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Morgan as Candidate

Howard Morgan, it has been aptly said, is a tough guy in a Brooks Bros. suit. You also will be hearing his name more, rather than less. He's quite a guy. He put himself through college by operating heavy equipment on construction jobs in the summer, for one thing. He was elected president of the college student body, as another hint. He has been a member of the legislature, state Democratic central committee chairman, state Public Utilities Commissioner, successful rancher, and member of the Federal Power Commission. He will soon return to Oregon.

THE reason his name will be heard more is because Howard Morgan is a fighter and a politician. Both are so ingrained in his personality that it is odds-on that he won't be able to stay out of the political arena. And he has admitted he is mulling over the idea of running for Governor in 1966. If he does run, it won't all be a down-hill pull. Morgan has some things going for him. He has a vivid personality. He is articulate. He has guts. He has a unified and well-thought-out philosophy of government. He has stamina—both physical and psychic. And he wears no man's collar.

BUT there are also some adverse factors. During his career he's stepped on a lot of toes. He (and former State Sen. Monroe Sweetland) built the state Democratic party into a force in this state, after many years of Republican domination and control. In the course of doing so, he bloodied the noses of a lot of Old Guard, many of whom are still around. He has few friends in the Republican party, for, as noted, he's a vigorous fighter. He has even managed to alienate many of the "modern" Democrats, supporters of President Kennedy, by reason of the blistering letter he wrote the President declaring he did not wish to be reappointed to the Federal Power Commission.

SO IT MAY look, at this juncture, that there are just too many things running against Morgan for him to make a successful and state-wide run for office. But it would be a sad mistake for anyone to count him out of this race, or out of politics. And it is being predicted freely in the state's press—a prediction with which we fully concur—that if and when he does run for office in the state, it will be a memorable campaign. Morgan is probably without equal in Oregon, except only for Sen. Wayne Morse, for punch and clarity in speaking. ONE final item may work against him. It is the fact that, due to his background and training and experience, he is apt to base much of his campaign on opposition to the state's utility companies—principally the railroads and power companies. If we read the temper of the times correctly, this is no longer the issue that it was a decade or two ago. By and large the state's electrical utilities have won public approval and acceptance. And the railroads, by eliminating passenger service, have removed themselves from the area of majority public concern. What's done is done. But if Morgan can either find an issue with more punch, or can enliven this one into a matter of public concern again, he will be a candidate to be reckoned with.—E.A.

Eclipse Coming

Prior to next Saturday, when the Medford area will be favored with a partial eclipse of the sun, our acquaintance with such a phenomenon was limited to viewing a partial eclipse in about 1928 or 1929, and to reading Mark Twain's "Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court." Thus, we look forward to the event. But there is a note of extreme caution being sounded by those with a professional concern for people's eyes. It is extremely dangerous to view an eclipse, and unless proper precautions are taken it can lead to blindness—ranging from partial and temporary to complete and permanent.

ONE professional group goes so far as to suggest that people stay indoors during the eclipse, and later view it in pictures. Or, they say, if one must look at it, do so ONLY through a double thickness of photographic film which has been fully exposed and developed to a maximum density. Another safe way is to get two sheets of white cardboard, punch a pin-hole in one, and let the image of the eclipse shine through onto the other. Size of the image can be varied by changing the distance between the two pieces of cardboard.

ECLIPSES, once the source of mystery and awe and superstition, are nothing but a "mere matter of celestial mechanics," as Royce Brier points out in the San Francisco Chronicle. They have been known and predictable for some thousands of years in China. Astronomers now can predict to the second when and where they will occur. Brier adds: "If one ever arrives an hour late, we're in more trouble than you ever imagined." This is true, for it would mean a major foul-up in the clockwork of the solar system, and we'd probably all be dead and gone long before. Eclipses of the moon are much more commonplace than eclipses of the sun. So it is natural to want to observe a solar eclipse. But remember: Be careful!—E.A.



Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop
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THE PRACTICAL POLICY-MAKERS Washington—A great deal can be learned from the episodes of Gov. Averell Harriman's send-off on his potentially important mission to Moscow. The main episode was the two meetings at the White House—the first a formal session of the National Security Council on Tuesday, and the second a long talk with the President alone on Wednesday, when Governor Harriman was given his final instructions. On both occasions, Harriman was told, in the current jargon, "to play it cool."

INSTEAD, the most notable Soviet-Western episode of the Kennedy administration has been the Cuban crisis, which ended well enough but was not exactly a good augury for the future. But now, in contrast, it really does seem to be possible (though far from certain) that a real turning-point is at hand. Even if Harriman merely brings home an agreement to ban nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in outer space, and underwater, this will be a major event. As previously pointed out in this space, such an agreement, if obtained, will be the first Soviet-Western accord since the Austrian state treaty over eight years ago. Governments, like people, tend to overexcitement when they have been waiting for a break for a long time, and suddenly have reason to hope that the long-awaited break is coming. There have been some signs of this kind of overexcitement in Washington; and this was why the Security Council collectively, and the President individually, emphasized the importance of "playing it cool."

TO BE more specific, some policy-makers have wanted to seize the opportunity to open negotiations with the Soviets on all sorts of subjects, even including the status of West Berlin. A few others have been eager that the Harriman mission should lead on to a summit meeting; and there has been strong pro-summit pressure from London, where the British government is feeling its usual pre-election pangs of summititis. In stead, Governor Harri-



Why can't we read editorials in the summer like TV programs? People are too busy playing to think anyway!



A LARGE BARGE AND YOU, CLEO BABY

It is true that the hip bone connects to the seat bone and you won't forget it after sitting through more than four hours of "Cleopatra." Someone once said that there has never been a statue erected in the memory of a critic. If this is true, then here's where I shoot my chances for a statue right down the old tube. Please understand that I'm fond of Elizabeth, I like Richard and I tolerate asp. However, I think it's possible that writer-director Joe Mankiewicz erred in adding anyone to this talented boy-meets-girl-meets-snake little theater group. This you can best decide for yourself when you see it at your favorite neighborhood theater or when you view it in a few years on "Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Nights At The Movies" on TV.

I somehow had the feeling that this whole thing was the result of a high school principal calling in the drama coach and saying, "This year we're going to have a little bigger budget for the annual opera. Let's see what you can do with \$40,000." Because there are so many extras and so much action, you're probably going to miss something important if you don't know what to look for. With this in mind, I'd like to alert you to a few things you might otherwise miss. In one of the opening scenes, I felt a lump in my throat (it later turned out to be a piece of popcorn instead of an emotion) as Cleopatra is selling Girl Scout cookies to help her go to camp with the rest of the girls. The actual camp scene was left on the cutting room floor because it didn't appear expensive enough. Early in the picture (about 60 squirms) someone presents Julius Caesar with a big cookie jar filled with nothing but his brother-in-law's head. Although this was a neat bit of early day merchandising, it has subsequently been proven that there wasn't much future in this type of packaging. Nothing much happens for another hour and a half until Cleopatra makes her triumphant entry into Rome. If you watch closely during this great scene, you will hear one of the slave bit players say to another: "George, I think I have a scorpion in the toe of my left sneaker."

IT MUST be added that the mere existence of the opportunity which Governor Harriman will try to seize in Moscow is also a rather impressive proof that the Kennedy team are practical policy-makers. What is impressive is the combination of tempting mistakes that have been avoided and judicious initiatives taken at the right time. The main mistake that has been avoided—and its avoidance really deserves high praise—is foolish official crowing about the Soviets' difficulties with the Chinese. For domestic political consumption, this would have been a pleasurable form of self-indulgence; but it also could have been fatal abroad. Then, too, the lines to Moscow have been kept patiently open. The decision to send Governor Harriman to Moscow, which was taken at a time when his mission looked fairly hopeless, was an extremely shrewd stroke. So was the choice of Harriman as the President's special emissary, for he has a standing in Moscow unlike that of any other Kennedy team member. As for the President's American University speech, insisting on the need to look at and talk with the Russians as human beings, it was solely the result of one of the Kennedy hunches. But it led on quite directly to Nikita S. Khrushchev's speech in Berlin, breaking, or seeming to break, the nuclear test log-jam. Altogether, in this instance and up to now, a good job has been done in the best way, quite quietly but very efficiently.

Severeid London—Responsible Englishmen, masters at criticizing their own institutions—and who fiercely resent criticism from foreigners—are getting weary with peeps of the sex- and security crisis. Daily servings of sex stories have the same effect as daily servings of pink champagne—the stomach rebels. Security is what interests them now. What they really want to find out is whether the accepted tradition of masterful British supersleuthing, fictionalized and enshrined in a succession of folk-heroes from hawk-eyed Sherlock Holmes to steely-eyed James Bond, 007, is itself a fiction. Editors and politicians who have been crying, "What's going on in this country?" now want to know if the supposed geniuses of MI5 know, themselves, what's going on in this country.

Reluctant admission by Macmillan's government that the man who tipped off the escaped British diplomat- traitors, Burgess and Maclean, was indeed another British diplomat, Harold Philby, although Macmillan himself once denied it—this has been the last straw. Whether it will break the back of the Conservative regime is uncertain. What is certain is an overwhelming demand for a renovation of the personalities, procedures and—this seems fundamental—the attitudes and values prevailing in British security services. Embattled authorities were pleased to have the television testimony of Mr. Allen Dulles, who said British security was efficient, but this will satisfy almost nobody here. The purpose of counter-intelligence is not just to catch spies, but to prevent their spying. Macmillan claimed the identification of Philby to be a security success, not a failure, to which the furious opposition retorts that the man, like Burgess and Maclean, not only got away with his spying but got away himself. If there is a gross slackness in British security, that concerns every government allied with Britain; what remedies shall be applied, and how, concern Britain alone. Her political procedures and traditions are very different from ours and what is appropriate in the context of Washington may not be appropriate or workable in the context of London. Whatever is done, we may be quite sure that nothing resembling a "witch hunt" is going to develop in Britain; guilt by simple accusation, which is essentially what happened to many Americans in the McCarthy period, is not likely to get out of hand. Nor would a British policeman, even one

GREAT IDEAS... From the Great Books By Mortimer J. Adler

MERCY KILLING Dear Dr. Adler: The introduction of the drug thalidomide brought to focus many cases of mercy killing, abortions, and infanticide. Author Giandolfo Williams tells us, however, that mercy killing and infanticide were practiced by the ancient Greeks and Romans as a matter of course for population control. What do the great authors have to say about these practices, especially mercy killing? Mrs. Frank A. Mabius 1219 Washington Ave. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Mabius: "I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked, nor suggest a ny such counsel." This pledge is part of the ancient Oath of Hippocrates, which is still taken by medical graduates today. Clearly this forbids so-called "mercy killings" by a physician. However, the medical profession today faces the question of whether the prolongation of life benefits a patient suffering from an incurable, malignant, and painful disease. In the advanced stages of cancer, for instance, modern means of medication may keep a patient alive for awhile longer, though often in a state where he lacks consciousness and will, and at the cost of great mental and financial strain on his family. Would it be professionally, ethically, and legally right for a physician in such a case to let nature take its course, and aside from easing pain, not to interfere with what would happen inevitably, anyway? As far as the law is concerned, administering a deadly drug to an incurably sick patient is murder. However, according to the "Encyclopaedia Britannica," "a physician may lawfully decide not to prolong life where there is extreme suffering; and he may administer drugs to relieve pain, in the increasing doses necessary to overcome habituation, even though he knows that this may shorten the patient's life."

As far as ethics is concerned, he would request NO FURTHER truce. WHAT of the communist ruckus? This statement in a Moscow dispatch Thursday morning seems to offer a hint of what may be in the air in the big communist dispute: "Knowledgeable communist sources in Moscow said today it seemed that the two sides realize the pointlessness of the present negotiations and are anxious to call them off, but neither side wants to take the blame for any breakdown."

WHICH is to say: Neither Peking nor Moscow wants to give the appearance of having CHICKENED OUT. What both sides need is somebody who can provide an out that will save the faces of both sides.

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

10 YEARS AGO
July 14, 1953 (Tuesday)
An Illinois Valley grocer fell to his death Sunday afternoon in an accident at Crater Lake National park.

20 YEARS AGO
July 14, 1943 (Tuesday)
Mail Tribune, in need of carriers, calls on girls. From Arthur Ferry's "Ye Smudge Poles" column: "No stamens has yet come forward with a plan to centralize the official muddling at Washington, D.C., with an Office of Bum Guessing."

30 YEARS AGO
July 14, 1933 (Friday)
Surplus cherries of valley crop sold to CCC camps. Phoenix and Lake Creek Grangers plan picnic.

40 YEARS AGO
July 14, 1923 (Saturday)
JN Curtis plane does going business taking up citizens at \$3 a ride. First loganberries sell at \$1 per crate in Portland.

50 YEARS AGO
July 14, 1913 (Monday)
F. E. Jordan pays \$12,000 for 120-acre ranch at Brownsboro. Five divorce cases come before circuit court at Jacksonville.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. In golf, is a birdie a hole in one stroke less than par or two less than par?
2. How many angles or sides are in a heptagon?
3. Name the author of the novel, "All Quiet On The Western Front."
4. Is a curfew a bird, insect, or mammal?
5. Complete the saying: "Impaled on the horns of a d..."
6. What is a claw-hammer coat?
7. An odometer is an instrument which measures odors, distances, or electrical currents?
8. To be elected U. S. President, a citizen must be at least 25, 30, or 35 years of age?
9. A grandmother clock is a miniature grandfather clock; true or false?
10. "Golden State" is the nickname for which State?
Answers: 1. One less. 2. Seven. 3. Erich Maria Remarque. 4. Bird. 5. "dilemma." 6. Dress (tail) coat. 7. Measures distances. 8. Thirty-five. 9. Trus. 10. California.

Elmore Purchases Lot For Office Building
Harry Elmore, former owner of Elmore Trailer Villa, has purchased property at Crater Lake ave. and Stevens st., formerly known as Kinney's Korner. Elmore said he plans to erect a one-story office and store building for lease. Sale of the property and leasing arrangements were handled by Keith Bates, realtor, 133 North Grape st., Medford.