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Deadlock in Colombia

In what must be an unprecedented attempt to influence world opinion, an address by President Urdaneta of Colombia is reproduced in a full-page advertisement in last Sunday's New York Times.

"With bitterness in my soul," Urdaneta explains how "sectarian passion and pitiless violence have compelled our beloved country to follow the Via Dolorosa, sprinkling our road with blood and leaving its past glory in tatters."

Ever since the assassination of Liberal Leader Gaitan in 1948, Colombia has been afflicted with rioting, wholesale murders and guerrilla warfare. Thousands of lives have been lost, many public buildings burned, farms ruined. The persecution of Protestants in Colombia may be partly due to the inflamed political emotions of the citizenry.

According to the Times' own correspondent in Bogota, an accurate picture of the present situation is extremely hard to get but the trouble stems from the fact that a strong party (Conservatives) is in power while another party (Liberals) at least as strong numerically, is out of power and claims it is being oppressed by the government. The Liberal Opposition has two parts, the urban politicians peaceably opposing the government and the guerrilleros or "bandits," as the Conservatives call them, who fight the army and police, loot and rob and kill. The Liberals regard these partisans as fighters for their principles; the government considers them common criminals. The Liberals demand absolute amnesty for the guerrillas (17,000 strong, some say) and the government will grant partial amnesty. There the deadlock stands.

There seems to be no hope of a compromise solution, the Timesman reports, and the only prospect is continued trouble. Meanwhile, there is also the danger that continued deadlock may bring the Liberals to seek outside help from foreign communists, and that the same reason will cause the Conservative government to develop into an oppressive fascist regime. President Urdaneta has already imposed tight newspaper censorship to cut down on inflammatory articles in the press.

The unfortunate Colombian situation—and it is one in which Colombia is not alone—shows how very difficult it is for a people without democratic tradition to maintain a democratic government. The concept of a "loyal opposition" as it is held in England and in the U.S. is foreign to countries where the top dog traditionally tries to eliminate the competition, which traditionally goes underground when it loses an election. And it is easy to see how that situation would produce authoritarian governments and breed revolutionary opposition, together creating a ready-made opportunity for communist agitation.

The road to democracy as we know it is indeed a Via Dolorosa and there isn't any shortcut. Colombians apparently have to learn the hard way, just as we did in the Civil War.

Something for the Timberwolves

The sexiest blonde in Hollywood has been chosen to play the part of Olive Barber in the motion picture to be based on her book, "The Lady and the Lumberjack," about Oregon loggers, their lives and their loves.

Marilyn Monroe, one of those girls who give men goosepimples, is to star in the 20th Century Fox production—an announcement which caused stocky, dark-haired, middle-aged Mrs. Bar-

ber to gasp, according to the Eugene Register-Guard. But Mrs. Barber reckoned that her husband Curley (the Lumberjack) would be "tickled."

Lil Orphan Marilyn hit the road to fame and fortune when she posed in the nude for a calendar picture which hangs in garages, barber shops and, no doubt, log camp bunkhouses, and which was reproduced in Life magazine. Miss Monroe, ever since then, has felt that she could get along with a minimum of clothing and has told the breathless, waiting world that she never wears bras, slips or girdles. Informed of this, Mrs. Barber remarked, "Well, maybe the gal's got something..."

Whatever it is that the gal's got, the choice of Marilyn as Mrs. Barber is sure to please the timberwolves and their urban brethren all over the country. But we hope that the movie-makers will devote some attention to Marilyn's background, too—the forests of Oregon and the rough and rugged men who cut them down. The green and dangerous world of the feller and bucker, the high-climber and choker-setter is as full of drama and excitement as the cowboy-and-Indian and pirate-ship scenes so dear to the picture people. With Marilyn on the set, cameramen will be tempted to keep her in view and forget about the scenery.

Of course, it is debatable whether it would be worse to deprive movie-goers of Marilyn or of the tall trees.

Eugene voters turned down three measures which would have provided tax-supported kindergartens for pre-school children. The vote was unusually large and the kindergarten proposals lost by a margin of 3-to-1. The report from Eugene doesn't indicate why the voters decided they didn't want kindergartens but the main reason is probably that taxpayers think they are putting enough money into schools as it is. Evidently parents who want to send their youngsters to kindergarten will have to turn to private enterprise.

A California anthropologist told New York reporters that the "accomplishment potential of women is staggeringly low." He must have been thinking in terms of a man's yardstick. Long ago some sage made the counter-observation: "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." And that hand isn't masculine.

Now that Governor Stevenson's special fund for aid to certain Illinois bureaucrats is revealed, will there not grow apples of discord in his official family? The department head who isn't getting a cut from the kitty will wonder if the guy across the corridor is—and "what's he got that I haven't got?"

As for the political campaign advances it becomes more and more of pot-calling-the-kettle-black affair. If only the excess devotion to virtue would last beyond campaigning periods...

A study of stomach ulcers recently reports that often they are caused by mothers. And all these years mothers-in-law have been taking the blame.

Those who contributed to Nixon's campaign fund surely got a lot of free advertising for their donations. Not many \$500 gifts get publicity from coast to coast.

Ike says he's sticking with Nixon. Then there are those who say he's simply stuck with Nixon.

Why Do Diplomats Tell Such Big Whoppers When Making Statements to Enemy Nations?

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
Associated Press News Analyst

Why do diplomats say so many things they don't mean?

When the new Russian ambassador arrives in Washington he says his country is striving to maintain friendly relations with the United States. He flatly denies that his government is waging a "hate campaign" against America.

Coldly unbinding, but applying the technique which is common to foreign offices and sewing circles, President Truman replies that the people of the United States have only the friendliest feeling for the peoples of the Soviet Union.

The president, of course, can defend his statement better than can Mr. Zarubin. Americans frequently express a certain sympathy for the Russian people, trying to make a distinction between them and the hated Soviet government. Actually, unless this sentiment is expressed by the well-traveled or better educated, it usually has a hollow sound.

The people, as politicians think of them en masse, usually display suspicion of all foreign peoples except maybe Canadians, Australians, and a few others of the smaller nationalities. And they certainly think today that what they conceive to be the general Russian "character" is largely responsible for the excesses of the Soviet government both at home and abroad.

Ask them formally and they will say what Truman said, but it's not what they mutter into their beer mugs or teacups.

As for Mr. Zarubin's statement, in one part it was technically correct, and in another a blatant lie. If he had substituted the diplo-

matic term "correct" for the term "friendly" relations, in that part of his statement, he might have had some ground to stand on. Russia does want to keep the ground clear for whatever twist in international relations which will contribute the greatest monetary benefits to her campaign for ultimate world domination, and that includes lulling the world into a sense of false security, if she could, which would help her on the day when she might decide the greatest benefits could be secured through actual war.

As for the new ambassador's statement that Russia does not conduct a hate campaign against

America, it is such a trite lie as hardly to be worth discussing. The American ambassador in Moscow has refused to go to a great public celebration because the streets are lined with the outrageous posters designed to make the people fear and hate America. And they are the least weighty factors of the campaign.

But when two representatives of disputing nations are placed face to face in a situation short of war, they remain "correct." If three get together, there's likely to be a little ruckus. But it's only when they are apart that they really start telling the truth on each other. Even as you and I.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS
EAST OF EDEN, by John Steinbeck (Viking; \$4.50)

The Hamilton family, founded by old Samuel from Ireland with his wife Liza; the Trask family, father Cyrus, elder son Adam, younger son Charles, originally from Connecticut; Cathy Ames, from Massachusetts... some of these and sundry other characters reach California's Salinas Valley at opportune times in the last century and the early years of this one. To figure in this 602-page novel.

Old Cyrus, back from the Civil War with a pegleg, acts toward Adam, the son he loves, as though he hated him; and Charles in a bewildering variety of moods tries to murder his brother, makes affectionate gestures toward him, then shamelessly betrays him. The Hamiltons are fathered by a philosophical but romantically impractical soul who even, when he must, is midwife for some of his own large brood.

But the central character, fitter to live in Hades than in Eden and no more at all for a man

named Adam, is Cathy. She is "a monster," we are told specifically, and though the narrator later hedges a little, she proves to be a combination of Lucretia Borgia, Generali, and Regan, and a bawdy-house madam. Her adventures as a child, her flight from her burned home, her affair with Mr. Edwards, who runs the tidy little shady little business in small-town hotels, and the way she is cast up, beaten to a proper pulp, on the Trask doorstep are only less lurid than her own spectacular career in vice in Salinas.

This novel gets off to a good start, right up neck-and-neck with other good Steinbeck. But it has very little staying power, it never gets it second wind. Cathy is too inexplicable a monster, Adam too stupid, Lee the Chinaman too superficially drawn, the boys too pointless, and some of the incidents too extreme. It reads like a book written out of a vast reservoir of material by an author who, at the moment, didn't have anything to say, or if he did, just hadn't gotten around to making his rich material say it.

COLD WAR GETTING WARMER



The Safety Valve

Liked Senator Nixon To The Editor:

Mrs. Socolofsky and I can not refrain from expressing our opinion of the Nixon's visit and Mr. Nixon's address at the State House last Saturday p.m.

We are most appreciative of the fine campaign spirit which dominates General Eisenhower and Senator Nixon. May they both continue, on that high moral and discreet level, on to the end of the campaign. We represent ourselves as a Christian nation and as Christians can not approve "give them hell" tactics. How could we expect Divine guidance in such an attitude. "Be not deceived. God is not mocked: whatsoever a man soweth; that will he also reap!"

Give them hell tactics and divine guidance do not cooperate and is one rule which does not work both ways; even though those indiscreet words fell from the lips of whom we should least expect them.

We earnestly hope that a cloud of prayer and supplication hover over all Republican affairs and that we will be led out of the Democratic wilderness where we have been sojourning now for twenty years, where we are being fed by false prosperity, exorbitant taxation and a most improper manipulation of our foreign policy.

We need a Joshua Eisenhower and a Caleb Nixon, to lead us over the Jordan of fumbling, into the land of certainty, safety and security. Here is whooping it up for the success of General Eisenhower and Senator Nixon. Senator Nixon remarked that he married a Democrat. He has nothing on us. Mrs. Socolofsky is an Eisenhower Democrat and I am an Eisenhower Republican. Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Socolofsky Methodist Home 1625 Center Street Salem, Ore.

Umphre In every game there is an umpire; if a player yields not to his decision, he is fired. In our case, Congress makes the rules and if the President fails to abide by them he should be fired. The Taft-Hartley law worked well on John Lewis when he fell out with

Truman, has been quite tame since. Had Truman used the Taft-Hartley law on Phil Murray instead of trading horses with him, there would have been no steel strike. Government is ordained to control criminals, to execute murderers and confine criminals that endanger life and property, to protect individual rights and liberties. But our present government grooms men like Acheson and Marshall like farmers groom stock for the fair. Neither has achieved much except when Marshall went to China to sell the reds to Chiang Kai-Shek. When he refused to buy, he sold him to the reds. When men like Joe McCarthy will not leave off from smoking out reds and crooks, they use any means at their disposal to discredit them in the public mind. That is what crooks are trying to do to the Republican nominee for vice president, Nixon.

A number of public spirited people in California recognized in Nixon, a man of honor and ability and financed him to smoke out reds, such as Harry Bridges and Alger Hiss. That is why all demagogues are so bitter to him. He would be a great menace to them in high office. If a President can grab the oil a few feet off shore in one state, he can grab the oil, coal, timber in all the states on the pretense that it belongs to all the people. That is what the reds did in Russia. Now the gangsters all live in luxury while the common people scarcely get enough to eat, and if they produce not the quota assigned them or complain of their treatment they lose their heads. That is a socialist paradise.

A. P. KIRSCH, Stayton, Ore.

Discusses on Parties To The Editor:

Financial returns determine the benefits that can be secured through political action. Those benefits may apply to a part of the people only. Public officials have the power to shape laws that will mean comfort or distress to the people. Where there are two or more political parties there can be different programs presented for the voters' choice. If the elected official favors the public development of our inter-

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I subscribed to that magazine last week, and I expect you did, too."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "obese" (adjective) and "obesity" (noun)?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Idiosyncrasy, illegible, illicit, illustrious.

4. What does the word "contemporary" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with "m" that means "to many to be counted"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I subscribed for that magazine last week, and I presume you did, too." 2. Pronounce the adjective as o-bees, the noun as o-bess-i-l. 3. Illegible. 4. Living or occurring at the same period of time. 5. Innumerable.

nal resources, it can mean the employment and enrichment of the mass of the people, with lower living costs. If on the other hand he favors a war program, it can only mean higher taxes and living costs that if persisted in means bankruptcy. History points this as the result of war to all nations that follow that path.

You cannot elect a President without electing a vice president at the same time. They will surely try to carry out the wishes of those who contributed financially to their political expenses. Where there are two political parties with platforms that are hard to tell apart there can be no material choice for voters to elect. This is the main reason why people are not excited about voting. It makes no difference to them who gets elected. They do not feel the increased taxes till after the election. The choice this year is peace or war with two parties for war and one for peace. HERBERT DENNETT, 226 S. Cottage St.

Nixon Smear Settled To The Editor:

I heard Sen. Nixon last evening, and the smear they made so much of should be settled for good by this time. I for one am all for Sen. Nixon, and if those that now hang on Mr. Eisenhower's coat-tail should "get" Sen. Nixon off the Republican ticket, and keep hanging there on his coat tail, we better say good-bye to victory Nov. 4th.

What Mr. Eisenhower needs is to shake off all those that seem to tell him what to do, and stick to his friends, real friends. Sen. Taft may be all right in his place, but it is not the time for him to dictate to any one.

To have victory is to talk the same thing, and not be divided. All pull together as one, and pay no attention to the other party.

It is no use to argue with a communist, or make a deal with them, as their words are no good. L. E. FOSS, 1910 N. 19th.

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Marv Byers, wheel in the state traffic safety division, has a new gay tale to spring on fellow workers at the Coffee Hour Board of Directors meeting one of these mornings. Byers, it seems, has a pet goldfish who keeps the Byerses awake constantly rattling rocks in his bowl. The fish, Marv says, is only 3 1/2 inches long, is as sturdy as a lumberjack and has been rattling those rocks for several years now. When Byers is not kept awake by the rocky racket he lies there sleepless wondering what drives a frustrated goldfish to rattle rocks. One answer: The fishbowl is close to the Byers radio and the fish might be attempting to throw rocks at those political speeches.



And into another state department the other day comes two fellows to fill out an accident report. And when the ink dried it was discovered that, according to the report, each fellow was driving the other man's car... In reports involving a recent head-on collision one driver claimed he was parked and the other said he was only going four miles an hour—(with his feet dragging?)... So now the safety division is watching closely for the perfect report of the perfect collision—in which both drivers will claim they were both parked on opposite sides of an eight-lane highway when the collision occurred.

L. A.'s Ding Dong Daddy is pleading insanity to charges that he married wives No. 15 and 16 while still legally hitched to mate No. 14. And a Commercial Street Sage, who wishes to remain anonymous and alive, remarks that anybody would HAVE to be crazy to stand all those women.

Twice now, within the past several weeks, the Marion County Clerk's office has received unsolicited \$5 bills. Both times the cash was included in marriage certificates returned by ministers. Clerk Henry Mattson figures the money was intended for the preachers as a gift from the married couples... And those court suits seeking to change ballot measure wordings are causing no end of confusion. Marion County's ballots (50,000 official ones plus samples) are already being printed—in fact many are already through the presses. And they say Linn County has printed all of its ballots.

There is a much-used mail box at the SP depot. Salesmen love it because they can mail their orders in late afternoons and evenings and the mail is picked up about 10 p.m. or by train and taken straight into Portland. A sure way of getting late mail into Portland on the same night it's mailed. Only the system became so popular that now the box can't begin to hold all the mail. So now you see salesmen at the depot late at night handing their envelopes directly to train crews to make sure they get on.

ATOMIC RAGWEED

CHICAGO (INS)—The "sneeze and wheeze" days of hayfever may be on the way out. University of Chicago scientists have successfully grown "radio-active" ragweed. The pollen from these plants will be tried on laboratory animals in experiments designed to find out exactly what happens to the pollen after it enters a living body.

FARMER IN THE WELL

BINGHAMTON, N. Y. — A 27-year-old farmer was cleaning a well pump with gasoline recently when he was overcome with the fumes and toppled over into a 7-foot well. He landed in 4 inches of water but his wife said he was still unconscious 15 minutes later when she pulled him out. A physician who examined him said he didn't have a scratch.

Advertisement for Nunn-Bush Ankle-Fashioned Captoes shoes. Features a large image of a shoe and text: 'Style 4517 CLYDE Last Imported MacTavish Country Grain Heavyweight Sole Leather Heel'. Price: \$18.95. The Man's Shop, 416 State, Salem.

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



... It ain't exactly raining prices, Mrs. Truffle... it's just that I can't let you beat me down on prices like you used to...