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A Chance to Be Heard

"If we want peace in this world, then we must pray more, and not less."

That was the comment this week of Republican Frank J. Becker, congressman from New York's Nassau County on Long Island, as he took the first step to clear a resolution in the House of Representatives calling for a constitutional Amendment on the matter of prayers in public schools.

"I am a firm believer in Almighty God. I am a firm believer in the power of prayer," Congressman Becker said. If the congressman is successful in getting the proposed amendment out of Congress, it will go to each of the 50 state legislatures.

"This will give the people in the various states an opportunity to make their feelings known through their state legislatures," he said.

If successful, the drive would need the help "of people from all over the country," he said.

It is not too early to start. Let your congressman and legislator know how you feel about it.

The Latest 'Sport'

Motorists in the area have a new game which raises havoc with city streets, according to members of the city's traffic and lighting department.

Latest "sport" apparently is to criss-cross the freshly painted lane stripes on streets behind the paint crews, smearing the pavement amply with white or yellow paint as the case may be.

Distribution of the rubber cones apparently adds an element of challenge to the weaving autos.

Officials pointed out this week that driving over freshly painted lines is a violation of the California Vehicle Code. The practice is one we could well do without.

Opinions of Others

Youth is "slowing down," a high school principal is quoted as saying. You wouldn't think so to see the way some boys and girls round corners in the family automobile. —Leesburg (Fla.) Commercial.

It should require but a moment's thought to realize that no other nation is so well-fed as ours, with such a variety of foods, or so completely protected by its growers, food processors and government against food contamination from any source, even from misrepresentation in grading and measurement. —Corydon (Ind.) Republican.

Was it Patrick Henry who said: "Give me liberty or give me death" or did he say: "Taxation without representation is tyranny?" We cannot say, but we do know that under the present setup we pay taxes unto death and our liberties are slowly being taken away from us, and our representation is, at time, doubtful. —Afton (Okla.) American.

A Bookman's Notebook

Quenton Reynolds Pens Account of His Career

—William Hogan

In a journalistic spirit, Quenton Reynolds has chosen to title his autobiography simply "By Quenton Reynolds." This is a long, anecdotal account of a Brooklyn boy's rise to fame and fortune in the popular writing arts.

Reynolds covered Big Sports during the prohibition era. He abandoned race horses and rumba dancers when he was catapulted into the international arena, chiefly as a widely-ranging reporter for Collier's. During the early 1940s he became one of the most flamboyant and avidly read of the war correspondents.

Reynolds' saga is of a New York genre that might be described as Stork Club style

of writing — something less than the prose of John O'Hara; something more than, say, the scribbles of Dorothy Kilgallen. His cast of characters is the season's largest and most diverse; it includes Sinclair Lewis, Stalin and Edward R. Murrow, the latter a character witness during Reynolds' legal struggles against his onetime sports-writing colleague Westbrook Pegler.

The book's most satisfying section is a blow-by-blow account of Reynolds' libel suit against Pegler and the Hearst organization, Pegler's preposterous fabrications included the allegation that Reynolds was cowardly under wartime fire, probably the least sin-

ter charge. Reynolds won the suit and damages of \$175,000, as thousands cheered.

Reynolds' account of his wartime marriage to the actress Virginia Peine typifies, I think, his essential Broadway approach to life and journalism, and also suggests the atmosphere of this book:

"Our wedding party at the Ritz Tower was quite a gala, attended by the whole Collier's gang, Toots Shor, Sherman Billingsley, Jack Dempsey, Averell and Marie Harrison, half the sports writers in town, several Navy and Army figures, and many of Ginny's Broadway and Hollywood friends."

The famous Quenton Reynolds libel suit against Westbrook Pegler, which Reynolds won because reason and Louis Nizer were on his side, appears in a more detached version in an excellent, if depressing, biographical study, "Pegler: Angry Man of the Press."

The author is Oliver Pilat, himself a New York journalist, who unmercifully dissects the former sport writer who became the most prejudiced and cynical columnist and commentator of our times. Pegler never bothered how many Marquis of Queensbury rules he fractured as he applied his obvious brilliance to becoming the champion of the American lunatic fringe and right-wing causes.

This is a thoughtful and frightening account of a journalistic phenomenon who in long past his prime as an influence, Pegler is now reduced to writing for a far-right publication edited by Robert Welch, president of the John Birch Society.

We Can't Wait!



ROYCE BRIER

Legal Remedies Sought Where Moral Laws Rule

The President is searching for legal remedies for the "kind of incidents we have in Birmingham," he revealed recently.

But it may be doubted if legal resort alone can prevent Birmingham-type "incidents," because they are rooted in a racial bias which continues to exist in a "people of laws," as the President described our system. This bias is akin to what we feel for an enemy (German? Japanese? Union? Confederate?) in warfare, and had a good example of it in the case of the suspended school children of Birmingham. Here legal remedy ended the suspension, but it hardly solved the problem which begot the suspension.

Consider the sequence of events. There children

marched in the Birmingham demonstrations against segregated stores and restaurants, which reached a precarious truce in an agreement between white and Negro leaders.

A Washington publicist insisted these demonstrations were illegal at the time they occurred, because they violated a Birmingham "no parade" ordinance. This was also the technical position of the school trustees, who suspended or expelled over a thousand children.

The trustees were promptly hailed into Federal Court, and an appeals judge as promptly voided the suspension, saying they were "based on illegal arrests, known at the time of the order of suspension to be illegal." This ruling was made May 22, and the trustees were compelled to rescind the suspensions.

But the Washington publicist contends the suspensions were legal when made. The suspensions were made public May 20. The Supreme Court on this day held certain segregation laws inoperative. But its decision was not technically in effect when the suspension order was announced.

Unhappily, the sequence and such technicalities are not the crux of the Birmingham situation, particularly as regards the suspension of the Negro children.

These suspensions were one weapon among many be-

ing employed by the rulers of Birmingham in an effort to head off further demonstrations. They were intimidatory, not against the children, many of whom would not understand their purpose, but against their parents.

The suspensions were not ordered because the trustees believed the children were engaging in illegal activity, but because they were Negroes. It would teach every body a lesson, and the children, of course, appeared powerless to resist the discipline. It turned out they were not so powerless.

Perhaps you saw, on television, the white girl in a Jackson luncheon pouring catsup on the head of an unresisting Negro. It is this man's bias, and the willingness to exert it in race conflict, which is the real difficulty, and it must be cured by something other than law.

Quote

"Too much of our theater is the work of some sharpie with a meter who has determined what will make the audience laugh. — Herbert Blau, co-director of San Francisco's Actor's Workshop.

If the original colonists thought taxes without representation were bad, they should see them with representation. — Terence James, San Rafael.

James Dorais

'Green Card' Immigrant Could Replace Braceros

Who will provide the hard stoop labor required to harvest California's specialty crops — tomatoes, melons, strawberries, lettuce and the like — now that Congress has killed the Bracero program?

Termination of Public Law 78, which authorized employment of Mexican farm workers in the United States for temporary periods, raises the serious question of whether California farms devoted to the growing of specialty crops will have to be diverted to cotton, grain and other crops in surplus supply.

If California is to continue to be an important source of vegetable production for the U.S. consumers, someone will have to come up soon with an answer to the problem of who will replace the Braceros during the peak harvest periods.

Organized labor, which pushed hard for Congressional action to terminate the agreement with Mexico, has been strangely silent. The reason, obviously, is that very

few American workers can be found, unemployment or no unemployment, who are willing to undertake this hard, seasonal work.

An Assembly bill to put the state in the farm worker recruitment business has been given the "interim committee study" kiss of death. Apparently the plan was considered to costly to be of any practical benefit.

The State Department of Employment is relaxing child labor rules to encourage high school boys to take to the fields to harvest crops. But under the relaxed restriction, they could work only six hours a day, every other day. On alternate days, apparently, the berries would be picked by the birds.

The most likely replacement for the Bracero is the "green card" Mexican immigrant.

A green card man — so called because of the color of his alien registration card — is a Mexican national who en-

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Some Random Ideas Found Here and There in Nation

• The most troubling hot-spots which will plague the Kennedys from now on out will be not only Moscow, Havana and Peiping . . . but Phoenix, Arizona; Albany New York, and Detroit, Mich.

• The Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations had plenty of time since the 1954 Supreme Court decision to support orderly integration. They did not do enough. Now, as a result of violent demonstrations, President Kennedy is ordering an end to racial discrimination on all federally financed projects in the nation.

Ordering, in the face of intimidation by the NAACP, which organized the riots and demonstrations, is a bad precedent for the President to follow.

Intimidation is wrong and will never solve the problem in the end. But for government to accept intimidation from majorities or minorities as a prerequisite to action is to approve the rule of the mob for the rule of orderly procedure.

• The illusion of disarmament! We see and hear it across the nation from the "peace-marchers" around the White House . . . from pulpits . . . from well-meaning Americans who advocate that the U.S. disarm first to show the way to disarmament.

If it were not dangerous, it would be just ridiculous. None of these uninformed unrealistic spokesmen ever tells us what might have happened in Cuba, Berlin, the Congo, Laos, India, Iraq, Formosa, Korea, if the U.S. were disarmed first.

• It isn't the per cent, but the scent that worries the nation on the TFX \$6.5 billion controversial contract.

Is a large defense contract a political plum, or is it dispensed in the most efficient way?

Here's a situation which I personally covered in Scranton, Pennsylvania, in the 1962 political campaign.

When President Kennedy was campaigning there last fall in favor of Governor Dilworth (who was defeated by Mr. Scranton), the President said: "Military contract awards to Pennsylvania for 1962 were 50 per cent higher than they were in 1960 under President Eisenhower . . . and this is the kind of progress and collaboration which Dick Dilworth can continue as governor."

We get the message! • What makes communism and Castroism exportable to South America is . . . hunger, hunger, and more hunger

• The world's largest lottery is the administration's economic proposals to the nation. The percentage is worse than Las Vegas slot machines.

• A lot of our citizens have been sold the idea that as the workload increases in government, more people have to be hired.

This sounds reasonable . . . and should work both ways

so when the workload decreases the government workforce should be reduced . . . or is it?

For instance, 30 years ago there were about 7 million farms in the U.S. and the department of agriculture administered their need with some 32,000 employees and a budget of \$173 million.

Today there are about 3.6 million U. S. farms . . . but the department of agriculture employees have increased to 122,000 and a budget of \$8.4 billion.

Washington economic dreamers are beginning to learn that you cannot command growth . . . you can't just sloganize an economy to a higher gross national product.

National growth has to be fertilized . . . creating a soil in which the plant grows naturally, because it can't help doing so.

You first have to remove the weeds of hostility to business profits . . . then reduce discriminatory business and earning taxes . . . then uphold incentives for humans to give their best.

This is the general idea that brought America the greatest standard of living in the world. Any idea contrary to his would destroy it.

• Under the "Welfare State" programs, such as social security, it is possible for a lot of people to get something for nothing. And they are now collecting it for nothing.

For nothing, that is, in their definition of "nothing" is broad enough to ignore self-respect, integrity, honesty and consideration for the sweat, work and property of others . . . as well as their own children and grandchildren who are going to have to pay their bill.

The "Welfare State" idea, as now pursued far beyond its original premise of helping the indigent, is the most flagrant political fraud in modern history.

• The late Pope John XXIII rose from a lowly peasant boy to become the spiritual leader of the Catholic world. Khrushchev also rose from peasantry to head the communist world.

Our Man Hoppe

A High Flying Space Project

—Ar' Hoppe

SOMEWHERE OVER UTAH—Greetings Comrade President, from inner space. I look forward to embracing you, John Fitzgerald, when I descend to stand once more on the soil of our great Washington, D.C. Please shave.

As I sit here strapped to the seat of my Boeing jet airliner (tourist class), I am filled with pride at the goal I have set for me: to meet the new Soviet challenge and rendezvous high above the earth with a true American woman.

Already, Comrade President, I have made my first historic attempt as she passed close to my position. And while it is still too early to announce success, I have high hopes. For she has opened communications with me in these epic words which will be remembered by posterity:

"Coffee, tea or milk?"

SOMEWHERE OVER NEBRASKA—I am proud to report, Comrade John Fitzgerald, that our mission is proceeding according to plans. I, a true American man, have her under constant observation. And I say with patriotic pride that she is a typical American woman. About 36-24-36, I would estimate. And her trim tan uniform is not alien to her beauty.

SOMEWHERE OVER DUBUQUE—We are in sporadic communication, Comrade President on technical matters. "Please fasten your seat belt, sir," she has advised me.

And: Lower your tray, please sir." I can only say at this point that I will do my humble best for the greater glory of the Republic of the United States.

SOMEWHERE OVER KALAMAZOO—I have asked her Comrade President, if I may call her "Valaya."

She replied that this would be unwise, primarily because her name is "Miss Heggensworth, sir." I wish to report that, undaunted, I made four more tentative passes at Miss Heggensworth. Unfortunately, I have now exceeded my capacity for coffee, tea or milk.

SOMEWHERE OVER TOLEDO—My blood pressure, pulse and respiration have risen alarmingly. It was on the 24th pass. Miss Heggensworth advised me to "stop blocking the aisle." I was not, Comrade President, blocking the aisle. I was leaving sufficient room for her to squeeze by. Barely. You will notice, too, that she has stopped calling me "sir."

SOMEWHERE OVER WHEELING—I regret to report, Comrade John Fitzgerald, that despite my heroic efforts we are still miles apart. There is a grave error in her attitude which is creating havoc with my calculations. I feel I must impress her on the crucial importance of meeting this new Soviet challenge. The outcome of the entire cold war, I will warn her, rests solely on her. And me. Together.

DESCENDING INTO WASHINGTON—I must advise you, Comrade President, not to meet me on my landing as planned. We have failed in our mission. Allow me to repeat her last message before she broke off communications: "What are you, some kind of Nut?"

But I feel that from my failure, Comrade President, we have learned much of value. For Miss Heggensworth also advised me that true American men have been attempting to rendezvous high above the earth with true American women in uniforms for years and years. Or, as she put it in her own words: "There's always one of you on every flight, Mac."

So I have confidence, Comrade President: This is one field where we've got the Russians beat all hollow.

Morning Report:

Abe Mellinkoff is on vacation.

Abe Mellinkoff

STAR GAZER ★★ ★

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide

According to the Stars

To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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