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Maverick as Legislator

How must a single member of the Legislature — a good one, who worked hard and voted his convictions and did not participate in any of the acrimony and silly business that went on — how must he feel now that the session is over?

As one political writer who covered the entire session pointed out: "All (members) will be painted with the same tarbrush and all will have to overcome the headlines which almost daily for 142 days of dissention, division and indecision."

In addition they will have to swallow down editorial criticisms which accurately characterized the session at less than good. THIS, sadly, is one of the crosses of a good legislator who served in a bad session.

In individual contacts, and perhaps in other ways, our "good legislator" can explain that he worked long, hard hours, listened to the voices of his constituents, voted his conscience, and did not participate in the personal and partisan hanky-panky which marred the general image of the 52nd Legislative Assembly.

At the same time, he must, willy-nilly and deserved or not, assume his share of the collective responsibility for the sins of commission and omission performed in the name of the people.

IN OUR view, the sins of omission were greater than the sins of commission. The legislature failed to provide realistic amounts of money needed for an adequate support of a number of state services, most notably higher education and public health.

It showed its distrust of the people of the state by (1) rejecting a proposed new Constitution and thus preventing it from coming to a vote of the people, and (2) by failing to let the people vote on a tax program which would provide more adequate funds, and at the same time ease some of the almost-prohibitive burdens of the present property and income tax levels.

Beyond these, the major sins of omission, the Legislature purely and simply made an offensive display of itself, and this although qualified observers say that, INDIVIDUALLY, its members were among the most diligent, conscientious and hard-working in years.

DOUGLAS MCKEAN, political editor of the Oregon Journal, blames the shoddy performance on three major factors. They are: 1. The lack of real party organization or party discipline — which is, of course, traditional in Oregon.

2. The almost unlimited right to introduce bills and then the policy of almost unlimited hearings. 3. The violently disruptive effect of the fight over workmen's compensation.

These reasons cited by McKean are interesting, and in part, we believe, true. But they do not tell the whole story. He says the "lack of leadership" frequently attributed for the Legislative mess doesn't bear up under examination; that the Speaker, the President and the Governor all are good leaders, but that the "strongly individualistic" caliber of the 90 men and women prevented them from exercising it.

THIS is true, also in part. But there's more to it than that. A good leader does more than get himself into a position to lead: he leads. And if some of the trouble was differences between the three top officials concerned with Legislative action, much more of it was from the refusal of individual members, and in some cases whole committees, to go along, as they would under more forceful and effective leadership.

But perhaps the key criticism of the whole session is that involving self-discipline. Politics is the art of the possible, and the possible is achieved through compromise. No legislator is elected solely as a representative of his constituents; he also is obligated to see that his representation is made effective.

An occasional maverick is to be cherished in any legislative group. But, given a majority of mavericks, chaos results. And it did.—E. A.

"Time" on Kazantzakis
A book which has been circulated by the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County, entitled "The Last Temptation of Christ," has been assailed by some few citizens of the county as sacrilegious — some say "lewd" — and they have demanded that it be thrown out of the library.

One wonders how many of the critics have read, and if they have, have understood, the book. Some even have accused the author, Nikos Kazantzakis, of pro-Communist leanings.

"Huh — Time Already?"



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Burn the Books; Ban the Authors
To the Editor: Book-burning? Yes, I believe in book-burning. Every state in this country had an obscenity law until the Warren court became the "Law of the Land."

These so-called psychologists are the ruin of our kids and the country. The paper reported that one came before our Legislators and told them that none of them were eligible to decide about obscenity. There was no report of any black eyes.

Book burning? Yes, books that pull men and women down to the level of animals should be burned and the authors banned from society. The editor said that reading does not harm anyone. Even said those quotes by Mrs. Black from that book about Jesus Christ would not corrupt anyone. I don't agree with anything he said either in that article or other statements about books.

Our reading has made us a bunch of sheep from all the co-existence slush we've had fed to us in 24 hour doses by radio, TV and newspapers. Our ships were fired on and taken into custody the other day and as far as I know they are still there. In Vietnam, our boys were shot down by the Reds and our boys were under orders not to shoot. As Khrushchev says "We can split in their eye and they call it dew."

Some young people are living together without benefit of marriage. Any that won't are called "chickens." Rapes, attacks, mugging are increasing by leaps and bounds. Yet, these filthy books have no effect, according to our esteemed scholars of today. UNESCO has books in some schools that have been banned from the Armed Forces. The reading list of the National Council of Churches for the young people is an abomination.

It's time somebody woke up. Time for parents to start reading even the first grade books. They should also see the movies shown to their children especially in the name of science. Yes, we have obscenity laws yet. Enforced? Ah! No. Ella Powell Box 821 Central Point, Ore.

Learning Truth
To the Editor: Thelma Carson wrote, with reference to mine of the 21st: "Let us take a closer look at this orthodox definition of truth. Eternal and infinite are material conceptions of unlimited time and space."

Since when does orthodoxy have a monopoly on such words as eternal and infinite? How can they possibly denote limitation? If there is such a thing as a material conception as applied to the act of conceiving an idea in the mind, I have yet to see one.

I did not "define" Truth. Such a feat would be like trying to catch light in a butterfly net. Truth, in its highest sense, defies definition. The Infinite Force, the Causeless Cause, Supreme Intelligence or God, is the Ultimate Truth — that subtle Essence that is in all, through all, as all, Jesus said, "I am the Truth," not referring to Jesus the man, but Jesus the Christ, who was one with God.

Miss Carson also objected to the word "changeless." Is not God (Truth) the same yesterday, today, tomorrow? Eternal, changeless and infinite are the best words I know whereby anything of the nature of Truth may be conveyed.

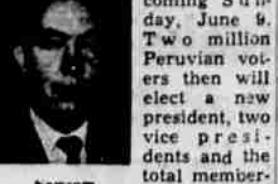
I was misquoted by Miss Carson. I did not say "so how can anyone expect to know the whole of it?" Truth will be known eventually, for that is our destiny. It won't be learned through mental processes, but discerned through inner revelation. The finite mind cannot comprehend that which is infinite; the former is of the third dimension, which is mental, and the latter of the fourth, which is spiritual.

Contrary to Miss Carson's suggestion, Truth is not dual, but one indivisible whole. Man has sought out some of its principles, by means of which he has brought forth wondrous manifestations. God provided; double-minded man divided. His many various and variable concepts of Truth make it appear to have countless changeable aspects.

Regarding the word "supernatural," it was Prof. Oberth, not I, who used it. Actually, that which we call the supernatural is the natural not fully understood. Jesus understood more of Universal Law than most of us at the present time; therefore, he could walk on the water. I said "most of us" because there are some in the world now who can do the same. This shouldn't be too surprising, for didn't the Master say we would do the works that he did — and greater works?

Experiment in Democracy Due on Sunday In Peru, With New Presidential Election

By PHIL NEWSOM
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The South American country of Peru conducts an important experiment in Democracy this coming Sunday, June 9.



Two million Peruvian voters then will elect a new president, two vice presidents and the total membership of Congress after nearly a year of military rule. But this is not the only reason the election is important. It will also test the good intent of the military rulers who have promised that it will be free.

most controversial political character, Victor Raul Haya De La Torre. Haya De La Torre is a man with a Napoleonic face and figure who heightens his resemblance to the famous Corsican by brushing his forehead down over his forehead. As founder and leader of Peru's American Popular Revolutionary Action, or APRA, party, he spent years in exile and more years hiding out from Peruvian police in the Colombian Embassy in Lima. He is considered a leftist of the same school as President Romulo Betancourt of Venezuela and President Juan Bosch of the Dominican Republic.

After the elections, the military charged voting frauds and seized the government. This year Haya De La Torre once more is a candidate. In fact, all major candidates are the same as a year ago. The other two are Fernando Belaunde Terry, a professor of architecture and enthusiastic explorer of Peru's Andes mountains and jungles, and former President Manuel Prado. Belaunde heads the Popular Action Party and Prado's organization is called the Prado Union. Neither has anything like the organization of Haya De La Torre's APRA party, which enjoys strong support from labor.

Impartial observers in Peru say the military junta there has done a good job in preparing for the coming elections. A new election law has been written and is conceded to be non-discriminatory. A new registration of voters, with literacy a requirement, was carried out during the last year. In Lima late last March this correspondent interviewed all three major candidates and then submitted questions to Gen. Nicholas Lindley, head of the ruling Junta. Among the questions was one which asked if the Junta would permit Haya De La Torre to take office now if elected. The reply was non-committal. It said the question was "not pertinent" inasmuch as the Junta had made no statement on the subject. All three candidates are campaigning on platforms of anti-Communism and cooperation with the Alliance for Progress. Differences primarily are ones of detail.

In the Day's News

Well — After the longest session in its history, the Oregon legislature finally adjourns and its members head for home — probably grateful to get there after a session that is reminiscent of the quarrels of the famous Kilkenny cats. It was a rough go-around.

QUESTION: Wh. was the session so long? This answer occurs: The Legislators had raised their own salaries — rather considerably. Perhaps they felt that in view of the higher pay they ought to work longer.

ANOTHER question: A Were the legislators worthy of their greater hire? There will be differing opinions. But, at least, the 1963 Oregon legislature embarked on no new and fabulously expensive ventures. There is reason to hope that the Oregon budget will be balanced. That is something.

WHILE we are making up our minds as to whether the Oregon legislative session that has just ended was good or bad, let's talk about TOURISM, which is edging up toward Oregon's No. 2 industry? On that interesting subject, the San Francisco Chronicle said the other day: "San Francisco's reorganized and augmented Convention and Visitors Bureau... has set out to gain more visitors to San Francisco — more conventions and more tourists. The importance of its undertaking is suggested by the fact that 2,323,558 visitors came to San Francisco last year, and put 111,814,821 NEW DOLLARS into local circulation."

"When it is considered that each of these dollars turns over between ten and 20 times, tourism is seen to be already a billion dollar local industry."

WHAT of Oregon? We didn't do too badly up this way. DURING the 1962 tourist season, 9,225,558 out-of-state tourists, traveling in 2,804,660 automobiles, put 217,000,000 NEW DOLLARS into local circulation in Oregon. If each of these NEW DOLLARS turned over only five times, it means to use the Chronicle's economic reasoning that in Oregon tourism is ALREADY a billion dollar industry.

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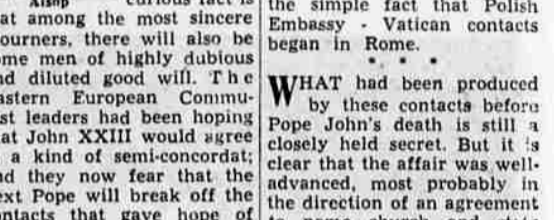
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Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop
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THE COMMUNIST MOURNERS
Washington — Pope John is mourned by Catholics, Protestants, and Jews — by all men of good will without distinction of belief. This was a saintly man, no less good because earthy and humorous, whose goodness all men could be sure about. This was a curious fact that among the most sincere mourners, there will also be some men of highly dubious and diluted good will. The Eastern European Communist leaders had been hoping that John XXIII would agree to a kind of semi-concordat; and they now fear that the next Pope will break off the contacts that gave hope of agreement.



Politically as well as religiously, these Communist-Vatican contacts have been one of the most interesting and startling features of the remarkable reign of Pope John. Too much attention has been concentrated, however, on the superficial events like the Roman visit of Nikita S. Khrushchev's son-in-law, Alexei Abzhubel.

THE development of real importance, which the Vatican and the church hierarchy did not initiate, was the discussion of ways to regularize the extremely troublesome church-state relations in countries with huge, devout Catholic populations and Communist governments, notably Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia.

The discussions, wholly informal, carefully kept behind the scenes, never characterized as negotiations, began with a feeler put out by the Communist party hierarchy of Poland to the "other Polish government," the Catholic hierarchy headed by the great, wise, and courageous Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński.

Anyone who has spent a single Sunday in Poland — anyone who has seen the young men and boys kneeling in great crowds on the sidewalks at the doors of the overfilled churches — knows the Polish church's potential power. Cardinal Wyszyński has been content to use that power to defend the church's religious freedom and freedom to teach the young.

IN PRACTICE, the foundation for a sort of church-state agreement was well-laid some time ago, when the practice grew up of submitting the names of new bishops to the civil government before their installation. As churchmen rather than politicians have always been nominated, there has been

no real trouble about the Polish bishopric; but there has been much friction about religious teaching in the schools. Apparently the great Polish Cardinal believed that both the church and the Polish people would gain by a regularized church-state relationship in Poland, which would tend to prevent friction over religious teachings and other difficulties that have arisen from time to time.

The proof that Cardinal Wyszyński did not object is the simple fact that Polish Embassy-Vatican contacts began in Rome. WHAT had been produced by these contacts before Pope John's death is still closely held secret. But it is clear that the affair was well-advanced, most probably in the direction of an agreement to name church and state representatives who would be charged with negotiating out any subsequent church-state differences.

Proofs that the affair was well-advanced are fairly numerous. Cardinal Wyszyński's visit to Rome, to talk about the problem with Pope John and the members of the Papal curia, was one such proof. Another was the visit of Franziskus Cardinal Koenig, Primate of Vienna, to Budapest, with the aim of ending the long seclusion of Jozef Cardinal Mindszenty in the American Legation there. Until recently, at least, Cardinal Koenig was also supposed to make an early visit to Prague, to meet with Archbishop Josef Beran, Primate of Czechoslovakia. The obvious purpose was to talk with Archbishop Beran about extending to Czechoslovakia an agreement already planned to cover Hungary as well as Poland.

ALL THIS, moreover, was very much on the mind of Pope John, even on his death bed. One of those admitted to see him, by the Pope's own request, was the Primate of the Ukraine, Archbishop Sliypyi. Archbishop Sliypyi's release from Russia was another recent development in the changing pattern of Vatican relations with the Communist governments. This changing pattern has no doubt shocked a great many worldly people in this country, not to mention the more conservative members of the Papal curia. But neither the Cardinals of the curia nor the Americans who are comparably shocked have had anything like the same opportunity to form a correct judgment as Cardinal Wyszyński has had. Pope John, on the other hand, was evidently content to take the opinion of this great Polish churchman, leader and patriot.

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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
June 6, 1953 (Saturday)
The 80th annual convention of the Oregon State Grange will open Monday at the Medford High school; some 1,500 Grangers are expected for the event.

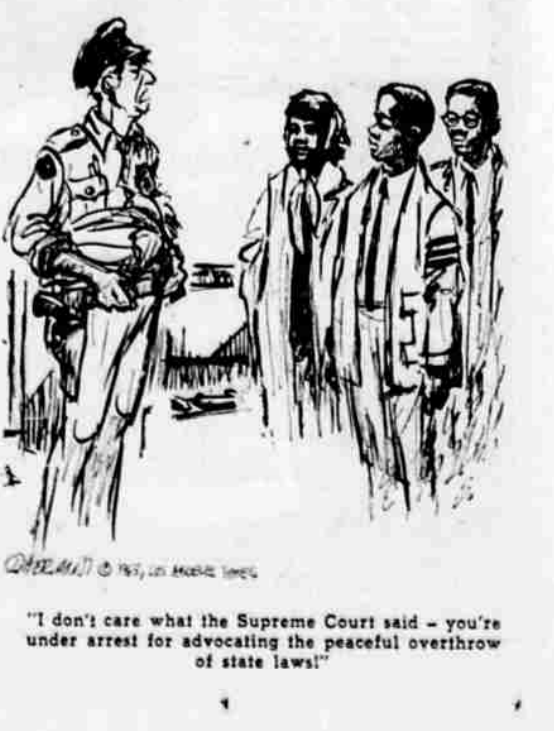
20 YEARS AGO
June 6, 1943 (Sunday)
Medford delegation of 24 boys slated to leave for Oregon State college to take part in annual American Legion Beaver Boys state.

30 YEARS AGO
June 6, 1933 (Tuesday)
Local National Guardsmen preparing for annual trip to Camp Clatsop. Ben Harrell, Medford, graduated from West Point.

40 YEARS AGO
June 6, 1923 (Wednesday)
Marketing of local pear crop expected to be handicapped by shortage of labor. Jackson county schools close for summer.

50 YEARS AGO
June 6, 1913 (Friday)
Chandler Egan, Medford, to play Chick Evans, Chicago, in series of golf matches between coast and midwest standouts. "Many fast horses" in training at Jackson county fairgrounds.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. After which King were the Philippines named?
2. Ermine, the fur of royalty, comes from which animal?
3. Magnitude is a term used to express what characteristic of a star?
4. Which of these is a kind of bread: cheddar, pumpernickel, hohensollars vodka?
5. During WW II which army used Tiger Tanks?
6. Is the percentage of silver in the U. S. silver dollar about 40, 50, 70 or 90?
7. Is the alcoholic content of beverages greater when expressed by weight or by volume?
8. The Lincoln Memorial building in Washington, D.C., contains the tomb of Abraham Lincoln; true or false?
9. In which city is the Army's record storage facility located?
10. Do diesel engines have spark plugs?
Answers: 1. King Philip II of Spain. 2. Siam. 3. Relative brightness. 4. Pumpernickel. 5. German Army. 6. 90. 7. Volume. 8. False. 9. St. Louis, Mo. 10. No.



"I don't care what the Supreme Court said — you're under arrest for advocating the peaceful overthrow of state laws!"