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Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

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Hammaraskjold's 'Quiet Diplomacy' Again Called On; Mostly He's Had Success

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

Dag Hammarskjold is off on another of his missions of "quiet diplomacy" next week.

This time, the United Nations secretary-general goes to London to carry out a Security Council mandate to seek ways to have South Africa soften or end its racial segregation policy.

He will meet with South African Foreign Minister Eric H. Louw. Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd was to have been in the consultation, but he still is recovering from the wounds of an assassin.

Hammaraskjold will talk with Louw immediately after the British Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference, in which the South Africans already have had a rough going over because of their racial discrimination or apartheid, policy.

His chances of getting them to soften South Africa's race policy are dim. But the fact

that he got them to agree to a conference at all is a victory for his personal diplomacy.

South Africa consistently has refused to participate in U.N. debates on apartheid, contending that consideration of it by the world organization was an illegal interference in its domestic affairs.

Newsman generally do not like Hammarskjold's "quiet diplomacy." It yields few headlines, and the close-mouthed Swede who tends to talk in circles at his news conferences gives little inside information.

Yet most correspondents close to the United Nations acknowledge that Hammarskjold's policies by-and-large have brought results. They were successful, for instance, in freeing U.S. fliers the Chinese Communists held as war criminals. They were a key factor in averting a major war over the Suez canal. They helped avert an East-West showdown in Lebanon in 1958.

Has One Failure
To a large extent, they have kept Russia working to a degree with the West in the United Nations.

To date, the record shows one chief failure in Hammarskjold's quiet diplomacy. Despite repeated trips to consult with Israeli and United Arab Republic authorities, he has not been able to solve the question of freedom of passage for Israeli ships through the Suez Canal.

Boycotts of Arab shipping in the United States, in Canada and in Scandinavia now threaten reprisals that may make the Suez question again the world's prime diplomatic issue.

Ostenoe To Head Smith's Campaign
Portland—(UPI)—Ex-Gov. Elmo Smith, Republican candidate for nomination for U.S. senator, today announced appointment of Donald Ostenoe of Portland as his state campaign chairman.

Ostenoe, a local public relations man, also will be executive director of the Elmo Smith for U.S. Senator Committee.

Smith's state campaign headquarters will be located in Portland and opened within the next week.

Ostenoe recently resigned from the First National Bank of Oregon to open his own public relations department of the bank.

Robert Frost Gives Newsmen Views on Cultural Affairs

By DICK WEST

Washington — (UPI)—Robert Frost, the celebrated New England poet, is visiting the capitol this week to renew his license as one of our foremost congressional consultants.

Frost drifted into this highly specialized line of work a couple of years ago when the Library of Congress appointed him to the post of consultant in poetry in English.

As might be expected of a four-time Pulitzer Prize winner, he served with honor and distinction. And, as he himself observed, he also served with very little exertion.

During one of his periodic visits to the library last week, Frost waggishly confided to reporters that few, if any, members of Congress seemed to feel in need of poetic consultations.

Holds News Conference
Now the 86-year-old sage of Cambridge, Mass., is back with us in a new capacity as the library's honorary consultant in the humanities. I got the impression he doesn't expect to be over-worked in this job either.

In the absence of any congressmen to uplift, Frost was

was kind enough to give some members of the local press corps a cultural infusion by holding a news conference at the library.

Since the only poem I know is a bawdy version of "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," I approached this assignment with some trepidation. But, as it turned out, I needn't have felt uneasy.

We were able to consult Frost for the better part of an hour without getting involved in poetry. Mostly, he talked about subjects I was familiar with, such as beatniks, Grandma Moses and Freud.

Although Frost is sympathetic toward all poets, beatniks included, it was easy to see that he does not feel his position of prominence in the poetry world is threatened by the blank verse now pouring out of coffee houses.

Says Grandma "Genuine"
Most beatnik poetry is more blank than verse and Frost dismissed it as "old Green-

wich Village stuff" disguised by a beard.

Asked what he thought of Grandma Moses, the famous primitive painter, Frost said "She's a genuine old lady, probably." I don't know exactly what he meant by that.

Since Grandma Moses is nearly 100 years old, there could not be much doubt that she's a genuine old lady.

As for Freud, Frost contended that this school of psychiatry was off base in viewing sex as the fundamental motivation of human conduct.

"The ruling passion in man," he said, "is minding each other's business."

If he were minding Congress' business, Frost would stop trying to legislate "equality" among men. What is needed, he said, is not a law to make men equal but a law to make them all "superior."

I came away feeling it was a pity that Congress didn't take better advantage of his consultation service.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Caryl Chessman is dead. Right or wrong, that's the way it is.

So, perhaps, the less said about it the better. About everything worth saying has been said in the 12 years since Chessman was first sentenced to death for kidnapping for robbery with bodily harm, for which California law prescribes the death penalty.

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 for publication 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.

Cat Care
To the Editor: The Cat Care Society has no complaint to air — but we do have gratitude. We would like to thank the many people that gave to and worked for our rummage sale as well as others who have helped our Society in various ways.

To commemorate Be Kind To Animals Week, and to be acquainted with people interested in our work, we are having Open House on Friday, May 6, at the Girls Community Club. The hours are from 1 till 4 p.m. so interested, but busy, people may come and go on their own time schedule. We hope that all persons interested in domestic pets and humane work will find time to drop by.

Mary Schwiager, Secretary
Cat Care Society
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Medford.

Missed Stargazer
To the Editor: As a subscriber and reader of your paper I wish to say I have enjoyed your editorials very much. I have only one complaint at present. I fail to find your Stargazer in the paper lately. I miss them very much. Hope you haven't discontinued them.

Victor Shaw
1044 West 13th st.
Medford.

Editor's note: Stargazer was omitted by mistake Monday but was resumed with yesterday's paper, Page 3B.

God's Power
To the Editor: In answer to Mr. Wirth, please allow me to say a few words.

Mr. Wirth, by your own words you have condemned yourself. Call the Supreme Power by any name you wish, be it God, Buddha, or anything you feel inclined to do, it is still the Supreme Power; you and your very life as long as He allows you to use it.

You believe in good, you like and desire all good, the very good God means good, all good. All life, all power, in fact the very reverse of evil. Therefore when you reject God, and say there is no God, you are accepting all

evil, all wickedness, no matter what form it takes with death, and what comes after.

"If you go into the depths, or wherever you go, there God is," for God is omnipresent. God is infinite Spirit, all life, all power, all love. Reject him if you will, that is all you can do without God. He is in the very air you breathe, every movement you make is due to God's life. All you can ever think, say, or do is God using you as an instrument. If you use this power for evil, it is still God's power, and you and you alone are responsible, for you have been given a choice of, or for, good evil. Our God is a just God and He justly rewards us for our deeds.

If one uses electric power negatively they usually get burned. You have the power to use for good or evil. How are you using this wonderful gift that has been given you? Take heed before it is too late.

Mrs. Pearl W. Hatfield,
Route 2, Box 200-C,
Central Point, Ore.

Bible Has Answers
To the Editor: With regard to the views of the atheist whose letter you published in the Monday paper, I would say the Bible has the answers to all misstatements. I would suggest that he read it, beginning with Psalm 14, which starts with the words: "The fool hath said in his heart 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."

John C. Stille,
Shady Cove, Ore.

Don't Die With It
To the Editor: After reading Mr. J. P. Wirth's account of religion, I came to the conclusion he must be a very odd man because no man can be so mistaken unless he has spent a lot of years working hard at it.

Mr. Wirth, your idea may be a good one to live by, but for God's sake don't die with it.

Bert J. Marshall,
138 Vilas rd. W.,
Central Point, Ore.

Hawaii Read Out of Union
Washington — (UPI)—Somebody in Rep. Charles E. Bennett's (D-Fla.) office has read Hawaii right out of the union.

The unknown secretary sent a letter to the "United States Embassy" in Honolulu asking that all courtesies be extended to a woman traveler and that an English-speaking doctor be summoned in case her heart condition acted up.

Bennett said the secretary failed to notice that the woman included Hawaii in a list of foreign countries where she wanted the U.S. embassy notified she was coming.

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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.

10 YEARS AGO
May 4, 1950 (Thursday)
County Agent C. B. Cordy alerts fruit growers to watch for scab and blight which have been in some pear orchards.

Bruce Bauer Inc. takes out building permits for 30 new \$6,000 homes and four \$7,000 homes to be constructed between Hamilton and Peach sts., on Winchester and Mt. Pitt avenues.

20 YEARS AGO
May 4, 1940 (Saturday)
Medford's Crater baseball team dedicates \$6,000 lighted fairgrounds field with a 10-1 victory over Jack and Jill Tavern of Portland.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The wild oats are coming in the rural areas, and the tillers would like to get hold of the fellows who sowed them."

30 YEARS AGO
May 4, 1930 (Sunday)
Expert claims that a survey of valley soils is the main need of agriculture.

A Medford prohibition agent is arrested in Portland with 10 gallons of moonshine in his possession.

40 YEARS AGO
May 4, 1920 (Tuesday)
Frost danger passes, at least for time being, with the coming of cloudy skies and rain.

Tourists are saying that Green Springs mountain road is in a "deplorable state."

50 YEARS AGO
May 4, 1910 (Wednesday)
Automobile owners have asked the city council to pass an ordinance fixing the annual tax on automobiles engaged in livery business at \$25 per year.

City council awards Jacobson-Bude company a contract to lay six miles of water mains and four miles of sewers in city.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Must a submarine rise to the surface to fire a torpedo?

2. Is Honolulu on the island of Oahu or Molokai?

3. Is Dawson city in Canada or Alaska?

4. The names of which two South American countries begin with the letter P?

5. Was John Jay or John Marshall the first Chief Justice of the United States?

6. Woodrow Wilson was president of what college?

7. Which is hotter, a blue or yellow flame?

8. Is the Capital of Canada Quebec or Ottawa?

9. Name the capital of the island of Guam.

10. Did Jesus perform his first miracle in Cana or Capernaum?

Answers: 1. No. 2. Oahu. 3. Canada. 4. Peru and Paraguay. 5. John Jay. 6. Princeton. 7. Blue flame. 8. Ottawa. 9. Agaña. 10. Cana (John 2:11).

WIFE MISSES HIM

London—(UPI)—Bill Wirtchall was mustered out of the service Tuesday on a compassionate discharge because his wife missed him so much she had lost almost 50 pounds.

Pretty Sneaky

We read in a contemporary journal that Caryl Chessman was kept alive an extra 12 years "through the efforts of his flamboyant lawyers and his own sneaky little mind." How true, it is pretty sneaky, deliberately trying to avoid death, isn't it?—E.A.

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