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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 24, 1948 (Thursday)

All three airlines operating at Medford municipal airport noted traffic increases in May, according to reports.

Una B. Inch, county school supervisor, praised the Point school district of 1907 which solved its overcrowded classroom problem by building buildings from Camp White.

20 YEARS AGO
June 24, 1938 (Friday)

Crater Lake National park fire personnel were attending a fire control school yesterday near Ft. Klamath.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "The Portland mosquito crisis is unchanged. The territorial rights of mosquitoes are playing havoc with the no-socks set."

30 YEARS AGO
June 24, 1928 (Sunday)

The Seventh-day Adventist camp meeting which has been in session at Jacksonville for the past week will close tonight.

From local and personal column: "The Del Monte beach dance band will play in Medford Tuesday under the auspices of the local American Legion post."

40 YEARS AGO
June 24, 1918 (Monday)

The Catholic church has raised \$125 for a portable altar to be used for front line Catholic chaplains.

From local and personal column: "Westerlund orchards will have Royal Anne cherries at the public market on Thursday."

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Three score and ten are how many years?

2. Who was known as the "Wizard of Menlo Park"?

3. "Mersey lightning" is a slang name for what alcoholic beverage?

4. Who wrote, "Oh, East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet"?

5. Tetanus is another name for what disease?

6. A carpenter uses a rip saw to cut across the grain of wood in the direction of the grain?

7. In which stadium in California did Margaret Truman make her debut as a concert singer?

8. How many male players participate in a basketball game?

9. The iris, cornea and pupil are associated with what organ of the body?

10. Who is the Secretary of Labor?

Answers: 1. Seventy. 2. Thomas A. Edison. 3. Applejack. 4. Rudyard Kipling. 5. Lockjaw. 6. In the direction of the grain. 7. Hollywood Bowl. 8. Ten. (five on each team). 9. Eye. 10. James P. Mitchell.

Maryland, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia derived their names from former British rulers.

Appalling Human Waste

The "beat generation" is something we can do without.

In common with most folk, we know of it only at second or third hand, but that's close enough.

If we get the picture correctly, the "beat generation" is an element of our citizenry between 17 and 40 who have no home—spiritual, moral, or even physical.

They take everything "cool." Their ideal, as we get it, is to divorce themselves from life, to seek a sort of cut-rate Nirvana where the only stimulus is from "kicks"—liquor or sex or dope.

They make pretense of intellectuality, and wind up showing themselves as blithering slob.

THEY are cowards. They are afraid of "life" and therefore tend to run away from all the things that make it worth living, and they reduce it to the barest, inescapable fundamentals of survival—plus "kicks."

They are afraid of discipline—the self-discipline which is the only thing which enables mankind to overcome his essential laziness and accomplish anything worthwhile.

They scorn moral values—the very values which set men aside from animals.

And they use their minds, not for creativity, but again for "kicks"—to bolster their own pitiful egos.

AND pitiful they are.

Witness the case of the young girl from Portland whose life was snuffed out—uselessly and stupidly—in San Francisco recently.

Here was a girl who in her brief years accomplished nothing, gave no promise of ever accomplishing anything. Her death meant little or nothing to anyone as an individual.

But, the human condition being what it is, her death is a symbol of the live "beatniks" who survive, and is an even greater symbol of unutterable human waste.

THE girl (her name doesn't really matter) was the product of an environment which has produced other lost souls—and which is, in effect, an indictment of the society which permits it to exist.

Others have come out of broken homes, and juvenile delinquency, and made a life for themselves. But more of them have failed, as this girl failed.

She didn't know what to do with her life, and as a result, did nothing at all.

Yet, somewhere within her was a spark. There was evidence she had some rudiments of religious faith, and perhaps even an affection for the "common law" husband who died in a sordid fall a few days before she was murdered.

SOMEWHERE, in the lives of the "beatniks," something has gone wrong, something has been twisted.

All the appurtenances of the "beat" pose are not bad. Jazz is not, of itself, bad. Nor is poetry, nor the combination.

And a cool detachment toward life is not, in itself, evil. And gratification of the desires of the flesh is only human, and, in moderation, acceptable.

Non-conformism in dress cannot be pointed out as anything distressing. A disinclination for hard work, too, is a very human failing.

IT is none of these things that raises our wrath about those who glory, whether or not they admit it, in being "beat."

It is, rather, the fact that they have abdicated from society, have rejected all the values which in a thousand generations have proven sound, have lost contact with reality and have manufactured their own spurious brand, have created a pattern of behavior which, in toto, is evil and menacing and suicidal.

Perhaps, as in the case of the spineless, witless girl who died, they are not, of themselves, at fault. Perhaps they were so twisted, or brutalized, or coddled in their youth that they couldn't recognize a moral problem, and solve it responsibly, if it hit them in the face.

THE truly vicious thing about the "beatniks," however, is not their drive toward self-destruction, as much as it is the false glamor with which they can endow their calling, particularly to young and unformed minds, who in natural and human rebellion tend to see all things in terms of authority vs. liberty, and who confuse their own struggle for independence with all forms of "protest."

The bearded and sandaled poet, the "gone" jazz musician, the dour polemicist berating the institutions of society without thought as to what should take their place—these all have an odd sort of attraction to some young people; they're "cool."

NUTS! we say. And so says anyone with sufficient intelligence and experience to know how false and shoddy and bereft of true glamor these misfits and poseurs can be.

We can admire the true bohemian, the true non-conformist, the true poet or painter or philosopher who cares less about surface appearances than he does about his thoughts and his creations.

But the pseudo-non-conformists of the "beat generation" who are worse conformists than the most Babbity merchant on Main street, leave us, pitying but appalled, with a sense of distaste and frustration at the waste of time, talent and humanity.—E. A.

Dennis the Menace



I FOOLED YA, DIDN'T I? YOU SAID I WAS GONNA BREAK MY NECK!

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.

Prophecy and Genealogy

To the Editor: Our family tree has become one of the signs of our times. No longer are rumors of wars, great storms and earthquakes the sole indications that we are living in the latter days. A new sign equally as conclusive as the political and natural upheavals in the world, equally founded upon the unerring vision of the prophets of old, is the vast interest in all parts of the world in the compiling of family histories and genealogies, which is in direct fulfillment of Biblical predictions given by the Savior and His Prophets. But there is none more definite and as easy to recognize than the one given by Malachi the Prophet in Chapter 4. He describes this day in which the Lord is to come again to Earth. He says it shall burn as an oven and that wicked shall be as stubble and shall be consumed. But before this dreadful day, he continues, read his words. "Behold, I will send you Elijah the Prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers. Less I come and smite the Earth with a curse."

There are two interesting things about this prophecy. First it has a definite time element. He was to come before the great dreadful day of the Lord and the precise purpose of his coming was to create in the hearts of living men and women an interest in their ancestors.

Such organizations as the New York Genealogical and Historical Society with a library of 25,000 volumes, and the New England Historical and Genealogical Society of Boston, Mass., with 80,000 volumes, are representative of the wide-spread interest in ancestry.

Since Hitler required his people to prove their Aryan birth by genealogy, Germany has literally become a land of researchers. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints bears witness to the World that Elijah the Prophet appeared to the Mormon Prophet, Joseph Smith and his associate in the ministry, Oliver Cowdery, in the Kirtland Temple on the third day of April, 1836 in fulfillment of Prophecy. 4: 5-8.

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Humane Bill Killed
To the Editor: The Senate Agriculture committee has again refused to let a decent humane slaughter bill past its barrier. Men who vote to prevent our country from reaching civilized standards long prevalent in our fellow democracies are not fit to sit in the United States Senate.

But the fight for humane slaughter legislation can still be won this year. It depends on you and the countless other Americans who feel as you do about unnecessary cruelty.

Please write now, and urge everyone you can—friends, acquaintances, members of your church, club or other organizations—to write both Senators from your state appealing to their decency and honor. Ask them to:

(1) Vote against the amended humane slaughter bill reported out by the Agriculture Committee. It is a humane slaughter bill in name only.

(2) Vote for the measure as passed by the House when it is amended back to its original form on the floor of the Senate.

There is a tremendous de-

mand for this legislation. Please do all you can to increase this demand. This is a major popular issue because it is a major moral issue. Make sure your Senators know the facts.

Madeleine Bemelmans, President
Christine Stevens, Secretary-Treasurer
Society for Animal Protective Legislation
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Highway to the Sea
To the Editor: In your June 20th issue, was very happy to see that Nevada is going ahead letting a contract for the proposed road from Winnemucca to the Sea, a project that I do believe would be the making of southern Oregon.

Also Sunday's publication, June 22nd, stating that Governor Holmes got the go ahead on surveys to connect Highway 62 with Klamath Falls, making it possible for the highway from Winnemucca to Highway 62 to be built (a wonderful job).

My suggestion would be for Jackson, Josephine and Curry counties to get together and try to continue the surveys to the coast. There are two likely routes, one from Selma through the Chetco Pass, across Tincup Creek to the mouth of the Chetco. Another route would be up Josephine creek and down Lone Ridge to the mouth of the Chetco. They would both end at the same place, Harbor, or Brookings, Oregon, where the Government built a North and South Jetty at the mouth of the Chetco, could be made a wonderful harbor for a lot of shipping, and would only have to be dredged. This should not be too costly to maintain as the river should keep the entrance clean.

Would like very much to see our Chamber of Commerce, also Josephine and Curry counties, help to develop such a project.

You have published articles for me for the past eight years on this subject for which I have been very thankful. Such a highway would be wonderful for the country as a whole. Mainly we need industry and industries need transportation. We need industries beside lumbering, which could be developed such as mining and steel plants, also development of the nickel industry. Southern Oregon has all the minerals that are required for such industries.

Shorty Hibbard
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Providence Nursery
To the Editor: Thanks for printing the excellent letter by Mr. Jay Elliott on the Christy Home for Girls.

I, too, was fortunate in being able to tour these Oregon United Appeal agencies with this fine group of Medford citizens.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

The Uncashed Check

Beirut, Lebanon—The central but still half-concealed feature of the Lebanese situation is what amounts to an uncashed certified check in

desk of President Camille Chamoun. Figuratively speaking, the check is marked "good for a landing of Anglo-American military forces to defend Lebanon's independence."

It was written by the British and American governments, after only 24 hours of agonized consultation, at the very outset of the Lebanese civil war.

At that time, a major condition was attached to the check. Before it could be cashed, the Lebanese government was required to complain to the United Nations about the attack upon its independence that has been organized by Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser and his Syrian viceroy, Abdel Hamid Serraj.

Lebanese President Chamoun and his stout old Prime Minister, Samy El Solh, were and are reluctant to cash the check.

THEIR reluctance was sufficiently indicated by the very long interval between the outbreak of fighting in this unhappy little country, and the presentation of Lebanon's complaint to the U.N. Security Council.

The equal reluctance of the British and American governments to have the check cashed was indicated by what then transpired in the U.N. Security Council. One wonders, indeed, whether the Swedes were not stimulated to present their resolution, calling for U.N. observers to go to Lebanon.

By any sensible test, this kind of U.N. intervention is highly unlikely to produce any good result. Maybe the personal diplomacy of U.N. Secretary Dag Hammarskjold will bear some sort of fruit, although this also seems unlikely. The point is that the foreign interference in Lebanon's affairs has already occurred.

The arms, the money, and something like 2,000 Syrian and Egyptian officers, soldiers and trained specialists in terrorism have already crossed the Lebanese borders. U.N. border control is hardly feasible, and it can only limit the problem and can not possibly solve it.

THE American and British governments must have understood all this very clearly when they so eagerly accepted the Swedish resolution. They must have wanted to buy a little more time during which "something might turn up."

The spirit of Mister Micawber was behind this move, in fact.

Here in Lebanon, meanwhile, the American and British Embassies have been trying to make something turn up, while simultaneously seeking to delay the cashing of the check.

The efforts to make something turn up have chiefly taken the form of direct and indirect appeals to the Lebanese Army commander, Gen. Shehab, to make a more

the work being done by this agency is typical of the excellent work done by all the State child care agencies. I consider it a great compliment to the people of Medford that their support of the United Medford Crusade assists the work of these Oregon United Appeal agencies.

Herb Partridge
Y. M. C. A.
Youth Work Secretary

Expanding Brain
To the Editor: Well, well, here is some wisdom. A top British scientist in asking "how good is your brain?" says there's room for perhaps 10 billion pieces of information there. There are 10 billion nerve cells in your brain, and each is capable of storing at least one bit of information.

Trouble is, nobody has the time to fill them all. If you read and absorbed 25 bits of information every second, it would take eight hours of study every day for 40 years to fill your brain. But who can absorb 25 facts a second? (Townsend National Courier.)

Now, I think, why did the patriarchs of old live to be 900 years old? They just had to, because they were or had to be original thinkers and philosophers. One school of thought suggests a natural born genius brings a certain amount of knowledge into the world with him at birth. All of which may be taken for granted. If the universe is expanding, why isn't the mind, too?

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Senate Passage of Alaska Bill Seen; Threat in House Told

By GEORGE COFFEY

UPI Correspondent
Washington—(UPI)—Sen. Henry M. Jackson said today that the House of Representatives will pass the Alaska statehood bill by a "large majority" in the Rules Committee and will die there, Jackson said.

See Long Sessions
"If the Senate truly wants statehood for Alaska, we must make certain that the will of the Senate—shared by a strong majority of the other body—shall not be overturned by a small committee

for conference or for concurrence in Senate amendments, there is the possibility that it will end up in the Rules Committee and will die there," Jackson said.

The Washington Democrat said Alaska's admission still could die in the House of Representatives even though the House already had passed a bill to grant it statehood.

In a prepared Senate speech, Jackson called for House approval of the House-passed statehood measure without amendment. He said if the Senate makes any changes the bill could be bottled up in the House where it would have to be returned for further consideration.

Debate Begins
"These are the legislative facts of life," he said. The Senate voted late Monday to begin debate on the bill which passed the House May 28 over vigorous objections of a group headed by Rep. Howard W. Smith (D-Va.) chairman of the powerful House Rules committee.

"If the bill now before us is sent back to the other body serious effort to repress the rebellion. The massiveness of the foreign intervention, plus the large number of centers of revolt, have quite possibly combined to make a problem that is beyond the resources of Lebanon's 9000-man Army. All the same, a suspicion that Shehab is not making an intense military effort is surely justified.

ON Sunday, for example, when the fighting here in Beirut looked like it was getting out of hand, the able American Ambassador, Robert McClintock, had to go to the General's country villa to find the Army commander and ask his intentions. When he greeted him with the amiable explanation that "Sunday was a day of rest." By the same token, after the rebels in Beirut had looted and burned the house of Prime Minister Samy El Solh, a few short rounds landed on the fortress-like house in the old city that is occupied by the leader of the rebels here, slippery Saeb Salam. Saeb Salam's telephone is in full working order. He used it to telephone the Army Chief of Staff and to protest, apparently successfully, against the breach of etiquette from which he had just suffered.

Hence it seems improbable that Gen. Shehab will lead a major charge against the rebel barricades. All the same, American and British influence has been steadily applied, throughout the past week, to defer the cashing of the check that President Chamoun holds.

The first indications that the Lebanese government was considering an appeal for Anglo-American military intervention were received over the week end, when the fighting in Beirut city took such a sharp turn for the worse. Since then, the question of the uncashed check has been under almost continuous discussion.

President Chamoun has been given official assurances by the American Embassy that the check's immediate validity has not been affected by the U.N. presence here. So the check can still be cashed at any time it is payable on demand, unless of course the hesitations and delays finally produce a situation in which President Chamoun is actually unable to present the check at the bank.

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Background Given
Here is the background on this suit:
Back in 1951, Congress amended the Railway Labor Act to permit union shop contracts in that industry, even in states where right-to-work laws forbid such contracts generally. Under a union shop contract, all workers must join the union within 60 days after they start work.

The Supreme Court upheld the validity of the Railway Labor Act amendment in the 1956 Hanson case. But in doing so, the Court said:

"The only conditions to union membership authorized by . . . the Railway Labor Act are the payment of 'periodic dues, initiation fees and assessments' . . . The financial support required relates, therefore, to the work of the union in the realm of collective bargaining. . . If 'assessments' are in fact imposed for purposes not germane to collective bargaining, a different problem would be presented. . . This judgment will not prejudice the decision in that case."

Questions to Jury
Down in North Carolina, a man named Allen and some 20 other employees of the Southern Railway, who had been fighting a legal battle against the Southern's union shop contract with the railroad brotherhoods, picked up the cue the Supreme Court seemingly dropped in the Hanson decision.

They said they shouldn't be compelled to pay union dues, because the union would use some of the money "for purposes not germane to collective bargaining"—specifically, for lobbying and politicking.

When the Allen case came to trial, a jury including two union members was asked by the judge to determine whether the brotherhoods used dues money for lobbying, "to influence votes" and "to make contributions" to political candidates.

Thus, the jury was left without direct evidence on which to determine the crucial question of whether dues money was, in fact, used for political contributions. But its verdict apparently meant it found the workers' description of the financial trail more convincing than that offered by the union officials.

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Langer Expected To Be Nominated
Bismarck, N.D. (UPI)—Republican Sen. William Langer, who conducted a "lone wolf" campaign for renomination, was expected to score another victory today in North Dakota's primary election.

Political observers said Langer, 71, "maverick" throughout his 42-year political career, appeared headed for his fourth GOP nomination for U.S. Senator despite charges he is "weak and sickly."

About 160,000 voters were expected to cast ballots in the election which pits Langer against Lt. Gov. Clyde Duffy in the GOP senatorial battle.

Mosquitoes and Flies
Don't be chewed to bits by these blood-thirsty pests. Just burn a little BUHACH wherever you want peace and comfort. Be Sure You Get BUHACH—Safe—Easy To Use—Economical—

Jackson echoed the major concern of statehood advocates as the Senate dug in for what was expected to be a lengthy debate on the Alaskan question. Sen. Mike Mansfield (Mont.) the assistant Democratic leader, said the Senate would meet early each day and "into the night if necessary to get action on the bill this week. He predicted its passage by the Senate."

Lawsuit Test Slated On Political Uses Of Dues Paid Union

By Congressional Quarterly

Washington—(CQ)—Can a working man who must pay union dues to keep his job be compelled to pay for the union's political and lobbying activities?

Or is he liable just for his share of the union's collective bargaining expenses?

Those are the key questions in an important new lawsuit that could vitally affect organized labor's role in the legislative and political arenas.

In April, the unions lost the first round on the case, when a Mecklenburg County, N. C., Superior Court jury found against them. Lawyers are now preparing the appeal that will be argued this fall before the North Carolina Supreme Court. From there, the case could go directly to the U. S. Supreme Court, for final decision.

Fight Over Evidence
As the case goes up on appeal, the lines of argument have been sharpened.

The unions concede they spent members' dues on lobbying. Officially, various railroad labor groups reported spending more than \$151,000 last year to influence Congress, according to a Congressional Quarterly study.

But they contend this is a necessary part of their collective bargaining job, because Federal regulations establish many of the working conditions in the railway industry. The jury disagreed.

The main fight centers over the jury's finding that the unions spent members' dues on political contributions. While the Allen case is a civil suit, a similar finding by a criminal court jury could convict the unions of violating the Corrupt Practices Act.

The evidence presented was this: Railroad brotherhoods contribute, indirectly, through their treasuries to Railway Labor's Political League (RLPL) and to the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE). These two groups, in turn, make contributions to political candidates.

In 1956, their reported spending totaled \$774,000.

Therefore, the plaintiffs argued, dues money ends up in political campaigns.

Union officials denied this. They said a strict separation was maintained between the dues money and the dollars contributed voluntarily by union members to RLPL and COPE. Only the voluntary dollars, they said, are used to make contributions to candidates for public office.

Efforts by the workers to obtain COPE and RLPL financial records from the union officials in the case were unsuccessful, and no try was made to subpoena them directly.

Thus, the jury was left without direct evidence on which to determine the crucial question of whether dues money was, in fact, used for political contributions. But its verdict apparently meant it found the workers' description of the financial trail more convincing than that offered by the union officials.

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