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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 22, 1948 (Sunday)

A parade tops off spring ceremonial of Hillah temple of the Shrine here.

Sale of 37,600,000 feet of timber on the Rogue River National forest to White City Lumber company announced by Karl L. Janouch, forest supervisor.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
May 22, 1938 (Sunday)

Congressman James A. Mott of this district, defeats Walter Norblad, Astoria, in 67 of the 70 Jackson county precincts in the Republican primary.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "A shivaree raced down the main stem Monday evening as if the law was after them, but no such luck."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
May 22, 1928 (Tuesday)

Child welfare clinic held at the Lincoln school for children of pre-school age.

One hundred and five visitors were shown through the Oregon Caves Sunday.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
May 22, 1918 (Wednesday)

A month's fishing at the mouth of the Rogue river was lost and this year's salmon pack will be that much smaller because of the strike of gillnetters.

A box social to raise funds for the Junior Red Cross will be given at the Ash Grove school, Jacksonville rd., Friday.

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

1. Persons born between Aug. 22 and Sept. 23 are under what zodiacal sign?

2. Amnesia is a mental disease, food for the gods, or perfume base obtained from whales?

3. Is the terrain of Japan mountainous or flat?

4. A bi-monthly magazine is issued once every two months, or twice a month?

5. Salt is used in freezing ice cream, to make the ice melt, or to keep it from melting?

6. Where are the hands placed when they arms are "akimbo"?

7. An adjective expressing some quality is called an epithet, or on epithet?

8. What famous painting was stolen from the Louvre in 1911?

9. Which mythological figure is represented as bearing the earth on his shoulders?

10. What colonial possession does Great Britain have on the coast of South America?

Answers: 1. Virgo. 2. Mental disease. 3. Mountainous. 4. Once every two months. 5. To make it melt. 6. On the hips. 7. Epithet. 8. Mona Lisa. 9. Atlas. 10. British Guiana.

## The TV Proposals

The city council has been criticized in some quarters for its recent action in approving two applications for franchises from television concerns for special systems to bring additional TV channels to Medford.

In our view, they had no alternative but to grant the franchise applications. The city council has no business getting itself involved in saying who can, or cannot, operate a commercial enterprise in the city.

We presume that some of those who are critical would classify themselves as supporters of the "American, free-enterprise" economy, and resent any allegation that they weren't. But, in this case, they ARE attacking "free enterprise."

LOOK at it this way. KBES-TV is the only TV station. It was set up here several years ago at a considerable investment, both in money and in "blood, sweat and tears," and its owners want to protect their investment. They have done their level best to bring Jackson county good TV.

But should the city council grant KBES-TV a monopoly? Not in our book, it shouldn't, any more than it should grant a monopoly to the Mail Tribune, or the First National Bank, or Mann's Department store.

One can criticize TV all one wants (and we ourselves have done so in the past). But one cannot deny that it is a legitimate business, that it is universally accepted as such in this free America of ours, and that it is a part of our way of life and our economy.

ALSO, remember that the two franchises — to Trimble Television Inc., and to KBES-TV itself—are not the first. Oregon-California Theaters recently was granted a franchise for a closed circuit system.

Thus, there are three companies with plans for additional TV systems. Details of all of them have not been made available — in fact, they probably haven't been worked out in detail.

But each of them, if started, will stand or fall on whether or not it provides an acceptable service, for which people are willing to pay. If it does, it will be successful. If it doesn't, it won't.

The same is true of a grocery store, or shoe store or lumber mill. And what a howl would go up if the council started deciding who could, or who couldn't, open a barber shop, or a service station!

THE three new systems proposed are alike in one thing—they will use cables or wires, and will not send their signals through the air. Thus they are not subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission.

And another point of similarity is that they each plan to charge for the service.

We have no sympathy with the cries that the proposed charges are too high. As far as we are concerned, the price of a Cadillac is "too high," but we solve that simply by not buying a Cadillac.

KBES-TV has assured its patrons that it will continue to broadcast commercial programs (or, as they prefer to call it, "free" TV), so that TV entertainment will remain for those who don't want to pay the extra charges for extra programs.

AS FOR the objections that too much television is bad for people, the same can be said of candy, or cigarettes, or food. But that is no reason for the city council to set itself up as a little dictatorial agency to say that there shall be only one candy (or any other) store in town.

If you don't like pay TV, you don't have to subscribe. If you don't like a TV program, you can turn it off. If you don't like television at all, you don't have to buy a set.

It's as simple as that. Americans still have that much freedom. And if that is lost, it will be too late to care.—E.A.

## Atomic Step Forward

Today marks the beginning of a new chapter in the short history of atomic power.

At Camden, N.J., today, Mrs. Richard M. Nixon was scheduled to officiate at the keel-laying of the MS Savannah, designed as the first commercial ocean-going atomic-powered vessel.

The United States has several atomic submarines, and the Russians report that they have an atomic icebreaker. But the Savannah will be the first use of the atom to propel a vessel designed for strictly commercial purposes.

STILL in the future are planes, trains and other vehicles which derive their power from fission of the atom. The technological breakthroughs needed for these have yet to be made—presumably; the military and the secret-minded Atomic Energy commission have not reported success in these directions.

The problem is a double one, of space and weight. Atomic reactors are bulky by nature, and need a good-sized vehicle to carry them in their present stage of development. In addition, they throw out a goodly amount of radiation, which can be lethal to humans unless they are shielded by thick, heavy barriers — mostly of lead.

THE size, weight and radiation barriers may be insurmountable for use in smaller vehicles.

Ultimately, we believe, some other form of power will, itself, replace fission power. It may be fusion power (which will eliminate the radiation, and thus the shielding problem), or it may be a source of power which so far is purely theoretical — or even hypothetical.

In the meantime, the MS Savannah is a forward step.—E.A.

## Dennis the Menace



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## Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

AT IDLEWILD  
New York—In the feelings it inspires, Idlewild Airport lies halfway between the Ap-

plan Way and one of the space stations of the grisly future period. But even at Idlewild, waiting for a plane to crisis-ridden France, this reporter remains obsessed by the recent, strange experience of plunging back into Eisenhower's Washington.

The second Eisenhower administration, one notes as soon as one gets home, is rather strikingly different from the first. Neil McElroy is mercifully unlike Charles E. Wilson. There is a comparable lack of resemblance between Christian Herter and Herbert Hoover Jr. A score of other, very similar major human improvements might be cited.

There is also an improvement in the governmental atmosphere, although this is perhaps rather negative in character. At least, the old smugness has quite disappeared. At least, one is no longer constantly commanded to admire the selfless patriotism of captains of industry, who are using all their hard-won know-how to dismantle the defenses, to alienate the allies, and to weaken the world position of their country.

BUT something, unhappily, is still very wrong indeed in this Washington of Dwight Eisenhower's second term. The proof lies in the last fortnight's lurid, unending chronicle of disastrous American setbacks all over the globe.

What, then, is this something that is wrong? In part, quite obviously, the chickens reared in the fat, smug, outwardly lucky years of the first term are just coming home to roost. As was foreseeable, they all look like vultures. But in this reporter's opinion, the roots of the thing that is wrong go back to the very beginning, to the tragic drama that occurred when the President took office.

At that time, the United States still stood at the head of the world. But a whole host of warnings was waiting on the new President's desk, even as he walked into the White House. These papers terminated in the last National Security Council directive of the Truman administration. They rather belatedly recognized that America's position would soon be challenged by the rapid, massive growth of Soviet power. They called for more effort—much more effort—to safeguard the American position.

WITH George Humphrey at the Treasury and Wilson they are again doing in the

THE government's almost total inability to make any coherent, continuous response to this combination of challenges is a key characteristic of the second Eisenhower administration. When the heat is very hot indeed, they thrash about, as they have done and miffed thrashings only disguise the basic passivity.

One reason for this is obvious. The great measures that are now needed cannot even be considered until the country is fully and firmly undecided. Yet any true accounting to the country, in the manner of "Operation Candor," would now make James Hagerly and a great many other, much more important people look both silly and fraudulent.

But there is another, deeper reason. A truly "dynamic new policy" that really might "recapture the initiative" cannot even begin to be involved without the most dynamic leadership, endowed with the most inexhaustible vigor, the freshest intelligence, and the most ruthless capacity for detailed, hard work. Until these qualities are present at the top, the new challenges can never be met. So the American position will continue to deteriorate.

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## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

B. A. BOTKIN has unearthed this authentic letter sent from the 1944 European warfront by a Kentucky mountaineer to his wife in America: "Dear Nancy, I been a-gittin' yore naggin' letters all along. Now I want to tell ye, I'm damn tired of them. For the first time in my life I'm a-fightin' in a real big war, and I want you to let me enjoy it in peace while it lasts. Yours etc."

The crowd in the smoking car of the 8:40 was astounded when the most confirmed bachelor in Connecticut suddenly upped and took unto himself a bride. "I thought," sighed one man, "he would always be able to look out for Number One." "He was," explained his seat-mate, "until he met a charming widow lady looking out for Number Two."

They have a new definition for an optimist in Dallas: an auto dealer who thinks he can sell Volkswagens in Texas!

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Financial note:  
Stocks in New York turn firm in the wake of fresh evidence that the recession may have seen its low point and that a recovery is starting.

Spokesmen for a number of key industries have reported improvement in new orders.

### A THOUGHT:

If the politicians will quit trying to MAKE VOTES out of the recession, maybe we can get somewhere.

ALONG that line, Secretary of Commerce Weeks, addressing a conference of corporation and business executives in New York City, says the best way to cure the recession is the DO IT YOURSELF method.

He adds:  
"OVER-DEPENDENCE on government cures can disturb business, hamper it, or even WRECK it."

LET'S put it this way:  
If wishes were horses, all beggars would ride.

If merely passing laws would do the trick, everybody would be rich and happy.

The truth, as Secretary Weeks suggests, is that in business matters (which include curing recessions) the hard way is often the best way.

### SPEAKING of the easy way—

A report just issued by the joint congressional committee on reduction of NON-ESSENTIAL federal expenditures says that in the past ten years the government civilian payroll has increased more than FIVE BILLION dollars.

It adds that the number of top civilian jobs has nearly TRIPLED since 1950.

### BUT—

These government employees SPEND MONEY. That extra five billions they are getting buys a lot of goods and helps to keep business booming.

### WAIT a minute.

Every billion the government spends costs you as an individual about six dollars. So that five billion costs you about \$30. If you are the breadwinner for a family of four, it costs you about \$120. Government, you know, has a curious way of getting its money. What it needs, it reaches into the taxpayer's pocket and TAKES.

What it takes out of the taxpayer's pocket, THE TAXPAYER DOESN'T HAVE LEFT TO SPEND FOR HIMSELF.

## Communications

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### From YMCA

To the Editor: A note of appreciation for the Mail Tribune's excellent cooperation in publicizing the Annual YMCA Auction.

The money raised through this event will be put to good use in the financing of youth activities for the teenagers of Medford. As the Young Men's Christian Association is a non-profit organization it would be impossible to extend the youth programs we now offer, without the financial assistance of the United Medford Crusade and special fund raising events.

Our sincere thanks for the efforts of the Mail Tribune staff on behalf of the youth of this community.

Herb Partridge,  
Youth Work Secretary,  
Medford YMCA

### Conservation Week

To the Editor: As Jackson county chairman, Conservation of Natural Resources Week program, may I express thanks through your medium to everyone who so generously helped and participated in bringing this great need to the attention of the public?

The ministers and merchants, the city and county schools, Boy and Girl Scouts, Medford Mail Tribune, Ashland Tidings, Rogue River Times, Ben Tucker of Jackson county extension service, Col. Paul Weiland of the Medford chapter IWLA, Howard Hopkins of the U. S. Forest Service, the Ashland IWLA chapter for help in the south end and Chester Jensen in north end of the county, the Garden clubs, and PTAS, Jennings Pierce as clearinghouse for civic clubs, and all others who participated were very helpful — to all of whom I extend appreciation.

I can think of no material subject matter more neces-

## Broader Interpretation Given Mid-East Doctrine by Dulles

By CHARLES M. McCANN  
United Press Correspondent

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has given a new and important interpretation of the "Eisenhower Doctrine" of the Middle East.

Under this interpretation, the joint congressional resolution authorizing a Middle Eastern country against foreign aggression is not limited to action against an aggressor which is "under the control of international communism."

The effect is to put teeth into a declaration which has often been criticized as somewhat meaningless.

Dulles gave his interpretation of the Eisenhower Doctrine, as it is popularly called, at a press conference in Washington in discussing Lebanon.

Lebanon has accused the United Arab Republic of fomenting and supporting the rebellion.

The United States has sent a quantity of "police arms"—largely small arms and tear gas equipment—to Lebanon to aid against "rioters."

There has been some confusion over the applicability of the Eisenhower Doctrine to Lebanon. The reason for the confusion is the provision authorizing aid against an aggressor under the control of international Communism.

Though Egypt and Syria are receiving arms and other aid from Soviet Russia, the United Arab Republic certainly cannot be held to be under Soviet control.

President Gamal Abdel Nasser has denied aiding the Lebanese rebels. He says the rebellion was planned and is being carried out by pro-United Arab Republic Lebanese.

Dulles agreed that the congressional resolution specified aid to a country menaced by Communist aggression. But he added:

"That doesn't mean, however, that there is nothing that can be done.

"There is the provision of the Middle East resolution which says that the independence of these countries is vital to peace and the national interest of the United States. That is certainly a mandate to do something if we think that our peace and vital interests are endangered in any quarter."

Dulles pointed out that this provision was inserted in the Eisenhower Doctrine by the Senate.

## Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

### BURDENED

Washington — After his agreeable experience at the NATO meeting in Copenhagen about two weeks ago—agreeable because everyone present seemed to agree with him—Mr. Dulles has had a most disagreeable week.

There is trouble in Indonesia, in Algeria and France, and in Latin America. In all of them there is a challenge to the existing position and policy of this country. And in all of them the responsibility for deciding what to do next is centered upon Mr. Dulles himself.

This should, I believe, raise in our minds the question of whether the conduct of our foreign policy has not become concentrated to a dangerous degree, whether responsibility is not concentrated to an unworkable degree in the mind and conscience of one man.

I think it has become too concentrated, and that the price we pay for it is that in large areas of the world, as in the Latin American republics to the south of us and in Canada to the north of us, the issues and our interests and their interests are neglected.

In other areas which are immediately vital, as in the Middle East and in continental Europe, our appreciation of events is out of date and our policies are vulnerable to the kind of surprise which the French crisis and the advent of Gen. De Gaulle would surely bring.

IT IS necessary to look candidly at our situation. For the crucial difficulty in our dealing with the multitude of problems is that Mr. Dulles has more problems to decide than any man can possibly attend to and know about and master.

Mr. Dulles himself is a marvel of endurance and of intellectual vitality. But he conducts his office in a way which is plainly, as events are showing, beyond human power. As Mr. Eisenhower's energy and interest have declined,

all the time the tears were falling and our beloved TV networks played heart-broken melodies on borrowed violins in the background, someone around the local station was able to wipe away his tears long enough to fill out an application for his own Pay-TV system.

I am trying to be broad-minded and understand that it is totally different, the good and right thing to do for Medford residents to pay a subscription fee to KBES-TV, that it is just plain wrong and Un-American to pay out their hard earned cash for any other Pay-TV.

I am afraid that someone is going to have to spend a little time and explain to me why it is wrong for me to drop a quarter in the slot on the side of my TV to see some newly released movie, while at the same time it is perfectly well and good to pay KBES-TV their fee to either watch Clark Gable's first movie on their station or switch to the cable and watch Jean Harlow's last picture on any of three other channels.

I believe I could see the light if I owned just a little bit of our fine, upstanding, simon-pure local television station, KBES-TV.

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Ashland

Mr. Dulles has received from the President the greater part of the Presidential powers in foreign affairs, the powers which under our system should be exercised by the President himself. The result is that for all practical purposes, excepting only now and then, the Secretary of State does not have the support and comfort of knowing that the final decision is with the President.

At the same time Mr. Dulles is curiously separated from the State Department and the Foreign Service. He has been to an extraordinary degree his own ambassador. Is it any wonder that he cannot attend to everything at once, that what he does not attend to is neglected? Is it any wonder that with such an abnormal concentration of responsibility in one man, our policies, which need fresh analysis and reflection—are, as in Latin America for example, so complacent and so insensitive?

ONE hesitates to suggest what might be done to better this situation. Experience shows that such suggestions are usually resented. Only Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles can do anything about anything and they are set in their ways.

But it can be said, I think, that in the American system things do not work well if in the conduct of foreign affairs the President abdicates most of his authority and lets it fall to his Secretary of State. There are many reasons why this does not work. One of them, the most important perhaps, is that the conduct of foreign relations requires not only negotiation abroad but the political leadership of Congress at home. Half the underlying grievances of South America, for example, are due to acts of omission and commission by the Congress.

Mr. Eisenhower cannot fulfill the duties of his office by letting Mr. Dulles try to perform them. Mr. Eisenhower needs somehow to have the means of doing his own work, perhaps by calling into the White House his own advisor in foreign affairs.

This is not meant as a way to supersede Mr. Dulles but as a way to relieve him of an impossible burden. It is not at all a reflection on his ability, which is high, unless it is a reflection to say of any man that his powers have limits, and that he cannot do everything.

IN MY view it is urgent that there should occur at the center of the Administration reforms which will in effect return to the White House its necessary authority and the Secretary of State the time and the freedom to ponder the great issues. It is urgent because there is every reason to think that the crisis in Algeria and in France is not just another political crisis but is in fact a crisis of the French system of government. If it is that, it will involve Europe and NATO and mark the beginning of a new chapter in our foreign policy.

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### Camping Facilities Limited Near Bend

Bend — Camping and parking facilities at East and Paulina lakes will be limited because of deep roadside snowdrifts during the opening of the high lake trout season this weekend, Deschutes National Forest officials said today.

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