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Here And There

By BILL JENKINS

Whoever it was that said there was nothing new under the sun must have been thinking of something else at the time.

Either that or he was dealing in such high-level abstractions as to leave himself plenty of leeway in case someone said "oh, yeah?"

Example: I am reliably informed that a Dr. John Seubert, who is head of the game research department for the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks group, believes in the use of radio in tracing game movements.

How? Simple. As the fable has it "fust yo gits yo rabbit." In Dr. Seubert's case it is deer. Then you attach to the deer (maybe rabbits, too) a miniature radio. A biologist stands by with a receiver and keeps track of the deer's movements.

There is a law against such things where humans are concerned, although lots of people use them. Referred to as "bugging" in the terms of the trade.

Dr. William Marshall, of the University of Minnesota, is planning to check up on grouse in the same way.

Question: Have any of these people asked the deer, or the grouse, about it first? Have they found out whether there is any restrictive code in Grouseland that would prohibit such a thing? Where do we go from here? Your idea is as good as mine. But personally I'm glad that I haven't too much longer to carry on in this mortal coil. Things are just getting too darn complicated.

Down in Taos Pueblo Thursday, if you are interested, the San Isidro Fiesta is being held. Blessing of the crops and all that sort of thing. Friday, in case you can't be there yesterday, there will be a candlelight procession.

This is National Foot Health Week.

Walk slowly.

It may sound trivial, only because it is, but the defense planners of this country are deep in a new struggle. They are trying to agree on whether or not to standardize the buttonholes on military uniforms.

Once they get that licked, if they do, there are hints that the top brass will get down to a real sizzler of a question: whether or not to standardize all military buttons.

My, my, the pressures we live under today.

Taxation

By FLORENCE JENKINS

"Another patch on the crazy quilt of Oregon taxation" was the cliche used by Oregon's governor to sum up the 50th Legislative Assembly's efforts to increase the state's income as much as possible.

"We now have the job of making ends meet," the governor states.

"We hope to do so with sweeping government reorganization and changes of concepts to take full advantage of money-saving methods and procedures.

"A taxpapers' rebellion in Oregon is avoidable only if we in government administer with economy and efficiency," he concluded.

Proponents of a state sales tax would not agree with Governor Hatfield all the way down the line.

We are all heartily in favor of economy in government.

Such economies are possible only by cutting out a lot of things that have been costing money.

We are told that so long as we keep demanding services, we have to pay for them. But we get a lot of services we are not demanding and would be happy to do without.

We hope the governor will take a close look at the expense of preparing and mailing bulletins from the State Department of Agriculture, for example. These "free" bulletins are sent out on perennial mailing lists and it is nearly impossible to have one's name removed from the roster even when its placement there was not requested in the first place.

Everyone favors greater traffic safety but the sprawling state department (including the segment relating to financial responsibility) relating to vehicles cannot be said to be entirely efficient so far as information furnished newspapers is concerned. We could cite others.

We hope that Oregon's Centennial observance will bring the estimated eight million people to Oregon. But we can't help being just a little sorry that our visitors' extra pennies won't be paying a state sales tax as they do in some of our sister states.

Dog And Cat

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — It is hard for a dog lover to learn to live with a cat in the house.

But it can be done—particularly if you have a small daughter who insists on having a cat as a pet.

It has been some six months since Lady Dottie, a tiny furpawed black and white powerhouse, came to our house to stay. Now she is a large and formidable powerhouse, and stomps around the place as if she paid the rent.

The only one who has any real authority over her is our daughter, Tracy, who is nearly six. She uses Lady Dottie as a pillow, dancing partner and substitute sister.

The cat has gone for so many rides in the baby buggy that she now believes it is her own private vehicle. We are even beginning to refer to it as "the family catillac."

Between Lady Dottie and myself there is a strange and rather undefined relationship.

As a lifelong dog-man I have always disliked cats, and been suspicious of cat-fond people, figuring that any human being who preferred a cat to a dog must have a hidden character defect of some kind.

Now I must confess to harboring a mixed feeling bordering on fondness for Lady Dottie.

Part of it is based on pure gratitude. I had heard the old wives' tale that cats at night would crawl up on your chest and breathe your breath before it reached you, thus dooming you to death for lack of oxygen. And I was afraid it might be true.

To me cats were sneaky, treacherous, wily beasts who took everything they could get and gave nothing in return. Why wouldn't they rob you of breath?

For three months I slept with the bedroom door closed, to isolate me from the possibility of any such midnight feline assault. Gradually, however, my secret superstitious panic abated as I realized Lady Dottie was too sensible to try to rob me of my breath. She was too busy robbing my pocketbook for beef liver, cloth and rubber toy mice and all the other niceties of a modern cat's way of life.

Once I realized she had a vested interest in me to protect, I lost my dread of her.

I noted one big difference between cats and dogs. A dog does you a favor by getting out of your way. A cat seems to have the idea that it is doing you a favor by getting in your way.

Lady Dottie, although her family tree disappears into the nearest alley, is as supremely proud and sure of herself as an Egyptian queen. When she decides to honor you by running up against your legs, you are expected to pause and be flattered, even though at the moment you may be trying to carry a message to Garcia.

For a brief time as our acquaintanceship ripened, I thought perhaps Lady Dottie and I shared the same world, as a man can share the same world with a pet dog.

It isn't possible. A cat will come into your world as far as it chooses, but you can come only to the outer fringes of its world. And if you try to go further the cat coldly and silently closes the door between you.

Lady Dottie has won my admiration because of her iron self-confidence. I have always had a grudging admiration for women because they have this factor of interior independence and resourcefulness of spirit.

But women now and then show a sign of weakness. A cat never does. A man has to take off his hat to anything stronger than a modern woman. And a cat is.

I suppose I'll always be a dog lover at heart—weakness calls to weakness—but Lady Dottie, that walking fur fort, has taught me you never should underestimate the power of a cat.

Good News?

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Senate Labor subcommittee was billing a very attractive hearing on conservation of youth. But on the strength of reports from Berlin, Geneva, and Moscow I decided to pass this one up, and dropped in on the House Space Committee instead.

Now, I don't know.

If you can believe what the space committee witness was saying, there may continue to be young folks around to conserve for quite a while yet. Old folks too. Contrary to what a lot of experts have been saying, the witness said the Russians just aren't able to blow us off the map.

He said when they claim they are, and that if we push them too far they will try it, they are lying. The trouble is we believe 'em, he said, and then let them shove us around.

The witness was Lloyd Mallan, a science writer back from a 14,000-mile Russian tour and loaded with good news, as above. But the space committee members couldn't seem to bring themselves to accept it.

It's true they aren't used to hearing good news. Their witnesses run more to people who talk about what we are going to do sometime soon in the future with missiles and satellites, and what the Russians already have done.

What Mallan said was, this is a lot of baloney. True, they have put up some satellites. But he said the technical equipment he saw in Russian laboratories and science centers not only wasn't better than ours but was far inferior and in many cases primitive.

He said the Russians don't have bigger and better inter-continental ballistic missiles than ours. He said he is convinced, after interviewing their top scientists and watching them work, they don't have an ICBM at all.

Rep. Frank C. Osmers Jr. (R-N.J.) said maybe the Russians gave Mallan a "snow job," thus adding another old American institution to their list of inventive firsts. Rep. Leonard G. Wolf (D-Iowa) said he bet what Russia wanted was for Mallan to come home and tell us all to relax.

Mallan said he didn't think he was fooled. He said he's expert enough in astrophysics, electronics, and such, to be able to spot any fakes. Anyway, he said we shouldn't relax. We should work hard, and stand up for our rights.

Rep. B. F. Sisk (D-Calif.) said Mallan was "impeaching" the experts. Rep. Olin E. Teague (D-Tex.) said no he wasn't, that he was disagreeing with them. And Teague hinted that the experts, in his experience, sometimes had been wrong.

"If you are right," Rep. Erwin Mitchell (D-Ga.) told Mallan, "what we should do is send a few roving reporters into the Soviet Union and do away with the Central Intelligence Agency. That way maybe we can balance the budget."

I'm pretty sure Mitchell was kidding. But then again, who's got a better idea?

Kremlin Nightmares

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

Soviet tactics in the coming days at Geneva will be based at least partly on fear.

For while Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev boasts of Soviet intercontinental missiles and says communism will bury the West, the Kremlin leaders also have their nightmares.

Weeks in advance of the current Geneva discussions, the Soviets began telegraphing their punches in messages to North Atlantic Treaty nations, the members of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, Baghdad Pact members and, in fact, to almost every U.S. ally.

These messages provided in advance an outline of the Soviet Geneva tactics. They also help to explain Soviet nightmares.

In recent weeks Soviet notes have been handed to Italy, to Germany, Norway, Iran and Japan, to mention a few.

Russia knows that with or without an operational ICBM, the United States is in a position, through its bases around the world to smash every important center in the Soviet Union.

Hence the Soviet notes to U.S. allies, warning in the bluntest terms: You accept U.S. missile bases, you become a primary target in case hostilities ever break out against the United States.

The Soviet campaign of public and undercover terror began in 1957.

It was about that time that Russia got its ICBM, and the U.S. began setting up equalizers through the simple method of basing shorter range IRBMs closer.

In general, the fear of closeup bases for highly accurate IRBMs seems to preoccupy the Kremlin more than any other issue, except a rearmed, nuclear-equipped West Germany.

The fear of pinpoint attack by U.S. IRBMs also seems to have been a governing factor in Soviet tactics at the nuclear conference which has been dragging on for months, also in Geneva.

A key stumbling block has been the Soviet refusal to permit foreign inspection teams on Soviet soil in the event of violation of any nuclear ban agreement.

The Soviets fear the inspection teams would report missile sites back to home countries and Western IRBMs could zero in on them in case of war.

Some experts believe the IRBMs are a fact of life preserving peace in Europe today.

They say that no matter how many not-too-accurate ICBMs the Russians can fire over the North Pole, the Soviets also know they are surrounded by real or potential IRBM bases in Britain, Italy and Turkey and from missile-firing vessels of the U.S. 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean and other fleets in the Indian Ocean. Even if other countries fail to join the missile society, these are enough to be fatal.

Hence, Soviet spokesmen, both at the present Geneva conference and at the summit conference if one is to be held, may be expected to follow two main courses:

To demand that present and contemplated Allied bases be abandoned.

To refuse reunification of Germany.

Of all the world powers, Russia would fear a reunited, industrially strong Germany the most.

No matter with what good will the West may approach the Geneva meeting, Russia's own fears and suspicions are the greatest reason for expecting failure.

Quotes

United Press International

JUNCTION CITY, Kan. — Mrs. Emma Gatewood, 71, of Gallipolis, Ohio, on why she is walking to Oregon:

"I was looking for something to do this summer and a walk to Oregon seemed like the best thing."

LONDON—John Profumo, minister of state for foreign affairs, in announcing Britain's decision to sell arms to the Iraqi government of Premier Abdel Karim Kassem:

"I do not think the forcing of Gen. Kassem to rely solely on the Soviet bloc for arms would contribute to stability in the Middle East which is our sole aim."

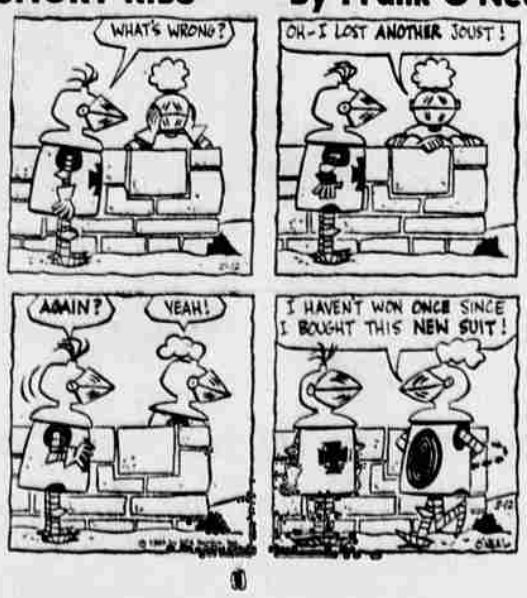
WASHINGTON — AFL - CIO President George Meany, in describing the latest drop in unemployment as a healthy sign:

"We cannot relax our efforts to achieve full employment and full production, and that will not take place until there is some long overdue government action."

WASHINGTON — Dr. Martin Luther King, Negro minister who led the 1957 Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott, at a conference of religious leaders on racial discrimination in employment:

"The tragic truth is that discrimination in employment is not only dominant throughout the South, but is shamefully widespread in the North, particularly in the great urban communities which often pride themselves as liberal and progressive centers."

SHORT RIBS By Frank O'Neal



They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Disappearance Of Wife Said 'Flight From Fear'

NORWOOD, N.J. (AP) — "I think," said part-Negro ship officer Jean Brown, "it was a flight from fear."

It has been 16 days since his white wife and their three children disappeared from their comfortable suburban home. "There hasn't been a trace. Not a word," said Brown today.

"I think my wife fled because of a threat about our mixed marriage," Brown said. "It couldn't be anything else. We were a happy family."

A happy family but one that for several years has been harassed by phone calls at all hours of the day and night. "Sometimes as many as 60 a month," said Brown.

"My wife would answer the phone and some one would say something slanderous about 'that nigger husband of yours' and hang up. We tried but couldn't trace the calls."

Two weeks ago last Saturday, Mrs. Brown disappeared with their children, James, 14, Louise, 10, and Stella, 3. She went in the Brown's small car, leaving their new sedan behind.

Also gone was $4,800 from the family savings account. "We were saving the money to buy an inn in Mexico City."

Their last day together had been a happy one, Brown said. It was April 24. The next day was Mrs. Brown's 34th birthday. Brown and the children had baked her a cake.

"We'd lived here about 11 years. We'd gotten along fine. My wife was president of the women's society in the church and several months ago I was asked to be the town's scoutmaster.

"The calls began about two years ago. It was after I got shore duty and was home more often," said Brown, a chief engineer in the Maritime Service.

Brown is listed on his birth certificate as white. "But there is some Negro blood several generations back in my family. It has not shown up in any others in my family but it's pretty strong in me.

"In Europe they take me for an Indian and in India they think I'm a Spaniard."

Police have issued a 13-state alarm and Brown has hired a private detective and offered a $1,000 reward. He has checked his wife's family in Douglas, Wyoming, where the Browns were high school sweethearts. They haven't heard from her.

Parents Cited By Weed Court

WEED—The Weed Justice Court Friday for the first time issued warrants to both parents charging failure to provide.

The warrants were served to Louie J. Aquila, 34, and Juanita Aquila, 30, both of Weed by the local police department. They were issued from a complaint signed by District Attorney Albert H. Newton Jr. of Yreka.

Both parents were charged with being behind on payments to the county in that their four children, ages four to 13, are and have been in a foster home. The Aquilas have been separated for some time.

Both are out on $500 bail each. They appeared in Weed Justice Court on Tuesday at 10 a.m. DST for arraignment before Justice Kenneth T. Stone.

PRESIDENTIAL CITY

Buffalo, New York, was the home of two presidents of the United States — Millard Fillmore and Grover Cleveland, according to Encyclopedia Britannica.

Ticket Shopping Agency Opens

NEW YORK (AP) — Theatergoers can once again go show shopping.

A new ticket agency, the Ticket Corner opened Monday offering tickets for certain shows at reduced prices. The agency buys blocks of tickets wholesale for shows that are not selling out. It retails them cut-rate.

Charles Bloomfield, operator of the agency, says he would like to restore the show shopping habit that prevailed on Broadway years ago.

COLUMNIST WED

NEW YORK (AP)—Newspaper columnist Westbrook Pegler was married Monday to Pearl W. Doane. He is 65, she is 47. It was her third marriage. Pegler's first wife died in 1955.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the Missouri River was named that because the bluff on which the town is located was once the site of Indian pow-wows.

Bare Facts Told; Attempt Made To Ban Nudists

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—State Rep. James Turman planned a final attempt today to make nudists put on clothes. His "figleaf bill" would fine nudist campers $500 or jail them for a year.

The bare facts are these:

The House gave tentative approval Monday but balked at final passage. The Senate has passed the bill. Today is the last day of the regular legislative session.

Turman's bill has provoked humor and arguments ever since he introduced it after a nudist camp was discovered in his home county. Nudists got dressed and testified at public hearings that they didn't bother anybody and their camps were well-guarded.

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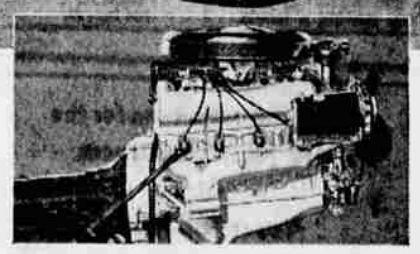

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