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We'd Squawk, Too

What would you do if you saw a person being beaten to death? Stroll on down the street while the killer rolled down his sleeves and strolled in the other direction?
Probably not. The least you would do is report the matter to the nearest policeman.
And what would you expect in return? Not three months in jail.
And yet that's what two men in Medford got with another month to go.

WE'RE told it's all legal and maybe so. But we'd say Norman McInnis and Virgil Bennett have a beef coming. Only reason they're in jail is that they're transients.
They came to Medford to work in the pear harvest, where good earnings are possible. Instead, they're getting \$1.50 a day in jail. Even the district attorney is sorry, and he doesn't blame the men for squawking. But he's got to have them for witnesses when the trial of the slaying suspect opens next month and he's afraid if he releases them they'll leave town.
And who could blame them now!
This seems one of those times when it takes an injustice to do justice. We doubt that McInnis and Bennett will ever be goodwill ambassadors for Oregon.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Watch Them

Oregon's billboard industry, victor in its efforts to continue the profitable despoilment of Oregon's natural beauty in Tuesday's election, will now go to the Legislature to seek additional protection from those who would regulate billboards.

The industry, with the help of a good many thousands of dollars from billboard people outside the state, and many more thousands from inside the state, managed through heavy, distorted advertising to defeat Measure 15 on the Nov. 8 ballot.
Now the "Oregon Council of Outdoor Advertising," meaning the billboard lobby, says it will go to the Legislature "to seek additional controls to strengthen the existing outdoor advertising act through logical channels."

What they mean, undoubtedly, is they'll seek changes in law to further protect their vested interest in the use of public roadways to put up distracting commercial messages. Industries do not go to law-making bodies and ask for regulation, although they may try to make it appear that they do.—Coos Bay World.

Puerto Rico Holds Course

Gov. Louis Munoz Marin took only 58 per cent of Tuesday's vote in Puerto Rico, which is 4 per cent less than he received in 1956. But 58 per cent was enough to sustain his program with the aid of the two-thirds majority of the Legislature which was also won by his Popular Democratic party. The work of rebuilding the economy and culture of Puerto Rico, which Governor Munoz Marin and his associates have been carrying on since 1948, will continue.

The Governor's quarrel with the island's Roman Catholic Bishops over such issues as birth control, sterilization and religious education may have cut the majority he would otherwise have had, but its effects were not politically serious, Governor Munoz Marin, himself a Catholic, evidently carried many of his coreligionists with him.

Everyone of whatever faith must rejoice in some of the things that have happened in Puerto Rico during Governor Munoz Marin's Administration. Twelve years ago poverty, unemployment and a rapidly increasing population, indeed the whole situation which former Gov. Rexford Tugwell correctly described as "too many people on too little land," made Puerto Rico a dismal picture. In the intervening time real wages have about doubled, schools have been made available for all children, illiteracy has been nearly wiped out, and in short the general welfare of the island has dramatically increased. Emigration, which has sent many Puerto Ricans to New York City and other American communities, is no longer a matter of desperate urgency.

We wish Governor Munoz Marin another good four years.—New York Times.

Good and Bad

It would be hard to improve upon Benjamin Franklin's familiar observation to Dr. Price: "When religion is good, it will take care of itself; when it is not able to take care of itself, and God does not see fit to take care of it, so that it has to appeal to the civil power for support, it is evidence to my mind that its cause is a bad one."—Liberty Magazine.

Falcons Suggested For Airport Use

Boston—Use of falcons to solve the startling problem at Logan Airport has been suggested by a wildlife expert says the idea is probably for the birds.
Allen S. Kennedy, superintendent of the state Bureau of Wildlife Research and Management, said he did not think falcons could solve the problem and that the best solution seemed to lie in destroying the birds' feeding and nesting areas.
Aviation officials have blamed a huge flight of starlings for the Oct. 4 Eastern Air Lines crash that killed 62 people. Last week a jet airliner was forced to halt its takeoff when it ran into a flock of birds.

Dennis the Menace



"A BIG GUY IN THIRD GRADE CALLED ME 'PAL' TODAY. HOW 'BOUT THAT?"

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

CREeping CRISIS
Washington - A creeping crisis now eroding the dual foundation stones of American foreign policy, the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, coldly confronts the incoming Kennedy administration.

So delicate, so severe and so potentially disastrous are these twin problems that an extraordinary prospect is now raised. This is that the post of chief American representative of the U.N., whatever its past importance, will now become hardly less significant than the job of secretary of state itself.

The United States is alienating some of its oldest allies, notably Belgium and France, by taking at the U.N. an "anti-colonial" position against their vital interests in Africa. Already there are heavy strains on the unity of the heretofore dominant Western bloc in the U.N.

Belgium, tragically buffeted in the Congo, now openly speaks of a possible withdrawal from the U.N. France, now in the seventh year of her agony in rebellious Algeria, is bitterly hurt with us.

Worst of all, NATO itself, the West's basic military alliance, is reeling under all these shocks, no matter how many reassuring words are publicly uttered.

KENNEDY'S policies, meanwhile, are likely to be even more "anti-colonial" than those of the Eisenhower administration. The long and short of it is that rarely has any diplomatic assignment imposed so subtle and meaningful a burden upon its holder. He will need the greatest possible skill, the greatest possible human tact and human acceptability, to be able to say "no" to our allies with the least possible damage to the alliance itself.

Thus, President-elect Kennedy's selection of his ambassador to the U.N. will be one of the most difficult choices he must make. This is the more so because those who know the president-elect believe that in the real sense he will be his own secretary of state anyhow.

Nixon Hopes New Regime Doesn't Go On Spending Spree

Miami, Fla.—Vice President Richard M. Nixon said Sunday night he shared the hope with millions of other Americans that President-elect John F. Kennedy would not start a spending spree after taking office.

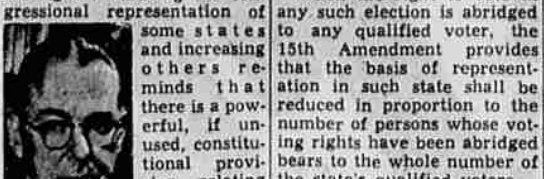
Nixon said he hoped that big-spending programs of the Democrats would have "tough sledding" in Congress and added, "that's as it should be. It would be bad for the country."

Urges Eye on Castro
On other matters, Nixon urged the Kennedy administration to keep a watchful eye on Fidel Castro's moves in Latin America.

"We cannot stand by and see Communists infiltrate and take over in Latin America," the vice president said. "If countries request aid we should step in and give them the assistance they need."
Nixon said Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev would make a fatal mistake if he believed "he can push us beyond where we will react."

New Census Figures Remind Wilson of Powerful Constitutional Provision

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press International
Washington—UPI—New census figures reducing the congressional representation of some states and increasing others reminds that there is a powerful, if unused, constitutional provision relating to civil rights and the congressional representation of the various states.



This provision is embraced in Section 2, Article 15, one of the reconstruction articles commonly known as the 15th Amendment. It was adopted by Congress in 1868 and became effective two years later.
The 15th Amendment provided that: "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians not taxed."

A footnote to "The Constitution of the United States" edited by Thomas James Norton explains further:
"Up to this time (1868) members of the House of Representatives were allowed to vote on the whole population and three-fifths of the slaves but this new provision (15th Amendment) made each Negro count as one."

Fraction Explained
The fraction of "three-fifths" in counting the slave population was imbedded in Article I of the Constitution dealing with the legislative powers of Congress. Norton explains that it came about this way:
"Although slaves were not citizens or voters, the number of them was considered in laying direct taxes. The three-fifths fraction had been agreed on in Congress when the question was whether, in the levy of direct taxes, slave holding states would be under-taxed (as Northern men contended) by not counting the slaves as population or over-taxed (as the South claimed) by counting them."

Norton concluded that the slave states received a disproportionate representation in the House of Representatives by reason of their slave population. The 15th Amendment club in the closet deals with voting rights for the offices of president, vice president, U.S.

citizens who welcomed these children and donated coins; the Rotary club and interested individuals whose gifts made possible the purchase of the Danny Kaye movie which shows how UNICEF helps children in foreign lands; Elliott Becken and the principals who scheduled the showing of the film in 14 schools; the students who made gifts from their student body funds; members of the Applegate Grange who took up a collection at their October meeting; the young people of the Ashland Presbyterian church and the Talent Methodist church who organized their own projects to collect for UNICEF; the Mail Tribune, local radio and television stations for their excellent publicity; Sniders and Jorgensen dairies who furnished cartons for the collection of coins; and the First National Bank for their annual service.

We greatly appreciate the help of all those who supervised the distribution of the UNICEF cartons to the children. This help was generously given by the Sunday school teachers of the First Presbyterian church, the Westminster Presbyterian church, the First Methodist church, many neighborhood mothers and the Sisters at St. Mary's. The film was shown to several groups at St. Mary's.

We are grateful for the support of the many people in the community which made this year's UNICEF Halloween the most successful to date. More children participated and the 1960 collection was almost triple that of 1959.

Mrs. Marris R. Gibbons, Mrs. Rease Braley, Cochairmen.

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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 all letters with an eye to clarity and conciseness. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Friday Night Thanks
To the Editor: All during the Presidential campaign, I resisted impulse after impulse to write to the Mail Tribune. This morning (Saturday) I can no longer resist.

Medford is full of disappointed people. Everyone is asking each other, "What happened?" I think I feel as sick at heart as most of them, but I do want to say something for our Medford High football team. I have thoroughly enjoyed every game they played this year, and I saw all but one. I feel more than got my money's worth from my season tickets.

I've heard all kinds of explanation from "no competition all year" to "over confident." As to the competition, if there was none, it wasn't the team's fault. They have a district schedule to meet, and if there was no competition, they couldn't help that. I understand Coach Spiegelberg really had to scout for non-conference competition.

As for the "over confident," I don't believe it. "Over anxious" maybe, but not over confident. The whole team seemed to sense a do or die atmosphere all around them. They seemed nervous and unsure, which we all know isn't like our team. Maybe, we as spectators were to blame, the stands were unusually quiet when I felt we should be yelling our heads off.

I want to say a big "Thanks" to a superb team that has given us three months of thrill packed Friday nights. Now let's all get behind them for the basketball season ahead.

Mary Shaw
1605 Crown ave.
Medford.

Children Thanked
To the Editor: We wish to thank the children of the valley who collected \$785 in this year's Trick or Treat for UNICEF Halloween program;

representatives, state executive, judicial and legislative officers.
When the right to vote in any such election is abridged to any qualified voter, the 15th Amendment provides that the basis of representation in such state shall be reduced in proportion to the number of persons whose voting rights have been abridged bears to the whole number of the state's qualified voters.

Norton further explains: "This enables the nation to inflict punishment upon the state for preventing citizens from voting - from voting for national officers not only, but also some officers of the state."

Power Never Used
Congress has the power to act under the foregoing provisions of the Constitution. It never has used this power to reduce the number of a state's representatives in the House. The weapon lies handy, however, to any member of Congress minded to penalize alleged discrimination against Negroes in the South or desiring, merely, to get his name in the paper as a friend of the Negro.

Stranger things have happened in Congress than that some member, for his own reason, would challenge the congressional representation of some Southern states under terms of the 15th Amendment. The wholesale disenfranchisement of Southern Negroes is more often claimed in large numbers than it is legally proven.

The claims persist, however, and the 15th Amendment awaits the whim of any legislator who may believe it would be worthwhile to raise in the new 87th Congress a legislative ruckus of large proportions.

Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of

not support a feuding party or one favoring unilateral disarmament. The by-election Laborite candidates who fared worst were those who opposed Gaitskell's firm allegiance to NATO.

Diplomatic Bloopers
The Nationalist Chinese face a major diplomatic challenge in establishing smooth and cordial relations with the administration of U.S. President-elect Kennedy. Since World War II, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has found some of his staunchest supporters among the Republicans. Conversely, they fear the Democratic party to be too liberal to stand firm against the Communist Chinese. The National-

ists apparently believed Richard Nixon would win the election and allowed themselves to become careless. Three weeks before the election, the Nationalist foreign ministry issued a statement calling Kennedy's views on the off shore islands "ridiculous" and "incredible."

Red China Trade:
Tokyo observers are predicting stepped-up trade between Japan and Communist China. An increasing number of ruling Liberal Democrat party members are lining up trips to Red China, apparently in the belief the new U.S. administration will take a more flexible view toward Red China.

Dick West Becomes Children's Hero; Meets Bob Darin

By DICK WEST
United Press International
Washington—UPI—For the first time since I stumbled into the parenthood business, I have become a hero to my own children. Let me tell you the secret of my success.

But first let me explain that children who grow up in Washington become rather blasé about the big wheels that spin around here. They don't regard government officials as being very important.

Many a night I have gone home from work and dropped names around like confetti. My kinder didn't even look up from the television set.

But now, I'm proud to say, I've got them swooning into their apple sauce. They think the old man is pretty hot stuff. The tide turned a night or two ago when I greeted them thusly:

"Children, shake the hand that shook the hand of Bobby Darin."

"Gosh, daddy-o," they said, using my formal title, "how did you do it?"

Just Lucky
Well, kids, I'm just lucky I guess. Bobby was in town over the week end to accept a "personality of the year" award from the Variety club, and somebody called me up and asked if I wanted to interview him.

So before you can say

"Mack the Knife" I was on my way to Bobby's hotel suite with my faithful Indian companion, Dr. Zhivago, at my side. I took Dr. Zhivago along to serve as my interpreter.

When we got there, Bobby's pad looked like a scene from an old Marx Brothers movie. People were going in and out of doors so fast it made me dizzy. Bobby must have a bigger retinue than ex-King Farouk.

In the midst of this confusion stood the bread-winner himself, clad in a light-fitting silk suit which Dr. Zhivago mistook for a matador's costume.

"They must be getting ready to send him into the bull ring," Dr. Zhivago whispered.

"If someone sold me a suit like that, I'd sue the tailor," he said.

Eventually, we were able to draw Bobby into a quiet corner where we had a pleasant chat. We learned that he has just returned from Italy where he made a movie with Gina Lollobrigida.

"How do you like Italian women?" I asked.

"I'm a female lover," Bobby replied. "I don't ask for their ID cards unless they look under 18."

I don't remember much else about the interview, but it's sure great to be able to bask in his reflected glory.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

WHEN CARTER BURGESS became president of T.W.A., reports Walter Trohan, speakers heaped an hour of praise and adulation on his head. His entire acceptance speech was, "I am sorry, gentlemen, my mother could not be here today. She not only would have enjoyed this impressive ceremony, but she would have believed every word of it!"

There was a crisis in Victor Borge's home recently. His brother swallowed a pill that made him fifteen years younger—and he was only 12 years old when he took it.

"Say something warm and gracious," pleaded Borge. The boy obliged. He said, "Grade-ous, I'm warm."

An incurable race-track addict glumly informed his cronies he could not attend the inaugural of the Jamaica season. "My flou wife," he mourned, "found where I'd hid the bankroll—and blew the entire wad on the grocery bill."

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