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10 YEARS AGO July 13, 1950 (Thursday) State forest patrolmen are looking for a motorcycleist who is believed to have purposely started two grass fires

20 YEARS AGO July 13, 1940 (Saturday) Eleven of the Rogue river national forest's most experienced fire-fighters have been ordered to stand by for possible dispatch to Montana

30 YEARS AGO July 13, 1930 (Sunday) Plant experts and horticulturists from six western states and British Columbia opened a three-day conference here today.

40 YEARS AGO July 13, 1920 (Tuesday) A 70 per cent pear crop is predicted for the valley this year.

50 YEARS AGO July 13, 1910 (Wednesday) Phoenix suffered its worst fire in history yesterday when the Alfred Weeks planing mill and a dozen homes burned to the ground.

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

1. In 1820: About this time portable safes, for the first time, were imported from France to New York. Were they fireproof?

Hoop-la vs Meat-and-Potatoes

Is the American political convention out of date?

Listening with one ear to all the overblown oratory of the opening day in Los Angeles, one is tempted to think maybe it is.

Perhaps CBS Commentator Howard K. Smith is right when he points out that television, by letting the American people witness for themselves the trivialities and boredom of convention sessions, is, at most, writing finish to the convention system, or at least, changing both its methods and its appearance.

THERE'S no doubt that it's a great show—an important show. But it's spotty.

That was revealed graphically by the television coverage, which simply acknowledged that there were some things more interesting than the secretary of the national committee reading the report of the credentials committee (or whatever that long, dull document was).

And as for the music and entertainment, that ran a poor second to any run-of-the-mill variety show. The mere presence of Frank Sinatra on the TV screen no longer produces enchantment.

BUT when the cameras swung to the meat-and-potatoes of the convention—Mrs. Roosevelt accepting Governor Stevenson's adroit introduction and then proceeding to write off Senator Kennedy; Senator Humphrey explaining the independence of his own supporters; Governor Freeman trying to be tactful about his own ambitions for the vice presidency—when these came on, the convention was dramatic and compelling.

The craggy faces of Chester Bowles and John Stennis—both wise in the ways of politics and people, and each diametrically opposed to the other's philosophy—these gave an insight into the American mixture of confusion and wit and subtlety and principle and courage which is politics.

The hoop-la is meaningless and frothy and boring. But watching American politics at work has a fascination nothing else can match.—E.A.

What is a "Crackpot"?

Why print a "letters to the editor" column? Walter Reece thinks that maybe American society isn't perfect, and that perhaps some things are done better in Russia.

Leila Morrow tells him he's a maladjusted nonconformist, and advises readers to pay no attention to him.

Floyd McCabe takes pot-shots at those who like the sleek new cars, and holds out stoutly for the simple virtues of the Model A.

FRANK KOCH blasts away at Copco, and its advertising program, and its rates. And Art Chipman blasts right back again, pointing out that advertising is the catalyst and hub-grease of the American economy.

Mrs. Cleo Canoose, the wife of the former Medford fire chief, carries on her grudge-fight against the city administration, and others blast away at the recreation program, at the surfacing of the new swimming pool, at what they call "favoritism" in the police department.

And Medford's public servants wince, keep their mouths shut, and strive to do an even better job for their 23,246 bosses.

F. J. CLIFFORD pours out his homely reminiscences and philosophy, and another old-timer, Bert Kissinger, recalls tales of the early mining days and lost gold mines.

A family which has lost its home to fire expresses its appreciation to all those—known and unknown—who have assisted them.

M. J. Olsen blasts away at the editorial writer as being too far to the left, and at Congressman Porter for his ventures into the foreign affairs field. Porter replies, saying he's concerned about the possibility of a war of annihilation, and that he'll do whatever he can, in his role as a congressman, to avert it.

RAY DeMARS, William Doernbach, and a few others continue their criticisms of the fiscal policies of school district, county, city and nation, and the editorial writer blows his top at what he considers the essential unworkability and self-destructing aspects of the proposed 23rd Amendment, to outlaw the income tax.

Mrs. Delbert Casey drops off a few rough-hewn verses of wry comment about this and that. And the incorrigible Everett Aklin writes little comments about kwazy monkeys, old automobiles, or, dropping into Swedish dialect, the foibles of the Republicans and Democrats.

David Frisch writes complainingly of the administration of the VA domiciliary, and glowingly of Senator Morse.

IS THERE anywhere else in the world where this debate could be conducted?

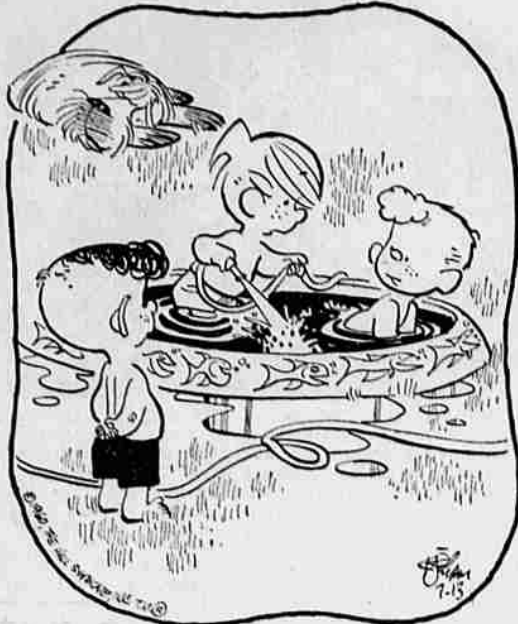
Is it not one of the greatest of the benefits of living in this country—to be able freely to dispute, to argue, to criticize, to proselyte or complain?

Would anyone want it any other way? Would they really, deep down, seek to silence those with whom they disagree?

And if (as some proper people maintain) those who write for publication are "crackpots," then thank the good Lord for the "crackpots" who have the courage of their convictions and the will to express them.

Turn up your nose if you will, but these good folk are examples of the American tradition in action.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



JOEY HAS TO WAIT AWHILE. HE JUST ATE.

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.

Waverly Baby Home

To the Editor: I was one of a group of men from Medford who met in Portland May 12 for a two-day tour of child care agencies for which a portion of the money raised by United Medford Crusade is allocated.

Our trip to and from Portland was paid for individually by each of us, and it goes without saying that it certainly gives you a real sense of enjoyment to see the care given the young folks. Tour Captain Tom Ness asked each man to make a brief report on a certain agency. Mine was the Waverly Baby Home, 3559 S.E. Woodward, Portland, Ore.

This institution was founded in 1888 and has given care and a lift towards a happy and useful life to over 7,100 babies since its founding. It has a capacity of 75 children at one time and during the month of April, 1960, it admitted 38 and discharged 33, which is a representative figure that Mrs. Elsa Hansen, executive secretary, informed me worked out approximately on that basis throughout the year.

Its President is Homer D. Angell, former United States Congressman, who works full time on a voluntary basis.

It admits all babies in need without regard to race, creed, or color from one day old to five years. They have a round-the-clock spiritual, psychiatric, medical, dental, and recreation service.

Waverly Baby Home cooperates with all the welfare departments of Oregon and its counties, and with all child care agencies and group workers for the improvement of child care and the expansion of homemaker service. Waverly Baby Home maintains an institute which they try to serve on a temporary basis while permanent placements are being arranged, and it does not place itself in the category of an orphanage.

The thing that impressed me most was how devoted the employees of this institute were towards these children. It certainly is gratifying to see people who are so dedicated to helping the unfortunate.

George M. Joyce 1108 Queen Ann Medford

Alley

To the Editor: There is an alley between South Central and Riverside, from Tenth to Eleventh, that makes me wonder if there is a certified health department in Medford.

It could be gotten rid of by presenting it to a few churches, because many religions seem to believe the congregations are a group of garbage disposal units, by the way man's doctrine, instead of God's, is shoved in both ears.

Rev. A. Gilman 322 South Riverside Ave. Medford

Likes Travel Letters

To the Editor: I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the people responsible for the letters of the traveling tourists.

I have enjoyed "traveling" with them. Though I haven't really traveled much, I feel I am by reading these letters. I've especially enjoyed the exchange students letters and will enjoy my "trip" in Germany this summer with De Anne Taylor.

2311 Military rd. Kathleen Lull Medford

Vacation Plans

To the Editor: Summer vacation. Do we all have fun getting all sunburned and sleeping in the sun?

A trip to the beach. It's crowded, the sea; No enough spaces For hubby and me.

We go to the lake and fish from the boat. A hook snagged on rocks—It sure gets my goat.

To mosquitoes bite; And ants find the food. Campers are noisy, And some of them rude.

Come home all weary, The grass needs a trim, The flowers need water, The garden looks grim.

Summer vacation. Who said it was fun? All that's accomplished is run, run, run.

Mrs. Delbert Casey Route 1, Box 358 Central Point, Ore.

Advertising Defended To the Editor: Normally I read your "Letters to the Editor"

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

PINCHED FOR SPEEDING by a cop who h camouflaged himself behind a bush, Mrs. Kadison angrily put the summons in her pocketbook and later when back home, sighed to her husband, "Oh, for the good old days when cops didn't hide out, but took their chances in traffic like everybody else!"

The New Haven had installed a portable bar in one of its commuter trains, but it was not fastened securely to the floor, and on one sharp curve near Rye, N. Y., it toppled over, spilling drinks. One evening a regular commuter startled Jerome Beatty by predicting, "In precisely two minutes that bar is going to fall over!" It did, too, just as the train hit the curve.

Lucille Chase in "Skirts Aloft" reports the biggest bite ever recorded. An unfortunate passenger reported the loss of his dentures in flight. Eventually, the upper plate was found in Chicago and the lower in Jacksonville, Florida!

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Stevenson's Appearance Breathes Life Into Stop-Kennedy Campaign, Adds Time

By LYLE C. WILSON Sports Arena, Los Angeles

—It is no reflection on Adlai E. Stevenson to report that he has taken off his false whiskers and is revealed as a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Neither is it any reflection on Stevenson to report that he made a calculated entrance to the convention hall Tuesday night and stopped the

show. The stage managing could not have been better if a Hollywood showman had been in charge—and perhaps he was.

And it does not reflect on anyone to report, further, that the stop-Kennedy movement has had a sniff of oxygen and is sitting up in bed.

A Welcomes Break What happened was this: Stevenson entered the convention hall Tuesday night just as Chester Bowles was cranking up to read the Democratic presidential platform. The delegates had been listening to speeches for a long time. It was a moment when any break would be welcome.

The appearance of Stevenson set off a flicker of demonstration at the doors. This flicker was like a tiny flame

in forest tinder. It spread, Bowles quickly got the word from the rising racket. There would have to be some recognition of Stevenson before the platform reading could go on.

In the wings were the Stevenson demonstrators, complete with signs and chants in the middle of the mob scene was Stevenson, smiling, perspiring slightly and with more friendly elbows jammed into his ribs than jammed him during any presidential campaign.

A Noble Demonstration Police finally hauled him through the milling Democrats and to the rostrum where Stevenson took a bow. That put the demonstrators on the road Stevenson acknowledged it all with what else, a wisecrack about the con-

vention crowds. He said he thought the Democrats would have to nominate the last survivor. It was a noble demonstration.

The maneuver was as simple as that. It served, however, to keep alive—or, more properly to bring to life—the dying hopes of the stop-Kennedy strategists. By argument and by devising appeals to the technicalities of convention rules, the stop-Kennedy forces labored Tuesday night and into today to hold the line.

They are fighting not so much to prevent Kennedy's nomination as to prevent it on the first ballot; a goal line stand. Time is what the stop-Kennedy forces need the most of now, next to delegate

votes.

ment abuses which could be eliminated in no other way.

But in no case can it be argued that rule of the streets represents the orderly, democratic way, nor can it be denied that mob action feeds upon itself, generating greater abuses than those it seeks to eliminate.

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There was historic as well as current precedent for the Communist attempt to topple the pro-Western government of Premier Fernando Tambroni.

Most Unified Party Next to the badly split Christian Democrats, the Communists are the strongest, and certainly the most unified, political force in Italy.

In 1948, they unleashed a general strike in which 21 persons were killed. Also in 1948, there was real fear among Western nations that

the Communists would be able to win Italy's general elections.

Aside from precedent, there was also the suspicious coincidence in last week's mob action that Italian Communist Leader Palmiro Togliatti just had returned from a visit to Moscow. The action suggested that the Italian outbreak was a calculated part of Nikita Khrushchev's stepped-up cold war throughout the world.

Caretaker Government Tambroni's is a caretaker government, pledged to see the country through the coming Olympics and budgetary bills necessary to keep the government running.

After that, Tambroni is pledged to step down. UPI reporters in Rome say after that look for new trouble.

The Christian Democrats represent the great center of Italian voters. But not since the death of Alcide De Gasperi has a leader emerged who can hold them together.

Lockheed Strike Negotiators Meet

Los Angeles (UPI) — Negotiators, reporting progress, returned to the bargaining table today in an effort to end the nearly month-old machinists strike against Lockheed Missile and Space Division.

Talks have been underway here since Monday when they were moved from San Francisco where bargaining attempts met with repeated failures. Negotiators for the International Association of Machinists and Lockheed said at the end of Tuesday's session that some progress was being made.

About 10,500 machinists walked off their jobs June 15 at the firms plants and facilities at Sunnyvale, Santa Cruz, Vandenberg Air Force Base and Van Nuys, Calif. The firm makes the Polaris underwater missile and works on several important satellite programs.

Finch Jury Nears Completion Los Angeles (UPI) — Attorneys for the prosecution and defense hope today to complete selection of a jury to hear the murder trial of Dr. R. Bernard Finch, 43, and Carole Tregoff, 23.

A total of 247 prospective jurors had been questioned by the end of Tuesday's session. A tentative panel of 10 women and 2 men was seated when the session was recessed.

Finch and Miss Tregoff are accused of the July 18 slaying of Finch's estranged wife, Barbara Jean, 33. Their first trial ended in a hung jury March 12.

More crystal ball stuff: As this is written (on Monday), the Broadway (N.Y.) oddsmakers are betting 7-5 that Senator Kennedy will receive the Democratic presidential nomination.

At the same time, they are betting 7-5-2 that Vice President Nixon will be the next President of the United States. Take your choice.

Off-again-on-again - Finnegan note in the news: A few weeks ago, it was accepted as a certainty that when the L.A. convention opened HST would be there, with both fists swinging. Then the word was that he wouldn't come. Later it was announced that he'd be there. Then he wouldn't. Senator Symington commented: "Mr. Truman always does what he thinks is best."

ON CBS-TV, Ed Murrow was interviewing the leading candidates. His question to each interviewee was this: "Is the convention system the best possible way to pick party candidates for the office of President of the United States?"

All were cautious in their answers. Most of them replied, in effect, that in the year 1960 it is the only system we have.

AT LEAST, Murrow's question is an interesting one. It must be in the minds of a lot of people.

THAT'S enough frivolous stuff. Let's be serious for a moment.

I SUPPOSE you are following what is going on in the Congo, in Africa. That's TRAGIC.

Why is it tragic? It is tragic because these people in the Congo have been given their independence BEFORE THEY ARE READY FOR IT.

Copeo but just am getting fed up with these little "digs" that some people keep making at advertising, for without advertising the country's economy would really be in a sad state of affairs.

Art Chipman 2251 Ross Lane Medford.

FALSE TEETH That Loosen Need Not Embarrass

Many wearers of false teeth have suffered real embarrassment because their plates dropped, slipped or wobbled at just the wrong time. Do not live in fear of this happening to you. Just sprinkle a little FASTEREIN on the abutment (non-soft) powder on your plates. Hold false teeth more firmly, so they feel more comfortable. Does not sour, checks "plate odor" (denture breath). Get FASTEREIN at any drug counter.

Government-by-Riot Becoming Familiar; Attempted in Italy

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

Government-by-riot has become a distressingly familiar news headline in recent weeks.

Street mobs toppled the governments of Korea and Turkey and prevented President Eisenhower's visit to Japan. In the cases of Korea and Turkey it may be argued that the mobs were acting against govern-

ment abuses which could be eliminated in no other way.

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West Eyes Conclave Vote Shenannigans

By DICK WEST

Los Angeles (UPI) — I would say that the turning point in the Democratic national convention came this week when the following advertisement appeared in a local paper:

"I release all presidential delegates pledged to vote for me."

Beneath this startling pronouncement was the name of Matthew Harrison Brady of Weeping Water, Neb. To say that the ad left this convention city gasping with apathy would be exaggerating the situation indeed.

At the time it was published, favorite son candidates were giving up the ghost with clock-like regularity and releasing their delegates from whatever chains that bound them.

"Oops, there goes another favorite son," someone would say, and the next time you saw him he would be sitting on the Kennedy bandwagon, playing a slide trombone.

Few Catch Significance In the midst of all this backing and filling, only a few observers here caught the significance of Brady's action. I caught it and it splattered all over me.

What made Brady's maneuver so significant was the fact that nobody knew he had any delegates to release. As soon as I saw his ad, I contacted the Nebraska delegation and came up with some inside information.

Not only, I learned, was a

delegation; no delegates that I talked with had ever heard of him. However, I was told by recognized authorities that there is such a place as Weeping Water, Neb.

Armed with this intelligence, I was able to fit all the pieces together to form an intriguing conclusion—Brady, by releasing his non-existent delegates, had effectively stopped the "stop Kennedy" move by Lar Daly.

Asks 'Equal Time' It was Daly, you may recall, who shook the foundations of the television industry earlier this year by demanding "equal time" with Kennedy on the Jack Paar show.

As the only presidential candidate who campaigns in an "Uncle Sam" suit, Daly has not exactly been overlooked at this convention. But he has been rather overwhelmingly ignored.

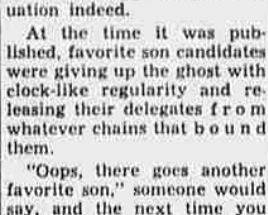
Just before the convention opened Monday, Daly made his big move. He drafted a telegram to former President Harry S. Truman, the famous Missouri stay-at-home, passing the word that "I am now only person who can stop Kennedy nomination."

"I ask permission to occupy your unused rooms Ambassador hotel here for my plan," Daly wrote. "Can't guarantee payment for rooms now, but will pay charges to you later in partial payments if necessary."

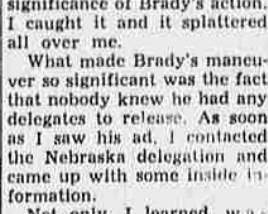
"I doubt that the 'stop Kennedy' move will die from lack of room rent alone. But when Brady released his delegates, the handwriting was on the wall.



Dick West



C. M. Litwiler



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