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Flight o' Time. Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune.

10 YEARS AGO. The Rogue valley pear industry is blaming the European cooperation administration.

20 YEARS AGO. Defending Champion Eddie Simmons fired a one-under-par 69 to lead qualifiers at the annual Southern Oregon Northern California golf tournament.

30 YEARS AGO. Walter Holmes, 11, who has been sitting in a tree on West Main st. came down after 777 hours aloft yesterday.

40 YEARS AGO. The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce recommended after a special hearing yesterday that the county courthouse be moved from Jacksonville to Medford.

50 YEARS AGO. Aug. 30, 1910 (Tuesday). Telegrams from Eastern friends and relatives of Medfordites are pouring into the local telegraph office.

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

Answers: 1. No. 2. Hydrogen. 3. Sandwich. 4. Harry S. Truman. 5. George I. 6. Uster. 7. Detective of fiction. 8. No. 9. A ground squirrel. 10. New Jersey.

The Uses of Government

What is government? Is it a necessary evil, to be tolerated unasily, feared, and kept as small as possible?

WE HESITATE to use those words, for they are loaded with many different meanings—whatever meanings the user (or listener) wishes to place on them.

In this regard, they are like a lot of other semantically-charged words—words which have come to have connotations to some people, and connotations which are not in the dictionary.

SOCIALISM, by definition, is the public ownership of the means of production and distribution.

There may be a few people left who still advocate such a theory for employment in the United States, but they are indeed few and far between.

So, when the conservative uses the word to describe the political philosophy of those who believe that government is a useful tool, and should be used as such, they are both inaccurate and misleading.

They are also a little less than completely honest.—E.A.

And the Loss of Freedom

The "conservative," in his fear of government as such, cites such horrible examples as Nazi Germany, Soviet Russia, and other totalitarian governments.

True—these governments were and are horrible examples. But to say that all government is evil because of these examples is a little like saying that all men are criminals because a few men are.

Democracy is an experiment in government, and a young one at that, judged in the whole context of history. We cannot yet say that it is an unqualified success. But we should not cut ourselves off from the hope of success by the fears of those who oppose change simply because it is change.

THE conservative, in arguing against current liberal and experimental trends in government, will unfailingly cite the "loss of freedom" which we have suffered in recent years, specifically since the beginning of the New Deal.

But it's also fair enough to ask for examples of what freedoms we have lost as a result of the growth of the "welfare state."

One "freedom" which all will agree has been lost is the ability to spend ALL of our money just as we'd like. A pretty sizeable chunk of it is taken by taxes.

BUT aside from paying the bill for the services of government (the biggest of which is the national defense, by the way), just what freedoms have been lost to us?

The freedom to cheat your neighbor through shady stock market manipulations? The freedom to starve to death in old age? The freedom to live in sub-standard housing? The freedom to go hungry when you lose your job? The freedom to grow up without a decent education? If these are the "freedoms" which have been lost, good riddance!

AND if it is other freedoms which the complainers are sorry to have lost, what are they? The beauty of alleging the "loss of freedom" is that you seldom have to be specific. And we're still waiting to hear what they are.

To the contrary, in our view true freedom has advanced right along with the expansion of the state's attention to the welfare of its citizens. Certainly the elderly couple, now managing to "get by" on social security, are far freer today than they would have been 25 years ago when they had no choice but to starve or accept alms.

THE same is true in a dozen other fields. When the instrumentality of government is used to protect its people from crime, from disease, from destitution, from chicanery, from foreign enemies, it is fulfilling its highest purpose.

And, up to this point, the American form of government has been able to make significant advances in all these fields without damage to the basic, individual freedom of men.

Election is a time for many persons to decide whether to be loyal to their thinking or their prejudices.—Sherman County Journal.

Dennis the Menace



'LOOK, MOM! DAD'S COOKIN' A WHOLE BREAKFAST WITHOUT PLUGGIN' IN A SINGLE THING!'

Matter of Fact

PROBLEM FOR NIXON. Washington - In the Southern states, the election is visibly beginning to produce an outburst of anti-Catholicism on the scale of 1928.

Such expressions from individual clergymen like Drs. Pollard and Criswell are not the end of the story, however. Circles of Protestant ministers, jointly vowed to make the anti-Catholic fight together, are forming in a good many localities. One such, comprising about 25 preachers, has been formed in the last week, for instance, in the small town of Danville, Va.

In the same manner, certain Methodist clergymen are reported to be organizing on a state-wide basis in South Carolina. A clergymen's circle like Mr. Moser's has been formed in Dallas, though not by Dr. Criswell. A fairly Republican lame duck is circulating through Texas, trying to stir up more preachers, and somewhat naively explaining that he hopes he will eventually get a State Department job.

Such is the general character of the problem for Vice President Richard M. Nixon that is rapidly taking shape in the South.

Nixon has just issued a general directive forbidding all his campaign workers even to discuss the so-called religious issue. He has nothing whatever to do with the anti-Catholic agitation that is now growing stronger by the day. But since he is the intended beneficiary of this agitation, it still constitutes a problem for Nixon which will be examined in another report.

DR. CRISWELL had a lot more to say about the Pope and "the Roman Catholicism from Massachusetts," as he called Sen. Kennedy; and the foregoing is enough to give the general tone. Furthermore, as the name of Dr. Criswell's church indicates, he is no backwoods ranter. He is the pastor of one of the largest and most prosperous congregations in Dallas.

The openness and the outward respectability are the features that differentiate the anti-Catholic agitation that is now beginning in the South from the tide of religious prejudice that Kennedy had to breast in West Virginia. As everyone knows, anti-Catholic feeling played an important role in the West Virginia primary. But in West Virginia, there were no signs that this feeling was even locally organized, and it was not encouraged, either, by community leaders of the character of Dr. Criswell.

According to Dr. Criswell's staff, "hundreds of thousands of copies" of his sermon have already been sent out at the request of "preachers, business groups and other people" for circulation in the South. Dr. Criswell is by no means a lonely crusader, either.

Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, and President of the Southern Baptist Convention, has given his public approval to ministers who wish to preach as Dr. Criswell preached. Interviewed by telephone, Dr. Pollard explained: "Senator Kennedy has a perfect right to believe as he chooses; but the Roman Catholic church is more than a religion. It is a political state. I protest against the Roman Catholic church's bigotry and persecution. I am against Kennedy because he represents the Roman Catholic church. I have said this outside the

pulpit, and I shall say it in the pulpit." SUCH expressions from individual clergymen like Drs. Pollard and Criswell are not the end of the story, however. Circles of Protestant ministers, jointly vowed to make the anti-Catholic fight together, are forming in a good many localities. One such, comprising about 25 preachers, has been formed in the last week, for instance, in the small town of Danville, Va.

Red China Courting New Nations for UN Votes; Afro-Asian Strength Still Grows

By K. C. THALER. London (UPI) - Red China is busily collecting friends among the newly emerging nations of the African continent.

For months past Peiping has courted African leaders in outright rivalry with Soviet diplomatic approaches to the new nations.

Lately, the Chinese strategy has gained momentum culminating in a decision even to send a government observer to the important African leaders' gathering in Leopoldville in the Congo.

Ostensibly designed to block the Africans against so-called "colonialists" and "imperialists", the Peiping strategy has a deeper meaning.

Red China is out to gain the votes of the new nations in the United Nations General Assembly, and the signs are she is succeeding.

The United States, with considerable support from its allies and friends in the United Nations, has been able to keep Red China out of the world organization thus far.

A majority has so far also blocked the annual move from Red China's friends to have the question of her admission to the U. N. placed on the agenda.

West Warns About Political Hazard: Friendly Handshake

By DICK WEST. Washington (UPI) - The National Geographic Society recently published an essay on the origin of the friendly handshake with which I wish to take friendly issue.

According to the Geographic, the custom probably began in ancient times when people would extend the right hand to show they held no weapons.

I hesitate to quarrel with so learned an organization, but this explanation seems to overlook the fact that the handshake is itself a sort of weapon. In the wrong hands, the handshake can be almost as dangerous as the hand grenade.

For expert testimony on this point, I can refer you to Vice President Richard M. Nixon, whose fingerbones must still be aching from a gripping experience in his office Monday. Mine certainly are.

The occasion was the formation of a Dick Nixon sports committee, some members of which called on the vice president to wish him well in the presidential race.

I was on hand (an expression I use advisedly) to witness the event and made the mistake of introducing myself to the committee chairman, Bob Reynolds of Los Angeles.

I did not realize until I felt my knuckles being crushed that this was the same Bob Reynolds who was a two-time

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

Washington - Amid a series of gloomy private advices coming up from the South to party leaders, a decision has been made to keep the Democratic presidential campaign in Dixie strictly a thing apart.

The effort there will be wholly different, in tone and in human terms, from what will be attempted all over the rest of the country.

Elsewhere, Senators John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson will run a tough, aggressive race, asking no slightest quarter from the Nixon-Lodge Republican ticket and offering none. But inside the South, the keynote will be expressed in these terms: "Take it easy... don't crowd anybody... sell it soft."

Outside the South, Kennedy is bypassing or at least supplementing the old-line regular Democratic organizations in many states and cities. Inside the South, the campaign will be geared 100 per cent into the traditional organizations of the established southern leaders - governors, senators, legislators, sheriffs, and so on.

Nothing will be done on behalf of the Democratic campaign in any southern state until it has been "cleared" by that state's Democratic chieftains. No new "Kennedy, Johnson committees," for example, from outside these hierarchical ranks will either be set up or allowed to function.

This strategic approach is largely the work of Sen. George Smathers of Florida, who has been chosen by Kennedy and Johnson as field marshal for the southern and border states as well. Smathers' objective, speaking realistically, is not the impossible one of holding every single

unit against the threat of Communism. Surely no one would want to be guilty of giving comfort to the enemy.

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THIS doesn't mean that Kennedy or Johnson will back up an inch on the platform. It only means that the Southern campaign will frankly leave Kennedy and Johnson on this point.

The heart of the Smathers plan, in short, contemplates these things: 1. Policy of noninterference in the South by Northern Democrats.

2. A minimum of talk about who is the Democratic presidential candidate and a maximum of talk about the South's old allegiance to the Democratic party as a collective institution.

3. No harsh attacks on bolters or potential bolters, on the theory that the more such people are pushed, the more they will broaden the bolt by soliciting other resentful Democrats.

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(Ireland) in 1938, was the son of a Presbyterian minister, a Presbyterian himself, and a Thirty-third degree Mason - Sir Douglas Hyde; and the first Premier, in 1938, was born of a Spanish immigrant father from Cuba, in 1882 at Brooklyn, N.Y., and christened Eamon de Valera.

The greatest and most handsome Lord Mayor Ireland's capital city of Dublin ever had was the famous Jewish Lord Mayor, Robert Briscoe (1958-59), not forgetting that Rome, Italy, had a Jewish Lord Mayor from 1904 to 1910.

A Presbyterian minister and a Catholic priest were co-founders of the University of Michigan in 1817; namely, the Rev. John Monteith and Father Gabriel Richard. Father Richard is the only priest to serve in the United States Congress (1823-25).

An "atheist," some one has said is a person who can watch a Notre Dame vs. Southern Methodist football game, and doesn't care which team wins.

"God is good to the Irish, but no one else; not even the Irish." (O'Malley Epigram). Stephen E. Gillis, White City, Ore.

Job and Satan. To the Editor: They say there is no Devil, there is no Satan. If this be so how do we account for the happenings to Job? For it is written that the Lord said to Satan "Where have you been?" Satan said "To and fro and up and down the earth." Meaning that he could tempt men with evil doings, and they would do his will, and they did. And the Lord said unto Satan, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? And still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movest me against him, to destroy him without cause." And Satan answered the Lord, and said, "Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face." And the Lord said unto Satan, "Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life."

All of Job's wealth was taken from him, his children killed, his wife and friends turned on him and called him a liar and a hypocrite toward God, he was taken with sck-

ness until his body stank and he prayed God that he could die. But he held fast to his faith and God made known unto him some of his glory and wonderful works. And Job said, "I see that all the good about me is like filthy rags in Thy sight!" And the Lord had mercy on Job and gave him double that what he had before and he lived to see four generations. And the reason that few men ever suffer the things that Job did is that Satan need not apply that much effort to gain his ends with most men.

As Vice President Nixon said, "I am not concerned whether we be with God, but that God be with us." God has always been with us but we have not been with him. I search my heart and find this is true, I'm no exception.

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