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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
Jan. 26, 1948 (Monday)
An Irish setter, "Charles River Blazes," owned by John L. Downs, Medford, was judged best in Southern Oregon Kennel club's first sanctioned dog show.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 26, 1938 (Wednesday)
Nine defendants charged with selling liquor to Indians sentenced by Judges James Alger Fee in the United States district court.

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 26, 1928 (Thursday)
Rosenberg brothers, owners of Bear Creek orchard, have initiated a new system of orchard spraying, which will be used in their orchard.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 26, 1918 (Saturday)
Boy Scouts of Medford, as personal messengers of the president, this week are distributing packets of information on the war.

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

1. Palmiro Togliatti is a Communist leader in which country?

2. Bible: Leah and Rachel, sisters, married who?

3. Correct the following: "She will come, providing she can get an American visa."

4. Is Psoriasis a city in Greece or Sicily?

5. Honus Wagner, Eddie Collins and Tris Speaker were players in what sport?

6. Does the Speaker of the House of Representatives cast a vote only in case of a tie?

7. Who was the author of "The Green Pastures"?

8. What was the middle name of Charles P. Steinmetz, noted electrical engineer?

9. With what subject did the Bretton Woods Conference deal?

10. The Japanese islands are subject to frequent earthquakes; true or false?

Answers: 1. Italy. 2. Jacob. 3. "She will come, provided she can get an American visa." 4. No (it is the name of a skin disease). 5. Baseball players. 6. No. (He may vote on any measure). 7. Marc Connelly. 8. Proteus. 9. International monetary plans. 10. True.

The 1958 Campaign

The 1958 congressional campaign has started officially, but as things look now it will not get under any head of steam until about September. A lucid interval in other words should intervene for which all normal rational citizens should be duly thankful.

WHEN it does get into high-gear we fear the "3-ring" performance will be more tiresome than usual.

For unless the Russians should land some para-troopers on the moon—or do something equally sensational and dramatic—the campaign probably will not go beyond the traditional pattern of such affairs, which can be readily reduced to "Ins" wanting to STAY in, and the "Outs" wanting to GET there.

THE campaign has already started along these familiar and somewhat tiresome lines. President Eisenhower's opening guns as well as those of his "heir-apparent" Richard Milhous Nixon, can be fairly classified under the general heading of "Pointing with Pride." ("God's in his Heaven, all is right with the world.")

THE Democratic campaign has not really started. Democratic leader Senator Lyndon Johnson has to date leaned over backward in the statements he has made to avoid any indication of partisanship.

But probably when that dinner for former President Truman is held, there will be plenty of steaming and searing oratory all of which can undoubtedly be likewise properly classified as "Viewing with Alarm."

IT IS the old familiar "army game" and in the opinion of this department has pretty well run its course as far as making any votes is concerned. But the politicians on neither side of the fence will agree, and of course they are in control of such matters,—so just an observer ON the fence can't do much about it.

THEREFORE the old time razzle-dazzle-ballyhoo will probably be in full cry when Labor Day rolls around—if not before—and normal sanity will not be restored until after the election in November.

In the view of this department, the final result nationally in November is going to depend VERY LITTLE upon what the various candidates will claim in the next eight months on their own behalf and a GREAT DEAL upon about what the business conditions are when November rolls around.

If by then business is not definitely better, and the future looks no more promising for the USA internationally than it does today, nothing as we can see it can prevent a Democratic landslide and a greatly increased majority for the party in the Congress.

If on the other hand, as President Eisenhower predicts, there is a sharp business up-turn before then, fears of losing the race with Russia are dissipated and the future prospects for America return to something approaching "the good old days"—then the Republicans probably won't lose many seats and may even gain a few.

Yes, in our opinion, the political situation, as of today, is as simple as that.

This won't prevent the usual flood of table-thumping oratory however,—the pointing with pride, the viewing with alarm,—pattern is too deeply imbedded in political practice. This is too bad from the standpoint of the national economy, for if such needless "noise and fury" could be prevented, millions and millions of dollars instead of being wasted, could be saved, and put to productive and constructive uses.—R.W.R.

Is the MT "Democratic"?

Every so often we have to announce that the term "an independent newspaper" on the MT's masthead means JUST what it says.

The necessity this time was brought about by a phone-call from a local celebrant who said he represented a group of subscribers who wished to know whether "Ye Editor" was registered as a "Republican" or a "Democrat."

Not liking the tone or nature of the request we told the "celebrant" to call up—or call upon—the County Clerk's office where the information he sought, could be secured.

This brought a response that indicated the communicant had been on the side of a party argument maintaining the undersigned is registered as a Democrat and has been a member of that party even since the first election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt 25 years ago and the inauguration of the New Deal.

WELL, as indicated, we did not think the party registration of "Ye Editor" of any public interest or importance, and no one's particular business outside of the individual concerned.

But the inquiry, and the subsequent conversation, did indicate that once more there are a number of readers here in Jackson County who either have overlooked that term "an independent paper" (which has been unchanged in the masthead for over 50 years), or they have assumed that it did not mean what it said,—particularly when the paper has, for so many years, taken

clear-cut and definite sides in all local, state and national elections.

SO AGAIN, as remarked, we think another clarification of the Mail Tribune's political policy is called for.

We don't object to criticisms of that policy, but we do object to having it misunderstood.

THE TRUTH is simply this: The "MT" was established as an independent paper, and has always been "INDEPENDENT."

Under its present ownership it has supported more Republican than Democratic candidates, but never on the basis of the party label but because at the time the GOP candidate appeared to be better qualified for the job than his opponent.

That's all there has been to it. But the suspicion has persisted through the years there was something phoney about this claim, that it was merely a bit of window-dressing, the conclusion apparently being that a newspaper truly independent could not take sides for one major party or the other at election time.

THIS is not true.

We believe the record will show the Mail Tribune has never in any election, ever advised anyone to vote the ticket of any party STRAIGHT.

We have advised them to pick and choose as the paper has done, not on the basis of the party label but on the basis of worth. Nationally of course the choice has been on the basis of what the party as a party at any given time stood for, what its record showed and what it believed in.

THE record will show we supported Teddy Roosevelt when he ran against the original "Mr. Republican" William Howard Taft. It will show we supported Franklin Delano Roosevelt when he opposed Alf Landon of Kansas. And by the same token we supported Governor Dewey of New York when he ran against President Truman.

We are not saying, of course, we were right or wrong in our selections. We are only saying that each time we made the selection on the basis of what we BELIEVED to be best for the community, the state and the nation at the time, entirely independent of purely partisan considerations.

And that is what we mean by an "independent newspaper." And that is why that item has been in the masthead of the Mail Tribune so many years, and will remain there as long as the paper remains under its present management.

FROM the first we have never been committed to any party and never intend to be. We shall be the mouth-piece of none.

It was Governor Stevenson of Illinois who in his welcoming speech at the Chicago convention in 1952, along with the speeches and the general smug and complacent atmosphere at the Republican conclave the same year that convinced the undersigned, that the Democratic party was the liberal, wide-awake progressive party and the Republican definitely was NOT.

So just as we chose Teddy Roosevelt's "Progressive party" over William Howard Taft's, we chose Adlai Stevenson's party over Senator Robert Taft's G.O.P., particularly when General Eisenhower capitulated to the ultra-conservative and isolationist Senator from Ohio.

Again we are not claiming our decisions were right or wrong, we are merely saying they were INDEPENDENTLY arrived at.

AND finally, if our curious celebrant has not yet consulted the office of the County Clerk, with the above off our editorial chest, and feeling somewhat relaxed and contrite as a result; we shall now proceed to save him the trouble-to-wit:

The undersigned is registered not as a Democrat or a Republican but as a member of the "Independent" party and has been for quite a few years.—R.W.R.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's take a look today at Marcos Perez Jimenez, of Venezuela.

Only a few weeks ago, he was sitting tight as the Big Boss of Venezuela. Caracas, his capital city, was easily the most fabulous city of South America—perhaps everything considered, the most fabulous city of all the Americas. Tourists gazed upon it in utter amazement at the things that had been done in the space of a few short years to make it beautiful and efficient and astounding.

During the past decade or so the industrial growth of Venezuela has been one of the wonders of the world. The oil, the iron ore, the precious minerals, the raw resources of almost every kind with which nature so liberally endowed Venezuela but which had been allowed to lie dormant for centuries, had been developed to an astonishing extent. Money has practically flowed along the streets of Caracas and down the roads and highways of Venezuela as a whole.

The bulk of this has come about under the rule of Dictator Jimenez. So—This question arises: How come that he has been deposed and that the people

of Venezuela are celebrating his downfall in what the dispatches describe as "a wild orgy of joy?"

THE answer is to be found in this sentence from one of the dispatches describing his flight to the Dominican Republic as a political refugee:

"He left behind him a nation joyful over its first REAL TASTE OF FREEDOM in years and determined to take revenge against the SECRET POLICE which had held the people in the throes of terror under the ousted dictator."

AT ANY rate—Jimenez is OUT and the people are happy.

I HOPE Nikita Khrushchev reads the story, and ponders over it—as I am sure he will. Khrushchev is a despot. His secret police rule Russia.

And Khrushchev claims that he is doing GREAT THINGS for Russia and the Russians. He has been boasting loudly of the SCIENTIFIC progress Russia has been making under Communist rule.

It is ruled by the secret police. Its people live in terror. What has happened with such startling swiftness in Venezuela CAN happen in Russia.



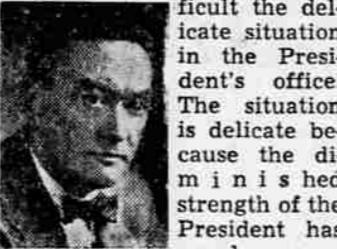
"I'M GONNA TEACH RUFF HOW TO PLAY FETCH!"

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

A BAD BLUNDER

By his Minneapolis speech on Monday, Gov. Sherman Adams has made more difficult the delicate situation in the office.



Walter Lippmann made a necessary, almost certainly an unprecedented, delegation of powers to the White House staff of which Gov. Adams is the chief.

The flat contradiction between the Adams speech and the President's own speech that same evening raises the question of how faithfully the President's will is being carried out by those to whom his powers are delegated. For on an issue of national importance Gov. Adams was in open contradiction with the letter and the spirit of the President's speech.

If that can happen publicly, what goes on in the privacy of the President's office? This is a fair question, and it is a necessary one. For the government of the United States is today being carried on under a special dispensation which can work only if there is a general and complete confidence in it.

There is to be an inquest and there is much to be said for having one, it should not be made by a Congressional committee, composed of men among whom many must run for re-election in the fall. The inquest should be conducted in a judicial spirit of some kind of panel or commission which inspires general confidence and is composed of men who personally have nothing to gain and nothing to lose by the outcome of the elections.

Were this complete confidence seriously broken, there would be a demoralizing political uproar about who exercises power and who can be held accountable.

THE outward evidence of the country's confidence has been that Congress, the press, and the public have accepted the theory that Gov. Adams and his assistants are confidential agents of the President's who cannot be questioned by committees of Congress or in press conferences. This immunity rests on the principle that their relations with the President are confidential, and that their acts are to be treated as being his acts. For these acts, the President is accountable to the people. But his agents are accountable only to him.

This is a complex and subtle theory which we have developed to meet an unusually difficult situation. It is not easy to keep believing it in the face of the known evidence about the President's absences from the White House, and the many evidences that he is not always well informed. Yet we have all wanted to believe in the theory since, given the facts about our constitutional system, we have no better choice than to believe it.

But the country will not go on believing it if it turns out that the confidential agents or the President are playing politics on their own, and contrary to the President's own political beliefs. The moral of it is that in the position he occupies, and with the immunity which he claims, Gov. Adams should not make speeches at all, should nourish no political ambitions of his own, and should acquire, or at least simulate, what used to be called a passion for anonymity.

ON THE substance of the question, which is whether

er defense is a legitimate party question, the answer, I believe, is that here honesty will prove to be best policy. Thus, it is the duty of the Democrats in Congress to examine the Administration's defense proposals in the light of the best intelligence available and of the testimony of experts. It is not only their right but their duty to decide whether the Administration's program is adequate and how it could be improved. The Democrats will be expected to come forward with their own program of amendments which Congress can then debate.

It is when we come to the post-mortems for our having fallen behind in the race of armaments that an ugly paralyzing paralysis will show itself. The country will do well to be very skeptical and very suspicious of all attempts to fix the blame on one party or the other. There have been too many Democrats and Republicans involved in the complicated history of the missiles and other strategic weapons to justify any verdict that one or the other party is guilty.

Why not let the pulp publications have the story with the pictures and make all the money they can? Their clientele would soon be tired of hearing about it and demand something newer and more up to date.

For my part I've been very tired of hearing about kings, queens, princes and princesses ever since I began to listen with avidity to tales about my highly respected, hard-working and patriotic ancestors who not only attended, but staged and passed a creditable examination at the Boston Tea party. Poor little Prince, full school age and has not learned to take it.

H. Gore, Jacksonville

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 initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Junk Up to the Citizens

To the Editor: The Feb. 4 issue of Look magazine forcefully reminds me of our local conditions. We are a rapidly expanding city; we can develop into a clean, attractive city, or we can be a conglomeration of slums, junk yards and general disorganization.

It is up to the citizens of this area to see that Medford is developed properly. You say that you elect the council and other officials to do this job for you. This may be so, but sometimes personal interests interfere with the proper discharge of duty. Then, it is up to you to register your dissatisfaction.

I am referring to the licensing of the Speedway wrecking yard (a junk yard) right in the middle of a residential area. This was done over the objection of over 200 residents.

This eyesore is clearly visible to every tourist who passes through our city to visit Crater Lake Park. I say visible; I mean, he cannot possibly avoid seeing this mess.

Carl B. Ekholm, 2189 Corona ave., Medford

Tired of Kings

To the Editor: Why all this fuss and fury about the Queen of England and her husband taking their son, Prince Charles, out of school because "the boys" wanted to take his picture and write a piece about him?

Any American boy whose father might happen to be a mechanic, a farmer or a court stenographer, would take publicity in his stride, get into T.V., go on to school and possibly earn a Ford scholarship.

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

The women's editor the other day obtained (begged? borrowed? stole?) two little Japanese-made birds, created out of paper. They're engaging little things, and she hung each to a different light-pull string in the office.

Friday afternoon the author of the M.T.'s new column, "Diary of a Bird Watcher," visited the office. He was asked if he could identify the birds.

"Easy," he replied. "One is red, the other's yellow."

A couple of Medford police officers spent an instructive half-hour the other day attempting to explain to the records officer (female) the difference between fender skirts (for a car) and under skirts (for a woman).

The minutes of the city council of Medford ordinarily are prepared in the stiff, formal style common to governmental documents, and duplicated in ordinary black and white mimeographed style. Complaints, probably not too serious, have been heard that they ought to be jazzed up a little.

Well, the young lady who officiates at the duplicating

Editorial Comment

STILL MINING TIMBER!

The Al Serena mining patents get back into the news with report that the patentees have "mined" nearly three million board feet of timber, but no minerals from their claims. That doesn't disprove the presence of minerals, but it does show lack of mining values under present conditions. Regardless of its merits under the law that decision of Solicitor Clarence Davis to grant the patents was a rock around the necks of Republican candidates in 1954.—Oregon Statesman (Salem).

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The Lust for Power

To the Editor: Much has been said about peace and liberty in the world since the Sputnik aroused the People and Nations to the fact it could be lost if we are not willing and ready to fight for it. Whether we are religiously inclined or not we must admit there are two opposing forces in the Earth of good and evil. Ever since the War in Heaven and later the time of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Fundamentally on the one hand there is free agency, liberty, freedom and love for one another given to us by a supreme intelligence we call God who has Created this Earth and given it the laws it so literally obeys and fulfills from year to year. And on the other hand there is hate, envy, strife, force and lust for power and dominion over one another by the power of the adversary. We are also born with more or less intelligence to choose between these opposing forces as long as lustful men rebel against the gospel of Peace and offend against their fellow men there will be wars. Lasting Peace will cover the Earth only after men and their leaders cease to lust for power and dominion over one another.

If God had willed it so there would not have been the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden. And Adam and Eve would still be there alone.

At any rate we needed to come in contact with Sin and evil and incidentally wars.

By the same tokens we will enjoy Peace and love for one another in the Millennium. Then the Lion and the Lamb will lie down together and we will not build and another inhabit nor plant and another eat. Then they shall not hurt nor destroy because the Earth shall be full of Knowledge as the waters cover the deep.

John F. Peterson, 1113 South Oakdale ave., Medford

machine in the city hall took a copy of the Jan. 16 minutes and, with the aid of some selected illustrations clipped from here and there, proceeded to do so.

For instance, the item headed "Beverage license," was illustrated with a picture of a glass of something stronger than water on one side, and with a slightly befuddled man on the other.

The item, "Bills Allowed," had pictures of a pelican (big bill), woodpecker (tough bill), stork (old bill) and baby chick (little bill).

Minutes of the previous meeting were enlivened with a picture of a wrist watch, and there were others appropriate to the subject matter. The one we liked best was of a man (presumably a staid city councilman) taking careful aim with a rubber band and spitwad, very possibly at the mayor.

Maybe this practice (illustrating the minutes, that is) should be adopted officially.

As political gossip begins to burble throughout the county, our courthouse reporter tells us that all this fuss about the county judgeship may have something to do with the fact that the office is a stepping-stone to the presidency, he claims, and proves it by reminding that a Jackson County Judge once made it. Jackson County, Missouri, of course.

A woman we know was worried recently about a small mole which had developed on her neck. It had torn and bled, so she went to see a doctor. He put a Band-Aid on it, and told her to come back in a few days.

She did. The doctor's nurse took off the Band-Aid, swabbed off the remaining adhesive tape stickum with alcohol, and—neat as can be—off came the mole.

Last Tuesday night one of our staff members drove downtown from his home on the east side to get a package of cigarettes. On one of the principal east side streets he noted a house which still had its Christmas decorations up in front. They were all lighted up, too, he said.

Two county officials are beginning to think they must resemble policemen.

On a recent trip through another county, they stopped for a bite to eat, and spotted a gambling device. Curious, they inquired about it of the manager, who, white-faced and trembling, assured them they didn't know it was illegal, honest he didn't.

On another occasion they entered a restaurant in another county, and immediately the bartender dashed in and ordered the bartender to turn off an electric gambling device. Later, when it was discovered they were not, after all, police officers, the device was turned on again, and one of them proceeded to win enough money to pay for his dinner.

Attorneys, by and large, are pillars of the community, salt of the earth, and trusted leaders of men. Why, then, a curious staff member asks, should one of the better-known firms have to be equipped with a "sweat box"?

A Salem columnist was handed a sheet of paper the other day, on which were listed what the second child born to a family can expect in comparison to the treatment accorded the first child.

Some of them follow: Child No. 1: Buy a beautiful layette. Child No. 2: Make a trip to the attic.

No. 1: Weigh every day. No. 2: Feel leg occasionally. No. 1: Sneezes: Call the doctor. No. 2: Gets pneumonia: Give aspirin.

No. 1: Everything sterilized. No. 2: Warned to stop chewing on the dog's bone. No. 1: "He's 9 months and 11 days old." No. 2: "I think he was born in August."

No. 1: "Now don't let him out of your sight." No. 2: "He'll come home when he's hungry."

Our farm editor, devoted to the produce of Jackson county, complains that among the refreshments served at a recent meeting of the Fruit Growers League there wasn't a pear in sight.

The reason some people get lost in thought is because they're in unfamiliar territory.