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Humanitarian Decision

Commonly, we have little admiration for the state of Florida, or for Florida politicians. But we have to make an exception for Gov. Leroy Collins of that state, who last week made a wise and humanitarian decision in the case of little Hildy.

Hildy was born out of wedlock to a mother of the Catholic faith. She was placed for adoption, and adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ellis when she was only a few weeks old.

Later, when her mother discovered that the Ellises were Jewish, she attempted to have the child taken from them to be raised in a Catholic orphanage.

The Ellises, who had made the adoption in good faith, and who had come to love the baby girl as their own, resisted this.

Later, as court proceedings were instituted, they gave up their home and business in Massachusetts and went to Florida, where the legal proceedings followed them. They were accused — of all things — of kidnaping.

The crux of the matter was the religious faiths involved. Hildy's mother, as a Catholic, was determined the girl should be raised in that church. The Ellises, devout in their own religion, were less concerned with the little girl's nominal faith than that she be given the love, affection, care and guidance which only a good, devoted and unified family can provide.

The Massachusetts law, which requires that babies be adopted only by families whose religious faith is the same as that of the physical parents where possible, probably is a good one.

But in using that good law for the purpose of disrupting an established family, persecuting devoted parents who sacrificed much for the child they had come to love as their own, and wrenching from them a little girl who looked upon them as father and mother, the authorities were perverting the sense and intent of the law.

The area of doctrinal and dogmatic beliefs is a highly personal and extremely touchy one, where differences of conviction are entitled to meticulous respect. For this reason Governor Collins' decision to refuse extradition was a difficult one. But, based on the chances for a happy and normal life for little Hildy, it was the correct one.—E.A.

It's a Start

Far down in the small print of the county budget, published in this newspaper Monday, can be found under "Miscellaneous General County" an item of \$3,000 for "county parks."

This will enable the county to get a small and belated start on what the law spells out as one of its responsibilities — the establishment and maintenance of a system of parks.

OUR ONLY regret is that the sum specified is so small. We can't help comparing it to the \$25,000 which neighboring Josephine county — smaller and with fewer resources — plans to spend next year for county parks; or the \$111,790 which Douglas county has included in its budget for county parks.

We can't avoid the feeling that a more generous appropriation for land acquisition now would save money in the long run, as land values continue to increase and appropriate park sites become scarcer.

But something is better than nothing, and a start is, after all, a start.

TALKING about county parks and camping spots, the Grants Pass Courier said recently:

"Tourists, when they find such facilities available, very often spend their entire vacations in one place. Furthermore, they spread the word and others follow in succeeding years. They don't just fill the tanks of their automobiles with gasoline, buy a meal, and go on their way. To the great credit of the Josephine county court and members of the park commission, the local deficiency for some time has been recognized. Now steps will be taken to rectify it. The big item is that there now is general realization of a major deficiency in our recreational area, and determination to do something about it."

We say the same about the county court and budget committee, with the added hope the relatively tiny sum of \$3,000 can be used to plan a more comprehensive program which will meet realistically the need in this county in years to come. And the sooner the better.—E.A.

Our War Dead

Almost four times as many Americans wore the uniform in World War II as in World War I (16.1 million as against 4.3 million), and more than three times as many American servicemen died during World War II as during World War I (408,000 as against 126,000).

Nevertheless there are more graves of World War I veterans to be decorated on Memorial Day 1957 than graves of World War II veterans.

That, of course, is because it is now 38½ years since the end of hostilities in World War I in 1918, less than a dozen years since V-E Day in 1945. Since World War I ended, over 1,100,000 World War I veterans have died; only about 310,000 World War II veterans.

In World War I more Americans died of causes not connected with battle, especially from an influenza epidemic in the camps, than in battle. In the Civil War also, many more Union soldiers had died from disease than from battle. However, in World War II and in the Korean conflict, the advance of medical science kept the number of non-battle deaths well below the number of deaths in battle.—E.R.R.



Mr. Mitchell, can I see the scar where the crook's bullet hit ya when you stopped him from robbin' the bank?

Nixon Ties Himself Irrevocably To Ike; 1960 Bid Foreseen

By LYLE C. WILSON

United Press Correspondent Washington — The columnists and pundits seem to have missed the most important angle of Vice President Richard M. Nixon's speech last week in New York before the American Iron and Steel Institute.

The important angle was political. It was this: Nixon deliberately tied himself in that speech to the Eisenhower administration. Tied himself and soaked the knot in water so that it will not become untied.

Repeatedly, half a hundred times, in that speech Nixon used the word "we" in stating his views on the Eisenhower budget. It was the most important public appearance of the vice president since the 1956 presidential campaign. First Vital Move The speech was the vital first

"move" which Nixon's friends have been expecting and urging him to make toward gaining the 1960 Republican presidential nomination. In other language, the speech reads like a frank and bold bid for President Eisenhower's active support in 1960.

Nixon hurried off to Africa after last year's campaign. He made a few after-campaign speeches, but had seemed to be avoiding major political commitments as the new Congress assembled and the second Eisenhower administration began. After long thoughts, Nixon has made his stand as an all-out Ike man.

Nixon is moving with the utmost caution toward 1960. His Iron and Steel Institute speech represented a calculated risk. It probably has cost him some warmth and friendship among the large body of Republican conservatives who urgently desire to reduce Eisenhower's spending program. What He Wants The speech may win Nixon some warmth and friendship elsewhere, at the White House, for example. It was by chance but still interesting that on the Sunday following Nixon's speech the New York Times, W. H. Lawrence reported on page one that Eisenhower was determined to fight in 1960 for the nomination of a modern Republican.

The term is not yet sufficiently defined, but, roughly, a modern Republican is an Eisenhower Republican. Nixon, then, is Eisenhower's boy — provided the President wants him three years hence.

Holmes Signs Bill For Highway 101 Job Salem — Gov. Robert Holmes Tuesday signed a bill which authorizes a \$12,600,000 bond issue for rebuilding of Highway 101 between Gold Beach and Brookings on the Oregon coast.

The new water-level route would shorten the 37.5 mile distance by eight miles. Representatives of coastal counties were on hand for the signing ceremony.

Holmes Tuesday vetoed a Senate bill which would have made changes in the code for drainage and sewage installation. The governor said the measure would have given persons other than licensed plumbers the responsibility of such installations.

Southern Baptists Ask For \$16,500,000 Budget Chicago — The Southern Baptist Executive Committee today proposed a \$16,500,000 budget, the highest in the history of the denomination, to the 15,000 delegates attending the Golden Anniversary convention.

The money would be raised through a financial plan known as the cooperative program. About 13 million dollars would go to support operations and capital expenses of all convention agencies.

The rest would be divided between the convention's foreign and home mission boards.

The Last Supper Memorial Building at MEMORY GARDENS MEMORIAL PARK

will be open to the public from 8:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. Memorial Day. Special showings of the massive stained glass window will be held continuously. Each presentation includes the unveiling of Da Vinci's great work of art as a commentary unfolds the story.

Children accompanied by Adults, are welcome. There is no charge

Memory Gardens

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Russian Relations With Poland, Yugoslavia, Show Improvement

By CHARLES M. McCANN

United Press Correspondent Soviet Russia's relations with Yugoslavia and Poland, the two rebel Communist countries, are showing signs of improvement.

Their rebellion has weakened the grip of Russia on all of the Communist-ruled countries of Eastern Europe.

Tito's decision to send his defense minister to Moscow, and Gomulka's visit there, are both connected with the policies of the United States toward them. President Eisenhower suspended military aid to Yugoslavia last October. It was announced on May 14 that he had decided to resume it. As the result, four F-86 Sabre jet fighter planes were delivered.

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United Press dispatch from Warsaw said that he went there to plead with the Russians for immediate aid to prevent an economic crisis.

The question of American aid to any Communist country is controversial. There are many, including leaders in Congress, who oppose aid on the ground that help to any Communist country helps Russia.

The fact seems to be, however, that refusal of help to countries like Yugoslavia and Poland — both of which are now liabilities to Russian domination of Eastern Europe — compels them to seek help from the Soviet government.

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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 May 29, 1947 (Thursday) Miss Betty Rolland, who has served as manager of Community hospital for the past four years, resigns.

20 YEARS AGO May 29, 1937 (Saturday) Unusually large pear and apple crop is forecast this year by Gordon R. Green, division manager of American Fruit Growers, Inc.

30 YEARS AGO May 29, 1927 (Sunday) Construction of \$58,000 building for Rogue River Studios, Inc., is announced by W. H. Cope, Hollywood, Calif.

40 YEARS AGO May 29, 1917 (Tuesday) WCTU holds roundtable discussion led by Mrs. M. Edmunds at Baptist church.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Were the American Indians, the Asiatics, or Spaniards the first people known to ride horseback? 2. Dr. Thomas G. Masaryk was the founder of which republic in Europe after World War I? 3. Bible: Did Moses ever "write" a song? 4. Which famous American Revolutionary War general was known as "Mad Anthony"? 5. Are there more males than females in the population of the U.S.? 6. B-24 Liberator bombers did or did not bomb Japan during the closing phases of the war? 7. The Reichstag fire in 1933 was linked to what high Nazi? 8. How often is a population census of the U. S. taken? 9. Correct this sentence: "An unnumerable number of persons called; numerous numbers prayed."

Governor Signs Bill Giving Motto To State Salem — Governor Robert D. Holmes signed Senate bill 27 Tuesday and "The Union" officially became the motto of the state of Oregon.

TONIGHT — 7:30 P.M. MEDFORD SENIOR HIGH AUDITORIUM Admission Free

FIRST Billy Graham FILM in WIDE SCREEN FIRE ON THE HEATHER IN BRILLIANT COLOR

Historical Society Dinner Meet Monday The annual dinner meeting of the Southern Oregon Historical Society, Inc., will be held at the Jacksonville Masonic temple Monday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m.

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