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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

Feb. 4, 1948 (Wednesday)
Encouragement over Camp
White hospital project ex-
pressed by O. H. Bengtson,
Medford attorney, now in
Washington, D.C.

City councilmen declared
it a matter of general policy
not to consider any applica-
tion of a district for annexa-
tion to the city unless the dis-
trict has water, sewer and
other improvements.

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 4, 1938 (Friday)
Interstate commerce com-
mission officials say they had
no authority to interfere with
Southern Pacific's scheduled
discontinuance of a daily light
train service between Grants
Pass and Portland.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Post column: "Upstate
farmers won an argument
with labor union regulations
in Portland with pickflocks.
If farmers continue to act like
this, they will not be allowed
to vote for candidates picked
out for them by Grange and
labor leaders."

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 4, 1928 (Saturday)
Going on more than a 20-
mile hiking jaunt was the
boast of three ambitious local
girls yesterday.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 4, 1918 (Monday)
A Gold Hill resident says
the weather was so cold in
Indiana that cows shivered
so at milking time that
streams of milk couldn't hit
the buckets.

From local and personal:
"At a recent meeting of the
board of supervisors of the
Siskiyou county, Calif., Dis-
trict Attorney Allen served
notice on the sheepmen from
Oregon to move sheep off the
private land in Butte valley
or they would be prosecuted."

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior;
seven or eight is excellent; five
or six is good.

1. The capital city of the Irish Free States is Belfast, Cork, or Dublin?
 2. Bible: The phrase, "My cup runneth over" occurs in which Psalm?
 3. A nasologist would specialize in what part of the human body?
 4. Are gargoyles a sort of eyeglass or plural for a mouth wash?
 5. What does a seismograph measure?
 6. Is the Associated Press over 50, 75, or 100 years old?
 7. How much is one-half plus one-half times one-half?
 8. On the map, does the toe or the heel in the "boot" of Italy nearly touch Sicily?
 9. "Caveat emptor" means "Look before you leap," "Let the buyer beware," or "Before you invest—investigate"?
 10. Is the hollyhock plant an annual or perennial flowering plant?
- Answers: 1. Dublin. 2. Twenty-third psalm. 3. The nose. 4. Neither (Grotesque waterspouts on buildings). 5. The shocks and undulatory motions of earthquakes. 6. Over 100 (109 years old). 7. This is a catch question. Either one-half or three-quarters is correct, depending on the way the question is read. 8. The toe. 9. "Let the buyer beware." 10. Perennial flowering plant.

Politics IS Funny

Yes, politics is funny.

A few months ago the world was thrilled—or shocked depending upon the attitude of the nation toward Russia—by the first launching of a Soviet satellite from the earth into orbit.

It is generally admitted now that the present administration was shocked. But for obvious political reasons "a state of shock" was not admitted.

President Eisenhower, at a "Sputnik" press-conference declared emphatically the Russian achievement did not disturb him—and should not disturb the country—"one iota."

THE President's "alter ego," Sherman Adams, went even further. He said in effect: if the Russians wished to play a game of interstellar basketball that was their affair, but as far as the great American republic was concerned, it was believed the tax-payers' money could be spent in more profitable directions.

WE can't recall whether it was a General in the army, or an Admiral in the navy, but one or the other declared about the same time that the USA could have launched such a satellite before "Sputnik" if someone, not named, had not cancelled the contract for reasons of economy. It was also stated that it was planned to launch such a satellite into orbit in February, and there was no reason to doubt, this would be done.

WELL, this gentlemen, whose political affiliations are unknown, proved to be correct.

And as everyone now knows a US army satellite was launched successfully last Friday and although it is too small to be seen even by field glasses as it shoots 200 miles above the earth at approximately 18,000 miles an hour, its "beep" is plainly heard and that is enough to satisfy the scientists—and should be enough to satisfy the Republicans.

BUT apparently it isn't.

At least, Senator Dirksen of Illinois (who in the opinion of this department is an unctious and pious fraud, but a pretty slick politician,) assured "Youth Wants to Know" on Sunday that this great US achievement in outer space not only equals the two Sputniks of "atheistic" Russia, but promises to greatly surpass them. There will be a second launching in a month or so he declared and the implication was, that thanks to the present highly efficient and resourceful Republican administration, before election day comes around there will be so many US G.O.P. "moons" in the air, that the claim that the present administration was caught off-base by the Soviets in this and the "ICBM" department, will be shot into smithereens like so much inorganic atomic dust!

AS this is written neither the President nor Sherman Adams have commented upon this victory, but undoubtedly they will—although it is equally certain they will not dismiss the achievement as they did "Sputnik No. 1".

ALSO, as of now, we have heard none of the Democratic leaders play down the importance of the Army's spectacular solar achievement.

And we hope they don't.
For it IS a REAL achievement. It does change the international situation materially, and the administration should be given the credit—just as when Russia won out with the first Sputnik, the administration should have been—and was—discredited.

BUT it is better late than never.

And while according to Dr. Wernher von Braun who was responsible for the "Explorer" (and therefore should know SOMETHING about it!) this rocket does not equal even Russia's first "Sputnik," also Russia's progress in this field is still "frightening". The fact remains that the position the United States occupies as of now, and the position it occupied that last day of January, 1958, are as different as day and night.

It is like a man fearing he might be forced to file a petition in bankruptcy any moment getting an unexpected legacy which put him on Easy Street—or at least out of insolvency—for an indefinite time.

The United States undoubtedly has not caught up with communist Russia in the field of guided missiles or the conquest of outer space; but at least it is no longer OUTCLASSED; it is now in there pitching, and with its potentials in the field of science, what they are, there is reason to believe it will catch up with Russia in a few years, and might with a break or two even surpass it.

SO everyone should be breathing easier—Democrats as well as Republicans.

But it is a fairly safe prediction that before the 1958 campaign is over the "Sputnik-Explorer" enterprises and their implications will become one of the material issues, and that old well-worn pattern "Pointing with Pride" and "Viewing with Alarm" will be brushed off and given its usual campaign launching in the perennial scramble of the "Outs" to get in and the "Ins" to stay there.

BASICALLY it will be a "sham battle" but "sham" is traditionally a part of our American political campaigns, which makes them so often amusing, and yet, now and then, extremely depressing.—R.W.R.



"I'M NOT SELLING SUITCASES, SONNY. I'M SELLING...
DON'T SHUT THE DOOR, KID! KID?"

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

IKE TO THE U.N.
Washington—The launching of the first American earth satellite is likely to be the signal for a dramatic gesture by President Eisenhower. It is a good bet that a special session of the United Nations General Assembly will be convened to hear an earnest appeal by the President for international control of the ballistic missiles and other space weapons.

The idea of convening a special session of the U.N. for this purpose started as a bright notion tossed out some time ago by some middle level official. It began to be seriously considered a couple of weeks ago, when Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson promised "undivided support" for the President if he would thus "demonstrate initiative before the United Nations."

Now that the American satellite has been launched, the idea of calling a special session of the U.N. is very high on the list of things to be considered by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. The idea is tempting for a number of reasons. As he demonstrated in his famous "Atoms-for-Peace" speech to the U.N. in 1953, a high level appeal to the representatives of the assembled nations is the sort of thing the President does best.

THERE are all sorts of other reasons, some of them extremely practical, why the idea is tempting. On the most practical level, such a Presidential initiative would certainly be good domestic politics. It would tend to recreate the image of the President as the great father-leader which has been so badly marred by the Soviet satellites and other events of the last months.

That image has been the central Republican asset in the last five years. The Republicans are badly in need of assets in this election year. And since the idea of a Presidential "initiative" before the United Nations, to control the space weapons was first put forward by Lyndon Johnson, the Democrats would be in no position to attack that initiative as a grandstand play.

The idea is tempting for international reasons as well. For the Eisenhower image has of course also been badly marred in the NATO nations and among the neutrals, and the plan would provide an opportunity for the President to regain some of the prestige he has lost.

BUT THE most tempting aspect of the idea is the thought that it might at last put the Soviets on the defensive. It would tend to undercut the Soviet's drive for a summit meeting, which has been gathering force daily, and which has the American government squirming in discomfort.

It would also again put the Soviets in the position of eternal nay-sayers, a position now pre-empted, in the eyes of the world, by Secretary Dulles. Even before Nikita Khrushchev's recent speech at Minsk, there was no doubt that the Soviets would in fact say nay to any proposal for control of the space weapons. Now there is virtually no doubt at all. For Khrushchev placed conditions on control of the ballistic missiles, like dismantlement of the American forward bases, which he of course knew could not be accepted.

And that, oddly enough, is another reason why the plan for a Presidential address to the United Nations is more likely than not to be adopted. For before Khrushchev spoke there was at least a small smidgen of hope that the Soviets might be ready to talk seriously about control of the missiles.

The Soviets, it was argued, must know that this country would in time challenge their lead in the ballistic missiles. They must know that the missiles, in their present crude stage of development, are still technically, as Secretary Dulles has said, "readily subject to be controlled."

THEY must know that this stage will not last long, and that control of the missiles, as Dulles has also said, will soon become "impossible."

Surely, the hopeful argument ran, the prospect of a world armed with these weapons of total and instant destruction could not be altogether agreeable to the Russians. Thus, it was thought, serious and secret negotiation with the Russians might actually produce the basis for an agreement to control the new weapons.

The hope that the Soviets might be willing to negotiate seriously was probably illusory anyway. If the plan for a Presidential address to the United Nations is adopted, it can be taken as a signal that the hope has been altogether abandoned. For whatever its advantages in other ways, such a dramatic gesture is obviously unlikely to produce any agreement whatever.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Well! Well! We finally have a satellite in the air.
Maybe we can now quit blushing and beating our breasts in humiliation and get to work on a sound military defense program while at the same time giving intelligent thought to keeping our economy solvent.

OUR artificial moon isn't as heavy as Russia's. For that, we must hang our heads in shame. But it GOES HIGHER. That gives us something to brag about.

Our moon has no dog inside. But it carries instruments that study and report back to us by radio such things as cosmic ray intensity (cosmic rays, you know, might KILL the space men we send up later) and space particles (meteors, meteoric dust, etc.) that might play hob with our space ships when we later get that far along.

Everything considered—It looks like we're in a position to claim for propaganda purposes that the satellite race is horse and horse.

OUR satellite is named 1958 Alpha.

Since Greek hasn't been compulsory in our educational system for a long, long time, maybe we'd better explain that Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet. So 1958 Alpha means simply 1958 A.

Beta is the second letter of the Greek alphabet and Gamma is the third. So, presumably, our next satellite will be named 1959 Beta and the one after that 1960 Gamma. It seems reasonable that we will go as far down the alphabet as 19—Delta and 19—Epsilon.

By the time we get past Epsilon, we may have had the good sense to restore Greek to our school curricula and thus be able to figure out more names for our man-made moons.

WHILE we're at it, we'd better take a sharp, realistic look at Russia and Russians. We've been kidding ourselves about them too long.

Modern Russians—say within the past century and a half—have had GOOD scientific and literary minds. Pavlov, with his conditioned reflex experiments, is probably the most widely known example of the Russian scientific mind.

On the literary side, Dostoevsky, Turgenyev and Tolstoy are well known names, even in our not too erudite country.

DOSTOEVSKY was influenced chiefly by his bitter hatred of Russian despotism. He had reason to be. He was condemned to death for his liberal views, and was actually standing before the firing squad when his sentence was commuted to hard labor for life in the Siberian salt mines.

Tolstoy developed a fuzzy belief in an idealistic system of anarchy in which there would be no such thing as governments, churches, and creeds and mankind's affairs would be ruled by simplicity, faith, love and the brotherhood of man—an admirable philosophy, but certainly not a very practical one.

Turgenyev, novelist and poet, became a proponent of the weird doctrine of nihilism, which aimed at anarchy and the complete overthrow of law, order and ALL existing institutions, with the idea of rebuilding the world spick and span new from the beginning.

ALL three of these men were extremists. Their extreme views were instigated by their bitter hatred and utter abhorrence of the aged-old institution of Russian DESPOTISM.

Their hatred of despotism warped their views, but it must be recognized that they possessed KEEN minds. They were literary artists of the first magnitude, and their works were read widely all over the world. Their writings influenced millions of people.

LET'S quit fooling ourselves about the Russians. They AREN'T all dumb cattle. The tragedy of Russia is that from the beginnings of recorded time it has been RIDDEN BY DESPOTISM. It is still ridden by despotism.

But its people, taken as a whole, aren't ignorant, incompetent savages. There are GOOD MINDS among them. We'd better not forget that.

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Germany Forges Ahead in Use Of Atoms for Peaceful Work

Frankfurt, Germany—West Germany has thrown its scientific ability and prosperity into an all-out atoms for peace program.

Banned from all atomic research until 1955, Germany in two years has put two atomic reactors into operation, founded societies for atomic development, and is rapidly catching up on other nations engaged in similar programs for a decade longer.

Laws controlling the use of the atom are in the legislative mill, and schools and universities the nation over have begun atomic-age education.

Government Pessimistic
In 1955, the German gov-

ernment predicted it would be 15 years before the nation could put the atom to peaceful use.

But scientists and industry are well on the way to proving the government estimation wrong.

Last September, Germany's first research reactor was put into operation in Munich. The second followed Jan. 16 in Frankfurt. A third reactor in Berlin was scheduled to start this fall.

In Stuttgart, the nation's first A-bomb shelter has been constructed.

The city of Duesseldorf will have its own reactor some time in 1959. It will be

used to train power station employees and for experimenting with atomic power in industry.

Only one year after the ban was lifted, five private concerns founded a society for the development of atomic energy in Bavaria.

A reactor in Karlsruhe is under construction.

Atomic Power in Two Years
A scientist at the Batelle Institute in Frankfurt predicted Germany will be able to use atomic power for industry in two years. The institute carries out industrial research for private firms.

At present, 20 scientists are occupied in study of ways to prevent and treat radioactive mishaps. They were asked to make the experiments by an industrial firm soon to purchase a reactor to supply its own power.

The Bavarian government has passed a law forbidding the use of the atom for any but peaceful purposes.

In this way, Germany concentrates solely on its atoms for peace program without developing the atom for war-time use.

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.

'Charity Begins at Home'

To the Editor: The social and civic leaders all plea to write 'em and invite 'em and give till it hurts. Well, both slogans hurt a lot of people.

First of all, we do not have the space and facilities to accommodate tourists. If they are more important than local people, then quit selling fishing licenses to us. It's not much fun to plan a week end at the lakes, find it overrun with tourists and have to return home.

Then: "Give till it hurts." How many families in Jackson county are desperate for help but will not get it? I know a young family who had the hard luck of going broke because they invested in a logging truck. The man of the house has been in a Portland hospital for treatment and surgery since November. More surgery is needed and God alone knows when he will work again. Their oldest son was recently hospitalized with pneumonia. So a young wife and mother with a situation like this cannot possibly appreciate our good citizens who diligently work for charity when charity should begin at home.

Jean Stanton
Butte Falls

Expresses Thanks

To the Editor: May I take this means of thanking all the friends in Medford for their contribution to both the heart fund and memorial library; for their kindness and messages of sympathy extended to us during our recent sorrow. They were all deeply appreciated.

Mrs. Trudy Dispenziere
and family
Woodbine, Iowa

What The Bible Says

To the Editor: It was most interesting to listen to the opinions of the Medford Ministerial Association in their weekly round table discussions, on the subject of tithing. 2nd Tim. 4:5 reads, "Make full proof of thy ministry." Man's opinion unless substantiated by the word of God is absolutely worthless. The 18th chapter of Numbers makes it very clear just who was to receive tithes, just why they were to receive tithes and from whom they were to receive tithes.

Man in this age loves to build on insinuations, innuendoes, wishful thinking, and in just taking things for granted. The word clearly states that the land was divided up among the 11 tribes of Israel the tribe of Levi were told that they would receive no inheritance with the rest of Israel, but were given a command to take tithes of their brethren. The moderator stated that this question had come up a number of times, no wonder. It also makes one wonder just what kind of a brain-washing one has to give themselves to feel that they have been deprived of their inheritance and was therefore placed in the same groove with the sons of Levi. 2nd Tim. 2:15 states, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

It does not say to change it but to just rightly divide it. Christ makes it so clear in Luke 16:16, when he said, "The law and the prophets were until John." As I understand the English language, the law and the prophets were until John. As I understand the English language, the law and the prophets were until John. As I understand the English language, the law and the prophets were until John.

the law and the prophets became null and void after that date.

Christ didn't say you can drop of circumcision and the keeping of the Jewish sabbath, but if you have an extreme love for money you can hold on to the tithes. Let us read the testimony that the Bible gives of a Holy Ghost minister by the name of Barnabas, the word says he was a good man full of the Holy Ghost and of faith, and many people were added unto the Lord. By the way he belonged to the tribe of Levi who had been given the command to take tithes back in the law. He was filled with the Holy Ghost whose sole purpose was to lead God's people into all truth, Barnabas was not led back into the law where he could take tithes, but into the truth where he sold all his land and laid the money at the apostle's feet. Paul one of God's most mighty ministers spoke much about how needful it was for Christians to give to the support of the gospel.

Every real Christian today has a real burden and a feeling of responsibility for the spread of the good news. Paul who was a tent maker by trade said he was chargeable to no man, Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered to my necessities, and to them that were with me. Paul never taught tithing for he knew the word to well and he also had the same spirit as his Brother Barnabas. This is what the Bible says about it and not man.

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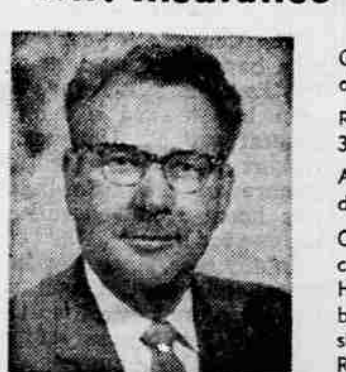
"Causidants"

To the Editor: In compliance with your recent request for suggestions of terms to be used in place of "accident," why not replace it with what is, after all, the real reason back of most? To wit: Negligence, or "Causidant"—being casual as the dictionary says?

The extra dollar drivers are being charged this year for licenses to go for driver training evidently doesn't pay for that. In any event, I am told there is an amount included in the school budget to cover the cost also. Is this duplicate payment, and if it is a tax item, why single out the drivers to finance it? Also, I "Ben Told" there is a charge made for this instruction. Yet our youth are said to be to blame for most accidents. We paid our driver's fee two weeks ahead, but the license did not arrive until the day after it expired.

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Bill Fish

GROUNDHOG DAY was observed last Sunday.
ROADHOG DAY is observed 365 times a year.
A ROADHOG is just as unpredictable as a GROUNDHOG.
Our FAMILY AUTO POLICY can't prevent the GROUNDHOG from seeing his shadow but it will help you if your shadow gets in front of the ROADHOG.

