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Proof Up To Medco

Despite smooth words and assurances that the proposed log truck road from Medford to Butte Falls will be satisfactory to all concerned, residents of the Eagle Point area and elsewhere along the present railroad line are still upset and worried.

It may be that Medco's plans, as cleared with the Public Utilities Commission and the State Highway Commission, will provide a quick, economical, safe, and unobnoxious way to transport logs from Butte Falls to Medford.

BUT the burden of proof is on Medco. And it is evident that this fine firm, so important to our community, has as yet failed to make its case.

The administration of the city of Medford is on record opposing a private log-truck road crossing a major state highway near the city limits. In other areas, other groups, both governmental and private, are equally concerned about such crossings, despite the assurances of the highway commission that the trucks will have no more than 20 out of any 70 second period in which to cross.

And the prospect of noise, dust and potential danger of 100 log truck trips daily, whether along a private road or along public highways, still is causing concern.

SIMPLY as a matter of good neighborliness, if for no more substantial reasons, Medco should spell out, in writing, just exactly what it proposes to do, how it plans to do it, and what the alternatives may be. It should list the route, the crossings, the safety measures, and the plans for avoiding nuisances and dangers, which it contemplates.

If the plans are then deemed satisfactory by the people who live in the areas affected, this written statement will serve to allay the worries. If they are not, the residents affected will then have a definite basis for further discussions with Medco and the state authorities concerned, to see if acceptable alternatives can be found.

MEDCO is a good citizen of the community. It has been most responsive to demands for air pollution control. It has spent considerable sums, not only to alleviate this nuisance, but also to make substantial new investments in its plant, which is a major factor in the economy of this entire area.

Its representatives—executives and employees—are valued members of our community. If, because of misunderstanding or lack of complete information, Medco becomes the object of public resentment and worry, the entire area will suffer. No one wants that to happen.

We sincerely believe this matter can be settled to the benefit of all concerned—Medco, the cities and school districts involved, the highway commission, the public utilities commissioner, and the residents along the line—if it is explained and discussed with good will and objectivity.—E. A.

Press Conference

During the election campaign, a member of our news staff (now working for another newspaper), was an ardent supporter of Richard Nixon and an ardent poo-poo-er of Senator Kennedy's "New Frontiers."

Yesterday we received a note from our friend. The body of the letter said simply this: "I watched the Kennedy press conference on TV today, and I'm furious."

Then, way down at the bottom, it added: "I liked it, dammit!"

PRESIDENT KENNEDY was crisp, incisive and responsive. He handled the English language well, and made only a couple of minor boo-boos, neither of which were important.

He evidenced an amazing grasp of the complexities of the world, all the way from the status of disarmament negotiations to the exact position of the hijacked vessel Santa Maria.

He reads the newspapers (which President Eisenhower didn't do).

And, if for reasons of his own, he wished not to answer a question directly, he ducked it with consummate skill, and provided enough comment on the subject of the question to let his audience know at least some of his views on the matter.

HIS youth and his somewhat shaggy head of hair notwithstanding, he presented a picture of poised dignity, well befitting his office. But the dignity was leavened with humor, and showed no trace of stiffness or pomposity.

And, finally, he has a sense of the dramatic. His announcement of the freeing of the RB-47 pilots was a masterpiece of understated, low-key drama, which made the sudden realization of the import of his words all the more impressive.

Mr. Kennedy is bound to make mistakes before his term of office is concluded. But if Wednesday's remarkably sure-footed performance is any indication, they will be the exception to the rule.—E. A.

Modern Piracy

Despite the possibly serious results, for some reason we find the story of the hijacked luxury liner Santa Maria a refreshing one. It has an aura of old-time adventure about it. It is also just a bit ludicrous to see the spectacle of a piratical crew baffling the navies of the world's greatest powers, who simply don't know what to do about it.

We hope the outcome is satisfactory and that no one gets hurt. Meanwhile we're enjoying it.

Dennis the Menace



"BOY, IS THIS MY LUCKY DAY! DAD TRIED MY OLD SLED, AN' NOW I'M GONNA GET A NEW ONE!"

... Communications ...

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Dedicated Verse

To the Editor: Inspired by Mrs. Corona's wonderful letter in the M.T. of Jan. 23 regarding Gold Hill and "people" we wish to dedicate the few following lines to all the fine friends of L'il Abner and Daisy Mae "thet thar be" in Jackson county; respectfully to the Mayor and City Council of Gold Hill, Oregon; and—also respectfully—to the "Ideal" Cement Company of Gold Hill, Oregon. (Also Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce.)

Don't Break the News To Mother All day long I've cussed and cussed! If Old-dust Hill don't soon adjust This resolution's sure a "must"; If this here town is goin' to rust An' get so I can't earn a crust (An' they don't stop their torment dust) "It's back to where I'm from or bust!"

Don't tell mah dear old Paw 'n' Maw But I'm goin' back to Ark-in-saw— To find a way to fill mah craw! I'll marry a dad-burned Ozark squaw An' move right in with mah Paw-in-law. Eat wild "hawg" and talk Choctaw An' thumb mah nose at the world-Haw Haw! Gold Hill Billy Gold Hill, Ore.

Loving Care To the Editor: This is to all the wonderful staff at the Sacred Heart Hospital, the second, third and fourth floors, and the elevator boys.

We all thank you for the loving care you gave our Mother (who was there 4 months and 9 days), and our Father (who was there 9 days) before they passed away in November and January. We shall never forget each and everyone of you.

The Spencer Family 310 North Bartlett st., Medford.

Prospecting To the Editor: When the flood waters hit Placerville, Roy Stangvist and I stood helpless on the bank and watched the town saloon float down the river. We wuzn't worried about the saloon, it wuz good riddance. We wuz

worried about the three characters trapped in the saloon and being swept to their doom in the raging torrent. There wuz two one arm bandits and a cigar store Indian in that thar saloon, and they wuz loaded. The one arm bandits wuz full of quarters and the Indian wuz loaded with 5, 10 and 20 dollar gold pieces. There wuzn't any banks in Placerville, so the saloon-keeper used the cigar store Indian for a cash register. Nobody expected a bum like that to have any money. It wuz safe.

When the flood waters receded, all the old Prospectors and Cowboys went prospecting for whisky and they got loaded. Roy and I decided to go prospecting for one arm bandits and cigar store Indians. We found old Svevendorfer biscuits, the old burro, and he got loaded. We loaded him with bacon, eggs, coffee, flapjack flour and some mining tools, and we wuz off in the mud. It took us three days to locate the bandits. We didn't waste any money hitting the jackpot. We hit the jackpot with a sledge hammer. It worked beautifully. All we ever found of the cigar store Indian wuz a pile of feathers.

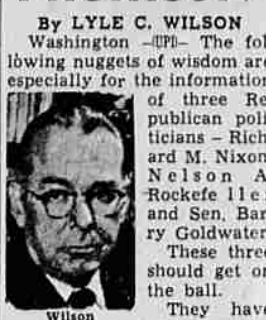
Maybe we won't have any gold buried in Ft. Knox, but we got gold buried in a cigar store Indian. Nobody knows where the cigar store Indian is buried, but I can show the boys in Washington where we found the feathers. Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

If Freedom Falls To the Editor, and all residents of the Rogue River Valley:

After listening to Walter Huss, director of Freedom Crusade, and Mr. Paul Voronachuk speak at the Nazarene Church Tuesday evening, many people were made to realize the urgency for immediate action against the enemies of our freedom.

Whether we like to face bare facts and naked truth or not is immaterial. The enemy (Communist conspiracy) has a definite step-by-step plan of taking our country without firing a shot. So while we sit in front of our TVs, feet propped up, and eating goodies, the enemy is stealthily, infiltrating every phase of our society. It is very shaking to turn off the TV, go out, and find

Wilson Advises GOP Hopefuls To Train Themselves for TV; Kennedy 'Old Pro'



By LYLE C. WILSON Washington (UPI)—The following nuggets of wisdom are especially for the information of three Republican politicians—Richard M. Nixon, Nelson A. Rockefeller and Sen. Barry Goldwater.

Wilson Kennedy's career as a TV panel pigeon began on NBC's Meet The Press when the President was in the House of Representatives. He has appeared more often—eight times—on that program than has any other pigeon.

Kennedy challenged and met Henry Cabot Lodge in a TV debate in 1952 when the former sought and won Lodge's Senate seat. He was five times on CBS, Face The Nation, twice on ABC's College News Conference, one or more times on the Paar show. Laurent said there had been a scattering of other TV appearances.

So Kennedy was loaded with experience when he met Nixon during the campaign on the TV screen. As President of the United States, Kennedy intends to add to his TV experience. He began this week with a live televised news conference.

If Nixon, Rockefeller, Goldwater and others do not believe this accumulation of experience will give Kennedy an advantage over any less experienced person in 1964, they probably will have to learn about it the hard way.

There was some doubt after the November election that Kennedy would submit himself, as President, to TV debate or questioning in 1964. His brother, Bobby, thought he might not. To do so would give the opposition candidate an advantage which, in 1960, accrued to Kennedy.

Debates Helped JFK Merely by entering the TV campaign competition in last year's campaign, Nixon gave

through lands that until very recently time forgot. Running from Tibet in the northwest through Burma in the southeast, the McMahon line is the source of India's border dispute with Red China. It skirts Nepal and Bhutan and swings upward and then south again past the hill country of India's wild Naga tribesmen.

Here was the "hump" over which American fliers flew supplies from India to China in World War II. Here was the Burma Road over which supplies had reached Kuning

earlier in the war. Here intermingled primitive savagery and the modern techniques of the cold war, 1961. In 1953, Burma abruptly terminated the U. S. technical assistance program because it held the United States responsible for failure of the Nationalist Chinese regime on Formosa to get all its forces out of Burma, 10 years after the Reds seized China.

The matter went to the United Nations and eventually 2,248 Chinese Nationalists were airlifted out of Burma in U. S. planes. But others remained to engage in arms and opium smuggling and harass both the Chinese Reds and the Burmese.

Then came the Chinese border crisis with India and similar Chinese claims against Burmese territory. Good Diplomacy

What followed is attributed to the astuteness of Burmese Gen. Ne Win and Premier U Nu.

The Red Chinese were in bad odor throughout Asia for their aggression against India. They needed a gesture to retain their position of peaceful co-existence.

In October 1960, U Nu suggested to the surprised Chinese that the border dispute easily could be solved during his forthcoming visit to Peking. The agreement was concluded and the documents ratified on Jan. 4.

On Jan. 9, the two governments signed an agreement for an interest-free \$85 million loan from Red China to Burma. China had gained face in Asia. Burma had settled its frontier dispute.

Burma-Red China Border Set; Long Dispute Appears Ended



By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

Along rugged hills, across deep gorges and through dense jungle, stone pillars are going up marking the new, formal border between Burma and Red China.

Roughly it follows the old McMahon line, an ill-defined boundary set up shortly after the turn of the century by Great Britain and China

necessity will drive him into ever-closer association with the left-wing; for somewhere or other a president must find allies for his program.

2. The unwisdom of these ultra-liberals to end unlimited debate in the Senate will be enormously aided. Only recently the Senate moderates were only narrowly able to put aside a plan of the ultra-liberals to give a simple majority of one the power to halt all Senate debate. Some liberals stood with moderates in an unspoken understanding that the true road block, that in the House Rules committee, would be ended.

THESE non-southern liberals cannot be expected to continue to stand with the moderates to preserve the old right of free Senate debate unless this reasonable bargain to cut the Rules committee down to size is carried out. Nor can President Kennedy.

The House Rules committee never has had any mandate to become a permanent barrier to legislation. Its sole true function is to act as a traffic policeman, not permanently to halt bills but rather to feed them in an orderly way onto the House floor.

Historically it has been simply an arm and creature of the leadership of any current House majority. It has no "right" to be an antagonist of that leadership. Responsible Republicans, too, will not wisely follow their ultra-conservatives on the Rules committee—or those Republican House leaders who see in this an opportunity to embarrass the Kennedy administration.

For one day the Republicans will again be in control of the House. When that day comes they will not want to see a Republican president and a Republican house speaker similarly embarrassed by a tiny entrenched group in some committee.

UNLIMITED Senate debate—the filibuster—is something altogether different. For the House was set up to be strictly a body of simple majority rule. The Senate was created deliberately to act as a check on simple majority rule by the House. Unlimited Senate debate thus exists precisely because the House was to be a place where a simple majority could always, and readily, have its way.

There is thus no reason, in history or in constitutionalism, why the House Rules committee should not be altered at any time the party leadership and any simple majority think wise.

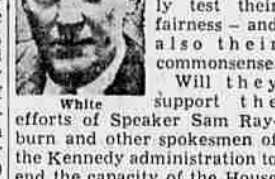
So it comes to this: If responsible southerners now rally to entrench the undue powers claimed by the committee they will be asking for trouble. An inflamed southern majority of the Senate will then say to them: "Very well, you have refused us any sensible reform in the House. We have tried to stay with you in the Senate—and this, considering our problems at home, has not been easy. So we shall stand with you no longer; all bets are off."

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Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

THE RULES DECISION Washington—The south's moderate and reasonably conservative Democrats, and the moderate Republican



White support the efforts of Speaker Sam Rayburn and other spokesmen of the Kennedy administration to end the capacity of the House Rules committee to bottle up legislation.

Or will they be misled by silly cries that this is some power-mad "purge" in violation of a "tradition" that never really existed?

COALITION of ultra-conservatives in both parties, led by Chairman Howard Smith of Virginia, presently has iron-clad control of that committee. If this ability of a handful of men to strangle legislation before it can ever reach the House floor is to be sustained these will surely be the results:

1. President Kennedy will be forced from the moderate position—which is by no means unsympathetic to the south's problems—he is trying so hard to maintain. Stark

Pond, Va.—UPI—The parents of spy-pilot Francis Gary Powers are hopeful the Russians will free their son soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Powers said Thursday they feel that the release of the two RB47 fliers from a Russian prison may mean their son will win freedom soon.

Mr. Powers said, "I feel like if we all keep on praying, they'll release him, too."

New IRS Chief's Tax Return Checked Washington—UPI—Newly named Internal Revenue Commissioner Mortimer M. Caplin says his income tax return was being checked by a Treasury agent when he was notified of his government post.

The man who will be the nation's top tax collector said he didn't know whether the income tax audit was a coincidence or whether it was connected with his new job. In any case, he added, "I came out clean."

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A COLUMNIST solemnly swears that he met a semi-literate movie tycoon who said he had just thrown away an old Bible that had been lying around his ancestral seat in Germany for generations.

"Who printed it, do you know?" asked the columnist quietly.

"Somebody named Gutenberg," recalled the producer with an effort.

"Not Gutenberg!" gasped the columnist. "You idiot, you have thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy sold at auction recently for over \$300,000."

The producer was unmoved. "My copy wouldn't have brought a dime," he announced firmly. "Some fellow named Martin Luther had scribbled all over it."



RUBBISH

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

Jan. 27, 1951 (Saturday) Speakers at a meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association yesterday said a bill to regulate truck weight on state highways would discriminate against log haulers.

20 YEARS AGO

Jan. 27, 1941 (Monday) Two Ashland youths were charged today with attempted jail break and the destruction of jail property after an unsuccessful attempt to smash through the Ukiah, Calif., jail wall where they are being held on charges of robbery.

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 27, 1911 (Tuesday) The Jacksonville city council has decided to reopen Saturday night dances, but put them under closer supervision. A public elevator in the county courthouse is considered by many to be a "needless extravagance."

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 27, 1921 (Thursday) "Billy," the beloved Elks club cat, was killed by an auto yesterday. A massacre of all unlicensed dogs in the county is set to start this week end.

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 27, 1911 (Friday) A crew of surveyors this week started picking the exact route of a proposed interurban trolley line from Grants Pass through Medford to Ashland.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. Name the three formerly independent Baltic states that were incorporated into the Soviet Union.
2. In what manner did Judas Iscariot commit suicide?
3. What is the capital of New Zealand?
4. Does one set or sit in a chair?
5. In which state is the annual Belmont Stakes run?
6. Who was President of France when the Nazis obtained French surrender?
7. Where is the United States gold depository?
8. In which of Browning's works is there a priest Caponechi?
9. The name Toplady is associated with what hymn?
10. Four states of the U. S. have names that begin with the letter 'W'; can you name them?

Answers: 1. Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania. 2. He hanged himself. 3. Wellington. 4. Sit. 5. New York. 6. Albert Lebrun. 7. Ft. Knox, Ky. 8. "The Ring and the Book." 9. "Rock of Ages." 10. Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming