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Bracero Program

Both Sen. Wayne Morse and Sen. Maurice Neuberger had points when they voted oppositely in the U. S. Senate on the question of extending the Mexican Farm Labor Act.

The measure, which is pending in the House, allows Mexican farm laborers to work in the United States.

For Oregon, the program is desirable. We happened to be with Senator Morse at one informal hearing with Medford pear growers in 1962, and know that testimony presented then and in subsequent meetings and correspondence showed conclusively that the so-called bracero system was vital to that area.

MEXICANS are available when needed, and they're fast and efficient. That is vital to a pear grower who must have his crop picked when it's exactly ready, and who must have pears without bruises or stem punctures to survive ship voyages to Eastern specialty markets.

The Medford area growers have no luck at all with domestic pickers. They get inadequate response to calls for pickers locally. Migrant workers who are mostly stoop pickers cannot always handle the tougher pear picking. And the winos from Portland, whom the Medford growers have to resort to upon occasion, are often worse than no pickers at all—unable to stay on the long, swaying ladders with heavy sacksful of pears on their backs (they seem to fall and get hurt the day picking ends, then go on State Industrial Accident insurance), or disappearing before even a half day's picking, and the bruises and stem punctures on the pears they do manage to pick can spoil whole boxesful in the hot hold of a ship.

Furthermore, the Medford people proved that Mexicans aren't by any means exploited; they make better money than domestic workers because they're more industrious and more skilled, and at piece rates their only limit is human endurance of which they have much.

ON the national scene, the picture is less clear-cut. There are probably more situations such as the one in Medford than are generally publicized. But it is also certain that braceros are exploited throughout the South at the expense of Americans who could do the work as well or better, as reports indicate.

Still, rather than to do away with a system which has real advantages, the welfare of all would be served best by improving it.

The bracero program has two virtues: Not only does it make good workers available to American agriculture, but also it provides needed jobs for our much poorer neighbors to the south. The fact that we allow Mexicans to earn money here is noted with considerable gratitude by the Mexican government — one of the key Latin American governments. Hemispheric relations of the United States benefit from this.

ONE addition we think should be made to this program, however, is better policing of the way Mexican workers are treated—something on a national scale similar to the migrant worker laws which Oregon has recently passed.

The other addition is a program of re-training for American field workers to move any surplus into more profitable enterprise, and to lay the groundwork for the day when very little, if any, hand work will be needed in the fields. At the rate we are mechanizing, field work is a dying occupation and those who are in it will have to turn elsewhere for sustenance.

Again, Oregon has shown the way in local communities by offering educational programs to migrant children to help them escape the treadmill they'd otherwise be trapped on. The U. S. could do something like this.

On balance, then, we hope to see the bracero program continued by House approval of the Senate bill, along with guarantees of better treatment of braceros where needed and help for American workers to find gainful employment. —Capital Press, Salem.

Four-Year Recess

Negro children in southern Virginia's Prince Edward County start their first formal education in four years when a private nonprofit corporation opens tuition-free classes for them on Monday, Sept. 16. The county deliberately closed all public schools in 1959 rather than comply with court-ordered desegregation. A "private" school system financed through state tuition grants has given the 1,300 white children a semblance of education since then.

But 1,700 Negro youngsters were left to shift for themselves.

THE plight of the Negro children so shocked the conscience of the nation that Virginia state officials and leaders cooperated with the Justice Department this year in forming the Prince Edward Free School Association, as the new privately financed group is called. Contributions of at least \$1 million will be needed to operate classes held in three leased public school buildings in two communities.

Teacher recruitment has proved no problem, with returning members of the Peace Corps proving one fruitful source. Their devotion and ability will be tested to the full. Children up to age 11 will be getting their first taste of schooling, and psychologists studying the situation found that some of them don't even know how to hold a pencil.—E.R.R.

'And Remember, Nothing Can Be Accomplished By Taking To The Streets'



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 initials 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.

The Law

To the Editor: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." (Matthew 7:12).

All practicing or professed Christians should memorize this verse and remember it when they talk about the Negro problem. The letter written by Margaret Abbott of Vancouver, Wash., sent in by Leila Morrow, is a very fine letter but it ignores the law given by Christ.

Can you put yourself in the place of a Negro and understand exactly how he feels? Would we white people want any other race to treat us the way some of us treat the Negro? I have been on the other side of the fence and know how it feels to be the underdog race. I went to school in Albuquerque, N. M., where there were seven white pupils and all the rest were Mexicans. We played right by the back door of the school. We were afraid to go out on the playground.

Margaret Abbott places the burden on the shoulders of the Negro. That is the easy way out for all of us, but it is not the right way. If things were reversed and you couldn't send your children to school, couldn't find a place to sleep, or eat when on a trip, couldn't move into a home you bought, just what would be your attitude? Maybe you would want to be the color or race of the people that oppressed you.

The Negro is not blameless and neither is the white man, but I think the black person is less responsible than the white. What we must do is try to put ourselves in their place and understand exactly how they feel. Can you do that? That is the law that Christ gave us. Creston McNeel 2987 Delta Waters rd. Medford.

Wants To Know

To the Editor: The news of today is filled with reports on the progress of school integration and we hear that numerous schools are making the change over peacefully. In fact nearly all except where Gov. Wallace is personally obstructing integration. This answers one question "Why all the furor?" Where the older folks have stayed out of the picture the students integrate peacefully.

It also brings up other questions which I will try to rationalize. If the whites are superior, what are they afraid of? Their actions give the lie to their contention and smacks of an inferiority complex.

How will sitting in a school or other public place with Negroes contaminate the whites? In the south and various other places it has long been the custom, very fashionable, to employ Negroes as servants in every capacity, especially in the household.

Now I will ask the price questions and sincerely desire a sound answer. How, possibly, can attending an integrated school or other public place contaminate these whites, whose stomachs are filled with food cooked and served by Negro hands? When they have been nursed and fondled since infancy by Negroes? When the clothes they wear have often been cleaned, pressed and sometimes been made by Negro hands?

If handling their food, nursing and bathing their bodies, handling and caring for their clothes and other close personal contact will not corrupt them, pray tell me how can co-mingling in school, theater or such public place, where actual contact is rare be so damaging, downgrading and dangerous? No, to me it all points to an

over inflated ego, which, when taken individual by individual, is no guarantee of basis in fact.

I write this without animosity and ask these questions to clear up certain lines of thought. I want to know. C. R. Burrill 834 1/2 Cherry st. Central Point, Ore.

Will It Help?

To the Editor: By his communication in the 9/5 Medford Mail Tribune our Secretary of State, Howell Appling, Jr., places before us wisdom of the sages, truths of and for all ages, in quotes from Judge Phil Gilliam of Denver.

Will those who need them read these truths, parent and child, yes, both? Will the reading help them, cause them to think, and do, the few little things suggested? They're all to benefit one's home and the doer.

Is a generation, or more, growing as a sort of wart, or worse, to torment society; maybe civilization? Is it a growth all the way from the too indulgent parent through community, city, county, state; a sort of national parasitic growth to encourage and support through all these agencies the providing of playthings for all ages of people even to going way beyond income to do it? Will Howell Appling's letter cause them to think, if read, of a possible time and condition when present lavish spending must stop? Live within means, or see more children resort to dishonest, maybe criminal practices to satisfy an abnormal craving for unneeded things: a time when they may have to do up keep of home, as suggested by Judge Gilliam—if one still has a home—not hire it done. One might think of a time when one could wish they had learned in advance how to do all these things strongly recommended by Judge Gilliam. How pleasant and helpful if learned in advance of necessity.

And if these playthings—amusement, pleasure, entertainment—are not available or provided by one or more of these several agencies, is petty juvenile thievery, damage to property, outbreaks of riotous practices, as at Seaside and elsewhere, to be the answer? John E. Gribble, 139 Kenwood ave., Medford.

The Picture

To the Editor: Attention! Calling all unregistered voters who are burned up over the outrageous, unfair, \$60 million income tax law now being crammed down our throats. Time is growing short. We will be going to the polls on this next October 15. Be sure you can cast your vote. Get registered NOW, before you forget.

Remember, this is a law all ready. If we fail to vote it down you will pay a healthy increase on your 1963 income tax next April. And even those who owe no tax at all will still have to pay a \$5 filing fee.

The big spenders in our state government are expected to put on an all out propaganda drive in favor of keeping this abominable tax law. They may try to frighten us by threatening to take this \$60 million out of our state school budget. In fact the very club they are expected to use to bludgeon us into paying the \$60 million is to threaten to stop running the school buses. This is the same old gag used so often in some school districts to get unnecessary, big fat budgets passed.

What is this \$60 million really for, anyway? J. Francyl Howard, the heroic Albany editor who headed our recent referral petition drive to get this thing on the ballot, writes in the August 9, 1963 issue of his paper, "Greater Oregon." "The people, who have been voting new, big budgets which have

Foreign News: Non-Aggression Treaty Seen Unlikely; European Auto Price War

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Notes from the foreign news cables:

No Deal

Diplomats in Paris see no real likelihood of the West taking up Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev seriously on his plan for a non-aggression treaty between NATO and the Warsaw Pact countries. Although the NATO council is spending long hours discussing the project, the French are adamantly opposed and West Germany is extremely cool. Diplomats expect the whole project ultimately to be talked to death.



holstery — formerly expensive extras — before car-happy show visitors. Volkswagen is cutting the price of its 1,500 model, which is being threatened in the marketplace by Ford's 1,500-cc, 50-hp machine. Auto industry experts say other major European car builders may have to match these leaders in cutting prices and making concessions.

Inflation Fight President Charles de Gaulle's government will announce plans next Thursday to fight the inflation which is threatening to undermine the whole image of the prosperous new Gaullist France. The plans probably will include a modest credit squeeze, a crimp in installment buying — particularly of automobiles — attempts to control speculation in real estate, and ceiling prices on key foodstuffs.

Presidential Ambitions Vice President Manuel Pelaez has his eye set on being the next president of the Philippines and, according to Filipino political sources, his chances are good. The sources say Philippine President Diosdado Macapagal gave Pelaez his big chance — though not intentionally — when he linked Pelaez with American businessman Harry S. Stonehill who was deported from the Philippines last year. The sources say that Pelaez, once a loyal supporter of Macapagal, now feels he is his own man and is free to pursue his own political ambitions.

Diplomatic Recognition Look for East Germany to try to cash in on the continuing bad feelings Pakistan feels towards the United States. U. S. Under-Secretary of State George Ball

Opening of school. Hagler stated, always constitutes a problem for the officers enforcing the dog control ordinance, but restrictions will be enforced as much as possible with a staff of three men, including himself.

School grounds will be patrolled, as usual, the officer said. Increased emphasis in this field was also promised by the Jackson county court Monday.

"The dog control officer has orders to pick up any stray dogs he sees without waiting for complaints," members of the court said.

Areas under the county dog control ordinance are Medford, Ashland, Precincts 57, 58B, 68A and 68, which surrounds the city of Jacksonville; Central Point, Rogue River, Eagle Point and Butte Falls.

The dog control office is open seven days a week and the office has alphabetical and numerical files on all licensed dogs in the county, Hagler said. He asked that persons finding dogs mediately call the office immediately and the name of the owner with the address will be supplied.

Econ-O-Wash Vending Machine Broken Into Medford city police investigated two cases of breakage in automatic vending machines in the city over the week end.

Three machines at Econ-O-Wash, 918 King st., were broken into sometime Saturday. Officers reported about \$14 in change was missing.

A soft drink machine at a service station at 1068 South Riverside ave. was broken into sometime Saturday night. No estimate of the loss was available, officers said.

There is a deep lesson here, if only we would begin learning it. Anger and aggressiveness come from fear; and fear comes from strangeness. The only element that had changed in this whole accident pattern was the mutual recognition that the other was no stranger.

Hiding within our elaborate mechanization of civilization is the primitive fear of the alien, the outsider, the barbarian from the other end of the forest.

When an emotional crisis strips off our mask of civility, we snarl and bare our fangs at the savage who has shocked, alarmed or angered us.

Except in rare cases, it is difficult to dislike someone you know, and it is almost impossible to treat him with the hostility you might exhibit toward a stranger.

For, knowing someone, however slightly, means making some kind of identification with him, and thus recognizing that he is not a dangerous foreigner but a man pretty much like yourself.

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went to Pakistan last week to try to keep Pakistan from drifting closer to Red China — a move generated largely by Pakistan's anger over continued U. S. arming of India, which it considers a greater threat than the Communist Chinese. Ball failed to win any assurances. Working on President Mohammad Ahub Khan's general displeasure with the West the Reds have been working to solidify

age Lands." But I hesitate to publish it for fear my fellow anthropologists will hoot me down as a charlatan. Nor could I blame them. The conclusion is unbelievable.

For I had the extreme good fortune to observe with my own civilized eyes the Weird Annual Foreign Aid Sacrifice of the Solons, one of the many indigenous native tribes of Washington and one of the most primitive.

This strange sacrifice is held each summer, concurrent with the hop harvest, in the Solons' well-guarded compound atop the strategic heights of Capitol Hill. The rites last many days. They begin when the Kennedys, a numerous tribe dwelling in the flatlands, offer the Solons the victim, which is always called "Foreign Aid."

What happens next is perhaps most reminiscent of "the death by a thousand cuts" as practiced by the Blackfoot, the Sioux and the Hottentots of West Madagascar. But more blood-curdling.

"Foreign Aid" is first sent to one end of the compound where the Representatives or lower-class natives dance furiously around it for days, waving mystic papers and shouting unintelligible imprecations. Then at last, when the tribe has worked itself into a savage rage, comes the bloody climax. Each native makes a cut in the victim, the size of the cut depending upon the native's stature among his fellows.

While this occurs, the Kennedys and their allies in State, AID and other minor tribes, dance around the base of the hill. And as each cut is made, they moan or scream aloud in simulated agony. This continues until all the natives are exhausted and the victim near expiration.

But, unlike among the Hottentots, the victim is never killed. Instead, its limp form is carried to the other end of the compound where the Senators, who are apparently chosen for their advanced age, quietly restore it until it is almost as good as new. They then give it back in solemn ceremonies to the Kennedys, who invariably express their gratitude to all Solons in general. The compound then remains quiet for another year.

Now, any anthropologist familiar with Stone Age cultures will agree there are few surprises in the rites themselves. What staggers the imagination is the reason for the rites.

For the liturgy is invariably the same. The cuts are made to appease the native deity, who is called "The Voter," and who dwells in a nirvana called "The Grass Roots" and whom the Solons believe to be unalterably opposed to "Foreign Aid."

But, the anthropologist will ask, if the voter in the Grass Roots does oppose Foreign Aid, would he be appeased by the same meaningless rites year after year? If he had a grain of sense? Which means the entire rite is merely a demonstration of the Solons' faith in the stupidity of The Voter. And whoever heard of a tribe that worshipped stupidity?

Oh, I'll be laughed out of the Explorer's Club.

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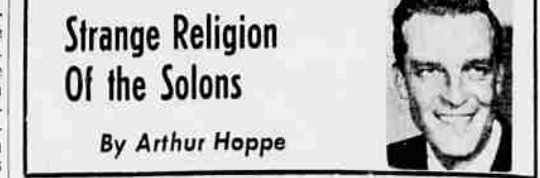
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Strange Religion Of the Solons

By Arthur Hoppe

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Corning, Iowa: The militant National Farmers Organization (NFO) if you prefer initials) which last summer staged a five-week market rebellion on livestock, has launched a holding action designed to keep feed grains off the market.

The plan calls for members of the 19-state farm organization to withhold soybeans, corn and grain sorghum from market until the NFO signs contracts for higher prices with processors.

ALONG with the withholding action, members are being asked to sign grain sales agreements which would give NFO leaders virtual control of the marketing of soybeans. Soybeans are chosen for the first withholding because the soybean harvest begins next week in some parts of the NFO area. The plan will be extended to other feed grains as this year's crops begin to come into the market.

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