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## The Missile "Gap"

"Your arms are too short, gentlemen." This smug, forboding remark was addressed to the United States recently by Soviet Defense Minister Rodion Y. Malinovsky.  
The Kremlin, it appears, is confident of its lead in missile development — especially in the intercontinental ballistic missile field.

Meanwhile, we notice in Washington increased concern over the "missile gap." Not only are the Russians ahead, reports indicate, but they are increasing their lead.

**B**UT U.S. Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy informs us we are not to try matching the Soviets "missile by missile" in the ICBM field.

Instead, he told two Senate committees late last month, we are to maintain over-all military superiority through what he calls, borrowing a phrase popular to corporate circles, a "diversified" arsenal — missiles of various ranges and, for the time being, bombers.

It is a familiar, and hence appealing, approach. What we lack in a fast ball, we make up for with curves, knucklers and sliders.

McElroy asserts, and some observers agree, that right now the Russians lack an ICBM stockpile sufficient to pulverize our bases. But he has also conceded that at the same time the U.S. ICBM cupboard for military purposes is absolutely bare.

**I**F IT were true as McElroy implies that we possess a compensating strength in shorter-range missiles and bombers, then the logic of "diversification" would be acceptable.

But intelligence estimates, as summarized in several reports from the nation's capital, indicate that in shorter-range missiles the "gap" if anything yawns wider.

The U.S. missile arsenal shows to best advantage in the plastic replicas displayed for youngsters in toy store windows. It shows to worst in Pentagon inventories, in production figures and in program timetables.

**O**THER factors besides just quantity are important to evaluating missile strength. Potency and precision, for example. Yet here too, if the reports from Washington are to be believed, we are weaker than the Soviets.

The most troubling aspect of the "missile gap" is this: it appears to be widening, and could continue to widen for several years at least as the Russians build up their stockpiles with missiles, including ICBMs, already in production.

Sen. Stuart Symington, Missouri Democrat and former secretary of the Air Force, has been quoted as saying a period is imminent when we will be unable to retaliate effectively should Russia launch an all-out war.

**M**ILITARY superiority, while not the only factor in the cold war, provides vital leverage at the diplomatic table. If Russia is allowed to widen the missile gap too far, we will find ourselves at a dangerous disadvantage.

Our hopes for success on other cold war fronts — including, paradoxically, disarmament — depend on our ability to match or surpass the Soviets' military strength. If this requires shifting our own missile program into higher gear, then it is high time we did so.—E.W.

## Consent Rather Than Force

Where it's voluntary instead of imposed, avers Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, school desegregation will work better. So his civil rights bill provides federal "conciliation service" to states and localities in "disagreements or difficulties" over the federal laws or Constitution.

For precedent, the Senate majority leader points to the federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. This unquestionably prevents many strikes and lockouts, by persuading Management and Labor to agree on disputes between them. Some state labor mediation bodies have been similarly successful.

**V**OLUNTARY consent is also the weapon chiefly used by state commissions working against discrimination in employment. Yet retiring chairman Charles Abrams of the New York commission recently reported that complaints of job discrimination in the state had risen sharply. His agency may intervene only on complaint, not of its own initiative.

President Eisenhower is skeptical, he said, about the Johnson plan proving "fruitful." The Administration's own civil rights bill offers federal funds to help meet the costs of desegregation school programs.

However, would Deep South states request federal aid for school programs that they call entirely their own affair? In 1950 Southern Senators, filibustered to death a House-passed bill for a federal Commission against discrimination in employment (FEPC). And the Commission has had tried only to persuade, not enforce.—E.R.R.

## Yearbook Printing In State Requested

Salem—(UPI)—Rep. Ed Whelan (D-Portland) Thursday introduced a bill to require printing in Oregon of any state college student body year book or other printing.

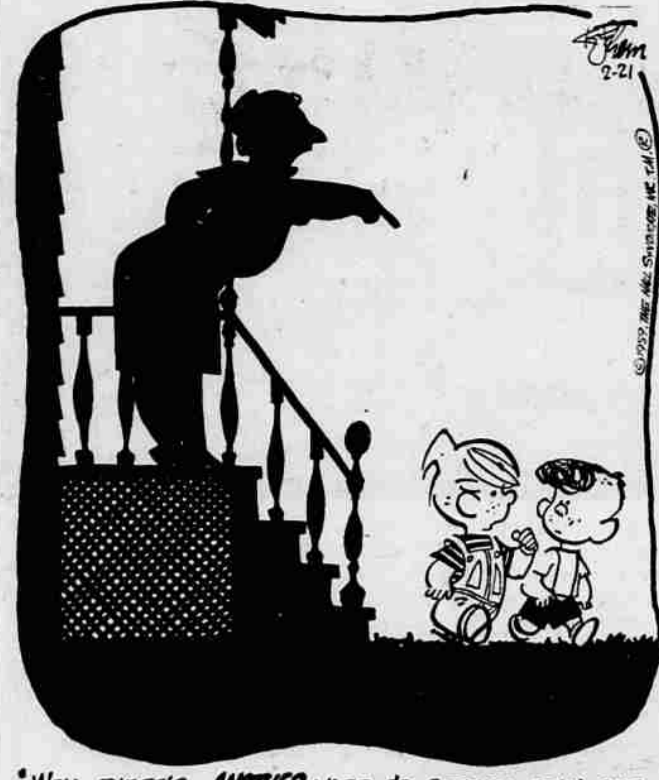
Present law requires the state, counties and cities to have printing done in Oregon unless cost is excessive. Whelan said the bill was prompted by Portland State college's saving its 1959 yearbook printed in Houston, Tex.

## Inept Horseshoeing Curb Offered in Bill

Salem—(UPI)—There is evidence that some people in Oregon are injuring horses by inept shoeing, Sen. Walter Leth (R-West Salem) said Thursday.

He and Sen. Eddie Ahrens (R-Turner) introduced a bill requiring horseshoers to take out licenses from the department of agriculture after taking an examination on ability.

## Dennis the Menace



"Well, there's ANOTHER YARD I'D BETTER STAY OUT OF IF I KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR ME!"

## Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

**T**HE KENNEDY POLLS  
Washington—One thing, and one thing only, makes Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts the front-runner of the Democratic Presidential nomination. Without the evidence of his extraordinary appeal to the mass of American voters, Kennedy would hardly be in the running at all.

Some of the evidence for this mass appeal is drawn from a series of state and city polls taken by the professional opinion-tester, Louis Harris. These fairly staggering documents — even worse in their meaning for the Republicans than for Kennedy's Democratic rivals — have been confined to a small circle of politicians friendly to Kennedy. Copies have been obtained from a member of this circle.

In view of their origin, the Harris polls will no doubt be denounced as less than impartial. But in the first place, Kennedy is only one of many candidates, Republican as well as Democratic, concerning whom Harris has made opinion tests; and the record shows that the Harris tests have been useful. Then too, the more general results of the inquiring Dr. Gallup's recent national Presidential poll strongly confirm the Harris results. Finally, this reporter has often rung doorbells with Harris, and can vouch for the care Harris takes in his polling.

**I**N SUM, if the findings of any polls deserve attention (which can be argued), the findings of the Harris polls deserve it. For the main findings, Kennedy was tested against the Republican front-runner, Vice President Richard M. Nixon. State by state, omitting the undecided voters who generally form about a quarter of those polled, the percentages of Kennedy-fanciers and Nixon-fanciers were as follows:

State	Kennedy	Nixon
California	55	45
Florida	72	28
Maryland	58	42
Ohio	54	46
Oregon	59	41
Pennsylvania	57	43
West Virginia	56	44
Wisconsin	50.4	49.6

All these state tests of Kennedy versus Nixon were made during the last elections, as interesting extras, so to say, when Harris had been commissioned to do other political polling in the same states. In some of the states, other Democratic candidates were also tested against Nixon, again with fairly startling results.

**F**OR example, in Pennsylvania and Oregon where Kennedy had such heavy majorities, Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri actually lost to Vice President Nixon, both times by margins of 51-44. Again, Symington was sniped under by 61-39 in Wisconsin, where Kennedy won by half a point. Yet again, Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota carried Oregon against Nixon, but by a margin of only 2 percentage points, whereas the Kennedy margin was 18 points. And Humphrey also lost in Wisconsin, although by a much narrower margin than Symington.

West Virginia was the one state where the Kennedy, Humphrey and Symington performances were closely comparable. Adlai E. Stevenson was not run against Nixon in the same state where the strength of Humphrey and Symington was tested. But in Ohio, where Kennedy beat Nixon easily, Stevenson was also run against the Vice President and lost the race by a hair, 50.5 to 49.5.

## ETERNAL VIGILANCE

Bethel, Conn.—(UPI)—Police Chief Jackman observed his birthday by stepping into a church to pray. He wound up arresting a youth accused of robbing the post box.

## 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 initial is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

### Reviews Promise

To the Editor: Rep. Evelyn Nye is one of the few Republicans in the Legislature who isn't furious at Mark Hatfield for promising reductions in taxes and spending, and then calling for increases in both. She says she doesn't believe he promised reductions.

Now, I'm sure your readers feel that he did because, even in his most equivocal statements he tries to create that impression. But, just for the record, here are some of his promises:

1. To reduce capital gains taxes to encourage business expansion and investment capital.
2. To reduce the merchandise inventory tax.
3. To reduce business taxes through a small business loss offset.

This is from radio spots running Oct. 26, 1958, and forward:

Announcer: Mr. Hatfield, what effects can reduced taxation have on Oregon's economy?

Hatfield says, in effect, more business and more jobs. The announcer's script was, of course, written by Hatfield's staff.

His greatest blunder of the plan of not being too definite was his statement in a statewide ad: "I do not propose additional taxes."

Hatfield slipped up on expenditures, too. Again, he was straightforward once in Klamath Falls, the Oregonian reported, in "pledging the presentation of a reduced budget for state expenditures to the next session of the legislature."

The rest of his reduced budget promises were carefully couched in general terms, but the impression was nonetheless there.

As for results, Hatfield has submitted a bill for a new, gross income surtax that would hit low income families and those with many dependents. He has asked for a new cigarette tax and a one-cent increase in gasoline taxes.

He has no chance of getting the capital gains relief through, and he knows it, because he has tied it onto the cigarette tax, which has been defeated at the polls four times.

He has offered no bill at all for small business tax relief on merchandise inventories and through loss offsets.

Hatfield's spending budget is \$38 million higher than the present one because, as he well knew before the election, it had to go up if state services were to be maintained, even at their present level, in the face of rising costs.

Now, Mrs. Nye complains that we Democrats are "sniping" at the governor. Well, we're calling on him to produce what he promised. If that's sniping, it's a good thing for the public that it has snipers to make politicians keep their word or suffer the consequences.

Ken Johnson, Public Information Director Democratic Party of Oregon 360 State St. Salem, Ore.

**Thanks Readers**  
To the Editor: I wish to express my sincerest thanks to the Mail Tribune and the many readers that help in the worthy task of paying Tom Bjornsen's taxes.

Mrs. N. Hollis 112 W. Calif. St. Jacksonville.

## Pear Promotion Planned by Bureau

A three-week advertising and sales promotion campaign for Anjou and Bosc pears from the Rogue river valley and other west coast orchards will begin March 5 in 34 cities, according to R. A. (Dick) Patterson, general manager of the Oregon-Washington-California Pear Bureau.

The promotion will include radio spots on 75 radio stations and newspaper advertising, as well as chain store, supermarket and other outlet merchandising.

The campaign, known as "Fresh as Spring" promotion, emphasizes that Anjou and Bosc "are about the only fresh, sweet fruit on the market this time of year." Bosc should be in ample supply well into March and Anjou supplies appear ample through most of May, Patterson said.

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## POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

We have a lot of correspondents who help gather the news for their organizations and communities, and we'll never tell which one it was that wrote "Many visitors came dressed in authentic clothes."

What called it to our attention was a note from ANOTHER correspondent who innocently inquired what kind of clothes the rest of the people attending wore.

One member of the planning commission, in arguing for a more orderly way of assigning rural addresses, pointed out that his postal address is Central Point, his home is in Sams Valley, and his telephone is listed in the Gold Hill part of the book.

All this discussion about the Centennial, history, how things were done in the old days, and so on, has prompted our farm editor to do a bit of junior-grade philosophizing on bread.

He says that people who, now, carry bread home neatly wrapped in sanitarily-sealed wax paper can be thankful. Old timers, he says, can remember when one bakery would load up a horse-drawn wagon with freshly baked loaves of unwrapped bread, then whip up the horses.

Sometimes the wagon would bounce over a bump in the road.

Speaking (as we were) of horse-drawn conveyances, one long-time resident in the area used to drive a milk wagon. His horse at the time had, previously, been a fire horse. When jogging along his route, he knew he was in for trouble and would hang on for dear life when the fire siren sounded, for the old fire horse invariably would take off at top speed for the fire — dragging the milk wagon behind him.

The same old-timer confesses he knows how the horse must feel, for on his visits to Medford, occasionally, he sometimes finds himself driving along his old milk route without thinking.

We received a letter the other day from Jacksonville, Ore., discussing correspondence with Jacksonville, Fla., and suggesting that residents of the latter community be invited here for the Centennial.

Our professor, plaintively sent us a little note which said, "How about the residents of the Jacksonvilles in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Maine, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Vermont? Well?"

One of our favorite people, a woman who lives in the foothill country some distance from Medford, had big plans for herself and her family on Saturday, Feb. 14, the state's Centennial anniversary.

They were going to drive to Medford, watch the parade, and then, clad in Sunday best, go to dinner — rather an event for this family.

Saturday dawned, as everyone recalls, wet and gloomy, with heavy rain in Medford, and in the area where this family lives, heavy snow. The snow continued. By noon it was so deep the group decided that even if the "pioneers" were hardly enough to put on a parade, they (the family) weren't handy enough to get in to see it. And as the snow deepened, they finally and reluctantly abandoned their plans to "go out" for dinner.

About 5:45 p.m., when they began to think about fixing their own meal, the telephone gave a jingle and the lights and TV set flickered, and then went out altogether.

There they were, no lights, no TV, no radio, little water (the pump runs by electricity and only the gravity-flow left in the pipes was available), no cooking stove, no communication with the outside world. They had warmth from the fireplace, candles, and some water in a pail.

Their appetites grew. The electricity remained off. Finally a camp skillet and wire steak-grill were pressed into service placed over the fireplace, and a dinner prepared. The family clustered around the coffee table before the fireplace, ate heartily, and began discussing the situation of Oregonians of 100 years ago.

None could think immediately who was president at that time, and a book of presidents was dragged out. They read about President James Buchanan, and became fascinated in reading about other chief executives. They took turns reading aloud, and, in short, enjoyed the evening as much as any they'd ever spent together.

At bedtime, they piled wool blankets over the non-functioning electric blankets, and found how much different the heavy covers feel.

Our friend concluded her letter thus:

"The lights came on again about 4:20 a.m., so today things are a lot more convenient, and not nearly so quiet. In one room the radio is blaring and in another room the TV is going. The telephone still is out. Going back 100 years, if inadvertently, was a satisfying experience."

Journal of Peter Skene Ogden

### 10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 22, 1949 (Tuesday)  
Local YMCA officials plan an open house and parade for the grand opening of their new building here this week. Heavy rains raise the danger of Rogue valley floods.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 22, 1939 (Wednesday)  
The Medford city council is advised to authorize a blanket fire insurance policy for city-owned property.

From Arthur Perry's "Spudgie Pot" column: "Eviding of gardens that will need hoeing, when the fish start biting, is underway in residential areas."

### 30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 22, 1929 (Friday)  
The sheriff is called to apprehend a mad dog in the Phoenix area.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 22, 1919 (Saturday)  
Legislators fail to finish their business in 40 days, and ask their constituents for a raise.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 22, 1909 (Monday)  
F. H. Ray plans to develop his lime deposit at Gold Hill. The telephone franchise question is to be referred to Medford's voters.

### What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. In which City in Louisiana is Tulane university?
2. The milky way is a cloud of meteors, true or false?
3. Identify the German breed of dog that is noted for its short legs, long body, and ability to enter badger holes?
4. Name the capital of California.
5. Was it the 13th, 14th or 15th Amendment that abolished slavery?
6. What most powerful U. S. House of Representatives Committee can and often does stymie bills which may be desired by a large number of Representatives?
7. Who was a President of the U. S. when the Panama Canal Zone was acquired?
8. Is a child most closely related by blood to its father, mother, or brother?
9. How many Senators comprise the U. S. Senate, when all Senatorial offices are filled?
10. Are icebergs ever formed from salt water?

### WAX FOR WINTER

New York—(UPI)—For winter protection, says a wax manufacturer, apply wax to the chrome bumpers, radiator and hubcaps of your car. S. C. Johnson and Son, Inc., points out that these parts are particularly subject to erosion from salt or chemicals used on icy roads. It also recommended waxing your snow shovel to keep the snow from sticking to it.