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10 YEARS AGO July 7, 1950 (Friday) Tommy Nelson, player-manager of the Medford Rogues, has resigned his position to return to Santa Barbara, Calif.

20 YEARS AGO July 7, 1940 (Sunday) A gunman held up the Signal Oil service station, Riverside ave. and Eighth st., early this morning and got away with \$27.

30 YEARS AGO July 7, 1930 (Monday) Army worms have invaded the valley, local orchardists report.

40 YEARS AGO July 7, 1920 (Wednesday) The first forest fire of the season was reported in the Butte Falls district yesterday.

50 YEARS AGO July 7, 1910 (Thursday) A quarter block lot at the southwest corner of Central ave. and Sixth st., has been sold for \$50,000; on it will be erected a four-story business building.

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

1. The adverb "maybe" may be used properly as one or two words in a sentence; true or false?

2. "The auld kirk-hammer strak the bell/Some wee short hour ayant the twal." - Burns. What is a kirk hammer and twal?

3. Exports 1801: 65,000 bbls of rice, 8,000,000 lbs of cotton, 8,500 bbls of indigo, 5,996 hogsheads of tobacco - from what state?

4. Jesse James was once Secretary of Commerce; true or false?

5. Was Henrik Hudson an Englishman, Dutchman, or German?

6. What is the unit of measurement for diamonds?

Those "Blue" Laws

During its next term, which opens in October, the United States Supreme Court will consider several cases, all dealing with the constitutionality of the so-called Sunday closing laws now in force in a number of states.

It has been 60 years since the court has had this or any related question before it for decision. It has refused to consider a number of appeals, for the reason that no truly "national" question was apparent.

But in recent months a number of cases, from all parts of the country, have arisen, giving the court a valid justification for considering the matter.

NO ONE, we presume, will argue with a state law, based on the health and welfare of the people, which requires that each worker have one day in seven free from work.

But there is a considerable quarrel with the theory that this day must, through legislation, be Sunday.

The Sunday closing laws are, in fact, religious laws, and as such are questionable under the constitutional proviso that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . ."

BY CUSTOM and tradition, Sunday is a work-free day.

But in today's complex society, there are many people who must work that day to keep essential services functioning. They include police officers, firemen, gasoline station attendants, telephone operators, airline employees, taxi drivers, hotel personnel, radio announcers—and so on.

The justification for this, according to those who advocate compulsory Sunday closing, is that they are "essential."

Well—what's essential? Drugs? Food? Clothing? Automobiles? Hardware? And who draws the line? (In Virginia, it is illegal to sell on Sunday any food which needs cooking—except that state's famous Smithfield hams.)

THERE'S an added factor—one of religion and basic justice.

Say a store is operated by a devout Seventh-day Adventist, who observes Saturday as his Sabbath. He keeps his shop closed Saturday as a matter of religious conscience. Why, then, should he be required to keep it closed Sunday too, simply because that is someone else's holy day?

The same applies to Jews and Seventh-day Baptists.

And there are plenty of good, moral, honest and reputable people around whose religious convictions do not jibe with those of any organized church. If they have no religious scruples against Sunday work, why should they be penalized because others do?

A WRITER in the current issue of "Liberty" puts it this way:

"Sunday blue laws are anti-Christian and anti-American in that they reduce to the status of second-class citizens—"

"1. All those who for one religious reason or another choose to worship on a day other than Sunday.

"2. All those who for one reason or another choose not to worship on any day at all.

"3. All these who for reasons they are not required to disclose to anyone else belong to Sunday-keeping churches, but attend their churches infrequently, irregularly, or not at all.

"It is this large and unvoiced majority of the population of the United States who are told by the well-organized and vocal minority that having one day of the week for rest, relaxation, and family togetherness, et cetera, is a 'social necessity'."

Such a day undoubtedly is a "social necessity," but it needn't be Sunday—not by law, anyway.—E.A.

There Are No Majorities

Note that the three classifications listed in the quotation above, taken together, are listed as a "majority."

This is true, for organized, Sundaykeeping, churchgoing people in this nation are in a minority.

But it is also true that there is no such thing as a true majority. It will also be noted that the "majority" claimed above is in truth a group of minorities, and become a majority only for the purpose of comparison.

AMERICA is composed of minorities—and therein lies its essential strength and vigor.

If we ever forget this, and insist on a deadening conformity of the majority, we're done as a vigorous, progressive, dynamic nation.

Each person who reads this is a member of one or more minorities, whether they be political, religious, temporal, occupational, racial, or a dozen other classifications.

This is the reason why the United States Constitutional guarantees protecting the rights of the minorities are so important.

IN DEMOCRATIC nations, majorities rule. This is as it should be.

But it should never be forgotten that a majority is nothing at all but an assemblage of minorities, united for one specific purpose, such as electing a president, or passing a school bond issue.

And even such a majority is illusory. There are more people who don't vote than there are who do.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"I'M SORRY I SAID THAT, MOM. YOU DON'T REALLY BUG ME!"

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 initials 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.

Rational Life

To the Editor: This writer is strictly in accord with the editor's attitude regarding health insurance for the aged. At the present time there is a deplorable situation in Oregon relative to the attitude the state welfare organization takes toward the people on welfare who become ill. It has come to the attention of this writer of numerous occasions where the welfare organization has refused to pay for drugs and physician's service on a technicality.

We have heard that man does not live by bread alone. But welfare should be welfare and nothing less. And man cannot live on technique alone unless it is an elaborate technique. That technique should include complete health service.

Most people that seek welfare do so as a last resort. They are not bums as the welfare bureau is so prone to imply. To apply for welfare is to face an inquisition savoring of the middle ages. It is a harrowing ordeal to apply for benefits from the state welfare bureau. (Death where is thy sting?)

It seems the purpose of our lawmakers is to strip the aged and infirm of the last vestige of dignity and reduce them to the status of a pauper and moral leper. People that have always made their way with hard work and honest dealing resent being looked upon as chislers and mendicants. However, lawmakers seem to lack the touch of tact and too often those delegated to carry out the edicts of the lawmakers are no less crude. That is understandable, for the agent has no cultural ax to grind, and at the same time cannot give what is not possessed.

At this juncture we harken to our way of life and our cultural environment. For as we live there is no inducement to develop the best that is in us, but to emphasize the suspicion and greed that we must be on guard against. Otherwise we ourselves become the victims of avarice and chicanery that greets us on every hand.

So as we learn the facts of our life we can hardly help becoming a more charitable even to bureaucrats. They too are the product of their environment.

Thus we see the advantage of a more rational way of life and why the Soviet Union is able to outstrip us in every endeavor where they apply themselves.

Walter Reece, Galice, Ore.

Recreation Planning

To the Editor: Being a mother of two pre-school children, I certainly appreciate the effort the young girls are put forth for these children with their supervised summer playground activities. However, it seems to me that after taking time to suggest and plan a program of this type, the persons who suggested this idea would put forth enough effort to supply the girl with at least a minimum of equipment to work with.

Arts and crafts is one of the programs offered to these children, and it seems only logical that equipment be furnished for this as was promised.

Just today one of these young supervisors told me that she was promised both a schedule and equipment and as yet has received neither.

She has only what she brought herself.

Today some 30 young boys gathered for a scheduled ball game and were immediately informed that they couldn't play today because the man couldn't be here to watch them. How could 30 boys get mixed up on a date? What a let down for these boys.

Could the organizer of this go ahead with it, or did they plan on having a few girls do the work alone? Medford, being a city of some size, has very little recreation for the 5 through 9 year age children. I think we could take a minute of time, couldn't we?

(Name on file) Medford.

Hurrah for M. J. Olson To the Editor: Thank God for the M. J. Olsons of this country—if there were only more!

And as to the Walter Reeves of this country, since our government is so generous with its funds (note "our great big highway bungle" in July issue of Reader's Digest) perhaps they would set up a fund whereas they could move permanently to their beloved Russia and stay there.

I am for everyone being as happy as possible, so long as it isn't at the expense of others.

I think Mr. Olson's last paragraph bears repeating—only addressed to Administrative Government in General. Something needs to be done and soon.

Robert A. Young 1045 West Valley View rd. Ashland, Ore.

Treat Them Alike To the Editor: I presume something is being done about the charges of discrimination in law enforcement in favor of juvenile hoodlums of prominent families made by Mrs. "Name on file" a few days ago.

I don't want to see kids juggled but if we're going to crack down on 'em we better treat the prominent and obscure alike.

O. D. Martin 208 Vashli Way Medford.

Old Timers Take Parade Blue Ribbon

Ashland-The Rogue Valley Old Timers club took the blue ribbon prize in the motorized division of the Fourth of July parade here recently.

Twenty-one old cars were paraded down Siskiyou blvd. to Lithia park where they were placed on display for the afternoon.

Driving for the first time were Lawson Scott Jr., Medford, a 1924 Model T coupe; and C. Goodlett, Phoenix, 1923 Model T touring car.

The local car club has been invited to be guests of the Eugene Horseless Carriage club at Reedsport July 16 and 17. Both clubs will meet jointly for the first time.

The old timers will participate in the parade, clam bake, boating events, and the salmon feed.

Persons interested in participating may telephone Earle Swift at Murdock 5-6984 for more information.

Organized Labor Beginning Power Pitch At L.A. Convention; Reuther Is Key Man

By LYLE C. WILSON Los Angeles—UPI—This is the day on which organized labor will begin its effort to sew a union label on the Democratic Party's presidential platform.

First up for the unions will be Walter P. Reuther, head man of the United Automobile Workers.

Reuther generally is regarded as labor's political Mister Big. Reuther also is generally regarded as a dedicated Kennedy-for-President strategist.

That is a good break for Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts. Reuther has become a key man in the Democratic Party by reason of his political know-how and his position in the labor movement. On the record is the political fact that in 1956 Reuther had the power to break the back of the opposition to the nomination of Adlai E. Stevenson. He accomplished that by demoting Michigan Gov. G. Mennen Williams from favorite son status and delivering the big delegation to Stevenson.

To match Reuther's position in the Democratic Party, you must go back some years to the era of the late Sidney Hillman. Hillman rose from labor leadership in the garment in-

dustry to a position of veto power in a Democratic National Convention. That convention took place in 1944.

Democratic leaders then were less concerned with protecting Hillman from charges that he was in political cahoots with American Communists than with denying that he possessed or used a veto power on the 1944 choice of a Democratic vice presidential nominee. Henry A. Wallace was dropped that year on grounds he would cost FDR a lot of votes.

The word passed that James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, was FDR's choice for vice. Party managers met and were agreed to nominate Byrnes when National Committee

Chairman Robert E. Hannegan reminded them that FDR had OK'd Byrnes with the stipulation, "clear it with Sidney."

Hillman balked at Byrnes. Of this disagreement was born the nomination of Harry S. Truman for vice president. Some months later, HST became President of the United States. So it was that Hillman's veto left its mark on history. The New York Times' Arthur Krock wrote the "Clear it with Sidney" story soon after all concerned denied that it was true.

It is Son Lyndon B. Johnson's bad luck that big labor does not want him nominated for president. So, he probably won't be nominated.

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's shed a tear today for young Jack Kennedy. He seems to be out in front on the Democratic side, so they're GANGING UP on him.

Former President Truman started it the other day when (with reporters in hearing distance) he allowed that maybe Mr. Kennedy isn't old enough or experienced enough to be the Democratic nominee for President of the United States.

Besides, he added, the Los Angeles convention has been "rigged" for the young man from Massachusetts.

QUESTION: How does one RIG a party nominating convention?

I WOULDN'T know, but I'm reasonably certain that if HST knew how to rig the upcoming Los Angeles affair for HIS candidate (presumed to be Mr. Symington of Missouri) HE'D RIG IT. As a rigger of such affairs, he has had quite a lot of experience in his day.

BUT let's get on with the rat-killing.

In answering criticism of his youth, 43-year-old Kennedy said health and vigor are needed in the White House in these parlous days.

And—He referred to illness suffered by recent Presidents. That stirred up another nest of hornets.

WHEN the "illness" crack came over the air waves to Los Angeles, John B. Connally, chairman, and India Edwards, vice-chairman of the Johnson-for-President Committee, were holding a news conference. They were asked by reporters if they regarded Kennedy's remark as an oblique jab at Senator Johnson, 51-year-old senate leader, who suffered a heart attack in 1955.

They replied that they would be glad to match Johnson's medical record against Kennedy's history of Addison's disease. Connally also referred to Kennedy's long absence from the senate in 1954 when he underwent operations for a back injury.

WHAT'S Addison's disease? We'll have to get out the doctor book. It describes Addison's disease as a disorder of the medulla of the adrenal gland, which forms adrenaline. The book adds: "When people become angry or frightened, large amounts of the adrenal hormone flow in the blood. As a result, the blood pressure is increased, the heart beats faster and the bronchial muscles are dilated. The individual is prepared for violent muscular action. For this reason, adrenaline has often been called the 'fight or flight' hormone because it is roused by anger or fear."

As for Mr. Kennedy's back injury, it started with football in college and was aggravated when his P-T boat was blown out of the water by Jap shells in the War in the Pacific and Kennedy, although injured, struggled heroically to save the lives of his men.

WHAT'S this Presidential nomination business coming to?

It's beginning to sound like a horse trade back in the days when before acquiring a nag the prospective buyer went over it with meticulous care, looking at its teeth to determine its age, feeling its legs for sores and inquiring searchingly into its life history in the way of heaves, glanders and such.

RED-FACED EDITORS Atlanta—UPI—The weatherman had promised showers for days, but continued drought prompted the Atlanta Journal Wednesday to headline its weather story: "Weatherman Gives Up."

The newspapers hit the street—and the rains came.

New Red Chinese Aggression Overshadowed, But Persistent

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

From Nepal's remote capital of Katmandu a few days ago came word of a Red Chinese attack on the even more remote kingdom of Mustang.

The king of Mustang and his family were reported fleeing south.

For those concerned with such events, the very obscurity of Mustang presented a challenge.

Where was it and what was it?

Initial research proved discouraging. Britain's Royal Geographic Society didn't know. Neither did India House. The Nepalese consul didn't know either. Some thought it was a part of Nepal but not a kingdom.

Gradually, scraps of information emerged.

Mustang is a vassal state of Nepal with a population of about 200,000, mostly Buddhist. The town of Mustang is 10 miles from the Tibetan border on the Kail Vandaki river.

It is 10 days walking distance from the nearest airstrip, and since there are no recognizable roads, walking is the only way to get there.

Communication with Katmandu is by a shaky wireless system which frequently does not function.

This information would be of little interest to anyone besides the Mustangese, except as an illustration of the difficulties facing such nations as India and Nepal in their struggle against Red Chinese encroachment on their frontiers.

In the sweep of events of recent weeks—failure at the summit, collapse of disarmament talks, the fall of governments in Turkey and Korea and near-anarchy in Japan—there has been little time to note land-hungry Red China's unremitting pressures on her neighbors.

In the latest incident, a Nepalese army officer was killed, and 17 others were arrested by Red Chinese troops inside Nepalese territory.

Attack Expected These troops are part of Red China's Tibetan garrison and they recognize no boundaries in their pursuit of hapless Tibetans seeking to escape the Communist Utopia impressed upon their homeland.

In any event, latest dispatches from Katmandu say that political circles there now are convinced the red Chinese will make a direct attack against Nepal.

They are equally convinced that in event of attack, the United Nations and the United States will come firmly to their aid.

How this could be accomplished is something of a mystery, since no such help was forthcoming when the Reds took over Tibet.

Red Chinese troops already are within three days march of Katmandu from their nearest garrison at Koradi. The farthest point in Nepal is but 20 minutes flying time from Red Chinese jet airfields.

are two prompting devices which will make it possible for the orators to face the cameras on either side and still read their lines while appearing to speak extemporaneously.

Maybe I'm just old-fashioned but I liked conventions better when the orators were untelevised and unprompted. I suppose I will even miss the old barn smell.

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