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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**  
April 8 1948 (Thursday)  
Jack Meissner, husky Oregon skier, completed a 300-mile ski trip down the summit of Cascade range today and arrived at Crater Lake lodge.

Moore Hamilton, publisher of the Medford News, has been named as committee head for the Jackson county Walter J. Pearson for state treasurer campaign, it was announced today.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
April 8, 1938 (Friday)  
Twenty-six initiative petitions of the proposed constitutional amendment legalizing certain lotteries and other forms of gambling, have been filed with the county clerk.  
From Arthur Perry's "Y Smudge Pot column": "It is now planned to take a whirl at 'controlled spending' as a short-cut to prosperity."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
April 8, 1928 (Sunday)  
Medford will be one of the official points on the transcontinental air express route which now reaches from Boston, Mass., to San Francisco April 15, according to the Railway Express company.  
Medford Legion Post No. 15 will play host to the national executive commander.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
April 8, 1918 (Monday)  
Soliciting began for the third Liberty loan in Medford Monday and teams were busy all afternoon.  
A thief or thieves made a raid on the cloak room at the dance at Eagle Point Saturday night, stealing several overcoats and a suitcase.

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

1. Broccoli, okra, or spinach is sometimes called gumbo?
  2. Bible: How did St. Paul, the Apostle die?
  3. The historic Liberty Bell was cast in France, England, or in the United States?
  4. The year 1900 was, or was not, a leap year?
  5. Did Turkey declare war on Germany during World War II?
  6. Barrel jumping contests are connected with what sport?
  7. Name the English Naval hero who fell at Trafalgar.
  8. All bacteria are harmful; true or false?
  9. Who was the American humorist and author who wrote "The Innocents Abroad"?
  10. Moss thrives in well-drained, or damp soil?
- Answers: 1. Okra. 2. He was beheaded. 3. England. 4. Was not. 5. Yes (Feb. 23, 1900). 6. Ice skating. 7. Lord Nelson. 8. False. 9. Mark Twain. 10. Damp.

**THEATER MAN DIES**  
New York — Butler Davenport, 87, who founded, wrote for, acted in and swept up the Davenport Free theater at Lexington ave. and 27th street, died at Bellevue hospital Monday after an illness of a month. Davenport opened the theater in 1915 and had been its chief factor through the years.

## Who Drinks the Most

Once again Clatsop county — the home of hard-living, hard-working fishermen and loggers — has achieved the dubious distinction of proving itself the Oregon county with the greatest per capita consumption of hard liquor.

Long ago, when we lived in Astoria briefly, we were told that people in Clatsop county drink more hard liquor, and more coffee, than people anywhere else in the state.

We believed the story about the coffee. In every Finnish household — and there are lots of them in Astoria — a big pot of coffee sits steaming all day long on the back of the stove, ready for quick refreshment of the householders, or for guests.

**AS TO** liquor consumption, Oregon liquor control commission sales figures, applied to the latest population estimates, indicated that Clatsop county residents spent an average of \$46.30 cents for liquor during 1957. That is by far the highest figure in the state. The second county is Gilliam, with a per capita average of \$40.03.

The "driest" county appears to be Polk, with a per capita sales total of only \$10.32. Jackson county, incidentally, is about in the middle, with a figure of \$20.63.

**FOR** some reason, the Willamette valley counties — Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion, Polk, Washington and Yamhill — are all well down the list. None of them have a per capita sales figure over the \$18.62 for Lane county, which is the highest of the seven.

By contrast, the counties east of the mountains are hard-drinking counties. Only one of them — Jefferson — has a per capita sales figure of less than \$20, and there it is \$19.94. Others range upward to Gilliam's \$40.03.

The coastal counties — Clatsop, Coos, Curry, Lincoln and Tillamook (excluding Lane and Douglas, which while they abut the coast are also "inland" counties) — are also hard-drinking areas, ranging from Coos' \$26.96 to Clatsop's \$46.30.

**MULTNOMAH** county, the "metropolitan" county, is well up the list, ranking No. 4, with a per capita figure of \$35.40. But the so-called "bedroom" counties, where many Portland workers make their homes, are down. For example, Clackamas is \$17.99; Washington is \$17, and Yamhill is \$12.34.

The statewide average, incidentally, is \$25.90, with 16 of the 36 counties exceeding that average, (all of them except Multnomah either on the coast or east of the mountains) and 20 of them below it. Multnomah county, with more than a half million people, accounted for nearly half of all the liquor sold in the state during the year.

**IT IS** interesting to speculate why the pattern (if it is a pattern, and it looks like it) is formed as it is. Maybe life is harder in the hard-drinking coastal and desert counties. Perhaps rough, outdoor work tends to increase liquor consumption. By the same token, perhaps the tensions of city life increase the drinking of Portlanders.

And perhaps the non-metropolitan, largely agricultural life in the gentle Willamette valley leads to abstemiousness.—E.A.

## Problems of Age

United Press writer Louis Cassels has written a fascinating series of articles, which are appearing this week in the Mail Tribune, about the problems facing people who are past middle age.

Some of the situations he describes are heart-rending. But they are also common, every-day occurrences in every city in the United States.

They range from simple loneliness and a feeling of not being needed and wanted, to the utter destitution and hopelessness which can come with age, loss of earning power, and loss of position, status and employment.

**SOME** communities are doing something about these problems — taking the first few steps toward assisting elderly and aged people to band together for companionship, recreation, and, in some cases, group action in fighting the social evils which too often visit one in later years.

We are glad to note that Medford, at long last, is joining these communities where such steps are being taken. For the social problems involved, while not, perhaps, so immediately threatening to society as a whole as juvenile delinquency, are of considerable magnitude, and affect all of us in one way or another.

**A** ROGUE Valley Council on Aging has been formed. It is affiliated with a state-wide committee formed to study all these problems and propose solutions.

But, perhaps equally important, the local council has decided to go ahead on its own, and do something.

The first step is a party, to be held between 2 and 5 p.m. next Friday at the Red Cross Chapter house, where aging people (anyone over 50) can meet, talk over these problems, and decide what, if anything, they wish to do about them.

It may be that one or more recreational organizations or clubs for older people will result. At the very least, it will focus attention on the plight in which many of our older residents find themselves. And this can lead to a constructive approach toward their solution.—E.A.

## Dennis the Menace

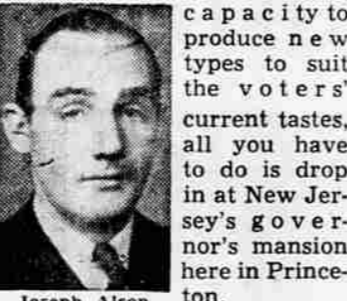


"APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!"

## Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

**POLITICS WITHOUT CIGAR**  
Princeton, New Jersey—If you want an example of the Democratic party's irritating capacity to produce new types to suit the voters' current tastes, all you have to do is drop in at New Jersey's governor's mansion here in Princeton.



The setting is admirable—a big, handsome yet unpretentious 18th century house, fine inside as well as out, yet agreeably liveable too. The house's occupants, Governor and Mrs. Robert Meyner, are everything that a conspicuously successful young liberal Democratic Governor and his newly married wife ought to be—right out of the book, so to speak.

At 50, Bob Meyner is a fine-looking man with a thick shock of grey hair, a pleasant, easy manner, and the fortunate knack of appearing 10 years younger than his age. You would take him, perhaps, for a youngish professional man with intellectual proclivities. Mrs. Meyner, by the same token, is very young, very pretty, and further embellished by the special style of an aid-fashioned educated American that her Cousin Adlai Stevenson also has.

**NO** COULPE could seem further from the smoke-filled rooms of professional politics. But if you talk with them for a couple of hours, you discover that no couple could be more sternly professional. Bob Meyner has two preferred subjects. One is the intricate housekeeping problems of a strongly industrial state, which he has handled with a pretty sure touch; the other subject and the real favorite, is the technique of political combat. This subject he knows so well that he won reelection by over 200,000 votes the year after Dwight D. Eisenhower carried New Jersey for the Republicans by 750,000 voters.

As for gentle-seeming Mrs. Meyner, she takes a positive delight in the dust and gore of the politics. Consider one exchange between these two, which occurred during Bob Meyner's relaxed and happy reminiscences of his first gubernatorial campaign against a dim, majestically dull Republican by the name of Trost. Poor Trost had made the mistake of writing to Governor Dewey, to ask for executive clemency for the construction racketeer, Joey Fay; and the letter had leaked out at a time when everyone was in a fever about the political connexions of the rackets. "That letter," said Meyner

with relish, "was a real masterpiece. Every time you read it, you found another way to take a poke at poor Trost." "And what did you do, honey?" asked Mrs. Meyner, with a pretty enthusiasm. "Just hit, hit, hit!" "I sure did," said Meyner. "It was a campaign, after all. But Trost is a heck of a nice guy, all the same. He's on my highway authority, and he does a fine job."

**OR** CONSIDER the story of New Jersey's former Republican Governor Hoffman, who died while under investigation by Meyner, but left a letter confessing embezzlement of \$300,000 of state funds. Hoffman had been a likable fellow, and before the embezzlement was revealed, Meyner was savagely denounced for having all but murdered his predecessor. "Everyone said you were through, didn't they?" said Mrs. Meyner, in a tone suggesting that anyone who said that would always be mistaken.

"Yes," said the Governor, and added regretfully: "If I could only have held the embezzlement story for another 10 days, I'd have had every damn Republican in the state on record that poor Hoffman was a saint and martyr."

But it is unfair to portray Meyner merely as a politician whose firmest beliefs are that "you have to fight in a campaign," and that "ideas count, but you can't talk too much about ideas; you've got to get down to earth and you've got to slug it out in this campaigning business." And if Mrs. Meyner's Cousin Adlai had been able to borrow a little more of the spirit of his youthful relative, Cousin Adlai would have done a lot better in his two attempts at the Presidency.

**BOB** Meyner is a professional, and a hard-hitting professional when campaign time rolls around. He is long-headed, too. As the twice elected Governor of Woodrow Wilson's, his position in relation to 1960 can best be described as interesting. Yet he remembers that former Governor Driscoll "half ruined himself, because he took to looking at our state issues with one eye on the 1952 convention." But "slugging it out" is not the system of Meyner as a political executive. He thinks the "Democratic party is better than the Republican party mainly because our party is better able to conciliate the conflicts of interests that our society is so full of—we can be for everybody; we can weigh the interests fairly, and that's the right way."

He is a shrewd maneuverer; as any good professional politician must be. He is a hard-

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The world is full of bad news. But the news isn't all bad. Here is some good news: Scientists at the University of Wisconsin have developed a solution which appears to CHECK THE GROWTH OF CANCER CELLS.

The new compound is used to take advantage of a strange "suicide complex" of cancer cells. It makes use of the same body compound that cancer cells use to promote growth. The drug of the University of Wisconsin scientists have developed turns this body compound into a chemical that CHECKS the growth of the cancer cells.

**ALL** this, of course, is quite complicated. We laymen can't be expected to understand all the processes that are involved.

But we all know about the Salk vaccine and what it has accomplished. Dr. Salk found a substance that checked the ravages of the polio virus. The principles employed by the Wisconsin scientists are roughly the same.

This is the point: The Salk vaccine is successful. That gives us reason to hope that this new anti-cancer drug may be successful.

**THE** Salk vaccine came out of research. This new anti-cancer drug — which is too new as yet for us to know what will come of it — comes out of research. Research holds unlimited possibilities for the future.

Research is growing. In America at this time more than SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS is being spent each year by government and business and educational institutions for research and for development of the RESULTS of research.

As recently as 1950 total research expenditures amounted to less than three billion dollars. Before 1950 they represented only a tiny fraction of present expenditures.

**MORE** about research: It feeds on its own growth.

For example: Research scientists deal with formulas. Formulas involve computations. Computations involve FIGURING. In the old days of figuring had to be done by hand. Hand figuring is a slow process—as you know if you have tried it. Not too many years ago, adding machines came along. They were followed by machines that both add and subtract. These machines were followed by others that add and subtract and MULTIPLY AND DIVIDE.

**THEN—** There came the mechanical brain.

Murray Shields, an upper bracket technical consultant to many of our largest industries, tells of a scientist friend who was able in one week to make a computation—using an electric computer—that would have taken 45 YEARS with any known earlier machine.

That gives us an idea of how technical progress speeds research up, enabling us to make as much progress in a year as we used to make in a century.

**A** word in conclusion.

The bad news we read is in the newspapers. This good news IS ALSO IN THE NEWSPAPERS.

Maybe we read the bad news and skip the good news.

working housekeeper and prudent policy-maker, as any good political executive must be. He is quite markedly a Democrat of the Northern liberal stripe. Yet he is currently enraged by the method President Eisenhower has proposed for extending unemployment benefits. "Because the whole cost here in New Jersey will be borne in the end by our industries, and we don't want to lose any more of the competitive industrial advantage we kept in New Jersey by sound fiscal policies. We ought to find a better way to solve our unemployment problem."

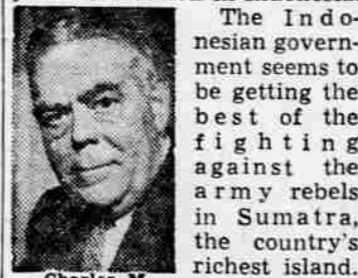
Altogether, one cannot help feeling that the Republicans would now control a few more state houses if they had the knack of producing more Meyners of their own. (Copyright 1958, New York Herald Tribune Inc.)

## NEWSPAPER OFFICIAL DIES

Beverly Hills, Calif. — Publisher Clarke F. Waite, 79, a member of the board of directors of the Southern California Associated Division of Copley Press Inc., died Wednesday at his home. A native of Nebraska, Waite purchased The San Pedro, Calif., News in 1909 and became a publisher. SCAN published eight dailies, in Glendale, Burbank, Culver City, Venice, Redondo, Alhambra, Monrovia, and The San Pedro News-Pilot.

## Russia Seen Likely Winner in Indonesia; Troubles to Stay

By CHARLES M. McCANN  
United Press Correspondent



Soviet Russia appears to be the only likely winner in the present situation in Indonesia.

The Indonesian government seems to be getting the best of the fighting against the army rebels in Sumatra, the country's richest island. But though organized rebel resistance may be broken, it is pretty certain that fighting will merely be reduced to the guerrilla warfare level and will continue indefinitely.

Rebellion is chronic in the eastern part of the island republic; and there is no sign that any stability in government can be hoped for.

The United States has been worried over the Indonesian situation for several months, even before the fighting in Sumatra reached the active stage.

The chief reason for this is that the Indonesian Communist Party always has exerted considerable influence in the country's tangled politics, with the encouragement of President Sukarno.

Now Indonesia is receiving a steady supply of arms from Russia and has made deals for weapons also with Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

It is emphasized that this supply of weapons has no connection with the rebellion. It means, presumably, that Russia is bidding for—and is likely to get—the same sort of foothold as it has gained in Egypt and Syria.

**Russia Gets Foothold**  
It would be the first such foothold that Russia has obtained in Southern Asia, just as the foothold obtained in Egypt and Syria was its first in the Middle East.

There seems to be no danger that Indonesia will fall directly under Communist domination even though the Indonesian Communists are strong and are registering steady gains in elections.

That offers small encouragement to the United States and its allies who have entered into a series of alliances against the threat of Communist penetration and subversion as well as of direct aggression.

Indonesia's relations with allied countries and with the Netherlands, from which it obtained its independence in 1949, are bad.

There have been 14 anti-American demonstrations by students, Communist youths and others in Jakarta in recent weeks. United States Ambassador Howard P. Jones has been the target of bitter criticism because of American policy.

In all, it looks as if Indonesia will be a trouble spot for a long time.

## Editorial Comment

**STATE ACTION NEEDED TO BAN BILLBOARDS**

Assuming presidential approval of the highway bill to expand federal aid for highway construction it will be up to Oregon to decide whether to accept the offered bonus for restriction of billboards on the interstate system. The bill carries a provision which states applying such a restriction will have their portion of federal grants for highways increased in an amount from one-half to one per cent of the total. This is obviously "bait" to obtain state action to preserve roadside beauty. This plan was adopted rather than direct federal action in order to respect "states' rights."

Oregon shouldn't hesitate to take steps to eliminate billboards and restrict informational signs on these highways, not merely because of the bonus which is offered but because our roadsides shouldn't be cluttered with billboards, especially those along the major highways which will carry the heaviest volume of travel. The present tolerance on the Baldock freeway for example should be terminated.

This amendment was offered by Sens. Kuchel of California and Neuberger of Oregon. They had a hard fight to win over the billboard lobby which blocked such a provision in committee in the previous session. "Garden clubs" are credited with offsetting the pressures of the billboard interests this year. Now they must concentrate their strength in the state legislature to make the ban effective. They might make a start by asking candidates for the Legislature how they stand on this issue.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

## 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. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

### Pay Raise Article Disputed

To the Editor: The following letter has been sent to Robert B. Pechner, Box 25, Butte Falls, Ore., a civil engineer "somewhere" in Turkey: "You want opinions on your April 2 article on 'Military Pay Raise Plan.' Here is the opinion of a 30-year retired Navy career man and his wife: Who are you to call our military services 'treasury parasites'?"

How many years did you work for \$18 per month? How many times have you been on the bottom of the ocean in a submarine with six or seven destroyers throwing depth charges at you? (This covers your reference to "hazardous duty.")

How many times have you had your home disrupted by being sent to all parts of the world, wherever your country needed you? How many years and months have you had to stay in some out of the way country, away from your family?

PX's, movies, clubs, etc., are self sustaining from their own profits. It was gripes from people of your sort which caused the ousting of military personnel from the above establishments which in turn necessitated the hiring of civilians at a good rate of pay, which in turn raised the prices of merchandise to equal that which is sold outside in a civilian owned store—in other words the military personnel pay for what they get. Where do you get the idea the taxpayers pay for same?

You no doubt have been a guest in the "Country Club Military" clubs or you would not have this inside information. The "poor" retired career personnel pay the same \$1 per pound for coffee and all the high cost of living that you "so-called" "patriotic observers" do. Have you figured how much and how many pay raises the military service (active and/or retired) have received in the past 10 years?? Compare the figures of what "we" live on (should say subsist on). Do you "live" on a salary of approximately \$150 per month?? Do you pay federal and state income taxes in Turkey?? We venture to say that you don't.

If you think these "Military Parasites" have it so good—why don't you join up?!! You probably never had it so good yourself!

These are the opinions we have—and we can truly say we pay for what we get—hospital, doctor, movies and we are not as fortunate as you to even be where PX's and commissaries are available to us in order that we might be able to live for nothing (as you seem to think we do!). Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Ennis, Rt. 1, Box 107-A, Gold Hill, Ore.

**Asks Reactions**  
To the Editor: It would be interesting to read in this column, comments from Mail Tribune readers on the article appearing in the April 4 issue by Roger Babson asking for "more schooling for the money."

Dorothy Wood, 848 West Second st., Medford

### On Cordiner Plan

To the Editor: A few comments on article by Robert B. Pechner, which was published under the heading "Veteran Sees Military Pay Plan 'Joke'."

To try and separate the truth from the false would take more space than your paper would allow. A phone call or visit to any of the three services located in the Medford Post office building will obtain the better information.

The Cordiner Committee was formed by the Secretary of Defense in May 1956 to investigate and recommend ways and means to improve the manpower problems the Armed Forces were having due to the lack of professional and technical personnel available to maintain and operate today's advanced weapons of defense. The issue was then and is now our national survival.

Quoting Mr. Cordiner: "The question you are considering is not simply whether some members of the Armed Forces should have a raise in pay. The real issue is this: Is the United States going to be ready, in an age of supersonic airplanes, nuclear weapons, and intercontinental missiles, to defend itself against sudden attack? Or will this country be defended by a force of inexperienced military personnel who do not know how to command and operate modern weapons?"

"The first and most obvious problem is that the Armed Forces have an excessive turn-over in their key personnel. While it is easy enough to retain cooks and truckdrivers in whom the taxpayers have invested relatively little training money, the electronics maintenance men and operators, the fire-control specialists, the radar men and the missile men, the aircraft mechanics, the pilots and navigators—these men with the key skills of modern defense are leaving the Armed Forces as fast as they can. When they go, they not only take with them thousands of dollars worth of training acquired at the taxpayers' expense, but they leave the Armed Forces with the frustrating task of starting all over again with raw recruits."

The Cordiner Committee indicated that in time of peace, patriotism is not a sufficient motivation for a career in the Armed Forces and that an economic incentive may solve the problem. This would not be an across-the-board increase. But there would be an increase for those who qualify for the required skills which are the most valuable.

William Doernbach, 143 Mace Road, Medford.

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## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

**IT'S** NOT EASY to make people laugh nowadays. George Axelrod, author of "The Seven Year Itch," explained the predicament to Mike Wallace: "Life itself is so satirical, it's hard to satirize it. . . with buffoons way up high in government and the Russians making us look idiotic in some ways. In a grotesque, horrible fashion, life itself seems to have become pretty much of a joke. And you can't make a joke on a joke."

Myself, I think Axelrod is deliberately sounding too much like the spokesman for the "beat generation"—but his words merit earnest consideration.

Lady went to see "West Side Story," the hit musical about teen-age gangs in New York, and pooh-poohed, "What's so original about this one? It's just Booth Tarkington's 'Seventeen' with knives!"

Tough luck for that young cannibal who was kicked out of high school. They caught him buttering up his teachers.

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