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Flight o' Time: Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO: Nov. 7, 1947 (Friday) Lumbermen of the area will acquaint Congressman Harris Ellsworth with the acute boxcar shortage problem...

20 YEARS AGO: Nov. 7, 1937 (Sunday) Instructions regarding registration in voluntary unemployment census to be conducted throughout the nation from Nov. 16 to 20 were issued by the chairman of the Medford citizens committee.

30 YEARS AGO: Nov. 7, 1927 (Monday) Character costumes, wheels and other paraphernalia to be used in the Frontier Days celebration arrive here.

40 YEARS AGO: Nov. 7, 1917 (Wednesday) Ninety-two tracts of land on the Klamath Indian reservation will be sold at public auction at the Klamath agency Nov. 22.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. How many of the six New England States can you name? 2. Does the Statue of Liberty hold her torch in the right or left hand?

3. Bible: Are the lives and teachings of Jesus' Disciples contained in the four Gospels? 4. Whose horsemen were known as "The Ironsides"?

5. On which Gulf is the Estonian port of Parnu? 6. Is pasque a kind of helmet, name of a flower, or people?

7. Does the Chief Justice of the U.S. vote only in case of a tie in the Supreme Court? 8. Was Korea a part of China when it was incorporated in the Japanese Empire?

9. Is "quarrel" a synonym of argue, or debate? 10. Fill in the missing words to Poe's "The Raven": Once... while I pondered, weak and weary."

Answers—1. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. 2. Right hand. 3. Yes. 4. Oliver Cromwell's. 5. The Gulf of Riga. 6. Flower. 7. No, he participates in all decisions as do the other Justices. 8. No, it was an independent nation. 9. No. 10. "upon a midnight dreary."

The "TV" Hassle

Not since the fluoridation issue, has a local question caused such wide spread feeling as the issue of "KBES-TV" the Medford one and only television station.

Some of the communications in this paper were in favor of—or at least defended—the local station. More of them took the opposite side, and usually in more vigorous language.

WELL, we refuse to take part in the hassle on one side or the other, but we would like to clear up a few misconceptions that the controversy has brought into clearer focus.

Number one is the impression that when errors appear in the "TV" programs printed in this paper—and the radio programs also—the Mail Tribune is the guilty party.

This impression, we regret to say, has been furthered by the practice at "KBES-TV"—and some of the radio stations—namely, to use the "M.T." as an "out" for their own mistakes.

TO prove the point, it is only necessary to explain the programming system.

The Mail Tribune has nothing to do with the "TV" or radio programs except to print them as the STATIONS hand them in each day, revised by THEM to date.

This space is given free-of-charge as a public service. It represents in space and composition, many hundreds of dollars.

We are not complaining about that. We are glad to do it.

But we do complain when a station—ANY station—refuses to accept responsibility for its own errors and glibly repeats its accepted formula when a complaint is made, i.e.—that "the newspaper did do it."

WE hope that calling attention to this practice at this time will end it.

And we would further request that in the future when ANY station tries to "alibi" for an error in its program, by "passing the buck" to the Mail Tribune, the complainant kindly phone any member of this paper's staff and request a check on same.

Typographical errors in a newspaper are always possible, but snafuing factually ANY program that has been correct when handed in, just isn't.

So, boys and girls of the television and radio audience, kindly bear this in mind, when programming errors in radio or "TV" are discovered in this paper, it might be advisable to call the paper FIRST.

Some Comments on "TV"

There is another reason we do not care to take sides in this "T.V." debate—we haven't to date agreed with either side—the extremists at least.

We don't believe the "T.V." service given—except as noted above—is below the average in places of this size.

Nor do we believe, as some of its defenders have maintained, that it is far superior to the national average.

During the year we have looked at "TV" from coast to coast, in towns smaller than Medford, and towns larger—some much larger, including our largest cities from Greater Manhattan through Chicago to Denver and San Francisco.

AS a result certain things, we believe, are obvious, to-wit:

The larger the city, the more the "TV" stations, and consequently the greater public satisfaction, because of the far greater area of choice.

In a metropolis the "TV" fan who doesn't like grand opera or the symphony, can turn to sports or news. The sports fan who doesn't like wrestling or football can turn to box-fights or ice-hockey. The viewers who like "quiz" programs and are fed up on "horse opera" can get the cream of the quiz crop by just turning the knob from one channel to another, out of the dozen or so, available.

OF course, such an area of diverse selection is impossible in a community of this size. Moreover, with so many people with so many different tastes in the world a single station can't please all of them and can't fail to displease, at one time or another, some of them.

THERE is another factor in "TV" enjoyment. That is the TV machine. There are exceptions, of course, BUT by and large, the bigger the machine the better the picture and the reception.

And while, as was so painfully demonstrated last Saturday in the Michigan-Iowa football game, mechanical difficulties sometimes completely spoil the show, such complete breakdowns fortunately are the exception not the rule. And sometimes the trouble is in the "set," and neither the station nor the telephone company are to blame.

SO it goes.

In the "anti-communications" we noted that one member of the audience complained about sports—too much of them particularly over the week end.

Well, we know at least a hundred law-abiding local citizens—most of them males—who turn on their "T.V." sets SOLELY for sports—football, baseball, prizefights "hoss" races, pro-tennis—and what have you?

It might be an exaggeration to say that if sports were eliminated the "TV" audience would drop here 50 per cent, but that it would drop terrifically there is no doubt, and, in all likelihood, catastrophically.

Which only shows, from another angle, how IM-



Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

THE MEANING OF SPUTNIK II Washington—In the virtually unanimous opinion of the experts, Sputnik II proves beyond serious question that the Western world is in deadly danger.

This is the unpleasant truth which lies behind all the reassuring official protests that the Soviets have, or soon will have, effective reconnaissance satellites, and this alone has immensely important military implications.

Yet what has scared some of the experts more than anything else is the hint that the Soviets may be able to bring down the unfortunate dog in Sputnik II, still alive, at a pre-designated spot.

If the Soviets actually succeed in doing so, a great collective shiver will go through the whole scientific and intelligence community.

For it is now possible to pack into a few hundred pounds of weight a thermonuclear weapon with a province-destroying punch. For technical reasons involving the problems of atmospheric re-entry and accurate guidance and control, it had always been assumed among American experts that a satellite which would be itself a weapon, capable of carrying and delivering a thermonuclear weapon, was a virtually impossible achievement.

There is no known active project to achieve such a weapon-satellite going forward in this country.

YET if a dog in a sealed space capsule can be successfully re-entered at a chosen place, why not a bomb? And if one such weapon-satellite can be launched why not dozens, to form above the whole world a universal sword of Damocles, controlled from Moscow.

This is, of course, a nightmare, but it is a nightmare which will take on a certain color of reality if the little dog on Sputnik II ever again treads the earth. But even if that never happens, the danger to the West, of which Sputnik II serves as a symbol, is deadly enough. Surely, in the circumstances, the time has come for truth-telling, and fact-finding, and an end to official complacency.

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Holmes Signs Bill To Provide Expenses

Salem—Gov. Robert B. Holmes Wednesday signed the first piece of approved legislation in the special session. It provided pay and expenses for senators and representatives.

The governor put his signature to the measure appropriating \$75,000 for payment of salaries and mileage of the senators, representatives, officers, clerks and stenographers, and for the general and contingent expenses of the session.

That's one down and two to go," the governor said, reiterating his hope that both Houses would approve a reasonable income tax relief measure and a bill to increase basic school support, and then adjourn.

The early route of the "California Trail" is now known as highway U.S. 40 from Nevada to California.

POSSIBLE it is for any single station to please ALL the people ALL the time. We feel certain the managers of "KBES-TV" are too smart to try it.

WHICH brings us to our final point, which has been mentioned before, namely, why we favor "pay TV" in Medford—as we would for any other one-station town.

We see no need for it in the larger cities, where there are so many channels available every normal, reasonable taste can be satisfied. But where the range of selection is necessarily limited, and can be extended materially and improved by the payment of a comparatively small fee; we regard the inclusion of such a system, as increasing the value of television in the realm not only of public entertainment but in the area of its already valuable public service.—R.W.R.

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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Sputnik To the Editor: There's a Sputnik in the sky far away, we will have one, you and I, some sweet day. The air force has the rocket, the navy has the fuel, but the army and old Ike, they're still riding on a mule!

There's a Sputnik in the sky far away, we don't have one you and I, not today. John Dulles read the papers, called a conference right away. "It appears they have a Sputnik, and I don't know what to say."

There's a Sputnik in the sky far away, congress will "investigate" today. They will thump the tubs and bluster, this will make political hay, and if the gas could all be captured, it would send one all the way!

Pete Logan, Dark Hollow rd. Medford, Ore.

It Would Please Zhukov

To the Editor: Recently you reported the State Department release on Gen. Zhukov's removal. It referred to "the recently expressed desire of Mr. Khrushchev to entrust Marshal Zhukov with a mission of high trust and confidence to the United States."

Who refused to receive Zhukov? Is he still President Eisenhower's former comrade-in-arms? Why not invite him now?

Alfred Kohlberg, 1 West 37th St., New York City, N.Y.

A Question For Copco

To the Editor: My husband, who is in the United States Army, was transferred here to Medford two years ago. When we went down to get our lights turned on, we were told that we would have to put down a \$20 deposit because we were in the army. That was okay with us until they found out that the rest of the people in the service had not had to put down a deposit.

What's a person to do? Like everything else in Medford, there's only one power company.

You either get your lights from them or not at all.

Mrs. John Potter, 716 Grant St., Medford, Ore.

A Plug For TV

To the Editor: I want to take this opportunity to thank the networks, the stations and the sponsors for bringing us so much wonderful entertainment over the past two years, as that is as long as we have had our TV.

My husband is retired now, and he didn't think he would like TV, but I bought one anyway, and am I glad. He seems to enjoy it as much as I.

He never cared for movies, so he rarely ever went to one, and I think he has more good entertainment than he ever did in his life before.

He especially likes the fights, wrestling and horse races. I know that it takes lots of money, and manpower to run a TV station, and I do appreciate it. I think it is wonderful, something I never expected to see in my life - time. My how glad I am, I lived so long.

Thanks again to everyone.

Fern Tndrus, 391 South Mountain ave. Ashland, Ore.

Oregon Farm Bureau Convention Under Way

Eugene—The 26th annual convention of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation opened here Wednesday with about 500 delegates expected. The convention runs through Saturday.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

LITTLE ROCK AGAIN

Twice during his press conference last week, the President was asked questions on the subject of integration and civil rights. The first question had to do with Little Rock and the second with his appointments, which have not yet been made, to the Civil Rights Commission. This is the Commission that was authorized by Congress in the bill passed at the end of August.

The President said that in Little Rock the situation "seems to improve daily" and "I most devoutly hope and pray that we soon can be confident enough of the situation that we can remove all Federal forces." In his comments on the Civil Rights Commission there was no suggestion that in his mind there will be any close connection between the Commission, when it is appointed, and the policy of the Federal government in dealing with a situation like that in Little Rock.

This indicates, I hope wrongly, that the President and the Administration are not at work trying to form an orderly national policy but are improvising as one aspect or another of the enormous problem forces itself upon their attention. How, for example, is he going to know that he should be confident that he can remove all Federal forces from Arkansas? One would suppose that he would look to the Civil Rights Commission, if it had been set up in operation, to advise him.

It can perhaps be argued that on a narrow construction of the law, the Commission is not supposed to have the responsibility and duty of advising the President and the Department of Justice in specific situations like that at Little Rock. On the other hand, the President can, if I read the law correctly, take a broad view of it and especially of that part which says that the commission shall "appraise the laws and policies of the Federal government with respect to equal protection of the laws under the Constitution."

IF IT is not to be the Commission which advises him in a situation like Little Rock, who is it to be? Is it to be the Department of Justice or is it to be some anonymous assistant on the White House staff? The President must begin to feel by this time that, while Gov. Faubus had put down a challenge which had to be met, the Administration's role in the whole affair was not wisely conceived and well planned.

For example, only confusion was produced by his meeting with Gov. Faubus at Newport, and never since then has the President succeeded in making the country understand precisely what was the issue—namely, the order the Governor gave to the Arkansas National Guard—which required Federal intervention. Moreover, the character of the intervention was surely unnecessarily clumsy and provocative. Was it necessary to send the crack troops of the airborne division with their bayonets fixed, or would it have been wiser to deputize Federal Marshals, or even to send a detachment of military police carrying policemen's clubs?

These catch-as-catch-can methods will not do in handling so grave and so explosive a problem. The President needs a continuing body of advisors, whose main business in life is to plan the role to be played by the Federal government in the field of civil rights. Surely, it is within the terms of the law that the new Civil Rights Commission

should be used as a policy-forming organ of the Federal government in the field of civil rights. TWO months have passed since enacted, and during these two months we have had Little Rock and all its consequences and implications. But there is as yet no Commission. We know that the President has been finding it difficult to get acceptance from the men he has wanted to appoint.

Judging by what he said at his press conference last week, I wonder whether a good part of his difficulty in finding men does not come from his own contradictory ideas about what kind of men he is looking for. He wants "people of thoughtful mien and type whose reputation is that of being a judicial turn of mind, watching these things and deciding what to do." He wants also to "have represented on the Commission all types of thinking." He wants "to get a spectrum of American opinion on this matter."

IS IT any wonder that it has been hard for him to appoint a Commission? On the one hand, he wants men of a judicial turn of mind. On the other hand he wants "all types of thinking." He wants a Commission which on the subject of civil rights is as judicial as, let us say, Adlai Stevenson, and he wants also to have represented the thinking of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and of Sen. Byrd of Virginia and of Gov. Griffin of Georgia.

These contradictions come from a hope, which is quite vain, that he can set up a Commission which pleases everybody. He should be looking for a Commission which is capable of formulating a coherent national policy. What he needs is a clear-headed and resolute Commission which will translate into orderly policies for the guidance of the Administration what is now a chaos of law suits and court orders. (Copyright 1957 New York Herald Tribune)

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I am standing upon the seashore; a ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength and I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says, "There! She's gone."

Gone where? Gone from my sight—that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her and just at the moment when someone at my side says, "There! She's gone—there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "There she comes!"

And that is dying. If you would like a copy of the above, suitable for framing, just let us know!

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