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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
July 28, 1948 (Wednesday)

City water department employees held their annual picnic last weekend at Big Butte spring, source of the city's water supply.

From (Side Glances): Postmaster Frank DeSouza headed homeward with \$20 worth of groceries in a paper bag.

20 YEARS AGO
July 28, 1938 (Thursday)

Four blueblood bulls have been chasing blackberry pickers near Pleasant creek.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "A number of politically-minded around here declare they are 'liberals' without knowing what it means, either."

30 YEARS AGO
July 28, 1928 (Saturday)

Herbert Hoover, presidential nominee, is heading this way to try his luck with Rogue river steelheads.

More decorated private cars are needed for the American Legion convention's patriotic parade.

40 YEARS AGO
July 28, 1918 (Sunday)

Sixty-five women hold positions on Jackson county school boards.

Treichler-Pearson, Inc., automobile dealers, have moved to larger quarters in the Garnett-Corey building at the corner of Main and Grape sts.

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

- 1. Does Easter always fall on a date before the first day of spring?
- 2. With what sports do you associate these names: Babe Ruth, Bill Tilden, Bobby Jones?
- 3. What government agency is indicated by the initials T. V. A.?
- 4. What building is represented on the back of the \$5 Bill?
- 5. Did the birth rate in the U. S. increase or decrease during World War II?
- 6. Name the seven colors of the rainbow.
- 7. Is the esophagus the passage for food to the stomach, or air to the lungs?
- 8. What is a caisson?
- 9. Name the President who subsequently became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
- 10. Which is the larger at birth, a bear or a porcupine?

Answers: 1. No. (It cannot precede the spring equinox). 2. Baseball, Tennis, Golf. 3. Tennessee Valley Authority. 4. The Lincoln Memorial. 5. increased. 6. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet. 7. Food to stomach. 8. Artillery ammunition wagon. 9. William Howard Taft. 10. Porcupine.

Idiosyncratic Lebanon

Mountainous Lebanon, like mountain countries in general, is a stew of contradictions. Add to the mixture the fact that Lebanon was under French mandate from 1920 to 1941 and now has a government based on the French parliamentary system. Stir in the fact that the population is about half Moslem and half Christian. Season with an herb rare among Arab states—orientation towards the West—and you begin to get the savor of this idiosyncratic nation.

The London "Times" has called Lebanon "pre-eminently . . . a country of gifted money-makers." Like France, it has a prosperous and influential middle class. Like the French, the Lebanese have a taste for violence and a talent for nonchalance. Taxis take U. S. correspondents to the headquarters of Salaam and other warring chieftains; their telephone lines have not been cut.

The Lebanese army maintains an Indonesian aloofness towards the rebels. In the midst of this odd civil war oil flows through the Lebanese pipelines at pre-Suez levels. Calm is the constant companion of chaos.

THE Lebanese parliament which elects a President to succeed Camille Chamoun is typically idiosyncratic. The seats are allotted on a party basis but also by religious confession. Under a redistribution put through a year ago, the allocation of the 66 members is: Maronites (of the Roman Catholic Uniate faith), 20 seats; Shi Moslems, 14; Shia Moslems, 12; Greek Orthodox, 7; Druzes, 4; Greek Catholic, 4; Armenian Orthodox, 3; Minorities (Armenian Catholic, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish), 2.

Lebanon is a mosaic of at least 15 different religious communities, and equity as among the sects is required by the constitution. Moreover, by agreement, the President of the republic is a Christian—usually a Maronite—the Prime Minister a Sunni Moslem.

The idiosyncrasy extends ever further. Lebanon's pre-World War II Christian majority of 53 per cent has given way to a slight Moslem majority. But because the whole structure of the government is based on recognition of a Christian majority, no new census has been taken. The delicate religious balance is maintained by refusing citizenship to any sizeable number of the more than 100,000 Palestinian refugees estimated to be in Lebanon.

THE Palestinians are prominent among the Arab nationalist insurgents—abetted by local Communists—carrying on the open revolt against the government of Chamoun. Under the constitution the President, who cannot immediately succeed himself, is elected to a six-year term by the parliament, as in France. The President appoints the premier, who is responsible to parliament. The president can dissolve parliament and call for new elections.

Lebanon was the first Middle East state to endorse the Eisenhower Doctrine. The government victory in parliamentary elections last year was seen as really a vote for the West as against Egypt and the Soviet Union. But over and above the pro-West views of Chamoun and Foreign Minister Charles Malik, Lebanon, an Arab league member, is first of all an Arab state. During the Soviet-Western contention over Syria last September, Malik told Parliament that Lebanon would aid Syria against any attack, despite his administration's open disagreement with the pro-Soviet Syrian regime.—E.R.R.

First Increase in 26 Years

When we pay four instead of three cents postage on and after Friday, Aug. 1, as the basic rate on a first-class letter, and seven instead of six cents for an airmail one, we're paying the first letter mail increase in 26 years. Know anything else, the Post Office Department had asked in proposing a five-cent rate for out-of-town letters, that hasn't gone up in price for 26 years?

The one-cent increase amounts to 16 2-3 per cent in airmail, 33 1-3 per cent in letter mail. Know anything else, the Department asks again, that has cost only one-third more over 26 years? In that period the average retail city prices of food have risen 185 per cent, of rent 45 per cent, of wearing apparel, 125 per cent.

The new rates are supposed to boost postal revenues by \$550 million a year. Don't think, however, that this means an end to the postal deficit. This had been estimated in the Budget as \$676 million next fiscal year. Also, in raising postal rates Congress raised postal wages by an estimated \$265 million.

IF YOU grumble at paying four cents to mail a letter today, you might reflect that when the nation was founded in 1789 it cost 15 cents to send one 200 miles (rates varied by distance, as in parcel post today). Even for only 50 miles it was 7 1/2 cents. In the early days you had to pay something for delivery to your home or office, too.

Even when rates were reduced in 1810 it still cost 25 cents to send a letter the maximum distance. And when the basic letter rate did go as low as three cents up to 3000 miles in 1851, this was only for a half-ounce, as against four cents for an ounce now. So your great-great-grandfather would have undoubtedly said you have little cause to grumble in 1958.—E.R.R.

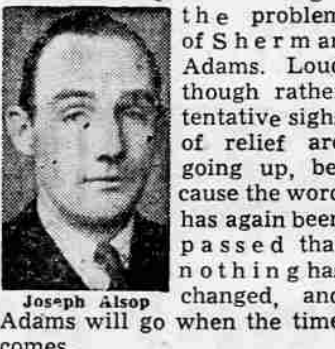
Dennis the Menace



"THIS OUGHTA GIVE US ENOUGH ROOM IN THE POOL!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop
BACK TO ADAMS



Washington—Even the Middle Eastern Munich has not made the Republicans forget the problem of Sherman Adams. Loud though rather tentative sighs of relief are going up, because the word has again been passed that nothing has changed, and Adams will go when the time comes.

The sighs are rather on the basis of "I'll believe it when I see it." But the relief is real enough all the same. At the crucial moment, the catastrophe in Iraq forcibly switched the spotlight from Bernard Goldfine to the more major problems of the United States. The impression has been therefore growing that the White House might regard Goldfine as an excuse for retaining Gov. Adams in his present post. The impression was strengthened by the recent praise of Adams by members of the Cabinet; but this is now seen as preparation for Adams' departure with honor.

The decision that Adams must go (if there is a decision rather than a mere hope and expectation among those who have passed the word) has quite certainly been made by Sherman Adams himself.

THOSE who should know say that has happened in his administration. According to the same sources, the President's distress has been so great that it will be better for Eisenhower himself if Adams goes, despite the President's unprecedented reliance on his subordinate. But there is too much between them. There is, for instance, the recollection of the time when Adams spent nights on end on a cot outside the fearfully ill President's hospital door. Hence the President has had to leave the decision to Adams.

Certainly there are only too many practical reasons for believing that the word-passers really must be right about Adams' prospective departure. For one thing, the case was really remarkably badly handled, no doubt because the unfortunate Adams has always lived in such chilly isolation. Even the President's statement about it was a misfortune. And its three terrible words, "I need them" were apparently inserted by Adams' private advisers over the protests of Press Secretary Hagerty.

THEN Adams' own disclosure of what he had received from Goldfine was incomplete. He said there were no suits, and it turned out there were two suits—a petty matter, but a matter that sticks in the public mind. He said that he thought the hotel rooms in Boston were a permanent apartment maintained by Goldfine, like a man's own house. And then it turned out that this permanent apartment wandered all over the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel, and it further turned out that it also had the magic-carpet power to transfer itself to New York and even to Washington, to the extent of more than \$200 worth of eating, drinking and lodging at the Mayflower.

Future of METO To Be Decided This Week; Iraq Not Expected

By CHARLES M. MCCANN
UPI Foreign News Analyst



The future of the Middle Eastern Treaty Organization is likely to be decided in London this week. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is in London to confer with the four active members of the alliance—Turkey, Iran, Pakistan and Great Britain.

Washington Report

By William S. White



Washington—The home of the Brethren is a great, blazingly white temple across which, etched in stone, is this motto: Equal justice under the law.

The Brethren are the nine justices of the Supreme Court, the world's most influential tribunal and the only one of its kind. This independent branch of the Government of the United States is at once the most majestic and the least aggressive of all the six faces of official Washington.

THIS national sense of decency has thus far, for nearly two centuries, been more persuasive than dive bombers. The present court is like a slice of the country. The Chief Justice, Earl Warren, is a big half-fellow as breezy as any native California—and a little inclined, in the view of some critics, to be too cheerfully quick and Western in settling

In the Day's News

What's the big news today? As this is written, there is none—for which let us be duly thankful. The BIG news is apt to be BAD news.

NEEDLE-IN-HAYSTACK note: Search planes and ships made a final sweep of the South Atlantic the other day for a tiny mouse and the rocket nose cone that carried the mouse through space and (presumably) carried it back again.

WHY is finding this object so important? It is relatively easy to shoot an object (say a missile) beyond the earth's atmosphere. It is quite difficult to bring it back to earth again because at the high speeds at which it will return (because of the pull of gravity) the friction of the air will burn it up unless an unburnable material can be found.

CONCLUSION: We're seeking an unburnable material. In such search, experiments are necessary. We're doing the experimenting. If we don't find such a material, maybe the Russians will. That would give them a big advantage in missile warfare.

WHAT do we want to do? Well, why did Columbus sail off into the then dreaded and AWFUL space beyond the horizon of the Western ocean?

THE answer: He wanted to find out whether human beings could do it and COME BACK. The only way to find out was to TRY. Human beings are strange animals, aren't they?

MORE about human beings: The teletype report contains this terse item: "Russia's greatest soccer star—Eduard Streltsov—will no longer lead his team to victory. The paths of glory led him today to a 12-year prison sentence for ASSAULT AND HOOLIGANISM."

WHAT happened? Some people can take success in stride. Some can't. It goes to their heads and ruins them. They think they're so big they can do anything and get away with it. Streltsov was one of this tribe.

IT's also interesting to know that Russians act that way too. They AREN'T supermen. They're just human beings.

The first export shipment from what is now the United States included lumber sawn to England in 1608.

GOP Fund-Raisers, Conservatives, Crying the Blues

By LYLE C. WILSON
UPI Correspondent



Washington—The political grapevine: Republican campaign fund raisers are crying the blues in an angry key. Collections are way off although the party suffers the political handicap of being substantially identified as the ally of big business and big money.

It would seem that ample funds would flow from such an alliance but the fund raisers complain: Not so. An old timer among this town's political mechanics cited a combination of discouraging circumstances which confronts Republican money raisers: Don't Follow Through.

The business elements of the electorate do not follow through politically. They hit hard to get the Democrats out of the White House in 1956 and to keep them out in 1958 but seem to feel now that they won their political battle and no longer need to vigorously support anyone.

Conservative Group

The so-called liberal faction is headed by Black and Warren, with Justice William O. Douglas in their company and Justice William J. Brennan Jr. sometimes—but not always—with them.

The hard-core conservatives are Justice Harold H. Burton, Tom C. Clark and Charles E. Whittaker.

The two justices who are perhaps the court's outstanding Constitutional authorities, Frankfurter and John Marshall Harlan, form a generally uncommitted third force. On the whole, however, they are more likely to come down on the side of restraint rather than of innovation in questions of the court's proper powers.

THROUGH history the court has been under intermittent attack. Franklin D. Roosevelt tried to pack it for being too conservative on economic issues. And where 20 years ago the advanced liberals were after the court, the ultra-conservatives are after it today.

The court that was not liberal enough two decades ago is now, in the eyes of the right wing, far too liberal—mainly because of its anti-segregation decision and its various rulings restricting government action against Communists or suspected Communists.

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