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### The Unions are Different

A proposal to require that union elections be conducted by secret ballot is gaining in favor in Salem. Among its proponents is Governor Hatfield.

Down in Corvallis, Editor Bob Ingalls of the Gazette-Times wishes, rather wistfully, he could agree and support legislation requiring secret elections in unions.

His objection, however, is that it falls too close to being class legislation. He wonders why, if secret elections can be forced on unions, why they could (or should) not be forced on the Kiwanis club or the League of Women Voters.

IF HIS premise is true, however, there should be no labor legislation of any kind—the Norris-LaGuardia act, the Wagner act, the Taft-Hartley act: nothing.

These laws and a multitude of others at both state and federal level arose when it became evident that labor has come to occupy a unique place in our social structure, and as such is just as justifiably subject to regulation in the public interest as is, say, business.

The conduct of the Kiwanis club or the League of Women Voters has little impact on the livelihood of their members, on the economic stability of the community, on (potentially) the welfare rolls of the state.

But the conduct of union business most emphatically does.

DOWN in Coos County not long ago, Weyerhaeuser Timber company fired a truck driver, alleging a long series of accidents. The union disputed this action, and went on strike, claiming that the firing was a result of a personal dispute between the driver and his superior.

The strike ended only Wednesday, when both parties finally agreed to arbitration. Meanwhile, about a half-million dollars in payrolls were dried up, strikers and their families went on welfare or dug into slender savings, business suffered, the company lost its profits. No one benefitted.

We make no attempt to say whether or not the strike was justified. The point is that some members of the union have indicated that, while they voted for the strike in open meeting, they would not have done so had the balloting been secret.

THIS is the kind of situation which cries out for the protection of a man's right to vote privately in union affairs, as he does in political affairs.

Would Beck or Hoffa have come into positions of power in the Teamsters union had members had the secret ballot? We doubt it.

If the time ever comes when the doings of the Kiwanis club or the League of Women Voters have the impact on society, government and individual rights that union doings do now, the time will have come to require a secret ballot for them, too.

Meanwhile, rank-and-file union members, as well as the rest of society, need this guarantee of voting freely and without the possibility of coercion.—E.A.

### Space, Radios and Logs

What does the space age have to do with the logger?

At first glance one would say they are totally unconnected. But a news release from the American Forest Products Industries points out that space-age radio requirements have hampered logging industry radio requirements.

In Jackson county, for instance, it says there are three lumber companies and one industry association which operate their own radio networks. In Oregon as a whole there are about 100 such forest-industry radio licensees, operating nearly 2,000 radio transmitters.

TWO years ago these forest radio sets operated on a total of eight frequencies, assigned for their use by the federal communications commission.

The department of defense, impelled by the need for additional channels, not only for planes but for missiles and satellites, stepped in and preempted four of these.

This left the industry radio networks with only half the channels they started out with, just at the time of expanding needs. What to do?

Well, they made a virtue of necessity, and, with the help of new developments in radio engineering, came up with a "split channel" system which doubles the airwave corridors by narrowing transmission requirements on new sets from one full channel to a half-channel.

NOW the FCC has called a hearing for this spring to work out plans for "overhauling" assignments of the crowded airwaves, and the forest industry is out to protect its interests in the few remaining channels it has.

Radio has become virtually indispensable to forest operations these days, and is extensively used by the federal and state governments' forest agencies, as well as by industrial firms and associations. It is vital in coordinating fire-control work, but in addition it speeds many times the woods operators of industry, dispatching trucks and equipment, coordinating logging with the needs of the mill, and so on.

Jackson county was one of the pioneers in the forest-radio field, not only through the radio network of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, but also through the use of radio by Elk Lumber company, and later by Ober Logging company and Scott Lumber company.—E.A.

### Dennis the Menace



"GIRLS! ALWAYS DRESSIN' UP AN' TRYIN' TO PRETEND THEY'RE BIG."

### Congressional Leaders Debate Esoteric Realms of Geometry

By FRANK ELEAZER  
Washington—(UPI)—Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.) is an eminent lawyer, a war hero and a brigadier general, and a political genius who got elected to the Senate as a Republican at a time when it looked like nobody but Democrats could win election to anything.

It is sad to report, however, that when they were teaching rudimentary physics in high school the distinguished senator from Rochester must have been out playing hooky.

Keating, who was a member of the House for 12 years before his graduation to the Senate last November, like all ex-House members probably finds the rarified air of the Senate hard to take as a regular thing. Anyway, he can't resist going back to the House now and then.

So there he was Thursday, in the role of expert witness before the House Space Committee, of which he once was a member.

Argues For Agreement  
He was arguing, most persuasively, the need for quick world agreement on control of space.

He said this ought to be a lot easier now than it will be after the Russians, or even the Americans, land a man on the moon with a flag and maybe a gun.

Keating said international law now is that each nation controls the "air space" over its territory. He said nobody knows where this quits and where "outer space" starts.

Unless we get an agreement on this he said people may start extending their air space toward the stars.

And this is where he ran into trouble.

"Because of the curved surface of the earth," he said, "the extension would produce an inverted cone which would grow bigger and bigger. At some point these cones would overlap and more than one state would be occupying the same air space."

As any space-minded school boy could have told him, and as Rep. James G. Fulton (R-Pa.) did tell him, this wasn't right.

Fulton Takes Issue  
"At one time," said Fulton, drafting and dissecting with radial lines a reasonable facsimile of a globe, "I was going to be a scientist and a math teacher. I don't believe the gentleman is correct in saying the cones would overlap."

The idea is not original with me," replied Keating. "I picked it up from a scientist."

Fulton, obviously entertaining the hope this scientist was one working for the other side, explained that perpendicular lines drawn from various points on the earth's curved surface would diverge rather than meet.

Keating wasn't so sure. Neither was Rep. Emilio Q. Daddario (D-Conn.). He said Einstein demonstrated that the parallel lines eventually meet, Fulton said Keating's boundary lines weren't parallel. He asked Keating where they would go if extended downward into the earth.

Keating said that way at all," said Keating, who seemed a little disturbed at the thought, "I'm going up."

Fulton, who favors settling things in an orderly way, called for a vote on the issue. Chairman Overton Brooks (D-Ia.) turned aside the demand.

"Let's ask our physicist," demanded Fulton, indicating and at the same time promoting Richard Hines, a staff consultant who is an engineer but doesn't quite rate the term physicist.

Hines, who would rather have been somewhere else, held reluctantly that Fulton was right. Brooks still wasn't sure.

"I'll appoint a special subcommittee to look into it," he announced, adjourning the session.

### Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A NEIGHBOR went to a venerable Turkish landowner one day to ask for the loan of a donkey. The landowner explained he had loaned his donkey to somebody else. The donkey, however, chose that moment to bray loudly in his stall. "You should be ashamed to lie to your age!" exclaimed the neighbor angrily. "Your own donkey testifies against you."

The landowner replied disdainfully, "I refuse to argue with a person who gives greater credence to the braying of a donkey than to the words of a fellow-man!"

Another neighbor approached the same doughty Turk with, "I understand, my friend, that you have vinegar which is 40 years old. Will you please let me have some?"

"Sorry," said the Turk, "you see, it wouldn't be 40 years old if I kept giving it away all the time."

### Deputy Mayor of Berlin Deplores Talk About Crisis; Doubts Reds Would Shoot

By PHIL NEWSOM  
UPI Foreign News Editor  
Berlin—(UPI)—West Berlin's Deputy Mayor Franz Amrehn has a solution if the East Germans try to stop an Allied Berlin convoy. Don't talk. Just ram the Russians through. The 46-year-old Amrehn inherited temporarily the job of administering West Berlin's city affairs in the absence of Mayor Willy Brandt, who is on a world tour.

And his dislike for the Communists is based on just as tough a line as Brandt's. This straight-talking member of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party makes no attempt to hide the depths of the crisis to which he believes West Berlin will be plunged May 27.

On that date, he firmly expects the Russians to carry out their threat to turn West Berlin's communications lines over to the Communist East Germans.

He does not deny the Soviet ultimatum against West Berlin already is having its effect, but he says the city cannot be caught unprepared.

For many months, long before Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's announcement last Nov. 27, West Berlin has been laying up stocks.

The last public figures were that 200 million dollars worth of essential supplies already had been stored here against the possibility of a blockade. And that figure has been increased vastly since.

West Berlin plans include any eventuality and it is estimated their city can live within itself six to eight months.

Says Talk Complicates Issue  
"Of course," Amrehn says, "no one can be sure that the Russians won't shoot if the Allies choose to ignore an attempt to halt their convoys."

"But," he told this correspondent in a city hall interview, "the Russians will shoot only if they already have made up their minds to do so."

Talk, Amrehn says, will only complicate the issues. Amrehn is both surprised and proud of West Berliners' calm approach to the May 27 deadline.

A few more families than usual are leaving the city—about 250 families per month as opposed to a normal 150. No Flight Of Industry  
But there has been no flight of capital and West German industry has continued its firm support of industry here.

Big West German industry, he says, has placed orders which will take months beyond the May 27 deadline to fill.

He admits, however, there has been some falling off of orders in small industry.

Amrehn calls Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' illness tragic to the United States and to the world. But he believes there will be no weakening of U.S. policy.

To abandon Berlin, he says, would mean the death of NATO and a U.S. retreat clear back to its own continental bastion.

We'll be sorry if we don't. As their productivity increases, they will enter the world market and undersell us so badly, we'll be lost. We must remember God didn't "create the earth and all the abundance thereof," just for the United States.

For those very reasons we'd better start down-grading our prices or our high-priced-ironing is going to boomerang in our face. And that day is not very far off. Will we choose to be blind and commit national suicide or will we see the "Handwriting on the wall" and act now while there is yet time?

Francis Ray  
Ralston, Wash.

### Gearhart Scene Of DAR Convention

Portland—(UPI)—The annual convention of the Oregon Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held this week end at Gearhart.

The "Newell House" luncheon on Saturday will honor Miss Susan Warren, senior at Roosevelt high school in Portland as state winner of the "Good Citizen" contest sponsored annually by the DAR. She will be presented with a good citizen pin and a \$100 U.S. savings bond by Mrs. Herbert W. White Jr., Pendleton, chairman of the good citizens committee.

Susan is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy J. Warren, teacher of remedial reading at Jefferson high school, Portland, and William A. Warren, with the Portland bureau of United Press International.

HE DID—THEY DID  
Yokohama—(UPI)—Jobless Yashimasa Sunazawa, 38, told police today he falsely confessed to murdering his father, who had committed suicide, because he wanted to go to jail so relatives would have to pay the funeral expenses. He did and they did.

### Sea Lion Caves Resolution OK'd

Salem—(UPI)—A resolution directing the State Highway Department to take steps to make the Sea Lions on the Oregon coast a state park was approved unanimously by the Senate Highway Committee Thursday.

At the same time, the State Highway commission, meeting here, asked the parks department to make a study to determine if the Caves might be added to the parks system as a self-sustaining project.

Many citizens interested in the just, efficient and economical administration of our criminal law have urged such a study. The sponsors are unanimous in the belief that the small appropriation required would be more than repaid in the form of a better system of criminal justice in Oregon.

George Van Hoornissen  
State Representative  
Multnomah County

### New girl in town...and all paid for...

An addition to the family or any other special event is easier to pay for when you save in advance. Then you have the cash to pay your bills promptly. No debts. No worries. You pay no interest or carrying charges.

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Vote It Down  
To the Editor: Does education mean consolidation?

Phoenix is a self-supporting and a growing district and we see no need for consolidation with anyone.

We have lived in Phoenix school district for five years and for five years have been very satisfied with the education of our children.

This so called "majority group" (which in our estimation is falsely stated), which is in favor of consolidating Phoenix with Medford, does it have the welfare of our children at heart? Taxes, real estate sales or politics? Yes. But education? We wonder.

Vote consolidation down! We can remain "Phoenix School District" if you remember that your vote is a first class citizen's vote.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Miller  
Route 1, Box 329,  
Talent, Ore.

Keep It  
To the Editor: Having read Mr. Fredenburg's letter of March 3, (you bet we want to keep our school at Phoenix and school staff. We are proud of them and our town. It's just all right the way it is, or bring Talent in. Let's keep out of Medford. But Mr. Fredenburg, if the whole community can't make them understand I wonder what we can do to make it clear we feel the same way you do? We've got a fine school. Let's fight to keep it.

J. Higginbotham  
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Phoenix, Ore.

Seeks Interim Study  
To the Editor: The need for a thorough study and revision of Oregon's code of criminal law and procedure was recognized by the 1957 Legislature which created an interim committee to study, among other things, "improvement of the administration of criminal justice in Oregon."

Unfortunately, the interim committee was barely able to scratch the surface of the problem and devoted its efforts largely to matters other than the administration of criminal justice. It did conclude, however, that our criminal law and procedure is in many instances "incomplete or vague, confusing or conflicting, unsound or outmoded" and in some respects is subject to all these defects.

SJR 24, introduced recently by Senator Francis (R-Dayton) and myself, would authorize an interim committee devoted exclusively to the programs of criminal law and procedure.

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

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

1. Molly Pitcher was famous in which of these activities; woman suffrage, war, the stage, medicine?

2. Is the larger portion of an ocean liner above the water line or below the waterline?

3. What is the capital of the Dominion of Canada?

4. How many stars are there in the Big Dipper?

5. What great document was signed in the reign of King John of England, in the year 1215?

6. All snakes are hatched from eggs; true or false?

7. For what purpose was the great Spanish Armada assembled?

8. Is ermine a species of beaver, muskrat, weasel, or squirrel?

9. What is a yellow hammer?

10. What is the longest bone in the human body?

Answers: 1. War. 2. Below. 3. Ottawa. 4. Seven. 5. Magna Charta. 6. False. 7. Invasion of England. 8. Weasel. 9. A bird. 10. Femur (thigh)

### Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

### 10 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1949 (Sunday)

Jim Bidgood and Gordon Hudson announce plans to open a new drug store at 127 East Sixth st.

Good weather aids work on three Medford trunk sewer projects.

### 20 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1939 (Monday)

Three new WPA projects get under way in the Medford area, but no new jobs are created as the workers are being transferred from other projects.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "A controversy is raging in the upstate press, over whether or not a cougar screams. Some say the beast is mute. Others say they scream like a taxpayer, when told the legislature will last ten days longer."

### 30 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1929 (Wednesday)

A malt extract for the making of near-beer becomes popular locally.

The first lamb's tongue is picked in the Table Rock district.

### 40 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1919 (Thursday)

The county fails to meet its quota in the drive to provide aid for starving Armenians.

Southern Oregon cities plan a get-together here.

### 50 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1909 (Saturday)

Yakima Nursery leases 300 acres near Toled to provide trees, shrubs, et al for local horticulturists.

Many sign petitions asking the county court to provide funds for the Crater Lake road.

### RUN DIESEL EXPRESS

Warsaw, Poland—(UPI)—The first diesel express train from East Berlin to the Soviet border will make its inaugural run on May 31, it was reported today.