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Keynes Today

One does not have to be a disciple of the late John Maynard Keynes to know that his thinking created a revolution in the "dismal science" of economics...

In fact, Keynesian economics is neo-orthodoxy now, and the thinking of the older economists is on the wane. Despite this, one can still get into heated debate about whether his all-pervading influence is good or bad.

But the fact is that many actions of government today are a direct outgrowth of Lord Keynes's works.

THE deliberate budgeting of deficits stems directly from Keynes. So do many of the other fiscal practices which make more conservative thinkers tear their hair.

Keynes taught, for one thing, that national government fiscal procedures cannot be compared with smaller units, such as cities, states, corporations, small businesses or families.

Because they have become so universally adopted and adapted by theoretical economists, as well as by practicing politicians, it can be said that not a man alive today is unaffected by the theories of this English baron.

A LUCID examination of the application of Keynesian economic theories to the current situation in the United States is contained in an article written by Hobart Rowen, business trends editor of Newsweek magazine, which appeared in the May 25 New Republic. It is entitled "Let's Spend More," and explores the proposals to cut taxes and increase federal spending in order to shore up the economy, get it growing at a faster pace, and decrease unemployment.

His thesis, Rowen says, is a simple one: "President Kennedy's tax program will not stimulate the kind of economic growth that is needed by the United States."

First of all he calls for more realistic budgeting procedures (which also have been an objective of Oregon's Senator Morse), by dividing capital expenditures from operating expenditures. Only then, he says, will we be able to plan intelligently for properly financed and heavier federal spending.

SECONDLY, he points out that the federal tax cut proposals run about a billion dollars less than the increases in taxes being imposed by state and local government, and by increased Social Security taxes, and thus their stimulative effect is largely, if not wholly, lost.

Finally, he points out that unemployment is not diminishing, and that we need some 60,000 new jobs EACH WEEK simply to stay even. About 25,000 new workers are entering the labor force each week, and about 35,000 jobs are being eliminated by automation each week.

And he then shows that while an investment of some \$10,725 was needed to create one new job in 1954-56, the needed investment for a new job today is nearly \$40,000.

Rowen quotes James Reston of the New York Times as saying:

"President Kennedy is deeply worried about the economy, and feels that radical measures are necessary to meet what he regards as a radical problem. But the Congress and apparently the country are not in a radical, but moderate mood."

The "radical measures" include a very substantial increase in public spending, combined with a very substantial tax cut. The result, of course, would be an increase in the national debt.

But it would also result, the theory goes, in a massive shot in the arm for the U.S. economy.

CAN we afford more debt?

Rowen points out that during World War II the debt went up to \$260 billion, or 121 per cent of a \$214 billion economy, and as recently as 1950 was 90 per cent of the Gross National Product.

Today, to the contrary, the debt, though bigger in dollars, is only about 53 per cent of a \$570 billion economy, while the federal budget is only about 16 per cent of the GNP.

Too, there is a tremendous need for public investment—hospitals, schools and slum clearance are mentioned by Rowen specifically, but the list could go on and on—and we are spending a far smaller percentage of our wealth on such things than in the past.

BUT, as Rowen points out with a quotation from the noted Swedish economist, Gunnar Myrdal:

"It is fairly generally recognized... that there is a serious and irrational bias against public consumption and public investment in America. It is a result of high-pressure salesmanship for private consumption, and traditional suspicion against increasing public budgets."

All these add up, in Rowan's mind, to an overwhelming argument for a major tax cut and major federal spending. He concludes:

"What we lack in our current economic crisis is imagination and a sense of boldness. To stimulate economic growth, we need to substitute some challenging thought for the old bromides about budget balance and expenditure control. We need to apply, instead, something like the standards of urgency and the spark of creativity to which we are driven—desperately—in wartime. Why wait for wartime to use our combined brains? Let's declare war on unemployment!"

This makes very little sense to fiscal conservatives, but makes considerable sense to those who accept the economic theories of Lord John Maynard Keynes.—E. A.

"How About One More Try?"



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.

Getting Acquainted

To the Editor: And the group who asked when they could have a party here to get acquainted.

It is sweet of you girls, but that is too many for this house to hold at one time. My rooms aren't large.

I'll be glad to see you at the Security Benefit Club, KP hall just north of the Groceria on Grape St., Medford, any Wednesday from 11 until 4. There's a fine lunch for 50 cents at noon, good music and dancing after the business meeting.

By the way, you two ladies who found it so hard to get acquainted in Oregon, would find a fine chance for making real friends at the club. There's over 230 merry-makers who have joined and visitors from many neighboring towns. Be game! Smile and try again.

Perhaps the reason people are good to me is because I like everybody. The good I see in others keeps me happy and being able to bear pain and grin.

Pearl Spackman, P. O. Box 33, Jacksonville

Another Account

To the Editor: In reply to "Purely Mythical" of Thursday May 23, that according to Pierre van Paassen, Unitarian writer, an account of what actually happened was given.

This van Paassen writer must be very convincing to give credence to the news column of Lydia Burnham, 814 Warne st., Prescott, Ariz., that the body of Jesus Christ was dumped and then buried.

The Bible account has it that the Chief Priests paid large sums of money to the guards of the tomb to report the saying as in Matthew 28: 13-15. "His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept."

Could van Paassen have read in some books of another account, and then written of it for Unitarians to believe, while the Jews believe their account to this day? Jesus had His disciples to witness to His prediction of His resurrection to follow, and to have believers of this true account in contrast to van Paassen and his account.

It is no comfort to Unitarians that many other religions don't agree with them and that Christians base their faith entirely on the resurrected Christ, to bring them to God forevermore.

Oscar Jacobson, 3395 New Ray rd., Central Point, Ore.

Receive Calling

To the Editor: Who then shall receive this calling, and adoption, "to be sons of God"? Every one who confesses with his mouth, that Jesus is the son of God, and believes with his heart, that Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead, for our justification. If so, that you do, as it pleases the Father he will send forth the spirit of his son into your heart, where by you cry in the "spirit" Father, there by you have received the promise.

As the Apostle Paul said, tribulation maketh patience, and patience experience, experience bringeth hope. For you shall be tested, tempted, and endure much tribulation, but you shall be comforted. For many shall be called, and now that you see, what matter of calling it is, why the Lord said, "Matthew, ch. 24 and 25," take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, say-

ing, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

But you who have the Love of God in you know, As David said, I was conceived in sin, as all are, but our Lord was conceived of the Holy Ghost; there by was manifested the Son of God in the flesh. For it is written, the Father would not suffer his Holy one to see sin. Who so ever sayeth he is Christ, or a son of God is a liar, "while in the flesh." As Apostle Paul said to those who were called, "even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption," to wit, the redemption of our body. For they that sleep, that have the promise, shall be raised up, and they that remain shall be caught up, in the air, with the Lord. Then indeed shall you be the sons of God. Where so ever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered. If a man fears anything, he ought to fear God above all, for the hour of his judgments are at hand.

Ted M. Sletten, Route 1, Box 224, Rogue River, Ore.

Not General Manager

To the Editor: We certainly wish to thank the Mail Tribune for a recent story on the Peter Britt Gardens Music and Arts Festival to be held this summer in the gardens of Jacksonville's old Britt Estate.

May I point out just one correction to your excellent coverage of the Festival incorporation? Mr. McKinney of Portland has been extremely interested in seeing the introduction of a concert series in this magnitude in the state, and enthusiastically feels that historic Jacksonville is the ideal location for this Northwest "first." He is on the board of directors, but is not the general manager for the Festival. While the Britt Music Festival will be national in scope, all Festival work is being undertaken by a dedicated group of volunteer valley people.

Just think, from August 11-24, 1963, the hills of southern Oregon will resound to fine music as performed by the highest calibre professional musicians from over the country, in the glorious natural setting of the historic Britt Gardens in pioneer Jacksonville. The Rogue valley is indeed a far cry from a "cultural desert!"

Mrs. Bert Pree, Music and Arts Festival Association

Body of Avalanche Victim Discovered

Ouray, Colo. (AP)—The frozen body of 11-year-old Pauline Hudson, buried under tons of snow March 3 in an avalanche that also killed her father and sister, was discovered at the foot of Red Mountain Pass Thursday.

Pauline's uncle, Vernon Hudson, and her grandfather, Floyd Hudson, both of Ouray, discovered the body. Searchers had found the other victims, the Rev. Marvin Hudson, 39, and Amelia Hudson, 17, in March, but organized searching for Pauline was postponed about April 1.

The two relatives kept up a daily vigil, anticipating that Pauline's body would be washed down a stream when the snow melted. She was located about 20 feet from where her father's car was found. Her sister's body had been found next to the car.

President Sukarno Accepts Offer From Congress, Then Takes Off on Vacation

By PHIL NEWSOM, UPI Foreign News Analyst

In Jakarta, Indonesian President Sukarno accepted an offer from his hand-picked congress that he keep his job for life, and then, leaving his country in typical chaos, took off for a month-long vacation among the brighter lights of Tokyo, Rome, Vienna and Paris.

If it would seem to be fiddling while Rome burned, Submission of the new constitution to popular vote requires a two-thirds vote in both houses of the legislature. The house has given it the required majority, but the vote for submission in the senate was only 17 to 13, three votes short of the 20 required for a two-thirds majority in the 30-member senate.

The present session of the legislature is already the longest in history, and it seems unlikely that it will be further prolonged in an effort to get the necessary two-thirds vote in both houses.

Why the opposition to the proposed new constitution? Dispatches from Salem report that disputes, cutting across party lines, on the question of apportionment of legislative representation and a "strong" governor system that the new constitution would have set up accounted for most of the opposition.

YOU may ask: What is a STRONG governor system? Well, under Oregon's present system the governor shares executive authority with the secretary of state and the state treasurer.

Under the proposed new constitution, the governor would be the sole executive officer. Those who oppose the "strong" governor system think that would be putting too much authority into too few hands.

WHAT of the system of apportionment of legislative representation proposed by the new constitution? It would be based upon population — "one man, one vote," to use the phrase originated by Justice Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court. Under this "one man, one vote" system, the Oregon legislature would be dominated by a relatively small number of heavily populated counties, located chiefly in the Willamette valley.

YOU may say: Isn't it RIGHT that government should be dominated by PEOPLE rather than by area?

IT SOUNDS logical. But wait a minute. Under our FEDERAL system, the House of Representatives is dominated by population. The U.S. Senate is dominated by AREA. Under our federal system, EACH STATE, regardless of its population, has two U.S. senators.

Historically, it has been the SENATE that has been heavily responsible for the growth and development of the West. Without the aid of the Senate, in which each state has two members, the West might never have achieved its present development. Reclamation of arid land might never have been possible without heavy AREA representation in the Senate.

IN EASTERN Oregon and far Southern Oregon, we can't help wondering what will happen to us if we lose our AREA representation in the Oregon legislature. We have to remember, of course, that under its decision last fall the U.S. Supreme Court claims the power to determine "fair" apportionment in the state legislature.

But, at any rate, it seems unwise for us of the more thinly populated areas of our state to deliberately give away the protection afforded by AREA representation in our state's legislative body.

So— We aren't too greatly worried by the prospect that a new constitution for Oregon may be delayed.

It was nothing new for Sukarno who crisis never has been known to keep at home and who as a ruler has demonstrated both durability and agility.

Five assassination attempts have been made against him but as he himself remarked in accepting his life-long post, "Sukarno cannot be toppled."

Behind him he left a month of anti-Chinese riots and anti-government posters proclaiming: "We do not want speeches. We want food and clothing."

Brushes Aside Protests "Do not expect the government and me to become Santa Claus," he told his people. "You must work hard."

As a revolutionary, Sukarno has found the going comparatively easy since the end of World War II.

The United States helped him achieve independence from The Netherlands.

At home, the emotional appeal has taken the place of a sound economic policy, and so far as Sukarno is concerned, has been successful.

Successful also has been his policy of balancing the United States against the appeal of Communism originating in Moscow and Peking.

From Both Sides From the United States he has received more than \$700 million in economic aid.

Military aid from the Soviet Union is estimated at around \$1 billion, and his MIG jets, frigates and well-equipped army of around 300,000 enabled him to take West New Guinea from the Dutch almost without firing a shot.

U.S. envoys would like to talk to Sukarno about U.S. and British oil interests in Indonesia, now under threat of virtual confiscation.

Such an action would signal a major victory for Communist efforts to eliminate Western interests in Indonesia. But it also would cut off a major source of foreign income and it almost certainly would mean the end of U.S. economic aid.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris, Field Enterprises, Inc.

If you have noticed an appreciable decline in the quality of the column during the last week or so, the explanation is really quite simple. I have been writing it while visiting New York.

There is a popular theory that a writer needs stimulation, which is true; but he also needs detachment. And New York is probably the least detachable, most involved, city in the world.

This is a community of pulsating personalities rubbing up against each other every minute of the day. It is an enormous village, full of gossip, in-jokes, jockeying for power and prestige and status, profound insecurity, and shifting relationships.

And, although New York is the literary capital of America, since almost all the important publishing houses are centered here, it is surprising how many writers who came here for the stimulation have left to secure some detachment.

They have bought homes in Connecticut or Vermont or New Hampshire. They have moved west to Pennsylvania or further. As soon as recognition became theirs, they found the atmosphere of Manhattan inhospitable toward their creative energies.

A writer, or artist of any kind, needs to set his own tempo, which must correspond to the rhythm of his particular talent. And New York has such a powerful tempo of its own that they soon find themselves marching to the step of the city, part of a vast army moving in lockstep and carrying the paradoxical banner, "I Above All."

This is not to denigrate the city, which fascinates me, and which (contrary to the accepted yokel belief) is warm, friendly and infinitely more tolerant toward the strange and eccentric than any other place in America.

But as a place for working in any creative endeavor, its pitfalls are greater than its advantages. I speak not as an occasional visitor, but as one who knows the city well, and has lived here in the past. I know a dozen serious novelists who have moved away in the last few years simply because it became impossible to set one's own terms of working and living in this beehive of throbbing egos.

The best argument for decentralizing the arts in America is that concentrations of power — whether political, economic or artistic — are in the end self-defeating. New York drains the talent away from all other American communities, which makes them culturally barren, and ultimately makes New York too fiercely competitive, too self-conscious of its superiority.

Chekhov, who was also a doctor, said that medicine was his wife and writing was his mistress. New York is the artist's mistress, but unless she is wedded to the rest of America, she loses the stability and the continuity so essential for his best work.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

JOHN STRALEY tells of a young Irishman who began making good money, and was persuaded to open a checking account in the local bank. At the end of the month he received his first statement and batch of cancelled checks. "Tis a fine bank we've got here," he nodded approvingly. "I thought I'd spent a big wad of money, but I see the bank got every one of my checks back for me!"

Along about the year 1500 or so, an irreverent Italian legend has it, a young girl in Milan be-seeked a famous artist she knew to paint her portrait.

"I'm far too busy," he is purported to have told her. "Why not ask that fellow Da Vinci across the courtyard, Mona? He needs the business!"

DEFINITIONS: OPTIMIST: A man who looks forward to marriage. PESSIMIST: A married optimist. TORMENTER'S NIGHTMARE: "I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marble Halls."

COLLEGE REUNION: A place where people get together to see who's falling apart. GUEST TOWEL: A small square of absorbent linen completely surrounded by useless embroidery. SNEEZING: Much achoo about nothing.

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Way Down Under The Land of Cotton

By Arthur Hoppe

I think I just lost my Dixie. My only excuse is my ace newsmen's curiosity got the better of me. For weeks I've been nagged by the gnawing question: "Does the South have segregated fallout shelters?"

It's a pretty momentous question. So at last, hang the expense, I picked up the phone and called Colonel Ulrich R. Ames, civil defense director of Birmingham, Ala. "No," said Colonel James, "our shelters they're on a first-come, first-served basis. In wartime, we're going to have to forget a lot of things. Moreover, said the Colonel, it being a Federal program, all shelters in the South were racially integrated. Had this caused a stir? "Well," said the Colonel hesitantly, "to tell the truth, we haven't been mentioning that fact, either way."

But, oh, if that fact should ever get out! Already I can see that distinguished orator, Senator R. Barnett Stonewall, chairman of the "Southerners United (Whites Only) for the Constitution," rising on the floor of the Mississippi State Senate.

"Gentlemen," says the Senator, "it has been brought to my attention that our damyankee friends in Washington are secretly attempting to foist their peculiar racial theories on the lily-white breast of our fair Southland. Through underground integration!"

"Now, you all know me. Some of my best Nigras are friends. But do you realize these integrated shelters are equipped with only a single drinking fountain? Did you know not a solitary shelter has two lunch counters for serving survival wafers? Would you, I ask you in all fairness, want your sister to share a Geiger counter with a Nigra?"

So you can see what will happen if a single word of this leaks out. As usual, the South will unite as one against the common enemy. Us. Every Southern Senator will join in filibustering the whole Federal civil defense program to death. Every Southern State will start building separate but equal shelters. Labeled "White," "Colored," and (for those on rooftops) "Visiting Damyankees."

Tempers will rise. The South will secede. So not only will we lose our Federal fallout shelter program, but we stand in grave danger of losing Dixie forever.

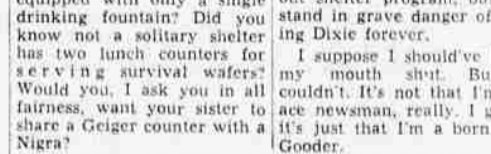
I suppose I should've kept my mouth shut. But I couldn't. It's not that I'm an ace newsmen, really. It's just that I'm a born Do-Gooder.

"And, gentlemen, I will not sully the floor of this distinguished body by describing in what proximity the occupants of these shelters are supposed to sleep. For two weeks. In the dark!"

"The South stands at the breach! Again. Will we yield to this Communist-inspired plot by these damyankee racial agitators? Or will we reject, now and forever, the insidious concept of underground integration?"

"I say if the time should come, we must preserve our sacred Southern way of life at all costs. We must stand ready to die happily together with our beloved Nigras just as we have lived happily together with our beloved Nigras. Together in separate but equal fallout shelters."

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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

May 31, 1953 (Sunday) A total of 28,540 Jackson county residents voted in the last general election and still maintain their legal right to vote, according to tabulations in the county clerks office.

Purchase of Silver Crest dairy, Ashland, from Joe Sinko, has been announced by Jorgen E. Jorgensen, owner of Jorgensen's dairy.

20 YEARS AGO

May 31, 1943 (Monday) First Lt. Martin Luther, Talent, receives air medal for "exceptional aerial performance" in the Tunisian campaign.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Snudge Pot" column: "Congress will soon take its first vacation in three years. They have earned rest — and some of their more critical constituents think that is all."

30 YEARS AGO

May 31, 1933 (Wednesday) Total of 146 Medford High school senior receive diplomas at 40th annual commencement exercises.

Mrs. R. E. Green named chairman for Medford area Girl Scouts.

40 YEARS AGO

May 31, 1923 (Thursday) Prince G. Callison, former University of Oregon star, named Medford athletic coach.

Campaign opens here to get enough enlistments to bring National Guard up to full strength for annual encampment.

50 YEARS AGO

May 31, 1913 (Saturday) Jackson County Clerk Gardner appoints registrars for each precinct in county.

Glenn Conwell, Medford, elected first vice president of Southern Oregon Epworth league at convention at Ashland.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Did Casey hit a home run, or did he strike out? 2. If you travel on the earth until your watch registers two hours fast, have you been going eastward or westward?

3. Did St. Paul visit Bithynia and Egypt? 4. In which chain of islands are Kiska and Attu?

5. What national business organization did Eric Johnston serve as President? 6. Name the character in Greek mythology who fell in love with his own reflection in a pool.

7. Quetzalcoatl was a god of what people? 8. There are no mosquitoes in Alaska; true or false?

9. What did Little Jack Horner eat? 10. By what nickname is Portland, Oregon known?