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10 YEARS AGO July 17, 1949 (Sunday) Jackson County Sheriff's Posse concludes its 8th annual Rogue River Roundup.

20 YEARS AGO July 17, 1939 (Monday) Complaints of star thistle increasing in the Sams Valley-Table Rock district are filed with the county agent.

30 YEARS AGO July 17, 1929 (Wednesday) Robert A. Work named drainage engineer for the Rogue River valley.

40 YEARS AGO July 17, 1919 (Thursday) Medford's first community sing held in city park is reported a huge success.

50 YEARS AGO July 17, 1909 (Saturday) New cannery plant arrives for Western Oregon orchards, owned by J. A. Westerlund.

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

- 1. Who said, "Sir, I would rather be right than President?" 2. German silver contains no silver; true or false? 3. With what game do you associate the name Wimbledon?

### Let's Have Some Answers

The other day we suggested that those conservationists who are chiefly concerned with preserving fish runs end their "blind opposition" to dams, and instead concentrate on developing a cooperative program for preservation and improvement of fishing, dams or no.

This paper accounts itself a supporter of conservation measures. It approves of fishing and, in general, fishermen. It believes that the nation is in danger of having too many of its most valuable natural resources, including its sports fishery, damaged beyond repair.

But, all the same, we are getting pretty doggone tired of the fact that a few fishermen—a tiny minority—are playing dog in the manager and holding up benefits for a whale of a lot of other people.

THESE thoughts came to mind while reading about the statements of Mr. Travis Roberts of the U.S. fish and wildlife service about the corps of engineers' proposals for Rogue Basin development. He was quoted as saying:

—That the main stem Rogue River dam proposed at Lost Creek would cut off an estimated 8 per cent of the spring and summer chinook salmon run.

—That the service doesn't know whether or not this portion of the run could be saved by artificial methods.

—That as a result the service is opposed to a main stem dam because it doesn't want to "take a chance" on losing this portion of the fishery.

HELLS bells and little fishhooks. Let's have a few answers from Mr. Travis Roberts:

How do you KNOW that the fish can't be saved, even with a dam? What about all the experiments in fish propagation and transportation over dams your service has been bragging about?

It is possible that a dam, even if it does dislocate 8 per cent of the run, through stabilized streamflow and water temperature might IMPROVE the fishery below the dam?

AND we might ask a few more:

How many fishermen gain their recreation from 8 per cent of the chinook runs? And how many fishermen would gain recreation from the reservoirs proposed? How many boatmen? How many campers and picnickers?

How much property would be saved if the Rogue basin proposals are followed, the dams built, and another flood like '55 comes along? How many lives saved?

How much will the fishery in the Applegate be improved by the Copper dam you say you like—a dam which is an integral part of the overall plan? Would it equal that 8 per cent loss?

ONE might even get a little more pointed as to the questions: Like this one:

If there were 43,429 chinook counted in 1942; 44,000 in 1947; 33,000 in 1953 and 15,000 in 1958, how long is this fishery going to last, anyway? And what are you doing about it?

What happened to the fishing on the Sacramento river after the Shasta dam was built? Didn't it do more to improve salmon fishing than anything the fish and wildlife service EVER did?

And finally, Mr. Roberts, is the U.S. fish and wildlife service really interested in a maximum fishery, for the enjoyment of as many people as possible? Or is it interested only in a last-ditch effort to preserve the last, lingering remnant of a dying fishery which is now almost as much a legend as it is a fact?

The people as a whole pay for the support of the service, and we like to think they are entitled to some pretty clear answers to these questions. They haven't received them yet.—E.A.

### Civil Defense Changing

Ever since the end of World War II, a and more particularly after the advent of the "Cold War," there has been talk about "Civil Defense."

There has also been a great apathy and lassitude on the part of people generally about it. About the only ones who did much about it were those dedicated souls who maintained the "skywatch" stations, until that chore was taken over by military radar.

A few others were assigned jobs in CD, and some of them actually worked at it.

BUT by and large, the general populace couldn't care less. They refused to believe that an annihilating war could come, or that there was much they could do about it if it did.

For years, CD plans were based on nuclear attack, and the evacuation of cities. Jackson county was organized as an evacuation center.

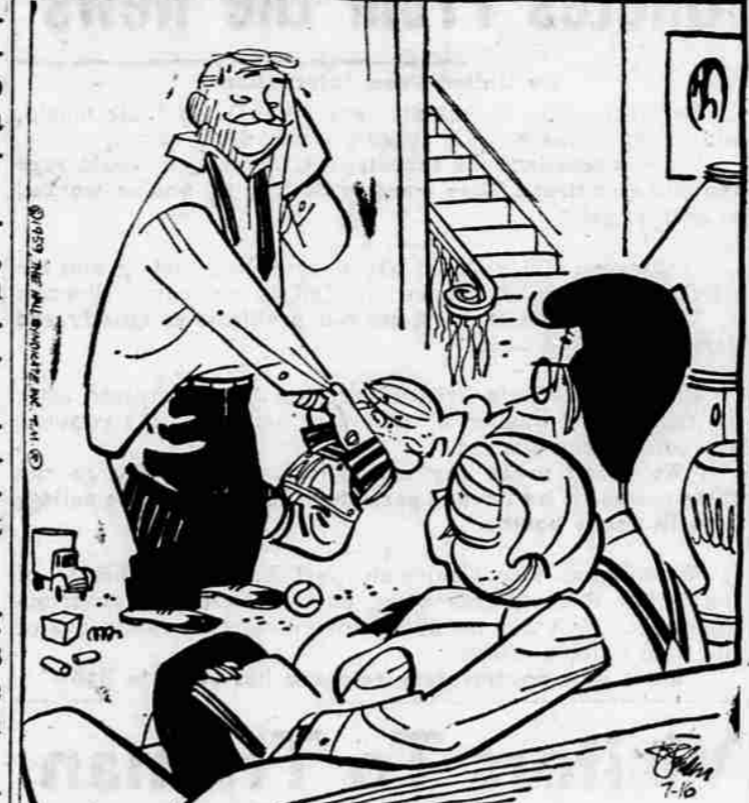
But with the advent of missiles, thinking about problems of civil defense have changed. Could a city the size of Portland be evacuated in the few minutes warning it might have? Anyone who has seen the jam-up of cars on a holiday week end, with only a fraction of the population leaving, knows the answer is "No."

A TASK force headed by Nelson Rockefeller has now issued a report which puts the emphasis on home shelters, not evacuation.

If you're hit by a H-bomb, you're dead. If not, your biggest threat is from radioactive fallout. Therefore, have a home shelter which will protect you and your family from fire, secondary blast, and, most important, radioactivity.

It is barely possible that this approach, offering something tangible and realistic, and something each family can do, will have results in civil preparedness which the vast-ideas of city evacuation never did.—E. A.

### Dennis the Menace



"THIS GRANDSON OF MINE IS ALL BOY! AND I'M ALL IN! GOODNIGHT, KIDS."

### British Elections Act Seen as Model For New U.S. Law

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington—UPI—This is a re-plot of some advice which was unheeded some months ago when the Senate was tinkering with the idea of a clean up job on the U.S. election process.

The Senate is about to tinker again, but not much. The advice that interested Senators consider the Representation of the People Acts which govern British elections. British rules are strict. More important, they are enforced.

British socialists wrote RPA in 1948-49. British conservatives and liberals cheerfully accepted restrictions which would shock the ringmasters of American politics. The shock would be equally great to a political boss, a labor boss or a billionaire.

No Loans Allowed Use of automobiles to haul British voters to and from the polls is limited. There is a top limit on spending. A candidate may not treat a voter. No campaign cigars.

The smallest loan made in good faith by a candidate to a voter would be cause for disqualification if, by chance, a British election were called within six months of the loan transaction. Anyone may take members of his household by automobile to the polls, but he may not offer a neighbor such a lift.

Autos Limited A candidate's campaign manager or agent may register before polling day a fixed number of automobiles to transport voters, one for every 2,500 voter in a city, one for every 1,500 in the country. A car which has mechanical trouble on polling day may not be replaced.

One of the penalties for breaking some of these campaign and election day rules is disqualification for the candidate and punishment for his campaign agent. The agent is responsible for his man's conformity with the rules. An agent may practice after absorbing a course in election law and obtaining a certificate of proficiency.

Voter Has Protection A candidate may spend \$280 of his personal funds in his personal campaign. The agent may spend between \$1,600 and \$1,800, depending on the constituency and that is all. The candidate is disqualified if his agent spends more than that.

Sturdy protection for the voter and assurance that his vote will be counted are entrenched in the British election system and in British tradition, which is more than can be said of the United States. It has been a long, long time since any British ballot boxes have been tampered with or stolen, especially from official premises, all of which, and more, has happened in the United States more recently.

Goons Would Be Jailed If a labor goon or a big business goon or any goon showed up around a British polling place, he would be chucked in jail; another switch on U.S. election habits.

Mainspring of the Representation of the People Acts probably is the designation of responsible individuals in each election contest. The responsible persons are the agents of the contending candidates. Part of their job is to prevent violations of the strict rules imposed by RPA. Perhaps that much of the British system would work here.

In the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS Mr. K., speaking to a throng of delegates at a meeting of miners unions in the Polish town of Sosnowiec, says: "I give you our solemn pledge that never, never, NEVER shall we launch ANY war against ANY country ANYWHERE at ANY time."

HMMMMMM. Wouldn't it be WONDERFUL if we could believe him? SO MANY amazing things are happening.

Already it is possible to have breakfast in New York and lunch in San Francisco. We're getting ready to leap off into outer space and maybe discover a limitless number of new worlds.

Hard-headed actuaries are looking forward to the time when people will live to be 100 and are taking steps to adapt insurance policies to this anticipated longer span of life.

Limitless power from the atom seems to be just around the corner. A thought: Why don't the researchers and the scientists turn their attention seriously to the development of an infallible TRUTH SERUM—one that would work EVERY TIME?

If there is one thing this world needs above everything else, it is TRUTH. An infallible truth serum would do away with propagand-

### Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF HOITY-TOITY lady entered a pet shop, and announced she was in the market for a first-class dog. "This one looks good," she ventured. "Has it got a pedigree?" "Lady," the owner assured her earnestly, "if this dog could talk, he wouldn't speak to either of us!"

Two Alaskan gallants were rejoicing over the details of a date one of them had had the night before. The first explained that the girl had worn one of those furry hoods that go over the head. "Parka?" interrupted the second. "I'll say," said the first. "In fact I could hardly get her to go home."

"The new fad in diplomacy," observes Bill Vaughan, "is to release the text of the international communication before it is sent. This saves time by allowing the recipient to blow his top about the message before he even gets it."

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### Kassen on Trial in Iraq; He Insists On Forgiveness, Reds Posing Threat

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor The man-of-the-week: Premier Abdel Karim Kassem of Egypt. The place: Baghdad.

Now he was commemorating his revolution and he had his standard reply for hecklers in his audience who shouted: "Death to traitors."

"The law and the state," he said, "are responsible for judging people."

How Kassem himself will be judged still remained to be seen.

That he remained alive and in office after a year of plots and counter-plots was in itself no mean accomplishment. More time was needed to learn whether he would.

As his detractors charged, turn out to be a dreaming idealist but a weak and vacillating leader, or—

As he saw himself, be a leader caring for his "five million children" through a transition period with the end result that "the people will be

governed by themselves."

He announced a step in that direction when he said political life in Iraq would be restored within the next year and a newly elected parliament established by July 14, 1960.

Desert dust hangs in a red haze over Baghdad and to it in the last year has been added the dust of untended streets and of half-demolished buildings which in some areas give Baghdad the looks of a bombed city.

The half-demolished buildings are mementos of a grandiose betterment scheme first undertaken by the now-dead King Faisal and his premier, Nuri-Es-Said.

It was a scheme which called for new, broad boulevards, for village projects to augment peasant incomes, for factories, dams and irrigation.

Kassem's government has taken over the plans almost in their entirety but in the last year there has been no progress.

Kassem himself says he

wants more jobs, more houses, more hospitals, more schools for his people.

Details for Ministers The dreams are his, but the details for his ministers to carry out. And his ministers have come and gone in such a parade they scarcely had time to get acquainted with their underlings, let alone have time for solid accomplishment.

Iraq has all the resources of mideastern wealth—land, oil and water. It is the world's sixth largest oil producer and, even in revolution, its currency has remained among the soundest in the Middle East.

Kassem has said he wants peace in the Middle East and that he is a believer in the United Nations.

Until recent weeks, he enjoyed full support of the Communists. But now they are getting restless and may believe his usefulness to them is about at an end. When they decide that, some of the questions about Kassem will be decided.

### Communications

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### Facts and Fantasy

To the Editor: Outside of the dental profession and dispensers of jewelry, we do not know much about gold any more. They have found a new use for gold. Some parts of those missiles are gold plated.

Miners have labored to dig gold out of the earth and the government took it and put it in a hole in Kentucky. The word is, "mustn't touch."

The missile shooters have been shooting at the moon for some time. They finally hit it, and filled it full of holes, and the moon-light all leaked out, and there was no more moon, forever. The people of the Earth were dismayed, but the missile shooters rejoiced exceedingly. We are reminded of the saying, "The operation was a success, but the patient died."

Our President does not shoot at the moon, but he keeps in practice. It is rumored that he may take time off from his gold duties and the shooting of little birds for pasture, and visit the White House some time this year.

The cold war became a hot war, and missiles flew around the earth thicker than mosquitoes in a swamp. No one was left alive excepting one man. He took his plane and flew to Africa, landing near a jungle. He tacked a note on the plane and disappeared.

In a nearby tree were two monkeys watching. They climbed down, went to the plane and read the note: "I am the last living man on earth, I am going into the jungle and lose myself."

The monkeys became very thoughtful. Finally one monkey said to the other, "Do we have to start this damn thing all over again?"

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### Red Infiltration

To the Editor: Some weeks ago Columnist Lyle Wilson accused the U.S. people of "fat-head complacency" in regard to communistic inroads here in America. Just what Mr. Wilson wished or expected us to do is hard to know.

We might emulate Latin America or the Middle East, where they resort to mob action in busting windows, throwing stones at who or whatever is handy, and raising hell in general when they become dissatisfied with the status quo. But it so happens our way of life here does not include that, at least not very much thanks be. We proceed to write a letter to the editor or to our representatives in Congress that generally fails of any violent reaction, save for the writer of such being looked on as some sort of crack-pot, especially when it clashes with popular-line-of-thought.

Just what has Writer Wilson done to throw light on the inroads communists have made in our labor unions? Our very serious union labor troubles seem to be quite a hot -tato with Mr. Wilson and other column writers. About the time Mr. Wilson was making said remark, a publication was doing something about it.

da—which is one of the curses of the world. As communications become more and more perfect—so that every time a pin drops anywhere on this earth we hear it in a few minutes—propaganda becomes more dangerous.

An infallible truth serum would make possible the administration of exact justice—because we would know then who did it. An infallible truth serum would revolutionize politics by disarming the demagogues.

Its possibilities for good would be illimitable.

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### NEW ENVOY NAMED

Vienna—UPI—Radio Bucharest Thursday night announced the appointment of George Mahovetz as a new Romanian minister to the United States. Mahovetz succeeds Silviu Brucan who will become the Romania delegate to the United Nations, the broadcast said.

### 'No Servants' Among Enlisted Men; They're 'Personal Staff'

with their important positions. Finucane was unhappy about the unfortunate impression apparently held by some people that "these types of occupations are in some degree degrading." He said the fact is that "millions of American citizens make honorable and self-satisfying careers of these very professions."

Subcommittee chairman Melvin Price (D-Ill.) commended Finucane for his "very clear" explanation. However, there was one hard-to-please member.

"How many stewards are there assigned to the chief of naval operations?" demanded Rep. Frank Kowalski (D-Conn.), a former enlisted man, West Point graduate, and career officer, who first aired the ugly charge that GI's by the thousands were working as servants.

Kowalski Has Answer Finucane didn't know. Kowalski said the number was six.

The congressman said three stewards each also were assigned to some other admirals here. What do they do? He wanted to know.

Finucane said they maintain the public quarters in which the admirals live.

Kowalski said his inquiry shows they maintain the quarters by making the admirals' beds, cooking and serving their meals, sweeping their floors, and scrubbing their toilets.

"How much do these servants cost the taxpayer?" Kowalski demanded.

"We have no servants in the military," Finucane responded.

Only Covers 2,070 As for "personal staffs," he indicated they can't cost very much, because only 2,070 soldiers, sailors and airmen are so assigned, all over the world.

Kowalski thought the key word here was "assigned." He wondered how many more GI's, carried on the books as clerk-typists or tank drivers, actually just work for generals.

Finucane said he resented this deeply.

By now it was close to 1 p.m., and the subcommittee quit for lunch. I guess Finucane's party planned to eat at the officers' mess at the Pentagon. Anyway, two chauffeur cars were waiting to take them away.

### Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

CANTER TO GALLOP Washington—Vice President Richard M. Nixon will soon quicken to a gallop his presently cantering pace in his race for the 1960 Presidential nomination.

The Nixon people are preparing for the Vice President an autumn itinerary of appearances at important points around the country which will have a peculiarly critical quality. It will not, of course, be billed as a pre-Presidential tour; but that is what it is intended to be.

The set purpose is to get Mr. Nixon into fast motion early and with a frankness that is unusual for a year ahead of national convention time. The aim is this: To fight on the rail and clear off the course any dark horse that might be named Rockefeller.

TO ABANDON the horsy metaphors so dear to politicians (and political writers), the Nixon people now really hope to win the contest this year, in all but form, rather than next. They believe:

1. That any polite hanging-back by Mr. Nixon, in deference to the tradition that no one must admit early that he really would like to be President, would be quite foolish this time.

2. That current events and circumstances have put the Vice President in a position of great relative strength. Now is the time, they reckon, to begin to exploit that strength with no nonsense.

It is not only the public-opinion polls that are currently making Mr. Nixon look good to many Republicans. There are also these things: His increasing importance in foreign policy, as evidenced by his coming mission to Moscow. His very useful relations with a Republican National Committee that is "neutral"—neutral, that is, for Richard M. Nixon. His association with the generally successful "economic" drive.

The Nixon men in many cases are the same men whose choice in 1952, the late Sen. Robert A. Taft, went down before General Eisenhower in the Presidential convention. Among their painful memories is an awareness that they waited too late to push Taft all-out. No such mistake will be made this time, not even in the South, where GOP convention votes are often worth more than GOP votes in the election.

Indeed, some senior Nixon associates see the South as his area of greatest potential danger at the convention, simply because that region has been aided so long by Rockefeller family benefactions. There, will, therefore, be special efforts to seal off the South from any pro-Rockefeller forays. But here alone the national pattern of the Nixon pre-convention campaign will be broken.

For the present plan is to have Mr. Nixon's claims presented there not by himself but by others. The fact that he is no public hero in the South is frankly faced. This is one section he is unlikely to enter this fall. (Copyright, 1959, by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)