

The Right of Petition

Dr. Linus Pauling is a Nobel prize-winning chemist, who is worried at the effect that increased radioactive fallout could have on the human race.

He has done whatever he can to encourage a ban on future nuclear testing—a ban which has been under discussion by the United States and Russia.

He was the sponsor of petitions, signed by some 11,000 scientists, calling for a cessation of such testing. There has been some speculation that left-wingers have been interested in these petitions.

RECENTLY he was called before a Senate subcommittee, which asked him to divulge the names of those who aided him in soliciting the petition signatures. He refused to do so on the basis of "conscience and morality."

The Oregonian comments:

"One does not have to agree with Dr. Pauling's views on international affairs to support his position in this instance. He has been and is being harassed for exercising a right recognized as fundamental in this country, the right of petition. Should he name his colleagues in the undertaking, he would merely subject them to the same kind of harassment. And to no good purpose that we can see; for surely the committee does not propose to suggest that it is subversive to advocate a ban on atomic testing even though the intent of some such petitioners is subversive. If Dr. Pauling can be forced by his government to testify to his associations in an undertaking such as that of the anti-nuclear testing petitions, then every citizen whose ideas may be unpopular to congressmen is at the mercy of the interrogators..."

One notes, also, that the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States says, in part:

"Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech... or the right of the people... to petition the government for a redress of grievances..."

Thus, the order of Senator Dodd of Connecticut, the subcommittee chairman, that Dr. Pauling produce the names on Aug. 9, is clearly unconstitutional, in spirit if not actually in the letter.

THE tendency in this country to blame everything with which one disagrees on the "communist conspiracy" is a sordid, melancholy one.

It is a tendency which breeds a uniformity and conformity and fear which are the direct antithesis of the brave, adventurous and experimental excitement attendant on the establishment of this nation.

"The New Republic," writing in a slightly different context, put it well when it said:

"The Communists have subverted many of us by giving us an easy out when we fail. We can blame it on the Red devil, and whether we're right or wrong, the explanation satisfies our self-regard."

If everyone who gets a new idea, or who has the audacity to speak out about things he thinks need changing, or who criticizes the government, is going to be accused of being subversive or a "pink," this country will be in a sad way.—E.A.

Pressure on Outdoors

The county court commented not long ago concerning the intense public interest in recreational facilities.

This is understandable. Last Sunday the Rogue river, from Savage Rapids to its mouth almost to the city of Rogue River, was jammed. Boats and water skiers occupied the water, and literally thousands of people lined the banks, either watching, or waiting their turn on the water.

Presumably, Sunday being a warm, pleasant, sunny day, similar throngs were gathered at other spots in the county in numbers which only a few years ago would have been unimaginable.

THERE are a number of factors involved. First, and probably most important, is the increase in population in the west.

Second, the improvement in automobiles—with models to suit just about any taste, from tiny sports cars to big station wagons—has made it ever easier to get out in comfort.

Third, the improvement in recreational equipment—from boats and water skis and scuba equipment to tents, sleeping bags, trailers and so on—has made everyone an "outdoorsman" of sorts.

Fourth, with a five-day, 40 hour week and a two or three week vacation, now almost universal, practically everyone can get into the outdoors for longer or shorter periods.

SOME agencies have been more alert and forward-looking than others in preparing for this tremendous influx into the out of doors.

A few have planned ahead, and are now serving the ever-increasing crowds they knew would come. Others are just getting started.

But one thing is certain. Those agencies of government which are responsible for outdoor administration are going to have to cope with the problems, which include camping, picnicking, boating and swimming facilities, sanitary services, and just plain physical space.

If they don't, they'll reap a crop of disgruntlement from people, who are, more and more, taking outdoor recreation as their birthright.

Also, if they don't, they'll find that recreation-seekers will carve their own facilities out of the woods and fields—to the vast destruction of physical, financial and inspirational values still remaining.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"MY DAD'S GROWIN' A MUSTACHE! RIGHT HERE!"

Communications

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.

Questions To the Editor: I am what is classified as a typical average housewife, with four young children. I am active in Christian work, P.T.A., and a leader of a wonderful Girl Scout troop. And like every one else, BUSY BUSY, BUSY—but there are several questions that I keep running through my mind and if some kind soul will take a few minutes from his busy day and answer them for me, my mind will be free to dwell on other things.

Number 1—WHY was the cost of our new Jackson pool so tremendously high? \$4,000 for a wading pool approximately 4 inches high and 8 feet across. I have a plastic pool bigger that only cost \$12.98 three years ago. Then \$83,000 for the big pool which is only 2 1/2 times bigger than our front room but the cost is ten times the cost of our whole house? Why aren't there any partitions in the dressing rooms so all ages of girls are not dressing and undressing together? In fact there isn't even a door to keep the boys from running in, which has been done. To hold the clothes a see-through bag has been provided, and to make it even more interesting the boys hang in full view of the line of boys and girls waiting to go in the pool. Needless to say, unintentional abuse have to be carefully placed. And lastly, the pool of \$83,000 is coming home with-felt all cut up. One boy had 15 bandages on his feet. It was stated the pool had been fixed after the first day when the children were lined up for use, but June 23 the children were still coming home with pieces of skin gouged out.

Number 2—When there is a surplus in the city government, why is it necessary to find a way of depleting it the next year?

Number 3—Why, when voting for an increase in school funds, is it a vote for everyone when the money to pay for it only involves the property tax payers? I have four other questions but my 400 words are used up so when these have been answered I will submit them. Thank you.

Mrs. W. W. Brown, 507 Kenwood Ave., Medford.

Editor's note: We can't answer the questions listed under No. 1. Perhaps the city parks and recreation director can. As to No. 2, the city has had no "surplus" for many years, and as a matter of fact has had difficulty squeezing its budget down to come within the 6 per cent limitation each year. On No. 3, some years ago only property tax payers were eligible to vote on bond issue measures, but in the general election of 1948 the voters of the state passed an initiative measure making all registered voters eligible to vote in all school elections.

Could Be To the Editor: As I remember, the Bible printed in 1611 (Genesis, chapter 1 verse 1) reads, "the world was void." I have heard someone claim they have found rocks and bones that date back thousands and millions of years and they could be right. How old is old in the revised Bible's "old men"? I listened to television the other night, where men were talking about trying to talk to men

on other planets or stars. The Bible (1611) reads, "Men will stand afar off, and talk to one another." It could happen any day. Marshall H. Waggoner, Box 753, Central Point, Ore.

Villa St. Rose To the Editor: Early in May this year, along with several other men from our community, I was privileged to review some of the member agencies of the Oregon United Appeal. The Oregon United Appeal receives its funds from the various United Funds throughout the State of Oregon, including the United Medford Crusade.

One of the member agencies visited by the Medford group was the Villa St. Rose School for Girls, located in Portland. Conducted by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, it traces its origin in Oregon to 1902. The program is planned for the care and rehabilitation of delinquent girls from 12 to 21, regardless of race or creed, more than 200 annually.

Villa St. Rose School is located on a 10 acre tract, only a few minutes travel from downtown Portland. A modern school building provides the classrooms, library, home economics department, gymnasium, indoor swimming pool and skating rink. Approximately 5 acres is devoted to outdoor sports.

Villa St. Rose is a standard school leading to accredited diplomas for high school graduation. The curriculum includes not only academic subjects, but also commercial training, home arts, foods, clothing, music, art, first aid and home nursing. The school offers both summer and regular sessions. The school also provides many extra-curricular activities.

We feel, and this applies to all agencies visited, that this school is under-but very competently staffed. The Sisters of Good Shepherd are specially trained to meet the needs of the girl who has developed anti-social behavior patterns. Their work is supplemented by that of many others, both professional and non-professional. The purpose of the program of the Villa St. Rose is to prepare the girl for a nappy well-balanced life through love, kindness, understanding, supervision, guidance, education and training. All are directed toward the instilling of moral, spiritual and educational values with the development of the self-discipline and social graces.

Venezuela's Experiment in Democracy Faces Difficulties in Land of Contrasts

By PHIL NEWSON UPI Foreign Editor Caracas—UPI—An experiment in democracy is being carried out in Venezuela, where great wealth left millions in grinding poverty and 130 years of independence brought less than a dozen years of freedom.

This is a land of contrasts, and they begin here in Caracas.

Of Venezuela's seven million inhabitants, more than a million live in Caracas, a city divided between old and new, of broad boulevards and narrow streets stretching along a valley bordered on the one side by cloud-covered 6,000-foot peaks of the coastal range and on the other by towering hills reaching toward the interior.

In the new section of the city rise gleaming, multi-colored business buildings, modern supermarkets and the ultra-modern gracefully designed buildings of Central University. These are symbols of

In the old section are the narrow streets and aging mansions which are the link with the slower-paced turn of the century, when Venezuela's was an agricultural economy and cattle raising its chief industry.

The Venezuela of today dates its beginnings from Jan. 23, 1858, when a military junta overthrew the dictatorship of President Marcos Perez Jimenez.

Before Perez Jimenez there had been a brief period of national freedom and before that an unbroken 27 years of dictatorship under Juan Vicente Gomez.

A three-party coalition under President Romulo Betancourt rules Venezuela today, the result of one of Venezuela's few truly free elections.

At its top are leaders whose dedication to democratic principles is not even questioned by their enemies.

But problems are manifold and in Caracas there are many who believe the government cannot live out its elected five-year term.

It bars Communists from top government posts, but closes its eyes to their penetration of schools, communications industries, such as newspapers, radio and television, and labor unions.

It is a leftist government pressing twin goals—on the one hand to develop what it calls a national consciousness and on the other to press an industrialization and agricultural reform program to spread a greater degree of wealth among more people.

It has its enemies, as seen by last week's assassination attempt against Betancourt.

It has not eliminated poverty. Shanty villages housing 200,000 restless unemployed press down upon Caracas from the mountain and hillsides. There has been a flight of money from Caracas and half-finished business buildings attest to a building boom brought to a sudden grinding halt.

Space Agency, about the right comment to make on any Russian announcement of the fall of the U-2, Khrushchev's first announcement appeared to bear out the judgment of the conferees here. The Space Agency duly offered its famous comment, concerning a weather reconnaissance plane which had gone off course.

This comment was in fact a conscious gamble, and by no means a silly gamble. But it was also a gamble, alas, that went very wrong when the Kremlin thereupon trumpeted the damaging fact, which the Kremlin had not been expected to admit, that the U-2 had really fallen near Sverdlovsk.

AS TO the remaining evidence on the fate of the U-2, it comes in the main from the debris of the plane displayed by the Soviets in Moscow. The completeness of the debris makes it quite certain that the U-2 was not brought down by direct hit from a rocket. If the end had come in this way the fragments left to tell the story would have been very much more fragmentary. And Lieutenant Powers would almost certainly not have survived.

But the character of the U-2 debris does not rule the possibility that the plane was put out of action by a rocket exploded by a proximity fuse. It does not rule out, either, the possibility of a hit by a Soviet fighter. And above all, neither the debris nor the intercept say exactly what altitude the U-2 had reached when it was finally hit. It was not hit at its normal operating altitude; but it could have been hit at any altitude from 80,000 feet on down.

This final fact unhappily belies optimistic interpretations of the U-2 episode, by this reporter among others, which have now been given semi-official currency. A second report is needed to cover this crucial point.

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Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

NIXON'S PLANS Washington — Vice-President Richard M. Nixon is preparing to offer the country a tough and total reorganization of its whole cold-war machine so that its every phase would be directed straight from the White House.

Military aid, economic assistance, technical assistance, exchange-of-persons, propaganda of all varieties — all would proceed under the day-by-day command of the President alone. All the present widely scattered authorities and programs would be drawn together into the President's personal hands. And pains would be taken to make everybody understand this new administrative situation — both here and abroad.

And though determined to make no apology in the campaign for the Eisenhower administration's record — including parts of it which he knows cannot be called wholly successful in hindsight — Nixon has a second determination. This is to outline a fresh approach to international Communism.

HE WILL tell the nation that the Eisenhower administration's efforts were on balance far more effective than not. But he will also say that we must now look to the future. He will say that if he becomes president the contest with the Russians and Chinese will enter a new phase requiring new techniques.

He will suggest that this contest ought to be viewed with unemotional American resolve as a kind of "international political campaign." He will thus discourage the term "cold war." He will attempt to cultivate a new climate of opinion which, while

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WITH both allied and uncommitted nations, he would minimize the old point that we must all join to "fight Communism." Instead, he would stress a common fight against war and disorder. In a word, Nixon, whose whole past record rests most of all upon being "tough" with Communism, would considerably alter the present definition as to how best to be tough.

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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 The state highway commission will open bids next month for a project to widen to three lanes the Highway 99 underpass at the railroad tracks north of Ashland.

20 YEARS AGO Oregon's Senator Charles McNary was nominated today for the vice presidency by the Republican convention; he will team with Wendell Willkie on the Republican party ticket in the national election.

30 YEARS AGO June 28, 1930 (Saturday) An electric smelter on the Rogue river near Gold Hill is being planned. Nearly 2,500 quarts of home brew have been seized at a still near Klamath Falls.

40 YEARS AGO June 28, 1920 (Monday) The city is telling tourists who have lived in the city free auto camp for more than three weeks to find another place.

50 YEARS AGO June 28, 1910 (Tuesday) The Pacific Telephone company lists 1,310 telephone numbers in its new directory for Medford, Central Point, Gold Hill and Jacksonville; a gain of more than 300 over the last directory published six months ago.

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

1. Does pure gold as known to jewelers, consist of 14, 18, 24, or 32 carats? 2. Cream is heavier than milk; true or false? 3. What is the system of counting by tens termed? 4. From which part of Adam was Eve evolved? 5. July 4th commemorates which great event? 6. What did Little Bo Peep, in the nursery rhyme, lose? 7. What is the line following Ben Franklin's "Early to bed and early to rise"? 8. Are there 4, 5, or 6 U.S. States whose name begins with "New"? 9. Which river in the world has the largest volume of flow? 10. Do members of Congress pay postage on official mail?

Answers: 1. Twenty-four. 2. False. 3. Decimal. 4. The rib. 5. Adoption of the Declaration of Independence. 6. "Her sheep". 7. "Makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise". 8. Four. 9. Amazon. 10. No.

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