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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. May 6, 1948 (Thursday). Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health director who has been with the county health department for the past 10 years, will enter general private practice June 1.

30 YEARS AGO. May 6, 1928 (Friday). Charles S. Hart, grand excelled ruler of BPO Elks, on a national tour, will spend Sunday fishing in Rogue river.

40 YEARS AGO. May 6, 1918 (Monday). From Local and Personal column: "Pass Creek canyon is now open to automobile travel and is in very good condition."

What's Your I.Q.? 1. In which country is the city of Basel? 2. Bible: What was Abraham's wife?

Answers: 1. Switzerland. 2. Sara. 3. The switzer. 4. "The rain continues." 5. Theologian. 6. King Peter. 7. Quakers. 8. Empire State Building, NYC. 9. Beethoven. 10. Grover Cleveland.

### More "Kickapoo" Business

Before the present national campaign ends we shall hear more about the virtues of private initiative, rugged individualism, more business in government and less government in business.

Before the Junior Chamber of Commerce convention here over the week-end, no less a distinguished member of the Eisenhower administration than Ervin L. Petersen, assistant secretary of agriculture, struck this familiar note repeating the time-honored doctrinal query in brief as follows: "The question is—

"Whether private enterprise shall undertake or share in resource development or whether this is to be exclusively a function of government? ... the private competitive enterprise profit system has been the dominant force in this country to attain a position of pre-eminence unknown among other peoples anywhere, should it continue or should the government instead of serving the people, dominate them?"

AS STATED there is nothing new in this doctrine, particularly in G.O.P. circles, but it was surprising to hear it so vigorously and uncompromisingly stated by an important official in the Department of Agriculture under Ezra Benson.

For if ever a department of our American economy has been dominated and regimented by the government and told in no uncertain terms what it can, and what it can not do, that department is American farming, under the present administration—and former ones.

If this is so wicked and such a threat to the "American way of life" why doesn't assistant Secretary Peterson practice what he preaches and fight it?

Why doesn't he do everything he can to take the government entirely out of this important business? Why doesn't he let nature take its course in farming as in hydro-electric power, schools and highways, and keep the government where he thinks it belongs, making and administering the laws and allowing private enterprise and rugged individualism to handle the U. S. economy entirely?

THE answer to that isn't difficult. He doesn't practice what he preaches as far as agriculture is concerned because he knows that without a planned economy without some federal aid and regulation, profitable agriculture generally speaking would disappear, and as he stated we live under a profit-system and when a profit in a business disappears, the business follows suit.

THERE is another even more obvious reason of course. That is purely political. Neither the present administration nor any administration could remain in office if it followed the Petersen doctrine and turned over agriculture and the American economy entirely to private enterprise.

Why? Because the general welfare of the country would suffer such a blow that what is now called a depression, would seem like a promised land of milk and honey in comparison. A few would profit greatly of course, as they did in the Middle Ages under feudalism, but the rank and file would be little better than serfs.

So the G.O.P. while it continues to preach against all government aid and participation, as "creeping socialism," because they believe waving the "red flag" means votes, they are careful not to practice what they preach not only in agriculture, but in many other fields.

HOWEVER in one field the Eisenhower administration does practice what it preaches,—that is in the field of public power development.

The Tennessee Valley authority celebrated its 25th anniversary the other day, and as a result some of the underground and underhanded efforts to wreck this outstanding example of the tremendous value of public power from the standpoint of promoting the public welfare, were brought to light.

The present administration has repeatedly denied appropriations for the expansion of the "Authority" has slowly but surely packed the TVA Commission with anti-public power Republicans, until the hope of normal operations, as the original congressional act provided, becomes practically nil, and unless a halt is called, in spite of the protests of the people, not only of Tennessee but of Alabama and North Carolina, eventually the Private Power Trust will take over along the Tennessee river as it has to-date along the Snake.

AND all this under the banner of restoring the sacred "American way of life," as if the "American way of life" had NOT been founded upon the welfare of the people,—not just a favored few.

AND so Assistant Secretary Peterson tells the young people of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, in substance, that the burning issue is whether the Government should serve the people or dominate them; whether private initiative should be maintained or we should have a regimented socialistic state, whether we should have more government in business or more business in government, and so on and so forth.

The national election in November and the national election two years hence will indicate how many of the voters,—young AND old—will be taken in by this time-honored Kickapoo medicine-show.

For the real issue is none of these things. The real issue is not whether there should be more business in government and less "government in business," but whether our government should be nothing BUT business—"BIG BUSINESS"—and a government of the people for the people and by the people—ALL the people—should—to slightly alter Lincoln's historic statement—"Perish from the earth."—R.W.R.

### Dennis the Menace



"YOU'D LIKE MY DOG. HE SLEEPS ALL THE TIME!"

### Matter of Fact

THE DOVES OF WASHINGTON — Long, long ago, when the United States still stood at the head of the world, this reporter received an interesting suggestion from a British field marshal's wife who was well-known for her strong tree-dwelling tendencies.

In those days, it was thought to be blackly pessimistic to question the good intentions of the late Josef Stalin. Really, it made very gloomy reading, said the lady. She was asked to suggest a more cheerful subject for public comment. As she had taken up life among the leafy branches because she was a British-style bird-watcher, she had her answer ready.

"Oh," she said brightly, "why not try birds?" After 12 years, the time has come to take this often-remembered advice. One very good reason is simple, unbounded admiration for the pair of mourning doves that have triumphantly reared twin dovelets (or should it be squabs?) in an ivy-hidden nest high above the garden-terrace.

SOMEbody, someday, ought to do a serious survey of wildlife in American cities. (It could be called "The Ecology of Urban Areas," and would then be worth a doctorate.) Here in the tired heart of Washington, at any rate, you acquire a great many unpaying tenants if you have a fair-sized city garden with a little cover for shy creatures.

Some are not so shy, either. The opossum that lives under the garden-house even has a marked liking for dinner parties, which once caused a lot of trouble. At coffee-time, a nervous female guest chanced to look behind her. There in the clematis-vine, plainly illuminated in the candle-light, hanging upside down in an easy, graceful, sociable way, was what appeared to be a gigantic white rat. The ensuing piercing shriek did not disturb the 'possum, either.

BUT aside from the 'possum that teaches her young each autumn to wash their food in the fountain, and the squirrels that once invaded Tillamook Man Dies In Two-Car Collision.

Tillamook — Harry P. Long, 70, Tillamook, was killed in a two-vehicle crash just south of here Sunday night, State Police reported.

THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES of Naples are confronted with one of the great mysteries in the entire history of Italy. The Neapolitan Census reveals 181,885 married men and 184,502 married women! Are bigamists rampant there? The Police department hurriedly organized a Division of Marriage Swindles to make an investigation.

A favorite tourist attraction in Florida is a wild animal farm just off U. S. Route 1. All kinds of snakes—from the harmless to deadly rattlers—are sold at so much per foot, but there's one reassuring note in the catalogue: "No poisonous snakes will be sold to minors without parents' written consent."

In Cleveland, the Plain Dealer reports, a husband who went shopping reached down to pick up a sack of potatoes, only to find he had grabbed a woman shopper in one of those abominable new dresses. © 1958, by Bennett Cerf. Distributed by King Features Syndicate.

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### Tax-Deductible Purchasing

To the Editor: With 57 million enjoying employment and six million suffering unemployment, an outright tax cut could only result in most of the dollars finding their way into the savings accounts of the employed instead of the buying stream.

But if Washington decrees that for the balance of 1958 all purchases of consumer and durable goods heretofore not deductible from personal income taxes shall become deductible up to 25 per cent of one's total tax, it will result in stimulating all buying, with every such tax-saved consumer dollar immediately finding its way into the market place to reverse the current economic decline right now instead of in the indefinite future. The cost of the suggested remedy will be less than the loss to the government even in collectable tax dollars if this depression continues unreversed for the balance of 1958.

We urge the prompt adoption of this plan only because time has shown that Washington's understandable policy of waiting and hoping is not stopping the decline as predicted.

A. N. Spalen, Chairman G. A. Ogden, Vice President International Latex Corp. Dover, Dela.

### Frohnmayr for Jason Lee

To the Editor: I became acquainted with Jason Lee several weeks ago when he was a visitor in Medford in connection with the organization of his campaign for Associate Justice, Position No. 7 of the Oregon Supreme Court.

Since meeting Mr. Lee I have made inquiry concerning his background and I find that he was an attorney in Eugene before the war, and that he was commanding officer of his ship in the South Pacific during World War II.

Following the war Jason Lee handled appellate cases for the United States government to work off a backlog of accumulated wartime litigation. He also assisted the U.S. Attorney's office in Portland in cleaning up a backlog of wartime cases.

Jason Lee has had additional training in tax matters at the New York University. There is a serious backlog problem on the Oregon Supreme Court and I am convinced that with the valuable background of experience which he can bring to the court, together with his industry, he is the man that should be elected.

William Frohnmayr 622 North Riverside ave. Medford.

### Camp Adair Work May Start in Fall

Washington — If Congress approves funds this spring for the new Air Force Bomarc missile base proposed for Camp Adair between Albany and Corvallis, initial work on the \$10 million project should start next fall, according to Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.).

The Air Force announced plans for the Bomarc base last Friday.

Norblad said the total annual payroll for both the Bomarc and SAGE activities at Camp Adair would be in excess of \$4 million. He said it was first believed work on the Bomarc project would not begin until next year.

### Australian Premier Touring United States

Los Angeles — Premier J. J. Cahill of New South Wales leaves by train today for Washington, D.C. and New York, stops on his six-week tour of the nation to attract U.S. money to Australia.

The 67-year-old Premier arrived here last week, lunched at a movie studio, visited plants, and spent a quiet weekend around the swimming pool at his hotel.

## Ruble Being Used as Weapon By Russia in Fighting West

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

Soviet Russia is using its ruble as a weapon in the cold war while it stocks nuclear weapons for a possible hot war.

By means of a carefully-calculated foreign aid program, the Soviet government is courting the favor of "uncommitted" countries all over the world.

These uncommitted countries are those which are not aligned either with Russia or with the Western allies. Some of them are "neutralists" like India and Indonesia. Some are openly anti-Communist.

Russia is offering them vast amounts in aid. Its own grants are supplemented by grants from other countries of the Soviet bloc.

The aid program serves two purposes which fit in with the long-range Communist goal of world domination.

One is penetration and subversion. The other is the foreshadowing of trouble for the United States and its allies.

The most recent example of the Russian economic offensive is that in the Middle East, Aid to U. A. R. Cited

Russia has given Egypt hundreds of millions of dollars in military aid. It has provided Syria, now merged with Egypt in the United Arab Republic, with military aid far in excess of that country's needs. It has now started to arm Yemen, one of the key strategic points in the Middle East, which has federated itself with Egypt and Syria.

In addition to military aid, Russia is giving Egypt enormous sums in economic aid. The Soviets are now trying to secure a foothold in Libya and Ghana.

Soviet aid to Yemen has been followed by a series of frontier incidents, small in themselves but potentially serious, against the British protectorate of Aden to which Yemen lays claim.

Red Aid No Boon Some of the countries which have accepted Russian aid find that it is not a philanthropic boon. Egypt is paying Russia for arms with its cotton, its chief export. Russia is dumping some of this cotton on the world market at prices with which Egypt cannot compete. Countries which contract for Russian machinery and other products find out that,

as they become progressively committed to this form of penetration, prices tend to rise alarmingly. Some of the machinery is unsuitable, the customers find. Some of it is simply shoddy. But the program of Soviet economic aid is a formidable weapon.

Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, gave a grave warning of the danger of this weapon in a speech last week to the United States Chamber of Commerce in Washington.

"It is most probable that the fateful battles of the cold war will, in the foreseeable future, be fought in the economic and subversive arenas," Dulles said.

### Vote For EARL MILLER

FOR County Judge

Earl Miller is EXPERIENCED in business, and the County Judge post is first and foremost a BUSINESS MANAGEMENT JOB. He promises a business-like, economical administration.

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Bill Fish

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