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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**

October 6, 1948 (Wednesday)  
A parade and fire drill exhibitions are scheduled for Fire Prevention week.  
City Councilman Diamond Flynn is "acting acting" mayor this week in the absence of Acting Mayor Frank J. Runtz.

**20 YEARS AGO**

October 6, 1938 (Thursday)  
About 140 are registered at the Society of Pioneers of Southern Oregon convalesce in Jacksonville.  
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The recent rains brought out a flock of New Deal umbrellas, devoid of covering but showing plenty of ribs."

**30 YEARS AGO**

October 6, 1928 (Saturday)  
An even dozen Rogue valley residents are taking flying lessons at the Sanders Aeronautical school.  
A last minute rush of registering voters, some eager to debate the campaign with harassed clerks, descends on the courthouse.

**40 YEARS AGO**

October 6, 1918 (Sunday)  
The canteen at the Ashland railroad station requests gifts of jellies, jams, preserves and fresh fruit for transient servicemen on trains stopping there.  
Shipment of the apple crop to eastern markets has begun.

**What's Your I.Q.?**

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

1. Name the aviator who flew the "Spirit of St. Louis."
2. The governor of the Territory of Hawaii is elected by the people of the territory or appointed by the President?
3. When major sport events are televised, only one camera is used; true or false?
4. Name the former professional football player who was nicknamed "The Galloping Ghost."
5. Was the Irish Free State (Eire) neutral during World War II?
6. Victor Herbert was the composer of the famous "Merry Widow Waltz"; true or false?
7. A gross is twelve dozen; how many dozen is a great gross?
8. Can alien residents of the United States receive retirement benefits under Social Security?
9. Pliny the Elder was killed during the fall of (what city)?
10. The birthstone for October is the \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers: 1. Charles A. Lindbergh. 2. Appointed by the President. 3. False. 4. Red Grange. 5. Yes. 6. False. 7. 144 Dozen. 8. Yes. 9. Pompeii. 10. Opal.

**HELPS MENTAL PATIENTS**  
London—(UPI)—Television sets in mental homes have sometimes started patients on the road to recovery by re-awakening their interest in their surroundings, a study report said today.

**One Year Of Sputniks**

A year after Sputnik I ascended on Oct. 4, 1957, outer space can hardly be said to be overloaded with earth satellites. Seven in all have been orbited, three by the Russians, four by the United States. Still aloft are one of the Russian, three of the American spinners through space.

Sputnik I weighed 184 pounds. It was followed within a month by Sputnik II, carrying a dog, Laika, which seems to have stayed alive for about a week. The first Sputnik was burned up by friction after three months, but on May 15, 1958 the Russians put into orbit their impressive Sputnik III, weighing almost 1 1/2 tons. It has completed between 1,900 and 2,000 orbits around the Earth.

We tried to orbit a small Vanguard satellite in December 1957 without success. Finally, on the last day of January 1958 the Army succeeded with the 31-pound Explorer I. Explorer II, launched March 5, failed to orbit, but the Navy came through with its tiny Vanguard on March 17. It may be only a "grapefruit," but it is expected to last longer than its predecessors and immediate successors.

On March 26 came Explorer III, and on July 26 Explorer IV, a 38-pound affair. It circles the Earth in a little less than two hours. Explorer V, launched Aug. 24, repeated Explorer II's failure. The Navy has failed with larger Vanguards.

**HOW has a year of Sputniks affected our lives in this country?**

For one thing, Congress raised the defense budget \$6 billion, nearly \$1 billion more than President Eisenhower asked. It also created a civilian space agency and sanctioned exchange of atomic information with Great Britain.

Perhaps more important, the impact of Sputniks helped to persuade Congress to adopt the National Defense Education Act of 1958, the first general aid-to-education bill in U. S. history. Uniquely, it singles out the study of modern foreign languages, also mathematics and science, for special consideration. Surveys show that as many as 50 high schools are teaching Russian this fall, as against 18 last year.

**T**HE first U. S. shot at the moon failed on Aug. 17, when our rocket designed to orbit the Earth's only non-man made satellite exploded 10 miles up. The Russians are believed to have failed at least three times at a moonshot. We may make another try on Columbus Day, the Russians 36 hours or so earlier.

These shots at the moon have little strategic value for the present, even if successful. And that may be true also of the Earth satellites. More important strategically are the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile programs.

In these Russia is supposed to be ahead, but our defense people were cheered when an ICBM Atlas missile found its target 3,000 miles away on Sept. 14—third such bull's-eye in four tries. And on Sept. 25 a Bomarc missile again intercepted and destroyed some distance away another missile headed for our coast.

Also important strategically are atomic submarines, in these days when atomic missiles can be fired from under water. We have five atomic submarines in commission, three more launched, 14 more under construction, 11 more authorized. Though the Soviet Union outnumbered us in total submarines by five to one, it has announced nothing like the achievement this summer of the "Nautilus" and "Skate" in cruising thousands of miles under the Arctic icecap and beyond without surfacing.—E.R.R.

**City Finances**

The larger an American city, the more it is apt to spend per capita on its police force. Average expenditures for police protection run \$15-\$17 per inhabitant in the 18 U. S. cities of over half a million population, only \$10-\$12 in the 98 from 100,000 to 500,000.

The typical city of from 25,000 to 100,000 population spends only a little over \$9 per inhabitant per year on its police force. And for cities of less than 25,000 the average falls below \$7.

On the other hand, the average cost of fire protection varies little by size of city, around \$9 per capita, until you get down to the very small ones. Streets cost per capita pretty much the same, too, to pave and re-pave regardless of size of city. And that's apt to be true of "sanitation" sewers, sewage disposal, street cleaning, trash collection.

These four items—police, fire department, streets, sanitation—account for almost half of what the typical U. S. city spends every year, according to recent figures published by the Census Bureau.

**W**HEN it comes to revenue, the largest single source in almost every city, large or small, is the general property tax, chiefly of course on real estate. For U. S. cities as a whole the property tax last year accounted for a little more than half of all revenue.

Another large source of income for most cities—20 percent as a national average—is revenue turned over by the state government, to a lesser extent by the federal government, in some cases by other local governments. Then a substantial total comes from various licenses, fees, assessments, charges, etc., each of which may be small by itself.

However the separate expenditures and revenue percentages may vary from one city to another, two things are true of practically all cities: They spend more every year and their citizens complain of being overtaxed.—E.R.R.

**Dennis the Menace**



"I FEEL SORRY FOR ANYBODY THAT STARTS SOMETHIN' WITH THIS GUY!"

**Matter of Fact**

**SHALL WE RETREAT AGAIN**  
Tokyo—Is it really necessary for the United States to run the grave risks involved in defending the wretched little offshore islands? The question is bound to preoccupy any reporter on his way home from a firsthand look at Quemoy and the crisis in the Taiwan Strait.



Joseph Alsop

Judging by the reports from home, anyone who wants to answer the above question at all sensibly must begin by pointing out that he is not answering certain other questions.

First, there is the question whether the Sino-American commitment on the offshore islands was a wise commitment to make. The answer happens to be that it was an incredibly foolish commitment, directly resulting from the Madison Avenue fakery of the early Eisenhower period of foreign policy.

**B**UT the question itself is now irrelevant. You would not refuse to pay the doctor because your children ought never to have been exposed to typhoid fever by their nurse. You would pay the doctor now and think about firing the nurse later. By the same token, the Sino-American commitment on the offshore islands cannot be made to disappear by wails that it was all the fault of John Foster Dulles. It is woefully-minded twaddle to argue that the price of not honoring the commitment will be reduced because the commitment should not have been made.

Again, there is the question whether the United States has really made a binding commitment to defend the offshore islands. The answer happens to be that a powerful legal mind, X-raying the various American official statements on the subject, may well find the usual passages of Sullivan and Cromwell-size small print on the back of the contract.

**B**UT the answer, in this case is irrelevant. In the eyes of Asia, in the eyes of Peiping, in the eyes of Moscow, the American government stands committed. Having no training at Sullivan and Cromwell, our friends in Asia and our Communist enemies do not read the fine print. The contest for the islands was made into a final and decisive test of American will and strength by the big, bold talk the leaders of the American government so freely indulged in when the contest began some months ago.

This grim, inescapable fact makes it necessary to rephrase question number one, whether the U. S. really must run the risk of defending the wretched little offshore islands. The real question is whether the United States can safely shirk or fail this kind of test of American will and strength.

The consequences of shirking or failure suggest the answer. Even if shirking is the American government's final choice, it is first of all very doubtful whether Chiang Kai-shek can be forced to retreat from the islands. He is much more likely to resort to desperate measures that will widen the war. By our government's own doing, the choice is partly Chiang's to make.

**F** CHIANG retreats under severe American pressure, however, this reporter does not believe that Formosa will be instantly lost to Communism. By Asian standards, the Formosans are quite ex-

**Kadar Apparently in Fight for Life In Hungary; Experts Assess Signs**

By RUSSELL JONES  
UPI Correspondent

Vienna—(UPI)—Hungarian Communist boss Janos Kadar, the man who called in Soviet tanks to crush the 1956 revolution, is involved in a fight for his political—and perhaps his actual—life.

Iron Curtain experts here believe Kadar is under an attack by a group led by Premier Ferenc Nuennich, and may well be purged within the next few months.

While many factors enter into the battle, the experts cite these points of Kadar's vulnerability:

—More than any other current leader, Kadar was identified with the revolutionary government of Imre Nagy, and can be attacked for many of the "crimes" for which Nagy was executed.

—Conversely, he was the tool used by the Soviets to overthrow the Nagy government and, as such, is the focus of the people's hatred.

—While trying to end the revolution and the general strike which followed it, Kadar made many public promises which now are embarrassing to the party and government.

—Jailed for "Revisionism"

—Despite his role in crush-

ing the revolution, Kadar's whole record lays him open to the charge of "revisionism," currently the worst heresy in the Communist book. Although the expression was not then used, it was for just this crime that he was imprisoned and tortured by the Stalinists in 1950.

—Aside from Gyorgy Lukacs, now in obscurity, Kadar is the last surviving founder of the Hungarian Workers Socialist Party, set up by Nagy when the old Communist Party collapsed under the impact of the revolution. Of the other founders, Nagy was executed, Ferenc Donath sentenced to 12 years and Geza Losonczi died while awaiting trial.

The experts believe the battle between Kadar and Nuennich was joined when the latter forced the trial and execution of Nagy and his colleagues. They say that the trial opened last Jan. 28, with Kadar resigning from the premiership in protest the next day.

**Kadar Against Trial**

Kadar, they say, was against the trial as both unjust and unnecessary, and—as events proved correct—likely to revive memories both in Hungary and the rest of the world.

He is said to have believed that Nagy and the others should have been left in custody until forgotten.

Since then, several Kadar supporters have been removed from high positions and replaced by Muennich men, but the experts are not yet ready to write Kadar off.

They cite two good reasons for this:

—Soviet premier and party boss Nikita Khrushchev in-

talks with foreign visitors has described Kadar as a friend, and friends of the Soviet leader are not likely to be purged.

—The Hungarian economy is worse off this year than last, and the Soviet plans which have kept it afloat, come due next year. Barring an economic miracle, Hungary can not pay them, and a scapegoat will be needed. Muennich as easily as Kadar could be chosen for the role.

**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.

**What's A Republican?**

To the Editor: I fail to understand what type of governor the so called GOP candidate aspires to be. He says he wouldn't be a Republican governor and I can assure you that he lacks the qualifications to be a Democratic one. Although the Republican candidate doesn't want to wear the elephant's coat or tail in 1958, my memory is not so short that I have forgotten his all out support for the ultra-conservative ex-GOP politicians, Guy Cordon and Doug McKay.

It also seems strange that while the GOP candidate wants a divorce from his party, the giant artillery of the GOP, Richard Nixon and Ezra Taft Benson, are stumping Oregon to elect an alleged Republican governor.

The secretary of state and GOP candidate has expressed the desire that if elected he would want to become some type of neutral governor. What does this mean? In his appointments as secretary of state, I can't seem to remember any Democratic appointments—only Republicans. I presume that all of these appointees were neutral and bipartisan Republicans.

Dave Epps, Chairman Democratic Party of Oregon 429 Governor Bldg. Portland 4, Ore.

**Still For Koch**

To the Editor: I say it's a problem not for just a handful of people in a committee to appoint a man for to be a candidate for Sheriff of Jackson county, when he happens to be one of the committeemen.

It should be for all the voters of Jackson county to have a say. Also it's unfair to my way of thinking. Why should Mr. Sheehan be appointed and not Mr. Ray Koch? They both lost in the primary election.

I say give him a chance also.

Think hard, all you kind people and voters, about this. Koch was out to protect all the citizens and their rights and not for just a name. When Mr. Sheehan lost in the primary he then signed up to run for mayor of Rogue River, now he is running for sheriff, that which now he would have to resign from mayor and go to a bigger name. That's that way I see it.

**Fairness and Honesty**

To the Editor: A matter of utmost importance to all people who believe in fairness and honesty in our appeal courts is before us today.

Here in Medford resides a man 61 years of age who is so completely incapable of supporting himself that his own doctor has warned him not to walk outside or his next attack may be his last. This man applied for social security, with his doctor's statement, and witnesses, and was denied. On what grounds? None! The referee in this case completely ignored the doctor and witnesses and set forth his own diagnosis and opinion. An appeal was made to the council in Washington, D.C., and denied with the explanation the referee's decision was automatically considered just, without the matter even being investigated!

Is this a typical example of an appeal council's consideration? I surely hope not. Yet they never even bothered to check the referee's decision. What is this council supposed to be for, if not to check referee's statements that have been refuted by a medical man's own words.

Something should be done! How many people so needy

Koch has had 17 years experience in all the fields as a sheriff should require, not as a salesman as for stamps. If that's what we want I would rather have Mr. Walsh than Sheehan. As for me when I go to vote I am going to vote for a man that has the know-how and experience and who can get Jackson county in right path of good government and clean politics. That is Mr. Koch for me. How many more of you feel the same as I do? It is high time to start thinking and doing something about it, not when it's too late, and put a man in the office who is for us honestly, and who is not a scared of these political attorneys. If you do not believe me, ask him.

Well what do you say. Do you want a handful of people to pick out for you who to vote for and run your lives, or forget we are American Citizens and have our rights.

This is no personal reflection on anyone. I just feel that it is unfair, as I am just one of the many labor men that cannot go to these meetings.

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Medford.

**Washington Report**

By William S. White

**HELP FROM HARRY**

Washington—The Eisenhower administration now appears likely to emerge in good order from the Formosa crisis and to be able to protect true American interests there without either war or a diplomatic rupture with the West.



William S. White

If, happily, this is indeed the outcome, the President will have well earned the praise of reasonable and responsible men everywhere. But it is time somebody said what the Administration itself is never likely to say. This is that a great contribution to this prospective Eisenhower triumph has been made by a man named Harry S. Truman.

Mr. Truman is held in such low esteem by the Eisenhower Administration that he has never been invited to the White House even for routine social reasons. Nevertheless, he has been a rock-like ally to Mr. Eisenhower in the Formosa troubles—as he has been earlier when we risked war in the Middle East to rescue Lebanon.

MR. Truman's backing of Mr. Eisenhower in the Formosa Strait has been without ifs, ands or buts. The temptation to do otherwise would have been great. For the Truman Administration was labored by the Republicans over this same issue—China policy—as no other administration has ever been belabored on any question beyond our shoreline.

All the same, when President Eisenhower shoved in his stack of chips over Formosa, the spry, elderly man now living in Independence, Mo., came forward to stand at his elbow. And Mr. Truman stands there still, though partisan Democratic interests would have been better served by howling at the White House. A few supposedly less "partisan" Democrats have, in fact, done so.

And Mr. Truman has done will surely be paid for as Munich was paid for. (1958 New York Herald Tribune Inc.)

**Try and Stop Me**

By BENNETT CERF

GIL HODGES remembers a day during the 1947 World Series when a rookie pitcher surprised the surprise nomination, and promptly walked four Yankees in a row in the first inning. The manager, Burt Shotton, hurried to the mound and asked, "What's the trouble, boy?" "Not a thing," he countered cheerfully. "I'm just pacing myself." Burt took the ball out of his hand and said, "That's just fine. Now go to the clubhouse and pace the floor."

Exit youngster. Enter veteran Hal Gregg. (And the Bums win dat one, 3-2, in de nine-!)

A bridge partner of Expert Ely Culbertson once threw away a certain grand slam. Culbertson assured him, "I see big things ahead of you—all of them insuperable obstacles." When the game was over, he added for good measure, "You can fool some of the people all of the time. You're one of them."

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