



From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of outer space
We fight our country's battles—
If the Army and the Navy
Ever gaze on Heaven's scenes
They will find the streets
are guarded by
The United States Marines!

John Glenn revises Marine Corps Hymn

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Col. Glenn's trip through space didn't take place in a news vacuum, anyway

Lt. Col. John Glenn, the Marine test pilot, has become America's first man to successfully orbit the earth. Although the trip took place in the weightless vacuum of outer space, no action of any man ever before has been so thoroughly covered by news media.

One can contrast this, if he wishes, with Russian orbits. No one outside of Russia knows for sure how many failures occurred, although several are suspected. Khrushchev and his lackeys are the only persons — even inside Russia — who know all the details of Soviet space attempts.

Glenn's shot, and the preparations for it, were carried on under lights, in a goldfish bowl so to speak.

The pressure of having the whole world watching over his shoulder seems to have rested easily upon Glenn, although he indicated more than once he was aware of it. It is one of the slight penalties of our system, he admitted. He and others feel the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages.

The publicity given our space program is one of the reasons it has lagged somewhat behind the Russian program. To be sure, space research was practically eliminated in the planning during the Truman administration, and it took several years to catch up.

But, with all the world watching, it was just darned poor business to have

a complete failure. Russia, carrying out her tests in secrecy, could afford major mistakes. This country, with the cameras aimed and running, could not. Our testing program needed to be more complete, our preparations more thorough, than those of our space-age competition.

There are those who felt the placing of a man into orbit was a stunt, that the same results could have been obtained through the use of animals and our highly sophisticated instrumentation systems. This school thinks the man in space program is designed more for its publicity values than for any valuable information which might be gained from it.

With this we can't agree, for one reason. We may have the instruments, but our animals are not intelligent enough. They can be trained to perform certain functions, but their level of performance is rather low. Then, perhaps more important, their ability to describe the things they see, feel, and do, is completely lacking.

It may be tough on the occupants to live in a goldfish bowl. But untold millions of Americans got a giant thrill this morning when Glenn lifted off the launching pads at Cape Canaveral. This alone may have been worth all the time, money, and effort.

Competition is only good reason

Teacher organizations in Central Oregon seem to have met with little enthusiasm from school board members in the new salary schedules which are being proposed. With the shortened work year enjoyed by teachers, salary scales for beginners in the trade are already at a level of over \$100 per week. Increases greater than the rise in the cost of living find little favor.

The only real problem is one of competition. Lower salary scales than are general around the state mean the

best young teachers go elsewhere. One school administrator reports his system has a tough time attracting the new teachers he really wants; too often, he says, he has to be satisfied with less than the best.

If this competitive factor is a real problem in one area it must be felt to at least some degree in others. If it is a real problem school boards will be forced to make adjustments greater than they think desirable under the circumstances.

Portland papers outdo old Denver Post

Stories of the old Denver Post are legion in the newspaper business. Some of them came from staff members who moved on to other fields, and a number came from Gene Fowler's book "Timberline," written a number of years after Fowler had become a movie writer.

One of the yarns which caused great glee in news offices around the country was the manner in which Fowler treated the birth of a baby elephant which belonged to a Post-owned circus. Fowler was quite critical of the news

handling of the story. Fowler is dead now. The Post is out of the circus business. But we have a couple of contenders for newer honors in Oregon.

Those who have gone through the files of the Post during the elephant-rearing attempts, and then who look at the two Portland dailies of the past few weeks, will find the local papers devoting considerably more space to the elephant episode at the Portland zoo than the Post ever did to its own elephant.

Humor from others

Howard Young overheard it in the lobby of one of the town's biggest corporations (one stenographer grumping to another):

"If the company puts in a four-day week, who's gonna compensate us for the two coffee breaks we'll lose?" — Herb Caen in San Francisco Chronicle.

Headline in the Hollywood Reporter: "Screen Gems Spreading Out."

If I've told those starlets once, I've told them one hundred times — quit hanging around those drug stores drinking malts. — Art Ryan in Los Angeles Times.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND McNamara service move slices supply duplication

By Drew Pearson
WASHINGTON — One of the big arguments for unifying the Army, Navy and Air Force was to cut out duplication. The three services in the past have bought different kinds of ladies' underwear, men's shirts, combat boots, dishes for mess halls, and a hundred and one other things including even carpenter's squares. There are only 12 inches in a square no matter how you make it, but the Army, Navy, AIF Force, and even the Marines, had about six different kinds of carpenter's squares.

And no Secretary of Defense, despite brave words, has hitherto been able to knock the services' heads together to get them to coordinate. However, Secretary of Defense McNamara called in the secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force, plus the Chiefs of Staff, and had them inspect an exhibit of shirts, women's exercise clothes, helmets, belts, shoelaces, sheets, blankets, and other paraphernalia ordered by the different services in competition with each other.

It was agreed there need be no duplication of any of these except for two items — helmets and belt buckles. The Navy, it was agreed, needed a certain type of helmet to withstand salt-water spray on airplane carriers. When it came to belt buckles, it was found that the Army and Navy used shiny brass buckles; the Marines used



COMPLETES COURSE — Stanton S. Sherwood Jr., Marine private, has just finished a four-week individual combat training course at Camp Pendleton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanton S. Sherwood Sr., 903 McKinley Avenue, Bend.

a black buckle. "Wait a minute," interrupted Gen. Dave Shoup of the Marines, "that black buckle may not seem important to you, but if there's a glint of sunlight on a brass buckle during a Marine combat operation, that glint of sunlight might mean the difference in a man's life."

It was agreed therefore that the Marines could keep their black buckles. However, Secretary McNamara concluded the session as follows: "I'll give you just 30 days to get the same standards for everything else. If you can't agree," he said, "then the secretary of each department with the Chiefs of Staff will report to me."

No one reported. They were able to work out the same standards for undershirts, women's exercise clothes, bed sheets, dishes, and a hundred and one other commodities for the first time in U.S. history.

Kennedy seeks higher pay for U.S. workers

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy today asked Congress for a \$1 billion pay increase for 1,640,000 white-collar government workers over the next three years to bring their salaries into line with private industry.

In a special message to the House and Senate, Kennedy proposed reform of the federal pay system to provide for wage hikes ranging from 3.7 per cent for clerical workers to 35 per cent for top-bracket executives.

The proposed 10 per cent boost in the federal payroll would be spread over three annual stages, starting Jan. 1, 1963, with the first year accounting for about four and one-half per cent of the raise.

Achieve, Maintain Proficiency
Kennedy said that enactment of the reform plan was fundamental to the "maintenance of a standard of excellence in the federal service." He said it was "essential if we are to achieve and maintain proficiency in the federal government."

The President stressed the need for putting the pay of top-flight professional workers on a par with private enterprise, in order to attract and retain competent personnel.

The plan calls for the addition of two new top-level grades, grade 19 and grade 20, to the federal pay scale.

At present the top classification is grade 18. The proposed legislation would apply to four federal statutory pay plans—the Classification Act, the Postal Field Service Compensation Act, the Foreign Service Act and the medicine and surgery salary system of the Veterans' Administration.

Minimum \$40 Increase
In the first year a worker classified as GS-1, the lowest grade, would receive a \$40 increase with a salary hike from \$3,185 to \$3,225. A grade 18 worker would get a salary boost in the first year from \$18,500 to \$20,315.

Grade 5 workers, mostly senior clerks, would receive a 6.8 per cent increase, about \$330 over a three-year period; grade 6 workers would receive an 8.2 per cent boost and grade 7, 9.1 per cent. The largest bloc of government workers, about 168,000, are classified as grade 4. They would receive a 6.5 per cent salary hike. A mail carrier would get a \$168 raise the first year.

JFK draws fire on appointments to judgeships

CHICAGO (UPI)—The chairman of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Judicial Committee Monday criticized President Kennedy for not appointing Republicans to federal judgeships.

Bernard G. Segal, Philadelphia, said all but three of President Kennedy's 35 nominations for lifetime terms to the federal bench have been Democrats.

"Of the 66 so far confirmed by appointment, seven were not qualified by the committee," Segal said.

Segal told the ABA House of Delegates his committee was "disappointed over the imbalance in judicial appointments."

"When the President took office the party affiliation of federal judges was just about evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats for the first time in more than a generation," Segal said.

"Imbalance has again set in." In a surprise appearance, Deputy Atty. Gen. Byron White denied politics played a major role in selection of judges.

"There is nothing odious about the preference for Democrats," White said. "The central question in choosing them (the appointees) was ability, not politics."

Segal said the three non-Democrats recommended by the President were recess appointees designated by President Eisenhower — two Republicans and a Liberal party member from New York.

White said Kennedy soon would name some Republicans to the bench.

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ATLANTIC CITY (UPI)—Rex Putnam, former Oregon superintendent of public instruction was honored with a distinguished service award from the American Association of School Administrators Monday night. He was one of six educators honored.

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NEED \$5 TUNERS

NEW YORK (UPI)—The Board of Education has about 5,000 out of the tune pianos on hand and no piano tuner.

The board has been trying to get the instruments tuned for three years, but the budget allows only \$5 per piano while the going rate is \$10 to \$12.

Apparently there are no \$5 piano tuners in New York.

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No hitch seen in peace pact

PARIS (UPI)—French officials expressed confidence today that there would be no hitch in the signing of a pact to end the seven-year-old Algerian war.

Officials said it was conceivable that "minor changes" might have to be made but there will be no "basic changes."

The Algerian rebel provisional government was summoned to meet in Tunis today to hear the report on the negotiations with French officials that ended Sunday night.

Wednesday the rebels' parliament—the 60-member National Council of the Algerian Revolution (CNRA)—will meet in Tripoli, Libya, to study the agreement.

The four rebel negotiators who returned to Tunis Monday were extremely cautious in their statements about the negotiations.

Foreign Minister Saad Dahlab said the talks were "not yet ended" although they had made a lot of progress and "can resume with good results."

French officials viewed this as Dahlab's way of saying that the results of the negotiations still must be ratified by the rebel parliament.

Minister of State Lakhdar Ben Tobbal put it more bluntly: "Now we have to face the second hurdle—that of the CNRA."

French officials saw no problem in getting French cabinet and National Assembly approval since President Charles de Gaulle's influence in both is overwhelming.

French officials had set Feb. 25 as a target date for a ceasefire but present indications are that it will not come until later in the month or perhaps early in March.

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Letters to the Editor

"When men differ in opinion, both sides ought equally to have the advantage of being heard by the public." — Benjamin Franklin.

Indian 'land grab' subject of writer
To the Editor:
As a spokesman for some of the Indians I would like to put a question to Mr. Gus Hall which is: "Now you know both the Democrats and Republicans have no program to pay the Indians for the land that was taken away by force of arms. India has taken Goa back after 451 years of Portuguese rule. Would you back an honest honorable program toward the Indians, or would you do like some so called Americans who pound their chest, wave the flag, and say this is my country, and never pay a cent for this wonderful place?"
How does Webster's dictionary describe theft? And there are some good people on this earth who will judge you.
A. J. Meglitsch
Redmond, Oregon,
Feb. 19, 1962

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ABUSED ABUSE
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. John V. Lindsay, R-N.Y., has called for repeal of a law which permits congressmen to send large amounts of unaddressed, postage-free literature to constituents back home.

"This abuse has no business being abused," he told the House Monday.