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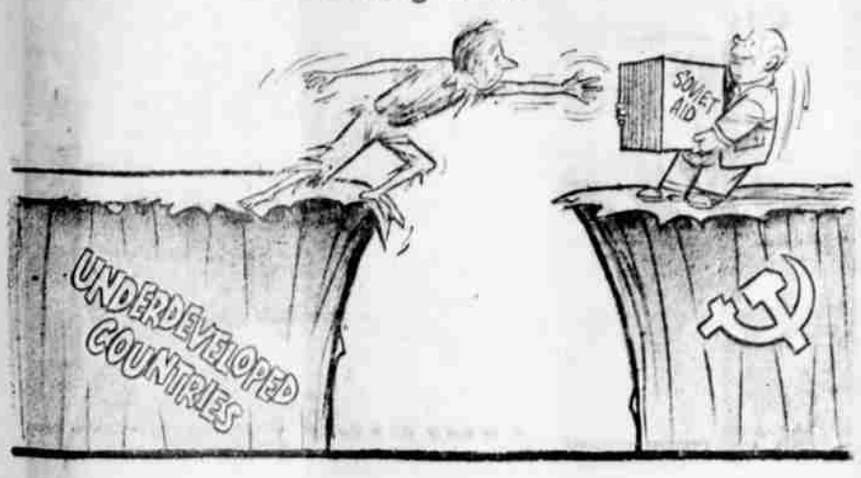

EDITORIAL PAGE

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

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Name Long Loses Magic Touch

Louisiana's harum scarum governor, Earl Long, was in the headlines every day for a while with his various antics. Then suddenly he dropped out of the spotlight. What happened to him?

He wound up running for lieutenant governor, because he was not eligible to run for governor again, and he was defeated. The Long name has had political magic ever since Huey's day in Louisiana but a governor who was in and out of mental hospitals as much as Gov. Earl was, and who frequented the places he did, needed more than a magic name to make the grade. Louisiana politics can be crazy, and some of the state's politicians can be too, but the electorate at least is sane.

Tourists Have No Trust In Fidel

The American tourist is not the adventuresome spirit he once was. Instead of rushing to Cuba, as to the scene of shooting or a fire, he is staying cautiously away.

This isn't the way Castro wants it. He pleads for more tourist business. But virtually no one heeds him. The Cubans are too trigger happy to suit modern day Americans who prefer their gun fire on TV rather than in the ball park.

Castro with his beard and still wearing military clothes does nothing himself to reassure potential tourists that Cuba is a safe place yet to visit.

The Ugly American Not So Ugly After All

In Pakistan this week a million persons shouted an enthusiastic greeting to the President of the United States. This raises our spirits here at home where all too often we hear of unfriendly attitudes toward America in foreign lands. Here is plain evidence that American intentions in at least one country are understood and the aid we have offered is appreciated.

Ike is getting a tumultuous welcome in all the countries he has visited, which is encouraging, but the Pakistan demonstration was something special.

The President has gone on to India where he will stay longer than in any of the other countries on the tour. There is a good reason for giving India special attention. Until recently India worked hard at being neutral in the cold war. The way Prime Minister Nehru played up to the Communists was a constant source of concern.

Then something happened. The Chinese Reds forcibly took over Tibet and then invaded and seized some territory belonging to India. This disillusioned even Nehru who reluctantly had to admit that communism was bad.

Now is the time, then, to win over India to the side of the free nations and if this can be done, an important step will have been taken for Moscow has had designs on India and its vast manpower for years.

U.S. friendship with Pakistan was resented in India until recently because Pakistan and India faced each other as enemies. Now India understands that American defense expenditures in Pakistan were strictly a Communist deterrent.

It must be very impressive to have the President of the United States in southeast Asia. No other President had made such a visit but the heads of the Russian government, of course, have been there. Ike's visit could be the turning point that will see a new bulwark against communism created in a far part of the world.

Publicity For Porter And Time

Time magazine, in the current issue, takes Congressman Charles O. Porter of Oregon's Fourth District apart.

The magazine does this in typical Time-style. It dissects Porter, bit by bit, and having finished the job, throws the remains to the wolves.

And thereby both Time and Porter get a lot of additional publicity.

Porter's friends and detractors, both are legion in his district, have chosen sides. They have become pro- or anti-Time, depending upon their view of the Congressman.

Porter is inordinately fond of personal publicity. And Time spends a lot of money in self-publicizing.

The result of the take-off on Porter is to gain considerable publicity in Oregon for both the Congressman and the magazine.

Which undoubtedly serves the purpose of each very well.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Russia Makes Much Progress In Picturesque Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — This is the wildest and most beautiful area President Eisenhower will visit on his trip. To get here, he will land on a Russian-built airport and will see the greatest inroads the Soviets have made in any independent country to spread their influence.

However, reaching the "top of the world" as Afghanistan is called is not easy. I had been trying to get here for two days. Sudden snow, rain and fog swept down the mountain passes through which planes must fly, making it the most perilous for navigation of any air route. In addition, a Russian-Afghan agreement narrows flying to a 10-mile corridor in order to keep planes from observing the Russian military installations on either side. As a result, my plane was delayed two days and we are now forced to make an emergency stopover at this quaint, rugged midway point to Kabul.

Mosques, Mud Walls

Kandahar is a city of turbaned men, veiled women, and barefoot children though its raw and wintry in December. It is a city of mosques and mud-walled dwellings, donkeys carrying stacks of firewood so big you can hardly see the animals underneath, women carrying hundred-pound sacks of grain while their husbands march on ahead, and camel caravans that sneak across the mountain passes to avoid the customs inspectors on the highways.

It is also a place through which have poured tons upon tons of Russian military equipment, all moving up to the Pakiston border—and the United States has a pact to come to Pakistan's defense if necessary! As the equipment moves along, Americans are ordered off the road so they won't see the nature of the weapons Russia is sending to the border.

The U. S. in turn is building one of the most modern airports in the world just outside Kandahar. It has a 10,000-foot runway, high-speed turn-offs, and modern lighting. It is being constructed by the New York firm of Morrison and Knudsen, and was designed by C. Morgan Holmes of Arlington who built most of the military airports in Alaska, redesigned National Airport in Washington, and revamped the airports on Wake Island, Palmira and Samoa in the Pacific.

Holmes, who has had more experience building airports perhaps than any other man in the world, says Kandahar Airport has the best approaches of any in the world except possibly Johnson Island. Russia has built an equally long runway just outside Kabul at which Eisenhower was to land. The United States is building three smaller air strips at Kundiz, Herat, and Jalalabad, all close to the Russian border, while Russia already has built several smaller air strips.

In addition, 15 Americans and 35 Filipinos are training 250 Afghans as navigation operators and they are doing a good job, while the Russians are training Afghans in meteorology. In other words, the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. are in frenzied competition in this rugged and picturesque "top of the world." But where is this competition heading?

Big "If"

If war should come, Russia could seize the wonderful new U.S.-built airport with its most modern runway in 20 minutes. From across its 1,500-mile border just a few minutes flying time away, it could have the advantage of the new American airstrips without the expense of building them.

Already, with Kandahar Airport almost finished, Russia last summer quietly built storage tanks for 750,000 gallons of gasoline under a hill near Kandahar. The Afghans were negotiating with Caltex and Burma Shell but, while the negotiations continued, the Russians built the tanks and moved in the gasoline. I saw them today.

The chief problem President Eisenhower will have to decide is whether we shall continue this competition with the U.S.S.R. for control of the top of the world. Or will he make this a test of the sincerity of his talks with Khrushchev, with both sides calling a truce in the battle to influence Afghanistan?

Russians Efficient

One significant fact is that Russia has done a more efficient job than the United States. This was officially admitted by Sheldon Mills, long-time U. S. ambassador here, who confided to the Senate Foreign Relations committee: "The Russians promise something and in three weeks they have given the order to their people to get on the job. It maybe takes us a year and that is very discouraging. The suggestion I would make is somehow to cut our red tape so that, when we promise to do something we can do it in timely fashion without undue delays."

In other words, Communism and capitalism are meeting head-on in peacetime competition in this wild, rugged, picturesque country at the top of the world and, according to the American ambassador, Khrushchev's boast that Communism would bury capitalism is being borne out in this area. What Eisenhower will do about it will be vital to watch.

REMEMBER WHEN

. . . 25 years ago, five Union County men represented the county wheat growers at the annual Eastern Oregon Wheat League meeting. They were Gilbert Courtright, Union; Bill Ruckman, Imbler; E. H. DeLong, La Grande, and assistant county agent E. L. Woods.

In Portland, 21 persons were victims of a fatal drink, denatured alcohol, and a big investigation was underway by police as to the bootleggers of the potent beverage.

K. D. Club members and their husbands enjoyed a potluck dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Winburn. Present were Mrs. Ella Baker, Lawrence Gray, Wyatt Starmer, Mrs. Erma Brown, Mrs. Etta Poole, Mrs. Hazel Starmer and Mrs. Lola Young.

. . . 15 years ago, Union County neared its War Bond quota of E bonds needed to be sold, according to C. W. Perkins, county bond chairman.

Earl Miller, Cricket Flat grange, was installed as new master of the Pomona grange after being elected. Others were Ehrman Bates, Blue Mountain grange, overseer; Mrs. Ed Boswell, Mt. Fannie, lecturer; Miss Moser, Rockwall grange, secretary; J. J. Murchison, Pleasant Grove, treasurer.

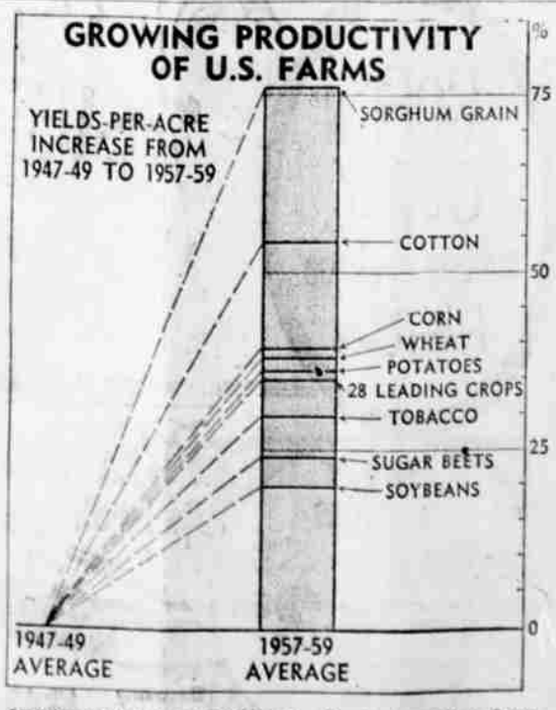
In Europe, the Germans were withdrawing all along the Roer River before advances of the famed U. S. First Army troops.

OBITS

NEW YORK (UPI) — Joseph E. Shorin, 56, a founder and president of Topps Chewing Gum, Inc., died Wednesday. Topps is one of the largest bubble gum manufacturers in the world.

ROME (UPI) — Raffaele Pettazzoni, a leading expert on the history of religions, died Tuesday after a long illness.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. (UPI)— Gene Carr, 78, originator of America's first four-panel black and white comic strip, "Lady Bountiful," died Wednesday.



STORY BEHIND THE STORY—Chart shows how farmers keep ahead of our surplus-plagued government. Production of leading crops has been raised 20 to 75 per cent in 10 years.

Guatemala Eyes Red Menace

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Staff Writer

Guatemala is a Central American republic with a distinction that makes it unique in the world.

It is the one country that once under Communist domination was able to throw it off and return to a Democratic regime.

But the Communists and their fellow travellers have not given up, and Sunday's election results demonstrate that once again they are in a position to threaten.

This was an off-year election, in that President Miguel Ydigoras Fuentes' office was not at stake. It was to elect 33 members of the 66-member single-house, with President Ydigoras admitting in advance that he feared a leftist gain.

This was another Latin American election in which the United States was a campaign issue, and which had to be viewed by the United States with frank interest.

Overthrew Red President

Guatemala emerged from Communist domination on June 27, 1954, when Carlos Castillo Armas at the head of a rag-tag force succeeded in ousting President Jacabo Arbenz Guzman.

Arbenz fled to the shelter of the Iron Curtain, and the United States began the process of firming up the Castillo Armas regime with loans and various forms of aid which now run around the 100 million dollar mark.

With this aid, Guatemala was able to survive a severe drop in the price of coffee, its main export, and to maintain a respectable foreign exchange reserve.

In July of 1957 however, one of Castillo Armas' own guards assassinated him in the presidential palace. The Guatemalan government said the assassin carried papers proving he had Communist affiliations.

Ydigoras Takes Over

After a considerable political scramble, Ydigoras, an army general, took over.

Ydigoras, in contrast to the popular and strong-willed Castillo Armas, is no strongman.

Rightist groups in Congress are divided, and Ydigoras' fights with Mexico over fishing rights and claims to sovereinty over British Honduras have not succeeded in uniting behind him the public support Ydigoras had hoped for.

Even an election-eve government charge that forces were being trained in Cuba to invade Guatemala failed to stir the voters.

Meanwhile, Communists and pro-Communists have filtered back into the country and are becoming increasingly vocal politically, with the United States their chief target.

Charges of Waste

There have been charges of waste against U.S.-administered air programs and of high salaries to "gringos." The aid programs themselves have been attacked as interference in Guatemala's internal affairs.

This, even though the administration of the aid programs has been recognized as one of the United States' better efforts.

The aid not only bolstered Guatemala's foreign exchange, it also aimed at betterment for the individual Guatemalan. Included have been road programs opening up new farmlands and new markets. It also has a small industry division, a teacher-training program and experimental stations to determine the best farming methods.

QUOTES IN THE NEWS

United Press International

KARACHI, Pakistan — Pakistani President Mohammad Ayub Khan, hailing President Eisenhower for undertaking his strenuous 11-nation tour:

"You are indeed a great man (to have) taken the trouble to come all this way and help us solve our problems."

LOS ANGELES — Convicted New York boxing racketeer Frankie Carbo, appearing in federal court without a lawyer to plead innocent to charges of attempted extortion:

"I'm over-rated here. The attorneys want a big fee. I don't know where I can get the money."

TWICKENHAM, England — All-America halfback Pete Dawkins, now a Rhodes scholar and a starter on Oxford's rugby team, discussing Oxford's 9-3 victory over Cambridge:

"I am very happy at the way the game went, but I felt I could have seen rather more of the ball."

HOLLYWOOD — Mexican actress Katy Jurado, stating that she flew to Hollywood to ask actor Ernest Borgnine when they are going to get married:

"I am a woman who does not like to be kept waiting for her mail."

Market Quotations

By United Press International

PORTLAND DAIRY

PORTLAND (UPI)—Dairy market:

Eggs— To retailers: Grade AA extra large, 48-51c; AA large, 45-48c; A large 43-44c; AA medium 40-42c; AA small 30-33c; cartons 1-3c additional.

Butter — To retailers: AA and grade A prints, 72c lb.; carton, 1c higher; B prints, 70c.

Cheese: (medium cured) — To retailers: A grade cheddar single daisies, 43-51c; processed American cheese, 5-lb. loaf, 42½-43½c.

PORTLAND GRAIN
Coast Delivery Basis

White wheat 2.00
Soft white hard applicable 2.00
White club 2.00
Hard red winter, ordinary, 2.06
Hard white baart, ordinary 2.95
Cats no bid
Barley 45.50

Man Held In Jail On Morals Charge

John Lewis Eldridge, 36, is being held in the Union County jail in lieu of $2000 bail on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Eldridge appeared before Justice of the Peace George Miller Wednesday afternoon to answer the morals charge involving a 9-year-old girl.

He waived preliminary hearing and was bound over for the grand jury. The charge arose out of an incident which occurred late in September.

FORM KENNEDY CLUB

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UPI)— An Indiana Kennedy-for-President Club was formed Tuesday by Democratic leaders who said they hope to persuade Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) to enter the state's primary election next May.

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK (UPI)—Industrials resumed the upturn today after Wednesday's interruption.

Steels, some electronics, chemicals, metals and scattered specials carried the market higher with many issues above their opening levels.

Drugs recovered somewhat with gains running to more than 3 in Carter Products and a point or more in Vick and Merck. The group worked under pressure of the congressional investigation into prices during the last two sessions.

Electronics, which have faltered in recent weeks, found support with Ampex up more than 2 and IBM up around 2.

Steels firmed. Bethlehem, U.S. Steel and Republic tacked on fractions. DuPont in the chemicals was up ⅜ half after rising more than a point at the opening. Autos held steady. Chrysler eased, GM held at its previous close, while American Motors jumped more than 1.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND (UPI) (USDA) — Livestock:

Cattle 100; no fed steers or heifers offered; few standard steers 22-23; cutter-utility steers and heifers 15-21; canner - cutter cows 10.50-12.50; bulls 17-20.

Calves 10; good-low choice vealers 28-31.

Hogs 150; 1 and 2 butchers 190-220 lb. 14.25-14.50; sows salable 9-11.50.

Sheep 200; 65 head lot good-choice 109 lb. wooled lambs 17 with 223 lb. 15.50; truck lot good-choice shorn lambs 16, sorted at 14.