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### A Kind of Immortality

A knowledgeable undergraduate of our acquaintance took us in tow Tuesday night, and escorted us to the 67th annual graduation and commencement exercises at Medford High school. We have attended other such ceremonies in the past, but never fail to find in them a source of excitement, inspiration, and renewed faith in the ultimate destiny of the poor, battered human race. Tuesday night was no exception.

The 400 and more fresh-faced youngsters in their blue caps and gowns, the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance," the American flag floating overhead, the stars, the proud parents and brothers and sisters and grandparents, the colorful backdrop, the cool breeze—these combined to make the evening memorable.

**A COMMENCEMENT** speaker has a lot of competition for attention. His audience is excited and preoccupied, and anxious both to savor this last night of formal schooling and to have it over.

But Dr. Paul B. Jacobson, dean of the University of Oregon's school of education, surmounted this handicap with grace, humor and aplomb. And he got in a few words which, we hope, will remain with the graduates—words which described the complexities and challenges of today.

Being a responsible, constructive and useful citizen of this America is a fine thing, Dr. Jacobson told his listeners. And, he added by implication, one of the best ways to do this is to be at the same time a responsible, constructive and useful citizen of the world.

**HE TOUCHED** on the need for brains and hearts and willing hands in the world of today, assuring the seniors of unlimited opportunities in a dozen fields if they have but the wit and determination to find them.

He asked that they continue their scholarly activities—in the sense that education never ends, and scholarship can be displayed in the laboratory, on the stage, in the studio, in government service, in education—anywhere, in short, that a scholar employs his brain and his skills. Think, plan ahead, be a part of this amazing society and world of ours, be compassionate—these were Dr. Jacobson's charges to the seniors.

**AS LESTER Harris** announced awards and scholarships and as Bill Barker distributed the diplomas, we were provided with a running sotto voce commentary on many of the recipients: "Oh, she's a doll!" "Gee, he's a nice guy!" "Isn't she sweet?" "Oh, he's smart; got a 4 point grade average." "The crutch? He shot himself in the foot. We call him 'Quick-Draw McGraw.' He doesn't mind."

And so it went, cap and gown after cap and gown, bright, scrubbed face after bright, scrubbed face.

A cluster of relatives, equipped with flash cameras, assembled to snap pictures at the moment of presentation. Up in the grandstand a youthful voice shrieked "There he is, there he is!"

**IN TWELVE** short years, these 400 graduates have grown from innocence to the beginning of knowledge. They have mastered many skills and arts. They have now, if they care to use it, the intellectual basis for a rich, full life.

Many of them will erect a higher structure of education on this base through more schooling. Some will emerge doctors and lawyers and businessmen and public servants.

Others will turn at once to making a living. But all now have had the best training that human love and skill and education and money can, at this point, lay before them.

**TO** what use they put this rich endowment remains to be seen.

But somehow, watching them march slowly and proudly to receive and piece of paper symbolic of the end of one phase of life and the beginning of another, we found ourself believing, passionately, that they will, in the main, live up to their potentialities.

Watching our sons and daughters grow up, believing that their generation will do a better, more constructive job than the generations that have gone before, is the best sort of immortality one can ask.—E. A.

### A Fresh Breeze

The man in the office who thinks Richard Nixon is the greatest was a little down in the mouth yesterday, after the teletypes clattered out the story about Gov. Nelson Rockefeller issuing his "blistering manifesto," slapping Nixon's silences and equivocations on urgent matters of public policy.

We thought it was fine, like a fresh breeze. And we thought it was fine because the genius of American politics is its freedom and openness, which permits a national great debate on matters affecting us all.

**THIS** debate has raged amid Democratic candidates, not to the credit of all of them, but to the benefit of the voting public.

In the G.O.P., the great debate has consisted mostly of platitudes and reassurances reminiscent of Dr. Pangloss.

One can declare "All's for the best in this best of all possible worlds" until blue in the face. But it ain't necessarily so, and it is to Rockefeller's credit that he's willing to say so at the risk of being called a party turncoat.

Maybe the convention will be something more than a meeting of the Monday Afternoon Knitting and Backslapping Club, after all.—E.A.

### Dennis the Menace



"ALL YOU THINK ABOUT IS YOUR DARN OL' TABLE LEG! YA DINT EVEN LOOK AT MY TRICYCLE!"

### Communications

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**Sh-h-h-h-h!**  
 To the Editor: Last Sunday's Medford Mail Tribune contained a wonderful article on an old Jackson county resident, James Kennedy.

We noted with amusement however, the author's reference to the possibility of Italian or Swedish descent. After a fervent prayer to St. Patrick, a hurried conference with a half dozen Leprechauns and lengthy consultations with the undersigned descendants from Erin's Emerald Isle, we have reached this conclusion: Nothing so earth shaking in proportion has occurred since St. Patrick drove the snakes from Ireland, as to discover a Swede or Italian Kennedy. We think said author should perhaps re-check the facts. Due to the distance of the provinces there is an outside chance that if we play this down the Lord Mayor of Dublin won't hear about it.

Robert C. Kennedy, 1601 North Riverside ave., Medford.

Ernest R. Kennedy Jr., Lloyd L. Kennedy, Cookie Kennedy, Bud Kennedy, Jackie Kennedy, Ernest R. Kennedy Sr., William E. Kennedy, James C. "Pat" Kennedy

Editor's note: The subject of the story remarked, at one point in the interview, "There are too many Kennedys." Could he have been right?

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In addition to those who died, thousands upon thousands of Chileans were made homeless and other thousands were injured in one of the worst disasters in modern history.

This happened immediately: The United States rushed four Army field hospitals to the devastated nation, along with 40 military transport planes loaded with relief supplies. U.S. drug firms donated \$40,000 worth of medicines. The American Red Cross is collecting money for the sufferers. U.S. church groups and other organizations are helping.

**MEXICO** is sending its 10,000-ton steamship Constitution with a relief shipment of textiles, wool clothing, cement, sheet metal, sugar, chick peas and coffee. Cuba has given a million dollars in sugar and cash. Canada has sent a 30-bed field hospital, medical supplies, \$10,000 in cash and a million pounds of canned pork valued at about \$600,000.

Germany flew in doctors, nurses, medical supplies and equipment. Britain promptly sent more than \$20,000 in cash and supplies. Argentina dispatched planes with emergency supplies, money and 30 million pesos worth of beef. Brazil flew in medicine and food. Ecuador sent medical supplies, nurses and doctors. Peru gave medicine, blankets, food and clothing.

**BT-TO DATE, RUSSIA AND ITS COMMUNIST SATELLITES AND ASSOCIATES, SO FAR AS IS KNOWN, HAVE SENT NOTHING.** That tells pretty accurately the story of communism.

**FROM Washington:** Inflation has caught up with the cost of going bankrupt. Congress has passed and sent to the White House legislation doubling the closing fee paid to a trustee in a no asset case of bankruptcy handled by a federal court.

The House Judiciary Committee says in explanation that the old \$5 fee established 82 years ago isn't high enough to obtain conscientious and diligent trustees. The new legislation increases the fee to \$10.

**HMMMMMMMM.** It costs more to be born. It costs more to get married. It costs more to die. NOW IT COSTS MORE TO GO BROKE.

### Portland Has Quiet Hearing on Budget

Portland - (UPI) - It was a quiet public hearing on the city of Portland's new budget here Wednesday.

Not one taxpayer comment on or objected to the 1960-61 budget of \$21,986,671 at the hearing in City Hall.

### Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

**IRVING BERLIN** back in 1919 threatened to stop writing songs. "I'm afraid I won't be able to live up to my past his," he fretted to a reporter. "People may be expecting too much of me now."

Two weeks later Florenz Ziegfeld begged Berlin to write "just one more song" for his Follies of 1919, sagging in rehearsals. So Berlin sat down at the piano and turned out "just one more song." It took him all of an afternoon to finish it. The song was "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody."

The ambulance had driven away from the Jones house, and the lady next door could hardly contain her curiosity. She flagged young Freddie Jones, aged seven, and panted, "Lor'dy me, Freddie, what happened?" "A big accident," reported Freddie, "but without a touch of pride. 'Pop climbed down a ladder a couple of minutes after I took it away."

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## Continuing Unrest in Japan Disquieting News; Threat to Ike's Visit Foreseen

By PHIL NEWSOM  
 UPI Foreign Editor

News of an increasingly disquieting note comes from Japan in dispatches discussing President Eisenhower's forthcoming visit.

Few of these dispatches report outright fear for the President's life.

Many Available Martyrs  
 But they do point out that in the membership of the violently leftist Zengakuren student organization there are many who happily would fill the role of martyr, and that unfortunate incidents easily could develop should the President's Secret Service bodyguard be forced into action against them.

Shouts of "Yankee go home" echo daily around the American Embassy, further pointing up a ridiculous situation which has developed in a country where basically there is no anti-American sentiment.

And it now has reached a point where it appears that regardless of any action that may be taken from here on out, both the United States and Japan must suffer embarrassment.

Should the President's visit to Tokyo be cancelled, it would be a major victory for the Communists and their fellow-travellers and certainly would be trumpeted as such by the Moscow and Peiping radios.

Yet to go on with it, also carries definite risks as exemplified by the fact the Japanese government feels it necessary to blanket Tokyo's International Airport with 1,000 police for Eisenhower's arrival and to line the route into the city with 15,000 more. Altogether, something like 30,000 police will be mobilized for his safety.

**Bad Timing Cited**  
 Bad timing and questionable tactics led to the present dilemma.

After 100 days of debate, Premier Nobusuke Kishi's ruling Liberal Democratic party ratified the treaty after a night of wild parliamentary brawling and in a session boycotted by 125 Socialist members.

These members since have turned in their mass resignations in an attempt to topple the Kishi Government.

Newspaper, labor and intellectual opposition to the treaty suddenly stirred the Japanese people who, up until then, largely had been apathetic.

Meanwhile the opposition also pounded away at the U-2 incident over Russia. By that time, even some of those who favored the treaty, began having fears that the treaty opened the way to involving Japan with a war against the Communist nations.

There is a strong neutralist force in Japan and it suddenly became very attractive.

**TO STUDY ICE BREAKERS**  
 Washington - (UPI) - The House has passed a bill calling on the Coast Guard to study the feasibility of using nuclear energy to power ice breakers.

The measure, approved by voice vote Wednesday, now goes to the Senate. Soviet Russia already has a nuclear powered ice breaker.

**QUAKE SHAKES TOKYO**  
 Tokyo - (UPI) - A minor earthquake shook downtown Tokyo building today. The meteorological agency here said the quake registered two on its seismograph scale of seven and occurred 36 miles beneath the ground. There were no reports of injuries or damage.

**FAT OVERWEIGHT**  
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**Apartment House in Portland Damaged**  
 Portland - (UPI) - A three-alarm fire swept through the top floor of the four-story Wentworth apartments in downtown Portland late Wednesday but no persons were injured.

The building, a 25-unit structure which was formerly St. Helens hall, an Episcopal school, housed 35 tenants.

The fire department said the fire started in a storage closet on the third floor.

**EARTHA KITT WEDES**  
 Hollywood - (UPI) - Negro singer Eartha Kitt and William McDonald, a white Los Angeles businessman, will be wed today.

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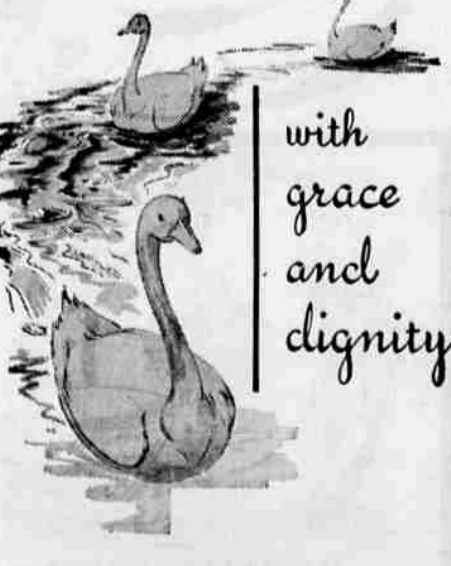
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