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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 15, 1948 (Thursday)
The board of directors of the newly organized Upper Rogue Valley Chamber of Commerce announced yesterday that two mass meetings will consider discussion of Rogue basin reclamation proposals.
The first 100 years in Oregon's lumber industry were easy and "the next 100 years will be our problem," according to Paul M. Dunn, dean of Oregon State college school of forestry.

20 YEARS AGO
April 15, 1938 (Friday)
A \$15,000 building program to improve and enlarge the California Oregon Power company building here was announced today by Hance H. Cleland, president.
From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Everything is growing like a weed including the weeds."

30 YEARS AGO
April 15, 1928 (Sunday)
The county crushers and trucks are being taken from the shops at Jacksonville to different parts of the county where road work is being done.
Tomatoes grown in Medford will probably be ready for the market in less than three weeks, according to Otto Bohmert who has 4,000 matured tomato plants.

40 YEARS AGO
April 15, 1918 (Monday)
Medford's patriotic vigilante organization has started out to clean up the area of persons suspected of disloyalty.
From local and personal column: "Beginning today hotels and restaurants in Medford are serving only 2 1/2 ounces of bread."

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. What product does the hevea tree yield?
2. Is "The Wisdoms of Solomon" also referred to as the book of "The Proverbs"?
3. Which of the following is not a monetary unit: rupee, ruble, rondo?
4. The work of what Venetian writer has served to popularize such terms as libido, Oedipus complex, fixation, and repression?
5. Are the Constitutional qualifications for Vice President the same as those of President?
6. What is heavier, copper or steel?
7. Did the colonial settlement of Plymouth, Mass., precede or follow that at Jamestown, Va.?
8. "Hand" is the unit of measurement of what animal?
9. Which of the major league baseball clubs has won five world championships in succession?
10. Who was the second President of the U.S.?
Answers: 1. Rubber. 2. No. 3. Rondo. 4. Sigmund Freud. 5. Yes. 6. Copper. 7. Followed. 8. The horse. 9. N.Y. Yankees. 10. John Adams.

Berlin — West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt has invited U.S. Vice-President Richard M. Nixon to come to Berlin on his forthcoming trip to Europe. Brandt met Nixon during his February trip to the United States.

Neuberger versus Morse

In the accumulation on "Ye Editor's" desk following a six weeks absence we find a practically unanimous hymn of praise for our junior senator, Richard Neuberger, coming almost entirely from the Republican newspapers that opposed him, as a candidate and have criticized him, many times, since.

In a majority of the cases, comparisons are made with our senior Senator Wayne Morse, very much of course to the latter's discredit.

Well, we gladly join in praise for Senator Neuberger. As before noted in this column he has grown in statesmanlike stature steadily, he is extremely intelligent and perceptive, and there is no question of the steady increase in his popularity throughout the state, regardless of party. He has been of great value to Oregon and we certainly hope—as we have often written him—that he will run again.

BUT there is a certain element of inconsistency in this sudden "switch" by Oregon's G.O.P. press, which we find both instructive and amusing.

For exactly what IS our junior Senator being praised for?

In a word, he is being praised for doing exactly what Senator Morse was so scathingly condemned for doing a short time ago, only in reverse.

That is Senator Neuberger, in recent months, has veered more and more away from the strictly partisan Democratic line, and toward the Republican.

Wayne Morse was called everything from a deserter, to a turn-coat and on to a traitor, for doing exactly the same thing, only instead of veering from the Democratic line to the Republican, he veered from the Republican to the Democratic.

True to character Wayne Morse was more vigorous in his opposition and went to greater extremes, but the principle in both instances was EXACTLY the same.

YET we have Senator Morse, long ago, con-signed by the Oregon G.O.P. press to a small unappetizing group of political "untouchables," while the junior Senator from the state, is showered with praise and acclaim—and the implication at least of future support—for taking identical action, the sole difference between them being that one leaned toward the Democratic party ON THE BASIS OF PRINCIPLE, and the other toward the Republican.

As so often remarked in this department: in politics it depends so much — in this instance ENTIRELY—upon WHOSE ox is gored!
—R.W.R.

Libel Laws Need Change

The Coos Bay World (formerly the Times) was found not guilty of libel by a jury in Coquille, Saturday.

The verdict could hardly have been otherwise. In fact the libel action should never have been taken.

For if in printing the charges by its regular columnist Drew Pearson against Portland's City Commissioner Stanley Earl, the World was guilty, as charged, of injuring the prominent councilman to the extent of \$250,000, then all the other papers using the Pearson column would be liable and the commissioner, theoretically at least, could have made a bigger haul in a few weeks than Dave Beck in his prime made in ten years.

WE DON'T mean to imply there was anything morally wrong in filing this libel action. Mr. Earl, in doing so, was entirely within his rights legally.

But morally, as we see it, the libel law which holds a paper responsible for statements made in its columns by others, who are not members of its staff, and whose statements can NOT be adequately checked, is wrong.

WE DON'T deny there should be SOME responsibility.

But it should not be a primary one. In other words, there should be various degrees of libel as there are of murder, and in this particular case libel action should have been brought against Drew Pearson, who made the charges, not the Coos Bay paper that merely printed them.

Or if brought against the paper, it should have been libel in the second or third degree, not in the first. The person responsible for making the charges should be primarily responsible for any injury those charges may have caused, as well as for their authenticity.

AS WITH columnists whose statements can't be checked day by day as to truth or accuracy, so with contributors to the "letter-box" who are invited to express their honest opinions so long as they stand by them by signing their names and addresses. Of course anything that remotely suggests libel should be—and generally is—carefully checked, and if any suspicion is justified, rejected.

But with the libel laws as loosely drawn and complicated as they are, a newspaper can't conduct a Communication column worthy of the name, without running a risk of serious consequences, which in a country properly boasting of a "FREE press," should not be involved.

Dennis the Menace



AND WHEN SOMEBODY IS WAY OFF, YOU TURN THE SNOZZLE LIKE THIS AND IT SHOOTS FARTHER, SEE?

Matter of Fact

BY Joseph Alsop
"ONLY 11 WEEKS TO GO"
Detroit, Michigan—Here in this great capital of the limping motor industry, the Eisenhower Administration's wait-and-see approach to the depression does not look very sensible.
If you want to be convinced, just drop in at U. A. W. Local No. 3, across from the big, dingy old Dodge motor plant in Hamtramck. Then spend a day or so ringing the doorbells of the endless rows of little one-and-two family houses inhabited by Dodge and other Chrysler company employees in Hamtramck and East Detroit. What you see in them is the cruel let-down of a vast army of industrial workers by the system they have been taught to trust implicitly.

The morning I went there, Pat Quinn, the president of the Dodge local, was leading a protest march of jobless auto workers to the state capital in Lansing. So all activity temporarily centered in the small office of "Big Pete" Telsky, the local's tall, saw-toothed, hot-tempered vice-president.

I HAD hardly introduced myself when Richard, a still-young man who had been working for Dodge for ten years as a crane and elevator operator, rather hesitantly entered to ask Big Pete if he knew "anywhere where they were hiring?" Big Pete said bitterly: "Boy, you can't get a job in this damn town." Richard nodded disconsolately, as though this were the answer he expected.
It was a rough answer for him, all the same. His father, who worked for Dodge for a quarter century, had bought a house on time just before he died five years ago. In those days, both father and son were working, so the payments of \$75 a month had been easy to carry. Richard had managed pretty well alone, too, when he was bringing home \$80 a week. The car, the furniture, the washer and dryer and television were all paid for, and he had kept his mother and younger brother fairly comfortable.
But now the little family's

whole income was down to \$42 a week of unemployment benefits. The house payments took nearly half. Richard had "tried everything, even janitor." So had his 17-year-old brother, "but they ain't even hirin' boys in stories." And worst of all, "we only get another 11 weeks of benefits to go, and after that there'll be nothing but the welfare."
RICHARD was followed by sturdy old Charles, 15 years a torch welder, who "done all the show jobs for the company except one year." After Charles came Herma, the slow-spoken southerner, who was threatened with repossession of his car. The procession went on all morning, and all the men who came had the same essential problem.
All suddenly had their income cut in half, after nine or ten or eleven years of steady work on the same job. Like most of Detroit's other tens of thousands of jobless auto workers, all were now between nine and thirteen weeks away from the end of their unemployment benefits, when there would be no income at all. All had time payments to make, which they could hardly carry even now. Richard, indeed, was the luckiest, for no other man I saw had paid for everything except his house. The Detroit Welfare Department will at least try to help Richard keep his house, by offering the mortgage-holder the money allotted for relief recipients' rent.

Ringling doorbells along the gray streets, the story was again the same. Only here, it was grimmer and more poignant, for one actually saw the furniture and the washers and the cars and the homes that were in danger. One saw the children "who drink water now," and the harassed wives who "didn't know how they could manage much longer," and the men who seemed unable to overcome their surprise at being at home on a working day.

AS TIME went on, one became obsessed by the thought of "the end of the 26 weeks" (of benefits), which all these people spoke of with a sort of defeated dread.
Maybe Congress will pass the bill adding another 13 weeks to the 26. Maybe auto-

IF THE precedent in this Coos Bay World case should be generally followed then the professional and amateur smear-artists would have a Roman Holiday. For they could send in anything to a paper they wished for any purpose they might desire, and rest content, that if there should be trouble they would not suffer for the paper would have to pay the bill.

This would be somewhat like holding a taxi driver guilty for driving a bandit to a bank, and letting the bandit go free.—R.W.R.

Try and Stop Me

by BENNETT CERF

A GAUNT MOUNTAINEER in West Virginia courteously permitted two New York tourists to hunt on his land. "Only one thing I ask in return," he said. "It's possible you'll stumble on a still near the top of yonder hill. If you do, I'll ask you to bring me back a jugful or two."
The hunters found the still, but had barely picked up the jugs before bullets started whistling over their heads. They fled down the hill and panicked. "Your still's being raided!"
The mountaineer calmly bit off a chew of fresh tobacco. "I guess I neglected to tell you," he admitted, "that that still ain't mine."

Until you're about 55, surmises Arthur Godfrey, you'd do well to avoid temptations. After 55, alas, there's nothing more to guard against: temptation avoids you!

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More on 12-Month School

To the Editor: This is a reply to Dorothy Woods in regard to the 12-month school term in Bisbee, Ariz., in 1919, 1920 and 1921.

I came into the district after the 12-month plan had been in operation six months so I cannot say what the arguments for it had been.

The schools were in session 12 weeks. Every 13th week was a vacation week. Every objection listed by Eric Allen in his recent survey both pro and con, of the 12-month plan operated to some degree in Bisbee. Parents who did not want their children to attend school the 12 months could keep them out any full quarter they wished. But children so kept out re-entered school into a new group. To this the children objected, resulting in friction in the home. It was finally the rebellion of parents which caused the experiment to be discontinued.

No doubt further information can be had by writing to the present superintendent of the Bisbee schools.

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Bible a Fraud?
To the Editor: What is the true meaning of Easter? If one accepts the Bible as the inspired word of God, I believe the following to be a good statement.

First, Jesus Christ walked out of a tomb physically, in his own body. Not his ghost or a spirit. If this is not true, the whole Christian faith is merely a nice dream. Paul, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, says this in I Corinthians 15:13-19. If Jesus never rose bodily, the Bible is a fraud and He is the greatest impostor who ever lived since He claimed to be God (John 8:55). The Resurrection is proof.

Since He is God, He also was the Messiah of Israel (Matthew 21:28-46, esp. v.42). He spoke with authority. When He said the night before His crucifixion that He would come again (John 14:3), He knew. His description of the End Times (Matthew 24, Luke 21) may not be questioned. He prophesied the destruction and return of Israel, and said He would come sometime in the generation in which Israel was restored (Matthew 24:32, 33; Luke 21:28-30). He also said it was nobody's business to know the exact time (Matthew 24:36), and promised His children escape (Luke 21:36).

Ezekiel 37 shows the restoration of Israel in the End Times. In 1947 Israel was recognized as a nation. Ezekiel 38,39 describes the final battle in Israel: A combined Russian and Arab attack erupting into world war. Since no Christian need fear that war because he won't be here, look at the April 4, 1958 U.S. News and World Report. The lead article describes the build-up: On page 35 reference is made to fear of a "holy war" against Israel. Khrushchev has promised help in that war. He told Eleanor Roosevelt last fall in interviews carried in this paper that he would help "drive Israel into the sea to preserve peace." Nasser is going to Moscow this month (see April 10, Mail Tribune). A war against Israel would force the Iraq-Jordan federation and Saudi Arabia to join. Russian "technicians" are in Syria and Yemen today.

If you believe the Bible and the Resurrection to be true, the conclusion follows very clearly. If I am a fool to believe this, Easter means nothing and the Bible is a fraud. Take your pick.

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Missile Bases, Atomic Arms For Germany, NATO Questions

By CHARLES M. MCCANN
United Press Correspondent

Two big issues confront the defense ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Allies in Paris this week.

One is the question of establishing U. S. missile bases in the NATO countries of Western Europe.

The other, which is likely to play a steadily increasing part in Allied defense planning, is the arming of West Germany with tactical atomic weapons.

Allied military men agree that the missile bases are necessary to the defense of

Western Europe against the threat of Soviet aggression.

But there is strong opposition in some NATO countries to the establishment of bases on their territory because of the danger of devastating Russian H-bomb attacks on them if war does come.

The West German parliament, after one of its angriest debates, voted on March 25 to accept a U.S. offer of tactical atomic weapons.

There is bitter opposition among many West Germans to the decision.

There is also strong opposition to the arming of West Germany with the tactical A-weapons in Norway, Britain and some other NATO countries.

This part of the opposition

is based primarily on the fear, which is in the minds of many people in NATO countries generally, that powerful German rearmament might lead to a return of German militarism.

It is accepted without question that under Chancellor Adenauer, West Germany is solidly on the Allied side and that the West German people want no militaristic program.

But the question is asked: If West Germany becomes a major military power, how long can it be controlled?

Adenauer is 82. He cannot last forever. And West Europeans remember under Adolf Hitler, an upstart born in Austria, Germany within a few years built up a military machine that swept irresistibly over their countries.

Television To Honor Its Best At Emmy Awards Show Tonight

Hollywood — The television industry honors its best tonight in the nationally televised 10th annual Emmy awards originating on both coasts.

Twenty-four golden Emmys—the industry's highest award—will be presented on a 90-minute show opened with remarks by Ed Sullivan, president of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Phil Silvers, TV's Sergeant Bilko, will emcee the award ceremonies originating from Studio City in New York. Danny Thomas will handle the West Coast awards.

Top Names Scheduled
Four technicals, eight local West Coast and six local New York awards will be presented off the televised program expected to be seen by 70 million viewers across the nation.

Top names appearing on the program include Steve Allen, Ida Lupino, Dave Garroway, Jack Benny, Arlene Francis, George Gobel, Paul Winchell and Jerry Mahoney, Loretta Young, Jerry Lester, Morey Amsterdam, Cliff Norton, Arnold Stang, Eve Arden, Red Buttons, Gary Moore, Ralph Edwards, Gertrude Berg, Eddie Cantor, Art Carney, Ed Wynn and Milton Berle.

The award for the "best single program of the year" climaxes the evening. Nominated were: "The Comedian," with Mickey Rooney on Playhouse 90; the Edsel Show; General Motors 50th anniversary show; "The Helen Morgan Story," starring Polly

Bergen on Playhouse 90 and "Green Pastures" on Hallmark Hall of Fame.

12 Westerns Nominated
Westerns were ridin' high in the list of nominees with 12 nominations going to "Gunsmoke," "Wagon Train," "Maverick," and "Have Gun Will Travel."

Awards also go to the best performance by an actor and actress, best direction, best teleplay, top comedy series and outstanding dramatic series.

Television's birth and growth was to be presented in film clips with comments by Chet Huntley, Robert Trout,

Elizabeth Taylor Returns To Pictures
Hollywood — Actress Elizabeth Taylor returned Monday to the motion picture world she planned to forsake before the death of her husband, Mike Todd, in a New Mexico plane crash Mar. 22.

Miss Taylor, eight pounds thinner than when she secluded herself in her home after Todd's death, resumed her role in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof."

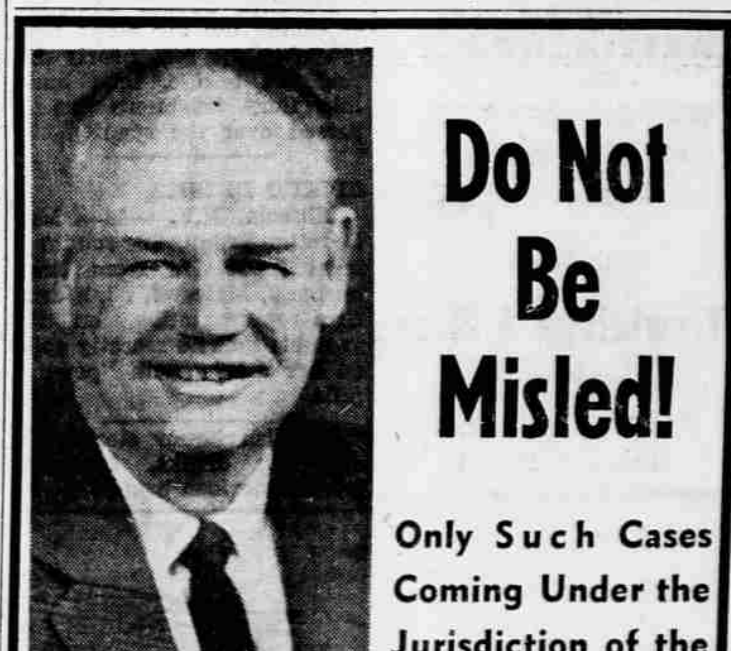
Frank Blair, Mel Allen, Walter Cronkite, Don Goddard, Alex Drier, John Secondary and Douglas Edwards.

State Police Plan Switch of Uniforms
Oregon state police officers will change to summer uniforms Tuesday, it was reported today. The uniform change will include a lightweight wool shirt with bow tie instead of the cotton shirt and uniform jacket that is worn during the winter-months.

Officers will also change from the high boots and trousers to slacks, it was reported.

The Sam Brown belt, also worn during the winter months, is not worn during the summer.

CZECH PRIEST ON TRIAL
Vienna — Father Albert Hevera, a Roman Catholic priest, is among 15 defendants being tried in Communist Czechoslovakia for alleged war crimes in 1944. Prague Radio reported today. The priest was indicted on charges of inciting members of a Fascist Slovak group to murder Allied prisoners of war.



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County Coroner

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