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Here And There

By BILL JENKINS
My, my, how times have changed.

I have before me the latest copy of Fairs and Fiestas, a little pamphlet put out by the California state chamber of commerce.

In the past this little two-sheet was filled with flower show dates, music festivals, opera openings and the like.

But it is different now. You can, for instance, on the 8th and 9th of January next travel to San Mateo to take in the Rod and Custom Sports Car show.

If you stick around until January 23-26 you can travel back up the peninsula to San Francisco and spend a happy and noisy four days at the National High Fidelity Show to be held at the Hotel Whitcomb.

If you have to kill time between times you can attend the first annual Lucky Baldwin Park Days at Baldwin Park in Southern California. If you can find it through the smog, of course. There will be a parade, bicycle races, hand competition and a queen contest.

Of course there are still some old standbys. The Pebble Beach Hunt will be held from Pebble Beach Stables on Jan. 3 for those who survive January 1.

San Jose will hold a display of Italian Master Drawings at the municipal art gallery on Jan. 23. The whale parade, which is that of the gray whales as they migrate southward, will be on during November, December, January and February and goodness knows that gives you enough time to make it. Point Loma is still recommended as the best viewing point.

The camellias will bloom as usual in the Descanso Gardens in La Canada from January through March and the Lettuce Festival will be held in El Centro January 19-25. There will be a lettuce salad contest, naturally, a movie premiere—the TV boys can take that one and paste it in their hats—and a dance and queen contest.

So, you see, it is a full schedule ahead for spring.

Up here in Oregon the fishing season opened on April 25th last year. A meeting will be held in Portland at the game commission offices on January 8 to consider fishing laws, seasons, etc. Final regulations will be announced on January 22.

And if you can't wait for that you can go down to Long Beach on January 24 and take in the Kansas State Picnic.

If you are from Kansas, that is.

In the meantime, if you wish to go further, I might remind you that there are still Indian dances to be had. The Tortugas Indians will stage an annual three day pilgrimage and celebration down at Las Cruces, New Mexico, starting December 10. On the 24th of this December there will be all night processions and pine fires in Taos Pueblo, also in New Mexico, and suitable celebrations after mass at San Idelfonso, Acema, Laguna, Isleta, San Felipe, Santo Domingo and Tesuque.

The Deer Dance will be held at Sandia Pueblo on the 31st, the last day of the year.

Happy traveling.

Retrenching

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

Sometimes one word can say more than a bookfull.

Such a word is "retrenching." The word was used by State Treasurer Sig Underer the other day in discussing the state tax picture.

He endorsed a proposal to submit a list of tax program plans to the people, first offered by Senate President Walter Pearson, but added, if the people reject increased taxes, then the state government should retrench "just like we did in the depression."

TO RETRENCH is to curtail, to pare down . . . to economize. Retrenching at the state level would be sound financing at this time.

Underer warns that such retrenching would probably be at the expense of education in that it already consumes the major portion of the state budget.

He warns also that this might place a greater burden on property taxes for school support.

But, it would also result in cutting down or cutting out some less essential or non-essential state programs.

SUCH RETRENCHING, however, should not be confined to the state level. It should be carried down to the county and city level, both in the schools and in governments.

Even more important, it should be carried vigorously into the federal spending through pressure on our elected Congressmen.

TWO SUGGESTIONS come forcibly to mind when considering submitting tax plans to the public for a vote next year in a special election.

First, it would seem better for the Legislature to meet between now and next November, draft some tax proposals that could be placed on the November, 1960, ballot, thus saving the cost of a special election.

Second, such tax proposals should include such alternatives as (a) holding the line on taxes and spending or (b) retrenching state government and cutting down state taxes.

If you merely ask the voter (a) Do you want a sales tax? (b) Do you favor an increased income tax or (c) Do you favor some other form of taxes . . . the answer is a foregone conclusion. Nobody is going to vote.

This would be tantamount to a Russian election . . . with increased taxation being the only candidate.

THE STORM WARNINGS have been up for some time, showing that people may be on the edge of a tax rebellion.

The people quickly referred the recent proposal of the Legislature to boost the income tax. It will be voted on next May.

In Oregon the average per capita income is down below the national average, and a debate swirls around the unfavorable tax position of the state in regard to others in the Pacific Northwest.

Unless every tax—supported budget, schools, city, county, state and federal, is gone over with a fine tooth comb and sliced down, the voters may rise up and do their own slashing.

When this happens, the wrong things feel the axe the deepest.

WHILE RETRENCHING is a good word, I think the term "realistic spending" is even better.

If a family continues to live beyond its means, plunging deeper and deeper into debt, there comes a day of chaos and bankruptcy. Governments are no different and can well share the same fate.

ALIENS By FLORENCE JENKINS
Uncle Sam keeps track of practically everybody living in the United States in one way or another.

The law requires all aliens in the United States, for example, to report their addresses to authorities each January.

There are a few exceptions which include diplomats, those persons accredited to certain international organizations and those who have entered temporarily as agricultural laborers.

William L. Pattillo, acting district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Portland, has estimated that 20,000 aliens will report their addresses in the state of Oregon next month under the Federal Alien Address Program.

Throughout the United States, almost 30 per cent more applications for naturalization are received during January, February and March than are received during other months. The immigration official attributes this sharp rise to the Alien Address Program.

Forms for making the reports will be available to aliens at all post offices and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Portland during January.

Locally, the forms may be secured from the Klamath Falls Post Office.

Postmaster C. L. Langslet says he has already had numerous requests. The forms will be available on January 2 and not before that date. They cannot be filed before January 2 and must be filed during the month of January.

The Klamath Falls Post Office

will be closed on January 1 which is a legal holiday.

Many Languages

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Life has many languages.

You learn some of them as you go along.

How many languages are there in the world? Maybe 1,000, one might guess. Another would say 5,000.

It partly depends on what you call a language.

A language is a method by which one living thing by an effort, deliberate or not, brings or exchanges a message to another living thing.

Actually there are millions of languages, or variations of languages.

Every two people who approach each other in the world speak two different languages, and they get along only as their languages mesh—or stiffen in silence and retreat into individualism unexpressed.

So it is with nations, as it is with persons.

Language is a marvelous arsenal made up of words, grunts, smells, gestures, sighs, movements—and pauses. It can be eloquent in each or all of these ways, and other ways.

Sight, for example. How often is a falling tear a human battlefield. What two people in love in all history lacked a separate kind of signal for being together?

People being as various as they are, no dictionary could possibly sum up all the varieties of human languages though learned scholars do "make periodic" appraisals. Their efforts remain a reach, not a conclusion.

Shakespeare seized and shook the English language and made of it an arrow to his own meaning. So do, in their own ability, all individuals in all languages.

Grammar is a roadblock only to the false-educated, language itself is the real hurdle.

The only real rule of language is to force it to say exactly what you want it to say, no more, no less. And if you do this you can well afford to break every other rule in doing so.

The true majesty of language, Shakespeare knew, is not to be a prisoner of a previous grammar and a lump, inherited vocabulary but to assail truth vigorously with both old and new words that create a fresh meaning—both for yourself and the other fellow.

As you stretch your language, you stretch yourself. Anyone can be in his own way his own Shakespeare.

NATO Threat

By LYLE C. WILSON

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Reading between the lines of the NATO news from Paris will induce eyestrain, at least. At most, it will induce headache, heartache and, perhaps, an uneasy sense of fear.

NATO is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. NATO represents the combined first line of defense of the allied Free World. The free allies are annoyed now, each with the other. And, Frenchmen, especially, are annoyed at hints that France deliberately is not doing her share of the NATO job.

There are more than mere hints about France. American officials assert that some NATO nations, especially France, are weakening the mutual defense alliance by shirking their military obligations.

Gen. Charles de Gaulle, the French President, has refused to permit the French Air Force to participate in the integrated NATO tactical air command.

De Gaulle has said he would withhold the French Mediterranean fleet from NATO in time of war. He balked at basing U.S.

missiles or nuclear stockpiles on French territory. American officials have stated the U.S. case that France is the weak spot.

Survivors of the World War II scene in Washington or Western Europe will not be surprised that France poses her allies a delicate diplomatic problem. Delicate diplomatic problems were forecast with confidence when General de Gaulle became head man in France. That was in June, 1958.

The French have a word for him. Formidable! That is De Gaulle. Vain, touchy, egotistical, stubborn and proud were other descriptions of De Gaulle in the chit-chat of the Washington cocktail circuit and in the hush-hush, off record wartime conferences which the top civilian and military brass were forever having with newsmen.

We heard a lot about De Gaulle from such as Gen. George C. Marshall, Adm. Ernest J. King, and from FDR, himself.

"Explosive, handle with care," was their tag for the Frenchman. Some just called De Gaulle "stuffy" and let it go at that. There was respect for him, however.

Now that the United States may have to deal with De Gaulle in matters of life and death for both France and the United States, there is comfort in the fact that he and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower got along well.

"I happen to be one of those who liked him," the President said at a news conference when De Gaulle became premier. The free people of the world can only hope that De Gaulle liked Ike, too. If French ruffled feelings are to be soothed and France brought into NATO as a satisfactory ally, it probably will be up to Eisenhower to effect it.

Washington oldtimers will indulge in at least a chuckle at French complaints that criticism of their military performance had leaked from supposedly secret meetings of NATO military commanders. France had almost a copyright on diplomatic leakage in the years after World War I. French diplomats were so good at leaking pro-French secrets that the United States was compelled to move against them. An official was established in the U.S. Embassy in Paris to leak for the United States. He was the first official U.S. press officer abroad.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Friday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of the year, with 13 more days in 1959.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The morning stars are Mercury and Venus.

In 1796, America's first Sunday newspaper "The Daily Monitor" appeared in Baltimore.

In 1863, slavery was abolished in the United States by the adoption of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution.

In 1915, widower President Woodrow Wilson married Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt in Washington.

In 1936, the first giant panda to be imported into the U. S. arrived at San Francisco from China.

In 1941, President Roosevelt appointed a committee to investigate the military disaster at Pearl Harbor.

A thought for today: American editor and satirist H. L. Mencken said: "Injustice is relatively easy to bear; what stings is justice."

Quotes

United Press International
NEW YORK — Two Soviet officials, expressing surprise at the low prices in a mass distribution (Robert Hall) clothing store: "Is this rigged?"

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Gov. Orval Faubus, commenting on the U. S. Supreme Court's upholding a lower court that struck down the two laws he used to close Little Rock public high schools last year: "They usually rule on things without knowing what it's about."

PARKS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Army Capt. Joe H. Sheard, of Shreveport, La., one of 96 volunteers who emerged from an underground fallout shelter after a two-week experiment: "C-rations are for the birds. I don't think anything would taste better than a steak right now."

MIAMI — Ten-year-old Johnny Giambra, crying for joy at a judge's decision awarding custody of him to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hallett, a couple in their sixties with whom he has lived since he was five: "Oh boy, now I can stay in Miami for good. I never have to leave. What a Christmas this will be."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Harlo

WHEN FORMALDA BROUGHT IN HER DRESS THAT LOOKED LIKE SHE HAD SHOVELLED COAL IN IT, SHE HAD THIS TO SAY...



WELL--THE DRY CLEANER DID A REALLY SWELL JOB ON IT--BUT ONE TINY SPOT DIDN'T COME OUT--SO NOW GIVE A LISTEN...



LOOK!! RIGHT THERE! THAT SPOT ON THE INSIDE OF THE SLEEVE--HOW AM I GOING TO WEAR THIS IN PUBLIC? IF YOU CAN'T DO BETTER WORK THAN THIS YOU SHOULDN'T BE IN BUSINESS...



KF Firemen List Report

City firemen quickly extinguished a fire in a gas-heated clothes dryer at a self-service laundry, 223 South Sixth Street, Wednesday evening. The dryer was damaged slightly, they reported.

They also were called at 2:35 p.m. Wednesday to a home occupied by Mrs. Charles Johnson, 2003 Vine Avenue, where a davenport caught fire. Damage was confined to the davenport.

And at 6:45 p.m. they made a run to 2210 Orchard Avenue where a gas line in a home occupied by Mrs. Leonard Unnaman caught fire. No damage resulted.

Suburban firemen stood by while workmen freed a hose from a gas truck at a cafe at 3660 South Sixth Street Wednesday afternoon. Firemen said an automatic shutoff valve froze up and failed to function. Consequently the hose wouldn't disconnect.

NURSERY BANS SANTA WALLINGFORD, England — (UPI) — Nursery school Principal Judith Anstee Thursday banned an appearance at the school by Santa Claus because "our children are so small we fear he might frighten them."

PERFUMES Metered Spray \$2.50 to \$8.50 CURRIN'S DRUGS In The Village Court 340 Main

New Role For GI Told

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, the Army's infantry boss, declares an increasingly important mission for the foot soldier is protecting missile launching sites.

"As we build more and more pushbutton sites, they become more and more vulnerable to guerrillas or other ground forces," said Clarke, head of the Army Continental Command.

"Any football fan knows you can't throw passes with the other team's rushers in your backfield. Some one has to protect the missile bases."

Clarke made his first inspection visit Thursday to Sixth Army Headquarters at the Presidio.

The first successful gun silencer was invented in 1909 by Hiram Maxim of Hartford, Conn.

Star Sapphires

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"DRENCH" COAT SALE

SOUTHBEND, England (UPI) — Most of the stock was drenched.

Thursday when a large water pipe burst in a High Street store. The store specializes in raincoats.

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