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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. 25, 1947 (Tuesday): A 17-years-old juvenile, in a signed statement, admitted he provided the Nesbitt Bottling company at 306 South Fir st.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Sunny days in November has caused a recurrence locally of spring fever."

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 25, 1937 (Friday): Turkey growers of Jackson county, numbering about 200, will meet Saturday to discuss threatened union labor restrictions against turkeys shipped from this section unless they wear a union label.

A weird game of golf will be played in the snow on the rim of Crater lake Sunday for a Universal reel of odd events.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 25, 1927 (Friday): Gov. I. L. Patterson will be in Medford to open the Better Homes Exposition scheduled in four days.

Bert Rippey presents a bounty claim at the county clerk's office today for nine coyotes he killed near his ranch.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 23, 1917 (Friday): Cap. Washington Rawlings, Civil War hero, 83, formerly of Medford, died at his home near Meldrum station.

E. N. Vilm of Anna, Ill., and N. M. Vilm of Wichita, Kan., brothers, purchased the Nordwick flour mill from H. O. Nordwick for about \$8,000.

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

1. Who customarily administers the U.S. Presidential oath of office? 2. Bible: Which son of David, according to Matthew, is the ancestor Mary, mother of Jesus?

3. Since 1923 the capital of Turkey has been Ankara what was the capital before that year? 4. What capital city was built on the city of ancient Byzantium?

5. Who composed "Rhapsody in Blue"? 6. Is air elastic? 7. Is Robert Browning, Omar Kiyam, or H. Heine author of "Rabbi Ben Ezra"?

8. "Content lies oftener in cottages than in p—s"? 9. Are fish and ice-cream eaten at the same meal likely to cause indigestion? 10. Is "The Girl of the Golden West" a comic or light opera?

Answers 1. Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, 2. Solomon, 3. Constantinople (renamed Istanbul), 4. Constantinople, 5. George Gershwin, 6. Yes, 7. Robert Browning, 8. Palaces, 9. No, 10. Grand opera.

Nationalist China Paper Condemns Kuomintang: Taipei — Nationalist China's most outspoken newspaper has condemned the ruling Kuomintang and called for formation of a strong opposition political party on Formosa.

The editorial was written by publisher Lee Wan Chu, whose daily Kung Lun Pao is the only paper owned by native Formosans. It appeared on the eve of the Kuomintang's 63rd birthday anniversary Sunday.

On Freedom of Choice

There is a vast difference between teaching communism and teaching ABOUT communism. And we are delighted that this distinction has at long last penetrated the top echelons of the American Legion. For years this largest of all veterans organizations has hewed to the head-in-the-sand philosophy that communism should hardly be mentioned in polite society—let alone studied.

On the other hand, the realists have maintained that the more one knows about an enemy, the better able one is to cope with him.

THE battle between freedom and totalitarianism is a battle for the minds of men—the adult minds of today and the young minds of those who are tomorrow's citizens.

Political freedom is based on freedom of thought. And if the teachings of democracy can't stand the competition, there's something wrong.

An intelligent person, raised to consider freely the comparative values of two ideologies, can hardly fail to choose the road of freedom. And if his choice is based on knowledge of both, he is far, far better equipped to argue—and even fight—for democracy than he would be if he knew nothing of the enemy's position.

THE ultimate strength of this nation is not based on guns and ships and planes—or even missiles—important as these may be as a deterrent to war at the present.

The strength of the nation lies in its people, and their intelligent approach to the problems of living on one planet which is chopped into little pieces by more than 80 national boundaries, more than a thousand tongues and dialects, and by a multitude of ideologies and philosophies and beliefs.

We hold our beliefs to be right—and very likely they are, for us. But we must recognize that other peoples are entitled to seek their destiny in their own ways and through their own methods. The greater our understanding of these divergent ideas, including communism, the greater is our chance to make a meaningful contribution to understanding, and to eventual pasting peace.

THE Lord knows there are enough influences at work today to try to nibble away our freedom of choice and our freedom of thought and action.

From a thousand sources, from the palaces of Park Avenue through the dictates of the fashion world, and the latest attempts of the book-burners, to the current meeting of the Anti-Egghead Chowder and Marching society, we are cajoled and pressured and told to conform, to act and dress and buy like everyone else.

Why should we? It's a free country, isn't it? The action of the Legion's Americanism commission, approved by the national executive committee, in lifting its objections to studying ABOUT communism, is a small ray of hope that maybe it is, after all, a free country.—E.A.

A Lesson

Down in Lincoln county the other day, students in Room 6 of the Cannon school were lined up and their eyes were checked. Those with blue or hazel eyes were put into one group; those with brown eyes were put in another group.

The two groups were not permitted to talk with each other. Group 1 used the classroom drinking fountain, but Group 2 was told to use the fountain in the basement.

This little experiment in segregation lasted only one day. But we have a hunch that the students of Room 6 will remember it for more than a day.

ACTUALLY, what is so different between segregating students for the color of their eyes and the color of their skins?

White southerners and other segregationists will tell you there is lots of difference—that a "way of life" is involved; that the differences also are of intelligence, morality, sanitation, and so on and on.

They are, of course, right. For, in very general terms, these differences do set apart the races in the south, and elsewhere too.

But what these arguments fail to note is that these deficiencies are not inherent. They are correctable.

And how can they be corrected? By giving the two races equality in both rights and opportunities.

A PEOPLE burdened and hampered by lack of education, lack of political rights, lack of any hope of bettering themselves economically, can hardly be expected to rise to equality in intellectual or moral stature or a standard of living which makes them "acceptable" to others not similarly burdened.

Time and again it has been shown that, given only the advantages necessary for dignity and self-respect, peoples can rise of their own volition to a level of equality in any given area of human activity.

Color of skin, of and by itself, makes no more difference than color of eyes.

We hope the students in Room 6 learned this lesson well. It is a lesson we all could take to heart.—E.A.

Insurance to Cost More for Westerners

San Francisco — Western motorists got some bad news Sunday from the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters.

Motorists will have to pay more for auto liability insurance in California and seven other Western states next year. "There is no alternative," the bureau said, reporting that in 1956 companies suffered a loss of 7.9 per cent an auto liability insurance, or more than \$64 million.

The bureau, a rating organization with a membership of 122 firms that write casualty insurance, said the increased cost of settling accident claims is to blame for the increase.



"I'll ask him, honey: GEORGE, DO THESE ITCH?"

Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

CUTLER AND CANDOR: Washington—It does not really matter very much whether Presidential Aide Robert Cutler...



Stewart Alsop: evidence of Soviet missile progress as early as 1955. But Cutler himself does matter, as a symbol of what has gone wrong with the American government.

For Cutler has been a key figure in the Eisenhower administration's "Daddy knows best" policy. And the extent of the Soviet lead in weaponry, which threatens the United States as it has never been threatened before, is a direct outgrowth of that policy.

The story goes back to the months immediately after President Eisenhower's first inauguration. In those months, the President Eisenhower's first inaugurations were suddenly and brutally exposed to the accumulating evidence that the Soviets were threatening to surpass this country in air-atomic power, which had previously been an American monopoly.

The president's first instinctive reaction was that the American people ought to be apprised of the danger, so that a united country could prepare to deal with it. On the President's instructions, a plan known as "Operation Candor" was prepared.

LATER, Cutler himself wrote smugly about the demise of Operation Candor. "The thesis was," he wrote, "that the American people could take bad news; officially apprised of the facts... they would be more self-reliant, more understanding, more ready to bear the costs of defense... things progressed so far as sketching out an operation known as Candor. But other and, I think, wiser counsels prevailed."

The wiser counsels were largely the counsels of Cutler himself. Cutler's chief allies in the killing of Operation Candor were ACE Chairman Lewis Strauss and Treasury Secretary George Humphrey. Strauss shares with Cutler a mania for secrecy—even when the supposed "secrets" like the rate of Soviet missile-testing, are certainly not secrets from the Soviets.

Humphrey sincerely believed, and no doubt still does, that high spending and high taxes are a greater threat to American security than Soviet hydrogen bombs. He was quite aware that, if the people were "officially apprised of the facts" they would demand a far higher level of defense effort.

CUTLER, Strauss and Humphrey, all of whom had great influence with the President, thus persuaded him to drop Operation Candor. And once the decision to be less than candid had been taken, it was never reversed. On the contrary, Operation Soothing Syrup was substituted for Operation Candor.

When, for example, the radar installations described in "Aviation Week" picked up irrefutable evidence that the Soviets were years ahead of this country in their missile program, every effort was made to hush up this fact. And all sorts of pleasing pap about how the military posture of the United States had "never been stronger" was put about.

Those who attempted to examine such claims in the only context in which they had meaning—the relative strength of this country and the Soviet Union—were dismissed as "prophets of gloom and doom," an arbitrary defense spending limit was established, and the budget thus given a clear priority over national security. The Congress, like the people, had never been "officially apprised of the facts," and it began hacking merrily away at the already inadequate defense budget.

Maybe we could afford them in the past. But we can afford them no longer. If we are to win the race for survival that seems to be facing us, we must be COMPLETELY EFFICIENT. Racketeering and efficiency just DON'T mix.

ONE more word: Good government is essential to national efficiency. Government that tolerates racketeering ISN'T good. COMMON sense note in the news: Retired General Lucius Clay, whose wise and efficient administration as military governor of Germany in the critical years following the end of World War II put Western Germany back on its feet and made it into perhaps our most valuable Western European ally, warns today that the United States should not swing into a crash program to launch satellites at the expense of our missile program.

He says that prior to the launching of the Russian satellites the U.S. DELIBERATELY gave satellites a low priority because we didn't want to slow down our missile progress.

He adds: "Russia's two satellites do not prove the Soviets are ahead of this country in missiles. The United States is NOT behind the Soviet Union and could fall behind ONLY if the American government permits its satellite to GET IN OUR WAY."

THAT is to say: Satellites are not essential. Missiles ARE essential. Let's do first things first.

Sputnik Political Crisis Shows Nixon Knows How to Play Game

By LYLE C. WILSON, United Press Correspondent

Washington — The political crisis which burst around the Eisenhower administration when it was caught with its...



Lyle C. Wilson: That is a matter of considerable importance because Nixon is likely to be nominated by the Republicans for president in 1960. Political know-how of a high order will be necessary if the Republican nominee is to be elected.

Sputnik I soared into space on Oct. 4. The high orders of Nixon's political know-how in this crisis first was indicated on Oct. 16 when he took the first reasonable opportunity to sound the alarm.

Initial White House reaction had been Press Secretary James C. Hagerty's statement on Oct. 5 that the Russian satellite "did not come as any surprise" to the administration. Four days later, the President told a news conference the successful launching did not raise his apprehensions by "one iota" about national security.

On Oct. 15 White House Chief of Staff Sherman Adams ridiculed the Russian Rocket effort as a play for "high score in an outer space basketball game." Nixon Reverses Party Line

The next day, Nixon warned a San Francisco audience against any brush-off of the Russian achievement in rocketry. He called Sputnik I "a grim and timely reminder" of the great

magnitude of the Soviet Union's scientific and industrial capacity. That became the new administration party line on Sputnik I and II, with Laika aboard, made it even more emphatic.

How seriously the administration now assesses the meaning of the Sputniks is indicated by talk of diverting farm, housing or veterans' benefit funds to stepped-up U.S. rocketry. The political heat is on. It has been on since the first satellite went up and the administration now is well aware of that fact.

During the fortnight or so that the White House seemed unimpressed by the Russian achievement, the old timers around town were remarking that seldom had so few been out of step with so many. The "so many" were the public whose imaginations and fears had been plucked by the beginning of the space age.

There were some pious Democratic pledges that nobody on their side would try to make political hay out of the Sputnik crisis. But they were demanding to know, too, the whys and

whos of responsibility for the failure to have a U.S. satellite in the air. Truman Blames Ike: Former President Harry E. Truman, who knows a good political thing when he sees it, said the Truman administration missile program was "broken up after I left."

Nixon counter-attacked last week with a charge that the U.S. trails Russia in missiles because of a "calculated decision" during Truman's administration. Republican National Chairman Meade O'Leary immediately followed the Nixon lead in speeches delivered last week in Maine and Pennsylvania. Alcorn came up with spending figures designed to show that it was Truman, not Eisenhower, who cut back the missile program.

There is going to be a big election year dispute in 1958 about rocketry, missiles and national defense. Nixon and Alcorn are moving now to compel the Democrats to answer charges of neglect instead of making such charges against the Republicans.

try to give high priority enough to scientific education. In other words: One of the worst things we've done is to hold back on scientific education.

The second immediate requirement is that of greater concentration of effort and improved arrangements within the government in the field of science, etc. Translation: The second thing the government must do at once is to work harder and better on science, etc.

Accelerating the disposal of Strategic Air Command to additional bases. That is: Putting the Strategic Air Command in even more bases. Also compelling it in our armed forces. Meaning: Our armed forces also must be efficient.

If the project has some ultimate defense value, its urgency for this purpose is to be judged in comparison with the probable value of competing defense projects. Translation: We've got to figure whether this one will give as much defense as other projects.

A President's style sometimes can, sometimes can't be foretold from his career. Woodrow Wilson's eloquence and gift of phrase were perhaps to have been expected from a college professor reared in a minister's household. President Harding was a newspaper publisher, but his message and speeches cried for blue pencilling. President Coolidge was a lawyer, but his phraseology was almost always unlegally simple and readable.

Herbert Hoover's talks carried more "punch" after he had left than when he inhabited the White House. The effectiveness of F.D.R.'s talks was due largely to their superb delivery. And Harry S. Truman was never more successful than when he discarded his scripts and "gave 'em hell" off-the-cuff.

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President's Speech Texts Not Written By Him Personally

Washington, D.C.—(Special)—The texts of President Eisenhower's current exhortations on new defense problems receive, of course, his final revision and approval before he delivers them.

But it is no secret that in the first instance the texts are prepared by others. Those original compilers are supposed to be adept enough in writing and phraseology to make the presidential appeals really appealing to his listeners, viewers and readers. And that skill has shown itself in a great many passages in the first two of the President's "Wake Up, America" broadcasts, from Washington on Nov. 7, from Oklahoma City on Nov. 13. These particular passages were terse, clear, simple, easily understandable even by Americans whose schooling may have been limited and whose vocabularies may be narrow. For example:

In the years ahead we could fall behind. We will... get on with the job to be done. There was once a dictator named Hitler who also said he would bury us... Not enough people took him at his word. We shall not make that mistake again.

Defense today is expensive and becoming more so. The armed forces and their scientific associates have on the whole used this money wisely and well. We need scientists. In the ten years ahead they say we need them by thousands more than we are presently (now?) planning to have.

One thing that money cannot buy is time. On the other hand, certain other passages were couched in somewhat more complicated phraseology than necessary and although not quite qualifying for the Washington definition of "gobbledygook"—still might well have gone over better for some viewers or listeners if phrased more simply. Whether these passages had been simpler originally and somewhere along the line had been transmogrified (now, there's what the late Alfred E. Smith used to call a "two-dollar word") possibly by legal minds, is of course not public knowledge. For instance: There has been also a high level of expenditure. That is: We've spent much money. One of our greatest and most glaring deficiencies is the failure of us in this coun-

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Money Madness: To the Editor: The Roosevelt Bank Moratorium marked the beginning of lend and spend which began with Dumbarton Oaks and Breton Woods and rendered the United Nations into an impotent mess by reason of credit control. The annulment of O.P.A. changed millions to billions, mortgaged the future of the American consumer and necessitated foreign investments and the start of the cold war of economic competition.

The utilization of Germany, Italy and Japan with their advantage of cheap labor and currency to meet lower levels, forcing other NATO countries out of the market cannot meet the goal of profit expectation or enrich the lives of the impoverished masses since the motive is purely financial gain and the cost is greater than profits obtained. A guided missile with a war-head can never reach the target of foreign affairs or domestic economy, being only a dud in the futile effort, the anguish of time and the uncertainty of its ending.

Peace requires no war, contains no price structure or artificial law of supply and demand, intent only in the flowering of youth, the solace of age and the welfare of all mankind. There are 12 natural industrial mathematical economic laws that govern the universe and 12 natural industries that constitute a world economic system and industrial form of government. Ignore nature's laws and the wrath of the universe will fall upon those that violate them.

Tom Caldwell, 408 Laurel st., Medford, Ore.

DONATION: Syracuse, N. Y.—A thief "donated" a \$5,113 check to the YMCA. Police said the thief stole the check, made out by the Community Chest, from YMCA bookkeeper Helen Davis, evidently thought it over and then mailed back the check to the YMCA. However, the thief failed to return the \$273.50 in cash he stole along with the check.

HEAR... Rev. Jack Schisler MISSIONARY-EVANGELIST COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH 4th and Alder—Central Point

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