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Political Snarlings

The general election is still more than three months away, but already political growlings and snarlings are heard, at least in some of the races, most notably that for Governor.

They have not, up to this point, been particularly edifying.

The Eugene Register-Guard comments wryly that so far it has been "less a battle of wits than a battle of spleens." And the Oregon Statesman characterizes it as a "grudge fight" between Attorney General Thornton and Governor Hatfield.

It confesses itself appalled at the prospect of looking forward to three more months of "name calling."

ACTUALLY, the exchanges between the two candidates thus far has reminded us a bit of two young brats, yelling "You are!" and "I'm not!" at each other.

To add to the interest, if not the articulation of genuine issues, has been the role played by Secretary of State Appling, who has received some lumps for accepting the chairmanship of Hatfield's campaign.

The Capital Press in Salem questions the propriety of his taking time from a public office to campaign for another office-holder.

But Appling is not one to remain quiet, and he has loudly used the podium of his office to assail the record of the Attorney General.

THE Capital Press also questions the astuteness of the Appling appointment. It points out that Democrats have a superiority in the number of registered voters in the state, and that Appling's strongly partisan approach has done nothing to endear him to Democrats.

And it adds that, while Hatfield has gone out of his way to woo labor, Appling has not infrequently taken positions inimical to organized labor's interests.

But all that is merely political chatter, with little or no real significance in the areas of importance, namely, which candidate would make the better governor, and which one advocates programs and policies which will best meet the needs of the state and its people.

THORNTON'S record as Attorney General (and he says it's good and Appling and Hatfield say it's bad) has no real bearing on whether he would make a good governor. The jobs are largely dissimilar. As a matter of fact, Thornton's abilities as a political leader and an administrator are untested, despite his many years in public office.

Hatfield's record as Governor, however, is germane, for that is the job that is at stake.

Also decidedly at issue are the positions of the two men held on such matters as the future of Oregon education, industrial growth, natural resource development and protection, economic well-being, local government, and many more.

LET THESE two men, aspirants to the state's highest office, stop bickering like ill-mannered children.

Let them address themselves to the issues; let them face the many and serious problems confronting the state; let them tell the truth to the people about what they would do if elected; let them cite their own philosophies of government.

Then let the people decide in November between these two men, both of whom are highly personable, both of whom have large followings, and both of whom have rendered good service to the state and are capable of rendering more.

Politics too often has been lowered to the level of a grudge fight, or battle of spleens instead of wits. Let Mark Hatfield and Bob Thornton keep the dignity of the Oregon governorship above that level this year. — E. A.

Motorist's Memo

Memorandum
To: Medford Police Department
From: Outraged motorist
Subject: Illegal parking, Two Items

Item One: The Medford City Council, in its wisdom, has seen fit to ban parking on certain parts of certain streets between the hours of 4:30 and 6 p.m., to alleviate jam-ups during the peak traffic hours of the day. This works, but it works only so long as the rule is enforced.

When it isn't, and illegally-parked motorists are allowed to remain in the rush-hour turning lanes, traffic is unduly snarled, and Gosh knows it's had enough anyway.

Respectful suggestion: Ask an officer to keep an eye out on the south side of Eighth st. between Front and Central between 4:30 and 6 p.m.

ITEM TWO: In the streets around the central business district, which provide about the only parking places available for those who work downtown all day, (and where the wild-eyed yellow-paint welders have eliminated many parking places by illogical prohibited areas — but that's another story and not your fault) the parking stalls are laid out so that, theoretically, no car need ever be boxed in so it can't move.

However, in some areas, illegally parked cars are permitted to remain so a legally parked car cannot get out.

(On one recent hot noontide, this resulted in 12 or 14 backing-and-fillings to get a car unparked with six inches of maneuvering space, and two blisted fingers from the hot steering wheel.)

Respectful suggestion: Ask your parking enforcement officer to take an occasional cruise around the areas mentioned.

Sincerely but heatedly, — E. A.

"How Soon Do You Think We Can Get Away From Here And Still Come Back Next Year?"



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 editor; in fact the contrary is often the case.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Recently in this column a letter signed "J. R., Long Beach, Calif." appeared. The original letter bore a name and address, but it was requested that initials only be printed. The letter, though accepted and printed in good faith, apparently was a hoax, for a subsequent letter sent to that name and address was returned unclaimed.

The letter contained some allegations potentially damaging to the 50 Plus Club of Medford. Subsequent investigation, later confirmed by a vote of the club's membership, showed that proper procedures were followed in the matter mentioned.

The Mail Tribune regrets publication of the letter, and extends its apologies to the club.

Subject Closed?

To the Editor: The following letter just received seems to close the subject of establishing a hospital at White City. This writer cannot help wondering, however, what the people of Jackson and Josephine counties do when needing the services of specialists not available in southern Oregon.

David Frisch, P.O. Box 292, White City, Ore.

The Answer

To the Editor: Mr. Wayne Howard, who calls himself a "teenager," has written (M.T. 7/27) such a learned treatise on how to raise children that I am going to suggest that every parent, and everyone who expects to ever become a parent, cut out the article and preserve it — or better still, commit it to memory. Would further suggest that a copy be placed in the Library of Congress. It represents years of study, experience and observation.

Seek the Truth

To the Editor: In regard to Wayne Howard, communications, M.M. Tribune, July 22: I feel that it is my duty as a Christian boy of 20 years old to straighten out this teenage boy and others.

The duty of any child is to listen to his parents. Why? Because they have been in this world longer and have had much more experience than we, as young people have had. I agree that young people are human beings and so does God; but, I believe God's word. He says "Withhold not correction from the child, for if thou beatest him, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from Hell." (Proverbs 23:13-14.)

The trouble with the young people today is that they never get punished for anything, but rather expect for their parents to sit down and talk about it. I know one thing for certain, young people who are punished love and respect their parents.

Maybe religion won't solve the world's problems but Jesus Christ can. What do you call an overdose? If you mean going all over for God, I disagree with you with all of my heart. I felt the same way about religion as you do, until one blessed night the Lord Jesus Christ saved my soul. He comforts me when I'm weary, heals me when I'm sick and he keeps me from all harm. I lean on Jesus not with one crutch, as you put it, but, I lean on Jesus with all of my soul.

If you go by the Bible and believe in God's word, you will have a different outlook than you have ever had, be-

New Hydroelectric Power Developments To Add to Finnish Economic Resources

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Rovaniemi, Finnish Lapland — For 400 miles the Kemi River hurries southward through this land of reindeer and pine-covered forests to its mouth in the Gulf of Bothnia near the Swedish border. The logging run is almost over now, but the logs still float down by the thousands.



This is Finland's green gold, providing 79 per cent of its national exports. The green gold of Finland's forests represents its inherited wealth. The Kemi is the means to transport this wealth to the mills at the river mouth. Now the Kemi itself is producing a new kind of wealth. Huge cranes, earth moving equipment and men's muscles

are building dams and cutting tunnels through miles of solid granite to provide Finnish industry with millions of kilowatts of new electric power. When the Kemi program is completed, nine new power stations will be pouring power southward to a growing industrial complex which centers 600 miles away around Helsinki.

This is the land of the midnight sun and the contrasts that come when one season has 24 hours of daylight and another 24 hours of darkness. Now the work on the dams goes forward in shifts 24 hours a day. In winter, when darkness comes and the freeze goes deep into the ground, the work still goes on but it will be slower.

Today, in Rovaniemi, it is possible to read a newspaper by natural light at midnight. By 1 a.m. the bright sunlight of a new day will come pouring through the windows

of the new modern Polar Hotel. At the Polar a Spanish orchestra plays "Mack the Knife." A Lapland girl may dance the night through in a dress straight from Paris, purchased through the wealth of her father's reindeer herd.

The coming of the dams and Finland's rush toward full use of her water power have brought few other changes in the lives of the Laplanders. A man's wealth still is counted in the number of his reindeer. The tax collector is an unfriendly person, and to ask a Laplander how many reindeer he owns is a breach of etiquette comparable to asking him about his bank account.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris to Field Enterprises Inc.

ENVIRONMENT VS. HEREDITY

Some dreams die hard — like the dream of the "breeding" people, who for many centuries have believed that if society could only mate together men and women of intelligence and character, then the human race would improve enormously.

The latest dreamer — who should know better — is Sir Julian Huxley, the biologist. In London recently, Huxley proposed that a few "enlightened" British couples choose "admired" men to be the fathers of their children, through artificial insemination.

Apart from moral and social considerations, the basic flaw in such a proposal is that we still know so little about hereditary factors in human beings. When we breed dogs or horses, we breed them for specific characteristics; but what would be the goals of human breeding?

Intelligence? There is no reason to believe that intelligent people are any "better" than those less intelligent and, moreover, so-called intelligent people quite often produce average or sub-average children.

Character? There is absolutely no evidence that what we call "good character" is the product of hereditary factors. Too many great and good men have had disappointing offspring for us to perpetuate this myth.

Indeed, modern science seems to be moving away from the biological and toward the environmental aspects of family life. For instance, studies show that environment influences neurotic tendencies among children more than heredity does.

A recent report by Prof. Raymond B. Cattell of the University of Illinois' Group Behavior Laboratory told the results of a study of 800 normal children. It was found that early family influences were of great importance in the development of neurotic tendencies. Cattell told the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

A few traits, of course, seem to have some hereditary basis — such as families in which musical or mathematical talent courses through the generations. But no matter how much intelligence or character the parents seem to have, if they provide a neurotic environment for their children, the children will grow up crippled in a moral or emotional way.

The human race will not improve itself in any biological manner, for our chief problems are environmental. The most intelligent people I have known have not often been conspicuously successful in managing their personal lives, in terms of marriage and child-rearing. If a child is given enough of the right kind of love, it will become a splendid human being; if not, all the brains and "character" in its parents will not make a whit of difference.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Sad news from Algeria: Dissident Vice Premier Ben Bella (who seems at the moment to be on top in the struggle for power) says he already has received approval from the rebel Algerian parliament for a plan to create a SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY to control the newly independent nation.

Poor Algeria! A SINGLE political party! Mussolini had a single political party. Its members were known as Fascists. Hitler had a single political party. Its members were known as Nazis. Khrushchev has a single political party. Its members are known as Communists.

LET'S cite a little history. Mussolini and his Fascists led Italy into a war that Italy had no business getting into. It's too long a story to be told in detail. Suffice it to say that the whole one-party adventure was a tragedy for Italy.

What of Mussolini? Well, in the end, he and his mistress Clara Petacci were shot to death by enraged Italians who had been duped, and their bodies were hung by the heels in front of a garage to be scorned and spit upon.

HITLER led his Nazis into a war that ultimately involved the whole world and left Germany in rubble and ashes. The world is still suffering as a result of what Hitler did. What of Hitler himself? He and his mistress Eva Braun, whom he had married the day before, came to their end in a bunker deep down under the German Reich chancellery. Both are believed to have committed suicide. After destroying Germany and crippling much of the rest of the world, they came to their end as ignominiously as did Mussolini.

WHAT of Khrushchev? That remains to be seen. But history tells us it is a rough road that Algeria will travel if she goes in for one-party government.

IN CONCLUSION: In our own country, the Republican party may never get back into power. But — Let's hope the GOP remains at least a POWERFUL MINORITY — powerful enough to keep TOO MUCH POWER out of the hands of the majority, thus preventing our nation from becoming a nation governed by ONE PARTY. One-party government is dangerous.

Jinxed Vessel Leaves Portland

Portland, Ore. — The tragedy-plagued German freighter SS Carl Fritzen was on her way to Puget Sound today with new officers who hope her 10-day agonies as a death ship are over.

The trouble started in San Pedro, Calif., when the ship's master hanged himself in a cabin. The steward discovered his body. A couple of days later the steward had a heart attack.

Then the chief engineer died suddenly. The chief mate couldn't stand the mistreatment which engulfed the ship and was relieved of command. Then the boatswain had a heart attack.

A new master and a new chief engineer were flown from Germany and the ship headed for Astoria, Ore. At Astoria the second officer was relieved of duty.

Troubles continued when the ship reached here, though on a minor level. The ship's master, G. Lehman, was notified that the vessel's cargo was not stored here, but in Seattle.

Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

THE TWO KENNEDYS

Washington — In the opening phase of the congressional election campaign, the true contest at this early stage is not so much between President Kennedy and the Republican party. It is far more a contest between the two very different men who are President Kennedy. The Kennedy who is at heart a moderate-to-conservative

man is at war with the partisan-minded man who is party leader John F. Kennedy. The Kennedy who is president of all the people is personally not very partisan. He does not gladly take up strictly partisan attitudes as Roosevelt and Truman did. Nor does he really relish drawing exact lines between the good guys—those willing to go along with all his program—and the bad guys, or those who are not.

But the Kennedy who is head of the Democratic party is urged, by the rules of the game, to make at least some such distinction between the fellows in the white hats and the fellows in the black hats. This process comes easily to some political leaders; to men like Roosevelt and Truman on the Democratic side and Barry Goldwater and Richard Nixon on the Republican side.

But it does not come easily to John F. Kennedy—any more than it did to his immediate predecessor, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

It is precisely for these reasons that President Kennedy still draws back, and to the end will draw back, from any total "commitment"—a favorite word of his more liberal advisers—to total partisanship in a congressional election year.

Still, some such "commitment" is being insistently urged upon him by these same liberal advisers and by a custom which demands that a president be an "strong" party leader in an election year. It therefore follows that to some degree he will bend to this pressure.

What this means is that the more the President has involved himself in debatable domestic issues, the less he has maintained on the people for the only thing that is now really vital — his foreign policy leadership.

What it also means is that on the outcome of the present debate between the two Kennedys—President Kennedy and party leader Kennedy — will depend whether his popularity and that of his party further slips. Even in purely partisan terms, from the Democratic party viewpoint President Kennedy had better win in clearest way that argument with party leader Kennedy.

WHAT in this columnist's opinion also follows — though the president probably would not concede it even privately and though his advisers certainly would not — is this: the greater the president's submission to this pressure, the lower will fall his popularity with the people.

It is no accident that Mr. Kennedy's slippage from an unexampled high popularity, as reported in the Gallup polls, has precisely followed the more partisan attitudes he has taken up in recent months. He himself has publicly acknowledged this, to a point.

He acknowledges, too, that the capacity of any president to turn congressional elections his way is most doubtful. What he has not said is that while a president can never be sure of affirmatively influencing congressional elections, he can very much influence them in a negative way—against his own party's fortunes.

THIS basic political truth is now illustrated in what is incomparably the most important finding yet made by the pollsters, the Gallup report that Republican prospects in the Middle West have improved spectacularly since March. In March, 61 per cent of those interviewed favored Democratic control of the new Congress. Now the two parties are running neck and neck.

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When VETERAN newspaper man John Wheeler was a young sprout, he met the great John L. Sullivan, world's heavyweight champion and a man of inordinate vanity. Sullivan reached over and pulled a big cigar out of Wheeler's mouth. He took three or four puffs of it, then handed it back with a grin. "There you are, young feller," he boomed, "and remember I would not do that for every so and so!"

A minister in Evansville had fallen into the habit of placing his sermons on the pulpit about an hour before the church service. One young radical discovered this habit, and one day, before the congregation convened, he neatly detached the last page from the manuscript.

The minister delivered his sermon in ringing tones, and read the last line of what was now the final page: "So, Adam said to Eve . . ." Searching in vain for the following page, the minister made a mental note to give his secretary what for, cleared his throat nervously, then concluded his sermon weakly, "So, Adam said to Eve—there seem to be a leaf missing!"

If the American Dental Association is on the ball, it will give serious attention to John Fuller's suggested slogan for the tooth-pullers of our nation: "Nothing dentured, nothing gained."

There's a Hindi fakir down Pakistan way who cannot get over a childish habit of biting his nails. It's costing him a fortune in new beds.

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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

July 27, 1952 (Sunday)

A \$57,500 improvement project for the Medford Municipal airport has been approved by the Civil Aeronautics administration. The Craterian theater sign, a Medford landmark for many years, has been taken down; traffic on Central halted for about two hours while huge over-the-street signs was removed.

20 YEARS AGO

July 27, 1942 (Monday)

Construction of 10 defense housing units on Haven st. near Summit st. to get under way shortly. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The homeliest wrestler in the world will cavort at the Armory tomorrow night, and a great outpouring is expected to see this scenic eyesore."

30 YEARS AGO

July 27, 1932 (Wednesday)

Local labor bureau requests permission to grant work slips only to persons who are local residents in effort to aid local unemployment first. Price for extra large eggs reaches 18 cents a dozen here; highest price since Jan. 12.

40 YEARS AGO

July 27, 1922 (Thursday)

Large number of tourists from all sections of United States register with Medford tourist bureau. Bureau of labor statistics show cost of living down 23 per cent from 1920.

50 YEARS AGO

July 27, 1912 (Saturday)

Baseball fans reserve 15 railroad coaches to travel to see game between northern California and southern Oregon all-stars. Vandals cause much damage at Crater Lake lodge; holes chopped in floor, dining room tables cut and food eaten.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Burma borders on Thailand, Laos, Pakistan, India, and what other country?

2. Are licit nuts grown in Italy, China, or Brazil?

3. Do members of Congress receive extra salary for attendance at special sessions?

4. What island continent lies entirely south of the Equator?

5. Correct the following: "Of the 30 plane passengers, none were injured."

6. Which disease has the highest death rate in the United States?

7. What is the Arabic number equivalent to MCDXXIII?

8. What Prussian drillmaster had a great part in training George Washington's troops as fighting men?

9. Is "Mutiny on the Bounty" purely fictional, or based on fact?

10. What arithmetic operation is implied by the term "product"?

Answers: 1. Red China. 2. China. 3. No. 4. Australia. 5. It is correct. 6. Heart disease. 7. 1452. 8. Baron von Steuben. 9. Based on fact. 10. Multiplication.