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It "IS" a Great Country

Its a time-honored booster "cliche" but like many other "cliches" it is true.—This IS a great country!
We fail to see how anyone can take a trip from coast to coast and back again, without being impressed with that fact—we don't mean above the clouds of course but on the ground.

From Portland to New York and from New York to San Francisco it is a continuous panorama of peace, plenty and promise—infinite promise in the way of the nation's obvious potentialities.

THERE are exceptions of course but they only prove the rule. There are a few arid spots such as the drought on now in rural New England, but the national picture as a whole not only from the Pacific to the Atlantic but from the Canadian border to Mexico, is a heartening and thrilling one.

Certainly all Americans including the 100% ones, have good reason to take time out now and then, and express their eternal thankfulness that they are fortunate enough to be citizens of a country, of which they have so many valid reasons to be grateful and proud.

AS THE present writer viewed the bustling cities, the peaceful villages, the productive farms and ranches and even more striking the thousands—millions in fact—of acres of untilled land and uncut forests, which in most cases only need water and better roads to enter into the stream of profitable commerce; the theories of Professor Malthus and his doctrine of ultimate starvation, became even more academic and unrealistic, than it appeared in the far away salad and college days.

NEEDLESS to say, we can't speak for other countries, famines in China, India and other distant lands have taken place from time to time for many centuries, and in spite of Uncle Sam's foreign aid generosity they may continue. But we can state our opinion regarding this country, and with all due respect for the Malthusian disciples, we simply don't believe a word of it.

Not in the foreseeable future at least, and after all newspapers should not be much concerned about a future that can't be foreseen.

For example:— One of these days, most scientists agree, the sun will cool off, and no satisfactory substitute can now be foreseen. But we do not feel such a catastrophe is sufficiently imminent to justify the journalists in making it a burning — or cooling — issue — at the PRESENT time.

So with the theory that unless something drastic is done, the population of this country, will exceed its ability to produce adequate nourishment, and therefore millions of American citizens will starve.

WELL if Professor Malthus were alive today and could take such a "swing around the circle" as the undersigned has just taken, and at the same time would do some careful researching into the latest methods of increasing food production per acre, as well as synthetic substitutes, he might still believe in more emphasis on birth-control, but it is hard to believe he would devote his time and talents, to sounding three-alarm fire signals as to the dangers of famine or even mild malnutrition, in this part of the world, and we would include all the land from the north pole to the Panama canal.

NO, it just doesn't add up, as we see it. There are many dangers facing the world and this country as an important part of it, but starvation — physically at least — is not one of them.

There are plenty of dangers psychologically and spiritually, dangers of greed, selfishness, intolerance, avarice, bigotry, the nationalistic urge and the racial "will to power"; but as things stand today, the dangers emanating from an empty stomach or an empty cupboard, in this broad and productive land at least, should not be included among them.—R.W.R.

Editorial Comment

Remarkable Organization

A remarkable organization exists in Josephine county. It has been publicized in numerous newspaper and magazine articles and its operations thus are familiar to most persons in this area. We are referring to the Smoke Jumpers, who operate from the U.S. Forest Service base near Cave Junction, under the leadership of James Allen. Now numbering 28 young men, the jumpers are in constant readiness to land by parachute in isolated forest areas, and start fire fighting.

We were given an impressive demonstration of what fast action can mean, in preventing a small blaze from developing into a potential conflagration. During an aerial reconnaissance of the forest area the veteran Forest Service pilot, Ed Scholz, pointed out a brown patch on a ridge beneath the plane. It was here, he said, that an unattended campfire had spread.

An alert lookout turned in the alarm and within 15 minutes the Smoke Jumpers were on the scene and had the blaze under control. To have made the trip by truck would have required several hours. By then a major forest fire might have developed.

The Smoke Jumpers love their work. Many are college students, who spend their summer vacations in this manner. Some of the jumps they make, to the layman, seem incredibly hazardous. Yet, we were informed, there never has been a fatality



My horse's name is Speedy! Whatta you call your pony?

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

Washington — As the civil rights drama boils to a climax, the man to watch is President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The outcome of the fight on how firmly and openly the President injects himself into it. What is probably more important, the President's personal prestige on Capitol Hill will be profoundly affected by the stand he now takes.

As strongly pro-Eisenhower "Time" magazine has reported, the President's standing with Congress is at a new low. The Administration's amazing backing and filling on the defense budget has alienated those who supported the President in the budget fight. What "The Washington Post" called the President's "vacillation and inertia" on his own School Aid bill is credited with the defeat of the bill in the House. By the same token, his equivocal position on section three of the Civil Rights bill certainly helped to kill that part of the bill.

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.

Sees Discrimination

To the Editor: They are at it again. We have another effort of private interests of downtown Medford that are attempting to secure "off street parking" by over-riding the voice of the people with city council action. The merchants association through one of its officers, has advised the council that they want a more equitable business license tax, and at the same time secure some \$35,000 more revenue to be used for off-street parking.

If one would look into it they would find total discrimination in favor of big business at the expense of small business to secure by connivance, most of the expense for "off-street parking," even from those that would have no benefit from a downtown parking lot whatever.

Do you know that a little hotel with 17 rooms on Front St. would pay \$79 business tax against the larger hotels with 100-rooms \$167? The little business would average about \$5 per room tax and the larger one about \$1.67 per room tax.

I ask — is that fair and equitable? Ray O. DeMarrs, 708 West Second st., Medford, Ore.

water. He compares the bitter opposition to it to the persecution of advocates of vaccination against smallpox, and the fanaticism and persecution of health workers favoring chlorination of waters early in this century. "Next to the common cold," concludes Statistician Dublin, "tooth decay is probably the most universal disease suffered by mankind." He continues: "Men and women aged 40 to 44 who have spent their lives in areas with naturally fluoridated water average only three missing teeth; those in non-fluoride communities average 14. Tooth decay has declined 54% to 60% among youngsters in city after city where fluoridation has been practiced for about 10 years."

Dr. Dublin admits fluorides are poisonous but in "a same way are common salt, oxygen and water, which can kill you if you get too much of them. But to absorb a lethal amount of a fluoridated water would require drinking even the mildest symptoms of fluoride poisoning would require that the victim swallow 50 bathtubfuls at a sitting. . . . To produce two-and-a-half bathtubfuls . . . during a single day. Searching for cases where any harm to health has resulted, even among the aged and ailing, Dr. Dublin was unable to find a single case.—Salem Capital Journal.

Procedure in Disarmament Talks Seen Dulles' No. 1 London Job

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' No. 1 job in London will be to get the Western Allies together on a disarmament procedure. Negotiations between Western Allies on one side and Soviet Russia on the other are being emphasized in the London disarmament talks.



Charles M. McCann reports about the London disarmament talks.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The livestock industry of the Far West, including both growers and processors, faces a serious threat to its future if freight rate reductions on fresh meat and packing house products from the Midwest to the West Coast, which are scheduled by the Interstate Commerce commission to go into effect on Aug. 15, are made permanent.

Those reductions are based on the principle of the one-way street. That is to say, they apply to westbound shipments but not to eastbound. They will open up the West Coast market to Midwest shippers but they offer no corresponding opportunity to West Coast livestock producers and packers to get into the Midwest markets at reduced rates.

This proposal is so utterly unfair to West Coast livestock interests that it must be presumed that before it is permitted to go into effect hearings will be held in the Far West area to enable those who will be injured by it to protest. At these hearings the Far West must protest sharply this one-sided attack on one of our principal industries.

THIS is the situation: The growing West consumes more meat than it produces. That means that on balance the Far West producer of meat gets the Midwest price PLUS the freight. If the freight rate is sharply reduced, enabling the Midwest to sell its meat in the Far Western market as competitively lower prices, the difference will come out of the pockets of far Western producers of meat animals.

THE proposed one-way street reduction is a sharp one. The present rate from Denver to West Coast points is \$2.73 per hundred pounds. The proposed new rate will be \$1.67—a difference of \$1.06. Let's put it this way: The price of meat in the Far West is governed by supply and demand. Under this proposed new preferential rate, Midwest meat can be delivered to West Coast points for \$1.06 per hundred less than now.

You can bet your bottom dollar that \$1.06 per hundred will come out of the pockets of Far Western producers of meat. The Eastern producer will BENEFIT to the same extent on all the meat he sells in the Far West.

WHAT of Western meat packers? The markets will be sharply limited, because under this one-way street proposal they will get no reduction in rates to Eastern markets. Presumably, they will have to curtail their output, thus reducing the number of industrial jobs available in the West. To that extent, the industrial economy of the West will be injured.

ONE more point: Here in Southern Oregon and Northern California we have reason to hope that in the not too distant future we will be able to develop an important meat packing industry. We produce a lot of livestock. We are favorably located at the geographical and transportation center of the 11 Western states. The market of the north Pacific Coast and the south Pacific Coast are equally available to us. Meat packing plants would be an important addition to our industrial economy, and at the same time—by reducing length of haul and shrinkage losses in transit—they will benefit our livestock growers.

But— If this posed new rate structure which will open up the markets of the Far West to Midwest packers on highly preferential terms goes into effect we can kiss good-bye to all hope of developing a meat packing industry here.

ALL of this brings into sharp focus a highly interesting fact. In the early days of the West, high transcontinental freight rates handicapped us seriously. The East was then our market. The more it cost to get our products there, the less chance we had to sell them.

With the fabulous growth of the West Coast market, all that has changed. High freight rates from the East are now BENEFICIAL to us, rather than otherwise, because they give us a competitive advantage in our own rapidly growing Western market.

The fact is, however, that before any further progress can be made toward reaching a "first step" agreement with Russia, the Western Allies have got to reach agreement among themselves.

The London negotiations have been in progress since March 18. Represented are the United States, Canada, Britain, France and Russia. These five countries constitute a subcommittee of the United Nations Disarmament commission.

At the outset of the talks, there was an atmosphere of optimism. Russia for the first time agreed in principle to a system of inspection to guarantee compliance with any disarmament measures.

As the months passed, pessimism succeeded optimism, and optimism succeeded pessimism again. Recently, United States chief delegate Harold Stassen has been the chief optimist. Britain and France have been pessimistic.

At the moment, while the Western Allies are seeking agreement with Russia on the

area which would be covered by a system of inspection in Western Europe, they are far from agreement themselves.

But the big factor in the negotiations for some time has been the position of Western Germany, which is not even represented in the London talks.

Western Germany has become the key country in disarmament negotiations and in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization defense system as well.

Unification Poses Problem West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer faces a national parliamentary election on Sept. 15. He is meeting a strong challenge by the Socialist Party, which opposes German rearmament and Adenauer's close cooperation with the Western powers as against Russia.

Adenauer is afraid that any disarmament agreement at this time might hurt the chance of attaining German reunification and help the Socialists.

He does not want to see any agreement reached in London before the election. And Adenauer's agreement to include West Germany in an aerial inspection plan is essential.

Malheur Welfare Chairman Resigns in Political Squabble

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes said today he was accepting immediately the resignation of Malheur County Welfare Chairman Noah Richards of Ontario.

Richards, a registered Democrat who Holmes said was closely associated with Republican campaign efforts in 1956, resigned by letter received Monday in which he protested the governor's appointment policies.

Richards said he resigned after the appointment of a Democrat, Leslie E. Downie, Ontario, to the welfare commission to succeed Republican L. J. Kinney, also of Ontario, whose term expired June 30.

Richards, an appointee of Govs. Paul Patterson and Elmo Smith, had served on the commission since Nov. 11, 1953. His present term would have expired June 30, 1960.

Says "Used" by GOP "It is regrettable for public service of his home county that Mr. Richards has permitted himself to be used in an obviously Republican-inspired attempt to discredit appointments by a Democratic governor," Gov. Holmes said. "In his letter Mr. Richards indicates high regard for the capabilities of Mr. Downie, his fellow townsman, and apparently

the only basis for criticism was that Mr. Downie was a Democrat. This seems strange coming from another registered Democrat and would indicate, I think, that Mr. Richards had lent his name to a political contrivance of his Republican friends," the governor continued.

The governor said Richards' resignation was the first of its kind he had received.

"By and large the county commissions have been almost solidly Republican. My appointments of Democrats have not been political rewards—service on welfare is a difficult, almost thankless duty," he said.

Carmella James Gets Special Recognition

Miss Carmella James, 313 Maple st., has been awarded a 10-year certificate of service and a lapel pin for work with the United States Department of Agriculture, it was reported today.

Miss James, secretary for the Jackson County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, also received a letter of commendation from Albert Straus, chairman of the county committee.

Quotes From the News

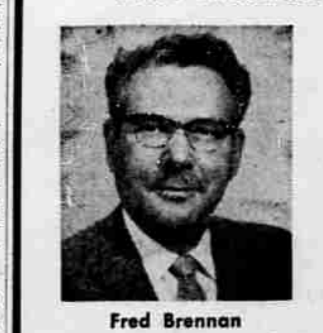
Milwaukee—Assistant City Attorney Robert Anderson, on the effects of a wild rock 'n' roll show on a group of Milwaukee teenagers girls: "Those kids just lost all their inhibitions and sense of moral responsibility. Four girls even solicited a member of our office staff outside the theater."

New York—Evangelist Billy Graham, suggesting a possible way out for mankind: "Human nature needs a revolution."

De Land, Fla.—Defense attorneys for Dr. Sam Sheppard in the celebrated murder case of three years ago, after grilling the latest person to "confess" the crime: "Donald Wedler is guilty of that murder. The confession made to us in the main fits in with the details we are familiar with and convinces us that he is guilty."

Brockton, Mass. — Senior guard Charles Burgess, rejecting charges that other prisoners at Plymouth county jail had attacked Raymond F. Ohlson, accused mutilation slayer of two young brothers: "There was some grumbling when he was brought here, but no one threatened him."

Counsel With . . . Mr. Insurance—Fred Brennan



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