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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. 30, 1948 (Saturday)
Local 962 Teamsters have been ordered back to their jobs at Pacific Fruit and Produce after negotiators reach an agreement.
Two thousand balloons have arrived for distribution at Monday's election parade.

20 YEARS AGO
Oct. 30, 1938 (Sunday)
Voters interested in the Townsend plan meet to prepare a slate of candidates likely to further their interests.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Citizens are urged to vote Nov. 8. Many will vote, and many more won't."

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 30, 1928 (Tuesday)
Halloween pranksters jumping the gun block east Jackson st. with detour signs.
Local hunters are now oiling up their heavy artillery for the bear season.

40 YEARS AGO
Oct. 30, 1918 (Wednesday)
The chief engineer for Gold Hill's irrigation project reports rapid progress in canal excavation.
Plans are reported of including Medford in a direct air mail route, raising hopes the city may one day have a permanent "aviation station."

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. Who was known as "Il Duce"?
2. What is the unit adopted by astronomers for measuring distances to the stars?
3. If a car's gas tank is empty, will the buyer receive more gas for his money if he refills the tank when the temperature is 77 degrees F., or 120 degrees F.?
4. The work by which a person earns a livelihood is called an avocation, a vocation, or a vacation?
5. What is a holographic will?
6. Is a kilometer about three-fifths, one-half, or four-fifths, the length of a statute mile?
7. What is a testatrix?
8. Name the Russian river which is the longest in Europe.
9. A queue is a tailpiece of a violin, a plait of hair worn behind, or a waiting line before a ticket window?
10. Speleology is the scientific study of spelling, caves, or voodooism?
Answers: 1. Benito Mussolini. 2. The light year. 3. 77 degrees F. 4. Vacation. 5. One written entirely by the hand of the maker (testator). 6. About three-fifths. 7. A woman who has made a will. 8. Volga. 9. All three. 10. Caves.

What is a "Smear"?

"Smear," according to Webster, is to "besmirch, sully or defame." This is the definition used in political campaigns.
In our view, it is tossed around too lightly in many cases. When politicians raise the cry, we are apt to go "ho, hum," and turn to the comics.
But, sometimes, it is the only accurate word to use in describing political tactics.

WITHIN the past few days we have seen a campaign of vilification and distortion which fully merits the word "smear."
"Pay No Communist Blackmail" screams one ad. This is directed toward an American congressman, an overseas veteran and a major in the Air Force Reserve, who has been praised by officials of the state department for his anti-communist stand.
"Strikeout King of Congress?" queries another ad. This about a man who has introduced more legislation than the average congressman, and who has been highly successful in obtaining action on projects within his own district—a congressman who doesn't insist that his own bill be passed if another's will accomplish the same ends.

"DON'T Vote to Raise the Cost of Bread" yells another ad.
This one is based on a vote to retain, for one year only, farm price supports at the present level while another, sounder bill is worked out, and on another vote to bring to the floor of congress, where it could be debated, another controversial piece of complicated farm legislation. (And, incidentally, it also ignores completely the fact that wheat accounts for only about 3 cents per loaf of the cost of bread.)
A television "spot" announcement declares this congressman voted favoring importation of Japanese plywood, then declares this hurt the northwest plywood industry. This is a real phoney, a claim not only discredited on thorough investigation, but blasted by reports from the Tariff commission. Japanese plywood, for decorative purposes, doesn't compete with Oregon plywood, and actually provides jobs for northwestern workers.

The worst of them all, however, was an ad in the Oct. 18 issue of the Roseburg News-Review, which included a picture of Nikita Khrushchev, and uses the old McCarthyite tactic of "guilt by association," accusing this congressman of lies and distortion, and of joining "with the Communist Daily Worker in compounding Nikita Khrushchev's propaganda . . ."

ARE these desperate ads "besmirching, sully-ing or defaming" a patriotic American whose courage has led him to take some unpopular stands because, after study, he believed them right?
They are. They twist and distort the truth just enough to influence the gullible, the uninformed, the timid, to turn away in fear or doubt.
They constitute a smear, one of the most vicious we have seen in many years of watching hard-fought political campaigns.

It's dirty politics. And we hope other voters in this district will show their resentment at the polls. Tactics such as these not only should be repudiated, but buried.—E.A.

Forest Memorial

People in southern Oregon will never know, in cold figures, how much they owe to L. L. (Doc) Simpson.
But what they owe is a goodly portion of the future of this part of the country. They owe him jobs and payrolls, green forests and clear-running streams, wildlife and an ever-renewed forest resource.
For Doc, who died last week, was "Mr. Tree Farm" and "Mr. Conservation" in Jackson county. No single man is, or could be, responsible for the success of the tree farm movement here, but Doc came closer to it than any other man.

WE STILL recall with some vividness our first meeting with Doc. He came marching into the newsroom, asked to meet the new city editor, and proceeded to sit himself down and begin an indoctrination of the neophyte which he kept up, on and off, for the ensuing ten years.
He was a natural enthusiast. And he had the knack of carrying others along with him.
He was a colorful personality, a man of strong attachments and equally strong prejudices. And he didn't give a darn who knew about them. He carried his enthusiasms and his attachments and his prejudices with him—into legislative fights over truck legislation; to the state highway commission with which he did signal battle on occasions; into meetings of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, or into meetings of any and all of the committees and organizations which he served with vigor and intelligence.

WHEREVER his work led him, he was single-minded in his over-all objective—the welfare of the forests products industry and its associated activities; and, by welfare, he considered the long-term good as well as the short-term victory.
Privately-owned forest land, in acreage, is secondary to federal land, and not all of it is in dedicated tree farms.
But much of it is, and is thus dedicated to perpetual yield, perpetual growth, and all the benefits that go with this.
These forested acres serve as a better memorial to Doc Simpson than anything anyone could say or do.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



NOT A BAD PARTY. I BUSTED SIX BALLOONS AN' A WINDOW!

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 initials 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 this paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

From UN Chapter
To the Editor: The Medford chapter of Oregon United Nations association wishes to thank the Medford Mail Tribune for the fine publicity given to the local chapter during the month of October and especially during United Nations Week.
They also wish to express their gratitude for the coverage given to international and national affairs which helps to interpret and project the purposes of the UN as an effective agent for peace.
Ethel Nicodemus,
Recording Secretary,
1122 West Fourth St.
Medford.

Editorials and Measures
To the Editor: We have missed BWR's editorials recently. Mr. Ruhl's editorials were head and shoulders above anything that any of your other writers produce at the present time. Although I hardly ever agree with him, at least he has something to say instead of the "Nothing But Air" that we have been getting.
I would like to call every-one's attention to a couple of measures that are on the ballot.
1st—County Home Rule Amendment. This will make cities out of counties. Counties can adopt a charter (approved and drawn up by the state) that will do away with every other district in the county. Water district, irrigation districts, fire districts and all little governments in the county will be consolidated into one big county government. Instead of bringing our rule closer to home it will take away the little districts that we have left that we can run ourselves. I believe the people will make a mistake if they pass this bill, at least, until it has received more publicity as to just exactly what it will do.
2nd—Temporary Appointment and Assignment of Judges—How long is temporary? We have given temporary power to presidents and to others and we have passed other temporary measures that continue on and on and have become permanent. We should realize that if we pass this bill that it will give the Supreme Court power to continue itself. It will be able to appoint judges for longer times than we can elect them for. If a man is defeated in election he could be appointed temporarily and continue on at the same salary and on the same powers for an indefinite time. These appointees would have power to help appoint others and could soon be even in a majority. Let's not take the power to create courts of any kind out of the people's hands. If we need more judges let's get them some other way than by appointment.
Carroll W. Powell,
PO Box 621,
Central Point.

Suggestions To Voters
To the Editor: When you enter the voting booth it would be well to have your tax statement in one hand and your ballot in the other. We were promised that taxes would be equalized. They were equalized upward. I have yet to find a case where taxes were reduced. Most of the pressure drives made on the budget committee for increased department budgets and courthouse workers' salaries were led by Mrs. Hopkins.
Her latest is for voting machines. I can see where they would be helpful in providing more leisure for the county clerk and her staff, also con-

She'll Not Return
To the Editor, and the people of Gold Hill and Medford: Just to get away from all the mud slinging politics for a change. Your newspaper is trying very hard to clean up your city and should have the backing of all.
While traveling through your city I decided to take in the House of Mystery and was shocked to find a dump get started just below the House of Mystery. They tell me they have 100,000 visitors a year there. Imagine a beautiful drive up Sardine creek and a city dump between two very interesting sight-seeing points. I'll never return, I assure you.
Mrs. H. J.,
(Name on File)
Eugene, Ore.

Likes Hatfield
To the Editor: As a native Oregonian of not too venerable years, and as a now registered Independent voter, having in the past been registered as a voter of both parties, I would like to suggest to the voters of Oregon, that when casting their vote for governor of Oregon in Nov. 4 next, that perhaps now is the time for all good voters to come to their own aid and do some independent thinking before casting their vote.
I would say that Mark Hatfield meets the requirements to be governor of Oregon in the years ahead when greatly increased population will call for fair and unbiased leadership of all segments of our population.
George W. Croisan Sr.
Box 627
Salem, Ore.

Duncan's Record
To the Editor: Advertisements and letters to the editor in Sunday's paper have questioned my position on real property tax bills in the past legislature.
I recognize fully that real property tax relief is a necessity and worked hard toward effective tax relief. For that reason, among others, I supported additional Basic School Support. Every nickel of school expense assumed by the state is a nickel that does not have to be raised by a tax on real property. This last legislature is the first to give any such support. All the rest has been voted by the people.
I voted against S.B. 2 which would have given property tax relief to older people. So did 45 other representatives including Littrell, Bristol and 18 other Republicans. The bill was in such form that no responsible legislator could vote for it, for it would have left many districts and cities with virtually no tax base. I am not oblivious to the problem, but I will not vote for a bad bill for a few votes.
The bill to take the state out of the real property tax field except for bonded indebtedness gave no tax relief. The state has not collected a real property tax for many years and none was proposed

Matter of Fact

THE KREMLIN BEARING GIFTS
Washington—A secret understanding about Soviet and Egyptian spheres of influence in the Middle East most probably lies behind the Kremlin's recently announced loan of \$100,000,000 to Egypt to finance the Aswan Dam.
The wisest experts here are unanimous in pretty strongly suspecting the existence of such a Soviet-Egyptian sphere-of-influence deal. If they are correct, the new development in the Middle East is likely to affect us all rather more in the end than anything that happens in the present strange election.
But before examining the new development's significance, the reasons for strongly suspecting such a deal must first be given. They lie chiefly in Iraq, where the Kremlin is well on the way towards establishing a main base in the Arab land. The abrupt demotion and final exile of the Iraqi revolution's number two leader, Col. Abdul Salam Mohammed Aref.
AFTER the fall of the pro-Western government in Iraq, a conflict at once began there between the 100 per cent pro-Nasser group, then headed by Col. Aref, and a more "independent-minded" group headed by Col. Aref's chief and partner, Brig. Gen. Karim Kassem. The Communist and Nasserite under-

grounds had collaborated in the revolution. Both were represented in the resulting government—the Communists, by the new Minister of Development, Ibrahim Kubba, for one.
Now the real question was which would be master. Gen. Kassem is most emphatically not a Communist. But his "independent-mindedness" was and is vigorously encouraged and supported by the Communists.
The Nasserites seem to have been very confident of victory at the outset. The Egyptian Embassy even pressed the Iraqi government to agree that Egypt would represent Iraq in all negotiations for arms for the Iraqi Army with nations of the Soviet bloc. But quite probably because Gen. Kassem was naturally stronger than Col. Aref, the Nasserites were severely defeated in the end.
COL. AREF was demoted in mid-September and ordered into comfortable exile, as Ambassador to Bonn, by the end of the month. Direct negotiations for Soviet arms were opened by the Iraqis—thus shattering Nasser's former cherished monopoly as the exclusive representative of all Arab nationalists in all dealings of this sort. The influence of other Nasserite ministers at Baghdad obviously declined, to the point where further dismissals are now possible. Hard-core Communists who had hurriedly returned from exile, like the famous Kurdish leader, Mullah Mustafa Barazani, began to play a more and more conspicuous role in Iraq.
Not long after Aref's final fall, the Egyptian Army commander, Gen. Abdul Hakim Amer, left for Prague and Moscow. Gen. Amer, who is also Nasser's preferred confidential agent, reached Moscow on Oct. 19, and carried on negotiations with the Kremlin until just the other day, when the big Soviet loan for the Aswan Dam was announced. In view of past Soviet refusals to have anything to do with the grandiose Aswan project, the announcement was a distinct surprise.
There are many other bits and pieces in the pattern. One is Nasser's toleration of the return to Damascus of the Syrian Communist leader, Khalid Bagdash. Another is the Cairo radio's conspicuous failure to whisper the smallest criticism of the Iraqi government, whereas Nasser has always venomously denounced every other Arab government that has refused to admit his predominance. Still another is Nasser's new habit of professing total lack of interest in the Gulf coast sheikdoms, and especially rich Kuwait.

THE whole pattern suggests that the big Aswan Dam loan is in fact a reward to Nasser for approving an important sphere of Soviet influence in the Middle East, where he has always bitterly resisted all influences but his own. Iraq now and the Persian Gulf sheikdoms in the future (the same region that Molotov asked Hitler to concede to the Kremlin in 1941) would appear to be included in the approved Soviet sphere. The Arab states fringing the Mediterranean, plus Saudi Arabia and the Yemen, are still quite obviously in the sphere of Nasser.
West of Suez, meanwhile, Nasser has no doubt been guaranteed fullest Soviet support for intensified attempts to extend his control over the Sudan, Libya, Tunisia, and Morocco, and for his patronage of the Algerian rebels. One thing Nasser and the Kremlin can easily agree about is the desirability of attacking Western friends and Western positions. And with

2, or 20?
To the Editor: A few days ago Mr. Paul Geddes made a political appearance on KBES-TV. His topic was Congressman Charles Porter's legislative record in Congress.
To make, his point clear to the voters, Mr. Geddes displayed a stack of papers intended to represent 76 bills which Congressman Charles Porter had introduced in Congress during the past two years. Mr. Geddes proceeded to tell us that Mr. Porter had deceived the voters by saying that 20-some odd bills he introduced passed in one form or another bearing his signature. To make this point Mr. Geddes held up one of the pieces of paper, which he waved back and forth, then said: Out of 76 bills introduced by Mr. Porter only one has been approved and passed by Congress! This was indeed a shock to hear. I drew one conclusion, someone was indeed trying to deceive the voters.
Last Tuesday, Oct. 28, on Page 1, Section Two, Cols. 8 and 9 of the Medford Mail Tribune, appeared an advertisement in bold type—"Strikeout King of Congress!" Porter introduced 76 bills! Only two passed Congress!
I should like to have Mr. Geddes tell us, is it one or is it two bills that Mr. Porter succeeded in passing? How many bills will it be in tomorrow's campaign efforts, or is it possible that we will be told it 20-odd bills instead of one or two, or that several bills passed Congress in one form or another with Congressman Charles Porter's signature on them?
If Mr. Porter is a deceiver, as we are told he is, it would be nice for Mr. Geddes and his campaign committee to get together and decide on what to say, and say the same things at all times and places. It is quite confusing. It leaves one in doubt as to who is the deceiver.
A middle of the road voter.
Roy R. Picard,
3400 Jacksonville Hwy.,
Medford.

Roscoe Drummond Reports . . .

(Drummond is substituting for Walter Lippmann, during the latter's trip to Russia.)
THIS MAN NIXON
Seattle—He is not running for office. He is not campaigning for himself. He is doing more politicking than any other candidate in the nation. Wherever I have traveled across the country from Massachusetts to California and up the Coast to the Pacific Northwest looking in on this Congressional election, I have found him to be the most discussed, most questioned, most criticized, most praised and most simultaneously liked and disliked political personality in the whole United States.
What's his line?
His line is Presidential politics and he is, as you have guessed, Richard M. Nixon, the Republican political leader who, whatever one thinks about him, is never ignored.
Nobody, simply nobody, seems indifferent to Vice President Nixon.
I HAVE talked with a lot of politicians of both parties in numerous states on this trip and, by virtue of some extracurricular lecturing, have been the target of a barrage of questions from a variety of audiences on politics and personalities. The questions may be friendly, hostile, or just plain curious, but they always get around to Mr. Nixon; such questions as these:
Is he sincere? Has he changed. Since he is going all-out to elect a Republican Congress, will he be seriously hurt politically if his campaign falls far short of his goal. If Nelson Rockefeller wins the Governorship of New York and thereby emerges as a national figure in the Republican Party, will he offer a formidable challenge to Mr. Nixon's nomination in 1960?
Opinions will differ on these questions. I don't assume that mine would be the only answers possible, but the following is an effort to look at the facts.
Whether one is sincere or opportunistic is such a subjective quality of mind that it is almost impossible to measure it. I know of no politician who does not weigh public opinion alongside his own opinion or of whom it could be said that he never swayed with the political winds. President Roosevelt made a virtue out of what he himself called "quarter-back" leadership—if one thing didn't work, try another.
MY OWN judgment is: That Mr. Nixon has an alert and informed grasp of the kind of world we are living with and of the main problems the United States is up against.
That he is widely committed to a set of approaches to dealing with these problems, spanning the whole range of the cold war and the consequences at home, which seems

the Kremlin establishing an open base at Baghdad, it will be more convenient for everyone if Nasser now centers his attack in Africa.
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VOTERS OF JACKSON COUNTY
I am a car dealer and I don't know too much about politics . . . but I do know
CHET WENDT
He has done an Outstanding Job as
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
I'm voting to re-elect
CHET WENDT
and I hope you do, too.
BOB TAYLOR,
Medford, Oregon
Pd. Adv. Chester H. Wendt,
Medford, Ore.

PAUL GEDDES SAYS
"Our present congressmen felt he had no responsibility in helping us get I. C. C. approval of lower freight rates. As I have pointed out, lower rates on Oregon lumber might mean the difference between operating mills and jobs, and closed mills and unemployment. I shall make all matters affecting Oregon jobs my FIRST responsibility in Congress."
Elect A Congressman Whose Interests Are Your Interests!
PAUL GEDDES
(pd. pol. adv., Geddes for Congress Committee, V. E. Johnson, Eugene, Chm.)

Old age, believe me, is a good and pleasant time. It is true that you are quietly shouldered off the stage, but then you are given such a comfortable seat as spectator, and if you have really played your part you are more content to sit down and watch.
—Jane Ellen Harrison

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