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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**  
Dec. 30, 1948 (Thursday)  
An Arizona psychology student  
clad only in diaper and  
silk top hat and studying  
motorists' reaction to the  
same, passes through town  
hitch-hiking back to classes  
from Seattle.

Don Fairweather describes  
his apprenticeship under the  
famous architect Frank Lloyd  
Wright.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 30, 1938 (Friday)  
Diamond Lake is now frozen  
from shore to shore to a  
depth of six inches.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye  
Smudge Pot" column: "There  
is only one day left in 1938.  
Many who planned to do  
something this year better  
get busy."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 30, 1928 (Sunday)  
Southern Oregon Sales,  
Inc., announces plans to erect  
a \$100,000 cold storage, pre-  
cooling and packing plant  
here.

J. C. Barnes, 20 North  
Peach st., wins first prize in  
the Christmas outdoor light-  
ing contest.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 30, 1918 (Monday)  
The Ashland Red Cross  
branch boasts "a most grati-  
fying financial showing."  
Decorators begin recal-  
culating the interior of the SP  
passenger depot, having al-  
ready completed painting the  
outside.

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

1. What color is Titian  
blonde, and why is it so  
named?  
2. Name the composer of a  
famous "Largo."  
3. All of the planets re-  
volve about the sun in the  
same direction; true or false?  
4. What is the English  
translation of the name  
"Sverige?"  
5. In honor of what king is  
Jacobean furniture named?  
6. Under which President  
of the United States did Adlai  
Stevenson serve as Vice Pres-  
ident?  
7. For what purpose is the  
Bertillon system used?  
8. Does a xylographer play  
a musical instrument, engage  
in wood carving, or make  
maps?  
9. If sodium chloride were  
not served with a meal, what  
would be lacking?  
10. Who played the male  
lead in the movie, "I Married  
a Male War Bride"?

Answers: 1. Red; used by  
the painter Titian. 2. Handel.  
3. True. 4. Sweden. 5. James  
I. England. 6. Grover Cleve-  
land. 7. Identification of per-  
sons. 8. Wood carver. 9. Salt.  
10. Cary Grant.

**TAX RETURNS UP**  
Washington—(UPI)—An esti-  
mated 59,817,000 income tax  
returns were filed with the  
Internal Revenue Service for  
1957—an increase of more  
than 600,000 from 1956.

**ACTOR'S MOTHER DIES**  
Mrs. Edith Lake, 70, the  
mother of actor Arthur (Dag-  
wood) Lake, died Monday of  
a heart ailment.

### Lumber Optimism

The decreased rail freight rates from this area to southern California and Arizona now in effect will be a big boon to the lumber industry of southwestern Oregon.

Also, they represent a big victory for lumbermen in this area who have fought for them. (The battle was started several years ago, and much of the credit for success must go to the late L. L. (Doc) Simpson, who as secretary-manager of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association helped in the gathering of facts and preparation of briefs in the dispute.)

Third, they represent action by the Southern Pacific railroad which is of material benefit to this area.

**OTHER** newspapers have taken cognizance of this more favorable rate. The Ashland Tidings says:

"With home building predicted for 1959 for the nation as a whole at a good level, and the equalization of the competition condition for mills of this area, there is considerable optimism in the lumber industry for the months ahead."

And the Oregon Statesman in Salem declares:

"The lumber market is looking up. A better building year is foreseen for 1959 and yards are stocking up in anticipation. Prices for lumber have strengthened in recent weeks, an unusual trend for this time of year. If the lumber demand holds brisk, less attention will be given to the freight rate differentials."

While only time will tell if these optimistic forecasts are borne out, indications at present do justify optimism.—E.A.

### Facing Realities

Should the postmaster general, under today's conditions, hold cabinet rank?

Congressman Charles O. Porter of this district doesn't think so, and plans to introduce legislation next year calling for the post office to be made a part of the department of commerce, and for the postmaster general to become an assistant secretary of commerce.

Porter makes a good case for it, too, based on knowledge gained during his first term as a member of the post office and civil service committee of the house of representatives.

**PORTER** declares that the duties of the postmaster general have become increasingly "mechanical and administrative," rather than on a policy-making cabinet level as they were in the early days of the nation when the post office was an integral factor in establishing communications to the new lands of the west.

On the other hand, the congressman believes that another governmental functionary, the chairman of the atomic energy commission, should be elevated to cabinet rank. He says:

"I believe that planned development and use of atomic energy is crucial to our economic future and to our very survival."

**WE** suspect that Porter's legislation will have slow going. But it is based on an objective view of the relative importance of the two positions — the one an important post but one no longer involved with intimate questions of national policy; the other in a position of vast importance, with both civilian and military implications, one which may well be in a position to make decisions affecting the very future of the nation.

Porter's proposal is a good one, and one facing the cruel realities of today's "mixed-up" world.—E.A.

### Umpqua Corridor

One of the pleasantest drives in Oregon is along the Umpqua river, between Scottsburg and Reedsport.

Here the river is wide, deep and gently curving. The south bank is mostly steep bluff, dropping off to sheer rock cliffs in many places, and the highway runs along the edge of the water. The north bank is forested.

Much of the river along this 15-mile stretch is tidewater, and old pilings, docks and boat-houses dot the water and the shoreline.

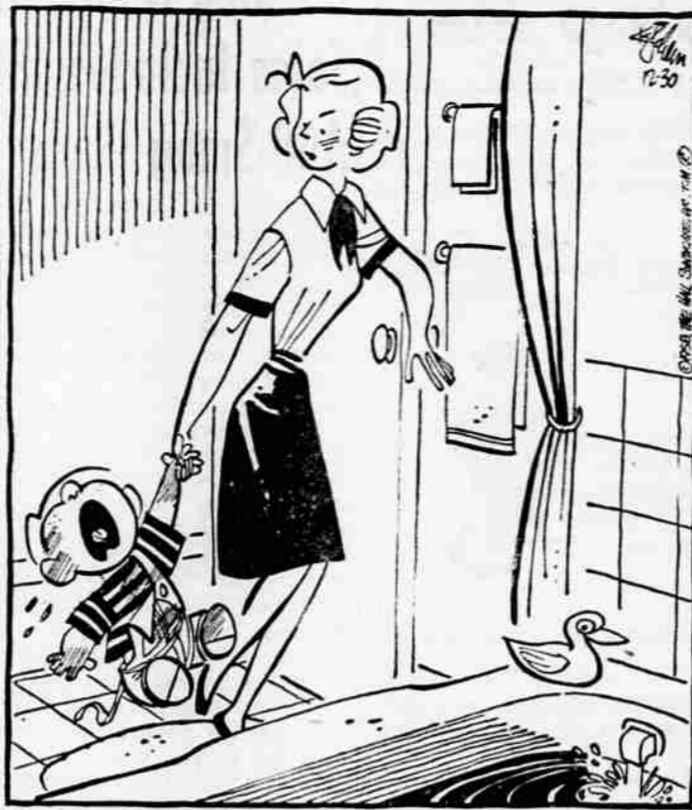
**IT IS** now proposed that a half-mile on each side of the river along these 15 miles be set aside as a "forest corridor," to be preserved from logging or other industrial activity which might mar its natural scenic beauty.

The movement has considerable chance of success, for both the U.S. forest service and the Oregon department of forestry are sympathetic, and have pledged their assistance. The two agencies own much of the forested lands in question. And it has been proposed that the privately-owned land in the suggested corridor be exchanged for state or federal commercial forest areas further removed from the river.

**MRS.** Phillip Brandt of Salem, a landscape architect, is head of a statewide committee the purpose of which is to conserve areas of natural beauty such as this.

Mrs. Brandt considers the lower Umpqua drive "one of the state's most priceless scenic assets."  
We agree. We wish the committee success, and hope whatever difficulties may lie in the way can be solved. For this one area, only some 15 square miles in size, has a far greater overall usefulness as a forested scenic attraction than it could ever have as a source of lumber.—E. A.

### Dennis the Menace



"If I'DA KNOWN THIS I WOULD'VE GOT REAL DIRTY!"

### Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

**THE MOLOTOV PROGRAM**

London—Both here and in Washington, the policymakers hardly know what to do, and the general public has not been alerted. Hence there has been no positive British or American reaction, as yet, to the total transformation of the Middle Eastern scene.

Nevertheless, as I write for the homeward-bound plane and reflect on the lessons of a long journey, I feel more and more certain that the virtual Communist takeover in Iraq is a truly enormous event. The Kremlin has in fact begun to carry out the Middle Eastern program that old Molotov asked Hitler to approve in the heyday of the Soviet-Nazi pact in 1940.

The Molotov program marked Constantinople and the straits, Iraq, Iran, and the head of the Persian Gulf, as Joseph Stalin's share of the expected post-war loot in the Middle East. Adolf Hitler shared the expected post-war loot in the Middle East. Adolf Hitler violently rejected these demands presented by Molotov. But in Iraq today, the Molotov program has briskly come to life again after 18 years on the shelf.

**WHEN** I was in Baghdad, the Iraqi Communists had already defeated the pro-Nasser nationalists, and their influence was already enormous. But at that time, both the army and the police were still entirely intact and entirely loyal to the new Iraqi revolutionary leader, Brig. Abdel Karim Kassem. Hence it was still theoretically easy for Kassem to crush the Communists and rule Iraq in true independence.

A little later, however, there was another, wholly abortive coup d'etat attempt at Baghdad, which was probably organized by Communist agents provocateurs. Being alarmed by this new attack on his authority, Brig. Kassem was easily persuaded to make a long series of arrests and changes in the police and army. As a result, the Iraqi police are now reportedly under effective Communist control; and the army is also said to be rather deeply penetrated. Thus the Communists must now be regarded as the real masters of Iraq unless and until Brig. Kassem offers

**THE** suppression of the Syrian Communists will not interfere in any way with this Kremlin-planned role. If Nasser finally accepts this role, he will make his peace with the new Communist power in the Eastern part of the Arab world. He will in-

### 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.

### Forget the Reckoning

To the Editor: It makes one feel a little sad that so many people are becoming concerned about the taxes they have to pay. So far, only about one half of each one's income goes for taxes. Let us remember that for 25 years we have been voting for taxes, more than for anything else we have voted for taxes.

We want dams, power plants and transmission lines; we want roads, highways, and super highways, we want schools. We have the highest paid workers in the world and they are organized; they have the government to enforce their demands. In order to obtain employment it is necessary to get permission from the government to work. The tax is 20 per cent of your wage. Next is a permit to work from a union, that is another 10 per cent. The county and state tax is peanuts.

In 180 years we have

grown from a bunch of wagon tramps to the most powerful, and wealthiest nation in the world (put a bit of salt on that) so let us crack our heels and shake our fist in the air, and pay our taxes. If we need, sell the old gray mare and mortgage the farm, or turn the farm to the Land Bank to raise the cash.  
Let us continue voting for taxes for this is a new age, the Age of Paper. Let us sing with Omar Khayyam.  
"Make the most of what we yet may spend,  
Before we too into the dust descend."  
Let us forget that day of reckoning. It will arrive in due time.  
Joseph J. Hall,  
Shady Cove, Ore.

**Omnipresent**  
To the Editor: Omnipresent: When will people learn to suffer ridicule to uphold faith?  
Henry C. Lanigan  
528 North Front st.  
Medford

### Science Concerned With Everything From Space to Brain; Progress Is Forecast

Washington—(Science Service)—Science is concerned with everything from the outermost reaches of astronomic space to the intricate workings of human minds.

The science meetings held traditionally in the days between Christmas and New Year's, this year principally Washington, give not alone reports of what has been discovered but a forecast of the progress of science in the months and years to come.

There is great potential future progress in the space in the earth's neighborhood. Satellites will orbit and rockets streak through unknown regions outward toward the moon and planets.

Man in space, at least, after the dreamings of human

imagination? Next year's science meetings and those of the next year and the year after will be asking this question, still unanswered, unless a suicide attempt is made in a Soviet space vehicle to open a man or woman for a short time with little chance of a safe return.

Can't? The laboratories are working full speed on drugs to check this great kick in many disguises. Success cannot be predicted confidently.

Education in science is spurring forward with more dollars and more enthusiasms by students, teachers, industry and government. Are the Russians ahead? Will they spend more money and surpass our attempts to outmatch

them? American experts have inspected U.S.S.R. progress with mixed judgments being reported and evaluated. One sure conclusion: Soviet education is off the ground in successful flight like their ICBMs and satellites.

### Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

### NIXON IN THE MIDDLE

Washington—Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who is no stranger to the perilous heights, is again on a swaying high wire that tests a new, his poised and ordinarily sure footwork. The outlook is that he will land on his feet, as usual.

The struggle now going on among the Senate Republicans and the so-called liberals or moderns deeply involve Mr. Nixon's fortunes. It is to his interest to have the outcome at least seem to give some success to the liberals in their demands for a bigger voice in the Senate Republican leadership.

One of the Vice President's great and frankly recognized necessities is his unannounced candidacy for the 1960 Presidential nomination is to remove the Old Guardist cast put upon his party by the nature of the recent Republican Congressional campaign and by its disastrous results.

**THUS**, if it can be made to appear to the public that Senate Republicans in choosing their leaders have paid real attention to the moderns this will be a net gain for Mr. Nixon.

tensify his attacks on the remaining Western positions in the Arab lands. And above all, he will strengthen his drive into Africa. If Nasser and the Communists work together in this manner, the consequences will be fatal and uncontrollable.

In justice to Nasser, it must be said that he is alarmed and angered by what has happened. Being a genuine nationalist, he genuinely dislikes Soviet interference in Arab affairs just as much as he dislikes Western interference. He would therefore like to stand and fight. But as Nasser told me, he cannot "fight on two fronts." Acceptance of the role the Kremlin has planned for him is the easiest way out. In short, a bold and imaginative new Western approach to Nasser and the Middle East can alone prevent the worst from happening.

Small Western moves are being made. But a new approach on the needed scale is certainly not being contemplated, partly because London's dealings with Cairo are now deeply influenced by domestic politics, and partly because boldness and imagination are now in rather short supply in Washington. Flabbily, flaccidly, feebly, the worst will therefore be allowed to happen. At the moment, at any rate, that seems the most probable forecast.

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### Neuberger To Back Gas Tax Increase

Portland—(UPI)—Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.) said today he will support President Eisenhower's requests for higher gasoline taxes and increased postage rates.

The junior senator from Oregon is a member of two Senate committees strategic to both issues—the roads and highways subcommittee of the Senate Post Office Committee.

Neuberger said he was choosing the taxes in preference to what he described as "a worse evil, inflation."

### NO WAGE DEMANDS

Washington—(UPI)—Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) wants labor to refrain from any wage demands which basic industries could use to justify price increases. Kefauver, chairman of the Senate anti-trust subcommittee, said on Monday night such wage demands would add to the inflationary spiral.

### Here's How Parties Supported Platforms Proposed in 1956

By Congressional Quarterly

Washington—(CQ)—The Democratic-controlled Congress and the Republican-dominated Administration have two more years in which to live up to the party convention platforms they hammered together so eagerly in 1956.

Some of the platform promises have been kept; others have gone the way of most resolutions—unattended and often forgotten.

Congressional Quarterly matched the actual performance by the Administration and Congress so far against the 1956 platform promises. Here is a summary of the findings:

**Civil Rights:** Both parties pledged to fight against illegal discrimination based on race, religion, etc., but both deplored the use of force. The Administration sent Federal troops to Little Rock in 1957 and also asked for a bipartisan commission to investigate charges of violation and a new civil rights division in the Justice Department. Congress provided these in the Civil Rights Act of 1957.

**Aid to Education:** Both parties promised Federal money to build schools. The subject wasn't brought up by the Administration in 1958 and no action was taken by Congress. Both parties promised scholarships but these were scrapped in favor of a loan program. Promised improvements in scientific and technological education were sought in the National Defense Education Act of 1958.

**Social Security:** Both parties promised to extend social security coverage and increase benefits. The Administration made no such requests but Congress, as it has in the past four election years, liberalized social security.

**Labor:** Both parties urged extension of the minimum wage to larger numbers of workers. Congress failed to act on such a request from the Administration. The Democratic platform called for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act; the Republicans wanted to revise it. It was not repealed. The Administration asked for revisions but the Kennedy-Ives bill to provide them failed to get through the House.

**Defense:** A strong national defense establishment was ardently called for by both platforms. Both Administration and Congress saw to it that

national defense was the biggest item in the budget—between 59 and 60 per cent of all Federal expenditures. Administration and Congress also joined in putting through a reorganization of the Pentagon aimed at more efficient defense.

**Statehood:** Both parties promised statehood for Alaska and Hawaii. Alaska won statehood in 1958; Hawaii still is a territory.

**Taxes:** Tax reduction, especially for low and middle-income groups, was promised by both parties. No such reduction occurred.

**Government Spending:** The Democratic platform promised a "honest and realistic balance of the Federal Budget"; the Republicans promised a "continued balancing of the budget". The 1958 fiscal year deficit was \$2.8 billion and the deficit for fiscal 1959 is estimated at \$12.2 billion.

**World Trade:** The Democrats promised "vigorous" support of the Reciprocal Trade Program; Republicans said international trade should be speeded "gradually". The program was extended with substantial tariff-cutting authority. To further reduction of trade barriers, the Administration twice requested U.S. membership in the Organization for Trade Cooperation. Congress took no action.

**Farm Problems:** Both parties promised full (100 per cent) parity. Parity ratio in 1958 stood at 82 per cent. In 1958, a farm bill was approved that reduced price supports and eased production controls on cotton, rice and corn and extended for three years the incentive payment program for wool.

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