

Man's reach should exceed his grasp—



Canadians exploit Saturday's eclipse; U.S. medics caution of eye damage

Poor old Ho and Hsi would be far more confused if they lived in the present instead of some 4,000 years ago.

They were Chinese astronomers, and they failed to forecast a total eclipse in 2137 B.C. that left most of China in darkness. When it appeared that a dragon was devouring the Oriental sun, Chinese swarmed through streets, beating drums and imploring the sun-eater to lay off. Immediately the two astronomers were called on the royal carpet, and ordered beheaded.

If the star savants lived today they would have no worries about the 1963 eclipse — it is an event that has been timed to the second and its narrow track across the earth from Japan through Alaska and Canada to Maine traced.

The problem that would have faced the astronomers this Saturday, July 20, is whether to look at the sun, or not to look.

Thousands are moving into the eclipse path of totality across Canada, for a look at the moon slowly rolling eastward across the face of the sun — just as the jaws of the mythical dragon closed in on the solar orb to the horror of the ancient Chinese.

Motels and inns in the path of the eclipse are booked solid. Ellsworth, Me., will start its week-long 200th birthday with the crowning of a bicentennial queen when the shadow begins to steal across the face of the sun.

The state of Maine expects 100,000 extra tourists and a \$10 million shot in the summer season arm as the result of man's curiosity — and Maine's cooperation. The Astro-

Zippers more helpful here

Editorial writers on the Eugene Register-Guard and the Medford Mail Tribune recently engaged in an experiment to determine just what would happen if a letter were mailed using only the new ZIP code following the address of the proposed recipient, leaving out the city and state. The city and state designations, they reasoned, have become superfluous with the adoption of ZIP codes, which in themselves are more precise designations.

Following this line of reasoning, the man in Medford addressed a letter to his fellow in Eugene. On the envelope he put the man's name, the name of the newspaper, and the ZIP code. On another letter he placed the name, name of the newspaper, and the name of the city and state. The second letter was delivered promptly. The first was "returned for better address."

One of the fellows who writes editorials for The Bulletin was intrigued by the report. He tried the same thing, addressing a postcard to the Eugene man, and using the ZIP code instead of the city and state designation.

It was delivered promptly the next morning, without being returned to the sender for a more complete address.

But there was one difference. A helpful citizen, employed in the Bend Post Office, carefully erased part of the address, inserted

nomical League is to hold its annual convention at the University of Maine, to get a good view of the eclipse.

Scientists will be stationed along the Canadian trail of darkness, and an Air Force plane will carry an astronomer at 10,000 miles an hour in the path of the eclipse, to provide more observing time.

While Canadians are making a "spectacular" out of the total eclipse as a tourist attraction, medical men and eye specialists south of the border are gravely warning would-be sun watchers not to look skyward. They say there is no safe way to look directly at the sun. They stress that even dark glasses and photograph negatives do not stop the damaging infra-red rays which actually burn the retina and cause partial or complete blindness.

Vision specialists say the best way is for amateurs to project the sun's rays on a white card with a lens — or even a pinhole in a piece of cardboard, and watch the eclipse on a white card. Children should have adult supervision.

Another safe way to see the eclipse, say the medical men, is to watch it on television.

Actually, a partial eclipse of the sun is of little interest — merely the slow passage of the moon in front of the sun. For astronomers, however, a total eclipse is of great scientific interest, particularly in connection with the study of the corona, the zodiacal light and the "beading" of the sun's rays.

It will be well to leave the observation of the eclipse to the astronomers.

Quotable quotes

What I am interested in, is seeing both bills enacted before the end of the year. — President Kennedy, indicating he did not much care which bill, civil rights or taxes, Democratic leaders scheduled first for legislative action.

I don't know what my plans are. — Singer Eddie Fisher, denying rumors he would marry New York model Renata Boeck.

I guess I'm getting better now. — Miss U.S.A., Marita Ozers, recalling that she was runnerup in a Chicago beauty contest two years ago.

They tricked us. If necessary, we will picket the homes of individual board members. We'll follow them to dinner and we'll follow them to church. — The Rev. Elton Cox, a CORE field secretary, charging that the Chicago Board of Education broke an agreement with racial demonstrators by blocking a sit-in at a conference room.

Washington Merry-go-round

Senator embarrassed by fast action on request

By Drew Pearson
WASHINGTON — Senator John Pastore of Rhode Island is the son of Italian immigrants who has proved that democracy really works in the United States by being elected governor of his state, then the first Italo-American ever to reach the Senate. He is a modest, hard-working Democrat, doesn't throw his weight around but can jump down the throat of a fellow senator when necessary. He tackled Sen. Strom Thurmond when the South Carolinian was heckling CBS President Frank Stanton and almost blew him out of the Senate hearing room.

The senator from Rhode Island is also an adoring father, and the other day telephoned the White House to get his pretty daughter Frances a summer job in the government in order to further her study of political science at Marymount College, New York.

As a result Frances, aged 19, found herself with a \$72 a week clerical job with AID at a desk in Annex 1, an old building near the State Department. This was not a bad salary for a summer job of two to three months, but it didn't fit into Frances' ideas on studying political science. She was unhappy.

Frances has been keeping house for her father during the summer, and that evening told him about the new job. Next day, Sen. Pastore called the White House again to see if Frances couldn't get a less isolated assignment.

Apparently he didn't realize what a call from him could do. But as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee Pastore votes the money for foreign aid and foreign aid is under heavy attack.

At any rate, AID offices reacted — and vigorously.

Frances soon found herself in the shiny new State Department building, replacing Mrs. Clarine Asbell, a \$114 a week receptionist.

"My, that was an awful old building," Frances said after arriving in the State Department.

Frances' salary remained the same \$72, and Mrs. Asbell did not take a cut, but she has been moved to another desk where she serves as a kind of utility employee, filling in for other person-

nel during vacation periods.

However, the effect on other aid personnel over the favoritism shown to "the senator's daughter" was one of indignation. In the end Frances was so unhappy she almost resigned. The senator was unhappy too, remarked that he didn't realize a phone call from him would have such repercussions.

Soapy Drinking Water
While the United States pollutes its streams with non-solvent detergents, West Germany, which helped discover detergents, has banned the use of detergents. The West German government has passed a law against the use of A.B.S., (alkyl benzene sulphate), the substance which is ruining American drinking water.

Rep. Henry Reuss, D-Wis., who is battling for a similar law in the United States, states that the American soap industry is spending \$250 million a year for advertising to sell detergents and only \$5,000,000 a year on research to change the unhealthy aspect of detergents.

"If I were in industry, I would not be proud of the fact that we spent 2 per cent as much trying to get rid of harmful detergents as we spent trying to tell the public that detergents are good for you, that they are 99.4 per cent pure, etc.," Reuss told the Government Operations Committee.

"This is a false set of values."

Reuss added that West German officials had told him that they believed in "free enterprise," but they also believed it was the duty of government to protect their people from an "assault on their aesthetic sense and on their health and on their fish life," caused by detergent pollution.

"Is the detergent a pollutant from the standpoint that it is injurious to public health?" inquired GOP Rep. Robert McClory of Illinois. "I mean in drinking water."

Reuss replied that A.B.S. had not yet been found to be a cause of cancer — or not to be — in experiments on rats, but he added:

"Yes, it certainly is a pollutant. A glass of drinking water, with a head of foam on it, is unattractive. Foam should be on beer, not on drinking water."

Other pens . . .

Paragraphs

If the nation is going to distribute children in schools according to any plan, it should so arrange them that children of similar ability are together. Integrating them by black and white makes no sense; doing so by intelligence might.

Young men, we note, are wearing vests. How new fashioned!

Down in Utah the school teachers are on strike until the state puts more money into schools. It is another example of the worker taking over the job of management and could lead to a taxpayer revolt. Utah will probably find teachers — maybe with fewer degrees but less arrogance; with less training but more intelligence.

No wonder our experts are not received well abroad. They are often a nuisance at home.

Now the internal revenue department says you can deduct from your tax the cost of quiet meals, but not liquor. But liquor is quicker. (Giles French in Sherman County Journal.)

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Motivated by (1) the spirit of scientific investigation, and (2) a desire to give favorable publicity to the Post Office's new zip code program, we hatched a little scheme with a friend in Eugene the other day.

His name is Bob Frazier and he's associate editor of the Eugene Register-Guard.

We wrote him a note, making a carbon copy of it. We put the original in one envelope, the copy in another. The first we addressed: Bob Frazier, Register-Guard, Eugene, Ore.

The other we addressed: Bob Frazier, Register-Guard, 97401.

That 97401 is the zip code for Eugene. We wanted to see which letter would get there first. We dropped them in the mail at the same time.

After all the publicity about how the new zip code would speed delivery of the mail, because mail handlers could sort through numbers faster than written-out addresses, we expected the zip code envelope to zip to Eugene in nothing flat.

Well, the envelope with "Eugene, Ore." on it was delivered the following day.

The envelope with "97401" on it was back on our desk the following day, stamped "Returned for better address."

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Santiam

The State scenic Area Commission, which defines the stretches of state highways along which advertising panels (billboards) are banned, will consider two petitions for such prohibition on Tuesday, July 16th at 10 a.m. Rooms 202-3 Labor and Industries building. One has been filed by the Mill City Garden Club and would have the ban apply to Highway 20, from its junction with Highway 22 (the North Santiam Highway) east to the west city limits of Sisters. This is the stretch over the summit of the Cascades.

The other petition, filed by the Mill City Women's Club, asks for the ban on billboards on Highway 22 from its junction with Interstate 5 just east of Salem, to its junction with Highway 20. The two petitions thus cover the whole route from near Scenic to Sisters.

This is a fine, scenic route, especially above Mill City past Despot reservoir and Summit Lake, and deserves protection from unsightly billboards. Another section which should be kept free from advertising panels is that where the road breaks out from the hills and gives a view of Salem and the valley. If the commission doesn't see fit to grant the petitions in full we hope these portions at least may be spared the sign-bligh. (Oregon Statesman, Salem.)

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Mounting feeling in West that world is on threshold of change

By Phil Newsum UPI Staff Writer

Perhaps unfortunately for the bad taste that could come later, there is a mounting feeling that the world is at the threshold of profound changes. In Western capitals the hope is that it will be for the better.

Chief basis for this hope is the widening split between the Soviet Union and its Red Chinese allies, and the corollary belief that a split with Red China would make Nikita Khrushchev more amenable toward reaching understanding with the West.

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Lending support to these hopes

have been a number of factors. —In Moscow, the ideological battle between the two Communists giants has been going according to the script laid down weeks and months ago by the warring propaganda organs of the two nations and no compromise appears in sight.

—Khrushchev's own apparent belief, as reported to NATO by Belgian Foreign Minister Paul Henri Spaak, is that now is the time to reach some agreement on at least a partial nuclear test ban and that such an agreement is possible in the talks which began this week.

—Of lesser importance but a straw in the wind, the arrival in Moscow this week, at the Soviet invitation, of an Indian team seeking Russian air-to-air missiles and other arms and equipment whose use clearly would be intended as defense against Red China.

Fancy Outruns Fact

In London, where hopes of an eventual accord with the Soviets always have run higher than in Washington, fancy has so far outstripped fact as to lead to speculation that partial agreement now on a nuclear test ban naturally would lead to an East-West summit.

The factors leading to these mounting hopes have been reported from Western capitals by correspondents with access to high sources.

But a note of caution is not amiss.

A warning note came from chief U.S. negotiator Averell Harriman who said before leaving London that a test-ban agreement is "not in the bag by a long shot."

Khrushchev admittedly has big problems on his hands.

But he did not reach his high estate in the Soviet hierarchy by giving away all the cards in his hand in advance.

In the Red Chinese he faces a formidable adversary.

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As for a test ban, it already is too late for any such agreement to include either France or Red China, and without the latter especially, sooner or later must come almost meaningless.

If a change for the better is on the way, it still must be regarded as practically invisible.

Uses Threat As Weapon

One of his strongest weapons against them is the threat that he will reach accord with the West, a possibility which he now is encouraging.

On their part, the Chinese already have labelled the ideological talks in Moscow a failure, but they also say they can be patient.

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