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Propaganda or News

Foreign correspondents in Iron Curtain countries are having quite a problem determining what "news", with the censor's permission, should be sent back to the United States.

Recently, one of them, for lack of more portentous information at hand, dug up a story in Moscow saying "the weather is hot and Muscovites are gobbling up two million portions of ice cream daily, the official news agency reported today. A common sight is children buying chocolate-coated ice cream on a stick from little street wagons."

A southern editor in this country protested the item was "outright communist propaganda." Perhaps so. And we don't want propaganda. But, for the sake of argument and probably because it's true, let's assume the foreign correspondent at least stuck to the facts in the story. The Muscovites did have ice cream. The story was a little "brightener" and somewhat interesting. On that basis, would the southern editor have said it was propaganda if the reverse had been true and the correspondent had reported Moscow was sweltering and children had no ice cream?

It's pretty hard to write factual stories that are pleasing and no newspaperman of good repute makes any attempt to please or displease. But like the McCarthy hearings, a reader's personal bias can make a story appear favorable to one side or the other even though actually it steers straight down the middle and simply reports facts.

We don't think it's necessarily propaganda to report that Moscow children have ice cream. But we might suggest, if censorship permitted, that the reporter tell us how the quality, portions and prices compared with ice cream in our own country.

Longevity Increases Problems

Three-score-and-ten, once regarded as a fairly considerable age for anyone to reach, apparently will be no more than the expected average for any baby born in the very near future.

Life insurance statistics made available this week show that the average life span, based on the year 1951, had been boosted to 68.5 years, and that for 1954 it is anticipated the average will be 69. And it's interesting, too, to note that while the increased potential is greater at the younger ages it also has made it feasible for the average man at age 65 to look forward to 13 additional years of life (the average woman 15 1/2 years).

For the baby, its average potential is 20 years more than it was at the turn of the century. Such statistics not only are interesting—they point to the growing problem of jobs for, and the welfare of the elderly.

Sometimes He Makes Sense

It is seldom of recent months that we have had occasion to be in agreement with Sen. Morse but we can go right along with the senator's opinion that the U. S., in the unfortunate event that Red China is admitted to United Nations before it has shown decent responsibility, must stay in U. N. regardless.

Morse says the U. S. has lost prestige through an apparent tendency to "go it alone," and that "America's voice must not further be silenced by stubbornness or withdrawal or a petulant attitude."

Sometimes the senator from Eugene still makes sense like he used to.

Soviet Regime Gains Apparent Stability In Year Since Arrest of Lavrenty Beria

By TOM WHITNEY (AP Foreign Staff)
It's now just a few days more than a year since the Soviet government announced the arrest of the dreaded police chief Lavrenty Beria.

How have things gone in the Soviet leadership since that sudden development which indicated to the world there had been cracks in the Kremlin walls?

Some foreign observers when Beria was purged expressed hopes the Kremlin clique would tear itself apart in a big power struggle. But they've been disappointed. Nothing of the sort has matured.

The fact is that the Soviet government and Communist Party leadership during the past year have managed to maintain a seemingly high degree of stability.

There still may well be some acute personal conflicts within the Soviet leadership. It wouldn't be surprising, sooner or later, to see one or more of these erupt into the open. But there is serious doubt whether anything of this sort will undermine the Soviet government.

To put it simply Premier Malenkov could do in Nikita Khrushchev, Khrushchev could get rid of Malenkov, or Nikolai Bulganin could get rid of them both. But any such developments would be handled, it is believed, inside the leadership and neither during their course nor in their result would have much important effect on the Russian people or the outside world.

The present system of rule in the U. S. S. R. is obviously not a one-man dictatorship on the Stalin pattern.

The Russians themselves describe the present situation as "collective" leadership. This term can be misleading. In actuality the

Soviet Union is still very clearly an absolute dictatorship in which power is exercised not by any one man but by a small committee — a board of directors, in which two men play leading and apparently approximately equal roles.

The two men are, of course, Premier Georgi Malenkov and party boss Nikita Khrushchev.

The committee behind them is apparently in a broad sense the "big nine" — the nine-member presidium of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, which

corresponds to Stalin's politbureau. Likely the nine-man group is for all practical purposes dominated by a smaller group of five men consisting of Malenkov, Khrushchev, Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, Defense Minister Nikolai Bulganin and First Deputy Premier Lazar Kaganovich.

It's certainly an open question whether the present form of committee dictatorship in the U. S. S. R. is destined to survive. In past history committee rule or committee dictatorship has rarely been long-lived in any society.

Your Health

By Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

Malnutrition caused by poor eating habits can give delusions of parasites infesting the body more vividly than if the insects were actually there. Many times patients will bring to their physicians a specimen of dirt or crusts from their skin, honestly believing that parasites are contained in these bits of debris.

These people constantly wash their beds and linen and even boil their clothing daily. They take frequent baths and use insecticides. Most of them have, due to over self-treatment of the so-called parasites, a more or less generalized dry, scaly skin, secondary to the irritation that they have caused by treating themselves.

Persons who live in the same home with someone having this affliction often become convinced that they, too, are afflicted with parasites. These people usually have a prompt cure as soon as they are removed from contact

with the "parasitic" person. In the past, this problem has been difficult to treat. Recently it was shown that people who suffer from this disease have a history of poor eating habits. They felt crawling sensations and burning pain, as if from the bite of an insect. This led to their belief in parasites.

However, the central nervous system of man is particularly vulnerable to changes due to malnutrition. These changes, due to improper eating habits, can cause the symptoms so like parasite infestation. This problem thus becomes amenable to treatment as soon as the nutritional deficiency at fault is corrected.

Question and Answer
Miss J. J.: Can a cyst of the ovary turn into cancer?
Answer: Some cysts do turn cancerous. If you have a cyst, you should be under the frequent observation of your physician.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



... And the duty of our political committee will be to listen to the candidates and report to us... no use ALL of us wasting our time!

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page 1.)

City model. The business section is on a narrow flat between the mountain (Deer Mt.) and the water; and the houses rise by tiers on the side of the mountain. Located on an island, it has only 25 miles of highway, part of which is now being surfaced. But the city has parking meters and there is talk of a pigeon-hole parking structure, which would seem to be very practical for a city as congested in its business district as this one is.

Leaving Ketchikan at seven p.m., we really sailed into sunset, only the sun refused to set until 9:25. And it was bright again this morning when we rose at 5 to visit Wrangell where the ship had docked during the night. A neat, bright little city, which was hardly astir when we shoved off at 7 a.m.

It has a substantial new federal building, as do most of these Alaska cities legacies of the public works of FDR; and a substantial schoolhouse and attractive churches. At Ketchikan, a young woman who was born there said the city had as many churches as bars, which shows that Alaska has progressed since the days of the gold-rush. Evidently the bars give trouble, for in their doors was

conspicuously posted a placard promising a \$1000 fine for minors frequenting the premises or trying to buy drinks.

Leaving Wrangell the route led through the famous Wrangell Narrows, where the ship must thread the needle through a tortuous and well marked passage. We went right by Petersburg, on the point of land at the terminus of the Narrows, its white houses and metal-roofed warehouses glistening in the bright sunshine. Most of the passengers found the trip through the Narrows exciting enough to give it their full attention; but there was one well-groomed dame who was playing solitaire in the lounge. I overheard her remark: "I just love Chicago. A penthouse at State and Madison is what I would like." It takes "all kinds of people" even to make a cruise to Alaska.

Now we are sailing along Stephen Passage, the mainland on our right — starboard, the sailors would say — and Admiralty Island on our left, or port side. We are getting into the country of tall mountains, snow-covered, with glaciers. The ship is due to dock at Juneau, the capital of the territory, at 6:30 p.m.

The Safety Valve

CORDON REPLY CRITICIZED To the Editor:

In regard to your editorial concerning the challenge issued by State Senator Richard Neuberger to Guy Cordon to hold the campaign to \$50,000, it comes as something of a shock to me that your paper, which in my opinion is generally quite astute, could so completely miss the issue.

The challenge was not issued for the purpose of quashing rumors concerning Neuberger's financial backing, but was thrown out in an effort to persuade Cordon and his backers to keep their campaign budget, official and un-official, down to a level where the Neuberger people can compete.

It has been estimated that those who back Cordon plan to spend at least \$250,000, one-quarter of a million dollars, on this campaign. This means both "official" and "un-official" expenditures. Cordon's reply that his spending is limited by state and federal law is an obvious dodge and is of no pertinence at all. Of course he is limited in what he can spend, but the law does not limit or frustrate a private individual or organization from striking out on its own in support of a candidate in whom he has a "peculiar" interest.

Needless to say, these who would venture that amount of money in a state which up to now is supposed to be a lead pipe Republican cinch have their reasons.

The investment of that amount of money in anything would necessarily include a tacit promise to repay a calculated return on the investment. It is little short of obvious who in this state has that kind of money. It is also patent what type of return Cordon is peculiarly in a position to give as the recently designated chairman of the Senate Interior Committee which deals directly with our state's resources.

It is the return on the campaign investment which Cordon's backers will demand and receive which shocks those of us who love Oregon as she is. You are right though, money is not the issue directly: the issue in this campaign is Oregon herself. Do we want her natural beauty and wealth carefully, covetously developed by persons responsible to the people themselves? Or do we want her shortsightedly exploited by those who just happen to have a quarter of a million dollars to spend. . . . As the Cordon billboards,

posters, banners and costly radio programs begin to blanket Oregon later in the summer let's ask ourselves this question: Is Cordon hoping to spend his way back into office?

Eldon Caley
935 Madison Street
Salem, Ore.

FAVORS CORDON

To the Editor:
I have heard over the radio and read in the newspapers all the faults Richard Neuberger, the Democratic candidate, finds with Sen. Guy Cordon, the Republican candidate.

My father never voted a Republican ticket in his life and I have always tried to vote the same way, but this time I shall change and vote for Guy Cordon as in my mind he is the best man for the job he now holds.

Marion Miller
Star Route,
Silverton, Ore.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The acoustics of the room are very bad, and I couldn't hardly hear the speaker."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "bindery"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Soulful, soulless, sonorous, somnolence.
4. What does the word "alacrity" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "a" that means "to yield"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "The acoustics of the room is very bad, and I could hardly hear the speaker." 2. Pronounce bin-der-i, first l as in lee; three syllables, and not bind-ri. 3. Soulless. 4. A cheerful readiness or promptitude. "He obeyed his father with alacrity." 5. Succumb.

Financial Condition of Insurance Firm Good

The financial condition of the American Guaranty Life Insurance Company, Portland, is satisfactory, based on a financial investigation report, the state insurance commission announced here Tuesday.

County to Get \$136,897 Out Of State Funds

Marion County will receive \$136,897 from the apportionment of two state funds, one involving \$2,179,274 of State Highway Department revenues and the other \$240,000 of liquor privilege tax money, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbery announced Tuesday.

Distribution to counties of the highway fund is based on motor vehicle registration for 1953. The 19 per cent distribution to counties represents funds from vehicle registrations, motor vehicle fuels taxes, motor carrier fees and fines for motor vehicle violations.

The liquor fund is distributed on a basis of 75 per cent to counties and 25 per cent to the state's "general fund with the provision that counties spend the money for old age pensions, mother's aid and direct relief to the needy.

Amounts slated for other counties in the area are Polk, \$21,588; Yamhill, \$49,218; Linn, \$78,879; Lane, \$189,199; Washington, \$87,389; Benton, \$36,538; Clackamas, \$110,012.

Others are Clatsop, \$39,498; Deschutes, \$32,291; Douglas, \$93,357; Gilliam, \$5,724; Grant, \$12,825; Harney, \$9,823; Hood River, \$19,829; Jackson, \$93,561; Jefferson, \$9,438; Josephine, \$44,451; Klamath, \$64,011; Lake, \$11,578; Lincoln, \$30,120; Malheur, \$32,463; Morrow, \$9,114; Sherman, \$4,806; Tillamook, \$28,357; Umatilla, \$71,004; Union, \$26,059; Wallowa, \$11,555; and Wasco, \$28,104.

RIFLE, SLINGSHOT STOLEN

Roy G. Arney, Woodburn Route 1, reported the theft of a .22 rifle and a slingshot from his barn Tuesday morning, state police said.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

July 14, 1944

C. W. Smith, regional food distribution director, reported the war food administration had awarded "A" distinction to nine western canneries for processing achievement. Among them was Paulus Bros., Salem.

The Battleship Oregon, queen of the U. S. fleet in the Spanish-American war, was converted into a barge and is in action against the Axis, navy officials announced.

Blazing heat in some states and a general drought in most of the territory east of the Rockies ended chances for bumper crops this year, the American Institute of Food Distribution said.

25 Years Ago

July 14, 1929

At Portland, H. L. Stiff, Salem furniture man, was elected president of the Furniture Dealers Association of Oregon. Salem was chosen the convention city for 1930.

Premier Mussolini, in a letter of farewell to retiring American Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher, wrote that he was one of the best and most sincere collaborators in strengthening the ties between Italy and the United States.

Miss Pauline Terrill of Newberg was a guest at the B. C. Miles home. Miss Terrill has been in London following a period of study at Geneva.

40 Years Ago

July 14, 1914

The new bitulithic tennis courts just constructed on the Willamette University Campus are being put to use by Chauncey Bishop, Paul Wallace, John Farrar and O. B. Gingrich.

To avoid paying the federal tax, a local brewing company had a deputy revenue collector supervise the distribution of 17,000 gallons of beer which had been left over when West Virginia went dry the first of July.

Teddy Tetzlaff broke two state records at the Potlach automobile races at the Meadows in Washington state when he set a mark of 54 1/5 seconds for one mile and one minute 48 3/5 seconds for two miles.

Motorcycle, Car Collide

A car and motorcycle crash at Shipping and N. Summer streets Tuesday morning caused non-serious injuries to one man and damaged both vehicles, city police reported.

Examined by city first aidmen and later treated at Salem Memorial Hospital was Donald Swartwout, 1744 Chemeketa St., rider of the motorcycle. He sustained a laceration on the forehead.

Police said the motorcycle collided with a car operated by William Franklin Moore, 3565 Silverton Rd.

2 Jefferson Youths Escape As Car Rolls

Two Jefferson youths escaped serious injury early Tuesday morning when their car struck a bridge railing and rolled over near the Talbot junction on Highway 99E south of Salem, state police reported.

Taken to Salem Memorial Hospital were the driver, Richard Gibbons, 19, and a companion, Loran Heman, 17, both of Jefferson Route 1. Gibbons was treated for cuts and bruises and released Tuesday afternoon. Heman, who sustained minor injuries, was not hospitalized.

Police said the Gibbons car, a convertible, traveled about 160 feet on its back after striking the railing.

GOP Delegates Due to Attend Portland Meet

Sidney Schlesinger, newly elected chairman of the Marion County Central Republican Committee and Mrs. Edna Stacey, vice chairman, will represent Marion County at the state meeting in Portland Saturday morning, July 17.

Important business at the State Republican Central Committee meet will be the election of officers for the ensuing two years, Schlesinger said Tuesday.

Other business at the meeting will be the organization of the Republican State Central Committee and the formation of the executive board.

Plans for the fall campaign will be considered and finances discussed, Schlesinger added.

Group Elects H. C. Saalfeld

H. C. Saalfeld, director of the state department of veterans affairs here, was elected a member of the executive committee of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs at the group's annual conference in Mackinac Island, Mich., recently.

He will represent district six of the association, including eight western states and Hawaii and Alaska.

Saalfeld reported that other directors at the conference were keenly interested in the Oregon veterans home and farm loan program. Only California has a comparable loan for its veterans.

Klamath Legal Feud Brings Investigation

Investigation of the Klamath Falls judiciary situation, resulting in a series of affidavits of prejudice being filed against Circuit Judge David R. Vanderberg of Klamath Falls and Judge Ralph Holman, assigned there from Clackamas County, was in progress Tuesday under direction of Jonel Hill, administrative assistant to Chief Justice Earl C. Latourette of the state supreme court.

Hill will report to Justice Latourette upon completion of the investigation.

Chief Justice Latourette said he also is conferring with officials of the Oregon Bar Association but would not elaborate.

Judge Vanderberg Tuesday was assigned by Chief Justice Latourette to Deschutes County to hear the case of Bradetich vs. Plese.

Most of the affidavits of prejudice against Judge Vanderberg were filed with Chief Justice Latourette by District Attorney Fred Alderson of Klamath County, who has been under verbal attack by Judge Vanderberg for several months.

Following filing of these affidavits of prejudice Justice Latourette assigned Judge Holman to Klamath County with a general circuit court assignment. Attorneys for at least two defendants in criminal cases later filed affidavits of prejudice against Judge Holman. Circuit Judge Charles H. Foster of Lake County was then ordered to Klamath County.

TRAFFIC SLOWED

IRON RIVER, Mich. (AP) — 10 hours motorists didn't whiz through the tiny crossroads town of Basswood, without a look around. Lightning struck the signal mechanism controlling a railway blinker. Until repairs could be made, the blinker flashed, forcing all cars to stop before crossing the tracks.

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