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Editorial Correspondence . . .

Rice Mountain Lodge, Paul Smiths, N. Y. June 6—Stopped at Paul Smiths college on a lake about six miles from here. As before noted, as a college Paul Smiths is unique in many ways. It not only gives a degree in hotel management, but it runs a hotel. Its buildings are close to the lake amid the spruces and pines, and those that are not portions of the original Paul Smiths splendorous summer resort, were built of wood by day labor employed by the college with no assistance from architects or contractors.

Up here in the wilds—it has been the "wilds" to native New Yorkers for over 200 years—only the French-Indian war and the War of 1812 made any marks—the Revolution and the Civil war pretty much passed it by. On the twisting road we take to Dickinson Centre—where the three little blondes with bright blue eyes live—there is an "historic marker" which announces that in the War of 1812 on this road the colonial troops marched from Lake Champlain to Lake Ontario.

Well, having motored over it nearly every day for two weeks, we can say "without fear of successful contradiction," that the road has been changed very little since that time. It runs from the main highway to Malone across the mountains—none higher than Roxy Anne—to St. Regis Falls and it is nothing but a thin frosting of "black-top" on a dirt country base. That black-top helps just as the frosting on a chocolate cake HELPS—but the fact remains it is a "one way" road, open to double road traffic. When you meet a car that doesn't turn up you have to turn out practically into the ditch to avoid a smash-up.

On this primitive trail one often sees signs that this section of the Adirondacks revives the old Gay Ninety song "She may have seen better days." The Adirondacks HAVE seen better days. There are ruins of sawmills for example—once upon a time this was a great and what they considered inexhaustible supply of gigantic white pine (many of the trees over 200 feet high)—but now, alas, although the entire country is thickly wooded, our guess is the average height of the trees doesn't exceed 40 feet, and the great majority is just brush and seedlings. There are many abandoned railroad tracks entirely grown over and neither rails nor ties in sight—the highway from here to Saranac covers a portion of the Delaware & Hudson that once ran all-Pullman night and day trains to Boston and New York.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., June 7—Came over here—a 30 minute drive—to check certain matters concerning the "Drive Yourself" car. Mean while the Weather Man is overdoing it a bit. Last night he put on an hour's thunder storm—not nearly as bad as the performance in New York, however—and today there are leaden skies and that north wind right off the shady side of the North Pole. The Saranac river was dotted with chunks of ice reminding one of that famous painting "Washington Crossing the Delaware." (Only G.W. could have jumped across this one.)

Our guess is there are more deer killed here by automobiles out of season than by guns in season. At least yesterday afternoon a boy came running up to the lodge out of breath and asked if he could use the phone, explaining that he had seen a dead doe on the highway and the law required an immediate reporting to the state police.

He phoned the police, explaining the doe jumped directly in front of his car, was killed instantly, the only damage to his car being a smashed headlight. The boy seemed relieved when the police said they would pick up the carcass. "Is that all I do?" he inquired still somewhat breathless. "That's all," was the reply. No doubt the police will have a venison banquet tonight.

There are fresh deer tracks around the Lodge road every day but to date we have never seen one. The explanation appears to be the deer keep working hours we don't keep. They get up around sunrise, look for salt and blueberry blossoms, retiring to the forest primeval before your correspondent has breakfast. Then in the twilight around 7 p.m. when we sit down to dinner the deer wander down to the lake for a temperance "night cap," and like Mr. Peppy "so to bed."



"SURE THEY'RE FIGHTIN'! HE'S A SOLDIER, ISN'T HE?"

Professional Lobbies Given Quiet Reception To Regulation Plans

Washington—(CQ)—Lobbyists themselves so far have given a quiet reception to the new proposals to regulate them. The day in and day out professional lobbyists representing trade groups expressed little protest about the law when surveyed by Congressional Quarterly. As a spokesman for the American Farm Bureau Federation put it, "Congress can make the lobby law as strenuous as it wants. We have nothing to hide."

But there was a much cooler attitude on the part of public relations firms who would come under the lobbying law for the first time. Publicly, they said they were still studying the bill and could not comment. Privately several expressed concern and indicated they were looking hard for loopholes. "Dodging" Discussed There is little doubt that several lobbyists will try to dodge the new law if it is enacted. Already there is talk among lawyers on how to get around it.

The proposed law, for example would cover lawyers who received \$300 to carry on direct communication with Congress to influence legislation. But, some are asking, couldn't a lawyer get around the provision by eliminating any mention of such communication in his contract with his employer?

And as for such indirect lobbying as a public relations campaign, it would be covered under the law only if it cost \$50,000 or more and a "substantial portion" of it was "intended, designated or calculated to influence legislation." What, public relations men ask, constitutes "substantial" hard to prove that a newspaper campaign to "educate" the public on an issue was "intended, designated or calculated to influence legislation?"

Reaction Told Some public comments on the proposed new regulations: Miles D. Kennedy of the American Legion: "I don't see anything to be disturbed about. There's no reason not to include indirect lobbying under the lobby law."

Clarence Mitchell of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People: "I think the administrator of the new lobby law should set aside a period for educating the people about what is expected of them under the Act. I like the idea of having an administrator because under the present vagrant law nobody knows the right thing to do."

O. R. Strackbein of the National-Wide Committee on Industry, Agriculture and Labor on Import-Export policy: "I see some extremely difficult legal ground in trying to cover indirect lobbying."

Lebanese Election Latest in Series of Defeats for Nasser

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

Lebanon has inflicted the latest of a series of defeats on pro-Russian, anti-Western President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt. The pro-Western, anti-Communist government of Lebanon has won 19 out of 22 seats contested in a national parliamentary election. This follows the successful victory of King Hussein of Jordan against the leftist elements who, with Nasser's backing, plotted to overthrow him.

It follows also the meeting in Karachi, Pakistan, which greatly strengthened the anti-Communist Middle Eastern Treaty Organization—the so-called Baghdad Alliance—that Nasser bitterly opposes. At present, Egypt and its fellow-traveller Syria are very nearly isolated in the Arab world.

Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan and Saudi will have refused to follow Nasser. The remaining countries of the nine-nation Arab League, Yemen, the Sudan and Libya, are giving Nasser no support. Further, the pro-Russian government of Syria is meeting increasingly strong resistance by anti-Communist in parliament.

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world certainly is equal to Nasser's. Saud's visit to President Eisenhower last January and February marked an important turn of Arab countries toward the West. Nasser's setbacks, of course, mean a setback also for Soviet Russia in its persistent attempt to penetrate the Middle East. Correspondingly, they constitute a victory for the United States and especially for the Eisenhower Doctrine against Communist infiltration in the Arab countries. Pro-Nasser Platform The opponents of pro-Western Premier Sami el Solh in the Lebanese election campaigned thousands of refugees eke out the customary existence of this population of the living dead.

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

SEAGER IN AMMAN

Amman — In this sunbaked little desert city, one of the really decisive tests of the Eisenhower administration's courage and power to make national policy is now in progress. Outwardly, what is happening is the very opposite of dramatic. Cedric Seager and King Hussein now reign in Jordan. There is no outward tension while the talks proceed between representatives of King Hussein's government, the local American Embassy staff, and the visiting American official, responsible for the foreign aid program in the Middle East.

The name of Cedric Seager can hardly be known at home beyond the narrow circle of his private friends and regular official contacts. Yet this man who has been sent to Jordan to look into the matter of American aid for young King Hussein's new pro-Western regime is in fact playing an historic role. A wrong decision by Cedric Seager, or rejection by his superiors of sound recommendations from Seager, can quite easily lead onward to a decisive and fatal Western defeat in the whole Middle East. A right decision cannot be guaranteed, alas, to save either the Middle East or Jordan. But at least a right decision will be an important step on the long, rough road toward a safer situation in this strategically vital area.

There are two sets of reasons for the portentousness of the role which history, perhaps a little ironically, has suddenly conferred upon this blameless but obscure Washington bureaucrat. The first set of reasons relate to Jordan's new position in the general Middle Eastern scene. Little Jordan is the real key to all those countries of the Middle East on which the strength of the West depends. Led Jordan fall into the hands of the Egyptian-led Arab extremists and their Communist allies, Iraq and the oil Sheikdoms of the Gulf coast and even Saudi Arabia will successively go the same way too.

Jordan's internal situation contains the second set of reasons for waiting for Cedric Seager's verdict with a certain breathlessness. As yet — the fact had better be faced — young King Hussein's brilliant victory over the pro-Egyptians and their Communist allies is both temporary and precarious. A large majority of Jordan's present population is composed of Arab refugees from Israel and the people of the province of the West bank of the Jordan River that formed part of Palestine before Israel was created. Among these naturally embittered people, the Egyptian, Syrian and Communist agents find a warm response. If you wonder why so many are responsive, go look at the filthy shanty towns here in Amman where many

Worse still, the American government must change its ways if the money is to do any good. Arab susceptibilities are too inflamed. Arab fears of "imperialism" are too intense. If the usual nursery governess rules for foreign aid are insisted upon, any American money spent in Jordan will end by doing harm rather than good. So the money must be provided with no strings, no military aid group or teeming offices of civilian administrators. This will surely be the most unpalatable part of Cedric Seager's report. Yet right here, in this un-noticed negotiation concerning sums of money absolutely trifling by American treasury standards, the fate of the Middle East may perhaps be decided.

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Crop Dusting Plane Snared in Power Line

Quincy, Wash. — A low-flying crop dusting plane became snared in a 115-hundred-volt power line near here just before noon yesterday. Bonneville Power Administration officials in Portland said the tangle interrupted the Columbia-Moses Lake Power line for one minute.

Wenatchee Flying Service officials said the plane was not damaged, nor was the pilot apparently hurt, and the plane continued through the afternoon with the dusting job.

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.

Protests Graham Editorial

To the Editor: I seldom feel called upon to answer an editorial but in the case of the editorial comment in Friday's paper on Billy Graham I feel impelled to protest. Where editorial comment has as much place in molding public opinion and especially the opinion of our young people as it does, I feel that it is a complete betrayal of that trust when an editorial writer makes such an attack. I respect such an opinion, even if it differs with mine, if a straightforward line of reasoning is set forth. But when Billy Graham is called a fakir, not having a sincere, honest conviction, of being a phony and a fraud, not giving a hoot about principle and only for money, then the writer admits that he has not heard or at least attended one of the meetings. His comment seems to be based on a prejudice, which he also shares for Richard Nixon, not on any reason. I do not feel that a man who has accepted responsibility to try and mold opinion should do so on prejudice alone.

I happen to know of one prominent movie star and radio singer who was living a life of debauchery and came under the preaching of Billy Graham. Afterward he couldn't sleep and called Billy at 3 o'clock in the morning to come and pray for him. Billy came but refused to pray unless he would promise to give up his way of life and try to live right. As a result his whole life was changed and straightened out. I also know of another man, who was on his way to join a Chicago gang, that repented and went straight because of the preaching of Billy Graham.

Therefore I don't feel that editorial comment of this caliber based on prejudice has any place in our local paper. Lawrence Leonard Box 722 Central Point, Ore.

AEC Approves Bill To Control Power

Washington — The Congressional Atomic Energy Committee has approved a bill giving Congress greater control over the peacetime development of atomic power. Although the measure had been interpreted as a check on the power of the Atomic Energy Commission, AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss expressed himself as "very well satisfied" with it. The bill would require congressional authorization before the government plants except military reactors and small experimental types. In addition, the AEC would be required to get the committee's approval on contracts with private industry for its demonstration reactor program. The bill also would establish a review procedure for prices to be paid by the AEC for the production of atomic fuels as by-products in power plants and the waiver of use charges on nuclear materials.

TO EACH HIS OWN

Fort Polk, La. — The Army's laundry code system has run into double trouble because regulations require GIs to mark clothing with their last names and final four digits of their serial numbers. The trouble popped up when the Army discovered that Sgts. William R. and Russel A. Wilson have identical last four digits. The solution? The sergeants will have to use separate laundries.

SOME Decline Comment

Spokesmen for the public relations firms of Bozell and Jacobs, Carl Byoir and Associates, Hill and Knowlton and Newmyer Associates declined comment on the ground they had not studied the bill thoroughly enough. Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), now head of the special Senate committee investigating improper activities in the labor and management fields, introduced this belief is his indifference and lack of leadership where political—NOT legal—immorality is concerned, such as in the Dixon-Yates and Idaho Power company quick write-off deals.

In condemning the administration in the realm of "POLITICAL immorality"—that is, placing private profit above the public welfare—we agree entirely with our senior Senator, we don't agree with him as far as the Beck analogy is concerned. Here, however, we would return to the oft-quoted remark attributed to Voltaire, namely: "We disagree with what you say but would defend with our life your right to say it."—R.W.R.

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 June 11, 1947 (Wednesday)

County Agent Cliff Cordy estimates that from 25 to 90 per cent of valley's cherry crop is damaged and cracked by recent rains. From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The California legislature is still running. So are individual members of the Oregon legislature, but not officially.

20 YEARS AGO June 11, 1937 (Friday)

Wage increases for 350 mill employees at Medford corporation announced by company of officials. Buttons to constitute admission to the 1937 Oregon air tour and sky circus are received by Medford chapter of national aeronautic association.

30 YEARS AGO June 11, 1927 (Saturday)

Carrier pigeons of Sperry Flour company which have been in the loft at the Medford warehouse are given their first trial flight. About 60 per cent of night motor traffic is equipped with properly adjusted headlights, according to city survey taken on South Riverside ave.

40 YEARS AGO June 11, 1917 (Monday)

Billy Berrian, 10-year-old Medford boy, withdraws savings from Medford National bank and buys \$30 Liberty bond. From Local and Personal column: F. L. Klopfers, of the Mail Tribune, leaves Medford on vacation to check some mining claims.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. Was the first known map of the Baltic drawn by an Egyptian, Greek, or Roman?
2. In Spanish countries, is a short sleep at midday known as a siesta or a siesta?
3. Bible: Is "Jesus wept" or "Jesus loves" the shortest verse in the New Testament?
4. Mindanao is part of which Pacific island group?
5. Four Presidents of the United States also served as governors of New York state: three of them were Martin Van Buren, Grover Cleveland and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Who was the fourth?
6. The compass has 24, 28, or 32 points?
7. Is it the hummingbird, robin, or wren that is capable of flying backward?
8. Which New York stadium is known as "House that Ruth built"?
9. Is it proper to spell "some time" in one word or two words?
10. "It is a misery to be born, a pain to live, a trouble to do what"—St. Bernard.
Answers: 1. Egyptian (Ptolemy, c. 150). 2. Siesta. 3. "Jesus wept." 4. The Philippines. 5. Theodore Roosevelt. 6. 32 points. 7. Hummingbird. 8. Yankee Stadium. 9. One word. 10. "die."