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HOW OLD IS THE EARTH?

Since an English church prelate, Bishop Usher, by compiling the genealogies in the Old Testament in the time of King James, fixed the creation of the earth at 4004 B.C., or about 6000 years ago for the St. James version of the bible, nuclear scientists have extended the probable age of the earth from 6000 to billions of years.

From a study of different kinds of lead found in meteorites, formed in the same nuclear upheaval that produced the earth, as an atomic yardstick to measure time, four scientists, as revealed by a study published by the University of Chicago, have pushed the origin of the earth back to at least 4.5 billion years ago, the oldest date yet obtained by analyzing elements in the solar system.

The report discloses, however, that there is evidence that for some 2 billion years of its existence, the earth's surface was molten or in some other diffuse now in a solid state.

The report states lead once was uranium, a substance that loses its radioactivity at a known rate in a decaying process. However, there are at least two kinds of isotopes in natural uranium, differing slightly in weight. The different rate at which the two kinds of isotopes lose their radioactivity is the key to the age-determining technique.

The heaviest isotope, uranium 238, loses half its radioactivity in 4 1/2 billion years, decaying into lead 206. Another uranium isotope, U-235, the kind used in the A-bomb, loses half its radioactivity in 710 million years, and decays into lead 207. The higher proportion of lead 206 the older the sample.

The study of the lead atoms was made on the University of Chicago's mass spectrometers by Claire Patterson and Harrison Brown, now of the California Institute of Technology, George Tilton, now of the Carnegie Institute of Washington, and Mark Ingraham, associate professor of physics at the University of Chicago.

If the earth is 4 1/2 billion years old, how much older is the universe with its perhaps quintillions years? The finite mind cannot comprehend the infinite. As Pope wrote, "Presume not Good to scan, the proper study of mankind is man."—G. P.

VICTIM OF HIGH PRESSURE COACHING

When a football coach retires in the prime of life it is usually "by request" of irate alumni and other supporters for failure to win games, or in extreme disgust over the life he is compelled to lead.

But the retirement of Frank Leahy at Notre Dame, announced Sunday, is for an entirely different reason. No alumni, or alumnus as the breed is sometimes facetiously called, were howling for Leahy's scalp. He was winning enough games to satisfy the most critical, namely all of them.

Leahy quit, not to save his scalp which he was still willing to risk, but to save his life. Although only 45, and rugged enough to play in the line for Rockne back in the late twenties, his heart was breaking under the strain of football as it is played at South Bend. He collapsed during a game last fall and was informed by his doctors that another such attack, which continued coaching would invite, might be fatal. Since Leahy has a wife and nine children to support, the answer, highly distasteful to him you may be sure, was obvious. The change will doubtless add a good many years to a virile life the country can ill afford to lose, to say nothing of his family.

Leahy is a victim of what he helped to create, high power, high pressure big league college football with such a strain on heart and nerves it's a wonder anybody lives through a season. He is wiser than many to get out while his professional standing is sky high and his health reasonably intact.

Leahy has been one of the great coaches of the era. True, he attracted first class material, but he played the toughest schedule in the country, with outstanding success. He actually added something to the greatest football tradition possessed by any American college. Notre Dame wins quite as much on spirit as on material and coaching proficiency. Men like Rockne and Leahy have built it to a point where it is the envy of all colleges that seek the grid-iron heights.

ATTACK ON A U.S. BOMBER

Reports on the attack by Red warplanes on an American bomber on a reconnaissance flight off the west coast of Korea do not give the nationality of the "large formation" that did the attacking. But it does not matter. Whether Chinese or Russian the effect is the same, since these are under one control, that of the Kremlin.

Probably the assault does not presage a resumption of hostilities by the enemy. If it were intended they would hardly give us advance warning, but would launch a tremendous surprise attack on the front lines accompanied by aerial blows in the rear.

If it has any purpose that makes any sense it is to strike fear into our hearts, to suggest that Russia may start a new war, with a view to softening the attitude of our diplomats who are wrangling with Molotov in Berlin over a united Germany free to select its own government.

The attack, which fortunately did not cost us any planes, will not succeed. If the U.S. has learned one thing it is properly to evaluate this crude method of exerting "diplomatic pressure."

And it ought to make us even more determined, if this is possible, not to recognize or bill a conference with Red China, which would be a crowning piece of futility.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A FINE CHURCH

The entire Salem community congratulates the members of St. Paul's Episcopal church, one of the very oldest institutions in the capital city, on the dedication yesterday of one of Oregon's most beautiful edifices for Christian worship.

The new church was overflowed by the congregation which attended the dedicatory service Sunday afternoon, which appropriately stressed not the material but the spiritual aspect of man's nature, which the church aims to enhance.

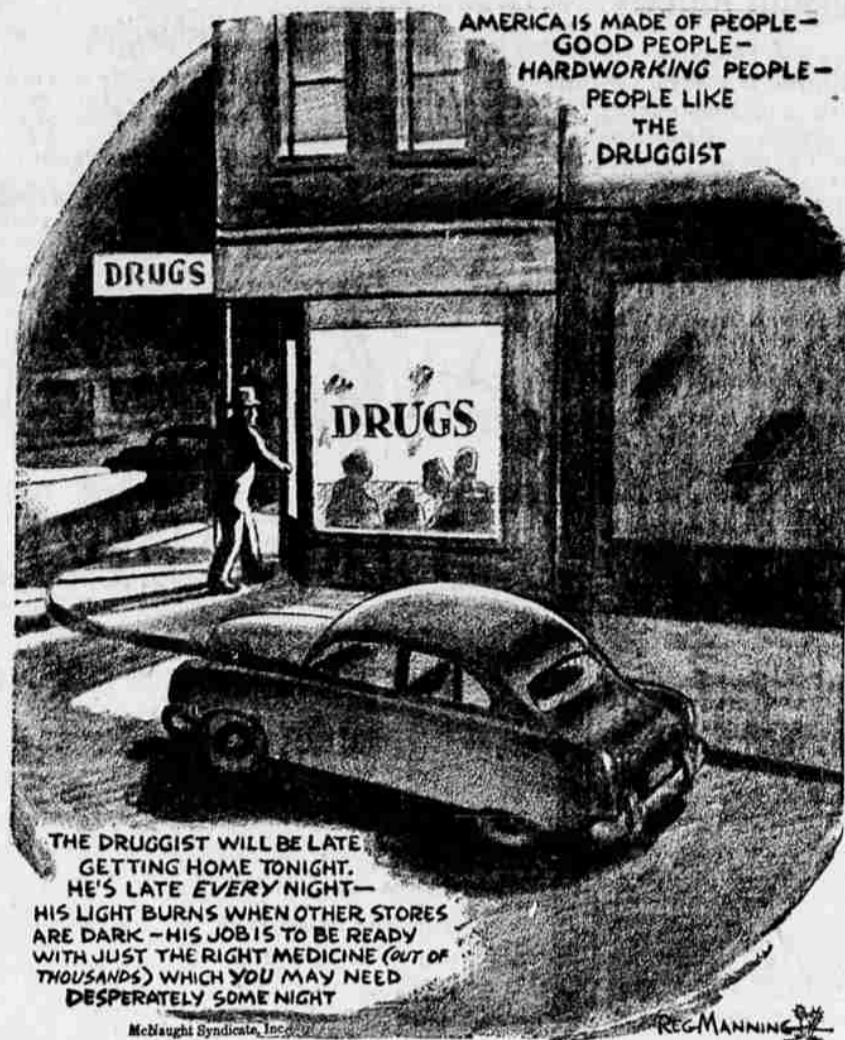
Into this structure has gone the prayers, the efforts and the money of hundreds of families, who have built an edifice that should endure all through Salem's second century and radiate an incalculable influence for good.

MAKING IT PAINLESS

DENVER (AP)—The Denver Dental Assn., prying and probing the molars of some 400 orphans, tried a new means today of making the experience less painful to the kids: comic books.

Prepared by the American Dental Assn., the comics relate the adventures of Daredevil Davey in trapping such evil characters as "Sugar Sweets," "Punk Diet," "Lazy Brusher" and "Hap Hazard."

THE 'ORDINARY' AMERICANS



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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Another Korea May Be in The Making in Indo-China

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON — Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, has persuaded President Eisenhower to order 400 air force technicians and mechanics into Indo-China.

They were requested by the French to service American-made planes now fighting in Indo-China. The air force suggested that civilians ought to be sent over, but Radford insisted on military men.

The air force also complained that it didn't have 40 technicians to spare, that this would make the air force short of mechanics. But Radford overruled the protest. The air force is also worried over involving American forces in the Indo-Chinese war, inasmuch as the Chinese Reds have moved two air groups near the Indo-China border. If U.S. airmen go into Indo-China, it may give China an excuse to move their two air groups in.

Meanwhile, the communists are pouring field artillery and anti-aircraft guns into Indo-China as fast as they can be shipped across the border. It almost looks like another Korea in the making.

BITTER BRICKER BATTLE
The Bricker battle is getting really bitter — sometimes even bloody. . . . Bricker, who occupies the key post of chairman of the senate committee on interstate and foreign commerce, is using committee prerogatives to back his amendment. . . .

DUCKS AND BRICKER
Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, ordinarily a lady of courage, is worried about the Bricker amendment. She signed his petition some time ago when the matter didn't seem so important, and as of this writing hasn't withdrawn. Bricker has done her some favors in the senate, and also she's up for re-election this fall. . . .

DEPARTMENT OF PEACE
Busy-bee Congressman Harley Staggers of West Virginia, as usual, will have a lot of legislative irons in the fire this session. But the bill he is proudest of hearing shows no sign of slowing down.

LOSS OF PROSECUTORS
Oregon Voter
"Lawyers may be a dime a dozen as was observed by one legislator during the 1953 session," but competent district attorneys in whom the public can have confidence cost more. A growing number of district attorneys have resigned lately or declined to be candidates for re-election. With which we fully concur.

PEDOMETERS FOR REFS
Albany Democrat-Herald
Recently a pedometer was attached to the foot of a basketball referee before a game, and at the end it registered six miles of walking and running for the official. Judged by the standard loaf, raucous disapproval expressed by spectators at games, they'd prefer to have the officials do the distance in a straight line away from the floor.

the Gannett newspapers which have not been too laudatory of the Eisenhower administration.

Salem 50 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

February 1, 1904

Illiee club of Salem had defeated the local Alco club in a bowling contest, winning by a margin of only six pins.

Holy Rollers apostles, camped in deep timber of northern Linn county, unkempt, unclean and avoiding society, had been mistaken for a band of robbers recently at work in Dallas, Brownsville and Woodburn.

Capital Journal's X-Rayist had informed a subscriber that the Baker Stock Company was a theatrical troupe and in no way connected with the stock business.

Additionally, the X-Rayist had written: "Mayor Waters deserves credit for promptly putting an end to the ancient graft of filling in private property with public street scrapings."

Fred Hurst & Co. were promoting Englewood, "the place of beautiful homes."

J. C. Atwood and D. W. Fisher had purchased the Branson and Ragan grocery.

West Salem Literary Society had heard Mrs. W. J. Squires read a paper entitled "The West Salem Gazette." Following the reading a debate had been held upon the question: "Resolved: That the Indians were unfairly treated by the whites."

Eola, the Capital Journal correspondent had written, was enjoying a surge of prosperity and that it was unfair and unjust to mention the community in terms of sneering belittleness.

Torrent of Words

Reed Bulletin

The Federal Power Commission examiner conducting the Hells Canyon hearings in Washington has suggested to the opposing sides being heard that they talk a little longer each day.

Examiner William J. Costello has asked attorneys representing both sides to speed up their questioning of witnesses, to meet earlier in the day and to schedule night sessions if necessary.

Costello seems to have taken a sound position. Already there are more than 11,000 pages of testimony in the record, and the hearing shows no sign of slowing down.

His idea sounds even better if we remember that—in all probability—the losing side will carry the issue to the courts.

There are probably children being born these winter months who will be reading before the issue is settled at the present rate of progress.

No New Deal

By RAYMOND MOLEY

President Eisenhower's resentment at the charge that his program is merely more of the same that we have had for 20 years is justified. For in most aspects of his Administration and in his proposals in the budget and in the separate messages there is a perceptible change of direction, and that change is vital.

The President's little play on words to the effect that he is liberal in human relationships and conservative in economic affairs means nothing. For every raid on the Treasury in the past 20 years has been in the sweet name of humanity. And a raid on the Treasury is an economic matter of importance.

The brightest spot in Eisenhower's budget was the reflection of his determination to halt the trend toward Federal socialism in the field of electric power and in the Federal exploitation of natural resources. In this the President is following the leadership of his wise Secretary of the Interior and also his own personal knowledge of the spending proclivities of the Army Corps of Engineers. The Bureau of Reclamation, which under previous Administrations was a mighty force for socialization, is rapidly being cut down to national limits. Expenditures in this bureau in 1953 were \$235,000,000; for 1954, an estimated \$182,000,000; and for 1955, \$167,000,000. For the Army Engineers the figures for the three years were \$578,000,000; \$416,000,000 and \$361,000,000.

The President's attitude toward Federal aid for highways, however, has failed to follow his belief in returning responsibilities to the states. The figures for the three years were \$550,000,000; \$592,000,000; and \$582,000,000. However, later there may be, as a result of the recommendations of the President's Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, a proposition before Congress to return the gasoline tax to the states and to let them build their own highways.

There is little comfort for those who long for economy in the recommendation for foreign aid. The figures show little decision to taper off.

Meanwhile, the most of Social Security is rising. The health program is generally conservative, with the exception of a guarantee of private health insurance. No one seems fully to understand this proposal, and it will not become clear until the committees of Congress have examined the idea. At this stage it looks as if such a guarantee would merely permit private organizations to offer broader, cheaper, and perhaps less prudent coverage.

A wiser suggestion would be that insurance for medical and hospital expenses have an exemption of, say, \$50-\$100 on the same principle that automobile insurance now has a \$50-exemption. Such an exemption would permit coverage for genuine and critical emergencies and eliminate the bookkeeping and other overhead involved in covering small medical and hospital bills.

The President's tax proposals in general are designed to encourage private industry.

Eisenhower, to use the Shakespearean phrase, has scotched the snake of socialism but not killed it. Perhaps it is too much to expect the killing of such a hardy creature in so short a time. We may content ourselves, however, with the reflection that creeping socialism is creeping more slowly.

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POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Author Declares N. Y. City Only One Open 24 Hrs. a Day

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—"A city to me," said Truman Capote, forking thoughtfully at a strawberry tart, "is a place where you can get up at 3 o'clock in the morning and buy a book or a shirt."

"In a real sense of being a city, New York is the only city in the world. It is the only one open 24 hours a day."

Capote, recently returned from Rome, has somewhat outgrown his child-wonder-of-the-literary-world status of a few years ago. Critics then were divided over whether he was startlingly precocious or startlingly precocious — whether he was a pale young genius or merely pale.

"I'm 28 now," he remarked at luncheon in the 21 Club, "and I've written four books and a play. I just finished writing the dialogue for an Italian film. Now I'm working on my third novel and doing the lyrics for a musical play based in Haiti, called 'House of Flowers.' It's light and strange."

Capote, who talks with the artistic surety of Oscar Wilde, is blonde, blue-eyed and small enough to walk under the arms of a high school basketball center. He looks less like a sophisticated fawn today and more like a retired choir boy — or a rising young literary critic.

"I don't think writing for the films has anything to do with writing," he observed. "In writing for the films, the only important thing is the visual sense — the eye is everything."

But he did enjoy doing the dialogue for "Indiscretions of an American Wife," produced in Rome for Columbia Pictures by Vittorio De Sica.

"In Italy they don't rely so much on a script," he said. "They like to make things up as they go along. The film was shot in the Rome railroad terminal, and whenever they needed dialogue for the next scene I would go into another room of the station and write it."

"The Italian method of making a film wouldn't work with many Hollywood stars. If they tried it with Marilyn Monroe, it would be a disaster. But they have turned out some great pictures that way."

Capote, who has had some luck in a life of hard work, has never seen a television program. "Do you think I should take up looking at television?" he asked. "I have no opinions against it. I simply don't own a television set, and nobody I know ever looks at it."

"It sounds terribly exciting, but I dislike all ephemeral things."

He feels sure, however, that video will make for better films on more adult themes.

"Television will take over all the taboos that hamper the movies now," he predicted. "When people can get all the poppycock they want on television, films will have to become more human and real in order to find an audience."

This mellowing infant terrible of literature — he earned his living tap dancing on a river boat, painting on glass, and fortune telling while learning the writer's trade — poked moodily to find an audience.

"What would bother me about working in television is that you have only the bubble of a moment. To the creative artist, his work has to be a solid thing — not an ephemeral thing, such as an actor's performance."

"That is what amazes me about painters. How can they sell their paintings and let them go into strange houses where they will never see them again?"

"I take the books I write with me wherever I go — the foreign translations of them, too. Then, wherever I am, I can look at them and say, 'there is something solid.'"

"I have to have a sense of permanency, because everything else in my life is so important. If you are really dedicated to an art, the art becomes your only reality in the world."

When I asked Capote, still on the sunny side of 30, what he thought of Ernest Hemingway, who is 55, he replied amiably: "I'm glad the boy's alive. He's a marvelous writer, but . . ."

Truman Capote didn't finish the sentence. He finished the strawberry tart instead.

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Medford Mail-Tribune

How Senator Bricker would rave and roar if anyone called him a Communist.

Yet, in his cheap, demagogic attack on President Eisenhower over the Bricker amendment the Ohio senator clearly adopted the Communist line. And for Bricker, Dirksen, Jenner and other members of the Mid-West isolationist antedilevian club that would be enough for an immediate un-American Activities committee investigation, with subpoenas, citations, for-contempt and all the trimmings!

What is this "Communist line?" For example, Molotov, and all the other Kremlin spokesmen, have from the very outset of the "cold war," accused the United States of being the world's one outstanding foe of peace, and the great imperialistic and capitalistic power intent upon enslaving weaker nations by force.

Every informed person in the world, of course, knows that this is not only a deliberate and vicious lie, but the exact reverse of the truth. For that is precisely what Communist Russia is and has been doing, and what hard-pressed and harassed Uncle Sam has been trying so hard to check and, if possible, prevent.

So with Bricker. He claims President Eisenhower in opposing his half-baked amendment, has been sold a "bill of goods"; that while he (Bricker) doesn't question the president's sincerity (how very nice of him!) he does question his judgment. And then Bricker has the effrontery to imply that in taking the stand any self-respecting chief executive of the United States would (to be true to his oath of office) have to take, President Eisenhower is depriving the American people of their rightful constitutional protections.

What's eating the senior senator from Ohio? Is he crazy? No. At least no more crazy than is fellow-isolationist and reaction-ary in the "Old Guard" and over-stuffed section of the Grand Old Party. Their hero is not President Eisenhower—quite the reverse!—but Colonel Robert McCormick of the Chicago Tribune.

DOWN TO THE LAST BITE

Sherman County Journal

In England the top income tax is 96%. Ain't socialism wonderful? Think how the poor can eat up the rich by their votes, and think what a heck of a shape they'll be in when there's no rich to eat.



The Prescription Profession is ever watchful and attuned to the advances made by Medical Science. It keeps a watchful vigil, ready for immediate service whenever the Medical Profession calls. It stands guard FOR YOU.

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