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Ashland's Renaissance

Once again, Ashland has done it. On Friday, by a margin of about 5 to 1, voters in Ashland approved a \$350,000 bond issue to finance construction of a badly-needed new hospital.

It is renewed evidence of what looks, from here, like a resurgence of a spirit of civic responsibility and interest, which once was most notable by its absence.

IT WOULD be difficult, if not impossible, to determine just when this renaissance in the spirit of Ashland began. But its first became evident when the city oversubscribed by 40 per cent its quota in the fund raising drive to build a new Oregon Shakespearean Festival theater.

Then it passed a big school bond issue. Now it will build a new hospital. This is the kind of spirit which makes a community a good one, with a real sense of civic pride and responsibility.—E.A.

Simple Choice

Ashland's hospital problems, of course, will not be cured by building a new structure. Hospitals everywhere are in the midst of seemingly insuperable problems, particularly in keeping their charges down within reason, and their costs within their ability to pay.

One commentator blames much of the trouble on the fact that in every community there is a certain percentage of hospital patients who cannot pay for their treatment, that for humanitarian reasons hospitals cannot turn away patients, no matter what their financial status, and that local governments do not pay hospitals enough for charity patients to cover the costs.

AS A result, the hospitals are in a pinch. A number of patients cannot pay, the hospitals do not recover enough in charity funds to cover the costs, and as a result must, if they are to remain in business, raise their charges to other patients, thus aggravating the problem and breeding resentment.

It is a real problem, and a real dilemma. And it seems to us that it is up to the local governments involved to assume their responsibility for charity cases, and make sure the hospital (and its other patients) do not have to assume that burden.

IT BOILS down to a choice between these alternatives:

1. Shall hospitals reject patients who cannot pay for their medical treatment?
2. Shall they accept charity patients, and then keep up their already-high charges to other patients—charges which, even to a solvent citizen, come at the worst possible time?
3. Or, shall local governments accept the responsibility of making realistic reimbursement to the hospitals for charity cases?

If we reject the inhuman first alternative, we are faced with this choice—either everyone (through their taxes) pays for the hospital's indigent cases; or else they are paid by other patients, through the unrealistically high charges the hospitals are forced to make.

And that is a pretty simple choice, isn't it?—E.A.

Why Foreign Aid?

Ever wonder what this foreign aid stuff is all about? Why our hard-earned tax dollars should be sent abroad to help some nation we hardly ever heard of?

One of the best succinct explanations we have seen was contained in a letter to Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, from Ernest K. Lindley, of Newsweek magazine, who recently returned from an extended tour abroad.

Here are excerpts:

"YOU are right in consistently supporting foreign aid. Taken as a whole, our foreign aid programs—military, technical, economic—have been a great success. They are producing results.

"A global struggle between communism and the free way of life will be settled, I believe, in Asia and Africa. It will not be settled in Western Europe, unless we lose our nerve.

"In the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia, and East Asia, we are making marked gains. The changes since my previous visit to these areas are substantial and heartening. They rest largely on our economic aid program, although most of our collateral and supporting policies are also proving sound.

"OUR gains will be lost if we cut back on economic aid or, indeed, military aid at the present time. The plain fact is that our aid in certain countries ought to be increased. The struggle for Asia will not be finished until we get the free countries on their feet economically and in a position to move ahead at a pace comparable with, or at least not too far short of, the Soviet Union's and Communist China's.

"Not to do this would be a terribly costly and possibly eventually fatal blunder. As a taxpayer who has had a chance to see the overall results, I do not regret one penny of my money which has gone into foreign aid."—E.A.

The race for the presidency is the only one we know about that permits a man to run halfway around the track before entering the race.—Sherman County Journal.

Dennis the Menace



...I SAID PUT YOUR MOTHER ON THE PHONE! WHAT? YES, I'M STILL MAD AT YOU! HELLO? DENNIS? DENNIS!...

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

Quiet Debate
Washington—Fateful changes in high foreign policy are taking place in an almost total absence of public discussion among the politicians.

Such a national "debate" now going on officially is more a series of whispers than of roars. With isolated exceptions, critical examination of the Eisenhower Administration's turn to negotiations with the Russians is nonexistent. Most Republicans seem sincerely to approve. But approve or not—and many privately do not—they are stuck with the policy because the head of their party has made it.

The Democrats generally are stuck with it, too, for different reasons. Within the Democratic party there is actually a very wide anxiety about the Eisenhower-Khrushchev exchanges. But here, too, there is nothing remotely approaching an open and full-throated questioning. Totally lacking now is the kind of fierce controversy that both rocked and informed the country two decades ago when we fought to reject the notion of Fortress America and isolation.

IN PLAIN FACT, the Democratic opposition cannot responsibly now oppose. First, it has too little real information to risk making major judgments. Only political juveniles are willing to oppose in such a area simply for the sake of opposing. Second, recent excesses of opposition, like that indulged by many Republicans in the Korean War, have taught responsible politicians to think twice before rocking the boat.

And, third, the nuclear age has raised a serious question whether all-out official foreign policy opposition will ever again be fully possible. When it is in the power of nations to destroy mankind by a single act of button-pushing, the political minority may no longer be permitted to challenge high policy.

Whether we are wise in dealing with the Russians, or whether we are courting disaster, only time can tell. One thing, however, is clear: Never before in our history have so few leaders undertaken so much in the face of a public able to know so little about it all.

ASSUMING no vast and early change in the cold war, there will be no real foreign policy debate—at the earliest—until a new Administration and a new Congress have been installed in January of 1961.

Nobody in the 1960 election campaign can or will run against "peace." Therefore, there is a strange vacuum. To fill this void is impossible in present circumstances. But the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is trying, in a wholly bipartisan way, to do at least something about it.

The committee is sponsoring 15 major objective and nonpolitical studies of world affairs at a cost of \$300,000. The work is being done by scholars in the universities and foundations who are not running for office and not running anybody else for office.

ONE OF THESE STUDIES, which the Foreign Relations Committee itself in due time will either endorse or reject, makes somber reading. It was conducted by the Foreign Policy Research Institute of the University of Pennsylvania.

Ironically, these academic people speak much the same language once spoken by the politicians. It is the academics who are now the most worried about the possibility of appeasement. They urgently recommend more rather than less military strength in the Western alliance; more rather than less suspicion of what they flatly call "Soviet blandishment and blackmail."

Whether they are right or wrong is not the present point. The point is that one group is still speaking up in the tradition of the great foreign policy debates of the past. And the academics are now about the sole open backers of the "tough" line which used to be the copyrighted possession of the politicians.

Christ, the carpenter, along with Peter the fisherman, Simeon the Tanner and other labor leaders found sanctuary underground in the catacombs of Rome only to be accused by the ruling classes of seeking to overthrow the government and meet their fate by crucifixion.

It was Spartacus the slave gladiator who led the slaves of Rome into battle that defeated the might of Rome only to meet betrayal with the advent of the feudal lords of Europe. Emperor Constantine in collusion with the high priests of Rome thereupon combined church and state into a form of government legalizing its edifices of superstition that conceals the true facts of history—housing the non-productive clergy that ignore the cause and effect of poverty. The good earth awakens to reprisal, the masses stir in revolt. No longer will Faith, Hope and Charity take the place of Food, Clothing and Shelter.

Economic Penetration tends to assure the cause of poverty and by Education, Health and Welfare restores to the earth the heaven of its origin. Tom Caldwell 408 Laurel St. Medford

Ends and Means
To the Editor: I feel under a certain obligation to write and tell you that I enjoyed and agreed with your editorial of last Friday in reference to raising money to send the band to San Francisco. I fear that you will receive much adverse criticism from this point of view and, therefore, wish to state my congratulations.

I want to be particularly careful not to imply any criticism of our Medford school system which, I feel, is outstanding not only in Oregon, but in the United States. Their highly professional attitude assures all our children the best possible education for their capabilities.

I would also like to add to your criticisms of the methods of money-raising. The advertisements of the smorgasbord were misleading. They advertised all a person could eat for 30 cents. However, if a child asked for a larger portion (and the portions were miserable), none was forthcoming. I do feel that our children, without cafeterias, were in the position of a captive audience—bad enough—but what is even worse, a paying captive audience.

We here in the United States bitterly criticize the philosophy of the ends justifying the means, and it makes me uncomfortable to see it cropping up in even a petty situation of this kind. Mrs. George Rode, Cherry Heights, Medford.

Kittens and Oldsters
To the Editor: I have a pet cat and a pet peev. Of either, one is enough. I am thinking of people who are so tender hearted that they just cannot stand to have their unwanted kittens put to sleep, so they drop them off beside the road to starve, slowly to death. One such little fellow came to the Fifty Plus club one day. I took it around to over 60 members and the only one who could give it a home was an old gentleman who lived alone. I've never dared ask him what became of it. Now with oldsters, it is different. The Fifty Plus club means recreation for Medford's old people. Any one who is in need of real friends can visit or become a member. Just walk right in any Friday noon. Meeting is called

to order at 12:30 at the Guild hall at Fifth and Oakdale. You'll find friends galore. Each brings a sack lunch next time. We'll have the coffee. But please, pretty please, don't drop those pitifully mewling orphan kitties around. Pearl Spackman, Jacksonville, Ore.

Examining His Eyes
To the Editor: The hunter that shot my big grey and white tomcat on Sunday afternoon needs to have his eyes examined and also his head. I didn't know a pheasant looked like a cat, before. I hope the hunter will read this. Mrs. Burton Green, 2411 Sunset Court, Medford.

Economic Penetration
To the Editor: Four men were active in the industrial revolution that changed the tribal economic system into the feudal economic system. They were Abraham, Moses, Christ and Spartacus.

It was Abraham, the agrarian, who told his fellow tribesmen the land they tilled was based solely on production for use and could not be sold or exchanged. To Abraham, the earth was the beginning and end of all individual existence.

Moses, the stone mason, carved the industrial laws of his organization on a tablet of stone and armed with the tools of their trade, led his followers into a land of milk and honey far away from the kingdoms of the usurpers and slave holders. This is what King Solomon meant when he said, "Tools to the workers are the life blood of a country—for without them, empires perish and nations dry rot."

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Dog Problems
To the Editor: The policy statement for dog control seems out of line as a humane view. There are, too, thoughts, and they are common sense and common knowledge.

It is common knowledge that dogs have the worst disease, named distemper, and it should be common sense to find out if those dogs have been vaccinated before any operations are done.

It was stated the 13 females, after being spayed, died from distemper. This disease alone is a torture, to say nothing of being operated on. Then you cry cruelty by taking a chance for a living being, chances are dangerous. You've got to know, or something suffers.

The veterinarians' fees are too high. In the middle west these fees are six to seven times less, as in the spaying, \$2.50 and all shots. This is not done by dog hospitals, but vets for the farm and home.

One dollar a day is too much for a non-profit dog program, with one meal a day. The care of a \$400 or \$500 horse, care including hay, water, cleaning and a handful of grain, \$1. The \$5 mutt without a name costs as much as an animal which is 25 times bigger.

I can't see any inhuman treatment in using these condemned dogs for human use, as to find cures for man. The kennels are a breeding place, as anyone knows, and especially when dogs come from every nook and corner of the county. Dog is much like man, he is accustomed to a home and home surroundings, whether they be inside or outside, and if these surroundings are not afforded, the animal gets homesick and gets off his feed, and disease creeps in.

I feel that putting pets for adoption is a sin and a shame for any dog over six months old to be dealt with in such inhuman ways. The intelligent animal never forgets his or

Strains Seen Coming Soon in U.S.-Brazilian Relationships

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

The traditional bonds of friendship between the United States and Brazil are in

for some severe strains in the coming month.

Some will be the results of next year's election campaign in which Brazilian Nationalists and the nation's strong Communist Party both will indulge in their favorite sport of flailing the Yanqui whipping boy.

The other will spring from Brazil's always precarious economy and her attempts to cure those economic ills through flirtations with the Soviet Union and the satellites and with Red China.

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U.S. dollar aid was the main factor in preventing Brazil from going broke long before now.

Any close alignment with the Communist nations not only would be distasteful to the U.S. economically, it also would present a strategic threat. Brazil now has an agreement with the U.S. permitting U.S. missile tracking stations on Brazilian soil.

Despite optimistic Brazilian statements about the nation's financial condition, these are some of the conditions now existing:

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Leo A. Rifenburg 1131 Pinecroft ave. Medford.

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

14 YEARS AGO
Oct. 30, 1949 (Thursday)
Congressman and Mrs. Har-
ris Ellsworth visit a brief and
social visit to Medford.
A proposal that Bonneville
be substituted for the
Shasta Oregon Power com-
pany power when available is
discussed before the Ashland
city council.

20 YEARS AGO
Oct. 20, 1939 (Friday)
Medford taxpayers are in-
vested in the proposed \$30-
000 bond issue for develop-
ment of a city park, but a ma-
jority of those approached in
a poll decline to express their
views for publication.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye
Knudge Pot" column: "A val-
ley grower reported yesterday
the present price of onions
was enough to bring tears
to his eyes."

26 YEARS AGO
Oct. 20, 1929 (Sunday)
Valley hens suddenly stop
laying eggs—and a shortage
of "hen fruit" is reported in
local stores.
A rumor on the local streets
that oil was struck in Grants
was proven unfounded.

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 20, 1919 (Monday)
A local boy, 11, is nabbed
for joy-riding and lectured by
police.
Medford is denied a squad-
ron of Army airplanes for its
Armistice Day celebration.

34 YEARS AGO
Oct. 20, 1909 (Wednesday)
The Medford Commercial
club presents its annual High
Finks.
Congressman W. C. Hawley
expresses surprise at Med-
ford's growth.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior;
seven or eight is excellent; five or
six is good.
1. In bullfighting, which
one kills the bull—the picador
or the matador?
2. What kind of coal was
first discovered in Carbon
County, Pa., in 1791?
3. According to the pro-
verb, what is worth a bird
in the hand?
4. Who founded the Amer-
ican Red Cross Society?
5. If you wished to visit
the Isle of Capri, would you
go to Manila Bay, Bay of Nap-
les, or Bay of Biscay?
6. What is the only ele-
ment that does not solidify
when subjected to temper-
tures approaching absolute
zero?
7. Into what sea does the
Rhine River empty?
8. In what city is George-
town University located?
9. Of what kind of tissue
is the heart principally made?
10. Is it the east or west
front of the U.S. Capitol that
is being extended?
Answers: 1. Matador. 2.
Anthracite. 3. Two in the
bush. 4. Clara Barton. 5.
Bay of Naples. 6. Helium.
7. North Sea. 8. Washing-
ton. D.C. 9. Muscular tis-
sue. 10. East.
Brandy is distilled from
grape wine. It got its name
from the German Brantwein,
meaning burned wine.

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