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'Creeping Knowlandism'

Some stir has risen in college circles because of pressures against use of the debating question, Resolved, That the United States should recognize Red China. It seems some congressman wrote a debater at Duke University warning him against debating the affirmative side of this proposition. At another college the debate coach wouldn't let his team argue the affirmative. What they are afraid of is that some time in the future this might be held against the debaters, say when they applied for a government job.

Just how silly can we get? Since when have college students been denied the privilege of debating any "hot" subject? And why not the Red China question? It bobs up all the time, and will indefinitely until we do recognize the government which rules some half billion human beings. This shivering is just a sample of "creeping Knowlandism."

The question is one which ought to be debated, honestly and boldly at various levels, including the highest councils of government. The real question though is not whether to recognize Red China, but when and how and under what circumstances and conditions.

Loaded Guns in Cars

The State Game Commission is said to be pressing for legislation to enable it to crack down on persons who carry loaded guns in their cars. The reported intent is to reduce the number of fatal accidents from discharge of weapons in cars or when persons are taking them out of cars. If that is the purpose the Game Commission is getting out of its territory. It isn't a Safety Commission. We can see where it may have another purpose, however, to discourage shooting of game from automobiles. This is prohibited now, but sometimes the law is violated.

Guns are deadly weapons and you can't legislate all the danger out of them. Every youngster should be taught how to use and how to use a firearm, especially the latter. More fatalities occur from "I didn't know it was loaded" type of gunplay than from discharge of guns in automobiles.

Senator Clinton Anderson of New Mexico says that there is no chance that legislation to restore rigid price supports on farm crops will pass the Senate next year. Democrats used the 90 per cent formula to pole vault into office, but they will drop the pole when they are in. Likewise there is slim chance of upping the personal exemption on the income tax. That was a good club through the campaign, though.

Over at Ukiah, Umatilla County, two men matched quarters to see which would put a quarter in a juke box. The winner put the quarter in his pocket instead. Then the fight started which put one man in the hospital and the other in jail — and both on the front page of the Pendleton East Oregonian. News is getting back to normalcy.

A news picture shows Premier Mendes-France holding a glass of milk in his hand. A welcome diversion from the too-familiar cocktail glass. Perhaps the Dairy Council can get the French Premier to help it promote the sale and consumption of fresh milk.

Date for European Conference as Proposed By Premier Mendes-France Said too Soon

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

French Premier Mendes-France came to the United States last week under a cloud. By the weekend he had begun to shine as new visiting diplomats have in recent years, and then Monday he went into another partial eclipse.

The first big thing he did was to stave widespread fears about his sincerity in connection with the rearmament of West Germany under the Western European Union. The Russians are not going to stop it this time by offers of empty negotiations, he said.

To emphasize it, he and Secretary of State Dulles worked out a postconference communiqué which, when the Russians offered on Saturday to postpone their proposed conference if the West would postpone WEU, had their negative answer all ready.

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Your Health

Don't Gulp Your Meals

While your eating manners may be perfect, your eating habits are probably terrible.

I tell you this bluntly, as a physician who has seen the results of these eating habits, and as a man who has observed countless friends and acquaintances across the dinner table.

The average person is adjusted to the fast pace of modern life. And he carries that speedy pace with him to dinner and lunch and probably breakfast too.

Few persons chew their food properly. They gulp. If you would only stop to think that you bypass natural digestive processes by gulping food, you might realize what a tremendous task you assign your stomach.

Digestion begins in the mouth. You prevent much of this digestive action when you take a gulp of coffee, tea, milk or other beverage, to help a mouthful of food slide down your throat more easily before it is properly chewed.

Thorough chewing is not only essential for good digestion; it is also exercise for your gums.

For those of you who are watching your weight, remember: chew twice as long, and you'll probably eat half as much. I think you will also enjoy the flavor of the foods more, because you will really get a chance to taste them.

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Mercy Air Service

Medford has something to boast of in its Mercy Flights, inc. This organization, in existence for five years, recently carried patient No. 300 to a hospital. The corporation is non-profit, and its service has been maintained as a result of voluntary effort and sacrifice. It has had four airplanes in all, two now operable. The planes are fitted for ambulance service for its errands of mercy are to pick up ill or injured in remote places and convey them promptly to where they may get skilled treatment.

According to the Mail-Tribune this is the only air ambulance service of a number in the country, which is not in business to make money. Says the M-T "exists only to serve the sick and injured" and is operated "by a few dedicated souls whose only reward is the feeling of satisfaction they get by knowing they are performing a vital and important service to fellow human beings."

The enterprise is well entitled to the name of "Mercy Flights."

Back in the late 1940s our experts were dating 1954 as the critical year when a Russian assault might be expected. Now, according to Peter Edson, Washington columnist, 1957 is the year "in which dice may be thrown for world peace or war." Wars though do not follow timetables though they do have a way of recurring in about 20-year intervals.

Sen. Cordon has finally wired Neuberger, victor in the recent senatorial contest. Cordon said, "The people have spoken." He was just a little hard of hearing, it seems.

Things to be unthankful for: the continuance of the McCarthy ruckus and the wordy outpourings of Senator Morse.

A good many market experts think stock prices are doing the Indian rope act.

Editorial Comment

THE CRACKED GAVEL

We suppose that even something as hard and tough as ivory has a right to crack up when the strain gets too much. So it's just as well that a new gavel banged on the Vice President's desk last week as the old one was retired, full of honors and one hundred and sixty five years of Senate debate.

That first gavel started out in the hands of Vice President Adams who, in 1789, carried the Senate through those early debates on the Bill of Rights and the duties of the new Government, battles so fierce that old John himself had to vote some twenty times to break deadlocks.

It was handed down to Aaron Burr, Jefferson's stormy Vice President, who, provoked by the acrimonious attacks against him, killed Alexander Hamilton and then returned to preside over the bitter impeachment trial of Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase.

That gavel was on the dais in 1856, when Senator Sumner of Massachusetts unleashed his tirade against the character of Senator Butler of South Carolina and all of his associates in the "crime against Kansas." A few days later all his pounding was unable to keep order in the chamber when Preston Brooks stalked onto the Senate floor and caned Sumner at his desk. It remained there while the debate raged over a move to expel Brooks from Congress and during the two years that the chair of the injured Sumner sat empty as a mute protest against this violation of a senator's right to have his say.

Somehow it survived the bitter debates of the Civil War, the reconstruction, and the impeachment proceedings against Andrew Johnson. It was still on hand when Senator Walsh was exposing the motives behind Teapot Dome. It bore up well under Hell'n Maria Dawes and the blows that Vice President Garner struck for freedom. It was only slightly worn by the fight over the Supreme Court and the acrimony of the 80th Congress.

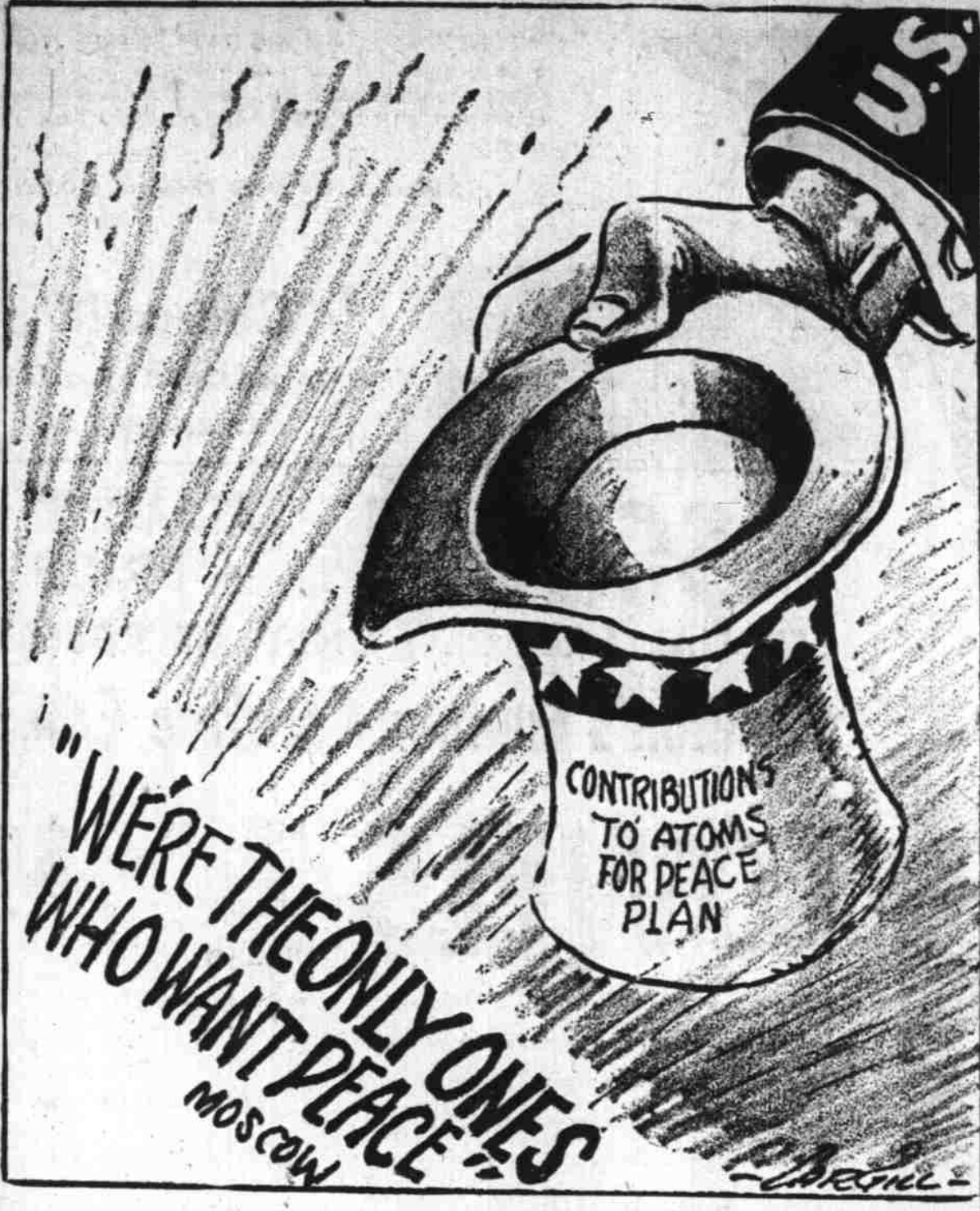
But the last session of the Senate was too much. It cracked up. And now the senators assembled in extraordinary session will have to be kept in order by a new gavel tipped with the ivory of India.

Well, the fledgling is getting a good baptism. But it'll need a lot of stamina to go the next hundred and sixty-five years of Senate debate without cracking.—(Wall Street Journal).

Appointment of Alderman W. W. Rosebraugh to the place on the incinerator committee of the city council vacated by Alderman L. J. Simeral, was announced by Mayor T. A. Livesley.

Adoption of the community chest plan for coordinating all charitable programs carried on in Salem, was favorably discussed at the meeting of the Associated Charities, and as a result of a motion which received unanimous vote.

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Time Flies:

10 Years Ago

Nov. 24, 1944

Bans against Salem as a recreation place for marines of the Corvallis airbase were to be lifted December 1, Maj. Robert W. Galloway, new commander of the base, announced. Salem was declared out-of-bounds for marines by Lt. Col. Neil McIntyre, then commander of the base.

The novelist Ernest Hemingway is working hard as a correspondent with the US First Army, supreme headquarters reported to quiet rumors that he was taken prisoner.

25 Years Ago

Nov. 24, 1929

Plans for the construction of four monoplanes, so big that Fifth Avenue could pass between their "landing legs," were announced by the General Development Company of Connecticut. The estimated cost would be \$2,000,000.

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40 Years Ago

Nov. 24, 1914

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From The Statesman Files

Globe theater \$75 and the Bligh \$50 to the cost of the European war, according to requirements of the war tax on theaters, the seating capacity of the playhouses causing the difference in the amounts required.

Bids were let by the State Board of Control for supplying 2000 pounds of butter to the state institutions at Salem for the month of December. The Marion Creamery company, Salem, was awarded the contract for supplying the butter at 29 1/2 cents.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

To Next Year in Jerusalem. By David Marcus. St. Martin's.

In a little village in Ireland there lives an outpost of refugee Jews—5 women and 10 men. With even one man less they cease to be a Jewish community, their religion tells them. The tenth is Jonathan Lippman. In a way he's protected, but the wall around him is not so secure as he supposed, and with fresh crisis in Palestine comes a crisis for him. It's a worthy theme, and a sincere novelist, but he's an unpractised writer and his pages are heavy with too many expository details.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He found that he had hardly enough paper to complete his work."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "Elizabethan"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Gazeteer, grenadier, auctioneer, Lavater.

4. What does the word "retentiveness" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with unl that means "improbable"?

Answers

1. Say, "scarcely enough paper." 2. Pronounce fourth syllable with the e as in be or as in bet. 3. Gazetteer. 4. Distance; seclusion. "The retentiveness of this lonely country was comforting." 5. Unlikely.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



By Lichty

BURNS FATAL AT BURNS

BURNS (UP)—Clarence McConnell, 66, suffered fatal burns early Tuesday when fire of undetermined origin broke out in his cabin here. Firemen were called at 2 a.m. The cabin was almost totally destroyed.

Hells Canyon Groups to File Briefs Today

WASHINGTON (U) — Wednesday will be brief day in the long legal fight over the Hells Canyon dam site in the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon.

Attorneys will file briefs with the Federal Power Commission (FPC) and exchange written arguments for and against the Idaho Power Co. plan to build three dams in the Hells Canyon area, where a federal project has been proposed.

The arguments will be based on 19,215 pages of testimony and 300 exhibits presented during a year-long hearing on Idaho Power's applications, which ended last July 9.

Idaho Power's brief, supporting its claim that its proposed 133-million-dollar series of dams would be best for Hells Canyon, will be filed with the FPC Wednesday afternoon, a company spokesman said Tuesday. The brief has been ready for weeks, while the filing deadline has been set back three times.

Public Power Groups

The brief of Idaho Power's main opponent, the National Hells Canyon Assn., will summarize the argument of public power groups that Hells Canyon should be reserved for a 400-million dollar multipurpose federal dam which would produce more power than Idaho Power's three projects.

Observers and participants alike will be watching for the FPC staff brief, which for the first time will state the staff's position in the controversy.

Views of Idaho Power and intervenors opposing the three-dam plan were well aired during the hearing, but FPC staff attorney John C. Mason has given no clue as to what he will recommend to the commission and to hearing examiner William J. Costello.

FPC engineers testified at the hearing, but they made no recommendation as to whether Idaho Power's proposed dams should be licensed.

Testimony Attacked

Attorneys for the Hells Canyon Assn. tried without success to get Mason to say whether he was for or against the applications, and they attacked testimony of the FPC engineers.

The State of Washington, which intervened against the proposed federal dam, is expected to mail its brief to Washington.

The deadline for filing the main briefs originally was set for Sept. 10. It was reset to Oct. 11 at the request of the Hells Canyon Assn., to Nov. 10 at Mason's request, and to Nov. 24 for the association.

Idaho Power resisted each continuance.

Additional briefs are to be submitted by Jan. 10 and Jan. 31. Later Costello will write his decision, which is expected to be appealed to the FPC.

Timber Slaying Suspect Bound To Grand Jury

HILLSBORO (U) — Jerry Eugene Dodele, 16, accused of the Nov. 12 gunshot death of a Timber, Ore., man, was bound over to the Washington County grand jury Tuesday.

At a preliminary hearing before District Judge Glen Hiebert, a statement which Sheriff R. H. Busch said the youth had made admitting the slaying, was admitted as evidence.

Dodele's attorney, Irvin Goodman of Portland, objected to the statement being introduced as evidence. He contended the statement was obtained by coercion at a time when the youth was not represented by counsel.

Judge Hiebert overruled Goodman and admitted the statement.

WHERE'S THE FIRE

WAYNESBORO, Va. (U) — Raymond T. Hunter was serving as a member of a jury when the procedure was interrupted by sirens and clanging fire engines. Police Sgt. M. N. Hughes was called out and returned shortly to inform the court of the location of the fire. Judge C. C. Quisenberry recessed court—it was Hunter's home burning.

Boy! When I got this shot it was just a question of who snapped first. Next time some guy starts telling me about a big bill I'll just show him my snap of a pelican and shut him up quick.

The boss told me something to tell you last week and I forgot it so here it is now. If you've got some real hot "shot" in mind and want some advice or you'd just like to know of talk it over, come on in. We'll help in any way we can.

See you next week.

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Then on Monday Mendes-France made two statements before the United Nations which sounded all right but faded quickly under close scrutiny.

He said France would be willing to take the lead for a four-power conference on European settlements in May, after WEU had been finally ratified.

And, in pointing out that WEU takes an important step toward arms limitations by providing controls for one large group of nations, he said France would not look askance if Russia wanted to do the same thing in her sphere provided the limitations principle was the same.

After initial approval of a post-ratification parley, officials began to realize that May would be too soon. It would put the Allies into negotiations in a fashion which they had just said they would not permit — before their new position of strength was truly established.

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