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10 YEARS AGO May 22, 1953 (Friday). William Merle Neal Jr., 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Neal, 2104 Roberts rd., will go to The Netherlands in July as one of 120 Civil Air Patrol cadets to go abroad under an exchange program.

20 YEARS AGO May 22, 1943 (Saturday). "Flashing lights" on Roxy Ann butte led to arrest of car thief wanted in Tacoma, Wash. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "On Altu, in the Aleutians, the troops sprang a rat-trap and the rats fought like trapped Japs."

30 YEARS AGO May 22, 1933 (Monday). Medford man suffers breakdown and ordered to hospital by court after being convicted of second degree murder. Medford Gleeman in uproar after member refuses to wear tuxedo for formal program.

40 YEARS AGO May 22, 1923 (Tuesday). Representative of Rogue valley poultrymen leaves for Petaluma, Calif., to survey market situation. East German Communists reported rioting at Essen.

50 YEARS AGO May 22, 1913 (Thursday). Ray LaMar, class president, makes brief speech during graduation exercises for Medford High school class of 1913. State issues first forest fire warning for southern Oregon.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good. 1. Which of these is not a wine: Moselle, Chablis, Tequila, Sauterne, Champagne? 2. What is chevon? 3. Is Old Faithful a famous volcano, geyser, hot spring or canyon? 4. Is the ceremony of baptism a part of the ritual of the Society of Friends? 5. In which group of Pacific islands is Cebu? 6. Name the body of water in which Alcatraz Island is located. 7. The portrait of which President is on one dollar bills? 8. In how many bouts did Joe Louis defend his heavyweight title? 9. The British crown jewels repose in a Bank of England vault, the Tower of London or Buckingham Palace? 10. It is a widespread notion that oysters are good to eat only in those months having what in their names? Answers: 1. Tequila. 2. Goat meat. 3. Geyser. 4. No. 5. Philippines. 6. San Francisco Bay. 7. George Washington. 8. 25. 9. Tower of London. 10. An "r".

YANK DISPLAY PLANNED Belgrade, Yugoslavia - YP - American industrial goods will be displayed for the first time at the annual Belgrade Technical Fair opening here Friday, according to an announcement here.

Constitutional Battle

It is a near-miracle that the proposed new Constitution for Oregon 1953 came as far as it has.

Over the past decade, it has come from the merely talking stage, through a series of legislative considerations, then the actual drawing up of a draft constitution by a top-flight commission, then passage (slightly but not significantly modified) by the House, and finally to the Senate, where yesterday it was embroiled in a battle.

It would be almost tragic if, after all this time and effort has gone into its preparation, it should be lost almost by default through bogging over relatively unimportant details, or through political jealousies and rivalries.

YESTERDAY'S Senate battle was over apportionment of the legislature. And it is entirely possible that the proposed Constitution will succeed or be defeated over the apportionment question.

This is too bad, in our view. Any of the three or four plans of apportionment which have been considered - the Commission version, the House version (which is almost identical to the one in force at present), and two different Senate versions - are all far more progressive than most states have.

The people of the state could live with any of the four, and not be deprived of effective representation.

AS THIS is written, the outcome of the Senate fight is not yet known. No matter what happens - unless the Senate kills it outright - further action is called for.

If the Senate finally passes it, with either of the plans suggested in the Senate, it will still have to go back to the House for (a) concurrence in Senate amendments, or (b) to a House-Senate conference committee to work out the differences in the two versions.

Finally, it will have to pass one or both Houses again by a two-thirds vote before it can go to a vote of the people.

Even if the Senate kills it outright, or if it dies in a deadlock between the two Houses, the proposal is not necessarily and finally dead. There is enough organized support for it throughout the state so that taking it to a vote of the people via initiative would not be too difficult.

THE reasons why Oregon needs a new Constitution have been stated and restated over the past decade.

It has been pointed out how the original Constitution was written in a rather slap-dash fashion, largely adapting the Indiana Constitution. More important, it has been amended more than 100 times over the years, sometimes carelessly (there are two Article VII's), and now contains much material which is either obsolete, or which should belong in the general laws rather than in the basic charter.

Few people can argue that it now serves the people of the state as well as they should be served from their Constitution.

If the Legislature allows the Constitution to die because of relatively minor points, it will merely make even worse the middling-to-miserable record it has so far compiled. - E. A.

Bad Manners in Public

A recent letter in the Communications column complained bitterly about the rudeness of people attending a high school concert.

We too attended the concert, and we too were appalled at the thoughtlessness of those who came in late, banging the doors to the auditorium, clomping down the aisles, shifting seats and so on, after the concert had started.

We were also surprised that the school authorities did not better control the late-arrivals. It is only proper that no one should be admitted to a concert after it has started, at least until the first number is over.

ANOTHER letter received in this office recently, not intended for publication, likewise complained about similar discourtesies when attending a local motion picture theater.

It said, in part: "Impudence, intolerance, and just plain ignorance have caused the ruination of our theaters. Possibly one of the troubles is due to the great informality of television viewing. Usually talking and joking, plus running for the refrigerator between acts is tolerated and widely practiced by the majority of onlookers. What too many unthinkers do not comprehend is that a movie theater cannot and should not be treated like a living room-kitchen combine."

The writer has a point - so good a point that in our own family we hesitate to attend a movie, and almost never on Friday or Saturday nights, simply because we have learned from experience that our pleasure will be ruined by esthetic vandalism.

IS THERE an answer or a remedy? We're inclined to doubt it. Unless by some mischance plain and simple good manners once again come to be regarded as something worth while, and are taught to children while they are young enough to absorb them.

If certain parents were aware of what brats their children can be at public events, they would be overcome with shame. Or would they?

In any event, the popcorn-chomping, paper-rattling, soft drink-gulping, foot-shifting, arm-swinging, loud-talking, silly-giggling crowd of neo-barbarians have driven us from the theaters on week ends - joined, we'll wager, by many another who resents plain, simple rudeness and bad manners. - E. A.



Illustration by [Name]

"I can't bring myself to heap abuse on the ump—it encourages disrespect for authority and could lead to anarchy!"

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.

What Price Modernity? To the Editor: The modern chicken is an efficient egg factory. It must never, never move about or scratch in the ground. It is confined in its nest under bright lights day and night to concentrate on egg production. When carefully recorded output slumps the chicken is promoted - on toast - a-la-king!

Similarly, the modern business executive must constantly fly in pursuit of the big deal. He must never, never relax on a train. He must grind out executive decisions without letup until ulcers or stroke lay him out on a slab - a-la-morgue!

K. Fritz Schumacher, Former Santa Fe "Rail" 81 West Grand View ave. Sierra Madre, Calif.

Call it Something Else To the Editor: Those chaps in Salem are sure running up against a lot of roadblocks in their search for a suitable tax program. Four groups, each against any and all but their own ideas. The sales tax, cigarette tax, filing fee and lowered exemptions.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "When fitting necessities it is sometimes necessary to trim some from each," so maybe if they'd accept this idea they could get somewhere. Cut the sales tax to 1 1/2 per cent, the cigarette tax to 2 cents per pack, the filing fee to \$2.50 and the exemptions from \$600 to \$300. Then lump it under one heading and everyone, even the taxpayers, should be happy.

Then as a generous gesture to those who have to dig up the cash eliminate, for all time, the word TAX, replace it with one having a more pleasant sound, LYCKO for instance, for that is what we all need and wish for.

Claude M. Hall, 2860 Placer rd. Medford

Wants Standard Time To the Editor: I wonder how many more years we'll have to put up with these businessmen, governors, and what have you.

If they want to play golf, let them open their businesses an hour early and close an hour sooner.

Why subject us poor people who vote against fast time to such?

We hate it, everyone hates it, and still we get stuck with it.

In the fall our children have to get up early on standard time to catch school buses, let alone getting up an hour early.

I think we people who hate fast time should have an uprising, march on the governor's mansion and such.

Won't someone with influence in these matters please help us get standard time back?

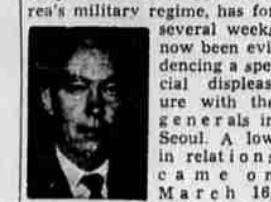
Mrs. Humphrey, Route 1, Box 182E, Rogue River, Ore.

Anti-Cruelty To the Editor: On Sunday, May 12, the editor of this paper was kind enough to print a letter from me, which attempted to reveal conditions - shocking and sickening and in many instances totally unnecessary - in the 9,000 pharmaceutical and medical animal research laboratories throughout the country.

In the letter, I urged writing to our own Mr. Robert Duncan and the chairman of the investigating committee, Mr. Kenneth Roberts, who will decide which of the five similar corrective bills will reach the House (both these gentlemen should be addressed at the

U.S. Displeased With Korean Regime, But Two Nations Remain Bound Together

By PHIL NEWSOM, UPI Foreign News Analyst



NEWSOM

The United States, never fully enamored of South Korea's military regime, has for several weeks now been evidencing a special displeasure with Park, the United States had withheld an extra \$25 million in aid which the Korean government said it needed to pay for important purchases.

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Almost simultaneous with this news, came a blunt warning to Koreans from U.S. aid director James S. Killen.

In Seoul, the U.S. director said the Koreans were attempting to stir up an artificial economic crisis only to extract more money from the United States.

"The prospect of additional American support... is not advanced by unrestrained talk of economic crisis which is not supported by fact," he said.

Taut nerves and harsh talk between the United States and its Korean allies have been fairly common in the

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, it is becoming rather clearly apparent that the 1963 Oregon legislature has no use for sales taxes of any kind - either the one-shot, selective kind such as a tax on cigarettes only, or a tax of a certain percentage on a wider range of goods or services.

The dogma was long since laid down in Oregon that a sales tax is a sinful tax. The dogma still rules. All but a handful of the states of our Union now have sales taxes, but Oregon refuses to join the procession with a GENERAL sales tax.

IN OREGON, however, we do have a specific sales tax, a one-shot sales tax - the tax on gasoline. As this writer recalls the circumstances, Oregon has a pretty good claim to the honor of having invented the gasoline tax. It was proposed by Oregon's first Highway Commission, and was adopted by popular vote.

It made possible the building of Oregon's present magnificent highway system without imposing an unbearable burden upon the Oregon public.

In effect, it was like building a house and paying for each board as it was nailed up. Under such a system, the Oregon highways were paid for as they were constructed.

The Oregon public liked it. As the word spread, other states adopted the gasoline tax. It is now universal throughout the United States.

OUR old uncle in Washington knows a good thing when he sees it. So, in the course of time, he latched onto the gasoline tax - thus adding the Federal tax onto the state taxes. The combination of the two has raised billions piled upon other billions of dollars for the building of highways all over the United States.

It is doubtful if the fantastic sums of money required to build the federal highway system - IN ADDITION to the state highway systems,

that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to my fellow-creatures, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

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For those people whose good impulses are in the ascendant, such a stimulant is not needed; and for those very many more whose bad impulses too often dominate, the sentiment is worthless - because they will draw precisely the opposite conclusions from it.

"I shall not pass this way again." Then why does it matter what I do? Why not ruin the fields, deforest the woods, litter the roads, pollute the streams, trample the flowers, and treat people as a mere means to one's own ends?

This quotation admirably illustrates, indeed, the deep difference between genuine religious feeling and specious sentimentality. If the determining factor is our not returning this way again, why not indulge in any species of fraud or deceit or cruelty or exploitation? In fact, only if some people were forced to return to the scene of their exploits might they refrain from selfish and inconsiderate behavior.

The reason for kindness to our fellow-creatures has nothing to do with passing this way once, or twice, or a thousand times; it has to do, rather, with the knowledge that we are commanded to act thus, that it is a very condition of our humanness, that not to do so tears the fabric of creation, violates the natural law, and perverts the proper goals designed for us and our descendants.

What most of us practice in the modern world - if we practice it at all - is the religion of sentimentality, of faith in faith, of good sayings and warm feelings. And what is wrong with this attitude is that it is essentially frivolous and superficial, it does not engage the deepest parts of our personality, and most of all, does not give us the strength to resist the evil in ourselves, only in others.

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Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann, (c) 1963, The Washington Post

THE EAGER AMERICANS Among the Atlantic allies who are meeting in Ottawa this week, we seem to be in the position of wanting something more than they want it. We want as many of them as possible to agree to have something to do with nuclear weapons.

Beyond this modest proposal, there is the project of a "multilateral force" in which the Germans, who cannot participate in the inter-allied force, would pay 40 per cent of the costs of the multilateral force and have a more or less corresponding equity.

THE striking fact about the whole discussion is that we are active and eager while the Europeans are reluctant and skeptical. General de Gaulle will have nothing to do with the whole business. The Germans are more interested in pleasing Washington than in the project itself. The Italians say yes, because it would be inconvenient to say no. The British are waiting to see what they will be asked to pay.

Our eagerness springs from a belief that, if we do not induce Europe to organize a sterilized nuclear force, General de Gaulle and some Germans, who are supposed to be waiting in the wings, will develop unsterilized and uncontrollable nuclear forces of their own. So we are trying to persuade Europe to do at once something which would prevent Europe from doing something else in the future.

As a result, we find ourselves the advocates of expensive nuclear projects which will add nothing serious to the total nuclear forces of the Western Alliance.

There is no such hurry, no such urgency, as we are displaying. Neither France nor Britain can have a serious independent nuclear force for many years to come, and Germany is bound by solemn treaties, which cannot be broken with impunity, not to make nuclear weapons.

OUR eagerness should be considered in the light of Europe's reluctance. Is it true, as we are assuming, that the countries of Western Europe are losing interest in the NATO military establishment because they do not have the only weapons which count in the world today? If this were true, then there might be a revival of interest in the NATO establishment if the inter-allied and multilateral nuclear projects were carried out.

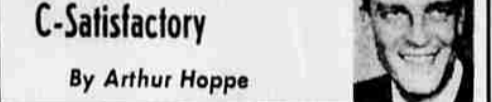
But the evidence, as I read it, goes to show that Europe has never taken the NATO establishment as seriously and as literally as we have. The Europeans have always wanted to have American troops stationed in Germany as a pledge that the U.S. strategic air force would become engaged if Europe were attacked.

The Europeans have never thought it mattered greatly whether they had many troops or few troops in the NATO establishment. From the very beginning in 1949, the NATO establishment has been for Europeans the device for making the Atlantic Alliance work promptly - a device to bring the United States into the war when the first shot was fired.

Thus, General de Gaulle has kept most of his army, his air force and his navy outside of the NATO organization. He can have done that only because he does not think that the NATO establishment is, as Americans have been taught to believe, a substantial part of the real defense of Europe.

A-Okay Is Not C-Satisfactory

By Arthur Hoppe



HOPPE

Mr. Cooper (at liftoff): Fuel is go. Oxygen is go... Faith is go. She feels real pretty.

Mr. Schirra (in Mercury Control): You look real go, Gordo... You're smack dab in the middle of the go block.

Mr. Cooper: Boy-o-boy! Mr. Schirra: Have a good drive, Bub.

Mr. Cooper: Thank you, Buddy.

And with these historic words, man-kind's latest epic voyage into the vast regions of uncharted space began. It's a crying shame.

Do n't misunderstand. No one is prouder of our space explorers than I. True heroes all. And I'm all for our space program. Couldn't be more so. But I can't help hoping I shall live long enough to see that golden day when America successfully launches the first English-speaking astronaut.

Perhaps this technological glossolalia has some purpose. Such as confounding enemy spies. But the problem is that it's already insidiously distorting our mother tongue.

In Washington, New Frontiersmen speak of "the present thrust of my opinion is toward... Agency chiefs testify glowingly in behalf of their "ongoing programs." And "A-okay," as you know, is now common usage. Which is "D-barely passing," as far as I'm concerned.

True, the English language is everchanging. And I find purists a stuffy lot. But in this space age we are not perhaps being forced to absorb a new vernacular too rapidly? Take the minutes of our local PTA meeting last night.

Madame Chairlady:... four... three... two... one... Blastoff! Old business! Mrs. Hoskins (an elderly

and the county highway systems and the town and city streets - could have been raised by any system of taxation other than the gasoline tax - which has the peculiar merit of being paid a little at a time as the transportation represented by the gasoline purchased is used.

For that reason, our gasoline tax, which is a sales tax, is PAID UP ALL THE TIME, instead of coming in one back-breaking lump sum, as is the case with other taxes.

The same is true, of course, of all sales taxes. They are added to the price of the goods purchased, and are paid when the goods are paid for.

Strictly Personal

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

SENTIMENTAL IDOLATRY One of the most famous quotations in the world, which has been attributed to ever y one from Marcus Aurelius to Robert Louis Stevenson, is this: "I expect to pass through this world but once; any good therefore, I expect to do here, and any kindness that I can show to my fellow-creatures, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

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