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Good Old Sigma Nu

Good old Sigma Nu fraternity treated Portland to one of those shabby and saddening demonstrations of collegiate bigotry last week.

In national convention at the Sheraton hotel, the grand council of the fraternity provided a barely legal, clearly dishonorable "way out" for those chapters faced with expulsion from college campuses because of racial restrictions on membership.

The Portland amendment to Sigma Nu's membership rules would permit certain chapters to appeal to a high council of five national officers for a waiver of the restrictions based on race, color, creed or national origin. The high council may grant the waiver only if the chapter is up against a regulation of law which threatens its very existence.

THE Sigma Nu fraternity boys showed an obvious reluctance to make even this concession to racial tolerance, human decency and the brotherhood of man.

Richard Fletcher, Lexington, Va., executive secretary, said the fraternity could not force universities to respect "our constitutional rule, but we trust the members' judgment as to what will keep the fraternity intact."

So Sigma Nu, the nation's fourth largest fraternity, is modifying its membership restrictions, but not its racism. The leaders of the organization trust that their brothers now and in the future will be properly nurtured in bigotry and will not be so indiscreet as to propose a Negro or an Oriental for initiation into the elite.

AS a voluntary association, good old Sigma Nu has a right to select new members on any basis desired by the group, subject to the prior right of universities to regulate campus organizations.

Yet, the Portland performance, involving members from both North and South, vividly recalls much that is shallow and evil in the social fraternity system in the United States.—Portland Reporter.

View of Shakespeare

... Morning found us in Ashland, checking in to the Mark Antony Hotel. (This town IS Shakespeare conscious. The hotel, recently renamed after one of Shakespeare's most famous characters is remodeling and redecorating to fit the name. It also is planning a luxury motor hotel addition similar to that of the Marion Hotel.)

Evening found us attending "The Taming of the Shrew" at the Shakespearean Festival Theater. I approached this with trepidation (my remembrances of my high school Shakespearean studies being that of some dull, stuffy writing that was almost impossible to understand), but determined to get a touch of culture if it killed me.

Frankly, it was one of the most enjoyable evenings of my vacation. Shakespeare, brought to life by expert actors, is not only understandable, it's excitingly interesting. I'm beginning to understand why many Salemites go back year after year and stay to see all four productions each time.—Vic Fryer in Salem Capital Journal.

Good Swap

The Legislative Interim Committee on Highways has recommended that Oregon license plates be "reflectorized" by 1963. This would make cars easier to see in the dark, however hard it might be on persons with a sensitive ear to the language.

Fine idea. Put the reflector goop on and take that "Pacific Wonderland" slogan off.—Eugene Register-Guard.

Dennis the Menace



"YOU HANG ON TO MY HAND, AN' I'LL HANG ON TO MOM'S HAND, AN' MOM'LL HANG ON TO... DAD, CAN YOU SWIM?"

Communications

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Flight of Industry

To the Editor: A reader of M.T. sends us an excerpt from the Congressional Record and asks us to write a letter to the Editor on same. The item being quite long, we must paraphrase the gist.

The substance is from a speech by Congressman Jim Wright from Texas. He hoists a storm signal for small business craft on economic waters. A warning to American small business. He fears that our economic system and business enterprise is in danger of foundering. In fact he points out that our great industrial enterprises, like rats on a waterlogged ship, are leaving the derelict and swimming to safety in foreign lands, where they are setting up shop in greener pastures, this long grass being a third and better of labor cost, the labor cost being but a third of ours.

Now it is the opinion of this writer that thinking people should consider the implications of this situation. Where and what is our situation except a cozy spot behind the eight ball?

This data was compiled by economist George Burger Jr., at the request of Mr. C. Wilson Harder, president of the National Federation of Independent Business. It is a motley parade of American Big Business. It ranges from aspirin to autos. (The aspirin is for the American automobile industry). Here is a partial list of the goods and commodities that are being imported that plague American producers: it ranges from kitchenware to cameras, clothing to chemicals, sewing machines to stainless steel, office machinery to oil, cars to carpets, bicycles to bull dozers, furniture to farm machinery, drugs to doodads, plywood to putting clubs. On and on, the list is endless. Even printing presses and perambulators.

These factories are being bought and bargained for, built and leased from Britain to Belgium, Sweden to Switzerland, Germany to Japan, Brazil to France, Argentina to Chile, Italy and Scotland, Mexico, Latin America and Spain, South Africa and Australia. Wherever the sun shines on free soil, American industrialists are setting up heavy artillery to bombard the American market.

The tide has turned. We are on the defensive. If the trend continues American skill and "know how" will be seeking employment in foreign lands, if automation does not beat them to it.

Walter Reece Galice rd. Merlin, Ore.

Plan for Peace

To the Editor: It has happened before, and may occur again, that an obscure citizen comes up with an idea that catches on like wildfire. Being a born optimist, your correspondent is confident that soon we shall witness a great and dramatic movement for peace, generated by the common people of America.

Three key United States senators were approached on this subject, but that was a mistake. It should be stimulated by a grass roots drive that would convince skeptical Soviet leaders of the sincerity of ordinary citizens of America praying for peace in our time.

This suggested plan is the most practical, sensible, and realistic proposal yet made to win the hearts and minds of the men and women of a potentially dangerous foreign power.

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A Curious Situation

To the Editor: Since the recent gasoline price war ended here, I have noticed what I consider to be a curious situation which I shall call the stretching gasoline tank.

Champ vs. Challenger Element in 1960 Elections Lacking; First Since 1952

By LYLE C. WILSON

indeed, the CHAMP until he got licked. More often than not the champ prevailed over the challenger. It has been only eight years since U.S. voters last were offered a choice between major party presidential candidates, neither of whom was a president seeking re-election. That was in 1952. The last previous time was in 1928 when President Calvin Coolidge "did not choose to run."

Incumbent Has Advantage The 1928 contestants were Republican Herbert Hoover, then secretary of commerce in Coolidge's cabinet, and Alfred E. Smith, Democratic governor of New York. Hoover won that one but lost four years later to another Demo-

cratic governor of New York, FDR. Modern American political history suggests that an incumbent president seeking re-election enjoys a real advantage over the challenger who seeks to put him out. Roosevelt's 1932 triumph over Hoover was an exception.

After 1932, the president in office—the champ—licked the challenger in each succeeding election through 1948. The most recent presidential election—1952—when neither candidate was in the White House, was affected by very special circumstances. Dwight D. Eisenhower, a Republican, but also a national hero, East, West, North and South, and Democratic Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, compared to the glamorous World War II general, Stevenson was and remained relatively obscure. Eisenhower's war record more than compensated for the fact that he was not in office as president when he ran in 1952.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

CREATIVE QUIET

Washington—There ought to be a permanent holiday on the unduly elaborated discussions, surveys, in-depth and polls dealing with so-called religious issues in this campaign.

A constant clacking is going on over a profoundly intimate area of intensely private human affairs that is no proper part of any public policy. True, religion is obviously going to play some role in the presidential election. True, this is regrettable and cannot be wholly and always ignored.

But it is quite as true that the more people point out how regrettable it all is, no matter their total sincerity, the more they will keep the whole thing alive—and growing. Debate, inquiry and all manner

of shouting back and forth are indispensable to free government. But questions about men's private lives are really not proper subjects for debate and ought to be approached, if we simply must approach them, with the greatest possible reserve.

THERE is much to be said, in these matters, for a creative quiet. No one who writes politics can doubt that the more efforts are made to put down "the religious issues" the more they continue to rise.

And whenever and wherever attempts are made to describe in dramatic terms a "Catholic vote," a "Jewish vote," a "Protestant vote," an instant if unintended disservice is done to the whole electoral system.

To begin with, every such attempt lays down as an implied fact a premise that is doubtful to start with: that there are decisive blocs which more or less infallibly will vote, regardless of the proper and measurable public issues of which any campaign is surely full enough, solely on private religious views.

THIS is by no means automatically true. It may be true, however, if there is ceaseless agitation tending to set one religious group against another—to say in effect: "Look, you Protestants (or Catholics or Jews), what those other fellows are doing. They are all lining up together. Hadn't you better do the same?"

To be sure, every political observer knows there are some religionists who will thus act automatically. But it does not follow that all, or anything like all, will automatically do the same. For Protestants, Jews, Catholics are just people—rich, middle-class, poor; Democrats and Republicans; pro-labor union and anti-labor union; pro-farm subsidy and anti-farm subsidy; pro-additional civil rights legislation and anti-additional civil rights legislation.

An affecting war memory is of the vast and true and unconscious tolerance that came upon all fighting men in outfits made up of every kind of religion. This was not brought about by constantly talking about how different were these religions. It was brought about by letting the subject alone and treating it for what it is—a strictly personal one.

THESE men were there to do one job, to fight together. The American voters have one job now: to elect a president to handle the public business—not either because of or in spite of the fact that he is a Protestant or a Catholic. Any other voting motive is unworthy—and unfair to both candidates.

This correspondent has known long and well both Democratic candidate Kennedy and Republican candidate Nixon and also their running mates. It is my deep conviction that none of them wants these so-called religious issues to be hashed over day and night. All would be happy if the topic could be filed and forgotten.

That, of course, is too much rationally to hope. But perhaps one could hope that everybody concerned will go a little easier on this thing. For whoever wins this election will desperately need to be backed by a true unity from a diverse people—and so will the country need just that.

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West's Tiny Tobacco Farm Ineligible For Crop Supports

By DICK WEST Washington—The Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. has been sending out

24 square inches, these conditions could only be met by a family of cut worms. I can, of course, sell my tobacco without an allotment but I would have to pay a stiff penalty for doing so. If I sold a pound for 58 cents, the government would fine me 45 cents. I can make more than that using my window ledge for petunias.

Anyway, I thank Brown & Williamson for sending me the seeds and planter. It's been an enlightening experience. But next time they distribute something, I hope it will be cigars.

Nothing has happened yet, but if all goes well I ought to get my first crop sometime this winter. I had in mind selling the tobacco back to the company, or perhaps trading it for a pack of cigarettes.

But after checking into the situation further, I have concluded that about the only way I can profit from the venture is to roll my own.

Under Price Supports Tobacco, I found, is one of the crops under the government price support program. This cheered me at first, for it presumably meant I would be guaranteed a tidy little sum when I marketed my harvest.

The trouble is, in order to qualify for price supports I will need an acreage allotment. The way these allotments are controlled, I stand about as good a chance of qualifying for the 1964 Olympics.

There is, to be sure, a provision in the price support law authorizing the Agricultural department to issue new allotments.

In order to qualify, I would need at least two years experience growing the type of tobacco for which an allotment is sought. That automatically rules me out, one reason being that I am not certain what type of tobacco I am growing.

Crop of 24 Inches Moreover, I would have to live on and work the land covered by the allotment and gain at least 50 per cent of my livelihood from it. Since my present crop covers about

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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

Sept. 5, 1950 (Tuesday) A protest against European economic administration policies regarding Marshall plan purchases of southern Oregon fruits and lumber products has been referred to Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Evangelist Billy Graham and his party were to arrive in Medford from Eugene this afternoon, to prepare for his big rally at the high school stadium tomorrow night.

20 YEARS AGO

Sept. 5, 1930 (Thursday) The president of the WCTU today filed a petition in Josephine county seeking prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors in that county.

From Arthur Perry's "Ya Smudge Pot" column: "Changes are now proposed in the 'Social Reform' program by congressional action. A little more socialability and a little less reform might help."

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 5, 1900 (Saturday) The Kermitte Metal company has announced plans to erect a six-story building at Main and Holly sts.

Next Wednesday is children's day at the Jackson county fair.

40 YEARS AGO

Sept. 5, 1920 (Monday) Fire destroyed the Houston hotel in Klamath Falls last night and from 10-15 persons are believed to have perished in the flames.

More than 2,000 autos participated in the Labor Day parade here and the dedication of the airport field at the fairgrounds.

50 YEARS AGO

Sept. 5, 1910 (Monday) Some \$2,500 in prizes, including a five-passenger touring car, are being given away by the Mail Tribune in this year's subscription contest.

There are now more than 1,000 telephones in Medford. The weekly Rogue River Courier in Grants Pass has announced plans to become a daily newspaper.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. Which Scandinavian country was not invaded by Germany in World War II? 2. Bible: Is the 'Revised Standard Version' of the Bible an authorized revision? 3. In which country is the Tisza river? 4. Name the two English "houses" that fought the War of the Roses. 5. Is a bonito an oil gusher, a form of blessing, or a kind of fish? 6. Correct the following sentence: "The data on veterans' benefits is ready for publication." 7. For what was Duncan Phyfe famous? 8. Aluminum is obtained from B-----? 9. Name the capital of Vermont. 10. What is the rank of President Eisenhower's son John?