be The Everlovin' Day

In the rush to clean up TV and radio from some of their questionable practices there have been a number of suggestions as to just how far broadcasters should go in informing listeners of the fakery employed.

There is still one fertile field, however. That's in politics.

We're just waiting for the day when some politician steps in front of the cameras and microphones, smiles at the non-existent crowd, and starts his address by saying:

"Ladies and gentlemen, my fellow

Americans, this speech was prepared for me by members of my staff headed by Ansel Phibete, former dean of economics at Yale University."

That'll be the day.

Barbs

Girl babies are said to talk more than boy babies. How come they never get over it?

Ohio police found a toy plastic gun in the pocket of an arrested drunk. Only HE was loaded.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Vatican Is Firmly Opposed To Any Thaw In 'Cold War'

ROME—No place on his historic trip has President Eisenhower come up more emphatically against discouragement of his hope to thaw the cold war than at the Vatican.

Obviously the Holy Father and the President did not, could not discuss political matters. It's not done. The closest to this took place when Premier Caramanlis of Greece was in Rome and jokingly asked the Pope what he would do if Nikita Khrushchev requested an audience with him. The Pope replied: "Don't ask me."

Hard Line on Moscow

In fact, the most important development in Rome today has been the unofficial but very pointed criticism by Vatican officials of Italian President, Gronchi for announcing plans to go to Moscow to see Premier Khrushchev. And though it will not be discussed, obviously the Pope's reaction to the exchange of visits between Eisenhower and Khrushchev must be similar.

In the United States the College of Bishops has already spoken out firmly against the so-called "thaw" with Russia. This together with the Vatican's firm opposition sharpens the division which will meet the President almost everywhere he goes on this trip.

The division became so sharp in Italy, and Vatican criticism of President Gronchi so vigorous that the Italian president retaliated. At a press conference he dropped the hint that treaties, concordats and other agreements made by man were always subject to revision. Rome newspapers flared with interpretations that this meant the favorable concordat given the Vatican by Mussolini in return for Catholic support for him, might be revised. Unquestionably this interpretation was correct.

This is a new type of cold war has developed between the Vatican and the president of Italy.

Gronchi is in a strong position. As a Catholic he helped, in 1902, to found the first Christian Democrat party which has always supported the Church and been supported by it in turn. No one can challenge his strong Catholicism.

But on the question of thawing the cold war and relaxing relations with Moscow the battle lines are sharply drawn between the leaders of the Catholic Church and this Catholic activist who became president of Italy.

Moving Ceremony

The voice of Pope John XXIII carried clear and resonant to everyone gathered in the Sistine Chapel. It was a kindly voice and it seemed to carry overtones of great sympathy, great sorrow, great understanding.

The Pope was officiating at a High Mass in memory of Cardinal Stritch of Chicago, Cardinal Mooney of Detroit and other cardinals who died within the year. Below him sat other cardinals, most of them Italian; and beyond them were the uniformed ambassadors of the diplomatic corps, the Knights of Malta who showed us to our places, and the Swiss guards in their uniforms of striped purple and gold carrying halberds that dated back to

OBITS

United Press International

NEW YORK (UPI)—Bernard Goldstein, 70, one of the underground leaders in the Warsaw ghetto during World War II, died Monday after undergoing surgery at a hospital here.

PORT JERVIS, N.Y. (UPI)—Len Doyle, 66, an actor who had appeared on Broadway, radio and television, died Sunday on a hunting trip here. Doyle was heard for many years on the "Mr. District Attorney" radio series.

CRAMFORD, N.J. (UPI)—Dr. John V. Starr, 57, a scientist and manager of the products planning division of the Esso-Standard Oil Co.'s petroleum specialties department, died Sunday after an illness of several months.



PRESS CONFERENCE—President Eisenhower stated in his Washington, D.C. press conference that he firmly opposes involving the Federal Government in any way by giving other nations birth control advice. The President also answered questions and discussed his forthcoming goodwill trip to Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

LETTERS

Maximum length 300 words. No anonymous letters but true name will be withheld on request.

Dear Mr. Editor:

In a recent issue of the Observer there appeared a cartoon depicting a locomotive called operating expense coupled to a featherbed with a man dressed as an employe in train service lolling at his ease among the feathers.

Had this cartoon shown the featherbed at the rear of a passenger train it is unlikely it would have caused any indignation or reaction of any nature except a few chuckles. But located as it was in the picture and depicting an employe instead of an official in the featherbed the repercussion was, to say the least, vitriolic. Every railroad man in La Grande felt deeply offended. Those affiliated with other crafts in the Central Labor Council made complaints to that body and these complaints were relayed back to the membership of other Unions. Just how this affected circulation you know better than I but I can assure you, the publication of this cartoon did not make any friends for the "Observer."

This same cartoon was published in several other dailies in the country but many of them have offered apologies for the admitted error.

People in a town like La Grande feel their daily paper should represent all of THEM. And should not give outside interests preferential treatment which might be inimical to our interests. We feel an apology is in order.

Respectfully,
C. E. Abrahamson,
B of L E, Lodge 362.

QUOTES IN THE NEWS

United Press International

NEW YORK — Adlai E. Stevenson, expressing concern that President Eisenhower's current 11-nation tour might establish a precedent:

"I think it would be a great mistake if we converted the office of the president... into a traveling salesman."

WASHINGTON — Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.), dismissing fears that President Eisenhower's strenuous trip might endanger his health:

"You know, getting away from conditions in this country may be a real health tonic."

NEW YORK — Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler, stating that no discussions of personalities in the coming campaign went on during the week-end meetings of the Democratic Advisory Council:

"Of course, I suppose there may have been just a little politicking over cups of coffee and a beverage which was made legal under a Democratic administration and Congress."

Crop Specialist To Head Wheat Office In India

CORVALLIS (UPI)—Dr. D. D. Hill, retired head of the Oregon State College farm crops department, leaves early next month to take charge of the New Delhi, India, office of Western Wheat Associates.

The organization was formed by wheat commissions and wheat growers groups in Oregon, Washington and Idaho for market promotion and development.

Hill will be in India for two years directing wheat marketing and development for the organization.

A 1952 OSC graduate, Joe Spiruta, formerly of Albany, now is in charge of the New Delhi office. He will work in Ceylon, Indonesia, Burma and Thailand after Hill's arrival in India.

destroying three Japanese machine gun nests.

At the start of the fourth year of U.S. participation in World War II, America boasted the greatest military machine in history, with victory on all fronts being predicted sometime in 1945. Cost of the war to date was \$229,388,000,000.

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SQUAW VALLEY IN OIL — Iranian exchange student Bijan Shokafard (left), 23, talks to twin hostesses, Michon (center) and Michele Cardinal, about his painting of Squaw Valley during visit to the site of the 1960 Olympic Winter Games. Shokafard, of Tehran, Iran, a student at Sacramento Junior College, plans to give his painting to the VIII Olympic Winter Games.

Eisenhower Steering Clear Of Tunisia On This Junket

Travelling with Ike—Tunisia President Eisenhower, like many travellers before him over the past 400 years, is steering clear of Tunisia on his Mediterranean tour. For travellers of old, the reason for skipping Tunisia was the Barbary pirates. For Eisenhower it's lack of time.

Ike will meet Tunisia's No. 1 man in a warship on the sea. Tunisia pirates once dominated. Like those pirates, President Habib Bourguiba knows exactly what he wants and to devil with the risks.

Bourguiba, 53, was educated by the French, outlawed by the French, imprisoned by the French elected when Tunisians threw out the French. What he wants is Tunisian prosperity, dignity, authority, complete independence.

Nations of Farms So far, he has only a thin slice of all of this. Independence from the French became a reality in 1957, but only a political one. Prosperity is still a dream.

Tunisia is a farming nation. In 1956 it had 9,794 tractors and 201,400 horses, donkeys, and mules. It has more metals than it can use (phosphate deposits are "practically inexhaustible"), but nothing for fuel but dreams of oil. It exports wine, olive oil and minerals and imports practically everything else.

About half Tunisia's 3,800,000 Moslems are under 20 years of age; the birth rate is nearly three times the death rate. The Louisiana-sized country is half Sahara Desert, half fertile Mediterranean country.

Phoenicians colonized it; Carthage, the second city of the Roman Empire and "probably the most corrupt city of the West," was born and died in it; its first real king, Roger I of Sicily, was tossed out by a caliph in 1160.

East-West Barrier Tunisia has been an international pingpong ball for a thousand years. Italy's Andrea Doria once led a fleet for Spain's Charles V against the Turks who ruled it. France took it over in 1862 to keep Italy out, and in return for giving Britain a free hand in Cyprus.

Halfway between Gibraltar and Suez, Tunisia forms the barrier between East and West in the Mediterranean. Its personality is suitably split: Arabic is the official tongue but French "is not considered a foreign language."

It tossed out French troops last year but had to let them keep the huge naval and air base at Bizerte. Arab in the cities, Berber in the mountains; piratical by history (when the Deys and Beys of Tunis unleashed their Barbary Coast pirates to terrorize the Mediterranean) and earnest and ambitious for the future. That's Tunisia, and President Eisenhower will hear but not see—this time.

BID ON LIGHTHOUSE NEW YORK (UPI)—Thirty persons bid Monday on the century-old Chapel Hill lighthouse at Middletown, N.J., the General Services Administration said.

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