

Optimist and Pessimist

There's a wry little story going the rounds about the difference between an optimist and a pessimist. An optimist, it says, learns to speak Russian. A pessimist, it adds, learns to speak Chinese.

WE ALSO know a man who is convinced that within the next few years Russia and the United States once again will be allies—forced into it by the increasing threat of a strong, growing, amoral Red China, imbued with the idea that war is the only method whereby communism can achieve its objectives.

THIS dispute, which is a live one within the Kremlin itself, may portend nothing. Or it may, in fact, portend the beginning of the end of the alliance of convenience between Russia and Red China.

At any rate, it is evidence of the fact that the monolithic solidarity of the Communist camp is not as monolithic and solid as we have been led to believe by Red propaganda.

Phil Newsom, foreign editor of the United Press International, commented on this subject the other day as follows:

"London observers predict the ideological struggle between Moscow and Peking will get worse before it gets better. Red China's Mao Tse-Tung is not ready to bow to Nikita Khrushchev's dictate that Moscow will be the sole interpreter of Marx and Lenin, and will look to the die-hards in the Kremlin and East Europe for support of the old idea that war between Socialism and Capitalism is inevitable.

FROM our standpoint, the development and further widening of this rift would be fine—although it would also be fraught with dangers. A real, honest-to-goodness break-up between the giants of international Communism certainly would increase world tensions, and probably would increase the chances of war.

RUSSIA, for so long a semi-literate, semi-barbaric land, has made giant strides in recent decades—in education, in science, in industry, and, perhaps most significant of all, in the growth of a "middle class" of scientists, teachers, administrators, and professional people.

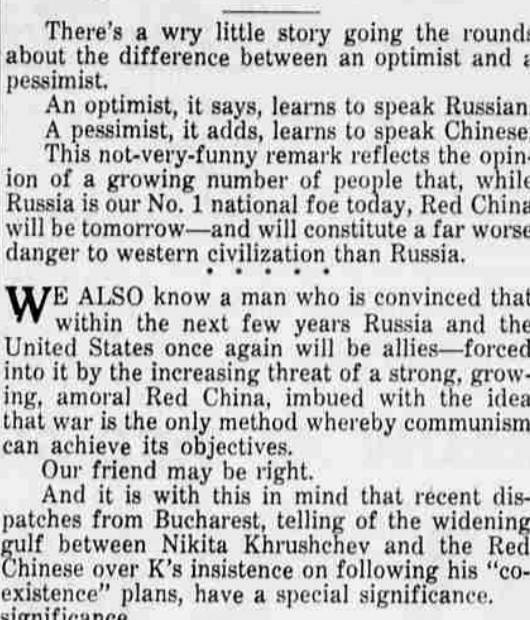
Living standards are rising. So is the Soviet's economic power. It can be argued that war is the last thing Russia wants today, and that it views askance Red China's neanderthalic drum-beating.

Caught in this dilemma—with a hostile and fearful, but still potent, west on one side, and a rising tide of raw power on the other—Khrushchev may indeed be seeking a left-handed accommodation with the west.

But if he is, it will have to be a slow and agonizing and tortuous progress, for he will find violent opposition both at home and abroad.

And such a route would, indeed, account for "some wild swings in Communist policy during the coming months."—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



My Dads Growin' a Mustache! An' My Mom Wont Kiss Anybody in Our House But Me!

Communications

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No Santa Claus To the Editor: Some of your readers are asking, "What is the difference between the two political parties since both are interested in the general welfare of our citizens?"

children in over crowded households, or alone in unsanitary fire traps, eating just what their meagre incomes can afford. Soon they are suffering from malnutrition, some get so weak they even die alone and are found days later.

We know that thousands of persons over the age of 65 depend entirely on Old Age Assistance, average gross income is \$99.33 monthly. A recent Housing Authority survey in parts of our state revealed that more than 75 per cent of these elderly persons are living in dwellings that are sub-standard, in violation of one or more codes relating to safety, sanitation, health and decency!

Due to inadequate housing, some of these people who are ambulatory but able to take personal care of themselves are taken to nursing homes, which is a drain on small savings, their families and public welfare for expensive care.

We know it is cheaper for group living. For example, one person with \$100 can't afford rent, food, and heat, besides medications, but if a group could get together and pool their \$100 monthly income, eat in a common dining room, each could have his own room and privacy, or join the group in a general lounge, T.V. and recreation room. There is really no need to spend the twilight years alone, underfed, unclean, unloved and unwanted, or with dreadfully ill persons.

There are licensed retirement homes in our locality which are periodically inspected, and qualified to care for older folk in the smaller income bracket.

Older folk dread having to leave their homes, which is natural after years of hard work and saving for their retirement years, only to be crowded in with sick or incompatible companions and forgotten by the outside world.

We need our senior citizens, as much as they need us. As long as medical science is prolonging life for our older people and industry refuses to hire new workers after they reach the ripe old age of 45, there just must be provision made for their care. Compare the many who cannot with the few who can afford to buy into the magnificent mansions being built for the wealthy.

What are we going to do about the many? In our civilization are they to live their twilight years in squalor? Pearl E. Copley, Board Director, Oregon Association of Licensed Homes for the Aged, Inc. Southern Oregon District, 1117 S.W. "G" St., Grants Pass, Ore.

Impossible To the Editor: Let us mark the day, the first one of summer this year, as one when the impossible happened! It wasn't possible, we knew quite well before it happened. Now, I am sure it didn't, actually, it only appears to have taken place. It hasn't! It's impossible!

The Eisenhower "administration" announced through Secretary of State Herter that it had abandoned "top level" diplomacies—that it had returned to the traditional modus operandi of international principles in all foreign affairs. (Note: It is to be observed that Mr. Eisenhower (for once) didn't do any talk-

Anti-U.S. Attitude in Venezuela Seen Decreasing, But Capital Needs Remain

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor Caracas—UPI—A prominent Venezuelan politician exploded with anger recently at a query from a visiting American newspaperman.

"We don't need the Yankee dollar," he said. "We have nothing to be grateful for to the Yankee dollar."

It was an extreme expression of an attitude which has proven practical for politicians who would shift responsibility for Venezuela's long history of dictatorships and her present economic difficulties to the United States and to U.S. business in Venezuela.

The speaker was Prof. D. Lopez Orihuela, a leader of the Republican Democratic Union party which is one of three in Venezuela's leftist-leaning government coalition.

Specifically, he was attacking the U.S. interests which developed Venezuela's rich oil industry.

No Wide Hatred His opinion was not necessarily universal in Venezuela, nor was the "Yanqui go home" sign scrawled on a wall of Central university where a seminar was being conducted for the benefit of visiting U.S. newsmen.

The next day a Caracas newspaper answered Lopez Orihuela. In a seven-year period, it said, the oil industry had left about \$10 billion in Venezuela, and it added: "Corrupt or inept government used a great deal of it."

There are few indications that there will be a repetition now of the violence which exploded in Caracas against Vice President Richard Nixon in 1958.

There is, instead, an indication of an improvement in the Venezuela attitude toward the United States. Communist influences in Caracas newspapers and radio and television stations once successfully barred most favorable mention of the United States. Today, they are not quite so successful.

As official Venezuela has become increasingly disenchanted with the Cuban regime of Fidel Castro, so has sympathy for the United States increased.

Regime Needs Help Despite its enormous oil revenues, the government confesses it cannot finance its grandiose plans for the future by itself.

Private investment is a necessity, and the United States is the natural supplier. Even Venezuelan Communists, vocal under the government's free-swinging concept of democracy, join in promising protection for foreign investments to work alongside government-owned petro-chemical, steel, oil and power projects.

Caracas today suffers from a depression. Oil rigs stand idle in the fields and the potential loss of the Cuban market to Soviet oil imports poses a further danger.

Whither English? West Asks In New Lingual Bewilderment

By DICK WEST Washington—UPI—If you overheard a couple of grown men talking about a "nixie light," the chances are you would get sick right on the sidewalk.

But if someone explained that they were merely talking in machine language, otherwise known as "computerese," you likely would have a different reaction.

Then you might step back a few paces, genuflect in the direction of the nearest unbridged dictionary and join me in asking "whither English?"

ing. It was Mr. Herter who took the "bull by the horns" and "told all."

Now, mind you, all of this has happened after eight years—after the investment of several billions of dollars of money—and without reducing the \$285 billion national debt by as much as one American penny. (NB, I managed to clear up all my own personal debts this year. Did you? If so, you lucky fellow, you. With myself!)

As if everybody didn't know that there was an international medium for the settlement of affairs among nations—backed by international laws and principles conceived over hundreds of years, or the life of European, Asiatic and American governments—which Mr. Eisenhower conceived should be scrapped—and his own dominant personality extended to all the world for the settlement of all problems, national or international. Now, at long last, out of the other cheek, all of this is abandoned and the ancient modus operandi shall be returned to its own! Hallelujah!

Still, I am wondering if we should believe this! Maybe it is just another fairy story. Let us wait around and see.

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All's Well . . . Etc. To the Editor: The U. S. has set a new record, according to CBS commentator Paul Harvey; the U. S. has the greatest number of jail inmates per thousand inhabitants of all modern world countries, which is 176 for every one hundred thousand population.

An old adage back in the "good old days" of the 1890s read like this: "Why get into prison when there is more room on the outside?"

Yes we are living in a speeded up and planned economy of many facets and combinations. In the day of rugged individualism, there were but few civil laws, like in the old West each man was more or less his own law and most infractions of the law were settled without much comment, delay of justice or fanfare.

It is a fact the world is a much better place to live in today, regardless of all its short-comings and blunders. The upward process of evolution is slow but progress seems to transcend all things. Justifying "All's well that ends well."

Bert Kissinger 520 Boardman st. Medford

View on Loans To the Editor: I certainly did enjoy Iris Huff's letter. I wish you would print more letters with food for thought in them, instead of so many bickering letters. As for instance, the ones on ADC and the ones on dogs.

I will answer just one of Iris' questions giving my personal opinion. Not everyone could live and operate without credit and loans; but the big majority of us could live better without MOST of our credits and loans.

Viola Rogers Drew Rural Station Tiller, Ore.

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In the Day's News

From Geneva: Russia and its communist satellites abruptly walked out of the ten-nation disarmament conference in an obviously rehearsed maneuver which blocked hearing of new Western proposals and threw the parley into angry turmoil.

Chief Soviet delegate Zorin (the same man who broke up the last East-West disarmament conference in London in 1957) announced that the Western powers had refused to discuss disarmament and therefore Moscow considered that this conference could do no more work.

Wherupon he and the entire communist bloc of delegates rose from their seats at the conference table and stalked from the meeting room.

WHY the walkout? John M. Hightower, one of the AP's top diplomatic experts, puts it like this: "A major purpose of Zorin's action is clearly to put fresh pressure on the U. S. and its allies to yield to the Soviet views on disarmament and CUT THEIR DEMANDS FOR AN IRONCLAD POLICING SYSTEM."

Hightower adds: "At the same time, Russia probably hopes, by increasing anxieties on the Western side, to SPLIT THE ALLIES. Britain has generally been more willing than the United States and France to meet Soviet demands with concessions."

QUESTION: Is the walkout bad? Or is it good? LET'S be realistic. The grave danger in disarmament is that SOMEBODY WILL HIDE OUT A GUN. As long as Russia lays its ears, bares its teeth and flatly refuses to accept a policing system, we must assume that RUSSIA IS PLANNING TO HIDE OUT A GUN.

Until Russia proves her sincerity by accepting a policing system with powers sufficient to enable it to detect the hiding out of guns we must refuse to go along with a disarmament program that fails to include a fool-proof policing system. To do otherwise would be to doom ourselves in advance to the probability of destruction.

That's about the long and the short of it.

Delegate Reports On NARCE Meeting Clarence L. Williams, Ashland, recently reported to the southern Oregon chapter of the National Association of Retired Civil employees on activities of the NARCE sixth biennial convention earlier this month in Washington, D. C.

Williams is a retired president of the local chapter and delegate to the convention. He reported that 551 delegates were present to discuss issues concerning by-law amendments and election of new officers. The Ashland man was one among four candidates for nation president. He was a former secretary of the national organization.

Williams reported that a resolution was proposed to select a committee to analyze and revise the entire NARCE structure and place it on a more sound organizational foundation.

Missiles Due for Metropolitan Areas Washington—UPI—The Defense Department has revised its air defense plans in a move that will deploy nuclear-tipped Nike Hercules anti-aircraft missiles around seven metropolitan areas.

The areas are on the East and West Coast and the north-central part of the country. The missiles previously had been earmarked to protect seven Strategic Air Command bases and the city of Hanford, Wash., site of an atomic explosives plant.

Under the new plan, they will be used to help defend Washington-Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles against possible bomber attack.

Each of the areas already has some Nike-Hercules missiles.

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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

June 29, 1950 (Thursday) City police yesterday reprimanded five juveniles for violating the city's ordinance prohibiting the use of firecrackers inside the city limits.

A total of 71 southern Oregon and northwest California Boy Scouts are attending the scout jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., this week.

20 YEARS AGO

June 29, 1940 (Saturday) Vandals stoned a Greyhound bus in Gold Hill yesterday injuring five passengers and a driver with flying glass.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "East side residents report Bear creek is full of bullfrogs, that start vocalizing around sundown every night. People marvel at the way they hit the lowdown bass notes."

30 YEARS AGO

June 29, 1930 (Sunday) The census figures show there are 714 jobs in Jackson county, 214 of which are in Medford.

Improved rural mail service has been promised for Prospect and Eagle Point.

40 YEARS AGO

June 29, 1920 (Tuesday) The Winged-O-Five jazz orchestra direct from San Francisco made its Medford debut last night at the Natatorium.

A chamber of commerce sponsored contest to get a song written about Medford has been extended for another month due to the lack of entries.

50 YEARS AGO

June 29, 1910 (Wednesday) P. J. O'Gara estimates that a record 1,000 carloads of fruit will be shipped from the Rogue valley this year.

Dr. Andrew C. Smith, Portland, Oregon's probable next governor and a true friend of southern Oregon, is in Medford today attending the Southern Oregon Medical society convention.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. Does the electron, when detached from the atom, become an electric charge?
2. Junior and senior class college students are known as what kind of "men"?
3. How does a deciduous tree chiefly differ from an evergreen?
4. Is the caliber of a gun barrel its exterior or interior diameter?
5. Did Italy as well as Germany declare war on the U.S. after Pearl Harbor?
6. In what season of the year is the Jewish Feast of the Passover observed?
7. Is hydrogen the lightest known gas element?
8. Are pollen, the tiny fertilizing grain, generally held to be male or female?
9. Did the ancient Aztecs practice cannibalism?
10. Was Bathsheba the wife of Solomon or David?

Answers: 1. Yes. 2. "Upperclassmen." 3. It sheds its leaves. 4. Interior. 5. Yes. 6. Spring. 7. Yes. 8. Male. 9. Yes. 10. David.

What Course for Us?

So, if the above speculation turns out to have some basis to it—and even if it doesn't—what must the U.S. do? We must:

- 1. Remain strong militarily, until a firm and enforceable disarmament agreement, including Red China, can be worked out.
2. Retain and strengthen our alliances.
3. Use every means available to lessen tensions and encourage international amity.

ONE of the most important of these means, it seems to us, is to increase the ease and fluency of communication between the world's power blocs. There is an outside chance you can reach an understanding with an enemy if you're talking to him. There isn't ANY chance if you aren't.

And we should use the United Nations. Despite all its failings, all its faults, all its weaknesses, the U.N. is the one available international forum today. By bypassing it, as we have increasingly in the last few years, we have passed up one of the most effective means of getting our point of view across to friend, enemy and neutral alike.

ONE other potent way to work for a peaceful world is to assist and encourage the development of the new nations of Africa and Asia. Imaginative and thoughtful employment of foreign aid and technical assistance—offered in a genuine spirit of helpfulness; not in a crass spirit of "buying friends"—will do more for ultimate peace than most people can imagine.

None of this will be easy, nor will it be cheap. But the United States, acting through imaginative, dedicated leadership, must buckle down to these hard tasks. The alternative is horror.—E.A.