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## More than anything else right now, Bend needs a first-class convention facility

Last week a story appeared in The Bulletin reporting on Chamber of Commerce activities. The final paragraph indicated that perhaps the Chamber wasn't working as hard as usual on securing conventions. The information was secured from a Chamber officer. The reason given was that Bend doesn't have a decent central convention facility. This story upset some people within and without the Chamber who figured that Bend ought to be positive about these things... facilities or not. To set the record straight, the Chamber of Commerce is still seeking conventions. But employees are getting pretty tired of hearing groups tell them that either they won't come or they won't be back until we provide a decent place to meet. This doesn't mean sleeping facilities either. Bend's motels provide these in both quality and quantity. This refers to a central headquarters, such as a major hotel, where as many as 500 to 1,000 people can sit down and listen to a speaker, attend a banquet, and perhaps hold a dance... all under one roof. Bend had such a place once... the old Pilot Butte Inn. But the Inn has gone downhill fast, and everyone knows it. So now we have nothing. And now we come to the point of this editorial. More than anything else right now, Bend needs a first-class modern, convention facility. It needs something that can also be used as a headquarters for community activities.

## Were noise-abatement turns at fault?

Airline pilots may press for an investigation of noise abatement procedures in the wake of Thursday's crash of an American Airlines jetliner shortly after taking off from Idlewild Airport. There was no immediate comment from the pilots' union, the Air Line Pilots Association, on the accident. But veteran ALPA safety investigators at the scene of the crash recalled that pilots have been predicting that noise abatement procedures were flirting with potential danger. The American jet made a prescribed left turn after reaching an altitude of from 600-800 feet in accordance with noise abatement rules required by the Federal Aviation Agency. It was during this turn that some unknown difficulty developed, causing the plane to go into an uncontrolled dive. Many pilots have publicly and privately voiced the opinion that heavy jets encountering any trouble at low altitudes have too narrow a margin of safety.

## Humor from others

When South Florida experienced a momentary nip in the air recently (adding special tang to its wine-like quality), our contemporaries in Southern California chortled with premeditated glee. We note simply in passing that it has snowed near Los Angeles and that a golf tournament at Pebble Beach

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND Hughes testimony could decide Nixon's contest

By Drew Pearson  
WASHINGTON — A superior court judge in Los Angeles will hand down a decision today (March 5) which might decide whether ex-Vice President Nixon will become the next governor of California; the judge is Philbrick McCoy and he has been asked to keep secret the Nixon testimony to be taken March 9 in the suit between Frank J. Waters and the Howard Hughes Tool Company. In the background, of course, is the dynamite-laden issue of the \$205,000 loan by Hughes to Don Nixon, brother of the vice president, on rather dubious collateral. The loan is now in default. This writer, in October 1960, quoted various letters showing that Nixon must have known about the loan and been a factor in its negotiation. This was denied. One of the denials issued by Nixon's office at the time stated that the loan had been arranged by Frank Waters, attorney for Hughes, because Mrs. Waters had been a schoolgirl friend of Mrs. Don Nixon's. Mrs. Waters at the time threw cold water on this. And the Waters suit for \$1,094,000 against Hughes for back legal fees would also indicate that money is a lot thicker than Nixon-Waters friendship; for the suit already has become quite embarrassing to Nixon.

Nixon's deposition is to be taken March 9 in the office of Arthur J. Crowley, attorney for Waters, and the attorneys for Hughes have moved that the testimony will be of "a political nature and should not be made public." They have requested a court order that only the principals and their attorneys be present and the deposition sealed by the court thereafter.

**Medical Lobby**  
A willful coalition of 10 Republicans and a handful of Democratic congressmen is holding up passage of the medical aid to the aged bill which various polls show is one of Kennedy's most popular proposals. In other words, approximately 15 congressmen are blocking medical care for approximately 15,000,000 elderly Americans unable to pay for the high cost of private health insurance.

There is no question that the older-care bill would pass Congress if permitted to go to the House floor for a vote. Enactment by the Senate, where there are fewer Democratic processes, would follow quickly. But the willful coalition inside the House Ways and Means Committee says no.

There are two tough factors influencing the coalition. One is Democratic Wilbur Mills of Arkansas, the committee chairman, once elected as a progressive young congressman but who has grown old and conservative in harness. The other is the American Medical Association lobby, which is trying to convince the nation that Kennedy's brand of medical care for the aged is "socialized medicine." Significantly, the AMA's brain washing is centered chiefly in the congressional districts of House Ways and Means Committee members.

Thirteen votes are needed to get the Kennedy bill out of the 25-member committee. Here is how the members are now divided: OPPOSED are Democrats Mills and 10 Republicans — Noah Mason (Ill.), John Byrnes (Wis.), Howard Baker (Tenn.), Thomas Curtis (Mo.), Victor Knox (Mich.), James Utt (Calif.), Jackson Betts (Ohio), Bruce Alger (Tex.), Steven Derouian (N.Y.) and Herman Schneebeli (Pa.).

FOR the bill are Democrats Cecil King (Calif.), Thomas O'Brien (Ill.), Hale Boggs (La.), Eugene Keogh (N.Y.), Frank Karsten (Mo.), William Green (Pa.), Al Ullman (Ore.), James Burke (Mass.) and Martha Griffiths (Mich.).

Uncommitted but leaning toward the Kennedy bill, or else a compromise version, are Democrats A. S. Herlong (Fla.), John C. Watts (Ky.) and Clark Thompson (Tex.).

Uncommitted but leaning against Kennedy are Democrats Burr Harrison (Va.) and James B. Frazier (Tenn.).

In other words, 11 Ways and Means members are against the aged care bill, nine are for it, and five are doubtful. Those five doubtfully will really decide whether 15,000,000 elderly citizens get medical care. This is how democracy works in the House of Representatives.

**New American Casualty List**  
A new American casualty list has been started at the Pentagon.

Although it now has only 15 names, the military chiefs gloomily expect it to grow longer. For the 15 men were killed or are missing in South Vietnam where the United States is stepping up military operations to prevent a Communist take-over.

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## Letters to the Editor

The Bulletin welcomes contributions to this column from its readers. Letters must contain the correct name and address of the sender, which may be withheld at the newspaper's discretion. Letters may be edited to conform to the dictates of taste and style.

### Science, technology: aids or destroyers?

To the Editor:  
Once upon a time, as all good stories should begin, the good people of a great city arrested their most illustrious citizen for teaching the youth of that city "about false gods" — namely, virtue, righteousness, and philosophy or the love of wisdom. They tried him, found him guilty of this heinous crime and put him to death. And when he died, the glory that was Athens died with him. His name was Socrates.

A short time later in another city, the good people became unhappy because one of their up-and-coming young rabbis was teaching the youth "about false gods"—namely, to love your Creator and your neighbor as yourself. The good people didn't have much power so they enlisted the aid of the proper authorities, arrested the young man, had him tried and crucified. And when he died, the glory that was the Holy City died with him. His name was Jesus.

Several days later, as these things go, the good people of another city became slightly perturbed because one of their good neighbors was teaching the youth "about false gods" — namely, that the earth was round. His good neighbors obeyed their good Christian consciences and burned him at the stake. And when he died, the glory that was the power of religion over reason died with him. His name was Giordano Bruno.

A moment later the good people of a good Christian community worked themselves into a tizzy of righteous indignation because an enthusiastic young professor was teaching the youth "about false gods" — namely, that the earth revolved around the sun. His fame and popularity prevented the Church from liquidating him. Instead he was required to kiss the Pope's toe and recant. And when he recanted, the glory which was the power of the Church to control the minds of men recanted with him. His name was Galileo Galilei.

Just the other day, the good people of a great empire heaped all manner of abuse and punishment upon one of their colonial subjects because he was teaching the youth of his country "about false gods" — namely, that the people of one group do not have the right to enslave and exploit the people of another group. After a goodly amount of imprisonment and suffering he departed this world via an assassin's bullet. And when he died, the glory that was the British Empire and colonialism died with him. His name was Mohandas Gandhi.

Just a moment ago the good people of a great nation, a Christian nation some might say, cried in their bier because the people of another great nation were teaching their youth "about false gods" — namely, that they had the same right their Christian neighbors had to colonize and exploit lesser breeds. The good people were finally forced into a devastating war with the heathen enemy — after helping to properly arm him, of course. To save lives, to promote justice, and to fill the wells of mercy the good people ended the war by dropping two bombs which "killed" two cities. And when they died, the ability of good, or bad, people to ever again "win" a war died with them. We are the nation who dropped those two bombs.

It should not be necessary to point out that in all but the last instance, the individual seeking to enlighten the good people was an idealist. That is: he was goal centered, life oriented, creative, living positively. The good "good people" in ALL CASES were "hard-headed," "realistic," "practical" men of the world. They attempted to hold back the clock of time. They looked to yesterday. They had no faith in men: nor in the capacity of reason to influence the minds of men.

The pages of history are strewn with civilizations whose "practical" and "realistic" leaders could not distinguish between the real world about them and the Utopian visions of a dead past existing only in their heads. Do you think that that which passes for practicality and realism today is better than its counter-part in Athens or Jerusalem? What is utopian, anyway? What is power? If you say that ONLY organized vio-

lence is power, the above incidents will call for lots of explaining. Note the word "only" for it is the trademark of what passes for realism in every age. We enjoy the highest standard of living the world has ever known because men of vision entertained the notion that there might be some other alternative, some other way of meeting a human need. Are we so in love with international barbarism, or so afraid, that democratic alternatives are inconceivable? Is American ingenuity reserved for technology ONLY? If so, know that science and technology are really very different — idealistically or realistically. They are only tools to bless men — or send them to hell just a little more rapidly than before.

Cordially yours,  
Harold Bock  
Bend, Oregon,  
March 2, 1962

### Museum for history materials suggested

To the Editor:  
I am an eleven year old fifth grade student. In our classes we have been discussing the Committees of Correspondence active in the American Colonies before and during the Revolutionary War. We feel that we have the right to think about and express our opinions about our government. We hope to start a Twentieth Century Committees of Correspondence in order to help keep America strong and free.

I believe that none of the materials that helped us win the Revolutionary War, World War I, and World War II, should be destroyed. I think a museum should be built to hold only these materials. I request that you print this letter to help us start our Twentieth Century Committees of Correspondence, to awaken our citizens to our problems and how they can best be solved. Yours very truly,  
Anna Jo Mulkey  
Bozeman, Mont.,  
Feb. 28, 1962

### JFK may take hand in stalled steel talks

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (UPI)—The Kennedy administration may take the next step in bringing about the resumption of contract talks between the United Steelworkers of America and the "big 11" steel firms. Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg indicated the administration's disappointment Friday night when the negotiations broke down after two weeks of bargaining. In a statement issued in Washington, Goldberg said the failure to reach an agreement "was to be regretted." The government was the prime force in having the negotiations initiated Feb. 14, the earliest in the 25-year history of bargaining between steel and labor. An early agreement, the administration said, would prevent stockpiling of materials and avoid upsetting the nation's economic balance. However, chief industry negotiator R. Conrad Cooper and USW President David J. McDonald announced Friday following the only night session held during the talks that they were unable to reach a basis for agreement. McDonald said the negotiations probably would resume sometime after May 1, and Cooper said later that the "big 11" steel firms would be ready to meet any time before May 1.

GORDAN STEELE DIES  
PORTLAND (UPI)—Gordon G. Steele, 71, president of Portland Traction Co. from 1941 until he retired in 1956, died in a hospital here Sunday. He was 71. Born in Polk County, Steele came to Portland as a boy. Survivors include his widow.

## Longshoremen, pickets clash

SEATTLE (UPI)—Members of Harry Bridges' Longshoremen's Union and pickets protesting the loading of a cargo of grain destined for Poland clashed on the Seattle waterfront Saturday.

Police said several squads of officers were dispatched to Pier 25, the Portland of Seattle's Harford Street grain terminal, where the 39,278-ton tanker MS Titan was being loaded.

However, no one was booked by police. The Titan was being loaded with 38,000 long tons of grain for Poland.

The pickets, numbering about two dozen, called themselves the "National Indignation Convention." They carried signs which said, "Stop feeding the Communists," "Why help our enemy defeat us," "90,000,000 loaves of bread for Communism," "Grain is ammunition for Communist rats." Several persons identifying themselves as anti-Communists have been protesting the shipment on grounds that the grain can be transhipped to Soviet Russia.

## Air turbulence causes injuries

TOKYO (UPI)—Ten passengers aboard a Pan American jet flight from Hawaii to Tokyo were injured Sunday when the plane encountered "unexpected air turbulence" over the Pacific, a Pan American spokesman said today. The passengers were given treatment by a Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) doctor during a regularly scheduled stop at Wake Island. All were able to continue the journey to Tokyo but two of the passengers required further treatment here.

The plane, carrying 116 passengers, arrived in Tokyo Sunday night. Among the passengers were movie actress Jean Simmons and her husband, director-producer Richard Brooks, and Mrs. Ira Gershwin, widow of the famed American lyricist.

The plane encountered the turbulence, the spokesman said, about two hours and 10 minutes after it took off from Honolulu. It was flying at about 31,000 feet and the passengers were eating dinner.

**GETS FREE TICKET**  
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg has revealed what he received last year for helping the Metropolitan Opera settle its labor difficulties. "I got in once free," Goldberg told a House appropriations subcommittee in testimony made public today.

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