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'Something New Under the Sun'

Tomorrow is New Years. But we shall spare our readers a New Years' editorial.

Some years ago we gave up writing Christmas, New Years, Fourth of July, Decoration Day, Labor Day, St. Patrick's Day, Columbus Day (etc., etc.), editorials. The reason was we had exhausted the various and sundry commemorative subjects.

FORTUNATELY, however, we have just received a postal card postmarked "Talent" and unsigned, which gives us a brand new subject for comment.

IT TAKES "Ye Editor" to taks for NOT writing a Christmas editorial. Moreover instead of commemorating the "birth of our Savior in dignified and appropriate fashion," the Mail Tribune chose to "crucify" Vice President Richard Nixon and hold him up "falsely and unfairly to contumely and shame."

Not only that. This, it seems, is such an example of "vituperative and unChristian behavior on a holy day," that the Talent reader is "shocked" and we assume—though it is not directly stated—that he (or she) believes some sort of an apology or retraction should be made...

WELL, we are sorry we can't accommodate our complainant. In the first place there was no issue of the Mail Tribune on Christmas Day, so we would regard a charge of desecration as rather far fetched.

In the second place, there was nothing in the editorial in question that held Vice President Nixon up "to shame" unless he is ashamed of his record.

In fact, when we first read this "card" we thought it a joke of some sort—we have some friends in the Talent area who like to "needle" Ye Editor.

However, reading it a second time we decided it was serious. Somehow it had the ring of real emotional excitement and genuine indignation.

WE CAN'T even now be absolutely sure on this point. But if it was just a "gag" then we would suggest the author—or authoress—stop wasting his—or her—talents in Talent, and apply to the Shakespearean Festival for a stellar role — he (or she) is some actor.

HOWEVER, to return to the man line, and assuming the complainant WAS a genuine one, we would suggest the complainant read the editorial in question a second time. We realize that would be painful but it might clarify the situation. For we believe a second reading would make it quite clear that no charges whatever were made against our personable, plausible and fluent Vice President.

There was no vituperation, no smearing, no blasphemy, there was nothing in fact but a recitation of the Nixon record, not in his callow youth but as an adult—a Congressman and U. S. Senator from the great state of California.

THERE was nothing new about it. The same facts have been printed in many magazines and more newspapers. Moreover, they have never been denied. And we suspect they never will be for the simple fact, they are TRUE.

AS FAR as this paper is concerned they seemed timely and newsworthy because of the organized "build-up" under the heading of "The New Nixon".

Even the holiday season was marked by leading articles with flamboyant "blurbs" on their front-covers, noted particularly in the Saturday Evening Post and Harpers—an obvious fan-fare to proceed the 1958 concentrated drive for the Republican presidential nomination.

Well that is OK. We have no particular complaint.

Ever since Nixon was elected Vice President, he and his pals, have been working very cleverly, vigorously and persistently, to make Richard's occupation of the White House a certainty.

NOR is there anything new about the Mail Tribune's opposition to Mr. Nixon—or anyone of his type—ever being elected President of the United States.

Ever since his left-handed support of "McCarthyism" and that utterly fraudulent and phony "alibi" he gave over the air for his acceptance of an \$18,000 cash "subsidy" from that unidentified "ring" in California; we have been against him, and no doubt will continue to be.

We just don't like the man or trust him. That we submit is the privilege of this newspaper — or any other.

BUT the real pay-off regarding this particular item—and one of the chief reasons at first we hesitated to take it seriously—was the obvious fact that it was self-defeating.

For we can imagine no more damning indictment of a man in public life, than when a true and factual recital of his record, leads to cries of angry protest; charges of vituperation, abuse, desecration, defamation, etc., etc.

THIS paper called no names, made no charges—merely recited the facts as documented, and the only conclusion we made was to this effect:

"And the political wisecracks in Washington say that this man is a "shoo-in" to be the next President of the United States."

We left it to our readers to draw their own conclusions.—R.W.R.



'GO HOME!'

Large-Scale Weather Control by Russians Seen as Disastrous

Washington — President Eisenhower's special weather adviser said today that if Russia wins the race for large-scale control of weather "the results could be even more disastrous than nuclear warfare."

The presidential adviser, Howard T. Orville, said at a news conference that he believes Russia is striving hard to beat the West to weather control. He said he doesn't know whether the Russians are yet ready to surprise the world with mastery of the weather as they did with their Sputniks.

But "if we can infer anything from what has happened there are more than likely going at this very heavily," Orville said. Orville is chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Weather Control which wound up its final report today. The report said the committee has established that artificial rain-making is successful in Washington, Oregon, and California, and may have added 20 to 50 million dollars a year to the wealth of Pacific Coast farmers.

The committee did not itself discuss Soviet efforts "in the field of weather and climate control. But in a separate statement Orville said: "If an unfriendly nation

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Portland: The old Oregon hotel at Southwest Broadway and Stark streets will be torn down starting January 2 to make way for a 14-story addition to the Benson hotel.

After the old structure is razed, construction on the three million dollar addition to the Benson will begin immediately according to Western Hotels, Inc., which operates the Benson and Multnomah hotels in Portland.

The addition will add 200 rooms to the Benson, plus a second floor convention hall and banquet room that will seat 750 to 800 persons.

From San Francisco: Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corporation plans to build a 16-story office building in downtown San Francisco next year (1958).

President Harrison Fuller reports that the site for the new structure cost a million dollars. It is bounded by Davis, California and Sacramento streets.

The new building will be headquarters for the corporation's steel division in Western states, Alaska and Hawaii.

WHAT do these newly announced developments mean? They mean confidence in the future. This confidence is fully justified. The 11 Western states are growing twice as fast as the rest of the country. They are expected to have 40 million people by 1975, which is less than 20 years away.

Forty million people will mean MORE CUSTOMERS for the Far West's rapidly expanding industries.

AND— If human beings retain their sanity ASIA will eventually settle down. When that happens, Asia's teeming millions will provide export markets for the expanding industries of the American Pacific Coast.

ANOTHER thought: Southern Oregon and Far Northern California lie at the exact center of the American Pacific Coast. They have ample resources in the way of raw materials. They have plenty of water. They have plenty of power.

These—plus growing markets—provide the essentials for industrial expansion.

A thought in conclusion: Let's quit looking at the Sputnik hole and start looking at the eleven Western states DOUGHNUT.

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A scandal magazine threatened to do a cover story on Groucho Marx. Groucho got wind of it and wrote the publisher, "Either you will abandon this nefarious plot or—I will cancel my subscription."

Khrushchev Strengthening Hold On Party, Other Russian Affairs

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

Nikita S. Khrushchev is strengthening Communist Party domination of all Russian governmental, military and economic affairs.

At the same time, Khrushchev is strengthening his own personal authority as first secretary of the party in control of its machinery.

The operation has been in progress for several weeks. It has been marked by a number of transfers of government and party officials and by increased emphasis on the role of the Communist Party as the supreme power over all aspects of administration in the Soviet Union.

The effect is to restore the situation which existed between the death of Josef Stalin in 1953 and Khrushchev's sensational denunciation of Stalin in February, 1956.

No Stalin-era Restoration It cannot be said that the Stalin-era situation has been restored. Stalin made himself the sole authority in the government, the armed forces, economic affairs and the party itself.

Ethiopia, Tunisia Delegates Fail To Stop West Attacks

Cairo — Moderating efforts by Ethiopian and Tunisian delegates failed today to stop a series of bitter and sweeping attacks against the West at the unofficial Afro-Asian "solidarity" conference.

The conference's economic committee was scheduled to submit the last committee report today. It was expected to take the same leftist, anti-Western line that previous committee reports have reflected.

The conference will end tomorrow. All draft resolutions are expected to receive automatic endorsement.

UN Investigation Asked An example of the tone of the resolutions was contained in the one from the political committee. It called for United Nations action to investigate British "crimes" in Kenya.

The draft also demanded the return by the United States of Okinawa to Japan and called for a boycott of all Dutch shipping carrying goods for use against Indonesia.

The 17-point political resolution in fact represented a comprehensive indictment of Western policies in general. It was rated by some sources as a triumph for Communist propagandists.

Increasing Concern Mekasha Getachew of Ethiopia expressed increasing concern about the obviously anti-Western tone of the resolutions.

He said that together with the Tunisian delegation he had sought unsuccessfully to moderate the wording of the final political resolution.

But the only concession he succeeded in winning, he said, was substitution of a pledge to adhere to the non-interference principles—adopted at the official Afro-Asian conference in Bandung two years ago—rather than a flat endorsement of positive neutrality.

Getachew said his delegation failed to get the words "against the peoples' will" added to a text calling for an end to military bases on foreign soil.

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.

Juvenile Home Needs To the Editor: Would you please put this letter in your letter column.

Today I went out to the juvenile home and while I was there I learned that though they have a wonderful home out there and good food, there is one serious lack.

There is not much in the line of recreation. They have a ping-pong set and a few puzzles. They desperately need good educational games; a record player would be a great help. They have the records, but nothing to play them on. Also, a TV would really be swell.

I thought perhaps among your readers maybe some of them have some of these things. Believe me, they really could use them and I know they, "the kids," there would more than appreciate them.

For personal reasons, please don't publish my name. Well-Wisher (Name on file)

Khrushchev is making the central committee of the party and its ruling presidium the supreme authority.

Of course, Khrushchev is at the head of the committee and the presidium. And it appears that his position is unchallenged. But there is no sign that he either wants to be or could be a dictator like Stalin.

The increasing authority given the Communist Party is a confession that Khrushchev's attempt to liberalize Russian life after his denunciation of Stalin was a failure.

Liberalism Can Be Dangerous Even a little liberalism can be dangerous in a country like Russia. First intellectuals and workers got too enthusiastic over the loosening up of the dictatorship. Then Georgi K.

Zhukov, made defense minister and restored to his one-time status of Russia's No. 1 war hero, got obstreperous. He wanted No Communist Party interference with his direction of the armed forces, even though he had been a Communist since his youth.

Now, since Zhukov has been ousted, the armed forces are being subjected to strict party control, and Communist indoctrination of officers and men is being intensified.

The newspaper Red Star, organ of the Soviet ministry of defense, disclosed recently that officers, from generals and admirals down, had been directed to devote at least 50 hours a year to political courses-lectures on Communist party history and doctrine. These lectures are to be supplemented by home study.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

Paris—The Kremlin has begun a drive for a wholly new kind of East-West dialogue of the "giants" between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. with all others excluded from the conference table.

The decision whether to embark on such a dialogue is just about the most serious purely diplomatic decision that can be imagined. The question has not been even tangentially discussed with the other Western allies.

Yet some sort of a decision is going to have to be made rather soon, if only because the Kremlin's drive is rather well advanced.

Ludicrously little attention has as yet been paid to this immensely significant and quite novel development. Yet the Kremlin's opening gun was fired some time ago. To be specific, Nikita Khrushchev reportedly told Aneurin Bevan, when the latter visited Russia, that tete-a-tete talks between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. offered the one really hopeful way out of the world's present impasse.

The same statement was far and away the most striking feature of the letter that Khrushchev recently wrote to the "new Statesman and Nation," purportedly in answer to a published plea for nuclear disarmament by Lord Russell.

In the entire population of the British Isles, Aneurin Bevan and the "New Statesman" editors are the people most likely to be alarmed and outraged by the prospect of exclusive U.S.-U.S.S.R. talks. One can only guess that Khrushchev wished to appeal to their not inconsiderable vanity by choosing them as his confidants, in the hope of winning them to his side in this manner.

MORE recently, these informal indications in the best Khrushchev manner have been reinforced by a formal and public statement. At the meeting of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow, in their official comments on the recent NATO conference, both Khrushchev and Andrei Gromyko rather elaborately pooh-poohed all the ordinary forms of East-West negotiation. But after remarking that the Soviets had often proposed a meeting between the heads of government of the capitalist and socialist states "to solve the problems of humanity," Khrushchev blandly added:

"If an agreement between the United States and the Soviet union can be achieved without prejudice to the interests of other countries, good results for peace will be achieved."

Short of sending a written invitation to President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles to join in a huddle with him, Stalin's heir could hardly have

been more specific. If no sort of answer to his invitation is given, the silence will be taken by the Kremlin as the most chilling negative answer. This in turn can sharply affect Kremlin policy. So the question should at least be carefully considered in all its aspects, instead of being settled by mere default as seems to be the present tendency.

Curiously enough, Secretary Dulles himself appears to be in two minds about this question. He certainly did not want the NATO conference communique to include an invitation to renewed East-West negotiations. During the first two days of the conference, he sat mute and grim, while both Prime Minister Macmillan and France's Foreign Minister Pineau insisted that such an invitation must be issued. He finally realized that he had to pay for NATO agreement on military questions especially the medium range missiles—by his own agreement to the invitation to East-West talks.

YET when the form of this invitation was being discussed, Secretary Dulles strikingly remarked that there really were only two kinds of East-West talks that could possibly do any good, talks within the framework of the United Nations, and exclusive talks between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. alone.

Thus even the American Secretary of State is not sure that a dialogue of the giants would be wholly fruitless.

Whether anything could be achieved by such a dialogue is quite simply a question that cannot be answered until and unless a dialogue has been attempted. The Soviets are now giving signs of quite genuine concern for the future of a world in which the whole scene will be dominated by the new weapons that can destroy life on earth.

In these circumstances, if the Soviets could get down to business in a corner with the Americans, could they conceivably be induced to agree to a peaceful future of live-and-let live? No one can tell.

But there is one thing that can be told, here and now, with absolute certainty. While John Foster Dulles is Secretary of State a dialogue of giants is impossible. For any such dialogue in which Dulles is the American spokesman or the President's chief advisor, will almost automatically break up the Western Alliance. The distrust of Dulles, the lack of confidence in Dulles are too great and too profound among our allies. They would expect to be sold down the river. They would hurry to try to make their own bilateral deal with the Kremlin. And so the alliance would come to grief for good.

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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.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 31, 1927 (Wednesday) The valley pear crop this year totalled 1,853,814 boxes, 10 per cent below that of last year, according to the annual report of the county agent's office.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "As the end of the old year approaches, the radios will unleash Auld Lang Syne over over the air with more gusto, than they did Silent Night before Christmas."

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 31, 1927 (Friday) Medford's first stop and go traffic light goes into operation at Main and Central ave.

Today is the last day for the 1937 license plates, state police headquarters reminds residents.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 31, 1927 (Saturday) The mystery surrounding the local origin of the widely exploited bulbous bluegrass, is no mystery to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bush of East Main st., who say they brought the seed over in a pepper can during 1910 from Chile.

Present indications point to large attendance at annual Copco Employees club New Year's party at fairgrounds pavilion.

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 31, 1917 (Monday) Committeemen from churches in valley meet at Presbyterian church to consider plans for laymen's evangelistic missionary movement.

A total of 720 new members were added to the Red Cross in Medford during the last three days as a result of a membership campaign.

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

1. Name the island of the coast of India that is associated with a kind of tea? 2. Bible: Which official edition contains 72 books?

3. Number 30 thread is finer than number 50; true or false? 4. The Leaning Tower of Pisa is a famous bell tower in Spain, Portugal, or Italy?

5. Is the President of the United States paid semi-monthly, monthly, or annually? 6. "Nutmeg State" is a nickname for which New England State?

7. Which wife of Henry VIII had six fingers on one hand? 8. Are U. S. postage stamps cut from embossed stamped envelopes valid when pasted on plain envelopes?

9. Was there one, two or three generals in the U. S. Army during World War I? 10. In England, what part of an automobile body is called the "bonnet"?

Answers: 1. Ceylon. 2. Vulgate of St. Jerome (translated A.D. 405). 3. False (the higher the number, the finer the thread). 4. Italy. 5. Monthly. 6. Connecticut. 7. Anne Boleyn (his 2nd wife). 8. No. 9. Three. (Bliss, March, and Pershing). 10. Hood.

FEDERAL JUDGE DIES Edwardsville, Kan. — Federal District Judge Arthur J. Mellott, 68, a former teacher of ex-President Harry S. Truman at the Kansas City School of Law, died at his home here Sunday. He resigned from the bench in Kansas City last June due to ill health.