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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. 20, 1948 (Friday)
Two hundred qualified
horsemen in "typical ranch
attire" are needed for filming
the climax of "The Last of
the Wild Horses" here.

Turtles are being trained to
walk a straight line for the
Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubi-
lee turtle race.

20 YEARS AGO
Aug. 20, 1938 (Saturday)
Huckleberry picking is in
full swing.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye
Smudge Pot" column: "Quite
a few hunters have picked
out the timbered area where
they will take a chance of
being shot for a deer, when
the shooting starts next
month."

30 YEARS AGO
Aug. 20, 1928 (Monday)
Wild turkeys released by
the state game commission in
Evans creek are getting wild-
er and more numerous.

Over 19,000 local telephone
calls are being handled daily
by the Medford Telephone
company, setting a new rec-
ord.

40 YEARS AGO
August 20, 1918 (Tuesday)
A demonstration of new
pear blight disinfectants is
scheduled for the experiment
station in Talent next week.

Men here are enlisting for
employment in the Portland
and Astoria shipbuilding
yards.

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

1. Standing at the North
Pole, in what direction would
you face?

2. A gnu is an insect, ante-
lope, or reptile?

3. Gumbo is a soup thickened
with mucilaginous pods of
what vegetable?

4. Smog is a Swedish dish,
a type of cloth, a smock-like
garment, or a blend of smoke
and fog?

5. Would you guess that the
gorilla has the same number
of pairs of ribs as man, more
ribs, or fewer ribs?

6. Biennial elections occur
every six months, or every
two years?

7. How many divisions has
the Zodiac?

8. Is the moon self-lumi-
nous?

9. Do opponents in a check-
er game use the same or dif-
ferent color squares?

10. Which sea does the port
of Bombay, India face?

Answers: 1. South in all
directions. 2. Antelope. 3. Ok-
ra. 4. Blend of smoke and
fog. 5. More. 6. Every two years.
7. Twelve. 8. No. 9. Same.
10. Arabian Sea.

NOW THEY'RE EVEN
Chicago—UPI—A judge lis-
tened patiently Tuesday while
Edward Walker, 57, and his
estranged wife, Mary, 53,
charged each other with
spending the family income
on liquor and games of chance
respectively. After granting
Mrs. Walker \$25-a-week al-
imony, he ordered her to shut
games of chance and told Wal-
ker to stop out of taverns.

It's the 20th Century

We have yet to meet an unbiased and thought-
ful observer who will not agree that county gov-
ernment in Oregon is a sad anachronism, a hang-
over from horse-and-buggy days, a throwback to
the middle ages.

From the sheriff (originally "shire reeve," an
official in medieval England) to the county
"court" (which isn't a court at all) the system is
antiquated, unresponsive, uncoordinated, and, in
some cases, dictatorial.

And, according to Gov. Robert Meyner of New
Jersey, who spoke at the national convention of
county officials in Portland last week, most of the
nation's other 3,000 or so counties are as bad off
as we are in Jackson county.

THE trouble is, there's no boss.

The county court administers some of the
county's business; the treasurer another portion,
the assessor still another, the clerk and recorder
another. The sheriff has his own responsibilities.
The surveyor (an elected office, usually combined
with the appointive post of engineer) has still
another set of duties. The coroner has separate
functions.

And each of these elected offices may be op-
erated at cross-purposes with others.

It isn't a case of the left hand not knowing
what the right hand is doing — it's worse: It's
like one leg of an octopus not knowing what the
other seven are up to.

GOVERNOR Meyner simply echoed what this
newspaper, and others throughout the state
and nation, have been saying for years — that
county government is years behind the time; that
a lack of centralization of authority AND respon-
sibility makes it slow-moving and unresponsive
to the needs of the larger community; that effi-
ciency, when it occurs in a county government, is
a limited thing.

On that efficiency point, for example, Mrs.
Bereth Hopkins, the Jackson county clerk-recorder,
has established an enviable record of efficien-
cy. She has brought in business machines, reor-
ganized the office, and sorted out her many jobs
so that each is done with dispatch and efficiency.

Yet, at each step, she has been dependent on
the financial whims of a three-man county court,
whose members are prone to bickering among
themselves, and who are more interested in po-
litical self-perpetuation than in efficiency.

IT WOULD be an understatement to say that the
atmosphere in the courthouse is something
less than universally cordial.

How could it be otherwise, under the existing
fragmented and divided system?

But Oregon voters have been notably resistant
to change. This strikes us as odd, in view of the
fact that Oregon was the pioneer in modern elec-
toral legislation.

There will be a chance to make it easier to
pioneer new methods of county government this
fall, with the "home rule" amendment on which
voters of the state will pass.

This would make it possible for voters in any
county to establish whatever form of government
they think will suit them best.

THIS newspaper has favored the county man-
ager system — which would eliminate all elec-
tive offices except a county council, and the legal
and judicial offices.

This county council, composed of five or sev-
en men, representing various parts of the county,
would be the county's "legislature," much as a
city council is the legislative body for a municip-
ality. It would employ a professional manager,
who would be the county executive. He, in turn,
would employ and supervise the best available
people as his department heads, who would be
responsible for the functions of the county which
are now distributed among the half-dozen or more
virtually autonomous elective offices.

THE Council would set policy, and turn it over
to the manager for administration. As long as
they were satisfied, the manager would remain.
If they became dissatisfied, they'd get a new one.

The council would represent all the county,
and not just special portions of it, and would be
able to provide much abler and responsive gov-
ernment through their intimate knowledge of the
needs of five or seven areas of the county, not
just three.

And if there was bickering between depart-
ment heads (as there sometimes is today, with
nothing to be done about it), the manager could
nip the proper knuckles and get a team function-
ing again.

To think of the county government today as
a "team" is to laugh.

GOVERNOR Meyner suggests that the county
executive be elected, rather than appointed.
But in this particular we disagree. Such organ-
ization, though it is similar to the procedures of
most states, is too similar to the "strong mayor
and council" type of city government, which in
the long run has proven to be less effective than
the city manager kind of government.

County managership has been tried in a few
places—a very few. Its record thus far is good,
but not yet extensive enough to be conclusive.

We would like to see Oregon again in the fore-
front of a movement toward improved, efficient
techniques of government—this time on a county
level.

For this is, after all, the twentieth century.
But you'd never know it, listening to the noises
that come out of some (not all) of the courthouse
offices today.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"HAD AT ME AGAIN, HUH?"

Icelandic Fishing Dispute Threatens NATO Bloc's Unity

By K. C. THALER
UPI Correspondent

London—UPI—NATO, the
much-tried Western defense
alignment, is facing a new
threat which might lead to
the exodus of Iceland, its
strategically vital member.

Cause of the trouble is a
fishing dispute with Britain
which arose from Iceland's
recent unilateral decision to
extend her fishing limits by
next month to a 12-mile zone.

Britain, to defend her fish-
ing interests, has announced
she will escort her trawlers
to the disputed fishing
grounds with naval vessels.
Iceland replied the use of
force against the 12-mile lim-
it would be regarded by her
as "an armed attack on Ice-
land."

Soviet Russia, on the look-
out for trouble in the Western
camp, in turn lost no time in
fanning the quarrel. She
quickly backed the new Ice-
land fisheries limits and, in
line with her traditional
propaganda strategy, has of-
fered Iceland enlarged trade
prospects as a political lure.

Communist Heads Fisheries.
At the head of Iceland's
fisheries ministry — which
represents one of the leading
branches of the country's
scant economy — stands J.
Josepsson, a Communist.

Earlier this month, he vis-
ited Moscow for trade talks and
returned with a Soviet offer
to increase the purchase of
Icelandic herrings by 5,000
tons, bringing the total for
this year to 20,000. The price
Moscow is thus prepared to
pay appeared modest in the
extreme in comparison with
the propaganda success the
Soviet seems to be reaping at
the expense of the Western
defense alliance.

Iceland with a population
of 160,000 is the smallest of
NATO's member nations. But
it commands an important
strategic position in the north-
ern approaches to Europe and
provides a vital base for the
alliance. The presence of U.S.
forces was one of the major
controversial issues in the
general election a year ago.

Iceland's defection from
NATO would therefore be a
major blow for the alliance
and its strategic needs.

Adds To Tension
The Icelandic problem has
added to the already existing
tension within the alliance
over the Cyprus conflict in
which Britain, Greece and
Turkey are involved. Greek
and Turkish antagonism has
reached heights which experts
feared could lead to an erup-

tion with dangerous conse-
quences for NATO. Greece
and Turkey play an impor-
tant part in NATO's southern
flank defense.

NATO nations have been
counseling a concerted effort
to quell the Icelandic dispute
before it mushrooms into a
major conflagration.

But so far no solution is
in sight; both sides stand by
their respective decisions.

Iceland, in extending her
fisheries limits from 3 to 12
miles, claimed she had to,
to reserve these fishing grounds
for her own trawlers, fishing
being the mainstay of the is-
landers' livelihood.

Britain, backing her fish-
ing industry maintained these
fishing grounds have been
free in the past to British fish-
ing and by international law
there could be no unilateral
seizure of vast sea areas.

Those people approached
by a stranger with an offer
to sell their property at an
exorbitant figure through
extensive national advertising
are asked to contact the Med-
ford Realty board or the Jack-
son County Chamber of Com-
merce before signing a con-
tract and paying an advance
fee.

This will save a person
from becoming the victim of
racketeers who have cheated
thousands of property owners
of an estimated \$25 million to
\$50 million a year, advised
Cap Vandagriff of the Med-
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during a real estate transac-
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at people who are usually
unlicensed real estate brokers
who operate across state lines.

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vance fee racketeers usually
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tees only to advertise the
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at all from the firm again, he
generally receives one or two
classified ads in the news-
paper, a worthless listing in a
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for inaction, Vandagriff said.

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need for about 3,000 physical
therapists.

New Spirit of Pride, Achievement Seen Main Objective of De Gaulle in France

By KINGSBURY SMITH
UPI Correspondent

Paris—UPI—Creation of a
new spirit of pride and
achievement in French political
life was described by An-
dre Malraux today as the
major objective of Premier
Charles de Gaulle's govern-
ment.

The famous French author,
who, as "minister-delegate,"
is the intellectual leader of
the Gaullist movement, out-
lined the inspirational aims
of the regime in an informal
talk with this correspondent.

He expressed confidence
that the inspirational lead-
ership which General De Gaulle
is now giving to the French
people will bring about po-
litical stability in France.

Unlike some other mem-
bers of De Gaulle's govern-
ment, such as Information
Minister Jacques Soustelle,
Malraux does not believe it
will be necessary to create a
new political party to im-
plement the policies of General
De Gaulle. He thinks the new
spirit which the war-time
leader of the Free French
movement is instilling in the
people will result in a refor-
mation of the existing parties.

"One should not attribute
an exaggerated importance to
politics in French public
life," he said. "Not more than
350,000 people are involved
in party politics in France.
Counting party workers and
militant party members on
all levels, that is less than
one per cent of the popula-
tion."

"The French people are dis-
gusted with politics, with the
'game,' as it has been played
in recent years. They are dis-
illusioned with existing

parties and they would be
just as skeptical towards any
new party that claimed it
was going to replace the
existing ones."

Hero of the non-Communist
French intellectual youth, the
multi-party system through
his literary works, in itself
is not evil. You have Malraux
hopes to rally them under a
different name in youth of
the nation behind the United
States. There are the Gaullist
movement and different fac-
tions within your thus to en-
courage them to two great
parties, the m-m-take a greater
interest in bers of which are
in disagree-French public af-
fairs. How-mem on many prob-
lems.

While the President spoke
more softly, the GOP cam-
paign orators will be able to
quote him in denouncing the
"reckless spending" programs
in the New Deal tradition.

GOP candidates also are
being urged to quote some
economy bloc Democrats on
the spending issue.

"No Justification"
When he vetoed an appro-
priation bill for the first time,
Aug. 4, Eisenhower said there
was "no sound justification
whatever in adding unneces-
sarily over half a billion dol-
lars to a deficit which may
reach 12 billion dollars this
fiscal year."

And in his veto of an atomic
ice-breaker construction
bill last week, he wrote:
"A continued disregard of
our budgetary problems as
through the institution of un-
needed new programs and
projects can only add to in-
flationary pressures to the de-
triment of all the people."

The mere threat of a veto
stalled some spending pro-
grams in Congress this year
and resulted in shaving sum-
of others.

To the extent that the 1958
Congress.

election campaign is pitched
to the record of Congress, the
spending issue looks like a
probable choice for the GOP.
Some Support Evident
Despite a continuing dis-
agreement between most Dem-
ocrats and the administration
over farm policy, the Demo-
cratic-led Congress is not very
vulnerable on the issue of sup-
port for the President. A par-
tisan line could not be drawn
easily on Pentagon re-organi-
zation, reciprocal trade and
foreign aid—the three items
which Eisenhower regarded as
all-important parts of his pro-
gram. Democratic congress-
ional leaders also supported the
President in resisting any
election year tax reduction.

But the record shows that
the Democrats were willing to
go further than the adminis-
tration in voting money out
of the federal treasury. In
large part, this was their re-
sponse to Sputnik and the re-
cession.

The appropriation bills this
year add up to upwards of a
billion dollars more than the
administration asked — more
than half of the increase go-
ing to the Defense Depart-
ment. How much this will
mean in its effect on the bud-
get will depend largely on the
administration. If he wants to
take the responsibility, the
President can impound most
of the extra money voted by
Congress.

Highlight in the news:
We tried to shoot a rocket
to the moon.

FIZZLED — blowing up
just 77 seconds after the bu-
ton was pushed, or the fuse
was lighted — whatever it
was that was done to start it
on its way.

Shall we hide our heads in
shame? Shall we don sack-
cloth and ashes and go into
mourning?
Let's NOT!

CONSIDER the circum-
stances.
We announced — WELL in
advance — that we were
going to try to shoot a rocket
to the moon. We even added
some frills. We said we were
not only going to try to shoot
a rocket to the moon but were
going to attempt to make it
CIRCLE THE MOON once or
twice, taking pictures of the
other side of it — which for
reasons too complicated to be
gone into here — man has
never seen.

We went CLEAR OUT on
the limb.

NOW for the other side.
The authoritative maga-
zine Aviation Week published
a story the other day to the
effect that Russia tried to send
a rocket to the moon on May
1 of this year, but FLOPPED.
The story quoted responsible
sources.
It may not be true.

But—
So far, the Soviet Union
hasn't denied the story. Nor
has it confirmed it. Moscow
has just kept still about it.

WHAT is to say:
I used the goldfish
bowl method. We told in ad-
vance everything we were
going to try to do. We added
that the chances were against
success, but we were going to
go ahead on a stated date and
give it a try.

The Russians (assuming that
Aviation Week's story is cor-
rect) used the secretive meth-
od. They'd have bragged
about it all over the place if
it had succeeded, but they
hedged against the conse-
quences of failure by keeping
mum about it beforehand.

WHICH method is best?
At least, ours is more
honest.
I'm personally naive enough
to believe that in the LONG
run honesty will prove to be
the best policy in world af-
fairs as well as in the personal
affairs of individual people.

ANYWAY—
We're following this
sound rule:
If at first you don't succeed,
TRY, TRY AGAIN.
That rule has been the founda-
tion of most research work
designed to bring about prog-
ress.

Plan For
Tomorrow
An ever increasing number
of the prudent and
thoughtful are finding it
well to plan today for the
inevitable needs of to-
morrow.

Today's thinking may be done clearly . . . unhurried by time or
the overwhelming of grief! Pre-need arrangements fully ex-
plained without obligation.

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Try and Stop Me
By BENNETT CERF
YOU'VE HEARD lots of mean stories about finance company
agents swooping down to repossess autos, TV sets, pianos,
and what not. Here's a nice story for a change:
An agent had to remind
an old farmer that he hadn't
paid the last two of 50 in-
stallments on a new car.
"It's in the barn," said the
farmer sadly—and in a low
voice so his wife couldn't
hear. "I'm afraid you'll have
to take that car of yours
back."
The agent walked with
him to the barn. There he
found the car shiny and new,
up on blocks, carefully cov-
ered with a tarpaulin, its
speedometer showing only
12 miles—the distance from the auto sales room to the barn.
"But you've hardly driven this car!" exclaimed the agent.
"Didn't feel I should," explained the farmer. "Figured she's
not mine till she's fully paid for."
The agent slammed shut his collection book, put the tarpaulin
back over the car, and said, "I guess we'll just let you have this
car till your crops come in."
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sent the views of the paper, in-
fact the contrary is often the
case.

All Out for Summer
To the Editor: It had scarce-
ly been necessary to have
seen these words above, an ad
which lauded and illustrated
modern scarcies called bath-
ing suits for women.
However the illustrations
were hardly consistent for the
figures were slightly covered,
and not quite "all out." The
ad reminded that too many
even on our streets are too
nearly "all out for summer."
Some of us studiously avoid
mixed bathing beaches, and
can thus miss the "outness"
there imposing; but it seems
we must need see it on the
streets also.
Scripture says, "The ungod-
ly know no shame," and it is
a sad comment on present
moral conditions that so many
must portray their ungodli-
ness in this way!
Most men are modestly
dressed on the streets and in
places of business, but the
women and girls—too many
of them — must needs be
"out" to a too noticeable de-
gree. Surprising it is how
many say with strength,
"Shame on the women and the
girls who thus transgress the
laws of decency and modesty
by their indecent immodesty!"
This writer sincerely pities
his fellow men, young and
old, who must meet and be-
hold this nakedness. However,
be it said that Christian wom-
en young and old disdain this
wrong exposure.
Certainly those women and
girls whose chief charm they
seek to think is sex appeal
stifle and bypass the one
grand charm which is high
above all others namely noble
character appeal! To us it is
one unfathomable mystery
why mothers of this day can
and will do turn their
fair teenage daughters loose
on the streets with entirely
full length naked legs, and
then—poor girls—how hard
they require to struggle to
try to show a composed and
innocent countenance!
The Bible says, "The mys-
tery of iniquity doth already
work."
Remorseful admissions were
recently made by a large num-
ber of girls in a home for
unwed young mothers, when
they were asked what was the
lure that caught the men who
were their seducers, answered
that it was the display of their
naked legs.
A returned missionary from
Africa now in California re-
cently wrote a most reveal-
ing pamphlet entitled "The
Death of Modesty." He print-
ed and distributed 34,500
copies, and it was in turn
published in 35 religious peri-
odicals. The writer will glad-
ly mail a free copy to anyone
requesting it.
H. R. Bulman,
Route 4, Box 816A,
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