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Kuchel's Speech

Disgusted and at the same time alarmed by the quantity of "hate" mail he has been receiving, Sen. Thomas Kuchel, Republican of California, in a speech in the Senate assailed the peddlers of hate and fear.

Here are some samples of the prevalent paranoia he cited.

The Army is training troops in Georgia to take over the country for United Nations. It is called "Operation Moccasin."

Another letter to Kuchel: "Water Moccasin! We are asking you to give us a report on what you are doing to protect our constitutional rights."

There is an Army training exercise in the South, for training in counter guerrilla warfare. Such army exercises are frequently conducted over the country.

As for these charges about Water Moccasin, the Claxton, Georgia, Enterprise had heard them too, and its editor tagged them as "hysteria, the result of a sick mind, carried away by self-induced hallucinations."

WHAT we have is a problem in psychology—of the individual whose mind can unleash its imagination so freely, and of the crowd which will credit such absurd fabrications.

One explanation may be found in the profit motive. It becomes profitable to peddle hate by soliciting funds (wealthy men and widows are suckers for solicitors for such causes) and by selling literature. The more fear they can engender, the more generous will be response from those who are carried away.

In his speech, Sen. Kuchel said: "The curious fact is that the fright peddlers, from the simple simpatons to the wretched racists, all claim to be conservatives."

"They defile the honorable philosophy of conservatism with that claim as thoroughly as the Communists defile the honorable philosophy of liberalism."

KUCHEL is ordinarily a mild mannered man. He is a middle-of-the-road Republican, one time chairman of the California Republican state committee. He is simply fed up with the noxious rumors that are set afloat to disturb the minds of the unreflexive and the suspicious.

He was the man to make the speech because California is pitted with John Birch Society cells and other groups who build up each other's fears and spread them among the people.

The country relaxed after the orgy of McCarthyism, and rejoiced that some fresh air was blowing again across the country.

BUT the business of fanning fears did not die, for there were still weak-minded to be swayed and timid to be aroused and money for propaganda to be extracted. Congress is pretty well freed of alarmists; but out in the country the trade of hatemongering survives, bursting out in fresh places, never gaining a wide following, but gripping what passes for the minds of some with a blind and senseless fear.

Sen. Kuchel's speech will not halt the flow of hate leaflets, but it should warn the general public to post guards at the doors of their minds to keep out the whispered or broadcast or printed alarms, such as have reached the California senator's desk.—Charles A. Sprague, in the Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Stirrings in the Church

When Pope John XXIII was asked why he convened the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council he was reported to have opened the nearest window, saying, "To let some fresh air into the church." This has proved to be no idle gesture.

For centuries the stock image of the Roman Catholic Church has been one of monolithic, unbending authoritarianism. If that image has not always been accurate, it has to be said that on some occasions and in some countries the Church has indeed played that role.

But the papal zephyrs are stirring up some significant straws. For example, there is a strong likelihood now that when the council reconvenes next September the Pope and his fellow bishops will issue an official statement endorsing universal and complete religious liberty for all persons.

A few weeks ago Augustin Cardinal Bea, one of the Pope's closest advisers, told an American audience that man's right to choose his own religion is an accepted teaching of the Church.

In similar vein the Rev. Hans Kung, dean of the theological faculty at the University of Tubingen in West Germany, has said that ecclesiastical obedience never requires anything to be done contrary to conscience.

If Cardinal Bea and Father Kung are representative of the thinking of the present-day leaders of the Church, as there is every reason to believe, the fresh air is already blowing with gale force in one of the most venerable and most venerated institutions of all mankind.—New York Times.

"Onward And Upward, But Not Too Far"



... 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.

Statistics Lie

To the Editor: I am sure most people have heard the story of the man who walked across a river with an average depth of two feet, and drowned in the middle where its depth was twelve.

This man used as much common sense as Mr. Irving Thomas in his letter to "Communications," 5-10-63.

Mr. Thomas might also say that the Negroes in Birmingham, Ala., are more criminal than those in Portland because, per capita, there are more in jail.

Many times, we read where "business is up 20 per cent over last month," yet local businessmen are complaining.

Statistics may not lie, yet very often they don't necessarily tell the complete truth either.

Ernie Hook, Jr. (a non-Catholic) 40 Bush St. Central Point, Ore.

Won't Vote for It

To the Editor: No I won't vote for it. I read where the House Constitutional committee has asked for a revision of the death penalty from death to life imprisonment, with eligibility for parole after 15 years.

I am against capital punishment. But I say if a person takes another life, and a death sentence would be the verdict, amend this to a life imprisonment with no parole. This is the only way to protect society.

(Name on file) Medford.

Measles

To the Editor: Little round spots, All red as a barn, You are so slow, In showing your charm

Miserable head, For over three weeks Before those spots Appear on your cheeks.

Then you appear Like a speckled egg, Mad at the world, Shake a speckled leg.

Who was so kind? And gave them to me? Be careful my friend I don't give them to thee.

Mrs. Deibert Casey Route 1, Box 358 Central Point, Ore.

Birch Verse

To the Editor: In answer to Senator Kuchel's attack on the John Birch Society, I have this to say:

S-I, may I take issue with your views of the right? E-xclaiming that Birchers are peddlers of fright.

N-umerous people all over the States, A-re learning the TRUTH from various debates.

T-hat the John Birch Society stands together for good; O-f our country's RIGHTS, as well it should.

R-adicals we don't have, and violence we abhor. I-t's Patriots we want to fight the cold war.

K-eeep in mind, please, liberty can't be reserved; U-ness we keep fighting, it won't be preserved.

C-alling us "Devil's Workers" and accusing us of hate, H-eartily smacks of a left-wing trait.

Gimmick

To the Editor: Your recent editorial regarding Forest Camping Fees states, "We feel certain most campers would be willing to pay a modest fee if, in return, they are assured of better accommodation, better sanitary facilities and ultimately, the development of more forest campgrounds."

Therein lies the gimmick, for thus far it is this assurance that is lacking. You state further that these user fees will provide funds for camp ground operation and maintenance as well as for improvements, but no one else has said so.

All I repeat, all Forest Service receipts go into the General Fund from which Congress makes appropriations for Forest Service operations, including camp grounds. To date, no directive has been issued earmarking user fees for the purposes you have mentioned, so they, too, will go into the general fund along with our ever rising total of tax dollars.

In return the public will be rewarded with the same niggardly congressional appropriations for camp grounds that now prevail. This is a source of real concern to Forest Service administrators and it should arouse the public to prompt action if we value our existing recreational facilities and desire their expansion.

Grace N. Pearson Route 2, Box 50 Jacksonville, Ore.

Easy Money

To the Editor: Just say charge it, or credit for the teenager. The stores have set up a plan for credit for the teenagers, of course with parent's approval.

It is hard to think that the stores have decided to corrupt the younger generation with this easy credit plan. I feel the younger generation will lose the value of money with this credit card. It makes the children think it almost free, not to mention the 10 per cent service charge added on. Of course if the children do not pay, the parents are expected to. That's the whole idea of this plan.

If the parent doesn't have the money to pay the children can quit school and get a job to pay for his mistake to save face and probably never get back to school. He or she will now know the true value of money.

It looks to me the idea of charging is in full swing to bring our children up to this idea to accept this charge as you go plan.

To live in a world of credit now, pay later, or charge for next year and spend this year paying past due accounts.

Will it ever stop? Can the children afford it? Can the parent really afford this plan?

David J. Sletten 121 Reager st. Medford.

CASTRO IN ASIA

Moscow (AP)—Touring Cuban Premier Fidel Castro has arrived in the central Asian city of Brestok, Moscow Radio reported today. Castro arrived in the Soviet Union last month for a visit that has taken him through thousands of miles of Soviet territory.

Constructive

To the Editor: I read the article called "Statistics" written by Irving Thomas, and all I have to say is that the Mail Tribune must be pretty hard up for copy to

Where is Justice?

To the Editor: I appreciate Mrs. D. L. Swank's letter of 5-9 in the Mail Tribune. Also

my sympathy for the lady who was fined \$50 for trying to protect her property.

Now don't misunderstand me. I love dogs in their place. We voted last year on the dog issue here. The decision was to keep dogs shut up, or from running at large. It never stopped the nuisance.

I called the County Dog Control (or uncontrol) board, and they informed me a ruling was in effect which permitted dogs to run at large if they were equipped with a muzzle. Why vote?

From my observations every day, and always when I mow the lawn, I am convinced instead of muzzles, they need buckets on the other end. Not only do I have to clean the yard, (and pay the garbage man to haul it away), but constantly have to replant plants that are dug out of the garden by these precious dogs after they mess things up.

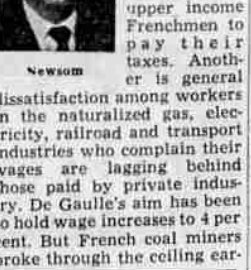
People in this community as well as others have been warned time and again to keep them from running. They definitely do not intend to keep them in, but intend to defy the law.

Foreign News: French Living Costs; German Election Trends; Talent Raids

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

Notes from the foreign news cables:

De Gaulle Dilemma A rapidly rising cost of living is threatening France's booming economy and President Charles de Gaulle is looking for ways to baton down the lid.



Newsom

ly in April with pay raises of 6.5 per cent. Increases in private industry are running closer to 10 per cent.

Election Trends, German West Germany's Christian Democrats, the party of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, are

counting heavily on the May 19 elections in Lower Saxony to reverse losses suffered in other recent provincial elections. Their hopes are based on Economic Minister and Chancellor - Designate Ludwig Erhard's success in mediating West Germany's worst post-war labor-management dispute.

In the last state elections in Lower Saxony, in 1959, the Christian Democrats won 51 seats against 65 for the Socialists. They are not looking for any landslide

victory in this predominantly socialist state but do hope for impressive gains.

Raids Japanese industrialists have joined their British opponents in complaining about technical talent being hired away by U.S. companies. Japanese scientists and technicians are not leaving home, simply going to work for the Japanese branches of U.S. firms.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Question for today: What kind of person is the normal, average American wife?

YOU'LL be surprised. She is "astoundingly normal." She is physically attractive. She is emotionally healthy. She is a good mother. She is a CONTENTED wife. But OH, she's DULL!

WHO says so? Well, it isn't just backyard gossip, or cocktail chitchat. It is a carefully considered profile of the wives of "normal" American males, as reported last week at a meeting in St. Louis of the American Psychiatric Association.

HOW did the study that resulted in this conclusion get started? It's quite a story. In an attempt to discover the characteristics of "the normal American male," the psychiatric investigators first studied 50 men who 12 years ago as ninth graders had obtained normal personality scores on tests given to almost 200 Minneapolis students.

That study attracted so much attention that later the wives of 38 of these men who had married at age 26 were studied. The combined results were made public at St. Louis as a part of the Psychiatric Association's week-long conference.

MOST of the couples, it was learned in the study, were religiously devout and had attained the same levels of education. None had even temporarily separated from a spouse and there was no evidence of critical marital discord in their futures.

On test items reflecting "contentment with lot and life, effectiveness and overall adjustment" both wives and husbands rated high, but on items reflecting "richness of personality" the ratings were LOW.

THE verdict of the psychiatrists?

WELL—Maybe so. But this admittedly old-fashioned scribe would like to go on record here with an opinion to the effect that if ALL our American young people who finish school and get married and tackle the job of making a living and raising a family would go about it after the manner of these young people who were studied by psychiatrists we wouldn't need to do much worrying about the future of our country.

Here it is, in a nutshell: "If these couples epitomize what may now be a relatively common adaptation of the population at large, we wish to express our mixed feelings about this adjustment."

"Such a population would promote stability or a firm backbone of the country. BUT THESE COUPLES' LIVES SEEM ESSENTIALLY MUNDANE AND DULL."

Good-by, Mr. Nixon. Farewell, farewell. Lots of luck in New York. And as you trudge off eastward into the sunrise of a new day, let me say I think you're right: if you can't win in California, try a smaller state.

Oh, I know. It takes a lot of old-fashioned courage to set forth on a new path. Especially one going in that direction. Because our whole success-obsessed culture demands we keep climbing ever upward to greater challenges.

But you and I know this: race philosophy is false. There's a lot to be said for being

ing a big frog in a small puddle.

Besides, it isn't as though the trail you have taken is unmarked. And when skies seem gray, when you feel lost in the thickets of doubt, you can always hold aloft as a shining beacon the name of the man who blazed the way before you: Mr. Harold Stassen.

I'm sure his example was much in your mind when you made your grave decision. Remember how he arose out of Minnesota like a comet and burst on the Washington scene? In no time, he was running for Vice President! Heir apparent to Mr. Eisenhower? The White House itself clearly within his grasp!

And after that, of course, he moved down to Pennsylvania and ran for Governor. And after that he ran for Mayor of Philadelphia. And after that... But, as you and I know, who is to say he is not the happiest of men today? Wherever he is.

Yet here are all we Americans, striving to get ahead, seeking status, accumulating tail fins and ulcers. And whose fault is it? Our leaders. Being successful? They naturally demand we follow them. And so they drag us ever upward from one hollow triumph to the next. Until we crack. Is this happiness? Not!

And that, Mr. Nixon, is why I wish to pay tribute today to the only two true leaders of our time. You and Mr. Stassen. For only by emulating you can we Americans discover the direction in which true happiness lies: downhill.

Strictly Personal

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

UTOPIAN Not long ago, I discussed the perversion of the word "sentimental" in regard to the people who oppose capital punishment—pointing out that the real sentimentalist are those today who insist on retaining this outmoded and ineffectual form of vengeance.

Today I'd like to examine another very much abused word, "Utopian." This is a word often applied by conservatives, or even by middle-of-the-roads, to those who seem to favor a left-wing philosophy, or who appear to be tinged with a "communist" leaning.

Actually, it is one of the ironies of language and political thought that Karl Marx, the founder of communism, reserved his most withering scorn for the "Utopians." They were the socialists of his day who held that social reform must come from the people themselves.

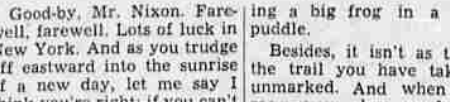
The widespread communist movement in the world today is precisely the opposite of "Utopian." It is pragmatic, dogmatic, imposed from the top, wedded to violence, the enemy of all voluntary movements, and totally repressive beneath its thin layer of humanitarian verbiage.

Communism has not moved toward "the withering away of the state," as Marx predicted it would, but in the opposite direction: worse, it has bred the equally poisonous reaction of fascism.

The Utopians may have been right or wrong—and, in my opinion, they were a little of both—but it is unjust to equate them (now or then) with the Marxists. For decades, the bitterest foes of the communists were not the capitalists but the non-Marxist socialists who saw all too well, and all too clearly, where Marxism was headed—and they were silenced by assassination of exile.

Happiness Is a Simple Plurality

By Arthur Hoppe



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Thus I have faith you will find happiness at last in New York. What, may I ask the cynics, is wrong with running for Mayor in Searsdale? It is a decent and honorable, a job worth doing. Or, hopefully failing that, a spiritedly unsuccessful campaign for county selectman? As you have so ably pointed out, it is the desire to serve, not the status of the job, which counts.

Perhaps, with a bit of luck, you will be able to struggle onward. Then finally, the ultimate: "Dick Nixon for Precinct Vice-Captain — Experience Counts!"

Ah, and when you have lost the last campaign, how blessed you will be by true inner peace, true contentment, true... Just a minute.

"Dick Nixon for Precinct Vice-Captain?" I think I've gone too far. Maybe I ought to revise my thesis and put it this way: Only by rejecting the success rat race can all we Americans find true happiness. All we Americans, that is, except politicians.

Fire Protection Association Convenes

Portland (AP)—The 67th annual meeting of the National Fire Protection Association got under way at the new Hilton Hotel today.

Some 2,000 persons are expected to attend the five-day meeting.

Dear America: WRITE ME A LETTER—SEND IT BY MAIL—SEND IT IN CARE OF BIRMINGHAM JAIL!

SIGNED, A BELIEVER IN "THE AMERICAN DREAM"

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Flight o' Time

10 YEARS AGO May 13, 1953 (Wednesday)

The Medford city council last night voted to seek a 10-day extension on an option to buy a site for an east side fire station after some 40 home owners appeared to protest construction on the proposed site.

The "Arabian tent city" erected by Al Kader temple of the Shrine in Hawthorne park will be opened at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

20 YEARS AGO May 13, 1943 (Thursday)

Mrs. Madine Skinner recommended by county Democrats for appointment as acting Phoenix postmaster.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Valley weather sharps predict there will be no summer. Summer is taking its time about getting here, but will be here when it does."

30 YEARS AGO May 13, 1933 (Saturday)

Prohibition agents seize wine cache in Ashland. Plans completed for Medford Memorial day observance.

40 YEARS AGO May 13, 1923 (Sunday)

Oregon Caves opened to public. Cars expected to be able to reach rim of Crater Lake by June 20.

50 YEARS AGO May 13, 1913 (Tuesday)

Vice President of San Francisco railroad says many mid-western people planning to move to Rogue valley.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Lying north of Cambodia, its area is 89,000 square miles, its population is 3,000,000, its monetary unit is the Kip and it is often in the news; what country is it?

2. Is it a king or a queen who has reigned longer in England?

3. A group of lions is called what?

4. Which deceased New York governor was frequently called "The Happy Warrior"?

5. Name the motion picture actress who had the lead role in "Mother Wore Tights."

6. Jade is always green; true or false?

7. Is the state of Massachusetts, Wisconsin or New Jersey the leading state in cranberry production?

8. The Zodiac sign for those born between Oct. 23 and Nov. 23 is Sagittarius or Scorpio?

9. Name the capital of Vermont.

10. The noted painter, Rembrandt Van Rijn, was of Dutch, Swedish or Norwegian nationality?

Answers: 1. Laos. 2. Queen Victoria. 3. Pride. 4. Alfred E. Smith. 5. Betty Grable. 6. False. 7. Massachusetts. 8. Scorpio. 9. Montpelier. 10. Dutch.