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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
Aug. 15, 1948 (Sunday)
A children's hobby parade will be included in Jacksonville's Gold Rush Jubilee.

20 YEARS AGO
Aug. 15, 1938 (Monday)
Stone fruit growers are invited to a demonstration of the control of peach and prune root borers.

30 YEARS AGO
Aug. 15, 1928 (Wednesday)
The farm bureau reports vacancies still exist in a pool carload of hogs due to depart Friday.

40 YEARS AGO
Aug. 15, 1918 (Thursday)
All young men under 21 in the county must register this month.

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

1. With which Presidents do you associate these sayings and slogans: "The Full Dinner Pail," "The Big Stick," and "Back to Normalcy."

2. The United States was the first country to grant nationwide suffrage to women; true or false?

3. Asuncion is the capital of which Latin American country?

4. A million is how many thousand?

5. What shoulder insignia does a major in the U. S. Army wear?

6. What is a corsair?

7. During the administration of F. D. Roosevelt a marriage was celebrated in the White House in which Mrs. Louise Macy was wedded to a prominent New Leader; who was he?

8. The movement that led to the organization of the Confederate States of America was begun in which Southern State?

9. The epithet, "the nine old men," was once applied to which group of government officials?

10. What is the capital of South Dakota?

Answers: 1. McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Harding, 2. False (New Zealand), 3. Paraguay, 4. 1,000, 5. Gold oak leaf, 6. Pirate, 7. Harry Hopkins, 8. South Carolina, 9. The Supreme Court, 10. Pierre.

The Nose Knows

A nose has many uses. There is a "nose for news," mighty handy to a newspaper reporter.

One can use a nose to stick into other people's business.

Sometimes one gets bashed in the nose.

The "nose knows" when a skunk is around, or when one is passing a paper mill, or when a particularly tasty dinner is in the oven.

The nose is the seat of the sneeze, the patron of perfume, the detector of the decayed. It is sentry, monitor, aesthete.

FOR the nose—or rather, one nose with which we are intimately concerned; attached to, one might say—the high point of the year comes along about the middle of August, and in the early mornings.

For it is then, despite heat in the afternoon, despite what the calendar says, that one detects the first hint of fall.

It is subtle, this faint suggestion of autumn. And it comes through the nose—delicately, shyly, hesitantly.

The leaves are still green, the crabgrass still flourishes, the locusts still emit their harsh but gentle rustle in the heat of the day. But the nose isn't fooled.

Fall is on the way.—E.A.

Fiction and the Future

Two years ago Phil Hitchcock, then running for the GOP nomination for United States Senator, came to town, accompanied by a young man named Frank Herbert, who was his press assistant.

Herbert, at other times, is a free lance writer, the kind of guy who goes where he wants to go, does what he wants to do, as long as his fertile imagination feeds him ideas, and his skill translates them into salable novels and short stories.

He and his wife own a mountain retreat in the back country of Mexico, where they spend half of each year, mostly isolated from the world, putting their accumulated ideas down on paper.

AMONG other things, Frank writes science fiction—a form of creative activity which has both its adherents, a relatively small but dedicated lot, and its detractors, who feel that it is all a fantastic waste of time.

We have found science fiction a pleasurable means of relaxation for a long period of years. More, it has helped to keep the imagination from atrophying, the mind limber and receptive, and has protected the psyche from shock as one development after another, foreseen years ago by science fictioners, has come to pass.

One addict we know, for instance, among a group of college students on the fateful day in 1945 when the atomic bombing of Hiroshima was announced, was the only one present who had the faintest idea what it was all about, and what the significance might be.

BUT back to Frank Herbert. Shortly after his visit here, a serial of his appeared in one of the leading science fiction magazines. It dealt with a hypothetical World War III, and described life in the submarine service.

The submarines were atomic-powered, of course, and their task was to ferry oil to the United States, through enemy waters, from the submarine oil wells—many of which were located off the arctic slopes of the Asian continent, from Russia, in other words.

The oil was pumped from the underwater wells into huge, collapsible containers, which were then towed in the manner of barges by the submarines, under water, to the underground docks in this country.

THE theme of the story was less the scientific developments in warfare than it was the effects of pressure, both physical and emotional, on the subs' crews.

But the "fantastic" aspects of the story—the subs and the underwater barges—are no longer fantastic.

The voyage of the Nautilus, followed in rapid succession by the Skate, under the polar ice cap, have gone far toward making Frank Herbert a prophet, rather than a fantasy-dreamer. And the idea of submersible barges, towed by subs, has already been seriously broached.

THERE may be some developments in the future which have not been forecast by the science fictioners, but if there are, they haven't shown up, or even been hinted at, as yet.

Rockets, satellites, voyages to the moon, submarine barges—all these are "old stuff" to the SF fan.

And there is plenty of dream-stuff left to be developed. Hydrogen power (already under development), magnetic power, inter-planetary or interstellar voyages—you name it and science fiction probably has "created" it in the past.

And when, or if, they come to pass, the science fiction fan may be excited—but he won't be surprised.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



ANYBODY COULD FLUSH HIS SOCKS DOWN THE TOILET! NOBODY'S PERFECT! THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD SAID!

Washington Report

By William S. White

C.I.A. Conflict
Washington — The world's unrest, and especially the churning Middle East, is bringing unwelcome attention to the most secret of official organizations in our history.

The Central Intelligence Agency operates in shadow, much as the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy oversees the atomic program.

He has such a bill in now. Almost certainly it will get nowhere in this dying session of Congress. But he will try again in the new Congress next year.

He is neither bitter nor hostile toward CIA. Like others, he is simply concerned that any government agency should be so far removed from the control of the people's elected representatives.

Allen Dulles—brother of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles—officially has no views on this or any other public matter. Officially, the CIA does not exist to the press, nor does its director.

IT IS possible to say with confidence, however, that Allen Dulles understands and respects Mansfield's motives and fears. Nevertheless, he will never agree to the establishment of any Congressional overseeing body.

Such a group undoubtedly would create the possibility of dangerous leaks, if not through its members, then through its staff employees.

Leaks might fatally hamper American designs abroad and result in death for our agents. And they might compromise the secret operations of allied intelligence services, with which CIA works hand-in-glove—particularly the British.

Mansfield, on his side, rejects the theory that a responsible Congressional committee would be any more prone to leaks than the many people in the Executive Department who handle CIA information.

More importantly, he speaks for the traditional rights of Congress in a free government. Dulles is in the position of conceding the validity of these rights in theory—but of denying them because of the kind of world in which we live. He is compelled to take a line that Papa knows best. And the truth seems to be that, in present circumstances, Papa probably does.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A CHARACTER in a midtown bar attracted considerable attention the other evening by ordering 22 martinis, and extracting from each the olive, which he carefully deposited in an empty bottle. Then he drank the 22 martinis and staggered out, clutching the bottle desperately.

"What are you guys staring at?" demanded the bartender. "He's just following his wife's orders. She told him to go out and get a bottle of martini olives."

A lady named Wottle hired a maid who loathed answering the telephone. "I've told you for the last time that you are to answer the phone when it rings," stormed Mrs. Wottle upon learning she had missed three invitations to important dinner parties.

"Yes," said the maid, unconvinced, "but I don't see no good in it. Nine times out of ten it's for you or Mr. Wottle."

Writer Told Allied H-Bombers Alerted To Hit 20 Russian Cities If War Came

By KINGSBURY SMITH
UPI Correspondent

London — (UPI) — Reliable sources disclosed today that if Russia had precipitated a major war with the West over the recent Middle East crisis, the American and British strategic air forces would have attempted to wipe out 20 Russian cities with one massive retaliation nuclear attack.

Those 20 Russian cities, including Moscow and Leningrad, are the primary targets for the U.S. and British H-bombers in the event the Soviets should resort to war against the Western Allied powers.

Now that the United States and Great Britain have relaxed their war-possible alerts and Moscow has announced the end of the Russian army maneuvers on the Turkish frontier, the danger of a world war developing over the Middle East situation is considered in diplomatic and military circles to have passed.

A Calculated Risk
However, it is now apparent that one of the greatest calculated risks of the cold war was involved in the American and British military intervention in the Lebanon.

That risk was based on the assumption of Anglo-American diplomacy that Russia would not precipitate a nuclear war with the West over the Middle East.

Nevertheless, those responsible for the defense of the United States and Great Britain could not be sure how Russia would react. They had to be prepared for any eventuality in those first few days after the American Marines landed in the Lebanon and British paratroopers were flown to Jordan.

That was the reason why the American and British air and naval forces were placed on a war-possible alert basis. It was why the Anglo-American H-bombers were poised to act on instant effect the Strategic Air Command plan that calls for nuclear destruction of Russia's main cities if the rulers of the Kremlin should order any "Pearl Harbor"-type sneak attack on the West.

This plan to wipe out with one simultaneous nuclear attack 20 Russian cities is known Anglo-American military circles as the "great deterrent."

Peace Chances Good
It is on Soviet knowledge of the existence of this plan that American and British military men base their hopes that Russia will not risk war with the West. The more aware the Soviet leaders are of what would happen if they did precipitate war with the West, the better some of the

Allied military men think will be the chances for peace. Moscow's announcement that the Soviet army maneuvers on the Turkish frontier had ended was interpreted in Britain as the Kremlin's way of saying that it considered the Middle East crisis ended.

The Manchester Guardian's Russian expert, Victor Zorza, wrote that the announcement must "be intended to convey that the Kremlin is no longer anxious—if it ever was—about the immediate danger to general peace and its own security."

Never Were Worried
Allied military intelligence sources were inclined to agree that Russia never was worried about its own security in the recent Middle East crisis, and never did have any intention of intervening. Moscow's original announcement about the Soviet army maneuvers on the Turkish frontier was regarded as a propaganda move to frighten the United States and Britain away from allowing King Hussein of Jordan to move into Iraq to restore a pro-Western regime there. There is now some doubt as to whether there were any unusual Soviet military maneuvers.

Of considerable interest to diplomatic observers in London today was the theory advanced in one British paper that Communist China may try to plunge Russia into war with the United States in the hope both countries would destroy one another and leave China the dominant power of the world. That was what Stalin suspected the British of wanting to do with respect to Germany and Russia before the outbreak of World War II.

Communications

Mutt and Jeff Card
To the Editor: That old saying, better late than never, applied to a happy surprise when a return birthday card from the Mutt and Jeff cartoonist, Al Smith, of Demorest, N. J., was received Wednesday.

Although Mutt and Jeff comic strip has appeared now over 50 years, our first remembrance is some four years later. At any rate we wish them 50 more birthdays.

Bert Kissinger
520 Boardman, st.
Medford.

Medford Editors Defended
To the Editor: In the Sunday, Aug. 10 issue of the Portland Oregonian, on Page 5 of Section 1, in the upper right-hand corner of the page, we find the Oregonian's usual "overhead" which reads "Overcharges Laid to Auto Collision Firms".

The article as published is entirely misleading, and to a certain extent extremely embarrassing to local agents and automobile dealers of Medford.

We know that there has been a great deal of overcharge made for collision insurance and on coverages written by certain automobile dealers in various parts of the country where the insurance is provided by them and included in the contract costs. However, this is far from uniformly true.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, there has never been an intentional overcharge in the city of Medford, nor by any of the outstanding and reliable automobile dealers or finance companies in Medford.

I would appreciate it if you would publish this for the benefit of the agents, dealers and finance companies in Medford.

Cole Holmes
116 South Central ave.
Medford

Children's Home
To the Editor: From time to time over the last few months various Medford individuals who made an inspection trip recently to view UMC-sponsored agencies in action have written to you expressing their views and reactions to certain of the agencies.

I was one of those who made the trip and would like to express my reactions to the Children's Farm Home.

The Home is located on a 285 acre farm on State Highway 31 about midway between Corvallis and Albany. It consists of around 10 two-story colonial type houses each housing a "family" of either girls or boys with a house mother in charge of each house. In addition, there is a chapel, and the usual type of farm buildings. Surrounding this group of buildings is an orchard, cultivated fields and pasture, comprising the 285 acres.

The Home is sponsored by the Oregon WCTU. Its purpose is to provide for, protect and educate children of normal mentality between the ages of 5 and 17 years of age. Children are accepted upon application from their parents, or guardians when they can no longer properly support them, from social agencies or commitment from a juvenile court. Fourteen such children from Jackson county were supported during 1956.

Parents or guardians pay as much of the child's support as they can. The rest comes from various agencies such as the UMC, Oregon Chest, etc. The Farm Home raises a good share of its own food with the children participating in planting and harvesting crops.

Education through grade school is provided by accredited teachers from the public school system. High School students are transported to Corvallis, where they attend Corvallis High school and participate in all high school activities. The children are proud of their athletic teams and were told provide loud and enthusiastic support at the games.

My impression of the Home

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In New York Wednesday morning, President Eisenhower took the Middle East bull by the horns and proposed that UN Secretary General Hammarskjold start consultations immediately with Arab nations to see if they can agree on establishing an ARAB REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTION designed to "speed up progress in such fields as industry, agriculture, water supply, health and education."

He said the U.S. would support such an enterprise if the Arab states were prepared to support it WITH THEIR OWN RESOURCES. But, he added, the leadership in such an enterprise must BELONG TO THE ARAB STATES themselves.

THAT is to say: If the Arabs will tackle the job of rehabilitating the Middle East and managing its resources intelligently for the benefit of the people of the Middle East, the United States will help.

But we won't initiate the job and we won't attempt to BOSS IT. Recognizing what he termed "the great upsurge of Arab nationalism," he said he didn't consider the status quo (meaning the situation as of now) in the Middle East "sacrosanct."

That is quite a concession to Arab aspirations. HE reiterated his promise that ALL U.S. troops will be withdrawn whenever their withdrawal is requested by a "duly constituted" government of Lebanon or when UN or other action eliminated the original danger that caused them to be sent.

It was a statesmanlike presentation of the aims of the United States, and it drew prolonged applause from the delegates to the UN General Assembly, before which Ike spoke.

WHAT OF RUSSIA? Her foreign minister Gromyko listened to the speech. When it ended, he and his aides stood silently as President Eisenhower left the Assembly chamber.

Then he got up and blasted U.S. intervention in Lebanon. He charged that the United States is the main threat to peace in the Middle East. He said the policies of the United States and Britain "threaten to hurl mankind into the abyss of a new war, with all its consequences." He accused the United States of "trampling the UN charter under its feet by sending military forces into Lebanon."

He shouted that before anything constructive can be done U.S. troops must be withdrawn from Lebanon and British troops must be withdrawn from Jordan. And so on.

HMMMMMM. With even better grace, we could say that before anything constructive can be done in the world of today Russia must get her troops out of Hungary. She must get them out of Czechoslovakia. She must get them out of East Germany.

RUSSIA is the great imperialist. Gromyko's job was to CONCEAL that basic fact.

BUT—He didn't threaten to start shooting. The correspondents comment that he was somewhat milder than expected.

Your favorite store has plenty of fresh Nalley Potato Chips available in spite of the fire which destroyed our plant in Springfield.

While our new Springfield plant is being rebuilt, we are making daily shipments from our plants in Tacoma and Spokane.

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