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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.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 6, 1948 (Friday)
Friends organize "draft
Bengston" committee for
Republican nomination for state
senator.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 6, 1938 (Sunday)
Highways north and south
of Medford kept open by
plows working all night.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 6, 1928 (Monday)
Southern Oregon Legionnaires
to support Medford
Legion Post in conducting
state convention here in
August.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 6, 1918 (Wednesday)
Directors of Medford Irrigation
district select Beaver
creek project.

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

1. DAV are the initials of
which veterans' organization?
2. Bible: Does Ezra 7:21
contain all the letters in the
alphabet except J, Q or R?
3. Are lemons picked before
they are ripe?
4. The donkey and elephant
are symbols of which two
political parties?
5. Is a pouesse cafe a restaurant,
a mixture of cordials and
brandy or a layer cake?
6. Is a "round robin" a petition,
discussion, or news
panel?
7. Volume for volume, is
damp air heavier than dry
air?
8. When angry, can a porcupine
actually shoot any of
its quills?
9. Does the edible portion
of fresh, white potatoes
contain about 68, 78, or 88 per
cent water?
10. What, in baseball, does
a "goose egg" denote?

Answers: 1. Disabled American
Veterans. 2. "J." 3. Yes.
4. Democratic (donkey); Republican
(elephant). 5. A mixture
of cordials and brandy.
6. A petition (signed in a circular
form so that no individual's
signature need appear
first). 7. No. (At ordinary
temperature and pressure, 13
cubic feet of dry air weigh about
one pound; under similar
conditions, damp air will weigh
about 0.62 pounds). 8. No. 9.
About 78 per cent water. 10.
Zero score

Air pollution experts estimate
that industrial plants
waste up to \$800 million
worth of fuel annually because
of inefficient burning
methods.

"Mink Coatism Again"

When will officials of government entrusted with protecting the public interest in a specific field understand that they cannot accept favors from the industry or individuals regulated by these officials? Anyone so stupid or so insensitive to responsibility should be removed summarily from public office.

John C. Doerfer, chairman of the Federal Communication Commission, complained bitterly to the press and on TV that he was being treated worse than a criminal by a special House subcommittee investigating industry favors to FCC members. But there is only one question to be answered: Did he accept expense or other money from the radio-TV industry? In Doerfer's case, the issue is compounded by the accusation that he not only collected expense money (or an "honorarium," as he called it) from private industry, but that he also collected expense money from the government for the same trips.

This "mink coatism" in the Eisenhower administration is a duplicate of that in the Truman administration. It knows no party, although it seems to get worse in some periods. On the evidence, which Doerfer has not satisfactorily refuted, he should be dismissed. —Portland Oregonian

Well said!

And, considering the source, that also is NEWS. In fact, ever since the famous Richard Nixon broadcast in 1952, we have been unable to understand the attitude of the Republican press—and the Republican leaders—toward that "honorarium" of \$18,000 in cash, which while representing the state of California in the Senate, Richard Nixon admitted he received, from a group dominated by big oil and banking interests in that state.

The so-called "Tidelands oil bill" was then a vital issue in the congress. These special interests were working night and day to secure the passage of the measure which would mean over the years many billions to them. Senator Nixon and his colleagues were entrusted with protecting, in the Oregonian's words "the public interest in a specific field."

YET when the measure was passed in May of the following year with Senator Nixon working hard for it, there never was a word as we recall raised in the Oregonian or any other important Republican paper, expressing the slightest doubt, that such a shady transaction had been entirely proper, that the California Senator's sobriety over the air (100% irrelevant to the issue) had completely exonerated him, and that the party would not only be highly honored to have him as President Eisenhower's running-mate, but he was the pure and gallant "White Knight" to keep the colors of the Grand Old Party over the White House for another four years!

AS NOTED this attitude of not only refusing censure but heaping on the head of the beneficiary in this deal, praise and the highest honors, in their power to give, has always been, and still is, one of the major mysteries of the post-war political era, as far as this department is concerned.

That radio broadcast was such pure unadulterated ham and hokum; such an obvious dodging of the real issue, and hiding behind a smoke-screen of sugary sentimentality and double-talk; that anyone could have been misled by it, or failed to have seen through it, passed and still passes our understanding.

But, as the record shows many did. Moreover, judging by the present Republican position they still do.

IN FACT, we had, in view of what the Republicans handed out to the "mink-coat and deep-freeze" malefactors—and did NOT hand out to Mr. Nixon, or to the Dixon Yates slickers—about decided there was a double-standard of morality in American politics—that guilt depended not upon behavior but upon the party label.

We, therefore, were especially pleased to note that one of the leading and most highly respected Republican dailies on the coast, the Oregonian, came out, as the above quotation demonstrates, declaring the "F.C.C." disclosures in the Eisenhower administration to be morally kin to the "Mink coatism" of the Truman administration.

WELL so it goes! But sufficient unto the day are the good tiding thereof. And we hope the courageous and correct stand taken by the Oregonian, even though members of the Eisenhower administration are involved, will be followed by the Republican press in the state and country as a whole. As the Oregonian well says "Mink coatism knows no party."

OF COURSE it shouldn't. But it did, and still does, where Richard Nixon is concerned. For the benefit of those who think there is no similarity between the "honorariums" granted by "special interests" to public officials in the Truman and the Eisenhower administrations — (including the Vice President)—our advice is to read the record.

The defendants in the Truman administration who accepted the mink-coats and deep-freezes, all admitted they were thus "honored" but they all claimed with great vehemence, the honorariums did not affect their judgement in the slightest. They were gifts accepted as friendly gestures in the line of duty and had no significance whatever. Nevertheless they were kicked out of office and we believe at least one of them went to jail.

NOW F.C.C. chairman, John C. Doerfer, and his 2 associates all admit they received gifts, cash, transportation and expenses from TV companies under their jurisdiction. But this too they claim was all in the line of duty, whereupon they



BOY, DO YOU EVER USE PERFUME?

Matter of Fact

SAC'S END IN SIGHT
Paris—The Soviet Union is now building a new air defense system that is expected to neutralize the present American nuclear deterrent, the Strategic Air Command.



When the new system is completed, effective defense against attack by SAC aircraft will be provided by a novel combination of improved radars and anti-aircraft missiles with nuclear warheads.

The American government is the ultimate source of this news, which is an ironic commentary on official Washington's boastful exultation over the American Sputnik.

IN THIS connection, it is worth noting that there is no case on record of any American joint intelligence estimate of any form of Soviet weapons development which was not decidedly over-optimistic.

TO MAKE matters worse, even the relatively optimistic American estimate implies that the Soviets have stolen a march on the United States in two further, highly important fields of weapons development, radars and rocket fuels.

ON THE other hand, even a nuclear warhead that could kill by blast at the range of a mile would be wholly useless for air defense, if married to the kind of missiles we have been testing at Cape Canaveral.

THE Oregonian declares "on the evidence which Chairman Doerfer has not refuted HE should be dismissed," adding: Anyone so stupid or so insensitive to responsibility should be removed summarily from public office.

NO ONE can accuse Vice President Nixon of being stupid. But would not our highly regarded contemporary agree, that a U.S. senator elected to represent ALL the people of California, showed a high degree of "Insensitivity" when he accepted an \$18,000 "gift" from a small group of wealthy men keenly interested in the tide lands oil "give away" when the tide lands oil bill was under consideration? —R.W.R.

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"Laxident"

To the Editor: With all the "loose" and "I don't care" attitude driving upon the highways these days I suggest the (coined?) word Laxident to replace the word accident.

Being lax I think fully describes mishaps. The lax driver lacks this, he lacks that, he dents this, he dents that, including himself, the car or cars involved and worse yet the family budget.

So let's set a pace and not a race. Keep Oregon highways clean.

D. L., (Name on file.) Jacksonville.

Tight Money

To the Editor: It is sometimes amusing how some of the Republican candidates for state and national offices get into sort of a family quarrel as to state or federal offices.

A Subscriber, (Name on file) Medford.

Veterans Benefits

To the Editor: Are you a needy veteran or veteran's family? The following cuts in veterans benefits are in the making soon:

- (a) Virtually eliminate veterans pensions by lowering income limitations;
(b) Reduce pensions still available by deducting social security benefits from them;
(c) Scrap the veterans' housing program;
(d) Make small lump settlements of future claims to veterans with war wounds not currently severe;
(e) Freeze number of available VA hospital beds.

Wreak such terrible devastation.

One thing that might help get this hospital here and save some of our benefits is for all veterans to join a veterans' organization in this part of the state and to support this drive that we have the good will of all the people. If not, I believe the fight will be an uphill fight to save part of what we already have as benefits and just hope for the best.

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Britain Seeking Compromise Solution in Cyprus Dispute

By UNITED PRESS
Great Britain, caught in the middle of rival Greek and Turkish claims and demands in Cyprus, is working to find a compromise solution.

Following one of the worst riots in the island bastion's history last week, British leaders worked in the shadow of reports that Greek and Turkish Cypriotes are readying new attacks.

Britain was reported to be formally putting her modified plan to Turkey and Greece, offering self-rule to Cyprus with eventual self-termination in 10 years under the special safeguards for the Turkish minority of the island.

Approval Seen Slim
The British plan calls also for a NATO base in Cyprus in which Turkey, as a member of the North Atlantic Alliance may be given special duties.

But the chances for acceptance of the British plan — approved by the cabinet on Tuesday — appeared slim.

A hardening in Turkey's position reflected growing insistence of the Ankara government for partition of the Mediterranean island. Greece opposes partition. Britain does not favor it either.

The Turkish view was given by the Turkish leaders personally to British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd during the Baghdad Pact conference in Ankara last week.

This line has since been reaffirmed by the Turkish-Cypriote leader in Nicosia, Dr. Kutuchuk. He said that partition was the only solution, since Greeks and Turks could no longer live together.

Wants Partition Now
Kutuchuk urged partition now, before an election in Britain. Turkey apparently fears that in the event of a Labor victory in a general election British policy might favor independence of Cyprus.

Kutuchuk hinted at a "passive resistance movement" of the Turkish minority to press their claims.

This move coincided with fresh threats from Greek-Cypriote underground leader Col. George Grivas.

British efforts for a solution for Cyprus thus depend entirely on whether or not some compromise can be found between conflicting Greek and Turkish claims.

Attempts to win United States assistance seem to have

ing to buy friends, with foreign aid, rather from the veteran who is paying taxes to keep up foreign aid and losing his neck at the same time.

In the face of all this, we, the veterans and non-veterans of Jackson county, are trying to get a Veterans Administration Hospital here in our area to serve thousands of veterans who really need to be in hospitals. The Portland and Vancouver hospital have waiting lists, the likes of which you could not imagine.

One thing that might help get this hospital here and save some of our benefits is for all veterans to join a veterans' organization in this part of the state and to support this drive that we have the good will of all the people. If not, I believe the fight will be an uphill fight to save part of what we already have as benefits and just hope for the best.

Portland—Portland recorded its third traffic fatality of 1958 Tuesday when John Swartz, 70, died from injuries suffered in a two-car collision.

failed so far; the United States prefers to keep out of this explosive issue for as long as possible, diplomatic sources said.

The rising tension may necessitate a renewed tightening of security measures in Cyprus instead of a loosening up which the island's Gov. Sir Hugh Foot had earlier hoped to initiate this month.

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

EXPLORER AND SPUTNIK

The American satellite Explorer has made us all feel better, having given tangible proof that the science of rocketry is known in this country and that our experts possess the art of making and guiding rockets.

The event has been said to be the testimony of those who have been saying that the Russians have a considerable lead but that we are in the race.

Explorer is, therefore, a good popular antidote to the panicky view that we are in mortal danger. But it does not wash out the main portent of Sputnik—which is not that the Russians launched a satellite first, and that their satellite is very much bigger and heavier than Explorer. The main portent is that, starting at the end of World War II with their country devastated, their technology far more primitive than our own, the Russians have achieved a rate of scientific and technological development which is faster than our own. What they did with the Sputnik shows not merely that they have mastered a particular specialty but that they have generated a tremendous momentum in the physical sciences, and their application.

Though Explorer is in the sky, there is no reason to think that the comparative rate of development is now back in balance, much less that it is in our favor. We are still the bigger and the stronger. But they are still moving forward the faster.

THERE is, therefore, much for us to do, and as I see it we must move forward simultaneously along three broad paths. The first is that we have to find out how to make the government much better able than it is now to make and to carry out long-range decisions. There is little doubt that American progress in missiles has been retarded by bureaucratic confusion, presided over by political appointees who did not understand the issues they were supposed to decide.

Undoubtedly, this requires a reorganization in the Pentagon. But the trouble will not be cured in the Pentagon alone. The White House and the relevant committees of Congress have at least an equal responsibility.

THE post-war era is ending and the great reality to which we have now to adjust our thinking is that we are equal but not a paragon power. This is the reality with which Mr. Dulles has not yet come to terms. Because of that, American and Western policy is, though tough on the outside in the language it uses, unrealistic and wishful—indeed wistful—on the inside.

But time is passing, and time will tell, and the realities of the structure of power in the world are forcing Mr. Dulles to go where he does not want to go, to meetings which he does not want on questions to which our obsolescent policies provide us with no safe and satisfactory answers.

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