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Flight of Time

10 YEARS AGO: A report of the Audit Bureau of Circulations...

20 YEARS AGO: Plans for a CCC central repair depot to be built on a 75 acre tract...

30 YEARS AGO: High school enrollment had topped the 1,000 mark for the first time in history...

40 YEARS AGO: The first day of a Medford Chamber of Commerce display of home-grown and manufactured products...

50 YEARS AGO: A carload of horses and mules arrived here this week for use on a new road to be built between Derby and the Rogue river.

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

Prerequisites for Peace

Cuba, The Congo, Laos, Algeria. What a dreary roll-call. And it was "only yesterday," in effect, that it was Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Suez, India, Pakistan, Guatemala, Panama, Cyprus, Indonesia.

SOMETIMES such a pessimistic conclusion seems justified. But the optimist will point out examples that prove the opposite. For the past 90 years or so the United States has lived in relative peace with itself.

THIS is an area where our social sciences have not yet caught up with the physical sciences, which make armed conflict ever more deadly. But to an interested bystander the conditions would appear to include, at a minimum, a decent and increasing measure of social justice.

THESE prerequisites do not exist in most of the world today. And if our offhand thesis is correct, they will not exist in most of the world for a long time to come.

The Two Sides To Zoning

Voters in the county have voted down proposed zoning ordinances twice in recent years. The cry has always been "they're trying to take our freedom away from us."

IF A few more wrecking yards are proposed for construction in what are principally agricultural or residential areas, we believe the lesson will have been learned, and that a majority will see zoning as a measure for their own protection, not as an infringement of their freedom.

THE commission's favorable recommendation to the court is what has raised the fuss. Whether the commission is right or wrong is not the point we wish to discuss at the moment.

What we want to point out, once again, is that zoning is a necessity in an area where population is growing rapidly, if blighted districts and offensive public nuisances which reduce property and esthetic values are to be avoided.

On the other hand, we hear, "But we moved to Jackson county to get away from all these restrictions. We want to do as we please with our own property."

On the other hand, we hear, "But we moved to Jackson county because of its beauty and because it is a delightful place to live. Now they want to spoil it all by putting a junk-yard next door. They can't DO this to us."

IS THERE no compromise between these viewpoints? Of course there is, if it is approached rationally and constructively and with good will.

The solution would be for the entire county to work out a moderate, reasonable zoning ordinance, which is neither unduly restrictive nor unworkably loose, and vote it in. The question boils down to this, which each can ask himself: "Which is more important—my right to do anything I want on my own property, no matter who else I injure, or someone else being restricted from building a wrecking yard next door?"

Dennis the Menace



"Hi, Dad! I'm bunkin' down here tonight!"

Conflicts Influence Emerging Nation Of Mali: Taureg, Black, Soviets, West

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst



The tall, old Taureg warrior, in blue turban and flowing white robes, stepped silently into the log and grass mat pavilion and seated himself.

Government of Blacks Mali's is a black African government and in its Memet Baba, the old Taureg warrior, has no part.

Now he was a second-class citizen. A Middle East diplomat before the county court on Wednesday evening will be our chance to protect the right to live in the type of neighborhood in which we have chosen to live.

Interested M. Hunt, Route 1, Box 237, Talent, Ore. Predicts Defeat To the Editor: I read with extreme satisfaction the MT news item regarding the opposition to the proposed draft of the county building code by some 200 citizens.

leaned close and whispered: "The camels will be gone tomorrow."

He was right. For, shortly after dawn the next day, Mehmet Baba and his fellows, unimpressed by the airplane, disappeared into the desert.

The conflict between the Taureg and the black African goes back farther than any man can remember. Now new conflicts also are at work.

Both the Communist East and the Capitalist West seek pitch somewhat, you have something similar to the scream I heard.

If this analogy is valid, the screaming cougar is a love-sick male, or possibly an answering female. And far from intending his cry to terrify, even though it has that effect on humans, he simply intends to lure an amorously inclined female cougar his way.

Granting, for the sake of argument, that cougars do scream and that the reason they do so is that they are love-sick, their modern-day silence may possibly be explained by their having learned through bitter experience that such caterwauling is dangerous in the vicinity of man.

It appears that in the early days, before the cougar had had the lesson, Beware of man, drilled into him via rifle bullet, he often hung around human settlements or even trailed a lone pioneer through the woods, chiefly out of curiosity (although, to be sure, it would have been hard to convince someone who discovered that a cougar had been stalking him that the cougar had no evil designs).

Almus Pruitt, 119 North Central ave., Medford

Seventh-day Sabbath

To the Editor: The controversy respecting the seventh day Sabbath appears to be the result of (a) misreading (b) misunderstanding (c) misinterpretation (d) misconstruing the written record of the scriptures as written by Moses and the prophets.

The following notes are grouped together to enable even the simple minded reader to fully understand the purpose and importance of the institution of the seventh day Sabbath and to pinpoint the day with which the numbering begins.

Gen. Chap. 1:3-5 "Evening and morning the first day," Ver. 14-9 "Evening and morning the fourth day," Ver. 31 and Chap. 2:1 "the sixth day, thus were the heavens and the earth finished," Ver. 2-3 "And God rested on the seventh day. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it."

Moses' first task in leading the Israelites out of Egypt was to teach them to observe the seventh day Sabbath (to which Pharaoh strenuously objected Exo. chap 5:1-19).

As much as the annual anniversary of the creation week occurs at the end of the dreary winter season, the week begins with the evening and the morning following the appearance of the new moon just prior to, or subsequent to, the vernal equinox (Exo. Chap. 9:24, 31-32, Exo. Chap. 12:1-2).

So begins the new year count, the seventh day being the Sabbath. This is the particular day God calls "My Sabbath" Exo. Chap. 31:13; "My holy day" Isa. chap. 58:13.

The authorities in Jerusalem were promised prosperity providing they observed the Sabbath properly. Jer. Chap. 17:19-25. Subsequently they were charged with rejecting the statutes and the Sabbath of God, in turn were themselves rejected. Ez. Chap. 20:5-26.

T. Schindler, Route 1, Box 255, Rogue River, Ore.

Golden Dream

To the Editor: One of those unusual incidents I remember happened around 45 years ago when a well seasoned gold pocket prospector, a few years before that, had staked a 20-acre mining claim.

It was his habit to walk by my mountain cabin and ask if I wanted to go along, and in case we found any pocket, we would share the discovery between us.

We spent about a week, only finding a trace of gold now and then, due to the terrain and earth slides of a former geologic period. Well, my spirit had rather ebbed at not finding any encouragement, and our panning water was getting rather short, too. But my friend still had hopes, as one always must, and he was of a most optimistic nature. Well, the next morning he was earlier than usual, although he had not told me

Mali's friendship. The Communists are running hard and so far have the edge.

Soviet Ambassador Alexander Ivanovitch Lochtchakov misses no opportunity to forward the Soviet cause, and he has behind him a Soviet grant of \$44 million to the Mali government.

Iron Curtain nations take all of Mali's peanut crop, its principal export, which accounts for \$9 million of Mali's \$11 million annual export income. By contrast, U.S. aid to Mali is minute but will increase as needs are assessed.

of a dream he had the previous night. Being in a rather happy mood, probably he thought that if he told me about how he had visualized uncovering a gold quartz deposit I would only think of it as a silly omen of his. I told him how I would have to forget all about going along again and get back to earning by doing some other job the hard way, with an axe and cross-cut saw.

To my amazement around 3 p.m. he came down the trail in long strides with a 10-pound ore sack full of grey slate-colored quartz literally filled with bright gold. He had found the hidden vein in the exact spot he had dreamed it, and named the new discovery the "Golden Dream," number 2.

The total value did not exceed more than a few hundred dollars, but I have good reason to believe the main deposit is still eluding the former searcher.

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman st., Medford.

Wolf, Wolf! To the Editor: We do not see crises as being anything so new, since they can be traced back to the beginning of man's history.

It's critical in the Congo, It's critical in Laos; Manana in Havana May never come to pass.

The world is so much troubled No one can have no fun - You'd think the crucial era born In Nineteen Sixty-One.

But to the best of our belief, When Eve put on that first fig leaf, Times were as critical right then As any since have ever been!

"Gold Hill Billy" Gold Hill, Ore.

Explanation Provided To the Editor: In answer to the letter, "Explanation Asked," 4/24, by Mr. David Frisch:

Here is another reason why Communism will sooner or later collapse... In the light of history, all systems that gain power eventually decline. Perish the thought that we may have to bear the oppressive weight of Communism for the next couple of centuries while she is doing her 'bit' in the social scheme!

As for man the mechanical marvel, being obsessed with self extermination - it may well be, that upon becoming too "fearful and knowledgeable," he loses touch with native intelligence.

On the scientific or home front, The sad truth is such; You can tell a robot, but - You can't tell it much. Thelma Carson, Star Route, Box 60, Prospect, Ore.

Company's Loans in Area Total \$250,045 Mortgage loans totaling \$250,045 were made in Medford during the first quarter of 1961 by the western home office of Prudential Insurance company.

B. F. Crisler, local investment manager for the company's mortgage loan department, said the total was for residential loans. In Oregon during the three-month period, disbursements totaled \$2,162,774. This was divided \$841,874 for residential, \$805,000 for commercial and industrial, and \$515,900 for farm.

During the 90-day period a total of \$31,148,798 was disbursed for loans throughout the 13 western states. Of this, \$21,186,175 was for residential properties, \$5,171,738 for commercial and industrial projects, and \$4,790,885 for farm loans.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Seashore Versions

To the Editor: Should there be an Oregon Dunes National Seashore Recreation Area? The answer now seems to be an unequivocal and universal YES!!

Happily, the early opponents of the park proposal are now stoutly and loudly backing the seashore park idea. But, we should not rejoice too soon in this strange switch from park opposition to park support for, sadly, there has been no conversion at all.

This small, vocal group is still out to kill S.992, Maurine Neuberger's bill to create an Oregon Dunes National Seashore Recreation Area (introduced in the Senate on Feb. 20, 1961). The opponents of the park have now put their last-ditch efforts behind Congressman Durno's hastily conceived "substitute," which we are already being urged to support, sight unseen. Yet the Western Lane Taxpayers' Assn. is already braying the praises of Durno's "substitute measure."

I am afraid that this "substitute proposal" of Dr. Durno is a subterfuge to stall for time and confuse the issue. Maurine Neuberger's bill has several new provisions which safeguard the occupancy of private homes in the park area, minimize the need for acquisition of private property, and provide for payments of in-lieu of taxes - all of which effectively satisfy earlier reasonable objections to the national seashore proposal.

Myrna S. Martin, 235 Cal Young rd., Eugene, Ore.

Proposal Shocking

To the Editor: When I read in Friday's edition of the Mail Tribune the proposed bond issue of \$120,000 to build a water filtration plant in Gold Hill, I was really shocked.

This measure, if it should pass, would give the city council a "blank check" and would do away with all the safeguards or restrictions we now have on city taxes, city budgets, or water bills.

The proposed ballot measure plainly states: "... and providing for payment of said bonds and the interest thereon by levy, assessment and collection of water revenues and by a tax levy."

The measure also states: "Neither the debt limitations nor the tax limitations contained in the Charter of the City shall apply to the bonds hereby authorized." Do we want to give our city council this unlimited power, under which the levies and water rates can be as high as they choose to make them?

Verbal promises do not mean a thing! Who knows who our future councilmen may be? Future councils would be bound by any promises made now. In any case, even our present city council would have to collect whatever is necessary to pay the costs of this fantastically expensive project, and nobody can say for certain what the costs might be.

At the public meeting held on May 12th, Mayor Steinmetz said the bond issue would be for 20 years, with interest not to exceed 5 percent. He said that it would probably be possible to sell the bonds at an even lower interest rate, perhaps four percent.

The proposed bond measure, however, authorizes a 25-year issue, with interest as high as 6 percent. This would cost much more than the figures given out at that meeting. Why were we deceived? At the meeting I sat right in the front row and took notes on all that was proposed, and I certainly heard

War-If Necessary

To the Editor: Cuba invaded! And all the world blamed the United States for intervention. Even our so-called friends. Yet the invasion failed. Still Khrushchev and Castro and the entire Soviet block accuse us of the invasion.

Now the Communists are more solidly in control of Cuba than they were before and we have lost face in the eyes of the rest of the world. We are a free democracy. We are the leaders of the free world. It is the might of the U.S. forces which has caused the Soviets to suspend military aggression and instead operate by infiltration and deception. We have a mighty striking force in our military and the Russians know it.

But still the Communist movement in the world is gaining momentum. Why are the Communists gaining so much ground? I believe that we are not firm enough in our dealings with the communists. They are out to enslave the world and they are going to accomplish this by any means

Vera Stewart, 619 Fifth Ave., Gold Hill, Ore.

"Fantastic"

To the Editor: ... And now that the Liberal pattern has had wide notice, Mr. Jenny confidently mounts his charger and hurries bravely into the fray - or so we should be led to believe (Mail Tribune, 4-24-61).

Look for more, much more abuse to be heaped upon the Fascist (AEJ namecalling?) John Birch Society, and measure it as you will. But keep other events in focus.

(N. B. Individual communists have had a history of assassinating each other in a drive for personal power; but keep in mind, communist countries do not fight other communist countries.-RJH).

Let us not be diverted, for example, from the present series by Mr. Phil Newsom in the Mail Tribune. Read him with critical minds. His theme rests on the (illusory?) RJH widening split between Red Russia and Red China. Take note if through Mr. Newsom and other columnists, broadcasters and authors, we will be led to conclude the split is heading for a break-off of relations. Then the further conclusion that the United States must ally itself with the U.S.S.R. in order to protect the world from the all-out-war by the Red Chinese. "Eh?"

"What's that you say Mr. 'elch'?" "The U.S. is being prepared for a comfortable merger with the Soviet Union!" "Fantastic!" agrees Mr. Allen. Of course it's fantastic! ... isn't it!

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