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One More Little Push...

Elsewhere on this page is a communication worthy of more than passing attention. Its writer has pledged an ADDITIONAL amount to her previous pledge to the United Medford Crusade, because it is so close to success, and because, to have it fall short of its goal after so many years of making the goal would be a shame.

TO make it as easy as possible, the Mail Tribune today is publishing a coupon (it's on Page 15) which can be clipped and mailed to the UMC, at Box 5000, Medford.

JUST to refresh our memories, what is the UMC? It is a voluntary organization which collects voluntary donations, in a once-a-year drive, and distributes the money to those charitable, health and welfare agencies, many of them devoted to the benefit of children, which meet certain standards.

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His latest, "Earth Giant," arrived before the election, and the press of politics has, up to now, crowded out any comment on it. We are glad to report that we liked it exceedingly, and think it is one of his best efforts.

MARSHALL is something of a romantic and something of a mystic, and these twin qualities, if coupled with the arts of a master storyteller (which Marshall is, at his best), make for lively reading.

"Earth Giant" is lively reading. It is Marshall's attempt, a successful one, to tell the mythical story of Hercules, or Heracles, in terms of a real man and his real story, which formed the basis for the ancient but still-living legend of the Greek demi-god.

IT IS helpful, but not necessary, to know the Heraclean legends as one begins the book. If one does, each of the parts of the legend, its outcome known, provides added excitement as one sees how it "really" happened in the hero's own words.

Marshall builds a logical case. For instance, the legend of the destruction of the little birds of death turns out, in Heracles' story, to have amounted to draining a swamp, thus eliminating malarial mosquitoes.

And the many-headed monster, Hydra, which legend has Heracles kill, turns out to have been a marshy inlet where swamp gases had proven fatal to nearby residents. Heracles ignited the gases, and the resulting explosion buried the main source of gas.

BUT Marshall doesn't destroy the aura of the old legends by converting them to humanly-possible happenings; if there's one thing Marshall isn't, it's mundane.

His retelling of the tales in human terms makes them even more interesting and exciting, to today's readers, than the legendary feats themselves.

And he creates in Heracles and the other characters believable people, swept up in the excitement of a period when human intellect and development were undergoing one of their great spurts of vitality.

THROUGHOUT the whole book is Heracles' uncertainty as to his parenthood. His mother was Alcmene, and the legend has it that his father was Zeus, king of the gods.

This note of uncertainty is resolved at the end with the revelation that Heracles is, indeed, human, but the offspring of "the greatest Greek of them all."

Marshall has woven a story which, while it is based on the old legends, does not follow them in detail, and makes one half believe that his story might actually have happened.

Dennis the Menace



WATCH IT, PUPNER! YOU JUST WENT THROUGH A WHOA LIGHT!

U.S. Position in Southeast Asia Holds Risks; Current Unrest Shows Hazards

Nam and Laos have received in the neighborhood of \$2 billion in U.S. aid. Their armies have been supported, supplied and paid by the United States.

Should either or both eventually fall to communism, their loss not only would be a heavy blow to the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, of which the United States is a founding member, but would also vastly increase the dangers to the rest of Southeast Asia.

U.S. association in the Baghdad Pact with deposed King Faisal of Iraq helped Nasser crystallize anti-U.S. sentiment in the Mideast.

On the grounds that the Communist threat requires it, Diem's is a one-man rule. Members of his own family occupy top government positions and favoritism is charged in the matter of army promotions.

Labor Provided Biggest, Best Organized, Boost for Kennedy

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington—UPI—The biggest, best organized, most effective political force reflected in the mirror of the presidential balloting is just what you expected it would be. It is Big Labor, the combined AFL-CIO.

Big Labor is conducting itself with becoming modesty. The current (Nov. 12) issue of the AFL-CIO News makes few direct claims that labor's money, votes and manpower were the difference for Kennedy between victory and defeat.

The Democratic breakthrough was not limited to the great urban areas. In New York state, for example, nearly a dozen smaller cities ranging from Rochester to Rome with long-time Republican traditions went for Kennedy this time.

In the Day's News

President-elect Kennedy and Vice President Nixon, who was Kennedy's unsuccessful opponent in the recent very close Presidential race, have held a friendly conference in Florida—where both are resting up after what might be accurately described as the Herculean labors of an American Presidential campaign.

Let's hope Mr. Nixon doesn't take any jobs in the new administration that will limit his ability, or his inclination, to oppose any policies that appear to him to be unwise and unsound.

The News reported on New York returns, as follows: "Forty-five precious New York electoral votes were won decisively by president-elect Kennedy following what political observers regarded as an outstanding campaign performance by organized labor in state and city."

Medford Included In Growth Problem

Salem—UPI—Frank P. Zeidler, former mayor of Milwaukee, Wis., told the League of Oregon Cities here Tuesday that if state governments fail to combat fragmentation of local governments, cities will have to undertake "an aggressive pattern of annexation" to stimulate growth.

Such Oregon urban areas as Oregon as Portland, Eugene, Salem and Medford face this problem, he said.

Zeidler said tremendous growth in suburbs has found many cities "lagging behind" and movement of the well-to-do to suburban areas has resulted in class conscious areas and municipal disruption.

ANYWAY, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Nixon met there. Mr. Kennedy seems merely to have dropped over for a chat. It was a friendly and courteous and thoughtful gesture.

WHAT about a job, in the new administration, for Mr. Nixon?

Well, it could be a good idea.

The big task facing the U.S.A. in the next four years is to manage its foreign affairs so wisely and so soundly as to maintain our position in the world and at the same time to AVOID another world war—which would be disastrous.

That task is so TREMENDOUS as to call for the best efforts of ALL of our people—especially our leaders. Mr. Nixon has had a lot of experience. His experience shouldn't be wasted.

THE English, from whom we inherit much, have an admirable tradition that the party OUT OF POWER is to be regarded as what they term HIS MAJESTY'S LOYAL OPPOSITION.

Thanks to the alertness of sportscasters, notes Bill Vaughan, "and the miracle of modern communication, it is often possible to know the score of every major football game in the country—except the one to which you are listening."

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A TITLED JOURNALIST in Britain sought an interview with W. S. Gilbert after "The Mikado" had become the rage of London.

The journalist countered with this note: "The Comtesse de Bremond presents her compliments to Mr. Gilbert and in reply to his demand for twenty pounds before she may interview him, begs to say that she will content herself with writing his obituary for nothing."

Two signs painted on a rickety jalopy parked on a college campus in southern California: 1. No hitchhikers except blondes, brunettes, and redheads. 2. Made in Hollywood by practically everybody.

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.

Pledge for UMC To the Editor: I learned that the United Medford Crusade's campaign chairman, Hal Gardner, has estimated that the campaign for this year will finally reach \$141,000, which is about \$6,800 short of the goal.

If 680 people would give \$10 each, we would reach the goal this year for the eighth consecutive year.

I have called the UMC office and registered an additional pledge of \$10 which will be payable by payroll payments. I hope that this will be the first of 679 such gifts which will put the campaign over the top.

Our agencies need the money, for the tremendous amount of youth and welfare work which is done.

I don't think that \$10 spread out in easy payments through the year will be missed by any one working here.

I hope my additional ten dollars will start a landslide of similar pledges.

Mrs. Max Leischner 135 North Holly St. Medford.

More UFOs To the Editor: We are in receipt of a unique three page activity bulletin on unidentified flying objects, by the Aerial Phenomena Research association, Seattle 55, Wash.

Fifty-three sightings were listed from 10 states in the United States from April 5 to Oct. 31. A total of four foreign countries around the world reported on sighting mysterious objects.

Other states reporting UFOs were Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, New York, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. Foreign countries reporting besides New Zealand, were Puerto Rico, Tasmania and Italy.

As food for thought, we might add a suggestion: A world pool of international guessing sweepstakes could be quite interesting to attract world wide attention as to where in the world the next sightings would appear.

Bert Kissinger 520 Boardman St. Medford.

Credit Where Due To the Editor: I have been threatening to write this letter for a time. Well, I've taken this as long as I can. It seems that the Medford Mail Tribune and KBES-TV have forgotten that there are other schools in the valley besides Medford High school.

When I open the paper to the sports page all I see is Medford High on every page. We know Medford High produces champion teams, but so do other schools. Just to mention a couple, Phoenix and St. Mary's High. It seems our local television station is also guilty of this. For instance last Friday, Nov. 11, on the late news the commentator gave a big spiel about Medford winning again and this is what was mentioned about Phoenix High, and I quote, "And here is another score that may be of interest, on second thought it is of interest. Phoenix defeats St. Francis of Eugene, 13 to 7."

What do they mean, "it may be of interest?" In case you haven't realized it, people other than those that send their children to Medford High subscribe to your paper and patronize the local television sponsors.

On the late television news I noticed they hadn't been mentioning all of the football scores. When Phoenix High defeated Eagle Point I made a point to call our local station and got no answer, but I made up my mind to get someone to answer, and they finally did. Upon answering they said, they wouldn't be putting any more sports stories on, but it would be on the next day. I made a special point to listen to the news the next day and it still was not on. Do you call this fair?

If it were only the sports part I'd call it an oversight, but it has happened in other activities too. For instance last year Phoenix High school went to the State Debate finals. Naturally all of the students and parents were anxious to know the results.

Everyone watched the news that night, but this is what was heard, "Doug Kliever, Medford High, wins State Panel Discussion." There was no mention of Phoenix High School winning the State Debate Championship!

I am sure there are other schools in this valley that feel the same way in this matter.

Barbara Gysin Route 3, Box 198 Medford.

(Also signed by five others)

UFOs, Anyone? To the Editor: Inasmuch as we have reports to indicate possible activity involving Unidentified Flying Objects in your area recently, we write to ask for your cooperation in contacting any witnesses to such sightings there.

Our organization, composed of interested individuals intent on analyzing the UFO subject from a purely material and scientific basis, is presently collecting and correlating any and all information available to us relative to sightings of unidentified flying objects and related phenomena. In many cases, we have no doubt that there are logical, terrestrial explanations for such sightings. However, we have found, in some cases, that such logical, terrestrial explanations are difficult to substantiate. For this reason, we ask your cooperation in aiding our quest for more data in order to properly evaluate the subject.

Perhaps, with your cooperation, we may also locate some person or persons in your area who would be willing to keep our organization informed of all UFO reports in their area.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and it is our hope that you find the information in this letter regarding our organization and its project worthy of mention in your publication in order that we may reach witnesses and interested parties who share our study of these unusual phenomena.

Thank you in advance. (Mrs.) June Larson, Public Relations Coordinator Aerial Phenomena Research Association 11323 14th Ave. N.E. Seattle 55, Wash.

Kin To the Editor: Money doesn't matter down in Dixie. It is: Who are you? The silver-golded Colonel can trace your ancestry back to the Virginia Tidlands or to South Carolina. If you are "kin," you are most welcome.

Gardenlovers also enjoy tracing history also kinship of their plants. The mulberry's diseases of silkworms gave Pasteur early insight into the cause of "fermentation." This is what finally gave us "Pasteurized" milk. Writer found Pasteurized camel milk even on certain cases of the "Trail toward Timbuctoo."

One of the mulberry's kin is the hop that flavors beer. Another relative is osage orange, the bois d'arc or bow-wood of the French voyageurs penetrating the Mississippi valley in Pere Marquette's time.

Another branch of the mulberry family is the fig. It includes our edible figs, also the parasitic strangler fig of Everglades National park, likewise Hindustan's sacred bo-tree. Their banyan, whose many trunked branches sometimes can shade a thousand humans, is another of the fig clan.

Mulberry's cousins further include the tropical breadfruit. This supposedly fed the Maori canoeists who discovered New Zealand. Yet another is the paper mulberry base of the tapa cloth, admired by South Seas' tourists.

Is it not fun to trace friends or fig trees kinships? C. M. Goette 3731 Teat St. Sacramento 16, Calif.

Kennedy Will Meet With UN Delegation To Discuss Changes

United Nations, N.Y.—UPI—President-elect John F. Kennedy plans to meet here with the U.S. delegation to the United Nations after his Florida vacation to discuss "certain changes" in Washington's policy toward the U.N., Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), a member of the delegation, said Tuesday.

Morse, who is a Democratic member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, returned to the United Nations Tuesday after a week end in Washington. He said he had "been in contact" with Kennedy about the United Nations since the election and had discussed U.S. policy problems arising from this critical session of the General Assembly.

Elaboration Refused Morse refused to elaborate on the possible "changes" he and Kennedy discussed, but he told UPI "They were on matters of substance, rather than procedure."

"I think the senator (Kennedy) will be able to speak for himself," Morse said.

He said Kennedy probably will meet with the U.S. delegation shortly after he completes a vacation in Palm Beach.

Morse, an outspoken critic of almost every aspect of the Eisenhower administration's foreign policy, said he himself was "distressed" at several U.S. policy moves during the current U.N. session.

He specifically cited as "disgraceful" the moderate stand on the question of South Africa's racial policies and indicated he was disturbed also by recent U.S. statements supporting Belgium and President Joseph Kasavubu in the Congo.

More Firm Stand He refused to say whether Kennedy shared these critical views entirely.

Kennedy, during the election campaign, indicated he would take a more firm stand than has Eisenhower toward French policy on Algerian independence. The president-elect also has promised to pay more attention to the desires of the steadily growing Afro-Asian bloc here, which already has dealt the United States several uncomfortable, if not major, defeats.