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Some Premise

The Republican candidate for Congress from this district, Dr. Durno of Medford, said again this week he favors health care for the aged on some kind of insurance set up. But in outlining his proposal he made it pretty clear he isn't for any brand that will work.

Being against a medical care plan for the aged in this day and age is political suicide. So those who disfavor it are reduced to making red herring proposals of ineffective methods. One is forced to the conclusion such is Durno's tactic.

He looks with alarm upon the Forand Bill—wherein working people would pay for their health insurance after they retired through deductions from their pay checks. This is the way they pay for their Social Security pensions today.

Durno feels anything so "compulsory" would be un-American, or something.

If he's right, then we'd better get rid of the Social Security system altogether, for it is founded on the same premise as the Forand Bill.—Coos Bay World.

French Are Shocked

Robert Kostka, the art film authority puts into perspective our peculiar American attitude toward "decency." He pointed out, in an interview with Marvin Tims of this newspaper, that many American films are rejected by Europeans as being too morbid, too brutal, too suggestive.

But by "suggestive," he means not suggestive of sex, but suggestive of murder, arson, mayhem, burglary and other activities of that type. This stuff is just too strong for the French, who are tolerant of the female form but intolerant of stabblings and torture.

Mr. Kostka's observation bears out what was written in these columns a couple of months ago. We have in America a curious double standard. We get terribly upset about "racy" books and movies, even when they are not really very racy. But we tolerate detailed depictions of brutality, both in literature and on film.

PARTLY because of time and partly because of taste, we don't spend a great many hours in front of the magic 21-inch screen. But we have yet to see on television a show that could be called "racy." But many have been the shows, of the Mike Hammer type, which seem to be pitched toward the perverted tastes of those who get their kicks from bloodshed and violence.

We still contend that the self-appointed censors, book burners and movie closers around the country are going after the wrong kind of stuff. They forget that there were 10 commandments, not just one.—Eugene Register-Guard.

The Common Enemy

There's one problem the leaders of the Democratic Party are not likely to have this year. It is not likely they will require a loyalty oath of any prominent Democrat. They won't have to ask 'em to swear that they will not vote for the Republican candidate, Richard Nixon.

They may disagree on some points, but on one all prominent Democrats will be united. To a man, they thoroughly dislike Mr. Nixon.

Some Republicans will argue that Mr. Nixon did not say all the harsh things that he is alleged to have said about some prominent Democrats and the Democratic Party. But their protests will shatter on deaf ears. The Democrats are convinced that Mr. Nixon did make some rough statements about their party and some members of their party and they are not going to forgive and forget.

THEY are sure that he questioned the patriotism of Harry S. Truman, Dean Acheson and Adlai Stevenson, among others, and the Democratic party.

The Speaker of the House, Mr. Sam Rayburn, has said he never will forgive Nixon. When Mr. Sam speaks it is not idle chatter. He means it, and no Democrat knows better how to take care of an enemy.

Democrats with long memories have not forgotten how Mr. Nixon got a big push up the ladder to the political big time. He got there by defeating Helen Gahagen (Mrs. Melvyn Douglas) in a California contest, the record of which shows Nixon repeatedly questioned the patriotism of Mrs. Douglas.

WE WILL find out this year how well Mr. Nixon can "take it." He has shown he is a pretty fair hand in a rough and tumble political fight. But what he's been through will seem, before this campaign is out, to have been no more rigorous than a tiddly-winks contest.

Democrats will give him the works and they will thoroughly relish every minute of it. He is the common enemy. It will not be necessary to enlist volunteers to lead the charge against him.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Eisenhower Visits Grandchild in Hospital

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower drove to Walter Reed Army Medical Center Wednesday to visit his granddaughter, Susan, who underwent an operation for removal of her tonsils and adenoids.

Oregon Veteran Loan Earnings Disclosed

Salem—UPI—Earnings of the Oregon veteran farm and home loan program were \$1,228,281 during the past fiscal year, according to H. C. Saalfeld, director of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Dennis the Menace



YOU'RE THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT DON'T LIKE THIS HAIRCUT MARGARET GAVE ME. EVERYBODY ELSE THINKS IT'S FUNNY!

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

Co-existence and the Congo

The task of the U. N. in the Congo is entirely without precedent and it is inordinately difficult. Indeed, the problems are insoluble unless the governments which make up the U. N. can rise above their normal behavior to a much higher level of reason and good will.

The indispensable condition of success is that the great powers should realize that each of them has a vital interest in the mission of the U. N. This is a case where the principle of unanimity, which is imbedded in the Charter, is necessary. The great powers must do more than acquiesce. They must actively support the mission, using their influence where it counts.

not 30,000 French-speaking civil servants and technicians and doctors available in the world to go to the Congo.

THIS will mean that an extremely delicate problem lies ahead. How, without the restoration of Belgian political or military power in the Congo, can the trained Belgians be persuaded to stay, or if they have left, to return? How can the other African nations and the Soviet and Chinese governments be induced to agree to the use of the virtually irreplaceable Belgians?

These are not questions that the State Department can or should try to answer in the form of public pronouncement. The problem is in the United Nations and for once our role is, thanks be, not that of the leader who must fix it all but of the loyal supporters.

THE difficulties of the Congo problem are increased by the fact that communication has broken down between Moscow and Washington. If it were possible to talk with Mr. K., instead of trading insults with him, it would be useful to be able to say to him that what the U. N. is doing in the Congo is a dramatic example of how co-existence can be made to work. The example might be applied elsewhere.

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Final Preparations Made for 'Duchess'

Ashland—Final preparations have been completed for the Monday, Aug. 22, opening of John Webster's "The Duchess of Malfi."

Having now performed all of Shakespeare's works at least once, the Ashland theater launches Monday a new production series devoted to the works of Shakespeare's contemporaries.

Crop Duster Has Few Busy Minutes

Wynne, Ark.—UPI—Jack Gillet is so disgusted he may give up crop dusting. Gillet was gassing up his engine Wednesday as the engine idled.

The engine suddenly caught fire. Gillet ran to the cockpit door and pulled back the throttle, hoping wind from the propeller would put out the flames. Instead the plane began to move, and before he could leap inside to stop it, it was racing all over the field.

Afraid it would crash into a house or run onto a nearby highway Gillet jumped into a pickup truck and tried to ram the plane with it. He jammed the pickup's throttle down, aimed it at the plane and jumped. The truck missed, crashed into a nearby storage building and demolished it.

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Vientiane Laos (you'll probably have to look that one up on your map, and may have a hard time finding it):

Prince Souvanna Phouma formed a new government today dedicated to ending the civil conflict with the communist guerrillas. He was brought to power by Laos army rebels, who deposed the previously pro-American regime which had signed Laos with the United States.

The new head of the government announces that under his administration Laos will follow a NEUTRALIST policy. Repercussions were feared from the U. S., which has been PAYING MOST OF THE KINGDOM'S BILLS and training its 30,000-man royal army in jungle tactics to fight the communists.

A. H. M. E. I sometimes wonder why we Americans don't go neutral and chant melodiously with the poet: "Let me live in my house by the side of the road and be a friend of man."

It would be WONDERFUL—until the communists came along and gobbled us up along with all the other "neutralists."

FROM Alamogordo, N. M.: Capt. Joseph Kittinger set a world record today for manned balloon flight and a new parachute jumping mark by leaping from an open gondola 102,000 feet (a shade under 20 miles) above the earth. He got so far up that it took him 18 minutes and eight seconds to get back.

EVERYBODY seems intent these days on getting as far away from the surface of this earth as possible. Everything considered, that is perhaps understandable.

FROM Washington:

FBI Director Hoover reports today there was a STARTLING nine per cent increase in the national crime rate during the first six months of this year. He said the upswing in crime was spread throughout the United States, but was highest in the West, where crimes of violence rose 19 per cent and property crimes went up 15 per cent.

Police, Director Hoover said, reported a total of 462,396 offenses against property, an increase of more than 40,000 over the same period last year.

THERE'S trouble everywhere. For example: In London, Antony Armstrong-Jones (husband of Princess Margaret) has lost his butler and appears to be on the edge of losing his footman-valet!

Today, isn't it? The news ruddy sounds like the incantation of the witches in Macbeth:

"Double, double, toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble."

I KNOW this piece sounds terribly cynical . . . and, in general, I'm inclined to cast a doubting eye on cynics. But, at this moment in history, what with politics and torying dissimulation with everything that is, and a growing yearning for the quick buck, I'm not so sure, but what there may be an opening in our country for CONSTRUCTIVE cynicism.

Railroads To Ask Grain Rate Slash

Portland—UPI—Major Pacific northwest railroads have announced plans to file a request with the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D.C., Monday asking for rate reductions on grain moving to west coast ports.

Harold J. Turner, manager of the Oregon Railroad Association, said the rate reductions were being requested in an effort to meet truck and barge competition.

Turner said the new rates would cut an estimated \$7 million from freight costs for growers.

If there is no opposition to the requested rate reduction, the new rates are expected to become effective Sept. 30.

Representatives of the railroads also said they planned to seek rate reductions for shipment of grain from the Pacific northwest to California.

Clock-Watching Cops Leave Accident Scene

New Haven, Conn.—Two clock-watching patrolmen were suspended for three days after they stopped their investigation of a collision promptly when their tour ended at 3:10 p.m., leaving a traffic jam behind them.

Adenauer to Face Brandt In West German 1961 Election

By WELLINGTON LONG

Bonn, Germany—(UPI)—The inevitable contest between the old bull and the most powerful of his young challengers is shaping up for next year's West German election campaign.

By election time late next summer, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will be 65 years old. His most likely opponent—West Berlin Lord Mayor Willy Brandt—will then be 48.

It will be the fourth time Adenauer has led his Christian Democrats in a national election campaign. He has won handsily each time, increasing his majorities in 1953 and 1957.

But Brandt, a national figure and, by some public opinion polls, the country's most popular man just now, will be making his first national campaign.

In the United States, men of Brandt's generation—the generation that fought and was decimated by the last war—already head both major parties.

Issue Not Decided Here, the issue is not yet decided.

The issue in Germany is not the same as that raised in the United States as to whether presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon are too young for such weighty office.

In Germany the question is more one of whether a man of Adenauer's advanced years is too old to remain in charge of the country's affairs.

More than a simple 37 years separates the two men. Adenauer was born the year Gen. George Custer was defeated at the Little Big Horn

and three years after Kaiser Wilhelm's troops occupied Paris and organized a peace that prevailed in Western Europe for the next 40 years.

Brandt was born the year before that peace finally collapsed in 1914.

Century-Old Habits Adenauer is a spare patriarch whose policies are modern but whose personal habits are those of the 19th century.

Brandt is a typically breezy, fast-moving man of the mid-twentieth century who prefers the harsh whiskeys served at a cocktail party to the gentle wines Adenauer sips.

On foreign affairs, both men see pretty much eye to eye, to the chagrin of Brandt's fellow Socialists.

Both men can be utterly ruthless, although Adenauer has the cooler head.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

The Catholic Voters

New York—The drama of the Catholic voters and Sen. John F. Kennedy is likely to be more complicated than most people suppose, and the outcome may be less satisfactory for the Democratic nominee than most people now expect.

This is the unavoidable conclusion, at any rate, which emerges from the results of a long and intensive round of doorbell-ringing in the Parkchester apartments.

These vast, rather pleasing red brick blocks of lower-middle income housing are a good hunting ground for anyone interested in the voting attitudes of special groups.

Something like 12,000 families inhabit this island in the wilds of the Bronx created by the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. The rule is that each tenant's name is on his door. The name itself will usually indicate the group that the tenant belongs to. Thus you can get any sort of sample you want, simply by ringing doorbells with the right labels above them.

As previously reported, the trends among New York state's Jewish voters were tested in the Rosedale development in White Plains, with the able help of Oliver Quayle of Louis Harris Associates.

At the Parkchester, therefore, Louis Harris and this reporter concentrated on doorbells with what looked like Catholic labels, with such success that fifty-nine Catholic voters were included in our sample.

THIS very large and representative sample, balanced in its racial origin, was particularly interesting for a special reason. It is no help to Senator Kennedy, of course, to win the support of Catholics who are already loyal Democrats. For Kennedy, and for Vice President Nixon too, the vital question is whether Kennedy can win large numbers of Republican-voting Catholics back into the Democratic fold.

The great majority of these Parkchester people were in the Republican-voting Catholic group. Most of them, to be sure, still retain their Democratic registration, and most of them no doubt still vote Democratic in the city elections.

Yet a fair number of them had not cast a Democratic vote in a national election since 1940. Still more had been voting Republican since the war. And in 1956, no less than 48 of the 59 had supported Dwight D. Eisenhower, against only eight who had voted for Adlai E. Stevenson, and three who had not voted that year.

In other words, close to five out of six of these firemen and policemen and pharmacists and small salesmen and the rest had participated in the great Catholic migration from the Dem-

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 letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Come Out of the Dark

To the Editor: This letter is addressed to those who have been calling me on the telephone, identifying themselves only as "Truth Citizens" for a political candidate.

This is NOT to apologize for my earlier letter. My wife and I are the only ones who know what you said on the telephone. But everybody that reads the paper is going to hear what I have to say about you.

You are cowards. You said you were a "wealthy friend" of his, and he had a lot more that would go to any length to defend him. You said the money was all on your side, his, and the law. You know the medical words. You told me about my physical condition, just like many doctors have. You would have my medical status reexamined, and cut my pension, or take it all away. You would prosecute me and the editor of the paper.

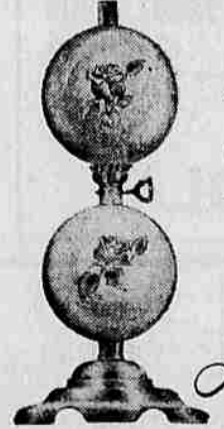
If I believed you, I might pack and leave, but I don't. I know lots of good doctors here, and they are men with principles. You don't have the world in a jug and the stopper in your hand, as you try to make me believe.

Now, would-be brainwasher, come from behind the brushpile before someone sets it on fire. You talked like a Gestapo. You said you would come over, take me out and give me a flogging. I know what that word means, and if you still have that idea in your head, you'd better just think until you get it out, before you try that.

A woman's voice was one of the calls. I have always tried to respect ladies. But the words you said to me on the telephone, I would not talk to a dog the way you talked to me, with the language you used. I don't see why the phone company would let you keep one. If you knew how stupid it sounds you would stop it.

Now, you that called and said you had not yet seen an apology in the paper, you read this. This is all you get. If you call again I want to talk to you. Come out of the dark.

J. W. Kimbrell 515 Western ave. Medford.



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Labor Expected To Vote Republican

Washington—UPI—Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell predicted today that the rank and file of organized labor will vote Republican in November.

Mitchell, talking to newsmen after seeing President Eisenhower, said this was true in 1956 and that union members are now more prosperous than ever before. AFL-CIO leaders are expected to endorse the Democratic presidential ticket this year.

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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

Aug. 18, 1950 (Friday)

The Southern Pacific railroad has applied for permission to construct a spur line from Tolo to White City.

Jackson County district attorney opposes parole of Hugh DeAutremont, youngest of three brothers convicted in 1927 for a train robbery and murder near Ashland.

20 YEARS AGO

Aug. 18, 1930 (Sunday)

John W. Aiken, the Socialist labor party candidate for president of the U.S., complained that a noise parade in Klamath Falls nearly disrupted a meeting he was holding there yesterday.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The British and German claims of losses of planes in the aerial warfare over the British Isles still fail to jibe with each other, or the figures added up by the City Park Field Marshals."

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 18, 1920 (Monday)

The Red Cross has established a wood pile where transients can work for food and lodging. It is not very busy.

The federal population count gives the city of Medford a total populace of 11,095.

40 YEARS AGO

Aug. 18, 1920 (Wednesday)

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for vice president, will make a brief talk at the local train depot Sunday.

An "enormous" run of salmon is now on at the mouth of the Rogue river.

50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 18, 1910 (Thursday)

The forestry bureau has issued a call for troops to help combat a fire which has burned over 300 acres of trees at the base of Mt. McLoughlin. The fire poses a great threat to Medford's water supply as it is burning in the Little Butte creek watershed.

By the time the Clark and Henry Paving company leaves Medford in October, it will have paved more than 120,000 square yards of city streets.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good. 1. On the map, does the toe or the heel in the "boot" of Italy nearly touch Sicily? 2. Is the hollyhock plant an annual or perennial flowering plant? 3. What is the first signature on the Declaration of Independence? 4. "Half Nelson" is a term used in which sport? 5. A fool and his money are soon—what? 6. What mammals are protected, insofar as their breeding grounds, on the Pribilof Islands? 7. During which war was "John Brown's Body" a famous song? 8. A shallow body of water near a sea is called a lagoon? 9. Kennedy and Lodge are from what State? 10. Which noted American invented the lightning rod? Answers: 1. To. 2. Perennial. 3. John Hancock. 4. Wrestling. 5. " . . . parted." 6. Seals. 7. War Between the States. 8. Lagoon. 9. Massachusetts. 10. Benjamin Franklin.