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10 YEARS AGO March 10, 1951 (Saturday) School Superintendent E. H. Hedrick said today that the voters will be asked to approve a \$400 cost of living pay increase for all full-time school employees.

20 YEARS AGO March 10, 1941 (Monday) Roy J. Rogers, frost meteorologist for this section, is scheduled to arrive here Thursday.

30 YEARS AGO March 10, 1931 (Tuesday) Medford Garden club members plan to enter the Portland garden show soon.

40 YEARS AGO March 10, 1921 (Thursday) The state highway commission has given its approval, in principle, to a proposed highway from Roseburg to the California line.

50 YEARS AGO March 10, 1911 (Friday) A cooperative exchange of weather information has been arranged by forecasters in the southern Oregon area.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. What is meant by the expression, "the quick and the dead?"

2. Approximately 84 years ago, Thomas Edison announced the invention of the telegraph key, the phonograph, or the radio?

3. Name the man who came to the U. S. from Scotland and later founded the vast system which is now the U. S. Steel corporation.

4. The three wise monkeys of Nikko are said to represent what saying?

5. The human race is divided into five colors; name them.

6. A white global map on a blue field is the flag of which organization?

Who Conserves?

The Medford Mail-Tribune "wholeheartedly" agrees with our recent favorable comments on President Kennedy's natural resources message, a statement that emphasized the need for conservation of the nation's water, forest and recreational assets.

But the writer could not resist a gibe. Although it may have seen the light on the Kennedy natural resources policies, he wrote, "The Oregonian (is) so conservative in other ways."

CONSERVATION, conservative — both words come from a common source. Is it "good" to want to conserve our rivers and forests? And "bad" to want to conserve the values of cultural, economic and political experience? Or vice versa? Or is there any difference in principle between the two?

We leave the answers to the Mail-Tribune or any others who make a practice of so glibly applying labels like "conservative" and "liberal," usually without pausing to reflect on what the words really mean.—The Oregonian.

Timber Taxes

The word from Salem is that the timber tax question is still way, way up in the air.

Jockeying for position are forces which favor a so-called "compromise" bill, those who would have timber taxed so there could be no compromising of Oregon's future dependence upon its No. 1 resource, and, others who think present legislation is adequate, for their own purposes.

There is no need here to go into all the intricate details. But here's why the 1961 Legislature should not adjourn until it has written better timber tax laws into the books:

FIRST, present tax laws work to penalize timber owners who are attempting to match their annual "harvests" with the development of equivalent regrowth.

Second, as representatives of all the people of this state, it is incumbent upon the legislators to see that "cut-and-get-out" practices are not encouraged by our tax laws.

Third, long-range best interests of the entire state require that tax policies benefit the sustained yield principle, even if they work to the disadvantage of timber operators who rely upon minimal tax costs to stay in business.

THESE facts remain unchanged from 1959 when the legislators, by the barest possible margins, defeated a bill intended to equate timber taxes with sound forest management practices.

Now if the 1961 Legislature again fails to act upon them, they will still be true in 1963, in 1973, or whenever the Legislature decides to face up to them. But, in the interim, Oregon's chances of perpetuating its position as our nation's No. 1 lumber producing state will have been reduced by whatever extent tax advantages have accrued to those doing the least to deserve them.—Eugene Register-Guard.

Boulwareism On Trial

Boulwareism — General Electric's technique for conducting labor negotiations — now comes under quasi-judicial review. The union charges that the company has adopted a policy of "bargaining by ultimatum," and the National Labor Relations Board is holding hearings on this and other allegations.

All the accusations go back to a three-week walkout by 70,000 union members last autumn. The settlement reached Oct. 22, though providing a wage rise, was almost identical with GE's pre-strike offer. The major differences were not over wages; management's principal success was in canceling a cost-of-living escalator clause.

FOLLOWING a bitter, company-wide strike in 1946, Lemuel R. Boulware, then general manager of GE's wholly owned subsidiaries, was assigned to labor relations. A marketing expert, Boulware sought to apply to industrial relations a customer-supplier relationship.

In principle, Boulwareism works like this: Union negotiators state their position just as a customer might request new terms and conditions. Then the company makes its offer. This, GE contends, "contains all that the company believes is indicated in the balanced best interest of employees, owners, customers, other interested businessmen, and general citizens."

BOULWAREISM is still the basic GE negotiating technique, though its author is now retired from his company vice presidency. The union complaint, as phrased by James B. Carey, president of the International Union of Electrical Workers, February 22, is against GE's "policy of bargaining by ultimatum, or making a first-and-final offer, in refusing throughout the bargaining period to modify or improve its initial proposal."

The central issue would appear to be whether it's an unfair labor practice to hold fast to an original offer, making no compromise regardless of what the union does or threatens to do. Or, to put it in the company frame of reference, whether it's necessary to go through the motions of bargaining when management in advance can establish a position beyond which it does not reasonably expect to go.—E. R. R.

Dennis the Menace



"GEE, I'LL SURE BE GLAD WHEN I CAN REACH STUFF STANDIN' ON MY OWN FEET!"

Kennedy's Order Concerning Outside Pay Is In Sharp Contrast to FDR

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington — (UPI) — The old timer pondered the latest order from President Kennedy to his top officials and thought of that eminent author, the late Harry L. Hopkins.

The President's order that Harry Hopkins would not have liked was this: That administration officials who write articles or who speak for pay shall contribute their honorariums to organized charity.

That is a switch from the way it was under Franklin D. Roosevelt. Get it while you can — that was the rule under FDR. The late Stephen T. Early was Mr. Big's press secretary. Steve clinked glasses

with your correspondent many a time during the Roosevelt years and was always saying that he was about to do a magazine piece.

"The boss told us right off," Early once said, "that we were free to pick up some extra with our typewriters."

Profiles to Horsies Steve didn't take much advantage of that, or any, although he used to be a newspaperman, himself. When burdened with a free afternoon, Steve went to the horse track.

Harry Hopkins also was a horse player. He was a social worker and reformer by instinct and training and without experience in the art of writing. But Harry had a liking for a need for money. So, he wrote Collier's, a magazine, was Harry's pigeon and the late Tom Beck, boss of that and other publications, was his angel.

Beck used to relate that the going rate for one of Harry's magazine pieces was \$2,000. "But if you really make it hot, Harry," Beck would tell his author, "we'll pay three grand."

Harry had the fire to make it hot. Sometimes he held high public office by FDR's appointment. Sometimes he

was just a friend of the President, living in the White House and advising on policy, high and low. Tom Beck knew that and so did the readers.

So, when Hopkins expressed a point of view in Beck's magazine it had almost the impact of a presidential statement. Harry and FDR seemed to think very much alike. Not always, of course. Harry shook up the public considerably in one of his pieces for Beck when he suggested that the wartime housing shortage be eased by quartering some

of the homeless on those with homes.

That one probably cost Beck three grand, and worth it, too.

The late Harold L. Ickes became a columnist while in the Cabinet. His column never came to much. Ickes' feelings were hurt when the editor of a Washington newspaper returned from vacation to find that his paper had bought and was printing the column. The editor promptly threw it out. Ickes was angry. He didn't need the money because he was not a poor man. But the editor had stabbed Ickes' pride.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

JAMES JOYCE, author of "Ulysses," was quite a gay blade in his younger days in Dublin, and he and a jolly doctor friend cut many a caper together in the wee hours of the morning.

One day they were escorting two busty blondes when their way was impeded by a big crowd, gathered round a man prostrate on the roadway. Joyce steered the tipsy doctor through the crowd, and watched him take the stricken man's pulse, while everyone waited with bated breath for the verdict.

"Well?" asked Joyce finally. "Well," answered the doctor firmly, "the poor fellow's dead, but I'll see what I can do."

Hollywood scribe Herb Stein interviewed actor Jose Ferrer recently in the star's home. Ferrer apologized for the absence of his wife, Rosemary Clooney, saying she was upstairs caring for their five children.

"What are their ages?" asked Stein. "Five, four, three, two, and one," smiled Ferrer. "Golly," said Stein. "I hope I'm not keeping you."

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Argentina President Facing An Unpleasant Political Truth

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst With victory in the fight to restore Argentina's economic health in sight, President Arturo Frondizi is facing an unpleasant political truth:

Austerity is good only for the other fellow.

On May 1, he reaches the mid-point of his six-year term.

As result of his first three years, he can point to a budget virtually in balance to an end to runaway inflation, to self-sufficiency in oil and to the beginnings of a new steel industry.

The Argentine peso is stable and Argentina's international credit is good.

Last month saw continuation of a series of political defeats for Frondizi's Radical Intransigent party, ascribed to a mounting protest against the government's tough austerity campaign.

Government candidates lost out in two Buenos Aires elections and suffered another defeat in the election of a governor for Mendoza province.

have not yet extended their benefits to the housewife or the worker.

While prices now are stable, the cost of living jumped 150 per cent in the last two years without compensating increases in earnings.

Further complicating the picture have been the numerous strikes called by unions controlled either by the Communists or by followers of former Dictator Juan Peron.

A general strike called by peronists and pro-Communist unions in September, 1959, caused a production loss estimated at close to \$30 million.

Another, in January, 1959, was estimated to have cost an astronomical \$100 million.

The armed forces which overthrew Peron in 1955 are determined that no Peronist influence shall enter the government and even more determined that there shall be no return of Peron himself.

Most of the government crises have sprung from the suspicion that Frondizi's opposition to the Peronistas was weakening.

Now Frondizi is battling time, gambling that by next year's elections, the benefits of his administration will have reached the people. Failure could mean disaster.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

GETTING WORSE Washington — No amount of cherry flappoodle can much longer hide the raw fact that things are getting worse, not better, for the United States in Latin America.

There was much hope here — and also abroad, among those who really support Pan-American unity — that the new presidency of John F. Kennedy would improve Western Hemisphere relations and blunt the strong subversive thrust of international Communism.

It has not done so, though the President has gone out of his way to be sympathetic and helpful to the Latinos and though both political parties in the Senate have done the same.

President Kennedy, to this correspondent's direct knowledge, was deeply concerned even before taking office to offer every possible conciliation and assistance to the Latin Americans. From the very start he has given Latin America the highest true priority ever given to it by any White House — not excluding that of Franklin D. Roosevelt in the "Good Neighbor" policy.

VICE PRESIDENT Lyndon Johnson, too, has quietly put much thought and effort into the same objective. And, at the request of the President, the Democratic leader of the Senate, Mike Mansfield of Montana, only last month laid aside much urgent work here to lead a Congressional goodwill delegation to Mexico.

Mansfield and his Democratic and Republican colleagues could not really afford to be absent from Washington at the time the Mexicans had picked for their inter-parliamentary conference. All the same, they went — though they would not have gone in like circumstances had the invitation come from any one of our major allies.

his special assistant, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., into Latin America on a mission of friendly inquiry. And he has set up a distinctly high-level board on Latin American policy under Adolf A. Berle Jr.

NO administration could have done more, in a bipartisan way, to give triple-plated proof of interest and concern in Latin America.

What has been happening, however, has beyond doubt rather chilled the scene. Mexico and Brazil, the most influential countries in all Latin America, seem determined to show appreciation in reverse.

Not only do they refuse us any shadow of assistance in combating the pro-Communist menace raised to themselves and to all the Americas by Castroism in Cuba. They now actually give increasing comfort to Castroism. The president of Brazil, Janio Quadros, has just treated Berle in Rio with such obvious rudeness as to draw criticism even from the pro-Quadros press there.

MEXICO is currently host to a Communist-line "peace" conference in which the main sports are denouncing the United States and crying hosannas to Castro. True, the moving spirit is not President Lopez Mateos, but rather a political rival, Azaro Cardenas. Doubtless, too, Lopez Mateos dared not forbid the gathering.

But what is certainly also true is that both Mexico and Brazil are seeking heavy U.S. aid — and in such tones as to suggest that we should consider it a rare privilege to give them assistance, and precisely on their own terms. Everybody here wants the friendship of the Latinos. But even their best friends here think it is past time for them to realize one thing:

Even this most tolerant and patient of all the great powers cannot forever be the victim of the intolerance and irresponsibility of lesser powers which can — but to a point only — afford to be irresponsible.

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Communications

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Be Informed To the Editor: I am not in the habit of answering letters printed in your column, but the one published on Monday, March 6, issued by Mildred Engman, I feel needs an answer.

Some people might believe what she has written. From her letter it is apparent she is not informed, and persons without information should not write on a subject as important as the Mexican national workers.

If one Mexican can do the work of three white men in California, why should a grower employ three men with all the book work.

The Mexicans of L. A. county are not nationals under contract to the U. S. Government.

Also the camp maintained for them (and migratory white workers) is above the standards set by the government.

How many boxes of pears has the lady picked? How many times has she watched her fruit ripen on the trees and no pickers?

As I said, before one writes let them know what they are writing about.

Vella Wilson, Route 4, Box 457-E Medford

Is It Physical? To the Editor: A thought inspired by Mr. Kissinger's entry "Myths" of March 5.

True, anything not subject to proved existence, empirically speaking, is myth and allegory.

How much, if any, actual matter constitutes an electron? I know that the electron is practical, but is it physical? Other than by its effects, can the physical existence of its force be proved? Let us assume it cannot.

If electrons whose material existence cannot be proved, constitute atoms which theoretical scientists tell us make up the building blocks of our universe — how do we know that existence exists?

Perhaps existence is the myth and allegory! None-the-less it is a grand illusion — if it doesn't go to one's head.

Both are made to go on feet Both need a mate to be complete.

Both have ties and both incline When polished, in the world to shine.

Both are trod upon and both will tread on others, nothing loathing.

Some shoes are black, some men are, too. Some men have eyes (and how) some shoes do.

Both of them are oftimes sold. Both in time turn to dust and mold.

With shoes, the last comes first. With men the last ends appetites and thirst.

When shoes wear out they're mended new. When men wear out, they're men dead, too.

Over the air comes the grand news that in Montana a city is planning a factory of some kind that will be owned and run by seniors.

Why didn't Medford think of that? Kennedy intends to try it out. The promoters who do, will find men and women with long life's experience and training, ready and willing to get into the harness again. I believe that 80 per cent of the seniors had rather earn their own way.

I can almost take dictation in longhand, am a tireless pedestrian, but was turned down taking census because of my age.

Hurrah for Montanians! An angel must have whispered to their leaders that oldsters have to eat.

Mrs. John Spackman, P. O. Box 33, Jacksonville, Oregon

Waiting To See To the Editor: We are witness to the taking measure of a man by powers that be which may have profound effect on our way of life. A multi-billion dollar bill is taking shape in Congress for government aid to state school education. In its wording, and possible passing, lies the fate of separation of church and state.

When I did that, I almost stumbled over a baby rabbit. It might have been just the night wind playing tricks on my ears, but I thought I heard the bunny address me as "mommy."

Considerably unnerved by the experience, I aroused my sleeping wife.

"Listen," I whispered. "I don't want to alarm you, but I almost stumbled over a baby rabbit."

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West Finds Rabbit 'Imprint'; But He Declines More Punch

By DICK WEST Washington — (UPI) — This happened several months ago. I had been to a stag party in the neighborhood of I was walking home I had a feeling that I was being followed.

The punch my host had served made me bolder than usual, so instead of breaking into a sprint, as I normally would have done, I whirled around and prepared to defend myself.

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An Open Letter

To the Editor: An open letter to our veteran friend, Malemute Slim.

Of course he is "not blood-thirsty." He just wants to do unto others as they have done, which includes "murder, stab, strangle, shoot, beat the head in, etc." He, it seems, would like to set himself up as a trinity which would include judge, jury and executioner.

What a wonderful chain reaction such a set-up would create! Even the heathen in The Congo could do better. But to whom would Slim send at Christmas time his messages of "Peace and Goodwill to Men?"

If Slim likes so well the way "Justice" is meted out in the largest state in the Union, why does he return to a lesser state to enter one of our very fine veterans' domiciliaries?

I'll bet they don't have one or a reform school, or a corps of psychiatrists in the entire barren waste of his largest of all states.

I seem to have read somewhere that "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord," but I don't seem to have designated anywhere where He designated this duty to Slim. Also I believe in another place it says, "Whosoever among you is without sin, let him cast the first stone."

Mildred Engman, 1107 East Main St. Medford

Meany Raps Deal To Pay Union Man

Washington — (UPI) — AFL-CIO President George Meany Thursday called a deal to pay Bakery and Confectionery Workers President James G. Cross about \$250,000 in return for his resignation, "legalistic highway robbery."

The proposed payment would settle a federal court suit accusing Cross of misusing union funds. The union was expelled from the AFL-CIO in 1957 for refusing to out Cross for his alleged use of union funds for personal spending.