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10 YEARS AGO Nov. 28, 1952 (Thursday) Medford merchants this week are readying plans for their annual Christmas opening Wednesday.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 28, 1942 (Friday) Lt. John Essman, former Gold Hill school athletic coach, dies of wounds received while leading military police in attempt to quell rioting soldier at Phoenix, Ariz.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 28, 1922 (Sunday) Mrs. Janice Holmer, Medford, rescues four-year-old son, Jackie, from Rogue river after her car plunges over 40-foot bank into stream.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 28, 1912 (Monday) Medford High school football team defeats Forest Grove, 41 to 2, in final game of season.

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 28, 1912 (Wednesday) Solomon Rader, who moved to Jacksonville in 1852, dies at home of son in Medford.

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

1. Who was the woman in 'The Tale of Two Cities' who always knitted? 2. Name the capital of Kansas.

3. How many children did Brigham Young have? 4. Who was the first wife of King Henry VIII? 5. What is the color of corded copper?

Columbia County Sheriff Reelected St. Helens—Columbia County Sheriff Spencer Younce, a Democrat, was re-elected in the Nov. 6 elections, a recount showed.

Ecumenicity

It probably will be years before the full significance and importance of the current Vatican Ecumenical Council can be assessed. It could result in a historic shift in the attitudes and directions of the Roman Catholic church, or, conceivably, it could fail to achieve anything of substance.

The intricacies of the parliamentary maneuvering and the subtleties of doctrinal debates escape us. They are not being—probably cannot be—reported in perspective in the daily press.

There are even "parties" within the church—not in the sense that we think of political parties, but groupings of church fathers who see eye-to-eye on certain subjects, and in opposition to the views of other groups within the hierarchy.

IT IS not as widely known in this country as it should be that American Catholicism is, in many respects, quite different from the Catholicism one finds in Latin America, for instance, or in Ireland, or in France.

The church, while subscribing to the same ultimate governance, takes on certain colorations from the lands in which she operates. National customs and attitudes are reflected in her clergy and in her congregations.

The Roman Catholic church, as a matter of fact, is probably the most heterogeneous in the world, embracing, as it does, nuclear physicists and illiterate Brazilian peasants, scholarly theologians and anti-clerical dissidents, unworshipful religious and sophisticated politicians, and kings, clowns and fools.

THERE is still in this country, probably more than in older lands, a deep strain of anti-Catholicism stemming from the bitternesses of the Reformation. It is found not infrequently in Medford, as a matter of fact.

The election of John F. Kennedy as President of the United States probably did as much as any single thing to temper this attitude, which in its more virulent forms is nothing short of bigotry.

The Ecumenical Council may provide further stimulus for the modification of anti-Catholic emotions and attitudes.

THE church changes slowly, but it does change. No longer are Savonarolas or Inquisitions sanctioned by the Vatican, and even the religious persecutions in some Catholic countries are becoming less frequent and less bitter.

Inter-faith friction in the United States still exists, but it is mostly rather sub-rosa, lacking the "respectability" once accorded it in many predominantly Protestant communities.

Religious wars, thank God, are a thing of the past, and the bitter legacy they left to western civilization is, slowly but surely, coming to an end.

WE ARE doubtful that the Ecumenical Council will lead to any significant degree of inter-church unity. But it is entirely possible that it will broaden the understanding and respect accorded by those of one faith (or none) to those of another.

It has long been our belief that one of America's strengths was her Constitutionally-guaranteed freedom of religion, and the vast and challenging diversity of faith Americans can and do enjoy.

Increasingly, the American Catholic church has come to recognize and respect this freedom, for it is only with such freedom that a minority church, such as the Catholic, can grow and prosper. There are strong evidences that this attitude is growing in influence and importance in the Vatican, also.

ONE may differ sharply (as we do) with many of the teachings of the Roman Catholic church. One may reject it both as a way of seeking religious truth, and as an organization in which to participate. One may deplore past tyrannies and failures and excesses. One may disparage the rituals, liturgy, clerical garb and ceremony of Catholicism.

One may do all these things, and still know that Catholicism is a positive force for good, both in America and throughout the world, and is becoming more so.

If the Ecumenical Council can help drive home this lesson to the non-Catholic peoples of the free world, it will have taken another long stride in the continual search for amity, brotherhood and peace among men.

THIS is the Ecumenicity which is important to the non-Catholic part of the world, and it may have been, at least in part, what Pope John XXIII had in mind when he summoned the Council.

Intra-church unity is important to the church, but it is inter-church amity which is important to the rest of the world.

The last thing we would desire would be a return to the pre-Reformation world. What we do hope for is a new era of inter-faith understanding, cooperation and good will.—E. A.

The Sacred Cow



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.

Music as She Is Spoke To the Editor: In the nineteenth century, Franz Liszt broke piano strings until something had to be done. The concert grand of today solved the problem.

The talk after the concert of Nov. 25 will be, "We need a piano." Yes, we need a piano—but first we need a concert hall.

Brailowsky came several years ago and ear-drums were in danger. Now we have heard the orchestration of Jorge Bolet which was beyond description but hard on ear-drums.

Medford needs a place to hear things—unless we can all conveniently become slightly deaf.

Mrs. Rawles Moore, 737 Stevens St., Medford

No More Doe Tags To the Editor: I still contend that one deer of either sex in regular deer season, with mandatory fine of \$500 for any hunter killing a doe and leaving it in the woods, would control the doe population and conserve our deer.

It would be well for all deer hunters and ranchers to write the Game Commission and insist on no more doe tags.

I do not hunt any more but would like to see some deer left for my grandchildren, and not become extinct like our buffalo. I believe the cattle men are behind the drive to kill off our deer. They eat a few leaves which cattle will not eat.

C. W. Corey, Phoenix, Ore.

SOC Commuter's To Sponsor 'Four'

Ashland—Versatile folk singers, The Brothers Four, will be sponsored by the Southern Oregon college commuter's club in a concert at the Medford Armory at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 8, Payne Palmerton, Rogue River, general chairman for the event, has announced.

The Brothers Four have had two records with sales of more than a million each. Including the popular "Greenfields" and "Green Leaves of Summer," have toured the United States, Japan, Spain, and France, appeared on many national television and radio shows, and have been termed "sensational" in their many campus performances across the nation.

Formed in 1953 by four University of Washington fraternity brothers, Mike Kirkland, Bob Flick, Dick Foley, and John Paine, they auditioned for an engagement at the Seattle Colony club as a result of a prank phone call by one of the university rally squad girls and were promptly hired.

Tickets for the concert are on sale at Paruckers, Medford, and at the SOC Brent Student center, Miss Palmerston said. Dave Elliot, Lakeview, is in charge of publicity. Gary MacLatt, Eugene, staging, and Dennis Reiter, Ashland, Randy Clark, Central Point, and Sam Pritchard, Medford, in charge of ticket sales.

APPROVES SALE BAN Washington—The U.S. Public Health Service said Monday the New York City ban on the sale of radium dial pocket watches "just makes good sense."

A PHS spokesman said the action of the city's health department Monday is consistent with the widely accepted position of scientists everywhere that any radiation that can be avoided should be avoided.

American Presence in Berlin Reassuring To Germans, Despite Lack of Numbers

BY PHIL NEWSON UPI Foreign News Analyst Berlin—A flag flies in front of the home of U. S. Berlin brigade commander Gen. Frederick O. Hartel, coming down at night and going up again in the morning.

To West Berliners it is a reassuring symbol and they watch it closely. If on any day it did not appear, panic might ensue. For General Hartel's flag is one sign of what is called the American "presence" in Berlin.

Altogether, this presence comes to about 12,000 Americans, about half of whom are dependents—women attending social clubs and children attending schools such as they would at home.

They provide daily reassurance to the German people that Americans stand side-by-side with them in this city deep inside Communist territory. To the Germans, the women and children here are almost as important as the American troops—not as possible front-line hostages in case of attack, but rather as proof that freedom is freedom anywhere and that Americans will defend it as quickly here as at home.

Matter of Fact

BY JOSEPH ALSOP (c) New York Herald Tribune Syndicate

YOO HOOS FROM THE KREMLIN Washington—The wires from Moscow, these days, are burdened with amiable "yoo hoos" from the Kremlin ramparts, all aimed at President Kennedy.

According to report, the President's private letters from Nikita S. Khrushchev are also full of friendly expression. The current Kremlin line was probably best summed up by a long, obviously authoritative article in the official Izvestia by Nikolai Polyanov.

Although Polyanov is the leading Moscow analyst of German affairs, he did not even mention the never-ending Berlin crisis. Instead, he listed other outstanding questions, like the nuclear test question, and added:

"Probably the world has never been near such an important turning point as today. The ending of the Caribbean crisis could also become the beginning of the end of other disputed problems."

IN addition to writing to the President, Khrushchev has been dropping the same sort of hint all over Moscow, with his usual elephantine delicacy, both on social occasions and in private talks with Western diplomats.

Having caught the muggers before the preparations for the mugging were quite complete, in fact, we are now being invited to take tea with them, with the garrote tactfully hidden under the tea table.

In exchanges between nations, it is almost as foolish to give way to righteous indignation as to expect enduring gratitude. Therefore, the fact that an exceedingly Machiavellian international mugging

was attempted in Cuba by the Soviets should not debar this country from exchanges with Moscow that promise a useful result. The mugging must be borne in mind, however. So must the fact that the super-Machiavellian cover and deception plan led Khrushchev himself to send a grossly, flagrantly untruthful personal message to the President of the United States.

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For Americans in Germany it is the most sought-after post because housing and living conditions are the best and because Berlin itself is a beautiful city.

Militarily, it is the only American post totally surrounded by a potential enemy. Since Berlin is deep inside enemy territory and is a key communications center, they do not expect to be attacked with nuclear weapons.

The most likely tactic, they believe, would be attack by communist-generated mobs. These mobs would pour through breaches in the Communist-erected Berlin wall, probably to be followed by the East German army and police forces in an attempt to take over Western portions of the city.

Hence, American troops here are experts at mob control. "And," says General Harrel, "if the Communists do try to come over the wall, we'll have two and a half million West Berliners fighting with us."

Strictly Personal

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

FOOT-IN-MOUTH What Richard Nixon called his "last press conference" admitted him to full membership in the Foot-in-the-Mouth Club, an organization of politicians, generals and titans of finance with impressive records of verbal absurdity.

The last full-fledged member of the club, as I remember, was Maj. Gen. Harry Truman's senior military aide, until in 1951 he turned down an invitation to make a Memorial Day speech in New Jersey, explaining that press ridicule had forced his retirement from the field of public comment.

It is astonishing how one or two injudicious statements can turn the public sentiment against a man—or, for that matter, against a measure. Mussolini's comment, when his car ran over a child, "What is one life in the affairs of state?" did nothing to endear him to the world, or to his own people.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE FORMIDABLE wife of a hen-pecked worm told an insurance salesman, "Let me be sure I've got this right. You say that if my husband dies within even one year, I'll get the full fifty thousand dollars mentioned on Page One of this policy?"

"Absolutely," the salesman assured her. "And within even a month!" "Yes, ma'am." "And if he dies the day after I sign up?" "Then, madam," said the salesman, snapping shut his briefcase, "I am confident you'll get the same \$50,000—but they won't be dollars; they'll be volts."

A stranger stopped his car to watch the odd behavior of a fisherman on a river bank. First he hooked a big pike, but threw it back. Then he landed a beautiful, large trout, but threw it back, too. Finally he reeled in a tiny perch, and with a grant of satisfaction, deposited it in his bag.

The stranger couldn't resist calling out, "Why on earth did you throw those two big ones back and keep this tiny one?" The fisherman explained tersely, "Small frying pan."

Gene Fowler once caught W. C. Fields, the broad-brimmed but frazzled comedian, kicking violently a rose bush in his garden. "Bloom, darn you," Fields was muttering.

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