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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. 13, 1948 (Wednesday)
A force of 18 volunteers is
being trained to reinforce the
Medford fire department.
Clyde Fichtner, Medford
police officer in charge of
traffic, leaves for the national
safety congress in Chicago.

20 YEARS AGO

Oct. 13, 1938 (Thursday)
Two hundred children
armed with pets and dolls are
to march down Main st. for
the benefit of local movie-
makers.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye
Smudge Pot" column: "Once
upon a time, so the fable
runs, a deer was shot for a
man."

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 13, 1928 (Saturday)
A Crater Lake bruin has
helped himself to caretaker
Stone's winter supply of
smoked ham.
Dr. D. W. Stone (no rela-
tion to the above) reports the
dog and cat hospital on North
Riverside ave. nears comple-
tion.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 13, 1918 (Sunday)
Central Point has gone
"over the top" in the liberty
loan bond drive.
Mayor Gates says the ban
on public meetings will re-
main in effect until all danger
of an influenza epidemic is
past.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Was Elias Howe the inventor of the reaper, sewing machine, or typewriter?
2. What does the name Pennsylvania mean?
3. Is the earth a perfect sphere?
4. The distance between the sun and the earth is approximately 96,000, 960,000 or 96 million miles?
5. In which month in 1945 did President F. D. Roosevelt die?
6. The Latin phrase "adesse fideles" means what?
7. The bodies of four Presidents of the U. S. are buried on the shores of the Hudson River. Three of them are Van Buren, Arthur and Grant; name the fourth.
8. Are there more, fewer, or the same number of days in the first six months of a calendar year than in the second six months?
9. What is the AMA?
10. Two Presidents of the U. S. have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; name them.

Answers: 1. Sewing machine. 2. "Penn's Woods." 3. No. (It is an oblate spheroid). 4. 96 million. 5. April. 6. "Come, ye faithful." 7. Franklin D. Roosevelt. 8. Fewer. 9. American Medical Association. 10. Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt.

Problem for "Independents"

We fully approve the fund-raising activities of the two major parties this year. Both emphasize a large number of small contributions—thus getting away from a party's dependency on a few substantial gifts, with the resultant obligation (actual or implied) to the donor.
This type of fund-raising campaign is not exactly new, but it is new in its widespread application this year, with the sponsorship of the American Heritage foundation and others interested in clean politics.

WE SEE only one difficulty. This is the fact that many voters—perhaps even a majority of them—are independent-minded, and don't and never have voted a "straight ticket." Instead they vote for the individual candidate.

This poses a problem. Why should these voters (despite whatever party affiliation they may have) contribute to a political party which will use the money to support all its candidates—some of whom may actually be opposed by the small donor?

THERE are some voters who will vote a "straight ticket," or who are not bothered by the fact that a small portion of their donation will go to support a candidate of whom they do not approve.

For these individuals we commend the "Dollars for Democrats" campaign starting today, or the Republicans' "Neighbor to Neighbor" drive, which is continuing.

As for us—and, we presume for other "independent" voters—the problem remains, since we plan to vote for candidates in each party. —E.A.

Beforehanded Action

Sheriff Howard Gault has been wisely beforehanded, we believe, in appointing a number of deputies whose duties will concentrate on the enforcement of boating laws in Jackson county.

Probably no accurate census of the "boat population" has been, or could be, made here. But to anyone with eyes, it is obvious that the number of boats has increased astoundingly in recent years. Some are fishing boats, some are recreational putt-putts, and some are high-speed jobs designed for water-skiing enthusiasts.

THIS trend will be stimulated greatly in the next few years when Emigrant reservoir is increased in size many times over, when Howard prairie is filled and opened up, and as improved highways make other water sports areas (such as Shasta lake) even more readily accessible than they are now.

And, as highways need traffic patrol officers, so the lakes will need enforcement officers. There is danger inherent in the use of boats on lakes, and tragedy will only be avoided if the boaters are held responsible for their actions.

It is, we forecast, going to be a real problem. And Sheriff Gault, recognizing this fact, has acted wisely in setting up a nucleus of an enforcement staff now, before it is too late.—E.A.

Cause for Pride

On Page 1 today appears the first of a series of pictures designed to show just what the "Make Medford Beautiful" committee has in mind when it suggests to residents of the community that some cleaning up is in order hereabouts.

The pictures were taken, and are being printed, not with the idea of embarrassing anyone. Quite the contrary.

It is our intention to present a "helping hand" through the news columns both to property-owners and to the city, by making everyone more aware of the fact that there IS, indeed, a problem. —E.A.

The President is 68

When Dwight David Eisenhower celebrates his 68th birthday tomorrow he becomes the oldest of our Presidents except three. Andrew Jackson reached 68 two years less 11 days before leaving the White House and James Buchanan two years less seven weeks. William Henry Harrison, who died after one month in office, had been inaugurated 23 days after his 68th birthday.

The end of President Eisenhower's second term on Jan. 20, 1961 comes 70 years, three months and six days after his birth in 1890 at Denison, Tex. None of our Presidents has yet been in office on his 70th birthday.

HOWEVER, almost one-half of the men who served as chief executives of the nation, 16 of the 33, lived to celebrate their 70th birthdays as ex-Presidents.

Thanks to the act of Congress this year bestowing \$25,000 pensions on ex-Presidents, no future one should have to fear poverty.—E.R.R.



"I SURE HOPE YOU DON'T STIR UP INJURY TROUBLE WITH ALL THOSE SMOKE SIGNALS!"

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.

No! On Tax Boost

To the Editor: It would seem, to a man up a tree, that there are some would-be legislators who would like to hang on to the Oregon taxpayers a real tax load. It is really an astronomical figure, too.

I am speaking about the proposed addition to the already proposed gas tax, which at present takes as much more as the gas itself takes as a reasonable price.

The excuse given for the proposed raise in this tax, and the raise in license fees, which, together, make an extremely exorbitant levy, is the need to match the monies the state will receive from the federal government for the purpose of highway (I should say super highway) construction.

Right here, I register an emphatic NO.
We all know that right now the federal government is just the same as bankrupt. With a debt of nearly \$300 billion to be paid, and more being squandered overseas for no solid reason, we might say like drunken cowboys on a spree, then it behooves those states who can to consider the poor devil of a tax victim, and not lay any further taxes no matter for what reason.

Let the highway question rest for a few years. Then begin to think about such expenditures.

There are enough roads, if kept in repair as they should be, to enable any one to go anywhere in Oregon. What more do we want?
No, let the road question go by the board, and attend to our business and not let ourselves be hectoring into any such bill of expense. See if we cannot get a surplus into the state treasury and keep it for a while. Let us see how it feels to owe no man or group of men.

There is one more thing I should like to say.
I should like to meet with the Grange people here and there, for a conference on a subject of vital interest to all farmers.

I was born on a farm, brought up there, and have done all kinds of farm work, but when I came to own a farm, I had to work for wages to live and improve that farm. Then I saw I was too old to make the grade. So had to sell.

So, if I am invited to a Grange meeting I shall be glad to come and meet with them.

Andy L. Unger
634 Pennsylvania ave.
Medford

Wants Information

To the Editor: As a subscriber to your paper way down here in Florida, I'm hoping you will print this letter so that perhaps some of your readers will help me.

Last summer we toured the west and of all the places we visited we liked the Medford area best of all. We are natives of New Jersey and have traveled from Maine to Florida, living here for nearly 10 years. We would like to leave here and resettle in your town. There are many things we must know first though.

We have lots of literature from the chamber of commerce in Medford, Salem, Portland and the Oregon State Highway department.

What we need are the opinions and information that average working people like ourselves can give to us. My husband is a sheet metal mechanic in the neon sign trade. What are his chances of employment? Is there any particular type of small business needed in Medford? What of a trailer park outside the city

Charleston Invites Porgy-Bess Premier

Hollywood—(UPI)—Charleston, S.C., has invited Samuel Goldwyn Studios to make that city the site of the world premier of the movie "Porgy and Bess."

In a letter received by the studio Saturday, John M. Clarke, president of the Charleston Junior Chamber of Commerce, said the city would afford a "natural location" for the film's first showing because it is the home of the original "Cattfish Row," immortalized in the George Gershwin-Dubose Heyward classic.

SHE'S A SOUND SLEEPER

Newlyn Harbor, England—Mrs. Catherine Weeks, 70, was awakened from her nap by a babble of excited voices in the street outside. The crowd had been gathered by the collapse of the rear half of Mrs. Weeks' house.

High-Paid American Workers Said Gyped By Phony Inflated Money

By LYLE C. WILSON
UPI Correspondent

Washington—(UPI)—The aristocrats among the citizens of all countries who labor in the great factories of industry are the American hands who are drawing down a bit more than \$17 a day for a five-day week.

Or, are Lyle C. Wilson these American factory workers really the best paid, best off among the world's factory hands? It is likely that they are. It also is possible, however, that these highly paid midcentury workers are not so well off as their

Matter of Fact

The Worried Republicans
Washington—In terms of mild despair, Vice President Nixon has been exhorting his fellow Republicans to remember how Harry S. Truman, a (not usually a Republican folk-her) went in to win against seemingly hopeless odds in 1948.

Anyone who has been exposed to the Republican situation in California, as this reporter has just been, is bound to suspect that the Vice President's recent visit to his native state was what plunged him into the depths of bravely concealed gloom.

The point about California is not really that the two top men on the Republican ticket, Sen. William F. Knowland and Gov. Goodwin Knight, are openly at odds, against one another. The prime point to note is the one made by the man who probably had the most to do with rebuilding the California Democratic Party, former State Chairman Roger Kent. Predicting a Democratic sweep with great apparent confidence, Kent added:

"THE Knowland-Knight row has brought the great day four years nearer. But the Democrats would have won this state in 1962, no matter what happened."

Kent based his claim on the visible reconstruction of thorough reorganization of the California Democratic Party and progressive disorganization of the California Republicans. On the whole, the Democratic renaissance seems to be the more important of these two developments.

In a state where everything is special and strange, the California Democrats have always been more special and strange than almost anything else. They have always had an immense lead in state registration. But for years on end, they never won elections because they nominated screwball candidates, or because they preferred fighting among themselves, or because of some other folly.

ROGER KENT, who is a Stevenson man, asserts that the personality of Adlai Stevenson attracted all sorts of bright new faces into the Democratic Party at the working, organization level. He says that the renaissance really began in 1952, and has gone forward ever since. In any case, the result today is plain. The smooth, hard-working, well-knit California Democratic Party first showed its stuff when it won a 50-50 split in the traditionally Republican State Senate.

Now the party is united, self-confident, and working all-out to elect two popular and moderate candidates, Pat Brown for the Governorship and Clair Engle for the Senate.

The moderation of the candidates means that the middle income voters and the business group are not frightened by the Democrats, as they have been in the past. In the business group one even finds a sharp division about the desirability of Sen. Knowland's favorite right-to-work scheme, which is deplored by many San Francisco business leaders particularly. But the really big division is the division in the California Republican Party, which is split, bewildered, peevish and demoralized.

Maybe Gov. Knight can still smile his way past Clair Engle into the Senate seat. The Vice President's prescription of stick-to-it-iveness and combativeness might be written to order for Sen. Knowland, although only Knowland still says he can win. The unwisdom of positive election predictions was proven in 1948, by the very case that the Vice President cited.

daily pay indicates. It is their misfortune and the misfortune of all other Americans gainfully employed that the relatively high earnings which they enjoy are

paid in dollars which are somewhat phony. These are not phony dollars in the sense that the Secret Service would suspect them of being run off an illicit money press. They

Washington Report

By William S. White

ROPE'S END? Washington—Among politicians tolerance is a long rope, but a rope that some- where has an end. This thought is now in the minds of many, as Rep. Adam Clayton Powell of New York continues to flex his muscles before both nervous

parties in that state and its bosses and sub-bosses. Mr. Powell already had drubbed Tammany Hall by winning renomination in Harlem over its opposition. Now to this necessary injury he has added a curious insult. He has agreed to support the general Democratic ticket after requiring Gov. Averell Harriman and Tammany leader Carmine De Sapio to issue service guarantees to him.

The governor has given "specific pledges" that Mr. Powell will be granted patronage—political jobs to hand out. Mr. De Sapio has solemnly promised to "insist and urge" that Mr. Powell's seniority be respected by the Democrats in the House of Representatives even though he is running as the Republican as well as the Democratic nominee and even though he supported the Republican Presidential ticket in 1956.

MR. De Sapio's influence on the House Democratic leadership on what is totally its own business—what members shall have what committee assignments—is less than vast. It would be about as welcome and effective as a claim by a union shop steward of the right to pick for General Motors the next man to go onto its board of directors.

Mr. De Sapio himself, who is neither arrogant nor foolish, is quite aware of all this. It is plain that he has accepted a public humiliation for the good of the Democratic slate in New York.

No doubt he knew also that Mr. Powell's seniority would be maintained by the House in any event. He is by no means the first defecting Democrat to be forgiven; a whole string of Southern bolters have been allowed to keep their committee places. Thus nobody here knows any reason for Mr. Powell's presumed fears of hostile action by the House. His seat as ranking Democratic member of the House Committee on Education and Labor is safe anyhow.

ALL THE same one cannot avoid the suspicion that the diagram of forces that is visible in California has a certain meaning for the country as a whole. Whether defeat or Adlai Stevenson was the tonic, a Democratic renaissance has taken place in all sorts of different states, all the way from New England westward.

Averell Harriman in New York, Abe Ribicoff in Connecticut, Ed Muskie in Maine and other Democratic Governors have joined in the task of reconstructing their party. So have local chieftains like Dave Lawrence in Pittsburgh. Another factor has been the inborn Democratic fondness for winning elections, so different from the attitude that "I'd rather be right than elected" which is too common among Republicans.

The results in this election are plain to be seen. In most states the Democrats have more appealing candidates. In only one state, in the form of Nelson Rockefeller in New York, have the Republicans found a vote-getting new face. In some states they have chosen virtually invisible candidates, like Jack Kennedy's opponent, Vincent Celeste, in Massachusetts. Maybe losing control of the national administration is good for a political party, once in a while, whereas gaining control can be dangerous.

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are much worse than counterfeit money in at least one respect.

Politicians to Blame
That respect is that the American citizen who must accept his pay in these legally phony dollars is without protection against the injustice of it all. If these were counterfeit dollars, the factory hand could and would spurn them, demanding that his pay be in legal tender at full value. The U.S. government would back up the hand in that demand and, further, move fast and hard to cut off the supply of counterfeit by destroying its source and by jailing its maker.

No such threat of punishment menaces the American politicians, the political pressure groups, the big spenders and such who largely are responsible for the fact that the \$17-per-day pocketed by the average factory hand is not \$17 per day at all but a mere fraction of that comfortable sum. The politicians of both parties are about equally responsible for this situation, and for cause:

Either they will not or they cannot change the prevailing trend toward bigger and bigger government, more and more spending, greater and greater deficits and higher and higher taxes. The end result of this trend, of course, is national disaster brought on by what is called currency inflation. This national disaster would destroy the American way of life.

Getting 50-Cent Dollars
The government and other debtors would get some good of it. The government, for example, has been borrowing money from the citizens over a period of nearly 30 years to pay its debts. For purposes of comparison, let us say that the dollars the government borrowed in 1939—and the dollars paid to factory hands in that year—were worth 100 cents.

A 1939 debt incurred in terms of 100-cent dollars could be paid off today with dollars relatively worth a bit less than 50 cents. The 1939 factory hand who was paid, say, \$10 a day in 100 cent dollars gets \$17 a day now. But his dollars are 50-cent dollars, so the factory worker's real daily wage today in terms of purchasing power is about \$8.50.

That is what is happening to the purchasing power of the U.S. dollar which once upon a time was the symbol of stable value. No more.

Things could be worse, however, and they are. Tax Foundation, Inc., calculated last spring that direct and hidden taxes now combine to take about one-third of the income of the average American family.

The responsibility for these burdensome taxes, like that for currency inflation, belongs to the politicians of both parties and to the big spenders who egg them on.

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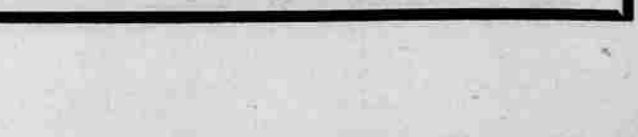
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