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A Partisan Session

The US congress starts out true to form. The President's message is given 3 rousing cheers by the Republicans, and approximately the same number of sneers by the Democrats. This strictly PARTY division promises to continue throughout the session.

SO WITH a few rare exceptions the representatives of both major parties in Washington will not be so much interested in what might be best for the country, as what will be best for themselves and their party.

IT IS too bad. For the great need of the country at this particular time is not more partisanship but more statesmanship. It is true we still have "peace and plenty" the sun of prosperity for the majority is shining brightly in a clear blue sky, but in all directions there are apparent to observing people clouds on the horizon—some VERY dark ones—and what George Washington said about war and peace is equally true of good times and bad ones—the time to prepare for the latter is during a period of the former.

BUT that very little time in either House will be spent in this direction is indicated by the reaction of the Republican leaders to President Eisenhower's opposition to any tax reductions until we have a balanced budget. They don't dare oppose their popular party leader directly, but reading between the lines it is readily apparent that in their opinion the pressure for lower taxes from the upper brackets will prove too strong eventually for the present administration to resist.

It is equally doubtful if anything really constructive will be accomplished to benefit the lot of the farmer. Leaders of the two parties will stage a wild free-for-all in promising more and more to the hardy tillers of the soil, with the sole purpose of garnering the rural vote; but if any of these panaceas work out satisfactorily AFTER the votes are counted—or even enacted—it will be a surprise to most impartial students of the problem.

SO THE Poor Pedestrian might as well prepare for a partisan Kilkenny affair in Washington, from now until adjournment. It is one of the inescapable penalties "we the people" must pay for the luxury of a free democracy. That has been, except in time of war, the unflinching pattern of US congresses in presidential years in the past. There is no reason to expect an exception this year.—R.W.R.

Matter of Fact

THE DECLINE OF SAC Washington—Within a rather short time, the American Strategic Air Command will be measurably weaker than its Soviet competitor, the Strategic Air Army of the Red Air Force.



Joseph Alsop

It may sound a bit nightmarish to say that SAC is now losing the predominant strength that has been the heart and center of the free world's defense for the last decade. But no other conclusion can be reasonably drawn from the American government's own intelligence forecasts, as agreed and approved by the National Security Council itself.



Stewart Alsop

The melancholy contrast between Soviet and American rates of production of advanced aircraft types was disclosed in the last report in this space. It was disturbing enough. But the really disturbing feature of the present situation is the way these production rates must inevitably change the balance of air-atomic power. As the Russian air production program indicates, the Soviet Strategic Air Army is being lavishly re-equipped. Its slow, short range TU-4 bombers are being sloughed off. Their places are being taken by excellent jet bombers, the medium range "Badger" and the long range "Bison," which are comparable to our own B-47 and B-52.

IN BRIEF, the U. S. Air Defense Command now has almost no fighters fit to intercept the new Soviet jet bombers. American fighters of advanced type, F-102s, F-101s, and F-104s, are good enough to do the job. But mere trickles of these advanced fighters are being ordered under the current defense program. Thus this country will still have no interceptor force worthy of the name, when the Soviet bomber force reaches full strength.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Air Defense Command is being very rapidly re-equipped with the remarkable "Flashlight" night-fighter and "Farmer" day-fighter. The "Farmers" and "Flashlights" must be expected to impose heavy losses on General LeMay's bombers—perhaps half the planes engaged in each attack. But General Aladinski, with slightly more strength than General LeMay, will need to fear only the most trifling losses. This, in itself, will drastically alter the balance.

If you can add up these facts to any other conclusion except the one stated above, you must employ the peculiar mathematics that can only be learned on the highest level at the Pentagon. 1956, New York Herald Tribune Inc.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication 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.

Defends Mrs. Lyman To the Editor: I am writing in behalf of Mrs. Blanche Lyman. I have been a foster parent for the past six years, and have had constant association with the welfare office and Mrs. Lyman. Having worked in the public some 12 years I have never found a more loyal, conscientious person to her responsibilities.

Impartiality To the Editor: Each year we spend many thousands of dollars to train and maintain our various law enforcement agencies. We equip these organizations with the most modern equipment to be used in the detection of offenses against the laws of our country.

I believe that the fact she has served 21 years in the welfare office is commendable in itself. There are many better paying positions I'm sure she could have had and with less responsibility and grief.

After being trained and equipped our police officers are fully capable of performing their duty which is preservation and enforcement of the law. A part of that duty is to file complaints and to appear as witnesses in cases of which they have personal knowledge. This is of great importance since they are trained observers and investigators.

It would take a very loyal and understanding person to fulfill such a responsibility, one who, after all the years of dealing with people's problems and having to make decisions if they were eligible for help or just trying to receive something for nothing, can still remain Christian enough to want to help a fellow member who was at that time suffering from a family tragedy.

It is not conducive to good law enforcement procedure if our trial courts do not support our police officers. Our courts must realize that they are a part of a system which not only penalizes violators of our laws but that they also have a responsibility to assist in the prevention of further violations. This can be accomplished locally when our courts realize that people no longer fear minimum fines and suspended sentences to confinement. Our courts must get tough and they will receive only as much respect as is due them.

True that Mr. Huebner made a grave mistake, also that Mrs. Lyman may have made an error in judgment. But she no doubt felt that maybe, in some small way, she could help a person under great mental stress.

Our courts must not select a case occasionally of which to make an example. Each and every case must be an example of impartiality and when guilt is established the sentence must be of sufficient severity to prevent further offenses of like nature.

Are there any of us who, at sometime in our lives, has not used poor judgment? I think not. Certainly that doesn't mean we are disloyal in what ever the position might of been.

Dan F. Krotz II, Chairman for Community Service, Steelhead Post, VFW, Shady Cove, Ore.

I sincerely hope that anyone reading this who are foster parents or that have had any connection with Mrs. Lyman all these past years will send in their appreciation of a loyal public servant.

That there are children in our community who need hearing aids in order to keep up their school work or to preserve their remaining hearing.

If a person can't say anything good about a person it's far better to say nothing at all. Mrs. B. R., Route 1, Box 590, Talent, Ore.

Anyone having any type or parts of hearing aids can donate them by calling 2-5406. After the hearing aids are put in working order, they will be available to hard of hearing children of any age, recommended by their physician or the Public Health Department. There will be no charge for the use of the hearing aids.

Unused, unwanted adult hearing aids can be repaired for use by hard of hearing children whose parents are unable to purchase new aids. It has come to our attention

These hearing aids will be available to any child whose parents are financially unable to obtain them any other way. Medford Junior Service League

POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)

ECF The compilers of Potluck, including the regular members of the Mail Tribune's news staff and friends of the paper who send in amusing or interesting items from time to time, find it impossible, this week, to continue as if nothing has happened.

Fergie died last week, and Fergie was somebody special to each of us. He was a friend and counsellor as well as a boss. It was he who originally started this Potluck column and kept it going as an outlet for the hundred and one little, off-beat items which found no other logical resting place in the paper. It was his sense of humor and balance which in large measure was responsible for the fact that the Mail Tribune's news room is a friendly place operating as a team.

\$25,000 Budgeted For TB Treatment

An appropriation of \$25,000 has been budgeted by the state board of control for purchase of anti-microbial drugs for treatment of tuberculosis, according to Dr. Ambrose Churchill, director of the tuberculosis division.

Dr. Churchill told a meeting of the Oregon State Health Officers association the drugs are for post-sanatorium persons who have been discharged to live at home under close medical supervision. Distribution will be made locally through the Jackson county health department and should cost the taxpayer much less than hospital care, Jackson county health officer Dr. A. E. Merkel, said.

He praised the Jackson County Public Health association for its part in providing patient care and finding facilities for chest x-ray at the two local hospitals, all of which is financed through purchase of Christmas seals.

Salem Has Third Of State Employees

Salem — (U.P.) — A third of Oregon's 20,654 state employees are stationed in the Salem area, a survey by the State Civil Service commission showed Saturday.

Portland, Corvallis and Eugene ranked in that order as centers of state employment after Salem. Other cities had a scattering, including 121 at Oregon City, 128 at Albany and 73 at McMinnville.

In the Portland area are 2,749 full-time workers and 796 part-time workers. In Corvallis, there are 1,505 full-time state workers and 1,261 part-time workers.

Judge Crawford To Sit On High Court

Salem — (U.P.) — Chief Justice Harold J. Warner said Saturday that a Circuit Judge James W. Crawford of Portland has been appointed to sit as a temporary member of the Oregon Supreme Court.

The action was taken by the court under authority of an act passed by the 1955 Legislature to expedite the court's business. Judge Crawford will assume his duties at once and will continue for a limited time. The court will soon call at least two more circuit judges to act concurrently with Judge Crawford.

The chief justice said the circuit judges called to Salem under the program will be replaced by judges pro tem selected from members of the bar.

THIS BEING an election year, the fundamental question before the country is whether and how and by whom the Presidential office is to be maintained in its full powers within our system. A weakness in the Presidential office, threaten that balance between the Congress and the executive which is the inner principle of our constitution. The role of the President in our system is such that, insofar as human beings can take precautions for the future, it is their duty not to gamble and not to take imprudent risks. For, as we can see by looking around the world, democracy is a difficult form of government and in its future is not yet assured. It is more than ever necessary that in America democratic government should be able to govern effectively. Seeing to that is the main business before the American people. Copyright 1955, New York Herald Tribune Inc.

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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 Jan. 8, 1946 (It was Tuesday) Mrs. Dale Stephenson installed president of the Medford Lady Jaycees; Mrs. Don Stansell installed vice president.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Older Girls are weighing plans for repapering the whole house. The wallpaper in the kitchen where the 1945 calendar hung is a brighter hue than other areas.

20 YEARS AGO Jan. 8, 1936 (It was Wednesday) Medford city council agrees to provide employment for 16 persons between 16 and 25 under the national youth administration program.

League of Oregon Cities schedules Southern Oregon regional conference at Medford.

30 YEARS AGO Jan. 8, 1926 (It was Friday) Jacksonville city council asks ordinances be drawn up prohibiting dancing after midnight Saturday night and prohibiting motor vehicles on streets with the "cut-out" open.

From Foots Creek news: Joe Woodcock and wife have taken possession of their new home on Evans creek and called at the Carle place Monday to get their cow. The cow decided not to go home that day, but consented to go when they came again on Tuesday.

40 YEARS AGO Jan. 8, 1916 (It was Saturday) Residents of Phoenix will vote next week in annual election; E. G. Coleman, candidate for mayor.

Rain which began less than 48 hours ago and has continued intermittently since is hailed as a welcome change in the weather.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 77 Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report
1. Racial segregation has been banned by the Interstate Commerce Comm. after Jan. 10 in interstate or intrastate travel, or both or neither?
2. More babies were born in the U. S. in 1955 than in any other year; right or wrong?
3. Most married men on death do or don't leave most of their estates to their widows?
4. Which U. S. crop has the highest annual dollar value: cotton, wheat, tobacco, corn or hay?
5. Which country in western Europe is controlled by a man whose first name would be "Francis" in English?
6. Most U. S. labor unions do or don't in their constitutions require an affirmative vote by members to call a strike?
7. The name of Dr. James A. Naismith is associated with what sport?
The answers: 1. In interstate. 2. Right. 3. Most do. 4. Corn. 5. Spain under Gen. Francisco Franco. 6. Most do. 7. Basketball. TALLY-HO! De Smet, S. D.—(U.P.)—Clarence T. Jensen, Erwin, S. D., was fined \$10 and costs for driving on the wrong side of the highway. Jensen told the judge he was chasing a rabbit with his vehicle.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Ho! Hum! We're less than a week into the year of the big wind and here's what dominates the news:

Democratic congressional leaders—including Oregon's not quite dry behind the ears yet Democrat, Senator Morse—disagree with Ike's report in his State of the Union message yesterday that America's outlook is bright with promise. Morse says: "President Eisenhower is looking at the world, at home and abroad, through rose-colored glasses."

Senator Richard Russell of Georgia—a statesman except for occasional lapses in campaign years when his party is out of power and wants to get back in—says he is not quite as optimistic as President Eisenhower as to the adequacy of our defenses. We have too many politicians.

Fire Extensively Damages Dry Kiln

Prineville — (U.P.) — A fire fanned by winds reaching 55-60 miles per hour Friday caused considerable damage to a dry kiln of the Hudspeth Pine Lumber company mill here. The fire, of undetermined origin, broke out about noon, and was burning under control five hours later.

No lumber was in the kiln when the fire started. The blaze destroyed the kiln's roof and spread through the structure's interior, causing extensive damage to equipment. Damage was estimated at about \$25,000. Company officials said it would take three weeks to rebuild the kiln. Production of the mill was not hampered.

No Decision Yet On Milwaukie Army

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) said Saturday he has been informed that no decision will be made on location of an armory in the Kellogg Park area of Milwaukie, Ore., until after Feb. 1. A letter from Assistant Secretary of Defense Franklin G. Floete said Army officers were surveying sites and would not recommend one until the survey is completed, Norblad said.

Editorial Comment

FLOODS AND THE ROGUE RIVER PROJECT

The Grants Pass section of the state suffered about as severely as any in the December floods when the Rogue river overflowed its banks and caused extensive damage, particularly in the vicinity of the Savage Rapids dam. As the Grants Pass Courier points out, local disagreement on plans for improvement in the Rogue River watershed has effectively delayed a project which would have yielded substantial benefits in flood control.

German Children Send Two Dolls To Area

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Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

DEMOCRACY IN TROUBLE

The French voters have elected a parliament in which one-third of the members may be counted as hostile to parliamentary government. Out of about 600 deputies some 150 are Communists and about 50 are Fascists of sorts. The remaining two-thirds are divided in two unstable coalitions, neither of which commands anything like a majority of more or less like-minded deputies.

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