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10 YEARS AGO: Because of last week's attack on South Korea by the North Koreans, Gov. Douglas McKay moved today to strengthen civilian defense in Oregon. A \$275,000 fire partially destroyed the Merlin lumber mill in Grants Pass early today.

20 YEARS AGO: July 1, 1940 (Monday). The Oregon supreme court said today it will rehear AFL-CIO arguments on the constitutionality of the Oregon union control law. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Sen. McNary will be formally notified at Salem, the end of the month, he is the GOP vice-presidential nominee, just as if he didn't already know it. It will be no surprise to anybody, but the member of the Oregon delegation at Philadelphia, who voted for Taft, after Willie had been nominated."

30 YEARS AGO: July 1, 1930 (Monday). Several persons appear before Medford city council and ask that early steps be taken to provide work during the winter. A 100 gallon still was discovered a n d smashed near a Butte Falls yesterday.

40 YEARS AGO: July 1, 1920 (Thursday). The 1920 federal census figures give Medford a population of 5,756 and the count is called a "farce." Attorney Evan Reames, the best known man in town, was missed by the federal enumerators; a protest has been filed with Washington, D.C., for a recount and "square deal."

50 YEARS AGO: July 1, 1910 (Friday). Postal receipts, which have always been a good indication of a city's growth, have increased here by 41 per cent during the past year to a total of \$2,017.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good. 1. What is the first name of General De Gaulle? 2. Does Florida produce the bulk of the U.S. lemon crop? Or Texas? 3. Is a "rosary" a bed of roses, a garland of flowers, a collection of beautiful phrases, or a series of prayers? 4. Is the moon always the same distance from the earth? 5. Did John Quincy Adams or John Adams assist President Monroe in preparing the "Monroe Doctrine"? 6. Rules governing the treatment of prisoners-of-war by civilized nations are documented in the G-a Convention? 7. Were the Allied landings made in North Africa during 1942, 1943, or 1944? 8. Is "Old Glory" a nickname for the flag of the United Kingdom or the U.S.? 9. Was Dolly Madison the wife or sister of President Madison? 10. The branch of which tree is held to be the symbol of peace? Answers: 1. Charles, 2. No. California does, 3. All are, 4. No, 5. John Quincy Adams, 6. Geneva, 7. 1942 (November 8), 8. United States, 9. Wife, 10. Olive.

The Golden Years

Everyone, it seems, is for medical care for the elderly. The differences arise over how it should be provided. And the differences boil down to these: Should it be financed through the existing machinery of Social Security, with compulsory payroll deductions and employer contributions building up the fund for those now of benefit age and for those who will be; Should it be handled by a combination of state, federal and commercial insurance plans; Or should the situation remain pretty much as it is, with some governmental help for the needy, and everyone "encouraged" to take out private health insurance?

THE American Medical Association, the professional union of the nation's doctors, favors the third. Here is its official position, as given in a policy statement passed by the AMA's House of Delegates at a recent meeting in Miami Beach:

"Personal medical care is primarily the responsibility of the individual. When he is unable to provide this care for himself, the responsibility should properly pass to his family, the community, the county, the state, and only when all these fail, the federal government, and then only in conjunction with the other levels of government, in the above order. "The determination of medical need should be made by a physician and the determination of eligibility should be made at the local level with local administration and control. The principle of freedom of choice should be preserved. "The use of tax funds under the above conditions to pay for such care, whether through the purchase of health insurance or by direct payment, provided local option is assured, is inherent in this concept and is not inconsistent with previous actions of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association."

THE phrase "socialized medicine" does not appear in this policy statement, but they are the scare-words used by the AMA to fight a broadening of Social Security to provide health services. Which calls to mind the Detroit News' comment:

"The genius who coined the term 'socialized medicine' but neglected to define it gave the medical profession a handy brick to heave at anyone or anything that threatens to upset the status quo as set down by the American Medical Association."

The United States remains the last great nation on earth which does not provide medical care for its elderly citizens. In Europe it has been general practice for many years on the continent, and in Great Britain, despite criticism, the national health plan (far more extensive than just a plan for the elderly) has achieved considerable success and acceptance, although the AMA won't admit it.

THE current session of congress has backed and filled, hemmed and hawed, and done nothing concrete so far on any medical plan. There are, however, four factors which together make it still possible that some sort of plan will be enacted this year.

The first is the plan to reconvene Aug. 8, after the conventions are completed. This provides the necessary time. The second is the still-overwhelming popular support throughout the nation for a workable, realistic plan to provide medical care for the aged. The third is the unexpected action of the Governors' Conference this week in endorsing a plan based on Social Security. The vote was 30 to 13, and crossed party lines. And, fourth, this is an election year.

NOT long ago, Forrest W. Amsden, able executive editor of the Coos Bay World, wrote from Washington on this subject. We quote in part:

One congressman allowed this writer to riffle through some of his mail on the subject. It is pathetic, much of it. The terrible plight of the elderly in the face of illness and accident would seemingly touch the heart of a stone. For example: "I am 75 years old and I had to have a cancer operation. The doctor's bill was \$1,500 and the hospital bill was \$1,562 and there has been \$2,000 of other expenses. My insurance took care of about half of this, which has wiped out my savings. What am I going to do?" Try this one: "We are very strong for the Forand bill or one like it. We have Social Security of \$148.50 per month and the best hospitalization (insurance) that we can get for our age costs us \$75 every three months, and that would only pay 80 per cent of the cost were we to be hospitalized..." Or: "My wife is 70 and I am 75. Both of us are still active. Still drive a car. Do you think we should just sit down and do nothing so our \$200 per month would last? With 33 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, it is hard to sit in our house and not want to visit once in a while. Even if our ailments have put a \$2,500 lien against our property."

"I had to have surgery at the University of — hospital and I could not pay the \$500 bill as I am 75 years old and cannot work and my Social Security barely covers living costs. They have put a lien against my house. Please help me." This is similar to many others: "I am 68, nearing 67, and I would like to retire but cannot. My wife is 57 so I cannot claim Social Security dependency for her for another five years. My Social Security benefit would be \$111 per month. In fact, having had cancer surgery... and also suffering from progressive arthritis, I should retire. But my drug bills, prescribed by my physician, average \$50 per month. Also there are doctor bills, etc. Social security promises me no freedom from fear. The Forand bill might mean the difference as to whether I could enjoy my last few years or die with my boots on..." These are the long promised golden years after a lifetime of contributing to society.

Golden years? In the richest nation on earth? Freedom from fear? The AMA says this is the individual's responsibility. "Let them eat cake"!!!—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"WHY DO YA WANT A RED MUSTACHE?"

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.

Pride and Providence: To the Editor: "Noisy minorities" are frequently in the daily news. Why? Objective knowledge points the all too frequent subjective or "image" technique by writers, which emotionally expresses "likes" and "dislikes."

Recently, in Japan, "noisy minorities," well organized by pseudo-intellectuals, most of whom follow the Marxist-Freudian-Pragmatist determination, which tends to make man's nature exclusively animal, were almost successful in overturning the majority action of the Japanese Diet.

The Japanese premier stated: "Violence is not only that of pistols and fists; that of the pen is more dangerous." While minorities and persons embracing error have rights of freedom of conscience, the majority should not submit to the men behind these "noisy minorities."

In the United States, since 1900, the aggregate daily circulation of newspapers has increased, 4 1/2 million to 57 1/2 million. Today we have a newspaper for every three persons, as compared to one for every thirteen persons in 1888. Ninety-six (96) per cent of our homes have radios; 83 per cent have television. Are the mass media a failure?

Yet, as a nation, we are mis-educated. A United States Supreme Court justice has recently denounced the press as the "mis-educators" of the people. Like the 2,000 Soviet "Ruble millionaires," to only five before World War II, all too many of our news writers and commentators have become "journalistic eunuchs," interested only in the fast dollar.

It is not the duty of Congress or any of our state legislatures to promote all that is good, or repress all that is evil, erroneous, or minority pressure groups, but only such matters that effect "the common good."

Most politicians do not care what you say or write about them as long as you spell their name correctly. "Be sure there are two o's in the last name." Like many freshman football players, they are looking for "ink."

If newspapers and commentators would withhold the name in writing most news articles, just note the person's title, such as, the "junior senator," from the state; noted that the name may be found on the back page, under a number; then the greatest of all errors or sins would be greatly lessened, namely, "intellectual pride."

Intellectual pride has destroyed many men, and many nations. "Providence that watches over children, fools, drunkards and other esteries." "Continues to suspend the ordinary rules, "And take care of the United States of America." Stephen E. Gillis White City, Ore.

Satan and Hypnotism: To the Editor: Many of your readers have perhaps already read the article on hypnotism in the July issue of Reader's Digest. I feel that a subject such as this, that is receiving such widespread interest, would be well to have some of its history checked out. I may be taken to task for some of the remarks I am about to make. Nevertheless, it is possible for human beings to place their confidence in something that later will prove their ruin. The masses of humanity are easily led. This was proven recently in our President's experience.

Thousands of persons were ready to do him harm because of mob hysteria and a wrong concept of our idea of freedom. While it is true that the American Medical Association is looking with favor on hypnotism and its apparent helpfulness, I think it would be well for us to use our own God given mind and ask ourselves if this apparent benefactor of mankind does not have a sinister master mind behind it? Recently there fell into my hands some advertising material from one of America's large schools of hypnosis. Many of your readers would turn in shocked horror if they knew what is really behind this master deception. Don't get me wrong here. Hypnotism is nothing to laugh off or discount, but I am convinced that its apparent benefit to mankind is but a cover up to shield human eyes from the real power behind it.

Hypnotism has as its source the power that has brought all the misery and untold degradation to this world of ours. Many well meaning persons would be startled to know that among related subjects to hypnotism are witchcraft, spiritualism, palmistry, phrenology, mediums, divination, astrology, mind reading, and so on. A full list is given in the encyclopedia. Satan has come unperceived through these "sciences" and has poisoned the minds of thousands, leading them to infidelity. This plan of the evil one is designed to eventually destroy true faith in Christ, the being the Messiah, the Son of God.

Some believe this power to be from God. Miracles will and are being wrought. Yet there is a true and a counterfeit. Faith in God's word, prayerfully studied and practically applied, will be our only shield from Satan's power, and will bring us as conquerors through Christ's blood. Henry Johnson Jr. 2400 Highway 66 Ashland, Ore.

Reassuring Words, Turbulent History, Mark Premier of New Independent Congo

By PHIL NEWSOM: The man-of-the-week: Patrice Lumumba, premier of independent Congo. The place: Leopoldville. The quote: "Our primary concern will be social justice and progress. We will join neither of the two blocs now dividing the world. In international relations we will always fight for freedom and just causes." The words were high flown as it's both the aspirations and dignity of a leader about to bring his people into the family of independent nations. And for the Belgians who for 75 years had ruled the Belgian Congo he had these reassuring words: "Now European residents and Congolese will build together. More than ever we will need Belgian help." Europeans Worried

But Europeans sipping drinks in the sidewalk cafes of Leopoldville remained plainly worried. Sabena Belgian Airlines had had to lay on extra planes to handle the mass exodus of wives and children. Ships leaving the Congo-Atlantic port of Matadi were jammed and passengers were being turned away. The sources of their worries were manifold. There were neither natural boundaries nor universal interests of the people to hold the rich, sprawling Congo together as a nation. Heretofore, the Belgians had been the sole unifying factor. Tribal hatreds ran deep and had strong influences on the Congo's widely split political parties. Knives or the machete solved arguments as often as measured debate. And if suspicion and fear regarding the Congo's future course settled on any one individual, it settled on Patrice Lumumba, goateed, one-time postal clerk, embezzler and rable-rouser. Lumumba gained the pre-



PHIL NEWSOM

membership by virtue of the fact that his National Congolese Movement Party won 35 seats in the 137-seat chamber of deputies—far from a majority but still more than any other. That the choice was far from popular was illustrated by a rival politician who said: "A Congolese government without Lumumba is impossible. But a government with him is unthinkable." The cocky Lumumba's opponents openly accused him of waging his campaign with money contributed by the Communists. In victory, he was accused of a political double-cross, in that he took over the defense ministry and its 20,000-man armed force, as well as the post of premier. The force could become his personal army. Lumumba's dreams are unlimited. For the future, he plans a United States of Africa, stretching from the Sahara to the borders of the white-dominated South Africa. He has plenty of time. He is only 34.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

STILL NOT CERTAIN: Washington - The Kennedy-Johnson race for the Democratic Presidential nomination has reached a point of momentary stalemate rather like the pause which in warfare precedes great and climactic battles. Both campaigns, meanwhile, are showing utterly opposite operating mistakes. Sen. John F. Kennedy's backers have plainly put on too much tough pressure on too many too soon. Some of these backers, notably Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler, have been almost brutally unwise. So much is this the case, indeed, that some Democratic politicians - including some Kennedy well-wishers - are now saying that if he is defeated after all, he will owe it to his overzealous friends.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson's backers, equally plainly, have not put on enough pressure, even mildly, soon enough. The Kennedy campaign is showing some small but clear signs of panic. The Kennedy handwagon, though by no means halted dead, has hit some roadblocks. The would turn out to be fairly commonplace if it ever came to light. After all, the authors had no way of knowing that they were writing for the ages.

Suppose, for instance, that someone discovered a letter written by Noah's wife to a girlhood chum on the eve of the great flood. Imagine it would go something like this: "Just a line to let you know how much we enjoyed the boysenberry jam you sent. We are all well here although Noah has been acting a little strange lately. He keeps bringing home stray animals and is always tinkering around with that darn boat. "Well, I must close now and get to the kitchen. This is baking day and the air is so damp I'm afraid the bread won't rise."

Letter of Nero's: Another important find would be this excerpt from a letter that Nero wrote to a friend on a fateful evening in Rome: "Have been working to-night on a new violin concerto but can't seem to get the fingering right on the cadenza. Things have been very quiet around here. I heard the fire chariot go by just now but it probably was another false alarm."

Or imagine the excitement that would be caused by the discovery of a love note from Cleopatra to Anthony. "Dear Tony: The next time you're out by the pyramid please look around and see if you can find that comb I lost. Love, Cleo."

Now let us examine some other examples of as yet undiscovered correspondence: Caesar to Brutus - "What-ever happened to that bill I introduced to make it unlawful for Romans to carry concealed daggers?" Gen. Custer to his wife - "Don't worry about me. There are no Indians around here."

And Kennedy himself has got himself into one jam by indicating recently to New York liberals that he expected no Southern support while private letters were going out to Southern delegates asking just such support. In summary, the Kennedy bandwagon stands near the crest of the hill before the downgrade run to victory. The last mile up any hill, however, is the hardest and longest mile. And it is still not certain that the vehicle can surmount this final terrain. (Copyright, 1960, by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)

Letters of Great Sometimes Prosaic Stuff, West Finds

By DICK WEST: Washington - UP - Almost nothing sets the scholastic like the finding of a new Lincoln letter. The Library of Congress recently got its hot little hands on a "hitherto unknown letter" penned by the great man four days after his nomination for the presidency.



Dick West

Needless to say, it was an occasion for wild rejoicing and dancing in the streets. payroll is added to this area. We are sure the omission was merely an oversight, but we would like to take this opportunity to invite your White City correspondent to visit our mill. This should preclude the chance of our being forgotten the next time.

I suspect that a lot of other unknown correspondence also

Salem-UP-If your state income tax refund check is late this year, there is a reason. A State Tax Commission spokesman said the tax office has received numerous calls from taxpayers due refunds wondering when the checks will arrive. Richard Lockhart, director of the machine accounting services division, said tax officials are working out kinks in the state's new tax refund processing system in force for the first time this year.

He said the department is between 15,000 to 20,000 refund checks behind last year's rate. Crews are working nights, week ends and holidays in order to get the checks out as fast as possible. Aug. 15 is the deadline for the state to have all refunds in the mail. After that, the state will begin paying interest to taxpayers on their returns.

Articles Filed for Medford Business: Salem-Articles of incorporation were filed here recently for A. R. Davis, Inc., Medford. They were signed by G. W. Kellington, J. L. Carver and Alice R. Davis. The corporation, currently in operation, will open a small gift store in the Grants Pass area early in July. A spokesman for the organization pointed out that merchandise is now being ordered. Owners are the former owners of the Cash Davis pharmacy, Medford.

share larger gifts in this year's United Medford Crusade. Edmund E. Hass Fluhrer Bldg. Medford.

Billboard Petitions: To the Editor: A news item in the M.T. states that an anti-billboard petition is now being circulated in the Portland area. Can you give information as to where such a petition may be signed in Medford or nearby towns? Ethel M. Thompson 3642 Hillsinger rd. Medford.

Editor's note: Several such petitions have been circulated and completed in this area, but we have no knowledge of any at present. However, reports from Portland indicate have been secured to place the anti-billboard measure on the November election ballot.

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