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Silly, But Also Sad

If the Ironic Fates above are still in business they must be getting a lot of laughs these days.

For seldom has there been a more amusing and amazing example of political inconsistency and utterly blind partisanship, than supplied by the comments regarding Mr. and Mrs. Musa of The Dalles, during the recent special session of the Legislature.

Headed by the (almost) always faithful Oregonian, one G.O.P. paper after another, has lauded the refusal of this politically harmonious couple to stand loyally by their party and instead go over to the opposition, and by their votes defeat their party-leaders' program.

Fine work they have agreed in loud chorus. The Oregonian indeed pins on a double-accolade as follows:

"It is a weak-kneed legislator who will submit to such party discipline if he honestly disagrees..." Several members including the Musas refused to surrender their own judgments to the party rule in the special session.



"YOU GOT A VISITOR, MOM! COME ON IN, RUFF!"

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

Raising Gooseflesh A good deal of time has now passed since the Sputnik be-layedly shattered the false American complacency of the last five years.

For an American, it is a melancholy and alarming judgment. The anxious meetings in Washington, the gyrations of Secretary of State Dulles, the soothing speeches of the President, have neither reassured our friends nor impressed our enemies.

The parallel will raise gooseflesh on anyone with a good memory. All the same, the American government's response to its recent rude awakening seems much too like the British government's response to the rude awakening of the Austrian Anschluss in 1938.

In the Republican administration in America in the '50's, there have always been echoes of the Conservative administrations in Britain in the '30's. The President has often been Baldwin-like (and too many people have forgotten Stanley Baldwin's fantastic contemporary popularity).

ABOVE all the economic and world views of former Secretary of the Treasurer, George Humphrey, that dominating figure whose opinions still hold sway in Washington, very closely resembled the views of Neville Chamberlain. Here has been and here is the real rub.

To be sure, except in the brief disastrous moment of the summit meeting at Geneva, the Eisenhower administration has never hoped to do business with the Kremlin as Chamberlain and company hoped to do business with Adolf Hitler.

Similar beliefs produced similar actions and similar failures to take action. In particular the Eisenhower administration failed to do nearly enough to halt the grim, progressive unfavorable tilt of the world power balance, in many ways so comparable to the tilt of the European balance in the Hitler years.

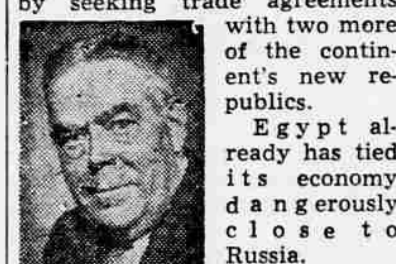
THIS is the true significance of the Sputnik, that it has told us and it has told the world exactly where we stand. We cannot any longer go on believing in the myth of an "American lead" miraculously maintained without effort or sacrifice.

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New African Republics Targets Of Russian Penetration Attempt

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

Soviet Russia is developing its attempt to penetrate Africa by seeking trade agreements with two more of the continent's new republics.



Charles M. McCann is trying to establish footholds in Ghana, on the west coast of Africa, and the Sudan, Egypt's neighbor on the south.

A Soviet mission arrived in Accra, the capital of Ghana, on Tuesday to bid for an economic agreement and possibly for the establishment also of formal diplomatic relations.

For several weeks, the Soviet embassy in Khartoum, the capital of the Sudan, has been angling for a similar agreement. Ghana, the former British colony of the Gold Coast, attained its independence on March 6 last. The Sudan, formerly ruled jointly by Britain and Egypt, became independent on Jan. 1, 1956. Britain has close economic ties with both countries.

Russia has just promised to "aid Egypt in building up its national economy." This com-

mitment was made in Moscow, where Maj. Gen. Abdel Hakim Amer, Egyptian war minister, was given red-carpet treatment when he went there as President Gamal Abdel Nasser's envoy.

Nasser is represented as worried over Russia's tightening hold on his country's economy. Egyptian delegations are negotiating with Britain and France in an attempt to restore normal trade relations with those countries.

At Nasser's request Eugene Black, president of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development—the so-called World Bank—has undertaken to act as mediator in negotiations for payment by Egypt of compensation to stockholders of the Suez Canal which Nasser seized.

Hence it may be that Nasser will use the Russian promise as a bargaining point in an attempt to reach favorable economic agreements with the United States, Britain and France.

Just what success Russia will have in its bids to Ghana and the Sudan remains to be seen.

There seems good reason to believe that as regards the Sudan, Russia's new attempt at penetration may fail. Prime Minister Abdullah Bey Khalil is quite friendly toward the United States.

will be found not to define and decide the hardest questions. For NATO cannot be transformed into a world alliance capable of taking a united position on all great world questions. We shall do very well indeed if we can restore confidence in NATO as an instrument for the security of Europe.

My own view, which I know is not widely held, is that the inner conflicts within NATO will cause it to disintegrate — not next year but in the course of time — unless the NATO powers can agree on a common policy which is pointed towards an eventual security agreement with Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. In other words, I doubt whether NATO can have a common policy in Asia and Africa. But it could conceivably have a common policy to defend Europe by an overall system of security.

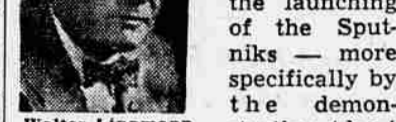
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Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

Anatomy of the NATO Problem

It is well understood that within the NATO alliance there is a crisis of confidence. This crisis has been in the making for some years. But it has been brought to a head since the launching of the Sputniks — more specifically by the demonstration that the Russians are substantially ahead of the United States in the development of rockets, and ahead, therefore, in the race of armaments.



Walter Lippmann

We must ask ourselves why, long before the Sputniks, there was in the making a crisis of confidence. The answer, I think, is that when NATO was founded, certain deep and dangerous issues, which have since caused great trouble, were in the interest of harmony more or less deliberately glossed over.

NATO, we must remember, is a pact for the defense of all the countries of Western Europe which lie west of the iron curtain, excluding only Sweden, Switzerland, Austria, Ireland and Spain. Algeria is included in NATO, being treated as a part of France. The pact is concerned with military aggression against the territory lying inside the lines on an official map. This is a crucial point. For the pact says nothing about any other area of the world — nothing about Eastern Europe, the Middle East, the Far East, South Asia or Africa.

Yet almost all the great powers in NATO have interests, some of them very important, some which they regard as vital, beyond the boundaries of the official map of NATO. There is France in North Africa. There is all of Western Europe vitally interested in the oil of the Middle East. There is the American interest in Korea, Japan, Formosa.

IN this lies one of the great causes of misunderstanding within NATO. Each of the great powers is disposed to feel that in the outside areas where it is most concerned, it is entitled to expect the support of all the other NATO allies, whether or not they are directly concerned.

There has been a strong feeling in the United States that in regard to Korea, Formosa, and our own boycott of Red China our NATO allies have not played the game. The same kind of feeling exists today in France, because we do not underwrite the whole of French policy in North Africa. The same feeling exists in Britain, as well as in France, that we acted contrary to the spirit of the alliance in the Suez affair last year.

These conflicts of interest have played an important part in producing the crisis of confidence. They are compounded

by a dual doubt — on the one hand, whether we might drag Europe into a war which broke out in Asia; on the other hand, whether if war broke out in Europe, we could be counted upon in the age of ballistic missiles to risk the destruction of New York or Detroit in the defense of, say, West Berlin.

REDCUED to its simplest elements, this is the anatomy of the crisis which is to be dealt with at the NATO meeting in Paris in December. Is NATO a regional pact for the defense of Western Europe? Or is it the core of a world alliance for the containment of Communism? These are hard questions to answer specifically, and the real policy of the NATO powers has been not to spell them out in advance but to deal practically with separate cases as and when they arose.

The NATO powers do not know, and have not thought it the part of wisdom to try to say what would happen in, for example, Iceland which is within NATO, if we had to go to war to defend Iran, which is outside of NATO. We have an obligation to Iran. But what is the obligation of Iceland to Iran?

ON the general rule, that hard cases do not make good law, we shall be hoping, I take it, that at the Paris meeting a way

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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

Nov. 21, 1947 (Friday) Because of his brilliance, comparative youth and courage, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York ranked highest among seven in a Republican presidential nominee preference poll conducted this week by the Mail Tribune.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot column": "It is time again to report the Older Girls are again mincing matters for mince meat for Thanksgiving."

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 21, 1937 (Sunday) Flood waters threatened to do substantial damage in and around Medford yesterday but strenuous work held actual loss to negligible proportions, reports indicated.

Ten-pound gift boxes of Rogue valley pears may be shipped to the Atlantic seaboard for 50 cents, to Chicago for 45 cents, and to points on the Pacific coast for 35 cents.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 21, 1927 (Monday) Under the direction of Lee Hamilton, 1,737 pounds of rabbits are being canned today at the Rogue River cannery.

The need of a municipal landing field has been brought to the attention of Ashland residents and investigations are being made.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 21, 1917 (Wednesday) Members of the Russian mission, due to pass through Medford tonight, are touring the country for purpose of making the United States acquainted with the true story of Russia's sacrifice in the war.

At its meeting last night the city council, after much discussion adopted the 1917 tax budget in practically completed form. The levy is 12.6 mills, being quite a reduction over last year's levy of 14.6 mills.

What's Your I.O.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. How many teats does a milch goat have? 2. Bible: The "Ephod" contained two jewels called—what? 3. What is Petrol? 4. Is the covering of footballs generally horsehide, pigskin, or cowhide? 5. Who is the author of the novel "The Razor's Edge"? 6. Is steam an invisible gas? 7. Who is the creator of the fictional character "Babbitt"? 8. The famous balcony scene is in which one of Shakespeare's plays? 9. Is it proper to say "I learned from him via the newspaper"? 10. "Thirty days hath November"—finish the rhyme? Answers: 1 Two. 2 Urim and Thummim. 3 Gasoline. 4 Cowhide. 5 Somerset Maugham. 6 Yes. What is commonly called steam is water vapor. 7 Sinclair Lewis. 8. "Romeo and Juliet." 9 No. "in" not via is correct. 10 "April, June, and September." February hath twenty-eight alone, and all the rest have thirty-one.

IN other words if a couple of Democrats assert independence of THEIR party and go over to the Republicans— THAT is just dandy!

BUT what if Oregon's senior Senator, Wayne Morse, does EXACTLY that, then what is the G.O.P. verdict?

Our senior Senator is then an apostate—a traitor, an untouchable—a blankety-blank "no-Good," a public scold and a national nuisance. He should somehow, be at once retired from public life to save the great state of Oregon from needless humiliation, bankruptcy and dishonor,—etc, etc, etc.

Again assuming the Ironic Fates do follow the Republican press in this state we feel sure, while the above isn't a tape-recording, they will agree, it fairly represents the average G.O.P. "Hate Morse" reaction.

(In fact it might be stated, en passant, that the usually temperate and judicious Oregonian printed a report from Washington at the time Senator Morse did not agree with certain leaders of the Democratic party on civil rights that our senior senator was what was only a few years ago regarded as an unprintable epithet, namely an "S.O.B.")

WELL so it goes. We grant such partisan childishness should not be taken too seriously but it is we think worthy of comment especially in the area of comic relief.

It is really laughable as well as sad how year after year in the "high church" party circles it all depends to the point of boredom upon whose ox is gored.

The office-holder bearing a Democratic "brand" is is weak-kneed" wicked and pusillanimous if he doesn't vote Republican. But when the G.O.P. brand is at issue, then the incumbent who jumps the reservation and votes Democratic as above indicated—should be ridden out of town on a rail and be forever shunned, by decent and lawabiding citizens.

WE TRUST no one will try to use that "HONEST" disagreement term as an alibi.

For no informed person regardless of party, would deny for a minute, however mistaken Wayne Morse, may or may not be, he always is absolutely honest in his decisions, and never in public or private lacks the courage of his convictions.

Ever since he entered public life Senator Morse has told the people of Oregon that he would, where the issue was between principle and party stand up for the principle regardless of the party. And that he meant exactly what he said is demonstrated by the fact he has stood for what he has believed best for his state and country, regardless of whether the Republican or the Democratic party opposed him. If that isn't "independence" what is it?

But for this, in the words of the Oregonian "ASSERTING his independence" no paper in the state has more violently and viciously assailed him.

There are times when the blind bigotry and rank injustice of such an attitude tends to make one lose sight (momentarily) of the humor.—R.W.R.

Hang Together or Separately?

In the "King and I"—one of the best light musicals in this generation—the King in a mood of regal frustration sang a song expressing his confusion and puzzlement.

He was suspicious of foreign alliances which promised to benefit him for fear they would "benefit" him out of all he owned.

And yet, he soliloquized, if no nation trusts any other nation then in spite of all our "wishes" there will be nothing left on earth but "Fishes."

A very profound truth particularly in this stage of the cold war which seems to be rapidly getting warmer.

THERE must be some international TRUST or everything is lost. This observation appears timely because of the distrust reported in western Europe regarding the United States.

Mobs in Paris are storming the American Embassy in protest against the sending of U.S. arms to Tunisia? A revolt of several European members of NATO, against accepting guided missiles from the United States is threatened.

"ANGELS and Ministers of Grace defend us!" If in addition to distrust of the nations of the Communist World we can't trust the nations of the "Free Democratic World" where does that take us? The heading is our answer.—R.W.R.

FREE LECTURE Tonight, Nov. 21 - at 8 P.M. Entitled "CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: ITS MESSAGE OF LIBERATION" by Elbert R. Slaughter, C.S., of Dallas, Texas Member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts at First Church of Christ, Scientist 100 Windsor Ave.—Medford 1 Block South of East Main Nursery Facilities Available EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Things You SHOULD Know... Last week in this space were listed things you MUST know in order to supply information necessary for a death certificate. In addition, here are things you SHOULD know in making funeral arrangements: Names, addresses, and relationship of immediate survivors Club or society memberships War service record, if any Number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, if any Favorite hymns or songs of deceased Date and place of marriage Any additional personal data for obituary purposes Church membership of deceased DAY OR NIGHT - PHONE SP 2-8030 Chapel Mortuary Across from the Courthouse Frank Morgan - Harold Snodgrass FUNERAL DIRECTOR