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Will They Ruin Football?

There was a report in San Francisco papers a couple of weeks ago which did not receive the attention in sports circles it should.
Two college football coaches publicly accused a third coast college football coach of not only refusing to condemn "unnecessary roughness" but actually instructing his team, before a game, to go out and "get" a certain star quarterback and do it quick.

IF THAT report is true—it is hard to believe otherwise—it should be the subject of a football conference investigation and if the main facts are substantiated that coach of college No. 3 should be fired at once and barred from any coaching job anywhere on the coast—or anywhere else for that matter!

The accused coach's "alibi" was that football is a rough, tough game, and those who can't "take it," should stay out of it.

Football is a "rough and tough" game. But it isn't—or shouldn't be—a dirty game or a contest in mayhem or manslaughter. It is in our judgment the greatest outdoor sport ever invented, has greater spectator interest than any other, and should be both a thrill and a great benefit physically and morally to the participants.

But if it is going to degenerate into a "battle royal" of the brass-knuckle type, with football coaches advising such practices in violation of all rules and regulations, then the goose that, for so many years, has laid the golden eggs will not only be killed, but also public interest and football as a college sport.

"SOAK 'EM and sock 'em" is ok provided it is according to the rule book. But when hitting below the belt is not only practiced but officially recommended, that is another matter entirely and any football coach advising it, or failing to preach against it, should be given his walking papers at once and with no return ticket!—R.W.R.

Pity the Poor Voter

A contemporary is already sorry for the poor defenseless candidates who are going to run for high public office next year.

"This is going to be the worst knock-down-and-drag-out bare-knuckle fight in political history and woe betide the aspirant who has no brass knuckles and can't borrow a football helmet!"

It probably will be a hard-fought campaign, particularly here in Oregon, but we doubt if the casualties will be much greater than usual.

IN FACT as of today we are not so sorry for the contestants as for the voters—particularly the voters who have not decided how they will vote before the campaign begins. We refer particularly to the independent voter who would like the facts before he marks his ballot and will depend upon the candidates to give them.

JUDGING the main-event by the preliminaries here—or she—is in for some hard sledding. For many of the issues, especially national, will be complicated ones of essentially a factual nature.

Unless all signs fail, the Republican candidates will claim the facts are thus and so which support their position; while the Democrats will claim the TRUE facts will repudiate the GOP stand and back up theirs.

AGAIN disregarding those who are going to vote their party tickets straight regardless of what the facts may be, the voters will be pretty generally confused and up in the air—assuming they listen to the campaign speeches and take them at all seriously. Take Hells Canyon as just one example.

Figures and alleged facts will be quoted pro and con ad infinitum. And the figures—as well as the salient facts—on one side will completely disagree with those on the other.

There may be a few voters with the time, skill and patience to do a bit of independent, authentic checking, and to their own satisfaction determine what is true and what isn't, but they, we fear, will represent a decided minority.

The majority undoubtedly will throw up their hands in dismay and disgust, skip the complicated issues and go on to something less controversial and involved—and also we fear less important.

That procedure will lead to better digestion, no doubt, but not we fear to better government.

PROBABLY it is too late to do much of anything about it. But we wish the poll people—Gallups, Ropers and all the others—would add a department of impartial information to their efforts, the same devoted to a non-partisan and objective compilation of facts regarding some of the more important issues such as Hells Canyon, Reciprocal trade, Farm prices, Foreign aid, Civil Rights, etc., with complete disregard of partisan politics or implications.

We grant such a service wouldn't do the 100 per cent regulars on either side any good, but it would be of great value to the growing number of Independent voters—and when all is said and done they will decide next year's election as they have so many of the others, including the presidential election of 1952. —R.W.R.

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

THE KENNAN LETTER Washington — Just a little more than 10 years ago, George F. Kennan sent off from Moscow the ten thousand - word despatch that grimly and brilliantly charted the course of the Cold War for the American government.

Some weeks ago, George Kennan returned from a long journey of inquiry in Europe. He then wrote a long letter about Soviet policy in Europe and especially about the German problem, which is the key to the European future.

This Kennan letter shatters almost as many happy illusions as the historic Kennan despatch of a decade past. It suggests, in fact, that the current foreign ministers meeting in Geneva is a mere way station to the grand nightmare of Western diplomacy, which is a German reversal of alliances in favor of the Soviet Union.

It needs prayerful pondering, now that the Geneva fiasco is drawing to its close. These reporters have been permitted to quote the following excerpts: "The Russians," writes Kennan, "will aim their diplomatic action from now on exclusively at the Germans, simply by-passing the Western governments, who have lent themselves most obligingly to being bypassed by working themselves into rigid sterile positions without alternatives and without latitude for maneuver. Moscow may take its time about wooing the Germans, confident that the Western governments are safely boxed in by walls of their own making . . ."

"Moscow's game, with regard to the Germans, will be first (to give) the East German government a position of political respectability, so that it may have a voice in the eventual discussion of unification. Then the ventriloquists of Moscow will speak through Pankov (the East German capital); and what they will surely suggest to the Western Germans is that only one thing stands in the way of (German) unification—the military bond with the United States."

"SURELY it is not reasonable, it will be said to Bonn, that you should come into the discussion of unification with . . . your freedom of decision prejudiced by a military tie to another great power. Drop this . . . and real discussion of unification can begin. Moscow figures it cannot lose by this approach."

Kennan continues that Moscow's calculations seem likely to prove correct, for several different reasons. For one thing, "The unification problem has now been activated for fair in German minds." For another, the situation in Eastern Germany is now "beginning to become crucial." Almost all hope of liberation has been lost in East Germany since President Eisenhower's journey to the summit and West German Chancellor Adenauer's journey to Moscow. The East Germans who have not fled are accepting the Communist regime, and the youth are even becoming converted to it. For similar reasons, the situation in West Berlin also "shows signs of deteriorating."

All these trends, in turn, are giving an extra edge to the desire for re-unification among the West Germans. The West Germans "fear that unless something is done about unification soon, the whole Eastern part of Germany will be morally and spiritually alienated."

"Finally," continues Kennan, "there is the effect of the recent visit to Moscow by Adenauer and the large number of German figures who accompanied him. Leaving aside the Chancellor, I think it generally fair to say that the Germans returned from this experience somewhat shaken, in the political sense, by what they saw . . . Please don't misunderstand me. These men are as much Westerners, in every fiber of their being, as you and I. . . The last thing they want is to see Germany detached from the West . . ."

"They know, in the wooing of which they are the objects, that they have to do with a Siren, and they are miserably conscious of the frequent and, in this instance, wholly probable wages of sin. And still the lady's image haunts their dreams, and they can't get away from it. "Why is this? It is partly because the West Germans know that we . . . cannot negotiate any further for unification (while) the Soviets lead them to hope that perhaps unification (can) be had by direct German-Soviet negotiations. Furthermore, they are psychologically tired of us. For 10 years, they have wrestled with . . . Western disunity, indecisiveness and vague pretensions of idealism."

IT IS more than refreshing, it is downright intoxicating, now to meet up with the (Soviet) political personality which (shows) without sham . . . a knowledge and assumption of human evil; which speaks with one voice rather than three; which has something to give and is capable of delivering it if it wants to; and, above all, which talks the language of political realism to which Central Europeans are accustomed: brutal, cynical, in one sense crude, but in another infinitely subtle and sensitive."

Kennan adds that in the exposed and ill-defended Berlin position, the Soviets can find many levers to force the West Germans to begin talking to the East Germans. These levers, he thinks, will be effective unless the Western Powers "are determined to react, if necessary with real military preparations, and to the first encroachment (at Berlin) and not to the last—and the French, not to mention the others, could not be further from any such readiness." Hence Kennan grimly concludes:

"All these things lead me to believe that the chances are not bad for a Soviet success (in Germany). Adenauer may hold the line; but his successors are not likely to."

There could be no darker commentary on the smarmy public optimism of these last months. (Copyright 1955, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

IN the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS On its front page the other day, the Klamath Falls Herald and News printed a picture of a check changing hands. Over the years, it has printed many such pictures—so many, in fact, that its newsroom has come to frown on them in a mild sort of way.

In the daily life of an American community, no transaction is more common than a check passing from one hand to another. In our profession, you know, there is a shibboleth to the effect that when a dog bites a man it isn't news but when a man bites a dog it's hot stuff. This man-bites-dog dogma is akin to the proverb: "VARIETY is the spice of life."

Both arise out of the fundamental fact that when a man's wife feeds him precisely the same dinner menu seven days in a row he is apt to display signs of boredom. Newsrooms learn to the belief that this principle applies in the case of pictures. They ain't so good, newsrooms think, when there is too much sameness about them.

County Planning Commission Appointment Given Backing

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce board of directors will be asked to recommend that the county court appoint a county planning commission, it was voted unanimously at a chamber of commerce luncheon yesterday.

It was brought out at the weekly, round-table luncheon at the Jackson hotel that the county court has had the power to appoint a county planning commission for the past five years.

Paul Rynning, county engineer, stated that a planning commission would be appointed by the county court and act as an advisory committee to the court.

If the court approved zoning or future development plans for the county suggested to them by the planning commission, the proposals would be put up to the people for a vote.

If the zoning or development plan is approved by the people, the county court would order provisions for enforcing the regulation. Enforcement of the orders would be in the hands of the planning commission, Rynning said.

There was general agreement among all present at the luncheon meeting that a need for both planning and zoning exists on a county-wide level.

Sanitation Problem City Manager Robert Duff pointed out that rapid urbanization and increased population throughout the county must be controlled. Problems of adequate sanitation and roads should be met in advance, and because of this need there should be a county planning commission to make future plans which would direct county growth, he said.

Edith Eden, city planning commission member, said that a county planning commission would be the first step toward county zoning, necessary to protect the value of real estate.

A move to introduce county-wide zoning was defeated in a 1949 election by only 600 votes when a total of about 17,000 votes were cast, she said.

Industry Favors Idea Don McNeil, chamber of commerce, stated that industry would generally approve of a planning commission.

McNeil gave as an example the fact that saw mills have found it necessary to purchase property immediately around the mills in order to prevent people from building homes and thus creating a danger that the mill would be sued because of children being injured while playing around mill ponds or equipment.

It was pointed out that zoning would not interfere with existing businesses or have jurisdiction over agricultural, horticultural, timber or grazing lands.

To the general surprise, the labor unions gave in. In Firm Control It is now reported that Ibanez is in firm control of the situation and that it looks as if Chile may look forward to a period of political stability.

Ibanez says he is not a dictator, and he opposes the frequent suggestions of his supporters that he openly give himself dictatorial status.

But there is no doubt that, at 78, in the middle of his second political career, Ibanez is Chile's "Iron Man."

Chicken Pox Leads List of Illnesses Fifteen cases of communicable diseases were reported in Jackson county during the week ended Nov. 12, according to the county health department's weekly report.

Topping the list was chicken pox, with four cases in Prospect and three in Medford. There were four cases of influenza, including two each in Medford and Phoenix.

Also on the list were two cases of measles in Medford and two cases of strep throat in Medford.

Film on Family Now Available Roots of Happiness, a 25-minute film stressing family values, has been purchased by the Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic association for use by groups in this community wishing to learn more about family life.

The film brings out the importance of the father in the family, the place the children play in growing to adulthood, and the contributions parents make toward shaping happy secure personalities for their children.

The setting is rural Puerto Rico and the background music is Latin-American.

Groups wishing to view this film should contact Elliott Becken, chairman of the association's education and publicity committee, phone 3-3683, to set a time for a program.

At the association board meeting on Nov. 14 the recent county membership drive was discussed. The chairman of that committee reported more than 400 members outside of Medford have joined and are supporting the clinic. The possibility of new sources of income was also on the agenda.

Chile Seems To Have Outlasted Threat of Revolt in Government

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent Chile seems to have overcome the threat of revolt which has hit the other two "A-B-C" powers of Latin America.

Argentina has ousted a dictator and a provisional president within two months.

In Brazil, a president has resigned and acting president has been overthrown within the last week.

But in Chile, 78-year-old President Carlos Ibanez Del Campo is reported to be in a stronger position than at any time since he was inaugurated on Nov. 3, 1952—his 75th birthday.

Only two months ago, Chile was linked with Argentina and Brazil as ripe for an explosion. The powerful Central Labor Union was threatening a nationwide general strike which, had it been successful, might have resulted in Ibanez's overthrow.

Union leaders left no doubt that they planned a direct test of strength with the Ibanez regime.

But the old cavalryman, after having tried conciliation for a long time, acted firmly. He ordered the arrest of hundreds of union leaders all over the country.

McLoughlin Opens Annual Toy Drive

The annual McLoughlin Junior High school toy drive, held in cooperation with the Medford fire department, started yesterday under the sponsorship of the student council. Fred Funston, student council president, is chairman of the drive.

The home room contest is held each year in connection with the fire department's annual Christmas toy program.

An intermural basketball tournament between home rooms of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades also started yesterday. The week-long tournament is utilizing two gymnasiums with two games per day.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Help for the Birds To the Editor: Of all wild life, the species that have the hardest struggle to carry through the winter are our non-migratory birds. Quail and pheasant probably have the toughest time of it, because, by natural instinct and physical build, theirs is a limited range. Here are a few hints on winter feeding:

Beef suet mixed with coarse corn meal pressed into compact lumps is helpful. It can be stuffed in half walnut shells and hung on trees. Shallow basins of water with a drop or two of glycerine to prevent freezing, cracked corn, cracked wheat, chick feed suet also are helpful.

Humane Society, Medford, Oregon

WISHING WON'T MAKE IT SO

The future independence and leisure you are hoping for will be yours only if you prepare for it. It is never too early to make provision for a happy retirement. Don't let it become too late. How about today? CHARLES E. JONES, Local Agent Phone 2-9772 SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

Medford, Ashland Meetings Planned

Dr. Irwin Hill, superintendent of the Fairview Home for the mentally retarded, and Dr. D. L. Callierate, assistant superintendent, will conduct a series of meetings in Ashland and Medford tomorrow, Nov. 16, concerning problems of the mentally retarded.

Nov. 13 through 23 is National Retarded Children's week. There are an estimated 5,000 slow learning children in Oregon's schools.

Dr. Hill and Dr. Callierate will speak to classes and a general assembly at Southern Oregon college in Ashland, during the day.

At 6:30 p.m. they will speak and answer questions during a potluck dinner in the Marquardt room at St. Mark's Episcopal church in Medford. The dinner meeting will be open to anyone interested in the problem of the slow learning child.

At 8 p.m., Dr. Hill will conduct a seminar for doctors and interested parents at the Health department in the Jackson county courthouse.

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Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO Nov. 15, 1945 (It was Thursday) City and army air base officials say Medford base not declared surplus, and will remain military base.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: It takes four days for a committee to determine the Where and When of a district title football game. No wonder statelets are unable offhand to decide on final rites for the atomic bomb.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 15, 1935 (It was Friday) Congressman James W. Mott schedules discussion of recently passed legislation in congress at Medford meeting.

Circuit Judge H. D. Norton returns from Josephine county to resume court sessions here.

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 15, 1925 (It was Sunday) Between 40 and 50 acres of I. A. Merriman estate between Medford and Central Point sold to William Olson.

From Local and Personal column: Geese are commencing their southward flight and it is said that thousands are now in Lake and Klamath counties en route to more sunny climes. Several local hunting parties have journeyed there to return laden with game.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 15, 1915 (It was Monday) Statue of Lincoln and Verona marble fountain to be shipped from Panama-Pacific exposition to Ashland park.

Judge E. E. Kelly supports sugar beet industry here, pointing to prosperity on Idaho sugar beet farms.

What's the Answer? Can You Get 4 of the 7? Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

1. Average horsepower in new cars has increased in the last 25 years about one-fourth one-half, three-fourths or 100 per cent?

2. The Communists took over Russia as soon as the Czar was deposed in 1917; right or wrong?

3. More or less than half the members of Congress are members of the American Legion?

4. Which one of these prominent Republicans is youngest: Warren, Stassen, Knowland, Nixon, Dewey, Herter, Milton Eisenhower?

5. Yugoslavia has been urged for a seat on the UN Security Council by the Soviet bloc or by the U.S. or neither?

6. U.S. college graduates over the last 25 years have increased by one-half, doubled, risen by 150 per cent, or about tripled?

7. Oldest U.S. synagogue is in Newport, R.I., New York, Baltimore, Charleston, S.C., or St. Augustine, Fla? The Answers: 1. 100 per cent. 2. Wrong; about seven months later. 3. Considerably more than half. 4. Nixon. 5. By the Soviet bloc. 6. About tripled. 7. Newport.

PURCHASING AGENT DIES New York—(U.P.)—James L. (Larry) Hoppes, 53, superintendent of telegraph and purchasing agent of the United Press, died unexpectedly late yesterday at the Staten Island hospital.

NAME EMBARRASSING saying his four children found it embarrassing. He requested Santa Ana man petitioned superior court to change his name, from Sapp to Stapp.