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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
June 20, 1948 (Monday)
Miss Medford Hall will be sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Rogue Valley ballroom June 25.

20 YEARS AGO
June 20, 1938 (Monday)
The governor and not the county court is charged with the responsibility of appointing a justice of the peace for Gold Hill, attorneys here said.

30 YEARS AGO
June 20, 1928 (Wednesday)
The postcard rate will be changed from two cents to one cent July 1, according to William J. Wargner, Medford postmaster.

40 YEARS AGO
June 20, 1918 (Thursday)
The Southern Pacific railroad board in inquiry into the grade-crossing accident of last Tuesday in which two tourists lost their lives was held this afternoon.

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

1. The branch of zoology that treats of insects is called entomology.

2. What were the names of the three musketeers in Alexander Dumas' novel of that name?

3. Which Presidential nominee in American history used the phrase, "It is not best to swap horses while crossing the river?"

4. For what plant, the leaves of which are used for making a beverage, is Ceylon famous?

5. Which of these does not have wings: bees, flies, fleas, mosquitoes?

6. When are blackberries red?

7. How many electoral votes does the District of Columbia cast in Presidential elections?

8. Name the American newspaperman, killed in the Pacific theater during WW II, who wrote "Here Is Your War."

9. Was Thomas Jefferson President of the U.S. before or after John Quincy Adams?

10. When it is summer in New York, what is the season in Buenos Aires, Argentina?

Answers: 1. Entomology. 2. Aramis, Porthos, and Athos. 3. Abraham Lincoln. 4. Tea. 5. Fleas. 6. Before ripening. 7. None. 8. Ernie Pyle. 9. Before. 10. Winter.

Big Bend Project

The Big Bend power project of the California Oregon Power company, on the Klamath river a few miles southwest of Keno, is nearing completion.

It is an impressive job. Resident Engineer Henry A. (Hank) Hurlbut Jr. courteously showed us through the area the other day, from the dam spanning the river about a mile downstream from the Highway 66 bridge across the Klamath, down to the penstocks and powerhouse several miles downstream.

The project will be completed in September or October of this year, and will add 80,000 kilowatts to Copco's generating capability.

The Big Bend project and its associated jobs will cost in excess of \$15 million when completed. Beside the dam, canal, tunnel, penstocks and powerhouse of the project proper, work being done also includes a \$1,800,000 transmission line between Medford and Klamath Falls, a \$1 million substation in Medford, and several hundred thousand dollars worth of work in Klamath Falls for distribution purposes.

Big Bend is not a "high" dam, of the Grand Coulee or Hoover variety. It is relatively low (only 72 feet), but it backs up a lot of water, and the main force is obtained by conveying the water along a gradual slope, while the river drops more rapidly. Then the water drops sharply down 819-foot penstocks to the turbines and generators, exerting tremendous energy which is transformed into electricity.

The project is in many ways similar to the Toketee complex on the Umpqua river north of Diamond lake. Up there, Copco has built a whole series of dams, canals, penstocks and powerhouse, and uses and reuses the water by means of an ingenious utilization of the terrain and its steep drops. It is said, facetiously, that the water is "worn out" by the time it has gone through the various parts of the project.

Big Bend makes use of the same principle. And in the future, additional projects in the area will add further to Copco's generating capabilities. Big Bend No. 3, Salt Caves, Warm Springs, Iron Gate and Aspen Lake projects have been programmed, and work on some of them is scheduled to get under way within a year.

When all are completed, it will add more than 317,000 kilowatts to the power available in southern Oregon and northern California.

Big Bend dam is an earth fill dam with clay core wall, and is 652 feet long. Concrete is used for the intake and spillway parts of the dam, and for the rather intricate devices used to carry fish up to the spawning grounds above, and the small fish downstream.

A huge steel pipe, 14 feet in diameter, takes the water from the intake, approximately 2,500 second-feet, or most of the entire river, leaving only enough flow in the river bed to provide enough water for the fish life.

The dam runs almost north and south just above a sharp bend in the river, and the big pipe takes it across the river below on a metal trestle. Then, after 600 feet, the water will go into the canal, one of the more interesting of the structures at the project.

The canal, or flume, is entirely built of concrete, with verticle walls almost all the way along. Only in a couple of spots is the natural rock used as a wall. The concrete walls tower far above the top of a car, and, at this stage of construction, the bottom of the flume acts as a "highway" for construction vehicles.

The flume is 11,000 feet long, with the big iron pipe at one end, and a 16-foot tunnel 1,615 feet long through the crest of a hill at the other end. At the mouth of the tunnel there is a "forebay," or an area wider and deeper than the flume, where water is gathered to insure a constant supply sufficient to keep the tunnel filled. There is a spillway here, for excess water.

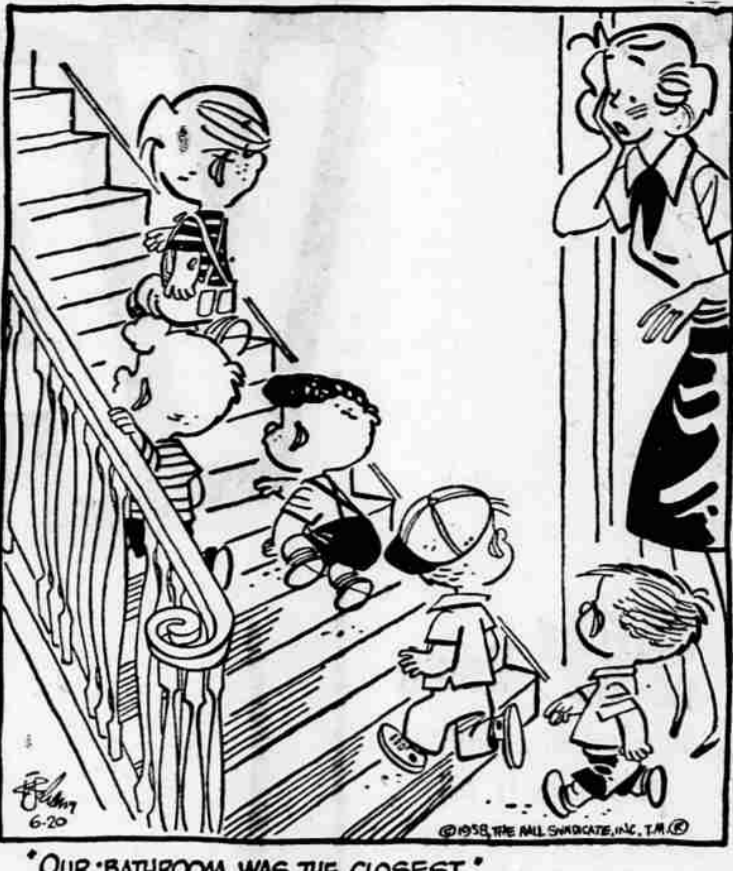
The tunnel itself will be fully lined with concrete, a job now nearing completion.

FROM the time the water enters the tunnel, all the way through to the penstocks and down 463 verticle feet to the power house, it is under pressure. The penstocks take the water from the big iron pipe which serves as the lower end of the tunnel, and shoot it down to the turbines, housed in the base of the solid concreted powerhouse. Then it is shot out into a settling basin, before it flows back into the river.

Morrison-Knudsen and Co. is doing the work for Copco. Tremendous volumes of cement, gravel and sand are being used, and the sand and gravel are produced right on the spot, by a system of portable crushers, washers and sorters. The cement all comes from the Gold Hill plant of the Ideal Cement Co.

Vast volumes of iron and steel also are being used, and the project has provided employment for hundreds of men.

Dennis the Menace



"OUR BATHROOM WAS THE CLOSEST."

Washington Report

By William S. White

POLITICAL IMMATURITY

Washington — The Sherman Adams affair is unfolding on two levels that are a world apart. One is dramatic, obvious — and comparatively inconsequential. The other is largely unnoticed — and deeply significant.

As to the surface level, several points are now generally accepted among politicians of both parties:

1. Adams, the assistant to President Eisenhower, has become a heavy liability to the Republicans in a Congressional election year.
2. There is insistent Congressional Republican pressure for his dismissal by the President very soon — by July 15 if possible.

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For Adams, now so harried for accepting favors from wealthy friends, was one of the most righteous denouncers of the so-called "influence peddling" of the Truman years.

THE story thus has the added zest of the case of the deacon who is found making eyes, even if harmless, elderly eyes, at the blonde choir singer.

So much for the headlines. What really matters, however, is the melancholy light thrown by this business upon the degree of political maturity of this country.

It indicates anew that two-bit issues — a politics of puerility — have a dominant place in our national life. It is the adult equivalent of the (Western) cops and robbers that enthrall the children on television.

The wheel is turning a full circle. But it is throwing up not the grand and urgent questions about the conduct of our public affairs. It is turning up hotel bills and vicuna coats, where in the Truman Administration it turned up hotel bills and mink coats.

All this is not to say that propriety or taste were served by Adams in Eisenhower's White House — or by some of Truman's people in Truman's White House. And it is not to say that the cold, continued arrogance of Sherman Adams is easy to defend.

It is not to say that real or alleged cronyism is desirable or unimportant — except in relation to the real issues of this terrible time. But what is to be said is that the country is again showing a most peculiar standard of weighing an Administration. In Truman's time, such trifling matters as the Marshall Plan and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization could not be usefully examined pro or con.

Nearly everybody was too engrossed with the immense disclosure that some White House stenographer had a jacket she had not bought and Major General Harry H. Vaughan had a freezer without sales slip.

Today, few are prepared to ponder whether the Eisenhower Administration is winning or losing the cold war. They must engage themselves with such vast issues as to whether Adams did something for Bernard Goldfine's clothing business.

A political writer need not adopt the ivied-hall view of a professor of political science to suggest some odd disproportion in all this.

Illinois Target Of Wabash Floods
Vincennes, Ind. — (UPI) — Major flood threats from the rampaging Wabash river shifted temporarily from Indiana to neighboring Illinois today.

Levee workers in the Vincennes area, exhausted from three days' efforts in reinforcing possible danger spots along the flood wall, were confident the river would not make a breakthrough here. Officials said, however, heavy rains in the north could alter the whole picture.

The river was expected to crest at 27 to 27½ feet this afternoon.

Across the river, at Russellville, Ill., the situation was more critical. State police and volunteers maintained an around-the-clock patrol, plugging weak spots.

"We're still in good shape," one official said. "Usually when it gets this high, the river finds a hole. It hasn't yet."

The great weakness of that Administration — its confused, half-truculent, half-appeasing foreign policy — evokes little constructive alarm and less constructive defense.

For we must all make ab-

Reaction to Hungarian Deaths Tops Foreign News of Week

By CHARLES M. McCANN
UPI Foreign News Analyst
The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

Soviet-bloc Communist rulers reverted to the murderous brutality of the Stalin era this week.

Former Premier Imre Nagy and Gen. Pál Maleter were executed undoubtedly by order of Soviet Russia — for leading the Hungarian revolt of October, 1956.

It was evident that the executions were perpetrated, 20 months after the Red Army crushed the rebellion, as a result of a crisis in the Communist world.

It was evident also that the crisis was due to fear in Russia, the Red-ruled countries of Eastern Europe and Communist China of "Titoism" — the movement toward independent communism, free of Kremlin domination, led by President Tito of Yugoslavia.

The executions shocked the entire free world. They were denounced formally by Allied and neutral governments. They led to riotous anti-Russian demonstrations before Soviet embassies in foreign capitals.

Comment by President Eisenhower and other Allied leaders made it plain that the executions had further weakened any belief that a summit conference with Russia on cold war issues could be fruitful.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said at a press conference in Washington that the United States might find it necessary to give military support, including troops, to the government of Lebanon.

Lebanese government forces are fighting rebels who are receiving military support from the United Arab Republic.

Nasser has supported the rebels — and most likely fomented the entire rebellion — in hope that he can overthrow President Camille Chamoun and absorb Lebanon into his Egypt-Syria-Yemen bloc.

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan offered the is-

Congressional Aides Need Hotly Debated

By Congressional Quarterly
Washington — (CQ) — A hot debate is now going on in the speaker's lobby among members of the House of Representatives on whether they should employ administrative assistants.

There will soon be a showdown on the issue in the House rules committee.

An administrative assistant is a high-sounding title for a highly paid legislative clerk. Each Senator has an "AA," and 131 of the 435 House members indicated in a recent poll that they want one too.

Senators have had AA's for 12 years. A senate AA has been characterized as a Senator's "alter ego." When the job was first created in 1946, it was anticipated that the Senate AA's would handle Washington problems for their Senators' constituents — the folks back home. But in practice most Senate AA's run their Senators' offices, see visitors, attend conferences and social functions as stand-ins for their Senators. Most of them have some authority to speak for their Senate bosses. The base pay for a Senate AA is \$8,800, and the top is \$14,800.

For Research, Study
Under a bill introduced by Rep. Samuel N. Friedel (D-Md.) and pending before the House rules committee, a House AA would get a base pay of \$7,500, a top pay of \$12,874. Friedel and most House members interested would use an AA to do research for them and to study legislation. Rep. Albert Morano (R-Conn.) would have his AA work on "nutcracker" quests from Connecticut students to write "practically their entire term papers!" Rep. Robert A. Everett (D-Tenn.), a former AA himself, would use his to do personal contact work with government agencies on behalf of his constituents.

Rep. Wright Patman (D-Texas) thinks that each Representative needs two AA's — one to run his office, the other to keep the House member current on legislation. "The blunt truth" is that many House members vote on bills "without really knowing what is in them," Patman recently said in a House speech. If they had AA's to help them, Patman predicted it would "save

billions of dollars for taxpayers."

Virtually all House members could use AA's to handle their tremendously growing volume of mail, which Rep. Omar Burleson (D-Texas) attributes largely to a growing interest in government stimulated by TV and by an increasing number of lobbies.

"We hear from every group from the clay pot manufacturers to the men's stomach relief corps," Burleson told CQ.

Reps. Paul Jones (D-Mo.) and John H. Ray (R-N.Y.) question the need of House members for AA's. They hold that any interested Representative has ample means to background himself on legislation now if he will only take the effort to contact the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress and committee staff experts.

Jones said he thought many House members merely want AA's because Senators have them. He doubted the value of such "empire building." He told CQ the drive for AA's for House members reminded him of the story of the little red wagon. "If one child has a red wagon, the other child wants one too," Jones said.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

TV CRITIC PHILIP MINOFF had a soul-satisfying dream the other night. It was a commercial featuring an unctuous, toothy announcer in the foreground, and a burly baseball pitcher winding up in the background. "You see," burred the announcer as he caressed a supposed-unbreakable pane of glass, "if it weren't for this invisible shield..." Whereupon the pitcher let loose his fast one, shattered the shield into fragments, and (POW!) caught the announcer squarely in the kisser....

So many psychiatrists have bought houses at Provincetown, on Cape Cod, that one distinguished member of the clan threatens to put up a billboard on his front lawn proclaiming "Last psychiatrist between here and Wellfleet!"

At a luncheon of six college professors, only two could give the correct definition of "stultify," one of "transpire." Try them yourself!

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Presidential Gifts Long Traditional; Cause Little Fuss

By LYLE C. WILSON
UPI Correspondent
Washington — (UPI) — While we are on or close to the subject of gifts to the White House, how about this?

Merriam Smith estimates that the number of gifts received each year at the White House for a President and his wife would soar into the thousands!

Smith spent many years covering the White House and traveling with presidents before he switched to the capital economic beat for United Press International. He and other White House familiars have seen a room stacked high with Christmas toys, for example.

Gifts of Food
A Texan long kept the Eisenhower's supplied with a favorite delicacy, chukker pheasant. There usually is a fairly steady flow of quail, steaks, turkeys and similar food items. Publicity-minded persons or institutions in Maine and in the Pacific Northwest sometimes appear to be contesting for the honor of presenting a President with the biggest and best salmon.

Smith recalls that Harry S. Truman accepted a gift Ford while in office and that his daughter, Margaret, received a Plymouth distinguished by gold plated fixtures. There was no backfire or criticism in either case, both substantial gifts having been acknowledged publicly and photographed with their owners as received.

During casual conversations with newsmen after the 1952 election and before Eisenhower's inauguration, Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said firmly that it would be his policy to announce all gifts of substantial value as they arrived and to distribute photographs of them. That has protected White House families before them.

Radios For Cal
Back there in the Coolidge era a frequent and favorite gift to the President was a radio receiver. They ran into a bit of money then, and Coolidge accepted them willingly along with the free advertising the manufacturer got with announcement of the gift.

Coolidge liked things for free, especially board and lodging. This trapped him occasionally in publicity schemes for real estate ventures in Florida and elsewhere, but there was no great outcry.

HOPEFUL note from Paris: France today is observing the 18th anniversary of General Charles de Gaulle's call to victory in World War II by rallying behind his national recovery loan.

The government discloses that Frenchmen gave up 11 million dollars worth of hidden gold yesterday when 3½ per cent French government bonds went on sale for gold. French Finance Minister Antoine Pinay says this morning: "If the gold subscription keeps coming in at this rate, we will have to enlarge the vaults of the Bank of France."

THAT, also, calls for a little explaining.

Since (practically speaking) the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary thereof, the French have had little confidence in their government. So, instead of buying government bonds, they have BOUGHT GOLD and buried it in the backyard, or hidden it in the mattress, or stashed it away in holes dug in their basements.

Private ownership of gold has long been illegal in France, but all French governments have known that if they started jailing Frenchmen for hoarding gold there would be another Reign of Terror.

If the French are digging up their gold and buying French bonds with it, it's a sure sign they have confidence in De Gaulle.

FRIVOLOUS note in closing: You've heard of the mythical Perfect Salesman who was so good he could sell refrigerators to Eskimos.

Well, he's been found. Mr. C. J. Gibson, president of an electric appliance manufacturing company in Greenville, Mich., reports this morning that one of his salesmen has actually sold an electric refrigerator to an Eskimo family near Churchill, Alaska.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Interesting foreign news note: "Hungarian communist leaders have warned their people to take the execution of former Premier Imre Nagy as a warning and an example."

WHY is that so interesting? Well, it really means is that the communist CONQUERORS OF HUNGARY have warned the conquered people of Hungary that if they make any more attempts to get back their liberty they will be shot down in the streets by Russian tanks and their leaders will be lined up against a wall and shot down by Russian rifle squads.

It is interesting because it is further proof of the fact that communism as an institution is so FOUL that in time it must fall of the weight of its own foulness.

CARRY the news to Nehru the Neutralist.

It might interest him to know that if India hills under the heel of communism and the people of India don't like it, after trying to, and seek to get back what they lost, they too will be shot down by Russian tanks and their leaders (including Nehru, if he should be one of them) will be lined up against blank walls and shot down by communist rifle squads.

That's communism AS PRACTICED — not as it is propagandized.

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