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

10 YEARS AGO
 Nov. 24, 1947 (Monday)
 Work on the fish ladder at the Savage Rapids dam is nearing completion, according to Kenneth S. Martin, of Grants Pass, game commission member.

From Arthur Perry's "Secrudge Pot column": The year-end of agriculture predicts a grave shortage of beef in the early spring. Motorists driving along local highways and country roads agree as they see steers dotting the pastures and clogging the roads.

20 YEARS AGO
 Nov. 24, 1937 (Wednesday)
 Another unit in the growing skyline of Medford business district was started yesterday when ground was broken for a modern, one-story market building to be erected on North Central ave., adjoining the City Meat market, by J. E. Trevor, San Francisco real estate man.

The sawmill of the Medford Corporation will shut down Dec. 1 and logging operations of the concern in the Butte Falls district will cease about Dec. 15.

30 YEARS AGO
 Nov. 24, 1927 (Friday)
 The total valuation for Jackson county for this year, according to figures compiled by the assessor's office is \$33,365,655.

Ilak, the famous Alaskan wolf dog, whose pastime is playing star roles in pictures, is in Medford today after completing a tour of the Pacific Coast.

40 YEARS AGO
 Nov. 24, 1917 (Saturday)
 A much-welcomed feature at Crater Lake park next summer will be inauguration of burro and horse service at the park, according to Aleck Sparrow, supervisor of Crater Lake National park.

State fire protective association has announced next year they will begin early in the season to burn out the dead logs and brush close to the timber areas.

What's Your I.Q.?

1. Does India, U.S., or China produce the most soy beans?
 2. Bible: Rev. 20:21 refers to "sardonic". Is it a gem, an infidel, or Satan?
 3. Does an xylophonist make ear phones, plastics, or music?
 4. For what product is chicely largely used?
 5. Name the newest independent republic in the world?
 6. From what plant is snuff manufactured?
 7. Is coke made from a mineral, vegetable, or animal?
 8. West Point is the popular name for which Government school?
 9. Is it correct to seal a letter of introduction?
 10. What 3-word slang phrase signifies a torrential rain?
- Answers: 1. U.S. 2. Gem. Probably a ruby. 3. Music. 4. Chewing-gum. 5. Republic of Ghana. 6. Tobacco. 7. Mineral. Coal. 8. United States Military Academy. 9. No. 10. "Cats and dogs" (it rains like).

An Inquiry Is Answered

To the Editor: Speaking of TV and radio I am all in a tizzy. For what do I hear day in and day out. This pill is no good, some other pill is. If you want to live you better get this shin-plaster and avoid some other. As for motor cars, one make will fly over the fence and some other can't get off the ground, and who can you believe, and what are you going to do about it? Why don't YOU run an "Advice to Buyers column" and give us poor pedestrians the low down. If this barrage over the air keeps on I, for one, am going "nuts".

A. T. Stewart
 Medford, Oregon

No thank you. This is a great opportunity for some young man to conduct a reliable "buyers guide" at so much an issue, but we have our hands full trying to run a daily newspaper.

HOWEVER we don't think motor-cars present much of a problem. In our opinion, as far as adequate comfort and sufficiently satisfactory transportation are concerned there isn't a "bad buy" on the market. It is up to the individual, whether he wants a big car or a little one; a low-priced or an expensive one; a car painted in conventional black, blue or red, or in two or three pastel-shades with chrome trimmings. It was different in the "good old days" but today buying a car is chiefly a question of personal taste and the condition of the family's exchequer.

SO THAT's that. But the pill-market—the entire field of medicine and medical treatment—that is another matter—and a more serious one.

The Federal Food and Drug Act is supposed to keep the "Medicine Men" and the "Kickapoo Indian" fakirs off the market, but we doubt if the government is as effective in this field as it should be.

At any rate, this department's advice in this area is short if not especially sweet to wit:

Don't take any pills, or try any medical treatments, advertised over the air, or anywhere else, without first getting an "ok" from your doctor.

For your doctor must have your confidence or he wouldn't be YOUR doctor.

And in this area it takes a trained expert to make the proper decision, not an untrained amateur, or the average layman. Q. E. D.—R.W.R.

A Republican Speaks Out

The Roseburg News-Review is one of the few Republican newspapers in the state that censures the party in the recent special session for "playing politics."

We quote:

Republican legislators had an opportunity to come forth with a constructive program. Instead they elected to embarrass the governor and the Democratic party and play the political game.

They endeavored to cut state taxes below the level the Republicans demanded for themselves when they were in control of the administration. Such demand, it seems to me, can hardly be classified under the heading of statesmanship.

Well said, and completely true.

Also a refreshing relief from those members of the GOP "Old Guard" who in spite of the evidence, have claimed that only the Democrats played politics, while they were fighting to save the state from bankruptcy and giving first-aid to the long suffering, and sorely wounded tax-payers.

WE DON'T wish to give the impression the Roseburg paper had any compliments to pay the Democrats. Nor did the RNR have any use for the fruits of the special session.

But the paper did concur in general with Governor Holmes' point-of-view that the tax-refund should have been on a more conservative basis, because with economic conditions what they are, and promise to become in the future, a large cash-surplus back-log will be needed to meet state expenditures after the next legislature has adjourned.

In other words, like the Governor the Review would not have taken chances just to please the tax-payers today, and then probably force them to run the risk of having to pay back as much or more, in higher taxes a year or two hence.

As stated in this department before, that program of going slow was just good sound business-sense.

HOWEVER the special session as a whole the "Review" considers a flop and a needless one which might as well be charged up as an "amusement tax". Far better, it concludes "had this surplus money been used to relieve depressed areas in the state," passed around to these unfortunate sections "to create jobs, reduce unemployment, and prime the non-functioning business-pump" in general.

WELL without subjecting this proposal to any critical analysis or noting it was favored at the session only by the Douglas County delegation it does seem somewhat surprising that a good old orthodox and regular Republican paper, should so readily and uncompromisingly embrace the essential principles of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt's Republican-hated and exorcised "New Deal".—R.W.R.

Taxes vs. Freight Rates

Oregon's Gov. Holmes and Washington's Gov. Rosellini are planning an attack on freight rates that discriminate against Northwest business and industry. They will need all the help they can get to wage that battle. There can be no question that it is worth fighting. Many believe that discriminatory freight rates, not high taxes, are the greatest deterrent to business and industrial growth in the Northwest.—Pendleton East-Oregonian



"HONEST, DAD! THE DOCTOR SAID MOM COULD HAVE ALL THE ICE CREAM WE COULD EAT!"

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

INTERDEPENDENCE

In the light of what Secretary Dulles and Secretary McElroy have been saying at their press conference this week, the controlling fact in the discussions about NATO is that we now expect the Soviet Union to produce, some years before we do, missiles which can fly the distance between Russia and America. We are, it appears, less far behind the Russians in missiles which can fly the shorter distance between Western Europe and Russia.

Therefore, we are proposing to our allies that we, in cooperation with them, set up launching sites for medium range missiles in Western Europe. This, it is believed, will deter the Soviet Union both from launching the long range missiles against the United States and the medium range missiles against Britain, France, Germany and the rest of Western Europe.

This will indeed mean a very high degree of what the President and the Prime Minister have called "interdependence." Under this arrangement our main defense can be used only if our European allies separately and jointly consent. Their main defenses can be used only if we, plus the other members of NATO, jointly and severally consent. This interlocking system, which looked at negatively is really a system of vetoes, is likely to work successfully only if the issue is an unmistakable, open and flagrant aggression against a member of the NATO organization.

But if the issue, is outside NATO, whether in Africa, the Middle East, or Eastern Asia, the interlocking vetoes of the interdependent system are likely to prevail. NATO is not likely to have a collective policy. We have seen this in Korea, Formosa, Suez, Cyprus, and French North Africa.

THIS basic situation has led to the search for formulae. Us-

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Crime note in the news: The deputy chief of police in the capital city of the United States of America makes the minor headlines with a charge that the gambling business in Washington has reached a volume of a million dollars a day.

He announces he is quitting his job because of the difficulty involved in GETTING GAMBLERS CONVICTED after his men have arrested them.

It's getting so bad, he intimates, that it isn't much use to go after the gamblers any more.

CRIME note No. 2: An inquiry has begun into an upstate New York GANGLAND CONVENTION.

The investigation was ordered by New York's Governor Harriman. Its objective will be to look into the activities of the more than 60 TOP HOODLUMS who attended the meeting.

HMMMMMMMM. So the gangster business has reached the point where it HOLDS CONVENTIONS.

D'ya reckon the attending delegates WEAR BADGES? If so, it should be an easy job to round them up.

BUT—As the deputy chief of police of the nation's capital city says—

It's practically impossible to convict 'em after arresting 'em.

Editorial Comment

NEUBERGER AS GOVERNOR?

There are interesting considerations and possibilities which might find the Oregon Democratic field in just such a switch as the Republicans in California. It would involve Sen. Richard Neuberger running for governor on the Democratic ticket, and if elected, he would resign from the senate and name M. Holmes to fill out his unexpired term.

First of all, the Democratic party of Oregon is exceedingly anxious to retain the governorship. Some party leaders recognize that Governor Holmes is not a strong or outstanding governor and they suspect that a strong GOP candidate could defeat Mr. Holmes.

The "feud" between Senators Neuberger and Morse, which has been denied by both, may not be a feud, but it is eminently clear that Senator Neuberger is voting his own convictions and is neither a pupil nor an errand boy for the senior senator. Both Senator Neuberger and his wife have a deep affection for Oregon; they would probably be far happier residing in Salem than in the hectic atmosphere of Washington.

So there are several factors which might influence Senator Neuberger to look with favor on the governorship rather than continuing in the senate. As far as the Democratic party is concerned, Senator Neuberger would make a stronger governor than the incumbent and his election as the state's chief executive would help the Democrats strengthen their hold on state government. It makes sense from a political standpoint.—Ashland Tidings.

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.

Youngsters Appreciative

To the Editor: There are nine of us at the Junior Service League Kindergarten for hard of hearing children who would like to thank the people in Jackson county who made the League's 1957 Follies a success.

We are not able to hear all the nice things people say about the Follies, but we know how hard all the members and all our wonderful teachers work to help us, so that we, and other children who cannot hear, will receive help in the years to come.

Sincerely,
 Pupils of the Junior Service League Kindergarten for Hard of Hearing Children.

P.S. We are not able to read or write yet so our teacher helped us with this note.

Matter of Fact

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contribution)

There are two employees at the Mail Tribune who we will call Bill Smith and John Jones, because those are not their names.

The other day, John Jones started to write one of those "personalized" checks, bearing the name and address of the bearer, put out by local banks. The man behind the counter glanced at the check and asked "Is your name Bill Smith?"

"No, it's John Jones," replied Jones.

"Then why does it say 'Bill Smith'?" the man asked.

Startled, Jones looked at it, and sure enough, that one check was clearly printed "Bill Smith," despite the fact that all the rest of the checks in the pad said "John Jones."

Bill Smith is devoutly hoping the printing company that furnishes the checks gets straightened out before something of the sort happens to a less-honest guy than John Jones.

Our farm editor hopes that the new site of the experimental farm will have more up-to-date heating facilities than the old ones that are being abandoned. They consist of wood stoves and a couple of old oil heaters. "Shucks," he said, "even the pear orchards have better heating equipment than that."

Our city hall reporter reminds of the plight of the denizens of that building during the current remodeling program.

Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe, he tells us, had no desk at all for two days, and conducted his business while wandering from room to room. When he finally moved into his new office at the rear of the building, he had no heat for another day or two.

And a rather better dressed than usual laborer was seen to be actually City Attorney Roy Bashaw, pushing a hand truck loaded with law books from one office to another. Said he, busily stacking them on the shelves in the new office, "No use dusting them off or cleaning the shelves. They'll just get dusty anyway until I have a case where I need to use them."

A recent inter-office memo at the city hall wound up in the police department. It concerned the use of "Meter Maids," who now check parking violations in many cities including Portland and Los Angeles. This one had a pin-up type of picture of a starlet in brief shorts looking at a parking meter. A longhand note on the bottom told officers that this sort of thing isn't planned in Medford yet, but they could still dream.

Mrs. Paul Elgin, of 1221 Withington st., writes in to point out

a typographical error where the story referred to the "prone company" loaning equipment to use in a school.

She says she wondered if it really was a mistake—or if it was done on purpose. She added that with a couple of teenagers using the telephone at home, she knows what "prone company" means.

We have it on good authority that the first U.S. satellite will be filled with hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, soft drinks and potato chips. It will, of course, be named "The Picnic."

We swiped this list of handy household hints from another publication for the edification of our readers:

A healthy rattlesnake kept in the dining room will rid the house of mice.

Three or four bats loose in the bedroom will take care of mosquitoes before you retire.

Black ants detect the odor of a goat. Tie a pair of Angoras in the kitchen, and the ants will disappear.

The hornet is sure death to flies. Every good housekeeper should keep a nest of hornets in the kitchen and save useful swatting.

A young man complained that every time he goes into a bank to cash a check he always gets in line behind a businessman banking the day's cash. He suggests a special window devoted solely to "quick" transactions, like cashing checks, and the others for more lengthy business. That's all well and good. Our own beef is that whenever we get in a slow-moving line, then move over to one that's going faster, it invariably slows down to a stop, and our original spot gets to the window five times as fast as we do.

A frolicsome photographer in Portland the other day was calling at the home of friends. The night was foggy.

So upon arrival, he stood outside and gave his powerful stroboscopic light a couple of flashes. This lit up the fog in a weird and wonderful way and created havoc inside the house.

A woman in the house came tearing out the door, saw him, and cried, "Quick! Run for your life! Flying saucers!"

A plaintive note that the handed to us points out that some people complain about paved streets in residential districts causing drivers to go too fast. The writer's complaint, however, is about people that drive too fast over mudholes, and he says the is a mud-splashed car parked in front of his house to prove it.

An employee of the southern Oregon branch experiment station recently was to go to San Francisco to drive back a Jeep. Some people envied him the trip, but he said he'd driven two miles in those things to look forward to a 400-mile trip.

A bystander predicted that when he did get back he'd be able to sit on a dime and tell whether it was heads or tails.

task of maintaining Jordan's independence, have transformed young Hussein from a courageous boy into a serious, rather grim-faced, exceptionally self-contained man. But both King Hussein and Samir Rifal could hardly have seemed more unconcerned when they received this somewhat breathless report.

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"I feel very confident indeed that I can maintain the situation against any threats or incitements to crime," the young King told me calmly. "It's my duty and I know I can do it. Here in Jordan, we have the task of defending our country and all the Arab lands against a new kind of imperialism, Soviet imperialism, and we are not going to fail."

So another crisis proved to be uncritical, when seen on the spot. But why, one still wonders, were the Turkish and Jordanian leaders, who were after all the men in the front line, so much calmer than the Washington policy-makers in both these curious cases? Surely the answer lies in the fact that the Washington policy-makers are haunted by the terrible consciousness that they have shockingly neglected the general balance of power, and that they are still not doing nearly enough to redress the balance. Surely it is this gnawing consciousness of a broad unlocalized danger that gives every breeze and threat and local Soviet maneuver the semblance of a crisis nowadays.

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THE WASHINGTON JITTERS

Amman, Jordan — What has been unkindly described as the vulture branch of the news-paper business largely consists in flying from a crisis-situation to a crisis-situation. If there is no trouble, there is no news, so you do not go there.

Maybe persons in a trade so akin to ambulance chasing have no right to complain about anything. All the same this reporter would like to register a mild complaint against the current Washington tendency to succumb to exaggerated attacks of the jitters.

The fault is not always seeing crises where no crises exist. The complaint is based on recent experience. The spectacle of Nikita Khrushchev hurling thunderbolts of war from the ramparts of the Kremlin is never reassuring. Perhaps the American policy-makers were right to take his threats to Turkey as seriously as they did.

None the less, after a hasty journey to the storm-center in Ankara, it was a bit surprising to find the Turks exhibiting the most stolid and phlegmatic indifference to Khrushchev's menaces. At this seeming peak of danger, all four of the Turkish Chiefs of Staff, the chairman and the heads of all three of the armed services, had cast off their military uniforms to run for Parliament. The Prime Minister, Adnan Menderes, blandly explained that his Chiefs of Staff were getting near the retirement age anyway, so "this was really their last chance to start a new career in politics."

POSSIBLY this was carrying phlegm a mite too far. But one could not help reflecting that a little of the Turkish stolidity would have been a big help to Secretary of State Dulles, especially during the slightly earlier events in Syria. The pro-Soviet coup in Damascus was bad enough. God knows, but it was made about five times more damaging by the extreme excitability and resulting fan-

tastic maladroitness of Washington's reaction.

These reflections gained force from the sequel. There was hardly time to catch one's breath after the hurried flight to Ankara, before the news came that the Washington policy-makers were again up on their tin ears, this time because of a dire threat to the government of King Hussein of Jordan.

Once again, the threat looked real enough from a distance. For a long period, the Syrian intelligence organization headed by Col. Abdel Hamid Serraj and the Jordanian officers involved in last spring's plot against King Hussein had succeeded in promoting terror-bombings in Jordan. The purpose was psychological. The bombs were no more than window-breakers. But the daily explosions caused natural dismay.

FINALLY, King Hussein uncovered and imprisoned the ring of bomb-planters, mainly soldiers who had been easily suborned because they were personally connected with the officer-plotters of last April. Immediately, Gamal Abdel Nasser's Cairo radio opened an incomparably obscene and violent campaign against the young king, screaming obscenities, shouting ludicrously false accusations of complicity with Israel, and even openly calling for the King's assassination.

All this, so it was said, was taken with utmost seriousness by the Washington policy-makers. If there was real danger to King Hussein and his government, moreover, it was an acutely serious matter; for little Jordan is the present key to the rest of the troubled Middle East. So there followed another hurried air journey to Amman, and a second vivid shock of surprise to find everything in this little city as outwardly peaceful as a May morning.

THE young King and his principal collaborator in government, Deputy Prime Minister Samir Rifal, certainly have enough problems on their hands to keep any two men busy. Certainly the burden of responsibility of these last seven months, the months since the April crisis which gave the King alone the

task of maintaining Jordan's independence, have transformed young Hussein from a courageous boy into a serious, rather grim-faced, exceptionally self-contained man. But both King Hussein and Samir Rifal could hardly have seemed more unconcerned when they received this somewhat breathless report.

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