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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**

Oct. 9, 1948 (Saturday)  
California Gov. Earl Warren, GOP vice president candidate will pass through here by rail Oct. 16 and make a platform appearance.

KYJC plans a special program today marking its first anniversary of operation here.

**20 YEARS AGO**

Oct. 9, 1938 (Sunday)  
Street sweepers are out in force to gather up autumn leaves, and motorists are warned not to park their cars on paved streets between 1 and 5 a.m., as cars so parked interfere with the sweepers' work.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "It's only a month till election. The minority will note, and the majority go duck hunting, indications indicate."

**30 YEARS AGO**

Oct. 9, 1928 (Tuesday)  
The Foothills PTA plans a stunt night this month. A "puncture plant," capable of puncturing automobile tires and cows stomachs, has been found near Ashland and is on exhibit here.

**40 YEARS AGO**

Oct. 9, 1918 (Wednesday)  
A Chinese peasant eager to read the Mail Tribune over Edwin G. Trowbridge's shoulder banked into the window of Trowbridge's house, was stunned, and has since provided the Trowbridge family with a fine feast.  
The local liberty loan bond campaign is now \$68,000 short of its quota.

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

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

1. The King of the Hellenes is the King of which country?
  2. Who was the author of the "Fourteen Points"?
  3. Do vertebrates, or invertebrates, have backbones?
  4. The Babcock test is used to test what?
  5. Complete the title of the John Fox novel, "The Little Shepherd of \_\_\_\_\_"
  6. Which is the lighter gas, hydrogen or helium?
  7. A sampan is a cooking utensil; true or false?
  8. What famous surrender occurred at Appomattox, Va.?
  9. A cubic foot of ice is heavier, lighter than, or weighs the same as, a cubic foot of water?
  10. Is a cassowary a cooking utensil, a bird, a priest's robe, or a propheser?
- Answers: 1. Greece. 2. President Woodrow Wilson. 3. Vertebrates. 4. Butterfat in milk. 5. "Kingdom Come." 6. Hydrogen. 7. False (Oriental boat). 8. General Lee's surrender to General Grant. 9. Lighter. 10. A bird.

**Screw-Balls and Freedom**

Insanity, or — as it is more frequently called these days — mental illness, is a tragic, heart-wrenching thing.

It is often the case that the sick person is unaware of his or her sickness, and believes that the efforts of relatives and friends to see that he or she obtains effective treatment is a form of persecution. Violent resentments can build up in the sick mind — resentments which make the journey back to health and sanity a more difficult one.

Sometimes, and fortunately not frequently, a sane person who may be "odd" or "unusual," is suspected of being mentally ill, and efforts are made for a commitment to an institution.

NOW there are safeguards against such a thing happening. But on occasion, despite the safeguards, it happens. When it does, a person in possession of all his faculties is locked up as "mentally ill." It is difficult to imagine a more appalling situation.

That this happens rarely does not make it any less appalling when it does happen.

These thoughts were motivated by recent news from the state of Washington that a man named John Patric has been released from the state mental hospital at Sedro Woolley after a period of confinement for observation, but only after he had demanded and obtained a jury trial to establish his sanity.

According to the one account we have read (the wire services outside Washington apparently ignored the decision despite Patric's notoriety) it took the jury just 10 minutes to file out, elect a foreman, and vote Patric free.

PATRIC is an eccentric. He wears a beard. He cares little for money, as such, as long as he has the basic necessities of life. He doesn't give a tinker's dam for the conventionalities of life. If he thinks you're a stinker, he'd just as soon tell you so to your face as behind your back.

He becomes irritated at some of civilization's minor stupidities, like the rest of us do. But unlike the rest of us, he does something about it. Irritated by the volume of unwanted mail from certain members of Congress, sent out free under the "franking" privilege, Patric started "franking" his own mail — sending it only with his own signature in place of a stamp. He added insult to injury by mailing such things as dead birds and fishheads to the objects of his irritation.

Haled into court, he conducted his own defense, and the judge dismissed the charge.

EARLY this year he spent an hour or so in this office, discussing with us his recent activities, and those he planned. His current objectives are to make life miserable for officialdom in his home town of Snohomish, where he declares the forces of corruption and evil are in charge.

When Patric sets out to make life miserable for someone, he does an effective job. Among other things he printed a little newspaper, in which he flayed the police chief, the mayor and sundry other officials.

It was out of these activities that the insanity charges stemmed. He was jailed, later sent to the hospital, and only recently obtained his release when the jury termed him sane.

JOHN Patric is an exceptional man. He has friends throughout the United States. He is an author ("Yankee Hobo in the Orient," "Repairmen May Gyp You," and other books, and articles in the Readers Digest and National Geographic), he has worked as a reporter and photographer, he has traveled widely, and wears no man's collar.

He is a thorn in the side of stupid officialdom; he is the enemy of hypocrisy; he is an upholder of virtue as he sees it.

But he sees these things differently than other men. He is a free man, and pities those of us who are slaves to conformity, to a job, to many of civilization's mores which he regards as asinine.

BUT it is not yet a crime to think freely, and do as one wishes — so long as another is not unjustly injured thereby.

For this reason we were delighted to see the jury act so quickly in setting free this free spirit once again to poke around the odd corners of the world, again to wage his campaigns for what he believes is right.

Crazy? Sure, John Patric — a self-termed "screw-ball" — may be crazy in the added thinking of those who believe that sanity equates only with doing as one's neighbors do.

**Who To Believe?**

Joe Alsop (this page, today) — "... the strictly military factors must certainly have weighed most heavily in Peiping's decision to make this ... cease-fire announcement ..."

Walter Lippmann (this page, today) — "The move by the Chinese Communists ... is a spectacular reminder that the game at Quemoy is primarily political ..."

When two well-informed, literate columnists disagree diametrically, is it any wonder the rest of us are confused? — E. A.



**Today & Tomorrow**

By Walter Lippmann

**THE LATEST GAMBIT**  
The move made by the Chinese Communists, which is to order a cease-fire at Quemoy for seven days, is a spectacular reminder that the game at Quemoy is primarily political, and that the Peiping government, which holds the high cards in the offshore islands, knows how to play them skillfully.

Since they hold the military initiative at Quemoy, they can turn on the bombardment or turn it off, as if it were a water tap. By turning off the bombardment without waiting to negotiate a cease-fire, they have put Chiang in the position where he can hardly refuse to supply the garrison and civilians on Quemoy, yet must do that only as a favor granted to him by Peiping. This is, and no doubt this is intended to be, a very dramatic way of demonstrating to the Chinese on Formosa that Red China is militarily predominant in the area of the offshore islands.

OUR misleading preoccupation with the military defense of Formosa has been and is a grave handicap to lucid thinking in this field. The President, for example, has no legal authority to use American power in Quemoy except as he can say with a good conscience that what happens at Quemoy is related to the military defense of Formosa. Mr. Dulles tried for a while to construct a legal position for him. The President was to say that although Chiang had "foolishly" locked up so many troops in Quemoy, "Chiang would be lost if the troops surrendered. Therefore the United States must prove its courage and its resolution, no matter how negligible and foolish the reason which occasioned it."

As for the United States having to prove its courage, or to lose all its friends, I would say that what we do about Quemoy is a test of the courage of the United States only if we announce to the world that we regard it as a test of our courage. The world knows that we have fought three big wars in the past 50 years and the world, friendly, hostile and neutral, will have no doubt about the courage of this country.

OTHERWISE, the problem of Quemoy is a practical problem which could and should be treated not as if we stood at Armageddon but coolly, calmly, and with common sense. Quemoy is not like Berlin any more than it is like London, Paris, or Washington.

Evacuating Quemoy is not like the appeasement at Munich. For Czechoslovakia was an independent nation which was set up by a treaty and guaranteed by the Allies. Quemoy is an island of no political significance within a harbor on the Chinese mainland. Czechoslovakia was a country which contained the strategic bastion of Central and Eastern Europe. Strategically, Quemoy is negligible. It is negligible for the defense of Formosa. It is merely a nuisance. It is merely a minor noisemaker.

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**Assistant Manager of Roseburg Bank Dies**  
Roseburg — (UPI) — Andrew Broddus, 58, assistant manager of the Roseburg branch of the U. S. National bank, died Wednesday in a hospital here from complications following major surgery.

**Communications**

"People's Choice"

To the Editor: In a recent Communications column, an objection was voiced to the selection by the Democratic Central committee of defeated candidate Sheehan to replace Earle Fichtner, the successful candidate in the primary election for the office of sheriff. It so happens that Sheehan is a former central committee chairman and was touted by that same inner circle to carry the party banner in the general election. Surprisingly, however, the Democratic voters nominated Fichtner, so the party brass poured on the pressure, Fichtner conveniently withdrew and at their direction changed his registration to Independent, thus opening the door to the appointment of loser Sheehan.

To quote a phrase, the author of which escapes me, "They (The Democratic Central Committee) naturally believe in their own ability to select the most suitable candidate for public office, and they take a dim view of the preferences of uninformed outsiders" (The Democratic Voters).

By such action the primary election procedure, the basis of Democratic selection, as we know it in Oregon, is relegated to a farce — a meaningless gesture to be set aside at the whim of the party slatemakers.

It seems to me the electors in November have a choice—the people's choice or the party's choice. I, for one, intend to vote for the candidate who is not only eminently more qualified, but who is representative of the will of the majority of the "people" rather than the minority of the "party". My vote goes for Joe Walsh—not Larry Sheehan.

Bill Schulz  
Eagle Point, Ore.

**In the Day's News**

By FRANK JENKINS

Wars and rumors of wars... International ruckuses — that can so easily lead to war unless statesmanship of the highest order miraculously intervenes to keep the peace... Politics — and the canards and the roorbacks and the stratagems and the schemes and the hoopla that accompany politics.

Let's forget 'em all and turn for a moment to an interesting little tale that has clicked off the wires.

It goes like this:  
WORLD War I has finally ended in the tiny mountain republic of Andorra — which lies high up in the Pyrenees mountains between Spain and France.

By a slip of somebody's foot, Andorra got into World War I. Its participation in that bloody struggle didn't amount to much. Its army numbered only seven men, and an army of that size is no great shakes in a big war. So Andorra was forgotten, and throughout the war to make the world safe for democracy no shot was fired in anger within its borders. Nor has any shot been fired in anger since.

When Kaiser Wilhelm was finally licked, the nations of the world got together at Versailles to put together a peace. Somehow Andorra was OVERLOOKED. It signed no treaty of peace, and so it remained technically at war.

THE little republic remained at war for 44 YEARS before anybody noticed it. When the fact was discovered a little while back, the president of the 24-man council that governs Andorra called the council together and they CALLED OFF THE WAR.

Now — for the first time in 44 years — Andorra is officially at peace.

SUMMING UP:  
Andorra went to war 44 years ago — and then forgot about it.

Since then, the great nations of the world that signed a solemn and formal treaty of peace at Versailles have been into war and out of war goodness only knows how many times. But Andorra, officially at war all this time, has fired no shot in hatred at an enemy. It has had no diplomatic crises. It has just gone ahead and sawed wood and said nothing. It hasn't even demanded foreign aid.

A thought:  
Maybe we'd better DECLARE WAR ON EVERYBODY and then forget all about it and go ahead piously and peacefully with the business of enjoying life.

AH, me.  
We can't do it. WE'RE TOO BIG. I sometimes wonder if bigness — and all that goes with it — isn't the CURSE of the modern world.

**Overconfidence by Democrats Seen One Favorable GOP Omen**

By RAYMOND LAHR  
UPI Correspondent

Washington — (UPI) — Major spokesmen for the rival political parties appeared in agreement today that overconfidence on the part of Democrats provides the GOP with at least one favorable omen for the 1958 election campaign.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon is seeking to buoy Republican spirits by attributing overconfidence to the Democrats in the congressional campaign. Former President Truman is warning his fellow Democrats to be on guard against it.

Starting his second cam-

aign swing, Nixon told a GOP dinner at Philadelphia Wednesday night he had found encouraging factors for his party during his stops last week in Indiana, Illinois, California and Oregon.

He said these included the fact that "Democrats are overconfident" in each of the states and Republicans know "they are underdogs and are waging an all-out flight for votes."

Warns Against "Deweyitis"  
Nixon said the Republicans, fighting to regain control of Congress, have the ingredients to reverse the 1948 situation in which Truman scored an upset victory over

Thomas E. Dewey.

Truman, who begins his third 1958 campaign swing today with a speech at Cherokee, Iowa, as part of a mid-western tour, repeatedly has warned his party to guard against "deweyitis"—meaning the overconfidence shown by the GOP in 1948.

Nixon said another similarity between 1948 and 1958 was an economic upturn which he said had contributed to Truman's victory. The economy is moving up now, he said, and "the people do not vote against the national administration in good times."

Sen. Alan Bible, who heads the Democratic Campaign Speakers' Bureau, denied overconfidence could hamper the Democrats—at least in the Far West where he has been since Congress adjourned.

Bible told a reporter the Democrats were "running scared" in his state of Nevada. He said the same was true of senatorial nominees in California, Arizona and Utah and even in Washington and Montana where Democratic incumbents are heavily favored to win reelection.

**Attacks GOP Record**

There were these other political developments: —At Hays, Kan., Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler attacked the Republican record on helping elderly Americans as "nothing short of a national scandal." He told a Democratic Party rally the GOP has consistently come out either in flat opposition to programs to help the aged or in favor of cutting back Democratic proposals.

—At Baton Rouge, La., Camille E. Gravel was ousted as Louisiana Democratic national committeeman at a stormy session of the state party's governing body on the ground that he was "out of step" with the state party on segregation. Gravel calls himself a "moderate" on the racial issue. A Democratic National Committee spokesman in Washington said the Louisiana Democratic committee had no power to oust Gravel. He said party rules clearly state that only the National Committee can expel one of its own members.

Nixon moves on today to Columbus, Ohio, where he will deliver the keynote address tonight to the GOP state convention.

**CORN BREAD WEEK**

Atlanta — (UPI) — Gov. Marvin Griffin has signed a proclamation making this official corn bread week in Georgia, to commemorate "the ancient and honorable industry of corn milling and the making of corn bread."

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