

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

MRS. SMITH just loved spiritualists, and usually dragged her young daughter Rosie in with her when she spotted a new one. On the boardwalk of Atlantic City she discovered a spiritualist who



"Hello, Rosie, I'm your Uncle Harold," cried Rosie. "What are you doing up in heaven? You ain't dead yet!"

Morey Amsterdam tells about a daring vaudeville act who made a living by diving from the top of the Empire State building into a plate of chicken soup. One dive just about ended his career. A careless assistant left a matzoh ball in the soup!

Sign outside a brand-new Chinese-American eatery: "We chop our own suet."

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Nominations Are Made for Officers

George B. Robards was nominated for commander of White City Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at a meeting at the Veterans Administration building, White City, last week.

Robards is a former city clerk of Alexandria, Minn., and a former employee of the U.S. Army's Corps of Engineers in Oregon.

Other nominations included John C. Walker, senior vice commander, and Jim Gillan, junior vice commander. Eugene Barnett was nominated for chaplain, a post he now holds.

The meeting also welcomed VFW District 7, department of Oregon, Comdr. George Connell, Gold Hill. He was accompanied by District Inspector Glen Hutchinson, Rogue River.

Refreshments served by the Ashland auxiliary included home made cakes and coffee. Mrs. Edna Lafferty, chairman of the auxiliary's hospital committee, was assisted by Mrs. Ida Crosslin, Mrs. Evelyn Peabody and Mrs. Velma Conklin.

Entertainment for the meeting, provided by the auxiliary, VFW, Ashland, included a guitar trio headed up by Jim Conklin, commander of VFW Post, Ashland, and Mr.

Local Dog Owner Takes Top Honors

Top honors at the dog show sponsored by the Chintimini Kennel club in Corvallis recently went to Alpha Gay Dusky Dinah, a Shetland Sheepdog, owned by Margaret E. Jones, Medford, it was reported last week.

"Dinah" was selected as the best female in her breed and received her first major points toward a championship, Mrs. Jones said.

Other dog owners from the Medford area who had entries in the Corvallis show and a show in Roseburg the day before include Mrs. Leonard Nelson, Mrs. George Stacey and May Brown.

Mrs. Nelson entered her collie, Kay-Nels Keller, C.D.; Mrs. Stacey a collie, Harbrook's Rob Roy; and May Brown, a Shetland sheepdog, Alpha Tobin O'Tad, C.D.

Join Now, Go Later Plan Listed by Corps

A join now, go later program has been started by the U.S. Marine Corps, the local recruiting office has announced.

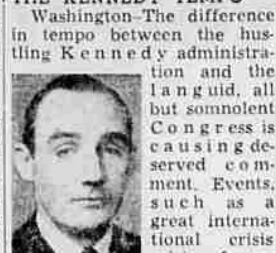
Under the program men between 17 and 28 years of age may enlist now and return home to complete their education or employment. About 120 days from the enlistment date, a recruit is called to active duty or he may go on any date within that period.

Additional information about the program may be obtained by calling Spring 2-9128 or visiting the Marine Corps recruiter in the Medford post office building.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

THE KENNEDY TEMPO



Washington—The difference in tempo between the bustling Kennedy administration and the languid, all but somnolent Congress is causing a great international crisis arising from the grim Congo problem, may yet wake up the Congress and spur it into action on all fronts. But as of now, this difference is an important political fact.

Interesting enough, the fact was foreseen and allowed for by President Kennedy, who is both intuitive and highly pragmatic. He well knew that the mood of the Congress would be the mood of the country, which listened to his warnings and Vice President Nixon's smooth reassurances and then divided almost exactly equally. He knew further that the mood of the Congress would only change when the country's mood had changed.

Long before he took the oath of office, therefore, he abandoned the classic Presidential strategy of the first hundred days—the strategy of trying to get as many big things done as possible in the early, honeymoon period in the White House. He adopted instead a longer-range strategy without any real precedent in the annals of the active American Presidents.

AS A RESULT, 1961 is being treated as the year of the legislative washing list. The rather numerous measures to which Kennedy has long been committed, such as medical care for the aged and aid to education, are to be got through Congress if possible. The way has largely been cleared for them by the recapture of the House Rules Committee. If they pass this session in fairly satisfactory form, the session will be considered a success.

But the year of the washing list will not be considered a success unless something else is also achieved. Beginning with his inaugural address, the new President has been urging all the gigantic educational powers of his office to alter the mood of the country. That, really, is the primary aim this year.

If the national mood is changed as Kennedy hopes, the 1961 Congressional session will be remembered for the big, innovative measures sponsored by the new Administration.

THE existence of this interesting strategy may be deduced from several signs, among which the status of tax reform is probably the most striking. To begin with, President Kennedy's intention to undertake a radical reform of the tax system is clearly revealed by the appointments he has made in this policy area. The new Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Mortimer Caplin, the nominee for the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of tax matters, Stanley Surrey, and the chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, Walter Heller, are all men known for their advocacy of radical tax reform.

All three of these men, together with the able chairman of the house ways and means committee, Rep. Wilbur Mills, have repeatedly made the same points about the tax system. These may be summarized as follows: First, the existing schedule of income tax rates is wholly unrealistic, because of the simultaneous existence of an immense variety of tax-shelters. These are so numerous that incomes in the highest bracket, supposedly liable to 91 per cent taxation, are in fact paying only 46 per cent.

Second, the existence of these tax shelters is in turn deforming the whole American economy, because the investment policies of both corporations and individuals are so largely influenced by the search for tax shelters. This deformation inhibits economic growth.

THIRD, if all the tax shelters were eliminated at a stroke, the income-tax-yield would be increased by a third or more. The increase in yield will still reach about 20 per cent, even after retention of socially desirable tax-sheltering features like the income tax credits for donations to charity and for interest payments on private house-mortgages up to a reasonable sum.

Therefore it is possible to destroy most of the tax-shelters, including such sacrosanct ones as the oil-depletion allowance and the tax exemption for state and municipal bonds; to offer in return a 20 per cent across-the-board cut in everyone's income tax rate; and to maintain revenues at the present level.

The kind of lobbyists' hornets' nest that this will stir up, if it is attempted, can be too easily imagined. But if the President presents the tax reform as an omnibus bill, on a take-it-or-leave-it basis, the dilemma of the Congress will be painful indeed. Either the howls of the tax-sheltered will have to be ignored or the broad tax-paying masses will have to be denied substantially lower rates.

Something of this sort is very likely to be attempted. If many such attempts are made, the 1962 Congressional session will be far from somnolent.

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The first world's fair to be held in the United States was in New York in 1853.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: President Kennedy warned Russia against any attempt to "intervene unilaterally" (meaning intervention by Russia alone) in the Congo. He said it was the duty of the United States AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS MEMBERS to oppose any such intervention.

The President, opening his Wednesday news conference with a statement on the Congo crisis, did not specifically name Russia, but said he was seriously concerned at what "appears to be a threat of unilateral intervention."

The President also deplored any attempt to "destroy" the United Nations—again an evident reference to Russia's demand Tuesday for "withdrawal of United Nations forces from the Congo and for ouster of Dag Hammarskjöld as U.N. secretary-general."

IN EFFECT, President Kennedy seemed to be saying to Premier Khrushchev: "Keep your hands off the Congo. It will be the duty of the United States as a United Nations member to oppose any attempt (on your part) at (military) intervention there."

OFFICIALS in Washington explain that President Kennedy is relying on small nation defense of the U.N. to preserve the Congo operation and help to discourage Khrushchev from trying to force through Soviet demands and threats. He is said to be hopeful that a serious East-West conflict over the Congo (with its resulting dangers of war) can be averted.

As an interesting sidelight, India's Nehru has made the statement that if the United Nations operation in the Congo becomes effective, he will send Indian combat troops there. That is quite a departure from Nehru's long-established policy of neutrality.

WHAT will come of it? Time will tell. Much will depend on how other Western nations and the so-called "neutral" nations respond to Mr. Kennedy's bold challenge.

ONE thing is certain — the Congo is a mess. Why? There are many answers. Perhaps the answer closest to the truth is that in this strategic mid-African region many nations (if they can be called that) were turned loose from their former colonial masters with very little (if any) preparation for independence, self-government and liberty to do as they please.

All the news that has come from the Congo seems to back up that conclusion. The native tribes that have been turned loose more or less on their own have had no training in the responsibilities of self-government. In some of them cannibalism is still practiced. In much of the area, the population is very little removed from raw savagery.

THAT brings up an interesting point. Of the great colonial empire, only the British seem to have done even a fair job of preparation of the people of their colonies for the difficult job of self-government.

SGD Speaker Listed By Local Elks Club

Dr. Kenneth H. Baker, vice president in charge of research and market development for the California-Oregon television company, will be the featured speaker at the 13th annual Student Government Day banquet at Hedrick Junior High school, Thursday, Feb. 23.

The banquet, starting at 8 p.m., is the climax of Student Government Day which is sponsored by the Medford Elks lodge for high school students studying local government.

Dr. Baker received his doctorate in general and social psychology from Ohio State university in 1934. During his career he has been assistant or associate professor at Northwestern university, Ohio State university and the University of Minnesota.

Title of Address
The title of his address Thursday night is: "Some Do and Some Don't."

The schedule for Student Government Day Thursday begins at 8 a.m., when students holding city and county offices will register and attend swearing-in ceremonies. The remainder of the day will

be spent in the offices of their senior counterparts observing first-hand the functions and activities of local government.

At 6 p.m., prior to the banquet, a get acquainted meeting of students, their parents, city and county officials, school officials and guests will be held at Hedrick school.

Phoenix Names Its Officers for SGD Events Thursday

Phoenix — Student Government Day under the sponsorship of Medford Elks lodge will be held Thursday, Feb. 23. Under this program, each year a given number of elective and appointive offices are received by each school.

Those elected to serve from Phoenix High school are Sheriff Gerald Sloper; Constable James Tompkins; County Assessor Barbara Gysin; and County Surveyor Karen Mocabee.

Appointive offices selected by a committee of teachers are Tax Deputy Sheriff Gene Holt; Assistant Juvenile Officer Frances Kievet; County Agent Ernie Bolz; Watermaster Bill Oldham; Superintendent of 4H Boys Mike Consbruck; and Supervisor of Nursing Virginia Johnson.

John Kuchler, American Problems and German Instructor, acted as adviser for the election. Kuchler appointed election committee members which consisted of Barbara Gysin, chairman; Karen Mocabee, James Tompkins and Gene Holt.

A regular polling place was designated to comply with election standards. Posters and campaign speeches were presented during election week.

Student officers are scheduled to take the oath of office in the court house auditorium, and then fill their re-



DR. KENNETH BAKER
Banquet Speaker



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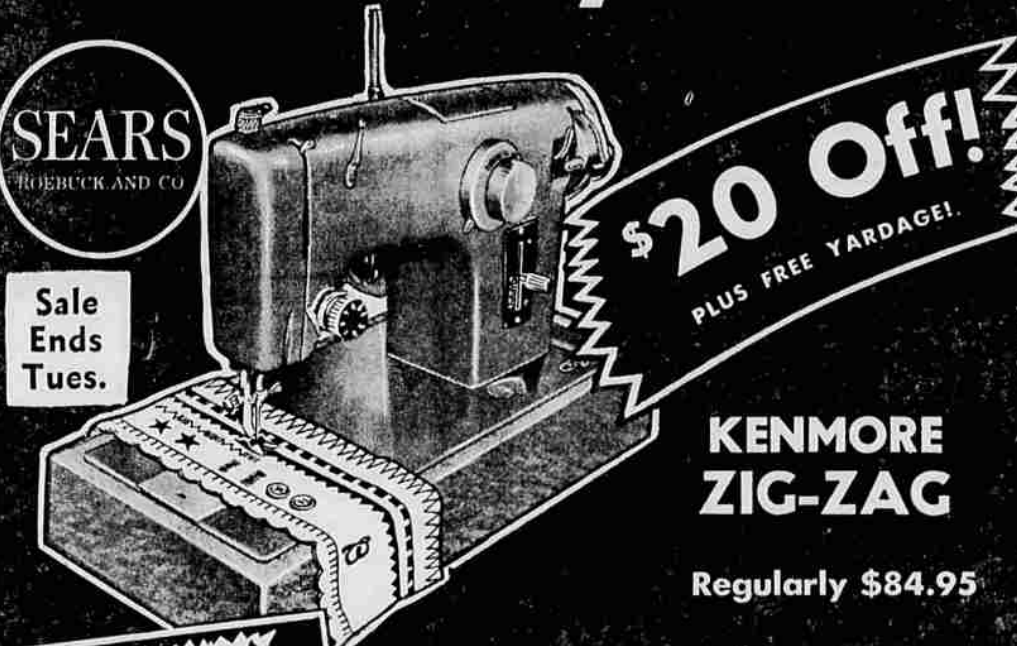
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