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10 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1946 (Saturday)

A well-known man in Pacific northwest golfing circles, Hugh G. Starkweather, takes over duties of professional at Rogue Valley Country club.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Pumpkins are coming along fine and patiently waiting for the frost to get them.

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1936 (Monday)

State and CCC men today mop up fire on Coyote creek north of Grants Pass and a string of five blazes on Carris creek north of Provoit.

With a 10 to 15 per cent increase in enrollment expected, formal registration at the Southern Oregon Normal school in Ashland begins.

30 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1926 (Tuesday)

Jackson county will have the biggest and best fruit exhibit at the state fair next week it has ever had.

Bart Price, driver for Star Motor company, who is making a border to border run in a Star 4, will arrive in Medford tomorrow.

40 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1916 (Thursday)

The regular Saturday night dancing season opens at Natorium Sept. 23.

Five hundred people last night meet at Natorium to form a local Hughes Alliance.

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1906 (Friday)

Shooters are holding annual carnival at the Stewart place with the Ladies Booster club helping.

E. Spencer, who has mining interests near Scio, was in Yreka several days this week in the interest of a wagon road on this side of the Siskiyou mountains.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7? Copr. 1955 Editorial Research Reports

- 1. The states voting Republican for Congress in 1934 mid-term elections have together more or fewer electoral votes than the states voting Democratic then?
2. Which two of these words don't belong in the title of 4-H clubs: Hand, Happiness, Head, Health, Heart, Heaven?
3. The President does or doesn't have to raise duties on certain imports if informed by the Tariff Commission they are injuring a U.S. industry?
4. The capital of which one of these states is on the Mississippi river: Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana?
5. The Sphinx in Egypt has the head of a man and the body of a horse, camel, lion, bull or man?
6. Averell Harriman was elected Governor of N. Y. in 1954 by a very large, a moderate, or a very small margin?
7. First woman to swim the English Channel was Gertrude Ederle: right or wrong?

The answers: 1. Fewer; 2. Happiness and Heaven don't; 3. Doesn't; 4. Louisiana; 5. Lion; 6. Very small; 7. Right.

Gobbledegook

A man named Malcolm Cowley, writing in the current Reporter magazine, voices a complaint that finds ready sympathy from this reader.

He objects to the gobbledegook used by sociologists while writing in their professional field.

(Our own personal linguistic objection extends to many other fields where verbose English is used to muddy up the meaning—possibly to disguise a basic lack of understanding to begin with).

BUT let Mr. Cowley's example speak for itself. He quotes an article in the American Sociological Review as follows:

"In effect, it was hypothesized that certain physical data categories including housing types and densities, land use characteristics, and ecological location constitute a scaleable area. This could be called a continuum of residential desirability. Likewise, it was hypothesized that several social data categories, describing the same census tracts, and referring generally to the social stratification system of the city, would also be scaleable. This scale could be called a continuum of socio-economic status. Thirdly, it was hypothesized that there would be a high positive correlation between the scale types on each continuum. This relationship would define certain linkages between the social and physical structure of the city. It would also provide a precise definition of the commonalities among several spatial distributions. By the same token, the correlation between the residential desirability scale and the continuum of socio-economic status would provide an estimate of the relative value of aerial photographic data relative to the social ecology of the city."

What the writer was saying, in 160 words, was rephrased by Mr. Cowley, in 33 words, as follows:

"Rich people live in big houses set farther apart than those of poor people. By looking at an aerial photograph of any American city, we can distinguish the richer from the poorer neighborhoods."

WE have no objection to big words, or even obscure words, as such, provided they tend to make one's meaning clearer or more precise.

But we do have an objection to incomprehensible double-talk when it is used for no other reason than to sound impressive or "professional." That goes for "governmentese," too.—E.A.

Lingua Franca

Despite the above, and despite the fact that the English language can be, with proper treatment, a beautiful, living and immensely expressive tongue, it is one of the most illogical in the world.

Latin, with its precise construction and grammar, is a more orderly tongue, as are the Romance and the Germanic languages.

English, for all its potential expressiveness and fluidity, is a hodge-podge of illogic, and the grammarian's rulebooks have about as many exceptions to rules as they have rules themselves.

FOR this reason, it is interesting to note that, more than ever before, it is becoming a sort of universal language—a lingua franca.

Premier Nehru of India, for instance, has abandoned his attempt to substitute Hindustani for English in the training of engineers and scientists. For one thing, the technical literature is not available in that Indian tongue, and for another it is too imprecise for scientific purposes.

He has acknowledged that English will have to be used for years to come in India among science and engineering trainees, and, even more, that the language of the British Raj is still the only one of the hundreds of dialects and languages in India which is anywhere near universal.

A RELEASE from the Civil Aeronautics administration points out that English is also becoming the international language of airways communications, and, as it is spoken at the airport tower in Bangkok, Thailand, it is "something wonderful to hear."

Bangkok, now a major air terminal, in one day may issue landing instructions to pilots of English, Australian, Swiss, French, Japanese, American, Indian, Malayan, Chinese, Indonesian, Dutch, Celonese, Laotan, Viet Nameese and Icelandic airlines. Add to this pilots from Texas or New England, and there is a "bewildering melange" of language, it says. But somehow it works.—E.A.

Clean Rest Rooms

The American Automobile Association recently took a poll of its members and asked, "what annoys you most when traveling by automobile?"

The answers revealed that a majority — 64 per cent—were irritated most by the same thing that irritates this sometime automobilist and his constant companion: Unclean restrooms in service stations.

The AAA, as a result, called on the "major oil companies, service station operators and motorists themselves" to collaborate to keep rest rooms spick, span and sanitary.

We have a hunch that this irritant is one of the reasons for the growth of the "chain" type of service station, as opposed to the independent. For the chains can set up standards of rest-room sanitation and cleanliness, and enforce them, while the independent has no such assistance.

THE other side of the coin, however, is only hinted at by the AAA release, when it adds "motorists themselves" to the list of those who should be assisting. This same motorist — who wouldn't think of slopping water on the floor of his own bathroom, or writing dirty words on his own walls, or tossing used paper towels around his own house—seems to lose all sense of cleanliness and consideration when in a service station rest room.

Ask any station operator. He'll tell you that after cleaning up a rest room six or seven times in one day, his opinion of the traveling public is pretty low.—E.A.

Suez Still Leads as Topic in Week's Balance Sheet of News

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

Suez: Deadlock and disunity marked the eighth week of the Suez Canal dispute.

President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt remained unyielding in his determination to exert complete control over the canal.

Delegates of 18 countries met in London to discuss a plan for a "Suez Canal users association" to counter Nasser's action.

Under this plan, canal users would try to send ships through

the canal with their own pilots. If Nasser refused, the users would boycott the canal.

But dissension arose at once in the conference. Some of the 18 nations thought the plan too risky and demanded that the canal dispute be put before the United Nations.

Others urged further negotiations with Nasser. Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin suggested in an interview with the International News Service a six-nation meeting to seek a "just and practicable" settlement. He named the United States, Great Britain, France, Russia, Egypt and "neutralist" India as the six nations.

Because of the disunity in the London conference the United States, Britain and France—the sponsors of the users association, were compelled to revise their plan in hope of getting agree-

ment. Red China

The Chinese Communist Party held its first congress since 1945.

Speeches by party leaders lacked any belligerent tone. Peace, disarmament and national industrial development were the themes.

Mao Tse-tung, the No. 1 Chinese Red leader, noted "a trend toward relaxation in the international situation."

Marshal Peng Teh-huai, defense minister, said that the armed forces now numbered 2.7 million fewer men than they did at peak strength in 1949.

Premier Chou En-lai outlined a vast program of international development for his country's second five-year-plan, to start in 1958. The plan called for doubling expenditures on construction.

"Mr. K" Rides Again

Nikita S. Khrushchev, leader of the Russian Communist Party, roused keen diplomatic interest by paying an unexpected visit to President Tito of Yugoslavia.

Dispatches indicated that the visit was a surprise to Tito himself — and a somewhat unwelcome one because it might hurt his chance of getting continued American aid.

Officially, Khrushchev was just taking a vacation in his visit. Speculation in Western capitals was that he was trying to induce Tito to give up his policy of balancing Yugoslavia between West and East.

Independence Britain took a new step in its long-range program of holding its vast Commonwealth together by giving its smaller units home rule. It was announced in London that the Gold Coast, its valuable cocoa-producing colony on the west coast of Africa, will be given independence as a full member of the British Commonwealth effective next March 6.

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 initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

He Doesn't "Like Ike"

To the Editor: Here are the names of the so-called Senators and so forth that don't like the declaration of independence. These birds introduced legislation during the present congress sponsoring this Atlantic union plan. Their goal is government of all the world. This is the red goal. We have one vote in 60, and mind you this Atlantic union committee inc. is exempt from taxation.

Dr. Milton Eisenhower, Governor Harriman, Tom Dewey, Adlai Stevenson, Dwight Eisenhower, internationalist: Richard L. Neuberger, Estes Kefauver, Sam Cohn, B. Frisk, Charles Gurney, Cecil R. King, Thor C. Tollefson, James Roosevelt, George P. Miller, Gracie Pfozt, and Dulles is also a one worder. he and his cohorts in Washington.

Here it is.

- 1. Ultimately a world government delegated powers.
2. Complete abandonment of U.S. isolation.
3. Strong immediate limitations of national sovereignty.
4. International control of all armies and navies.
5. World wide freedom of immigration—means by-by to our wage scales and the hindu standard of living.

Have Americans lost their self reliance, and are so apathetic that they will ostrich in the hole and do nothing. In the final show down it is the American people who are the guardians of their own liberty, if they still have the guts. Join and vote the For America, Constitutional party. Before you vote use your judgment. In my opinion, whoever destroys the sovereignty of the United States is a traitor. what is your opinion?

Washington is a red rats nest, ninety-four strong in the congress and senate and there from practically all states.

The "For America" party tolerates no surrender of American independence, and stands for constitutional states rights and individual liberty. Also, ex-servicemen agreeing, send card with name and address. G. S. Reilly 338 North Laurel st. Ashland, Ore. (Constitutional party.)

19 Cases of Disease Reported Last Week

Nineteen cases of communicable diseases were reported to the Jackson county Department of Health during the week of Sept. 9.

They included two cases of mumps, one case of measles, one polio case, and three cases of influenza in Medford. Others reported diseases were whooping cough, strep throat, amoebic dysentery, encephalitis, infectious hepatitis, and impetigo.

Read and Use Classified Ads

Eisenhower Prospects For Farm-Belt Votes Truman Won in 1948

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Correspondent Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower is prospecting for votes today in the general area where Harry S. Truman drew a 1948 bead on Thomas E. Dewey — and dropped him in his tracks.

That was in 1948 when Les Biffle toured the farm belt disguised as an egg-and-chicken peddler to discover that Dewey and the Republican Party were in deep trouble. Biffle then and for years past was an officer of the U.S. Senate or of the Senate Democratic caucus.

Biffle, one or two politics of organized labor, and Mr. Truman were among the few who saw the farm rebellion coming as the presidential campaign developed eight years ago. Biffle got much of his information of the state of the public mind among some of the seven group states which variously are washed by the Great Lakes or the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. These or Else

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Congressional Quiz

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Q—From what day to what day does the fiscal year run? A—July 1 to June 30.

Q—The Federal Reserve System which includes all national banks and many state banks was established under which President: (a) Andrew Jackson; (b) Grover Cleveland; (c) Woodrow Wilson; (d) Franklin D. Roosevelt? A—(c) Woodrow Wilson, in 1913.

Q—A hot political subject is the possible revision of the existing federal tax rates. Individual income tax annual rates now range from what low to what high? A—The lowest rate is 20 per cent. The highest rate is 91 per cent on net income in excess of \$200,000.

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McGrath Convinced Of Democrat Victory

Pendleton—(UPI)—J. Howard McGrath, chairman of Sen. Estes Kefauver's advisory committee, says he has "every reason to be confident of Democratic victory in November."

McGrath, former attorney general, arrived here yesterday a day ahead of the vice presidential candidate. He said "We've been out since last Friday and everywhere we've been we have been told our meetings were the biggest yet of the season."

McGrath said Kefauver probably would return to Oregon during the campaign.

consin. With Indiana, those states represent 118 electoral votes and the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket must get most of them on election day—or else.

Wendell L. Willkie got three of the seven in 1940 when he bucked FDR. They were Indiana, Iowa and Michigan. Dewey took Indiana, Iowa, Ohio and Wisconsin in 1944. Four years later against Mr. Truman, Dewey took Indiana and Michigan. Mr. Eisenhower, of course, won all seven in 1952. Adlai E. Stevenson four years ago gained a lone state outside the South — West Virginia — and dropped four Southern states to the Republicans: Florida, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The key to the 1956 presidential election probably lies, as in 1948, among that cluster of seven states, especially in Iowa. If there is sufficient farm discontent this year to swing Iowa again to the Democrats, there probably will be new faces in the White House next year.

Farm Labor Hold Balance If farm discontent combines with the efforts of organized labor to swing Indiana from its firm political moorings, the Republicans would be wise to save their campaign money for a better year, 1960 maybe, or 1964.

Dewey and his 1948 strategists thought they were in trouble on the labor front. Most of the big industrial states had backed Dewey, however, when the returns were in. Such states as Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and all of New England save Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Iowa returns reflected that trend. Dewey carried the eastern and considerably industrialized counties of Iowa. But he foundered in the tall corn fields yonder West. It shouldn't have been difficult for anyone to discover that 1948 trend in Iowa.

The fact is, the trend was discovered and reported but few believed it, even among the discoverers.

Editorial Comment

ADLAI 'COMES CLEAN'

Adlai Stevenson must be given credit for his frank statement Monday that he believes Alger Hiss was guilty of the crime for which he was convicted, but which was technically perjury, but actually treason. He was put on the spot by questioners, evidently anticipated that he would be and had the answer ready.

The question became "hot" in the present campaign because Harry Truman, who originally called the Hiss investigation a "red herring" recently repeated his belief that Hiss wasn't guilty, although the conviction was appealed and upheld by an appellate court after thorough study.

Truman is probably as mad at Stevenson now as he was before and during the Chicago convention. Stevenson risked this far from insignificant displeasure when he "came clean." He should not be further involved in the Hiss matter. He once gave Hiss a character reference, but this was that his reputation had been good, which it was, prior to the revelation of his disloyalty. —Salem Capital Journal.

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