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Birmingham on a Patio

When the wind stops even for an instant, these are the good and golden days on the hill. These are the days - when the wind stops - for sitting in the patio, for bathing in the soft air, for smelling growing grass seasoned with a trace of hickory barbecue smoke, for watching roses and carnations riot with calendulas. The other evening before sunset, my three friends and I sat in the patio after a good dinner, musing more than talking, sharing thoughts as well as words. There are times like this during the American Weekend when the phrase, "standard of living," ceases to imply a statistic and becomes a poem.

INTO THIS WORLD of well-being, this warm, ordered world, a neighbor's radio dropped one word - "Birmingham." A distressed word, a trouble-word to my friends and me who have worked so hard to put trouble out of our lives. We belong to the Automobile Club, we plan ahead with our insurance agent, we take Salk vaccine. But we don't know what to do about Birmingham.

We are reasonable, tolerant people. We disapprove of the way the South treats the Negro. (We don't usually talk of Negroes. We talk about the Negro.) But it has been drilled into us as an article of faith that it takes two to make a fight. Is Martin Luther King really doing the best thing for his people? Is he a troublemaker?

ON THE OTHER hand, haven't freedom-makers always been troublemakers? There was Crispus Attucks - even John Adams said he was a troublemaker.

Crispus Attucks was a Negro. He is also known as the first man to die in the American Revolution - killed by the British in the Boston Massacre of 1770. A statue of this troublemaker stands on Boston Common.

A funny war, the American Revolution, in which a Negro was the first martyr, while no Alabamans or Mississippians fought at all. Makes you wonder whose country this is, anyway?

In our warm patio, the word "Birmingham" is dropped, sending out little ripples of troubled thought amongst us. Is it right to stick our noses into Birmingham?

WE HAVE ALWAYS been plagued by outsiders sticking their noses into our fights. The Marquis de Lafayette, Baron von Steuben, Tom Paine, were outside troublemakers like Dick Gregory and Martin Luther King. For that matter, what was George Washington, a Virginian, doing up in Massachusetts leading the Rebels and sticking his nose into the internal affairs of that colony?

Yes, but shouldn't the Negro have more patience? Aren't more and more doors being opened to him every day? And what about using children in demonstrations and plotting civil disobedience in churches? I am told it isn't the closed doors that hurt, but the ones that open and then are closed when it is seen who knocks.

"Have you ever had a car door slammed on your hand?" my informant said. "Imagine that it was your soul instead of your hand."

THE AMERICAN Revolution was plotted in churches. And that song they sing in the Negro churches in Birmingham - "Go Down, Moses." Wasn't the freedom march of the Israelites pretty hard on the children of Egypt?

So we sit and frown on the patio while spring burns bright on the hillside and the questions ripple out and are lost. We have no answers. We are not troublemakers, my friends and I.

We are not freedom-makers. We are skilled and discriminating freedom-consumers. - Bob Wells in the Long Beach, (Calif.) Independent-Press Telegram.

A Moral Issue

We have been hearing some criticism of those clergymen who have been marching in protest to the injustices that are being done to Negroes. We neither understand nor like the criticism that goes, "That's not their proper business. They shouldn't be getting into politics. Serves them right if they get tossed into jail!"

As President Kennedy said in his special message to the nation on the civil rights issue, it is a moral issue. Because of the nature of the issue nothing could be more proper than for the clergy to protest mistreatment of some of God's children, to dramatize their dedication to God's words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

WE CANNOT understand how a n o n e can condone, either politically or morally, the wrongs that are being done to a group of citizens of the United States. We find beyond all understanding the man who calls himself a Christian and condones it.

How strange it would be if the clergy did not protest by all means available to them. Every person who identifies himself with Christian beliefs should not only expect the clergy to do this but should applaud the clergy for doing it.

This is something on which a Christian clergyman absolutely cannot equivocate. He cannot preach the teachings of Jesus Christ and then turn his back on those teachings when the time comes for him to stand up and be counted on a great moral issue that deeply involves all Christians. - J. W. Forrester Jr. in the East Oregonian, Pendleton.

"It's Not Only The Committee Room—The Whole Country Is Being Packed With Those Damned American Civil-Righters"



HERLOCK THE VENTURE PART

Communications Strictly Personal

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.

Socialism The Answer

To the Editor: What age awaits mankind? For your consideration we submit this answer: It will be the Age of Atomic Power and Automation. But whether these two far-reaching technological developments will be used to benefit or destroy the human race is a story the end of which is not yet known.

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IESOUS. The Greeks had to use an "O" or omicron, as it is known, in order to produce the right sound. They dropped the Hebrew "A" or ayin and added an "S" or sigma, all of which brought about the sounds and name of Yashua in the Greek.

Then came the Latin. At that time the Latin and Greek alphabets were very much alike. Their consonants were the same. They translated the Greek into Latin and brought over the name very much the same, IESUS leaving out the "O" that the Greeks added, but kept the "S" but still using the original sounds to produce Yashua.

During a period of time just before the English translated or just after it, the "I" was changed to a "J" and given a "Gee" sound to produce our modern day erroneous name of Jesus, which should be pronounced Yashua.

In closing I'll quote from Jer. 23:25-27, "I have heard what the prophets said, that prophecy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the hearts of the prophets of the deceits of their own heart? Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for (Baal) meaning LORD in English."

Any one desiring additional information feel free to call at my home or write to P.O. Box 801, Thomas N. Bostwick, 723 West 11th st., Medford.

Not in themselves," he shook his head. "The slum is a sub-culture, and few are able to climb out of it by their own efforts. If they get extra income, they use it to solidify their position in the slum, not leave it. The alleged values of the larger community strike them as phony."

With all of our modern inventions, our fine homes, advances in medical science, and new scientific advancement, we still stand with a great lack of love in our hearts for our fellow men. Our eyes have become dazzled and blinded by the tinsel and glitter of temporal things. Until we individually catch a vision of what our real task is, we will utterly fail.

From the pen of one of the world's most renowned religious writers I quote: "The true Christian's joys and consolation must and will be in heaven. The longing souls of those who have tasted of the powers of the world to come, and have feasted on heavenly joys, will not be satisfied with things of earth. Such will find enough to do in their leisure moments. Their souls will be drawn out after God. Where the treasure is, there will the heart be, holding sweet communion with the God they love and worship."

Being a Yauwist, I'm one of the privileged ones in helping to restore the sacred name of our Heavenly Father and His Son our savior back to its original place from whence man has obscured it. The modern concept of Jesus that the Christian world uses today is erroneous and is a misuse of the consonants Yashua, pronounced in English with the vowels added (Yahshua). When the Greeks translated the Hebrew scriptures into Greek the same consonants looked like this:

Foreign News: Laos 'Shock Wave'; Ban Talks Hopeful; De Gaulle Visit Rumored

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

home angrily determined to push the Laos war harder. British diplomats are cautiously optimistic that this week's talks with the Russians may open the way to a limited nuclear test ban. Khrushchev is believed in need of some success, and a partial nuclear test ban appeared the least costly commitment to which he could subscribe.

Shock Wave

Western diplomats in Vientiane, administrative capital of Laos, believe that regardless of the outcome of the Sino-Soviet confrontation in Moscow, the first shock waves will be left in Laos and will be unpleasant either way. If the Chinese win the argument against co-existence, they will have full Communist-bloc sanction to give more aid and direction to their Vietnamese and Pathet Lao cohorts in the "war of liberation" of Laos.

How It Looks To Moscow

Moscow also sees a reasonable hope for limited agreement on a nuclear test ban.

Chain Reaction

Through a curious chain reaction of international economics, the U.S. farmers' vote against wheat controls is going to help make it easier and cheaper for Communist China to purchase wheat. The vote is expected to result in more wheat on the world market, which will bring the price down. Other aspects of the story are that Australia and now France are aggressively joining Canada in the Chinese wheat market, and that China's own crops are expected to be better this year.

Trial Ballons

Recurring rumors of a planned trip by French President Charles de Gaulle to the United States in the fall may be French trial balloons to test Washington's reaction. Officials insist nothing is planned yet. But it is recalled that De Gaulle several weeks ago indicated he would be ready to go to Washington "at the appropriate time."

Our Two Parties In A Nutshell

By Arthur Hoppe

Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to another in the distinguished Nutshell Series of Lectures, designed for those who wish to be well-informed on the complex issues of the times, but who have television sets. Today's Nutshell Lecture is entitled: "Can Our Traditional American Two-Party System Survive—and Why?"

In a nutshell, the answer is a ringing "Yes!" Yes, our traditional American two-party system can survive. All four of them. Our four parties, as you know, are the Northern Democrats, who are for the Common Man and his votes; the Moderate Republicans, who are for the Common Man, but not too common; the Southern Democrats, who are for the Common Man as long as he's white; and the Conservative Republicans who are for the Common Man, and let's keep him that way.

And the grave danger our two-party system faces today, of course, is that Mr. Kennedy, a Northern Democrat with a Moderate Republican program, will run for re-election against Senator Goldwater, a Conservative Republican beloved by all Southern Democrats. Who, we must ask ourselves, will support whom?

Slums

Not long ago, I was talking with a teacher in Chicago, who had stubbornly remained in a school that lies deep within the slums. He was telling me about the attitude of most of the pupils. "When people talk about slum living," he said, "they think about poverty and crowded housing and shabby clothes. But poverty as such is not the real problem in the slums—because rural poverty, for instance, doesn't breed the kind of reactions you find in the city slums."

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our democratic institutions and processes comes from this increasing sub-culture, as our metropolitan complexes grow and rural communities decline. And if the so-called "good people" keep on deserting the cities for the suburbs, then the apparatus of city government will be increasingly controlled by the standards and values and felt needs of the sub-culture.

"Then what can we do?" I asked. "It's a complex and enormous problem," he said, "and it calls for attack on all fronts at once—economic and social and psychological and political. We can't treat delinquency as an isolated problem, or consider housing in a vacuum, or just change the school pattern around. These young people are growing up in an atmosphere that makes them think about poverty and crowded housing and shabby clothes. But poverty as such is not the real problem in the slums—because rural poverty, for instance, doesn't breed the kind of reactions you find in the city slums."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Mishmash in the news: The Kingfisher (Oklahoma) Chamber of Commerce has just voted to tell the U.S. Post Office Department that the town of Kingfisher DOESN'T want a new post office. Instead, it favors improvements on the present building that will cost only a fraction of the proposed \$110,000 new building.

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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
July 15, 1953 (Wednesday)
World championship stunt contest at Ashland Rodeo grounds, including Chitwood Daredevils, Dragon Drivers (Tokyo), and Circus of Death (Germany).

20 YEARS AGO
July 15, 1943 (Wednesday)
Mexican labor to be imported for pear harvest. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Roasting ears in season, and the social problem of how to eat them with social nonchalance, instead of ruggedly, with both elbows on the table confronting diners. There is nothing like a do-dad mustache moving back and forth in the traffic on a buttered cob."

30 YEARS AGO
July 15, 1933 (Friday)
Tampering with jury charged in fourth ballot theft trial. Gates & Lydiard, (Sixth st. and Central ave.) advertises cantaloupes, 5 cents each, Grape Nut Flakes, 9 cents per package, pineapple, No. 10 can, 39 cents.

40 YEARS AGO
July 15, 1923 (Saturday)
Ground broken for new Methodist church on West Main st. Valley creameries agree to raise price of butterfat to Portland price, less two cents per pound.

50 YEARS AGO
July 15, 1913 (Monday)
Work starts on Siskiyou Heights trolley line. Steel arrives for construction of Modoc bridge over Rogue river.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. What food product constitutes the largest of all our imports from Latin America?
2. Identify the county which never has defaulted on its W. W. I. debts to the U.S.
3. Addis Ababa is the capital of which African kingdom?
4. Does the word "hurache" mean a Mexican cockroach, sandal, or vehicle?
5. What part of a volt is a microvolt?
6. What was the name of Shakespeare's wife?
7. What is the interest cost per month on \$50 when the annual rate is 6 per cent?
8. Does the standard size typewriter keyboard have a total of 32, 36, or 42 keys?
9. Identify the gem that is the hardest.
10. Penguins are flightless birds; true or false?
Answers: 1. Coffee, 2. Finland, 3. Ethiopia, 4. Sandal, 5. 1,000,000th, 6. Ann Hathaway, 7. 25 cents per month, 8. 42, 9. Diamond, 10. True.



The idea of a March on Washington is ridiculous. Masses of people can't influence legislation, only lobbyists can!