



'He followed me home!'

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## The troubles in Birmingham are a blot upon many individuals, and the country

The past two weeks have seen an ugly series of events unfold in the city of Birmingham, Alabama. Late news does not indicate the troubles are ended. This is a situation in which a number of people can be blamed. Attaching the blame, no matter how firmly, will not help the current situation greatly.

Part of the fault lies with Dr. Martin Luther King, the integrationist leader. Dr. King is in danger of losing some of his influence. He is being pushed by his followers. He lost a fight in Georgia. He had to have a victory.

So he chose Birmingham for a battleground, a good choice for his purposes. But he committed a grave error when he tried to make warriors of the Negro schoolchildren of that city. He assumed, erroneously, the police would not arrest children.

Part of the fault lies with a fellow named Conner, who is police commissioner of Birmingham. Conner's methods of preserving the peace included the use of dogs and firehoses on those same children. King can be blamed for exposing the children; Conner can be blamed for attacking them.

Part of the fault lies with Birmingham's newspapers, which ignored the story until the riots had gone on for several days. As a result the people of the city, white and Negro, were unaware for the most part that trouble was brewing. Experienced newspapermen know trouble does not disappear just because it is ignored.

Part of the bitterness came from the fact that Southern leaders were assured, prior to the 1960 elections, that

a new Kennedy administration would not use federal troops in civil rights disorders. The use of troops at Oxford, Mississippi last fall left a feeling of betrayal among many political leaders in the South.

Part of the fault lies with those who usually are considered the leaders in any community. The merchants, doctors, lawyers, bankers, real estate men, and others who normally accept community leadership in many areas failed to do so in Birmingham. Where a community's leaders have taken initial responsibility — in Dallas, in Atlanta, and in South Carolina — there either has been a minimum of trouble or no trouble at all.

The ultimate right, or course, rests with the Negro, even though his tactics may have been wrong. He is entitled to the same rights, and the same protection of those rights, as his white brother. He is going to get them. The courts and powers of the federal government will rightfully be used to assure him of those rights if the cities and states do not do so.

Some progress has been made in assuring the Negro of those rights in the South. But the assurance, the actual right to exercise his rights, is coming too slow to suit him. For every step forward, he sees the next fifty steps ahead.

The Negro is becoming dissatisfied with his rate of progress. And unless the leaders of Birmingham and other cities realize the dissatisfaction, and do something about it, the troubles will continue.

## Good news for incorporated cities

Incorporated cities in Deschutes county — Bend, Sisters, and Redmond — have received some good news from the Deschutes county court. The court agreed to undertake some portion of street improvement programs within the city limits of the three cities.

A major portion of the county's road fund comes from moneys given to the counties by the U. S. Forest Service. The funds represent a portion of income to the federal government from forest lands within the boundaries of the counties.

For many years counties have as-

sumed their responsibilities end at the city limits of incorporated cities. Such should have not been the case, and apparently will not be the case from this time forward.

The county's offer currently is based upon a single year's program. Undoubtedly it will be extended in some form in the future. Still to be worked out are some ground rules, to make sure the county's share of the street work is equitable to each of the three cities involved, and to those who, by choice, do not live within any of the cities.

## Leadership, scholarship, citizenship

Dozens of youngsters from Central Oregon high schools in four counties are meeting in Bend today. From their sessions should come results which will benefit their elders for many years to come.

The young people are high school students, members of honor societies in their schools. They are attending a day-long conference under the auspices of Central Oregon College and a large volunteer committee. The purpose of the session is to help stimulate the students in the areas of scholarship, leadership, and citizenship, the aims of the honor societies.

Such conferences are not new. Portland State has done a similar job for the past seven years. Extension of the idea into this area is a welcome one.

Too often, in years past, youngsters such as those who are attending today's sessions have been short-changed in school systems. Because they did not represent problems to

teachers or administrators, too little attention was paid to them.

Sputnik changed that. Not radically, but over a period of a few years. Schools, and those citizens who serve on the boards which run the schools, came to realize our school systems could provide better educations. Such educations could not be taken advantage of unless students wanted them, and were prepared to work at them.

We do not agree with those who feel scholarship is an end in itself. Scholars, or self-styled scholars, should not spend their time attempting to make their students over into their own images.

But scholarship is an extremely useful means to a fine end—the end of providing a better world in which to live.

It is for this reason scholarship deserves the impetus we can give it through such conferences as that of today.

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND President quips about Lester, Drew Pearson

By Drew Pearson  
 WASHINGTON — President Kennedy, talking to a group of radio and TV executives recently, got off this crack:

"I know you are interested in the meeting with the new Canadian Prime Minister, Lester Pearson, at Hyannis Port. This meeting almost didn't come off."

"Serious complications arose when the Canadian ambassador came to see me. Shuffling through some papers on my desk he managed to decipher some rather illegible handwriting and read this marginal notation: 'What will we do with this S.O.B. Pearson?'"

"I had a hard time explaining that this was a paper left over from the Truman administration and that the Pearson referred to was Drew."

**Adam's Next Junket**  
 Adam Clayton Powell, the No. 1 Harlem globetrotter, didn't have any trouble getting the House Rules Committee to OK his new junket to Europe, May 25 to June 15, to attend the International Labor Organization meeting in Geneva.

In his usual courtly manner, Chairman Howard Smith, D.-Va., asked Powell and Rep. Jimmy Roosevelt, D.-Calif., whether they would be willing to submit vouchers on the expenses of their trip. "That's only proper," replied Roosevelt.

"Of course," said Powell. When Clarence Brown, the Ohio Republican, remarked, "we don't want to be lonely, we've missed you quite a bit around here," he wasn't entirely fooling. For Powell has an interesting attendance record.

He spent a good part of January in Puerto Rico where he owns a beach house, returned to Washington late in January; then went back to Puerto Rico on February 5.

The congressman from Harlem remained away from Congress most of February, about one half of March, and about one half of April. In fairness it should be noted that Congress marked time during part of February for the GOP Lincoln Day speeches, and part of April for the Easter recess. However, most chairman of important committees were on hand to push their bills.

Powell, who is chairman of the Education and Labor Committee, has now concocted a compromise plan to give loans and grants to parochial schools for scientific purposes, even though President Kennedy has said this is unconstitutional.

**Orville Freeman's Victories**  
 When Billie Sol Estes was in the news, Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman made headlines every day. Now that Freeman is winning some important victories, he's scarcely in the headlines at all.

Without any fanfare, the Secretary of Agriculture is putting across his very important feed grain bill, which should be signed by the President some time this week. He's also winning a lot of increasing sentiment for the crucial wheat referendum which comes up next week.

Freeman is winning despite one of the most vicious campaigns against him in American agricultural history by the American Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau has even circulated stereopticon slides together with tape recordings to farm communities showing a noose around the neck of a wheat farmer. "This is the rope of Orville Freeman," proclaims the tape.

Another slide shows a shock of wheat with bayonets plunged into the sheaves. The tape recording warns: "You'll have federal troops enforcing the wheat program if you vote for it."

As a result of the Farm Bureau's campaign, some of its local bureaus are getting restless and the Webster County Farm Bureau of Guide Rock, Nebraska, has demanded an investigation of reported affiliations between the John Birch Society and the Farm Bureau; whether the American Medical Association contributed to the Farm Bureau in order to get help in defeating the medicare program among farmers; and whether the Farm Bureau really represents the farmers of the U.S.A.

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reau suspects that Farm Bureau executives are in league with the grain elevator owners who don't want a decreased grain surplus. A decreased surplus obviously means less revenue to the elevator operators who have made a fortune storing grain in recent years.

**Merry-Go-Round**  
 When William Saltonstall, long time principal of the famed Phillips Exeter Academy, goes to Nigeria as an executive for the Peace Corps, he will have to take orders from a former pupil, Joseph Palmer II is U.S. ambassador in Nigeria and will be in command of his old headmaster at Exeter. Secretary of Defense Bob McNamara may have problems with the TFX, but he also has them at home. He is careful to be home every evening by 7 or 7:30 to help his youngsters with seventh-grade math. One reason the wives of congressmen are down on Jackie Kennedy is that when she invites them to the annual reception for congressmen at the White House, the time is fixed at 9 p.m. This means they don't get out of cooking dinner and washing dishes. When a foreign embassy invites congressional wives to a reception, the time is fixed for 6 p.m., which means their husbands can munch at the buffet table and the wives avoid cooking dinner. Most people have forgotten about the Mexican Border Invasion of 1916, but the veterans of the so-called "Forgotten Army" haven't. The "Mexican Border Veterans," who served with Pershing when Pancho Villa was raiding across the Rio Grande, will celebrate their 34th reunion at Redington Beach, Fla., June 14.

**AEC cancels three tests**  
 WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Atomic Energy Commission has cancelled three small nuclear tests planned for later this month at its Nevada testing grounds. It gave no reason for the action.

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**Alternate power line planned**  
 Special to The Bulletin  
 PRINEVILLE — Work will begin this week on an alternate standby transmission line by Pacific Power and Light Co. construction crews, according to Bob Love, Prineville manager for the PP&L Co. The initial work will begin in the Powell Butte area, he said.

At present, Prineville receives its power over a line from a substation at Redmond. The standby transmission line will be for local use, Love said, in the event of an outage on that line.

## Czechs purge Bacilek, Koehler

VIENNA (UPI) — Communist Czechoslovakia today disclosed the purge of its former secret police chief, Karol Bacilek, and another old-line Communist, Bruno Koehler, from their leading party posts. The Czech government announcement said both were dismissed from the party's Central Committee, which means Bacilek has lost his post on the nine-man ruling Presidium as well, and Koehler is out as one of the six secretaries of the Central Committee.

No reason was given for the purge, but both leaders are old-line Stalinists closely identified with the harsh policies of the late President Klement Gottwald.

Koehler, 63, was a co-founder of the Czech Communist party and a former close aide of Gottwald's. Bacilek, 67, headed the secret police from 1952 to 1954, when the former general secretary of the party, Rudolf Slansky, and 11 others were executed on treason charges.

It was believed Bacilek's ouster may begin the posthumous rehabilitation of the Slansky group, which was condemned during a Stalin-era wave of anti-Semitism. Slansky and many of the other defendants were Jewish.

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U.S. sources said Khrushchev's letter, which also went to British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, took the test-ban issue "neither forward nor backward."

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## He belongs to exclusive Kennedy club

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Dr. Armand Hammer today belonged to the exclusive club of those who have kept the President waiting for several minutes on a telephone.

Hammer, president of the Occidental Petroleum Co., and his wife were breaking Saturday morning when the telephone rang. It was President Kennedy.

"I just want to make sure that you are offering to donate the Roosevelt home and grounds at Campobello to the governments of the United States and Canada as a memorial to the late President and Mrs. Roosevelt," Kennedy said.

"It's a very generous gift," Kennedy told Hammer. "I think it will further strengthen the bond of friendship between the two countries."

Hammer then asked Kennedy if he would like to hear the telegram he had sent to Rep. James Roosevelt, D.-Calif., son of the late president, confirming the gift.

The President said he would. But Hammer couldn't find it for several minutes. When he finally returned his wife scolded him: "Do you realize you've kept the President of the United States waiting while you went for the telegram?"

But Hammer said the President didn't seem to mind.

**JFK BOWS OUT**  
 WASHINGTON (UPI) — Harvard University has lost its most prominent member of the board of overseers.

President Kennedy bowed out Monday night after entertaining the members at a black-tie White House stag dinner.

## Venezuela pulls out Haiti envoy

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (UPI) — Venezuela has recalled its envoy here as a probable prelude to breaking diplomatic relations with the regime of Haitian President Francois Duvalier, informed sources said today.

The sources said Venezuelan charge d'affaires Juan Bautista Sota called on Haitian Foreign Minister Rene Chalmers Monday to advise the government of his departure. It was not known how soon Sota planned to leave.

Venezuela's reason for considering a break in relations, following long friction with Haiti, was believed to be based on Duvalier's determination to stay in office after his legal term ends Wednesday.

The Haitian president was elected in 1957 for a six-year term but had his name placed on all ballots in a congressional election in 1961. He then announced he had been elected unopposed for a new term running until 1967.

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