

ADOLF EICHMANN'S PENALTY

The statement made by Adolf Eichmann to Israeli police, and played back via a tape recording during his trial the other day, was an astounding one.

As reported by the United Press International, he said, in part:

"I cannot claim my hands are clean... I will ask for mercy. I am not deserving of mercy. Perhaps I ought to hang myself in public so that all the world's anti-semites can have the terrible nature of their acts made clear to them."

These words from the man who is reportedly responsible for the death of six million fellow human beings. Astounding!

THE whole Eichmann business, from beginning to end, is a terrible commentary on the world in which we live.

First the gruesome and unbelievable nature of his crimes against humanity.

Next the long flight, the long pursuit.

Next the illegal kidnapping of Eichmann from another nation.

Next, his being brought to trial in a nation that didn't even exist when he committed his crimes, under a law not then even written.

And now this incredible statement.

WE were discussing the case the other day with a sensitive and intelligent teen ager, and were rather startled when she said, "I feel terrible sorry for him."

We pointed out that he was guilty, almost without a doubt, of crimes so ghastly that they repel the mind.

"That's why I feel sorry for him," she said. "I just feel sorry for anyone who could do things like that."

She may well have the right of it. And it occurs to us that the worst punishment the Israelis could impose on Eichmann, after the foregone conclusion of a finding of his guilt, would be to grant him a full pardon and set him free:

Free... free to wander the world and wait for eventual death in the knowledge of his own guilt; free to suffer the contempt—and even worse, the pity—of the rest of humankind.—E.A.

Bill Walker's Conscience

The Rev. William O. Walker and his wife did a courageous, and perhaps foolish, thing.

We do not agree with them, but we must admire the strong conscience and sturdy sense of rightness which impelled them to do it.

We have known Bill Walker slightly ever since he was a student at Medford High school, and later as he went through the University of Oregon and Harvard Divinity school. We have always liked and admired him.

He is now minister of The First Methodist Church of North Bend, Ore.

THE action was his refusal to pay his federal income tax in full. He and his wife made out their return, mailed it in with 45 per cent of the payment called for, and mailed a check for the other 55 per cent to UNICEF.

It was his way of protesting the arms race. But let him tell it in his own words. Here is the text of his letter of April 15 to the District Director of Internal Revenue:

Dear Sir: Today we reluctantly, but firmly, choose knowingly to violate a law. We are enmeshed with you and other members of our society in both the evil and the good and glorious, in our way of living. Therefore, what we do today is not done with a sense of triumph or disdain, but with a sense of contrition and confession. We cannot extricate ourselves from either the good or the evil.

However, there are certain things that we can still do to maintain our sanity and humanity, and express our basic beliefs of love and justice in the community of man under the fatherhood of God. One of these things is to say a resounding YES to decency and love, and an emphatic NO to inhumanity and fear.

One way we can still say "yes" or "no" in our highly organized society is to pay, or refuse to pay taxes. We believe in the general philosophy of taxation, for it is a form of society together meeting some of its needs. But, we do not believe in cooperating willingly in an enterprise that does not contribute to the best interests of mankind.

Because of this belief, we have filled out and filed our 1960 tax form, and we enclose a check to cover 45 per cent of the required tax. The other 55 per cent we are sending to the United Nations Children's Federation (UNICEF), in hopes that life, not death, may be brought to some.

We have arrived at this figure by noting that about 55 per cent of the national budget is now spent for defense or for the paying for past wars. This figure may vary up or down, but we have arrived at this figure knowing that whatever percentage we choose there will be no clear-cut definition of spending.

We can no longer with good conscience contribute to the continuation of the arms race and to the possible annihilation of the human race in nuclear holocaust. Nor can we contribute further to the apathy that has seemed to grip so many of us, or the hysteria as exemplified in some pseudo-patriotic organizations.

We trust that our voice and decision will contribute to the recovery of the "American dream," indeed, the dream for the whole world that we may live in creative peace together with man and in harmony with the ways of God.

Sincerely, William O. Walker, Carol Williams Walker.

THE Rev. Mr. Walker's action is little more than a gesture of protest. It will do no good, except as it helps to make others think about the terrible waste implicit in the arms race.

We believe this is a futile gesture, and not the way to go about seeking a peaceful world. We believe this must be sought through the long, difficult, cumbersome, unsatisfying procedures of government and international accommodation.

Meanwhile, we believe it absolutely necessary for the United States to retain its military might in the hope of deterring a war until, hopefully, a way can be found for the world to live in peace.

But our feelings do not cause a lessening of our liking for Bill Walker, and respect for his courage in following his conscience.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"THERE'S A LOT OF DIFFERENCE! FOR ONE THING, PERFUME COSTS MORE THAN FLY SPRAY..."

Communications

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Peace Corps

To the Editor: For the past 14 years, I have worked in various countries of Asia and Africa for American Engineering Firms engaged in private practice.

I am a subscriber to the Mail Tribune, and even though I receive the paper six to eight weeks late, it is about the only medium we have here to keep up with the news. Incidentally, my U.S. address is Butte Falls, Ore.

The new "Peace Corps" came as quite a shock to people such as myself, who have lived and worked with Asiatic peoples for so long.

I wrote the enclosed letter to Senator Neuberger, with the hope that if they insist on putting this wholly unrealistic program into effect, it is done by experienced people, who know and can recognize the pitfalls and dangers, rather than some of our bureaucrats who have done all of their work over here "under the fans" as the Pakistanis put it.

It would be appreciated if you could publish this letter, and see if others agree or disagree with me.

Robert B. Pechner, c/o I. E. Co., P.O. Box 160, Ramna, Dacca, East Pakistan.

PS: I sent President Kennedy a copy also.

Editor's note: Portions of the letter follow:

As a Civil Engineer who has been employed for the past 14 years in various countries of Asia, I look with extreme apprehension on the recent plan of the President to put into practice a "Peace Corps."

Ostensibly the idea itself may have some value, but from my experience in Asia, it is more idealistic than realistic.

This is no time to experiment. Government sponsored programs have sent Americaners here by the thousand, all imbued with "how we do things in America," and completely ignorant of the basic philosophy of the Asiatic peoples. This philosophy is different from that of Western Countries, and until we recognize there is a difference, and understand this difference, we are going to fail.

I have not been able to understand as yet just what the "Peace Corps" is supposed to accomplish, but without a complete understanding of the people and their customs, and the ability to appreciate strange, to us at least, ways of life, this will turn into just another idealistic "joy ride at government expense" all over the world. I understand this program will start with no pay, housing with the poorer classes, etc. This may be the start, but it will not be that way for long.

Living with the poorer class native peoples in many countries means extreme heat and cold, diseased food, dirt, filth, bugs, snakes, and vermin. In this era, young Americans without experience cannot stand this, no matter how hardy they are, and now they and others who have only read about these things from arm chairs think they can.

If you then allow pay, air-conditioned houses, commissary food, etc., you have defeated the whole idea and purpose.

In all my years in this part of the world, with few exceptions, I have yet to see an American or European for that matter, live as and with the poorer class natives. The exception to this are a few dedicated Missionaries.

Secondly, why are these programs not started with people of experience? I do

not mean people who have worked for government agencies in these countries, as most of these people have no idea at all of the indigenous people around them. After they leave their air-conditioned offices, they are in their clubs, air-conditioned homes, commissaries, PX's, etc. I mean people who have worked in general for private companies, lived off the land, and have a basic understanding of the peoples where they live...

It is my belief that if we continue our present spending policies at home and abroad, the time is not too far distant when along with economic chaos, we will have either a Military Dictatorship, or a form of government based on the very thing we are trying so hard to avoid, Communism.

Humans and Nature

To the Editor: At last the day had arrived when our boys, along with three friends, were to receive their treat. Instead of the usual type of treat most boys expect, for their stomachs, we chose to take them to the high country.

April is a beautiful month with the green of spring mingled with the blooming flowers. However 8,000 feet up on the slopes of Mt. Shasta winter still holds sway. The new 14 mile drive from the town of Mt. Shasta up to the ski bowl is one well worth taking. The breathtaking view is grand. One can look to the southwest and see nothing but rugged snow-covered mountains. To the south Mt. Lassen rears its smoke curling summit over the northern Sacramento valley. The fresh pine-scented mountain air fills one's lungs as he stands viewing the magnificent scenery all around. Ever changing cloud formations add to the grandeur of the scene.

We were not alone, up there to enjoy the day. Hundreds of brightly attired ski enthusiasts were at hand. The chairlift was really doing a business.

We stepped inside a ultra-modern glass-walled shelter. The warmth inside did feel good. However we soon chose the outdoor air again. The stench of alcoholic beverages and tobacco smoke filled the entire place.

This was my second visit to this spot, and what a change. Around a year ago no liquor license had as yet been granted and the place was clean.

Now, upset bottles, glasses, coffee mugs and trash was scattered everywhere. The bar was crowded. Children were running around right by it. One lady(?) kicked over a cup of coffee and instead of wiping up the mess walked right on. I was grateful for the door so that we could get back out into the open air.

Even outside, beer and pop bottles were scattered everywhere.

What a pity that human beings, created in the image of God, have to lower themselves so low. I realize that many who read these lines feel that drinking and smoking are all a part of real living.

But might I add this: Consider what the end results are. What is your example causing your children to do? Why can't we awake to our real responsibility?

Henry Johnson Jr., 2315 Highway 66, Ashland, Ore.

'ARMY' PRAISED

Portland (UP)—Dr. Arthur S. Flemming praised work of the Salvation Army Wednesday night and said man's obligation is to help his fellow man achieve his highest potential.

Intelligence Report Indicates Castro Strong Militarily, Weak Economically

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington (UP)—A U.S. intelligence report of recent months took a chill and dim view of the chances of Cuban rebels beating Fidel Castro's Communist regime.

This report was dated in mid-Autumn of 1960 and may be now by now be obsolete. If it is not obsolete, the news from Cuba is more likely to continue bad.

Here in paraphrase is the key paragraph in this size-up of the Cuban military situation:

Anti-Castro rebels operating on their own in Cuba are not likely to obtain sufficient strength to oust Castro. This is because Castro has plenty of

modern ground weapons, a militia is in training, and is in control of the army. Rebel success would depend on a rather massive invasion by fighters properly equipped.

This estimate of Castro's situation said the Cuban dictator had neither a Navy nor an Air Force. Cuba's naval

operations almost ceased as of some months ago because of disloyalty among officer personnel.

There are no Cuban pilots trained to fly the Russian MIG jets, which are believed to have been provided by the Soviet Union. Reports that MIG jets are in operation in

Cuba suggest that Communist-trained pilots were provided along with the planes.

Castro's People's Militia was estimated to number about 125,000, although current reports from Cuba make it 300,000. The Army numbers about 35,000 troops. Castro in the beginning obtained modern arms from Belgium and in large quantities.

Russian ships thereafter began unloading at Cuban ports. They brought the MIGs in crates. The Russian ships also unloaded heavy arms such as anti-aircraft batteries. The intelligence report suggested but did not make it a positive statement that the Russians also had supplied Castro with missiles.

The overall implication of this intelligence was that Castro was relatively in a strong military defensive position in comparison with any foreseeable thrust of force against him. This report and others spotlight what appears to be a strategic fact. It is this:

Castro's weakness in relation to any opposition he may reasonably expect is not in the field of military action, rebellion, invasion and such. Castro's weakness is economic, at the bacon and beans level. Peasants expected to become land owners under Castro. He did impose what he called an agrarian reform program of land seizure.

The peasants, however, simply became employees of the state instead of private owners. Farm wages decreased, farm production decreased, and there has been hunger. This U.S. intelligence report estimated that not more than 35 per cent of the Cuban population supported Castro as of late 1960.

Castro nationalized Cuban industry. He leveled salaries, causing skilled technicians to flee Cuba. He is unable to obtain spare parts for his U.S. made industrial machinery. He is producing at a loss. Castro is in bad economic trouble. Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), believes the quickest, surest way to knock off Castro would be by tight U.S. economic blockade. Hazardous but effective.

Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

UP TO GEORGE Washington—The anti-Castro invasion of Cuba must not fail and the people of the United States

repeat, the people of the United States and not the government—must see to it that it does not fail.

This is one of those rare times when a people must do what its government cannot do.

For this is no banana republic war of the kind we knew before the whole world had been tainted by the perversion of truth which is perhaps the most evil of all the evil legacies of international Communism. It is nothing less than a Soviet bridgehead over which men now struggle.

For the first time in all its history the government of the United States is forbidden to take on its own behalf those actions which are plainly necessary for its own defense in its own backyard. The oldest right of man or nation, self-defense, has been denied to the strongest government on earth.

OFFICIALLY, we are powerless to move against an open accomplice of imperialist Communism, Fidel Castro, having an open design to bring Soviet military power within 90 miles of our Florida coastline.

Most of our Latin-American friends had long since let us down—and themselves—by refusing to act against a Castro menace as real to them as to us. Now, in effect, they forbid us to act alone as a nation against an arrogant threat to our lives—and to theirs.

Our European allies are more concerned with the niceties of international behavior than with this sword of peril pointed for all to see at the heart of their best and irreplaceable friend.

"World opinion" will not let us move as a government, even though "world opinion" is compounded of mere timidity and of falsehoods so grotesque as to recall Hitler's technique of the big lie.

It is actually suggested that American intervention in Cuba would be "another Hungary." It is actually implied that the use of American force to overthrow a dictator who threatens the peace of a hemisphere would be like the use of tanks by the Russians to murder the citizens of a country—Hungary—which they had beforehand literally stolen and physically occupied.

NO more monstrous distortion has been uttered, even in an era where monstrous distortion is the ordinary practice of Communist policy. And it is sad to see some good Americans, in well-meaning pursuit of what they believe to be "objectivity," seem to accept any part of so dreadfully false an analogy. There is not a chemical trace, not the thousandth part of an ounce, of truth in it.

The citizens of Hungary were daring to be, if in a small, scared way, something like Hungarians again. Castro of Cuba, far from living under any American heel, had for months been abusing and

threatening a country whose first crime had been to assist him into office.

No American tank had occupied a foot of Cuban soil. Rather, it was Castro camp-followers who had repeatedly occupied American property, stealing it in the name of that "democracy" in which his firing squads were giving Castro "justice" to his opponents while his followers roamed Havana in screaming mobs.

For months their contribution to democracy, to social justice, had been to howl "to the wall"—meaning to demand yet more wretched victims for the execution wall—whenever their blood lust was up.

AND this is the "people's revolution," this is the pack of homicidal hysterics, which "world opinion" now shields from bad old Uncle Sam. To call this sordid horror a revolution is to dishonor all those great revolutionaries whose lives have enriched the Americas, from Washington to Bolivar and Juarez.

All the same, we confront a condition and not a theory: The government of the United States cannot do this job of public sanitation in the Caribbean.

But George can do it—George Jones and Joe Doakes and all those other Americans who are willing to assist the invasion of Castro Cuba in every way open to them. Our flag and uniform cannot go there. But our hopes and our material help—these at least can surely go.

Washington—The news from the invasion front in Cuba will shortly yield answers to the two biggest questions raised by the anti-Castro revolution:

1—How can the limited landing forces of the Cuban Revolutionary Council—probably not more than 5,000—possibly hold beachheads and then go on to win against a Castro army of 200,000 men and women heavily armed? How can the invaders succeed against 40-to-1 military superiority?

2—Will Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev redeem the promise which he personally and publicly gave to Castro while they were both at the United Nations last fall—the promise to back the Castro regime against any "aggression" by the use of "Soviet rockets" if necessary?

If the going gets rough for Castro, will the Soviet Union make good its pledge—or is it an empty promise, a military and diplomatic bluff which Moscow never intended to carry out?

THE answers will soon be visible. The cries of anguish and accusation against the United States which are coming from Havana are encouraging. Castro seems indifferently afraid of the little band of revolutionary invaders from among the Cuban defectors and exiles.

If the counter-revolution is successful, its very success will disprove the charge made at the United Nations by Cuban Foreign Minister Raul

Roas that the United States will have brought down the Castro regime.

The fact is that the invading forces of the new Cuban revolutionaries, outnumbered 40-to-1, can win only if there are massive defections from the Castro army and only if there is widespread sabotage by civilians.

The anti-Castro revolutionaries can win Cuba only if Castro has already lost Cuba. The invaders are not sufficient to win by their own strength. If they succeed, Castro will be overthrown primarily by the defections of the Cuban people. The small invading forces of Cuban exiles will only have provided the spark which brought it about.

If the Cuban people and the Cuban army are loyal to Castro, the invasion now in progress cannot possibly overthrow the regime.

If Castro has lost the loyalty of a majority of the Cuban people and much of the army, then nothing Castro can do can keep the regime from being overthrown.

And the credit will belong to the Cuban people who would rather have liberty than Castro.

BUT what about Premier Khrushchev's statement that the Soviet Union would be prepared to shower down rockets to protect the Cuban regime from "aggression"?

Already the Soviet press is branding the invasion an "American aggression." Therefore, since the Soviets themselves say that Castro is being "aggressed," then Castro has every reason to expect that Moscow will make good its pledge to save him.

We shall shortly see whether Mr. K's promissory note is going to be redeemed. Since the invasion by anti-Castro forces began, the Soviet government has flatly stated that it will provide "all aid necessary" to keep Castro in office.

They have already helped Castro with arms and money. Is Mr. Khrushchev going to invite World War III by sending either Russian forces or Russian rockets to the Western hemisphere? U.S. officials do not believe he will, but the Kremlin has been left in no doubt that such an act would mean war with the United States.

Right now the U.S. government is at the point of deciding what it will do if Soviet arms, tanks, and planes cause the anti-Castro revolt to founder. One thing is certain—the U.S. will not permit the Soviets to assert decisive military power 90 miles from our shores.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This is written at the Hilton Inn at the southern edge of San Francisco, first stop on the way to Washington. It's an overnight stop, made necessary by the fact that on the way across the country by air one has to transfer from the up and down the coast smaller planes to the big jets that leap non-stop across the nation. One could, of course, catch a night plane and be on the East Coast the next morning, but if day travel is preferred an overnight stop on the Bay is a must.

These airport inns are the modern counterpart of the ancient caravansaries, which were located where the camel routes crossed. The purpose is the same—provide convenient overnight lodging while waiting to resume your journey the next day.

It's really quite a convenience. Otherwise a long bus or taxi ride would be required in order to get to the adjacent city whose airport is of necessity a long way out from the center. A lot of room is needed for big planes to land and take off.

It can't be done on a downtown city block.

YOU arrive at the International airport. You disembark from your feeder plane.

Your first job is to confirm your plane reservation for the next morning, without which you may not have a seat when departure times comes. With that out of the way, you pick up your baggage, which in the meantime has come in from your plane, and commandeer a porter who trundles it out to the taxi ramp. You pause at a sign that instructs you to pick up the FREE phone and call for an Inn bus.

You do so. In the course of a few minutes a bus pulls up, takes you aboard along with your bags and hustles you to the Inn's registration desk. When you get registered in the bus driver picks you up again and hauls you to the unit in which your quarters are located, carries your bags to your room and gets you settled.

THEN—If by chance, you want a bite to eat, or a modest libation, or what have you, you step out in front of your door and flag a go-cart. The go-cart takes you where you want to go—to the dining room, to the bar, or to some other unit of the establishment where, possibly, you have in mind to visit with friends.

If, perchance, you forgot something at the airport and want to go back to retrieve it, you flag a bus which whisks you to where you want to go and back again.

All for free.

IF YOU happen to be allergic to walking, your allergy will bother you not at all. You aren't supposed to walk in these places. You do so only of your own volition.

These modern airport inns are something.

INCIDENTALLY, the Hilton Inn, located almost within hollering distance of the West's most glamorous airport, is by no means exclusively an airport inn.

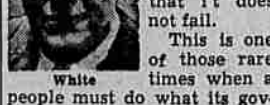
It is a MOTEL as well, where you can drive up in your own car, park in front of your own door and carry in your own baggage, exactly as you would in any other roadside establishment.

IT HAS lawns and swimming pools. It has dining rooms and cocktail bars. It has orchestras and dance floors. And, a few minutes away, is one of the world's most intriguing airports from which huge jet planes take off every few minutes for the romantic Far Away Places of the world.

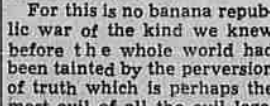
It's little wonder that motorists by the hundreds stop here just to be stopping. It's DIFFERENT—and in these days everybody is looking for something new and different.



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Jenkins writes the In the Day's News.



Wilson writes the Intelligence Report.

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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 April 21, 1951 (Saturday) Two men were arrested in the Medford area today for a burglary a month ago of a post office in Naturita, Colo.

Sen. Wayne Morse today wired the Mail Tribune that the question of whether Camp White should be reactivated is still up in the air in Washington, D.C.

30 YEARS AGO April 21, 1941 (Monday) The county clerk is seeking a way to keep Lethia hotel in Ashland operating after it was recently acquired by the county for non-payment of taxes.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Sages" column: "The dogwood heralds the dogwood season, which is favored by the birds. It is something to put in perior vases was wrong. They are a fragile bloom, and cannot survive the cigarette smoke of an afternoon bridge party."

50 YEARS AGO April 21, 1911 (Tuesday) O. O. Alender has been elected president of the Medford Chamber of Commerce. The final movement of Medford bears toward eastern markets is now underway.

40 YEARS AGO April 21, 1921 (Thursday) City crews today started cutting back the curb at West Main at and Oakdale ave., to reduce a traffic hazard.

Edwin Markham, noted poet, will deliver a talk in Medford next month.

30 YEARS AGO April 21, 1931 (Friday) The "Pumice hill" section of the new Crater Lake highway near Prospect is nearing completion.

The Central Point IOOF lodge has purchased a lot in the downtown area for construction of a new temple.

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

1. What people fought three wars with the Samnites? 2. Is the earth the second, third, or fourth planet in distance from the sun? 3. Is copra a mineral, metal, or vegetable product? 4. A buffon is a kind of sideboard; true or false? 5. Are leopards striped or spotted? 6. With what widespread industry do you associate the name Bessemer? 7. Periods of play in polo are designated as a—s? 8. New York City dogs, or does not, have a system of City manager government? 9. What is a cyclotron? 10. Are U.S. Senators ordinarily elected to serve terms of two, four, or six years?