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10 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1952 (Tuesday) Two convicts, recent escapees from the Oregon State penitentiary in Salem, are sought near California-Oregon border.

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1942 (Wednesday) Army officials at Camp White warn there will be artillery firing on Beagle range and persons are cautioned to remain outside of district.

30 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1932 (Friday) Medford Chamber of Commerce goes on record as being opposed to merger of University of Oregon and Oregon State college.

40 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1922 (Saturday) Total of 31 students enroll in Rogue River High school, increase of 34 per cent over 1920.

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1912 (Monday) Dr. Harry Lane, Democratic candidate for United States senator, opens speeches in Central Point opera house, Medford natatorium, and Ashland Chautauqua building.

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

1. On which sea does Poland lie? 2. Who was the first President chosen by the Pilgrims? 3. Correct the following: "The fox dived quickly in hole."

4. Was "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" a popular song in the Mexican War, Spanish-American War or World War I? 5. Was Vermont one of the original 13 states?

6. Does a filibuster have the effect of hastening, or of delaying legislation? 7. What is the abbreviation for the word Admiral? 8. What is a cygnet? 9. With what island Republic in the West Indies do you associate the phrase "Platt Amendment"?

10. Is caraway the name of a bird, herb, vehicle or all three? Answers: 1. Baltic Sea. 2. John Carver. 3. "The fox dived quickly into..." 4. None (The War Between the States). 5. No. 6. Delaying. 7. Adm. 8. A young swan. 9. Cuba 10. Herb.

Ken Denman

A few weeks ago we were sitting at a table in Beckie's cafe in Union Creek, eating fresh huckleberry pie, and listening to Ken Denman spin yarns about his hunting, fishing and camping exploits.

Today, Ken Denman is gone, the victim of a heart attack which he suffered while doing one of the things he liked best, going into the fields with his dog.

His was a life with many facets. He was a lawyer, public servant, conservationist, outdoorsman.

One of his friends says of him: "Ken was a philosopher and sought to practice his own philosophy, namely, that one should direct and guide his interest and his life to the fullest degree possible, and should not allow life to pull and haul and direct him any more than was absolutely necessary."

His friends, and they were many, associated Ken Denman with the word integrity. A colleague writes:

"... He was unwaveringly and scrupulously honest in everything he did. In over 30 years of dealing with him I have found him scrupulously faithful in every representation he might make. He was rock-like in his devotion to truth."

Over the years he gave of his time and knowledge to the public service, as an outstanding member and chairman of the state game commission, as a member of the local Forest Service advisory board, and in many other capacities.

A lifelong friend and companion of Ken's, who had shared many of his outdoor experiences, feels this little verse is an appropriate memorial:

He was a friend whose heart was good, Who walked with men, and understood; His was a zeal we loved to see Which wavered not, that asked no fee For kindness of service done; And now that he has journeyed on, The good he wrought here never ends, For it lives in the hearts of his many friends. — E. A.

Public School Needs

The National Committee for Support of the Public Schools is a relatively new organization, dedicated to this belief:

"That the American public schools are the foundation of American democracy, American strength and American faith in freedom of thought and freedom of expression."

"That without vastly increased financial support by the American people and the American government, the public schools will never achieve the quality they must have to meet the necessities of the American future."

The committee is composed of some of the most distinguished leaders in American life. It is non-partisan (both Harry Truman and Alf Landon are members, indicating the spread of political thought which can agree on the importance of education).

THE COMMITTEE'S problem is to communicate the urgency of improving the nation's schools to the nation's people. Part of its statement of objectives says:

"... The Committee will urge the American people to come to grips with the fact that it is within their power to make the American public school the greatest instrument of human betterment the world has ever known. If the people of America believe that this country should spend its money to create such an educational system, then that is where the money will be spent. The National Committee for Support of the Public Schools wishes to do everything in its power to help the American people make that choice."

How can this be done? What means should be employed to make this message a meaningful one to the citizen-in-general?

The committee is seeking answers to these questions, and welcomes suggestions.

A RECENT letter from its executive director, Ralph W. McDonald, says in part:

"Evidence is mounting daily that adequate support of the public schools is the nation's most critical need. How can the National Committee, acting for outstanding leaders in all sections of the country, be most helpful in convincing our fellow citizens of this need and directing their thinking to possible ways of meeting it?"

It's a good question. How can the most affluent society in history be convinced that education is worthy of at least as much money as whiskey, cigarettes or cosmetics? How can a people whose disposable income (even after taxes) is higher than any in history, be persuaded to allocate a bit more of it to the benefit of future generations?

Any suggestions? — E. A.

Artful English

As one who makes a living putting words together, we have a lively appreciation for a well-turned phrase, a graceful sentence, a subtly-conveyed meaning.

Therefore we read with enjoyment a recent pronouncement by the faculty of Reed college. Long embarrassed by a minority of the student body who exercise their independence and non-conformism by odd or sloppy modes of dress, the faculty composed this statement:

"Resolved, that the faculty go on record as expecting students to observe the simple amenities of attire on public occasions and disapproving of their failure to do so."

This is so susceptible to subjective interpretation that it probably won't accomplish much. But one has to agree that it is an artful use of the English language. — E. A.

"We Are Determined To Fight Communism By Any Means Short Of Actual Spending"



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.

Music, Flowers and Rocks To the Editor: I read that music has strange powers. Hasn't it, though? I read the advertisement "Drummer wanted." Being rather lively at it I answered and was invited to drop in an listen. I did.

The first two rackets - I can't call 'em "tunes" - nearly drove me nuts. "Crash, bang, boom, squal" and that power broke loose. So did I, and if ever I hear Rock and Roll again it will be from some distance.

Say folks, you should have attended that garden club in Phoenix. The Senior Activity Center Orchestra was invited to play there and we gave the music that hath charms, if I do say so. That group of gardeners had dahlias as big as pie plates and a wonderful collection of flowers of every color.

There were cat tails arranged in a nice fan shape in an oblong planter and each tail had a split wiener bun attached to its brown sides. If it hadn't been for the greens between 'em, I would have taken a big bite.

I saw a bouquet of red dahlias that sat in surroundings of dusty miller, and roses that were absolutely gorgeous.

A counter of driftwood that water alone had shaped like birds, hens, roosters and many kinds of things - that took my eye and I spent some time there. (If I could turn time back, I'd be a shemalé beach comb.)

Soon some carvings of vegetables got into my other eye and I was set for the P.M., but about that time my husband got his eye on me and I had to go home.

That man has more eyes than a potato. Every time I try to sneak an apronful of pretty rocks, or some other blam'd finding, into the back of the Dodge - there he is standing - watchful, sarcastic, but grinning. He doesn't protest - just gazes. I get the rocks home, but that darned grin gets my goat.

Some day I'll stick to my oil painting and, just maybe, I'll picture him, too. Don't tell him I said that. He hasn't read the paper since they raised the price.

Pearl Spackman Jacksonville, Ore.

Greatest Danger To the Editor: With the Cuban crisis blazing furiously in our back yard our President has asked for the authority to call up 150,000 military reserves. Because of the threatening Communist build-up there, many of our Senators are calling for a military blockade of Cuba, some for both military and economic blockade, and some for armed invasion! The American people are now thoroughly aroused over the landing of Russian arms and technicians (technically trained troops) in Castro's stronghold. And the John Birch Society and many other patriotic organizations have passed resolutions insistently demanding action against Cuba.

Everybody from the President on down seems to have

Soviet Jockeying on Berlin Question Continues; No Hot War Outbreak Seen

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Since 1958, Soviet Premier Khrushchev has been blowing hot and cold on Berlin. Now there is a feeling that when Khrushchev says he will sign a separate treaty soon with the East Germans, thus threatening to ally supplies to West Berlin, he may mean it.

Khrushchev long has been under pressure for such a treaty from the puppet East German regime of Walter Ulbricht, as well as under pressure from more militant members of the Communist bloc to prove he can be tough toward the West despite his policy of peaceful coexistence. There also has been the embarrassment he brought on himself by setting previous deadlines which passed without action in the face of firm Allied resistance. Soviet efforts to get the Allies out of West Berlin actual-

ly date back to within a few months of the end of the war in 1945. They reached one climax with the Berlin blockade of 1948, broken by a gigantic Allied airlift.

In 1958 came an ultimatum in which Khrushchev said he would turn Berlin access control over to the East Germans in six months unless agreement were reached on a separate treaty for East Germany.

In June 1961, he gave President Kennedy another six-month ultimatum, repeating the threats of 1958. Now he says he will wait until after the November elections in the United States.

Throughout these years, the Allied answer has been the same. They are in Berlin by right of conquest and the Soviet Union will be expected to live up to its four-power commitments. Even if Khrushchev does sign his separate East German treaty by the first of the year, there are no indications that he wants a general war now any more than he has in the past.

It could be that such a treaty would be a continuation of the nibbling tactics by which the Soviets have been attempting to wear away Allied rights in Berlin. In such a situation, Khrushchev could be expected to hem the East Germans with such restrictions as to prevent their being able to draw the Soviet Union into an unwanted conflict.

There also has been speculation that Communist Cuba, as a new element in the world situation, also enters the picture. In this event, Khrushchev might use the threat of a move on Berlin to prevent similar U. S. action against the Castro regime.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises, Inc.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DAMAGE During one of his riding lessons this summer, a 6-year-old boy I know - know very well - took a tumble off the horse and broke a bone near his wrist. For four weeks, his arm was in a cast up to the elbow.

After the initial shock - and the reassurance from the doctor that the arm would be as good as new in a month or two - his parents' chief feeling was one of astonishment. The resiliency and adaptability of a child is unbelievable.

Within a few days, the boy was able to perform all his customary tasks with one hand - dressing, tying shoes, playing with complicated toys. Except for mounting another horse, the fracture prevented him from none of his vacation pastimes.

Watching this amazing exhibition of dexterity (or, more properly, sinistery, for he was using his left arm only), as his proficiency increased day by day, I thought how parents worry about the wrong things in their children.

Physically, a child is much harder than we think. We fret about accidents, wet clothing, missed meals, infections. Yet, given the large numbers of accidents and diseases a child is exposed to, it is something of a miracle that any child reaches the age of 10. That most of them do reach this age intact is compelling evidence of a child's hardiness and adaptability. But only in the gross physical sense. In the emotional area (which parents rarely think about until it is too late), the child is highly vulnerable to influences that we, as parents, may be scarcely aware of.

The things that really cripple children - often permanently - are not falls from trees or horses, not viruses or dietary defects. They are, rather, the pervasive daily atmosphere of a home, the unspoken hostilities, the inconsistencies of mood, the anxieties about themselves which parents unconsciously project upon their children.

Perhaps we worry so much about the broken bones, the fevers and the chills, as a way of concealing from ourselves the more subtle - and therefore more insidious - damage we unknowingly perpetrate upon our children. And it does seem to be true that the classical "anxious mother," so worried whether her child is wearing a sweater on a chilly day, is often the one who is doing psychic harm to her child in ways that a dozen sweaters could not protect from.

The boy got along beautifully with one arm. Where the crippling really counts is where it cannot be seen - not underneath the cast, but underneath the skull.

Insurance Survey Report Published

Eugene - The general attitude of small retailers regarding insurance and insurance agents is one of "suspicion and distrust," leading to lack of communication between retailers and agents, which works to the disadvantage of both.

As a result, retailers frequently pay high premiums for insurance coverage which is too often haphazard, overlapping, and inadequate. These are the conclusions contained in a new report, "Insurance Management Problems of Small Retailers," just published by the University of Oregon bureau of business research. The booklet was prepared with funds provided by the U.S. Small Business administration management research grant program and will be distributed nationwide by the SBA.

The report was written by Dr. Donald A. Watson, assistant director of the bureau, and A. Gerlof Homan, who was research associate in the bureau in 1960-61, on leave from the Stanford Research Institute. Project director was Dr. Wesley C. Ballaine, bureau director.

In a survey of 385 small retail establishments in Oregon, it was found in the field of fire insurance, the most costly insurance which retailers carry, that 22 per cent of the buildings were "seriously underinsured," 33 per cent of the retailers were not insured up to full value on their stock, 10 per cent carried no fire insurance on equipment, and 18 per cent carried no fire insurance on equipment.

DOLLAR FLOW DIPS Washington - (AP) - The Commerce Department said Thursday the net dollar flow out of the United States dropped sharply in April, May and June to from \$476 million to \$218 million.

At the general election in November, 30-year-old Kennedy, Democrat, will be pitted against aging 35-year-old Lodge.

HOW IS that going to work out? With youth in the saddle in Massachusetts, and with Lodge handicapped by five years, it looks bad for him. Still, they are both six feet tall, and both have movie profiles.

That may make the outcome a little more doubtful. THE KENNEDY-Lodge vendetta? It's a long one. The two tribes have been tussling at the polls for nearly half a century. Lodge's great-grandfather defeated Ted's grandfather, John F. Fitzgerald, for the Senate back in 1916.

PRESIDENT Kennedy defeated Lodge's father, Henry Cabot Lodge, for the U.S. Senate in 1952. President JFK won another victory over the same Lodge, who ran for vice-president on the Republican ticket in 1960. We'll see what we will see come November. Eagle Point, Ore.

Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

THE AFTER-ALLERS Washington - A curious line is running through much public and private comment about the presence in Castro Cuba of Soviet arms and Soviet "technicians." It might be called "the after-all" argument.

It goes thus: It is very upsetting, of course, that the Soviet Union has now made a publicly boasted military lodgment in this hemisphere. But, after all, the United States has forces of its own or allies of its own in many places confronting Russia, too.

Of this sort of reasoning the only possible query is how "sophisticated," how "objective," can you get? Isn't this another way of saying that there is, underneath, not much difference between us and our record and intentions and the Soviet Union and its record and intentions?

Is there no distinction between the positioning of American forces in free countries which have asked for our protection and the positioning of Soviet forces in countries which have been brutally and simply overrun - say Hungary and Poland?

WE HAVE troops in West Germany, yes. But in West Germany under our rule as East Germany is under Khrushchev's rule? President Kennedy, whose whole administration has been involved in endless and often losing arguments with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, would hardly say so.

For a decade we have had troops or military associations in a Europe running from Turkey on the east to Italy on the south and France on the west. But have we dominated any of those countries? Charles de Gaulle of France would hardly prove so. For American foreign policy has been as notably unsuccessful in dominating de Gaulle as it has been in dominating Adenauer or the Turks or the Italians or the Belgians or any of the others.

If the "after-alls" are even partly right, what is the moral justification for foreign aid, for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and all the rest? And what of our long record, backed by unbroken history, of seeking no territory, no conquest? If we are indeed to be measured alongside the Soviet Union by our own voices, what is the use of anything at all?

THE "after-all" logic comes to this: Here, after all, are two giant powers. If we have the right to maintain foreign bases, though our bases are maintained with the consent and on the eager appeal of the host nations, then so does the Soviet Union, even though its bases are maintained at gunpoint and in some instances over the dead bodies of its hosts.

If this is "objectivity," so then is the epigram which says that the rich and the poor have an equal right to sleep in the public parks. What price the "objectivity" of a Chester Bowles, a presidential adviser, who says we must not attack a Cuba infected with Soviet military communism because we should then be charged in the United Nations by the Russians with "blatant aggression and very likely they (the Russians) would win their case?"

The naked right of self-defense cannot possibly be altered by any such mere Alice-in-Wonderland propaganda "case" in the U.N. or elsewhere. THERE are only two possible excuses for not putting a stop right now to Soviet penetration. One is the official judgment that as of now we are not directly menaced.

The other is the estimate, on which President Kennedy is banking, that the job can be done through collective Pan-American action. Because he is president, his judgments must be accepted now because there can be only one president at a time and because only a president can either know all of the facts or act upon them anyhow.

But if his judgments turn out wrong, and wrong because of any heed paid to the "after-alls," there will be measureless tragedy for his administration and for this country.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

AN AMERICAN tourist fell in love with Montego Bay in Jamaica and decided to build a villa of his own there - offering overtime pay if it could be finished quickly. The contractor got it finished in record time - but the American found one thing missing when he moved in: there was no railing to the stairway.

An army of native carpenters rushed out to the house immediately and built a railing in three hours flat. Two hours later the railing collapsed. The outraged owner called the contractor to raise more Cain. "Don't get so excited," soothed the contractor. "Remember: nothing lasts forever."

A friend once brought Picasso three paintings to sign. Picasso refused, declaring that all three were palpable fakes. "But," protested the exasperated friend, "I saw you paint these pictures with my own eyes." Picasso's unabashed answer was, "I can paint fake Picassos just as well as anybody."

THE BRIDGE OF SIGNS: In the reading room of a Pittsburgh public library: "No children aloud" ... In a downtown bar and grill: "Mother-in-law special plate: gold shoulder and tongue" ... In a Victorian cottage along Route 22: "Antiques. Will haggle" ... On the letterhead of a speakers' bureau: "Have lectures. Will gavel" ... In a Waukegan garage: "Our auto flimsy; is better our sign painter!"

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