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Cynic's Day

By BILL JENKINS

This business of turning the other cheek may be all right, but good old Uncle Sap has turned his so often he is beginning to look like a whirling dervish.

I refer specifically to the recent and continuing uproar over the visit of Anastas Mikoyan, a nasty looking little man who currently holds the office of deputy Soviet premier to this country.

President Eisenhower started the ball rolling by asking the American people to bury the hatchet and forget all about any Soviet atrocities during the visit.

A couple of days ago the little man hit California where he was promptly given the rotten egg treatment by the citizenry, thereby proving that at least a small segment of the US population has retained a measure of independence and spirit.

Out of this ruckus came an apology on a nationwide scale made by California's newly elected governor, Pat Brown.

By the time the Soviet aide leaves this country he'll probably have American officials running around wringing their hands and crying like a teacher at a progressive school.

I cannot bring myself to believe that such a short memory speaks well for our country.

Russia is the acknowledged enemy of not only this country but of freedom wherever it is found. Russia is the sole reason that this country is spending billions (of our money) for defense.

Russia is still holding American men prisoner in slave camps, Russian satellites are still crushing the life out of anyone who dares raise a voice for freedom.

And yet we, in this country, are told by our leaders that we must show courtesy to the visiting big shots from that bloodstained regime.

Rubbish!

What a shame it is for this country that Theodore Roosevelt came fifty years too soon.

I'm getting tired of this lacapants diplomacy. I'm getting tired of seeing my country snivel and cringe and look desperately for an easy way out.

And I'm getting tired of being bled white by confiscatory taxation made necessary through American efforts to buy peace and goodwill on earth.

I seriously doubt it we would be any where near as close to war as we are now if we had taken a firm stand in 1945 and kept to it ever since.

Nor would it have proven so costly in terms of money and worry.

Let's have a little less of this arms-around-the-neck business and a little more standing on our own two feet and demanding our rights.

Go home Mikoyan!

Orson A. Stearns

By FLOYD L WYNNE

A week ago, the first students entered the new Orson Stearns School at Crest and Laverne.

Until its dedication, it was known as Crest School because of its location. But now, it's named for one of the true pioneer spirits of Klamath County.

The Herald and News magazine section for May 25 carried an excellent history on Orson A. Stearns by Buena C. Stone. Little can be added to it, but for those who may have missed it, let's summarize the background of this man for whom the new school is named.

It was 106 years ago that Orson Avery Stearns first saw the Klamath country.

He was 10 years old and traveling in a wagon train with his family. The Stearns circle included his three brothers and two sisters, his parents, and his 75-year-old grandfather, John Stearns.

They were six months out of their home land of Winnebago County, Illinois.

Pioneering was not new to the Stearns family. Orson's father David was one of the earliest settlers of Winnebago County, casting his lot with the ancient tribe of Winnebago Indians in 1835.

He had homesteaded there, and for 18 years made it his home. One day, the stirring news of the Oregon territory lured him west, and put the family on the trail to Oregon.

As the Stearns wagon struggled through the edges of the Klamath country, little did the young lad realize that this wilderness would some day be his home.

The family settled in the area near Talent where civilization had taken deep root in the Oregon territory.

In this area, Orson grew up watching Oregon officially become a state in 1859, when he was 15. As the Civil War ended, Orson had turned 21, and enlisted in Com-

pany 1 of the First Oregon Volunteers, on November 17, 1864.

All regular military forces were still in the East and Midwest engaged in the final throes of the Civil War, and the volunteers were patrolling the frontier and providing protection for the settlers on the fringes of the Indian territory.

In May of 1865, orders were received transferring the Company across the Cascades to the recently established post called Ft. Klamath.

So 12 years after passing through the Klamath country on his way to a new life in Oregon, young Stearns found himself back in the Klamath country, stationed at Ft. Klamath.

During the next two years, Stearns, a sergeant, found plenty of activity to break the monotony of camp life. He helped build the new road across the mountains. The old road was virtually impassible, and the new route was constructed over the Cascades to Jacksonville and supplies were hauled in to the fort.

He took part in several campaigns against hostile Indians in the Snake country, and helped build Crater Lake.

Then there was but the task of wild hay to be cut for the horses and wood to be stacked for the long winter.

His journeys also took him to Crater Lake. He was listed as one of the first persons to discover the lake, and to descend the steep rim to the lake itself. Orson termed it Lake Majestic, but it later became Crater Lake, a name he didn't prefer.

Then on July 19, 1867, his company was mustered out of service. It was the last company of volunteers to be mustered out as the regulars returned and the Army took over the manning of Ft. Klamath.

Stearns, now a first sergeant, was mustered out at Jacksonville with the rest of his company. He and a buddy from his company, Lemuel Colver, had already agreed to head back for the Klamath country as soon as they were discharged.

(To be Continued Wednesday)

Law Day

By FLORENCE JENKINS

The second annual observance of Law Day USA will be held on May 1, 1959, according to announcement by George L. Hibbard, president of the Oregon State Bar.

The Oregon City attorney has named C. H. McGill of Portland as chairman of a committee which includes the presidents of the local bar associations throughout the state.

"The purpose of the program is to emphasize the importance of law in our society and the potential of the observance of law as a means of establishing lasting peace," states the announcement of the observance.

There are so many different ways of expressing fundamental law. History books relate that greatest progress is made during periods when people are law-abiding which pretty generally coincided with some form of benevolent rule.

Since the concept of the founding fathers of this country was to establish a government by the people, for the people and of the people, it should follow that we could live under the most benevolent rule in all history.

We have seen fit, however, to live under some of the silliest laws ever put on statute books and to set rates of taxation which are nearly confiscatory. Fortunately the right of repeal remains. The greatest damage lies in the fostering of disregard of the law and the tendency to look for legal loopholes to evade edicts laid down by the lawmakers.

The American system of jurisprudence is based partly on old English common law, partly on statutes and partly on decisions by jurists down the years.

Any program which can increase respect for the law should be able to reduce the amount spent for law enforcement. Every citizen has to pungle up his share of the money law enforcement costs. And law enforcement starts with the billions our government pays for defense, and runs through all phases down to city police action.

Possibly the observance of Law Day in the United States can start a ripple which will extend farther than we hope. Possibly the violent "eye for an eye; tooth for a tooth" theory can someday be replaced by a universal observance of the Golden Rule.

Political Pro

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Liberals looked amateurish compared with the professionalism of Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas who outmaneuvered their efforts to make it much easier to smash a filibuster.

To make a long story short—When the showdown came they didn't have the votes. Johnson did. Knowing the thoroughness of Johnson, it seems safe to say he had his votes lined up beforehand and the liberals didn't.

What happens would indicate one of two things about the fight they made:

1. Either they were overly optimistic on the support they'd get from the rest of the Senate and didn't make a nose count, or—

2. They knew their chance was slim but decided to go ahead and fight anyway for the sake of the record and to get at least some concessions.

Under the old Senate Rule No. 22 a filibuster could be stopped only by a two-thirds vote of all the senators, or 66 of the 98 senators. A filibuster is a prolonged talking spree whose sole purpose is to prevent some bill or measure from coming to a vote.

Such a two-thirds vote is tremendously difficult to get in the Senate, where so many members traditionally cherish the right—which any one of them might want to use someday—to block a distasteful measure.

In addition, the rule provided no means at all—not even that big two-thirds vote—for stopping a filibuster against a motion to change the rule.

The liberals set out to get the rule changed right at the start of this session of Congress last Wednesday. They wanted it changed to let a simple majority—50 of the 98 members—stop a filibuster.

But Johnson, leader of the majority Democrats, grabbed the floor right from the start. This was his right, as leader. And he beat the liberals to the punch by proposing that Rule No. 22 be changed this way:

To let a filibuster be stopped—not by the full two-thirds vote of 66 of the 98 senators or by 50 of the 98—but by a simple two-thirds vote of just those senators present on the floor at voting time.

This may seem lots easier to get. In actual practice, it probably wouldn't be, because on anything so important as breaking a filibuster, most of the senators would be present anyway.

But it was a concession to the liberals. Southern Democrats, who have used the filibuster to block civil rights legislation, didn't like the concessions. It was more than they wanted to yield. It was less than the liberals wanted.

But Johnson, whose job is to try to keep all the Democratic senators working together during the

year on legislation he wants passed, is a master at compromise. What he proposed about the rule change was enough of a compromise to win the votes it needed, for adoption.

From the time Johnson made his proposal, the liberals had almost impossible going. The reason: Johnson had made a concession that wouldn't antagonize the Southerners too much and would satisfy those other senators who thought Rule No. 22 ought to be softened a bit but not too much.

The result: The liberals were voted down on one attempt after another to get the rules changed to their liking, thus paving the way for overwhelming adoption of Johnson's proposal.

There's no doubt the liberals did a lot of homework: Research on the history of Rule No. 22 and the filibuster. But in the terribly important field of practical politics—votes—whatever they did wasn't enough.

Mail Call

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

Safety belts in automobiles could save at least 19,000 lives in the country each year and reduce injuries by 50 per cent, a Cornell University research group estimates.

Motor cars now kill someone every 14 minutes... and injure someone every 23 seconds.

Love this sign on the fence of a Texas yard bordering a golf green: "I'm a golfer, too, and I understand. But we are raising three little children behind this fence. Please try to refrain from enriching their vocabularies."

The brief leaf: Scientists figure that each year leaves trap and store from the sun energy equal to that released by burning 300 million tons of coal.

The Romans really believed in a clean army... their troops built portable baths and carried them along on battle campaigns.

Most Americans seem to have lost the art of walking... but U.S. factories still turn out up to 5,000 pairs of shoes a minute.

Poor posture is now becoming common among American children as young as 4 years old... some authorities blame it on lack of enough protein in the diet.

Incidentally, studies now show that farm diets are better in most nutrients than those of city people.

How many Christmas cards did you get?... The average family now sends out 65 cards, the average business firm about 145... the three-billion Christmas cards mailed this year weighed about 100,000 tons... which explains why many mailmen prefer the Fourth of July.

Don't feel bad if you can't figure out why moths always fly to the light... scientists have many theories, but proof is difficult.

Here's some good advice from international attorney Arthur W. A. Cowan: "Don't ever worry about getting even with a man if you have to stoop to his level to do so."

Denise Lor, the singer, has an unusual idiosyncrasy... before singing, she "warms up" by holding an ice cube in her mouth for five minutes... her explanation: "I read somewhere it's good for the throat."

Julia Meade, perhaps television's leading "pitch lady," earns about \$150,000 doing commercials... She has 75 cocktail dresses in her wardrobe.

How many juvenile delinquents do we have?... Roughly 500,000 children aged 10 through 17 appear in court each year... that's about 2.2 per cent of the U.S. children—or roughly one out of every 45.

In the pre-Civil War era 75 per cent of Southerners owned no slaves at all.

Only 25 per cent of the U.S. land area is suited to growing crops.

Among the delicacies that Marco Polo, the 13th century globe-trotter, found in China were spaghetti and ice cream... but positively no chop suey.

How often do you bathe your dog?... the American Humane Assn. says that three or four times a year is plenty... if the animal is brushed and combed regularly.

It was Albert Einstein who observed: "The man who regards his own life and that of his fellow creatures as meaningless is not merely unhappy but hardly fit for life."

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YOU HERE AGAIN? LOOK—THE ONLY THING OPEN IS A SPEAR CARRIER...

I'LL TAKE IT! WHERE DO I SIGN?

THANK AND A HAT TIP TO JOHN FEENEY, DUBLIN, IRELAND.



American Fashions Lauded By Designer From France

NEW YORK (AP) — Every French designer should be required to make periodic trips to America, says Mme. Yvonne Missassin, a petite and knowing blonde who has been in the House of Dior in Paris since its inception.

As the fresh, youthful — and mass-produced — fashions paraded down the runway, the French-

Third Polio Shot Urgent

LAKEVIEW—All persons in Lake County who started the series of polio immunization at the clinics held last December and January are urged to have the third shot in the series right away if they have not already done so.

Local physicians have vaccine available for \$1 per shot through a continuation of the March of Dimes program.

At the clinics 1,282 first shots, 952 second shots, 181 third shots and three fourth shots were given. So far, only 677 persons have had third shots at their physicians under the follow-up programs. Reminder cards have been mailed by the county health department. Doctors are recommending fourth shots for many persons. These are given 18 months after the third shot. From five to 12 months is the recommended time between the second and third.

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This alert ambassador of French fashion gives full credit to American know-how in making smart, wearable clothes available to the public at prices within the average budget. But she isn't selling French fashion short.

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to whom she is devoted, spends summer vacations at her villa in the south of France, takes winter vacations in Switzerland, and comes to America at every opportunity.

"One must come here to keep up with the world—and to know what to sell American buyers," she says.

"The things are charming," she said. "Anyone would like to wear them. Here in America they work on trends that are needed, I think, while in Paris they just design."

What America will wear next spring was evidenced in the day's showings by such designers as Anne Fogarty, Nettie Rosenstein and Wilson Folmar of the House of Edward Abbott. Yvonne applauded as the new Fogarty designs appeared — fresh, flattering shirtwaist dresses in gay silk prints, capsule sheaths in flannel and lenses, sheer, full-skirted date dresses for the young in heart.

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Ex-Congressman Resigns Position

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Congressman Sam Coon of Baker, Ore., has resigned from the International Cooperation Administration mission in Peru.

Coon said he was resigning because of personal considerations, effective in mid-February. Unused leave time will extend his time on the government payroll to March.

Coon, a Republican, was appointed to the ICA post after his 1956 election defeat by Rep. Al Ullman, a Democrat. He was offered—but turned down—an ICA post in another country.

DO YOU KNOW? By M. M. FLORENCE

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