

Dredged From the Files

Leaders of the Missouri Council of Churches urge public support against "apostles of discord" attacking the Council through its executive director, the Rev. Stanley I. Stuber.

An indirect but damning indictment of the misuse of these files is contained in a letter which the Rev. Dr. Stuber wrote to Congressman Curtis.

ITEM: The committee file includes a letterhead of the Inter-American Church Committee of the American Russian Institute naming Dr. Stuber as secretary-treasurer.

Item: The committee uses the Communist Daily Worker as evidence that Dr. Stuber signed a statement issued by the National Council of Americans-Soviet Friendship.

Item: The committee says Dr. Stuber was listed as a sponsor on a letterhead of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom in 1946.

Item: The Call to the Mid-Century Conference for Peace in Chicago in 1950 listed Dr. Stuber as a sponsor.

THIS is nearly the complete committee file on the Rev. Dr. Stuber, and it is flimsy stuff. Congressman Curtis was concerned because those who misused it did not include the committee's disclaimer that it had made no evaluation of the material.

Instead, the committee has supported attacks on the patriotism of a loyal clergyman who never sympathized with Communism.

Is there any excuse in free America for such activities of the House Un-American Activities Committee?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Madame Duchess

The longest reigning living monarch in the world and her son—her lieutenant and heir apparent—will be feted at a White House state dinner tomorrow.

Actually, Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg and Prince Jean are cashing in a rain check. They were to have made a state visit to Washington last October.

Duchess Charlotte on May 2, 1961 announced she was appointing her eldest son and heir, Prince Jean, as her lieutenant to exercise executive power on her behalf.

BUT Charlotte, who has been Luxembourg's constitutional monarch since April, 1919, was 67 last Jan. 23 and the occasion brought no renunciation.

Prince Jean is vice president of the 15-member Council of State, which acts as a Senate in the Luxembourg system and gives opinions on all legislation before laws receive the signatures of the Grand Duchess.

But back of the tapestry and pageantry in highly industrialized Luxembourg is the hard fact. What real power exists lies with the Christian Socialists and their Premier, Pierre Werner.

Day's Text

Here's a text for the day. It might look well pasted on a postcard and mailed to members of the Legislature. It comes from an article on automation by Victor R. Fuchs, the economist, in the New York Times magazine.

"I'd Like To Speak To The Head Of The House"



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 initials for publication is permissible.

"Land Of Beginnings" To the Editor: I am in one of my pessimistic moods today, wishing there were some wonderful place called "The Land Of Beginning Again."

There were fully 15 other gods that were born of a virgin, were crucified and resurrected and ascended into heaven.

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Pagan Fables? To the Editor: Henry Johnson of Ashland, Ore., said in his letter published on April 21 that he believes in the literal Biblical account of earth's creation.

My understanding is that everything came about through a long slow process of evolution, which is now as impenetrably established as is the Copernican conception of the solar system.

Mr. Johnson is right that the Christian world is not sure just when Easter should be celebrated. He may be interested to learn that the observance of Easter was hoary with age long before Christ was born.

The Easter egg is not a Christian "institution" either. The egg has ever been regarded as the symbol of life, and at the Easter season the ancients ate eggs and presented eggs to their friends.

Why is it that the exact date of the supposed resurrection of Christ is not known? Easter Sunday is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21—the spring equinox.

More significant, I believe, is the fact that for several decades and in increasing numbers in recent years, people from all parts of the country deliberately have chosen Medford or other Rogue Valley communities as highly desirable places in which to live and work or to spend their

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Foreign News: Japanese Military Aid; No Russian Concessions; French Economy

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Notes for the foreign news cables.

U. S. Senator Frank Church's call for a cut-off of U.S. military aid to Japan is the latest and boldest but not the only request of its kind.

high-level meeting between American and Japanese officials. The Americans are concerned not only about direct military aid to the Japanese—now running at an estimated \$50 million a year.

of the hundreds of millions it is spending to maintain Far East defenses if Japan took more of the burden. U.S. aid is being cut, and Japan is spending more on defense every year.

No Concessions Westerners in Moscow expect the Russians to turn down flat the Western call for Soviet concessions on nuclear test ban inspection.

however, that he will do so shortly.

Economic Problems French President Charles de Gaulle's present most pressing problem is one of economics.

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Strictly Personal

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

SPRITUAL SINS "Whenever I see or hear the word 'spiritual,' it makes me grit my teeth," said a friend of mine, who teaches philosophy in a nearby college.

has come to mean the opposite of "spiritual" is good, is positive, is virtuous, is desirable, is loftier than the merely physical.

QUESTION: Is it all due to the high cost of living? Or do you reckon the high cost of LIVING IT UP might be partly responsible?

FROM Chicago: The claim of some rheumatists that their aching joints can "feel" an approaching storm received scientific verification yesterday.

Indeed, as C. S. Lewis pointed out in his book, "Christian Behavior," some years ago: "The sins of the flesh are bad, but they are the least bad of all sins. All the worst pleasures are purely spiritual: the pleasure of putting other people in the wrong, of bossing and patronizing and spoiling sport, and back-biting; the pleasures of power, of hatred."

Most of the evil in the world has been generated

on the spiritual level; a power-driven and hate-obsessed man like Hitler had no interest in physical pursuits; he was as abstemious as a monk, and as dedicated to the diabolic (which is a spiritual thing) as the monk is to the divine.

The people who create the mischief and the sorrow in the world are not the libertines and the drinkers and the wastrels; they are pathetic people who create, at the most, private tragedy. The vast public tragedies are created by the men who are dominated by some perverse spiritual drive — by pride, by anger, by hostility, by envy.

True spirituality is as rare as true bestiality in human beings. And those few who achieve it are those who are terribly aware of the perils of spirituality — who know, as the Romans warned us, that a corruption of the best becomes the worst. Which is why, to quote Lewis again, "Of all bad men, the bad religious man is the worst."

Unlike most other religions, both Judaism and Christianity accept the goodness of physical things, and do not dismiss them as delusions or devices of the devil. And those who despise the physical, too often use their "spirituality" as a bludgeon for punishing the weak, while they themselves revel in the pleasures of pride, of power, of exactly those "spiritual" qualities that define the nature of their enemy, the devil.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Salem: The senate has passed and sent to the governor a bill banning lie detector tests as a condition of employment.

It's probably just as well. If you have an employee whose word you can't trust without the aid of a lie detector, you'd better fire the guy, anyway.

FROM San Francisco: The cost of living in San Francisco rose to a new all-time high in March — 108.4 per cent of 1957-59 prices — sharply exceeding the nationwide rise to 106.2, the U.S. Department of Labor has reported.

Y Adds Morning Exercise Class Beginning today an additional class period for exercise and games is being held at the YMCA.

This additional class time will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:30 to 8 a.m. This class is being added to the Tuesday and Thursday evening periods for a time for exercise for those men who find it more desirable to meet in the early morning than in the evening, and to make available a full week of scheduled periods for exercise for those who would like a daily period for exercise and games.

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Life in Washington Is Really the Nits By Arthur Hoppe

Washington — I'm thinking of giving up work on my book, "Strange Native Customs in Washington & Other Savage Lands." It's too depressing. Take the all-important chapter on "Interesting Native Handicrafts." Like Nit Picking.

Nit Picking, as you know, ranks above even Tale Spinning and Elbow Bending as a major native art form. And most tribesmen devote their entire productive years to Picking Nits. Which are viewed by the natives as status symbols. Not unlike hippopotamus-bone nose rings.

Indeed, among the Salans, who dwell on Capitol Hill where Nit Picking is a way of life, advancement in the tribe appears to depend in great measure on the number and loveliness of the Nits the tribesman is able to pick. And the Solon who accumulates the most Nits is venerated and elevated to positions of honor. Such as "Committee Chairmanships" or "Floor Leadership."

Where the challenge is commensurate to his abilities. Nor should this primitive craft be denigrated. It requires all the dexterity, skill and imagination of Huguululap betel nut carving. To say the least.

What is little understood about Nit Picking is that it is not the size of the Nit that counts. But rather the size of the issue from which it is picked. "The larger the issue, the fewer the Nits it will produce," is the strange rule governing the art form.

For example, should an Issue appropriating \$50 billion to blow up the world be submitted to the Solons, only the newest Freshman, or neophyte Nit Picker, would search for a Nit. But let another tribe request, say a \$182.98 for seven new office chairs and every Solon is on his feet. Tweezers in hand.

"Are these purported chairs of foreign design?" demands one in a transport of joy. "May I have unanimous consent," says another, all aglow, "to introduce into the record an unquestionable value of genuine hog-die antimacassars, with which, I feel confident in stating, these so-called chairs are undoubtedly unequal p p e d?"

And so forth. This seeming oddity can be explained, of course, on the grounds the Nit Pickers feel more secure Picking Nits from a small issue they can understand. Such as seats. While big issues, such as blowing up the world, make them uneasy and inhibit their creativity.

But I prefer to think the artistic Nit Picker views the small issue as presenting a greater aesthetic challenge. Comparable to pinhead engraving. And thus the native Nit Picker is much to be admired. If you like engraved pinheads.

But the problem, of course, is, "What good are Nits?" They have no intrinsic value in the real world, being neither edible, wearable nor salable. And how can we advanced societies help these poor, backward natives ever reach the economic take-off point where they'll cease to be a burden to us? If they persist in this Nit fixation? Oh, it's going to be a long, slow haul leading them to economic independence. I suggest we start by trying to teach them basket weaving. Or, even better, crude pottery making. Anything productive. But, frankly, it looks hopeless. The more I examine their economic structure the more depressed I get. No sir, these natives are never going to make a pot. Not without our help, they're not.

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Flight '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 29, 1935 (Wednesday) A cut of \$3,120 in city taxes for Gold Hill property owners will be the result of the new city budget that has been drawn up.

20 YEARS AGO April 29, 1926 (Thursday) Frost Observer Roy Rogers and Assistant County Agent C. Cordy continue survey of Rogue valley orchards to determine extent of possible frost damage.

30 YEARS AGO April 29, 1916 (Saturday) First CCC camp in state to be established somewhere on upper Rogue river.

40 YEARS AGO April 29, 1906 (Sunday) Rotary club formed in Medford with Ralph L. Lewis as first president.

50 YEARS AGO April 29, 1913 (Tuesday) All buildings on Southern Pacific right-of-way for a block north and south of Main st. to be removed; SP plants to be beautified.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good. 1. During World War II what was the principal military use for silk and nylon? 2. May private individuals acquire title to land in the Panama Canal Zone? 3. In surveying one chain is equal to how many feet? 4. In what state is Mt. Baker located? 5. Does the sun revolve around the earth? 6. Does the moon revolve around the earth? 7. Into which sea does the Po river flow? 8. Who are more closely related by blood: mother and daughter, or two sisters? 9. Of which European country is Lisbon the capital? 10. What is a merganser? Answers: 1. Manufacture of parachutes. 2. No. 3. One hundred. 4. Washington. 5. No. 6. Yes. 7. Adriatic. 8. Two sisters. 9. Portugal. 10. A duck.

LATE FOR MASS Los Angeles—'I really was up, but in no rush because I thought I had plenty of time.' James Francis Cardinal McIntyre told 600 members of a Catholic men's group when he showed up late for a special mass. He forgot the change to daylight saving time.

Advertisement for a book or publication, featuring an illustration of a man carrying a large bundle.