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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. 31, 1948 (Friday)
Work on rehabilitating the
hospital at Camp White for a
veterans' sanitarium is pro-
gressing satisfactorily.
Merger of the Phoenix and
Fern Valley school districts
gains approval.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 31, 1938 (Saturday)
E. Clark Bobbett, to pro-
mote his "Courtesy in Traf-
fic" campaign here.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye
Smudge Pot" column: "Out-
door enthusiasts are flocking
to Ice Lake near Ashland, to
cut fancy didoes on an icy
surface, and respond to the
law of gravitation."

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 31, 1928 (Monday)
The country court places
\$270,000 in O and C refund
money in the county road
bond fund.
A Chamber of Commerce
committee to explore the pos-
sibility of a Community
Chest here next year is estab-
lished.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 31, 1918 (Tuesday)
Fancy, high-blooded fowls
and finely-bred rabbits are
gathered for the Southern
Oregon Poultry association's
show.
Plumbers are much in de-
mand as freezing weather
brings burst water pipes.

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

1. What is Europe's highest active volcano?
2. Wellington is the capital of which South Pacific country?
3. At what battle in World War I did the phrase "they shall not pass" originate?
4. Complete this saying: "Give me liberty or ..."
5. Who was the Roman god of war?
6. Name the submarine in the novel "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," written by Jules Verne.
7. Quote the last six words of President Lincoln's Gettysburg address.
8. Which is lighter in weight, a fresh egg, or a spoiled egg?
9. If an Army, in column ten miles long, marched ten miles a day, how long would it take a messenger leaving the rear of the column to reach the head, if he traveled at the rate of twenty miles a day?
10. Do bats lay eggs?
Answers: 1. Mt. Etna. 2. New Zealand. 3. Verdun. 4. "... give me death." 5. Mars. 6. "The Nautilus." 7. "shall not perish from the earth." 8. Spoiled. 9. One day. 10. No.

EXTENDS VACATION
Montego Bay, Jamaica (UPI) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has decided to extend his vacation here until Saturday, it was learned Tuesday night. The secretary and his wife flew here from Paris at the conclusion of the recent meeting of the Atlantic Pact Council. They originally had planned to leave Tuesday.

Legislative Dilemma

Oregon voters this past year have been emphatic in their rejection of taxes and spending. There has been a hue and cry about "economy in government," "cutting out the waste," etc. This "talks good," as the saying goes. But it is unrealistic to believe that costs of state and local government ever will go down materially, unless the people of Oregon suddenly decide they don't want many of the things which they have heretofore demanded.

UNDOUBTEDLY, some monetary savings can be effected by "cutting out the waste," for waste there is (although we suspect it is not as great as those who glibly use the phrase think). But if state and local governments were to continue operating at their current service level, and ALL "waste" were eliminated, the savings would be tiny in comparison to the overall costs — AND the costs would continue to rise.

That is the unpleasant reality that Oregon's citizens are going to have to face, sooner or later. And it is beginning to look as though it will be sooner.

THERE is the additional fact, which complicates the dilemma, that new demands for new services — some of them with considerable merit — are constantly being made. Perhaps even more important, existing services are expanding as a result of population and other pressures, and will need funds to put that expansion into effect.

The easy thing to do, obviously, is to say "NO!" to all requests for added funds, whether they be for new services or for expansion of well-established services.

WHERE are government costs largest? In education, first. The students are here. Their numbers are increasing. Are we to say "NO" to their needs for an education, from first grade through college? In welfare. Are we to say "NO" to the increasing number of elderly people whose social security or savings are insufficient to keep them in reasonable comfort and dignity for the final years of their lives? Or "NO" to children in need of food and clothing? In institutions. Are we to turn criminals loose because we have no place to imprison them? Are we to deny the mentally ill treatment because we "cannot afford" the treatment facilities? Are we to say "NO" to children who need institutional care (at Fairview, or Hillcrest, or MacLaren) because we refuse to pay for expansion? In highway construction and maintenance. Shall we reject new highways, or better maintenance for existing ones, because they cost too much?

THE four categories listed above account for the biggest share of taxes. The others — which might be called "house-keeping" or "service" functions — while costly, take nowhere near the amount that these do. Such things as the state police, the departments of forestry and agriculture, the department of motor vehicles, the public utilities commission, the bureau of labor, the state library — all these provide things that the people of Oregon want and need, and if they were to be cut back materially there would be howls of anguish. The major difficulty is that when people think of "taxes" they rarely relate them to the services which the taxes pay for. It is far easier to say "cut out the waste" than to show where the waste lies; to say "cut government expenses" than to point to a place they can be cut without damaging services which practically everyone agrees are vital.

SO THIS is the problem the legislature faces. It can, conceivably, duck the issue for another two years, as has been done at prior sessions, without coming to grips with the essential problem. It can pass a "bare-bones" budget which will keep governmental services alive. But that only would serve to pass the inevitable buck to future legislatures. Or it can take a realistic look at state government and what it does, decide on a program for the future based on the needs of the people of this growing state, and come to a hard decision on how much this is going to cost.

And then it can fashion a tax program to provide what is needed. **THE PEOPLE**, ultimately, will pass on such a tax program. If it is rejected, then the legislature will know either that (1) it is the wrong kind of tax program, or (2) that the people do not want (or don't want to pay for) the level of state services that has been provided up to this point. But the alternatives should be made crystal-clear. They are these:
1. An expanded state program of services, taking cognizance of new needs, new population and new conditions. This will be at a considerable increase in cost, and resulting higher taxes in one form or another.
2. A state governmental program on about the existing level, with moderate expansion provided. This too will cost more in taxes than is being paid now, because of expanding population and rising costs.
3. A curtailed state government, with education, welfare, institutions, highways and services cut to the bare bones. This would cost about what state government does now, or conceivably a little less. These, as we see it, are the avenues among which the legislature will have to choose. — E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"WHATTA THEY SAY? OL' LANG LINE? OL' LONG SIGN? OR OL' SANG FINE?"

Liberal Republican Hopes For Leaders Fading, Poll Shows

By WILLIAM THEIS
Washington (UPI) — GOP liberals hope to win their party's Senate leadership with support from Republicans who will face a Democratic liberal trend in seeking reelection in 1960. But some conceded their hope of electing Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky.), over Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.), has been trimmed to only a "fighting chance."

Of seven Republican senators who could be listed in an uncommitted category, only three are up for reelection in 1960. Even if all three voted for Cooper, he would still be three votes short of victory, a survey by United Press International indicated. Six of the 11 Republicans who will seek reelection in 1960 are being counted in Dirksen's column. Two others are committed to Cooper. Dirksen appeared to be sure of 15 votes to 12 for Cooper, with seven in doubt. But pro-Dirksen sources felt he would be likely to get five of the seven for a total of at least 20 votes, two more than the required majority. Cooper's designation by the liberal bloc to challenge the candidacy of Dirksen, the

NAMES AMBASSADOR
Mexico City (UPI) — President Adolfo Lopez Mateos has designated Rafael de la Colina as Mexico's new ambassador to Canada, the Foreign Ministry announced today.

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.

Sign of the Coming
To the Editor: Sunday's paper carried a headline which has far greater significance than the article below it and inside follow-up indicate. The ten nations making up the European Payments Union are an indication of something far more important than convertibility of currency to facilitate trade. According to the Bible, these ten nations can be taken as a sure sign of the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ. The explanation is found in Daniel 7. Here we are told that there will be four great kingdoms of earth, ending with the Roman Empire. After its downfall, there will arise ten kingdoms out of the remains of the Holy Roman empire of the time of Charlemagne, which would mean Western Europe. These nations will be ruled by the anti-Christ during the Tribulation. I realize many people

Try and Stop Me

—By BENNETT CERF—

RUMER GODDEN, talented English author, received a telephone call in her London home from an American woman who declared she was a great admirer of Miss Godden and had read every one of her books. "I'd love to drop 'round and pay my respects in person," she trifled. "Come by all means," agreed the courteous Miss Godden. The lady thereupon turned up for tea with SIXTEEN other ladies! It developed that the American admirer ran a tour of Europe in which the customers were promised they would meet famous authors and be entertained by them in their homes! Miss Godden told Roger Smith, of Publishers' Weekly, about another "fan" who wrote to ask for her autograph. Miss Godden mailed it, and in due course received another note from the fan which read, "I have analyzed your handwriting. You are deceitful, selfish, and mean."



Opponents to Federal Legislation Against Labor Violence Call on Local Enforcement

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington (UPI) — Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell has another convert to his belief that it would be wrong to let the FBI loose on labor goons and racketeers who advance the cause of the working man with bombs and other violence. The convert is Sen. Patrick V. McNamara (D-Mich.). McNamara spoke last week before the criminology symposium of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Mitchell got on record last autumn at the Atlantic City convention of the steelworkers. The steelworkers greeted Mitchell with some boing but warmed up considerably after he had outlined his policies. One of his policies was that there should be no federal legislation to deal with labor mugging, goon squads and criminal tactics. "What we do need," Mitchell said, "is a recognition at the community level that these local laws against such violence should be enforced. No one has to wait for Washington to pass a law to check these evils."

Are Local Laws Enough?
The record of the Senate Labor Racketeers Committee presided over by Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) is sufficient proof that local laws against labor violence are not properly enforced. Neither present GOP wh'p, smoked out several senators previously uncommitted. Sen. J. Glenn Beal (R-Md.) made it known he would vote for Dirksen, as did Sens. Francis Case (R-S.D.), and Henry C. Dworshak (R-Ia.). **Morton for Cooper**
The only convert nailed down for the liberals was Cooper's Kentucky colleague, Thurston B. Morton, who had announced earlier he would be for Dirksen unless Cooper was chosen by the liberals. Eight self-styled liberals agreed to most being vacated by retiring Sen. William F. Knowland of California, and to put up Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.), for the office of whip. They postponed until next week the selection of candidates for three other Republican offices—policy chairman, conference chairman and conference secretary.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I seem to be hipped on the subject of communism these past few days. Maybe the Christmas season has some thing to do with it. If the world were all communist, THERE WOULD BE NO CHRISTMAS — and if there were no Christmas it would be a much drabber world. So, at this bright and wonderful season, it may be that the dark and menacing thundercloud of communism becomes by contrast even darker and more menacing. **AND** — It may be — The brightness and the cheer and the wonder of the Christmas season are stimulating the communists to even greater propaganda efforts. At any rate, there has been a lot of communist

is a lot of enthusiasm for a federal law to punish persons who bomb schools or churches. Hoover probably would be against that, too, if the FBI were involved. But many a member of Congress with large racial or religious minorities back home would not dare to vote "No."

Scientific Outpost In Antarctic Region To Be Ghost Town

Little America, Antarctica — The final stages of turning this big U.S. scientific outpost into a ghost town began today with the close of the International Geophysical Year. The next three weeks will see the complete evacuation of more than 100 scientists and base personnel and the transfer of hundreds of tons of equipment, including valuable scientific instruments. The base built by navy seabees in early 1956 is the fifth U.S. expedition camp in this area of the Ross Ice Shelf since Adm. Richard E. Byrd's historic first expedition to the Bay of Whales 30 years ago. **Completely Covered**
Like that first base—named Little America I—Little America V already is completely covered by the relentless accumulation of ice and snow. It will be closed up tight by Jan. 20, although precautions will be taken for a speedy reopening, if necessary.

The icebreakers Staten Island and Northwind are ferrying priority cargo from the edge of the massive ice shelves near here to the big American station at McMurdo sound, 450 miles to the west. This base will be completely deserted with the departure of the icebreaker Glacier next month. Plans to make an overland evacuation across the ice shelf were called off when a trail-blazing team ran into an extensive crevasse area near McMurdo. Two men were injured slightly when their 38-ton tractor plunged into a 55-foot-deep crevasse. **Program To Continue**
Thursday the task of processing information from the bases issuing weather reports will be taken over by the weather team in Melbourne, Australia. With the closing of Little America V and the turnover

Alaska Statehood Stamp Sale Slated
Washington (UPI) — A commemorative Alaskan statehood airmail stamp will go on sale Saturday—the day President Eisenhower proclaims Alaska the 49th state of the union, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced today. The seven-cent stamp will be first placed on sale at Juneau. It marks the first time a commemorative stamp has been issued on the actual date of admission of a territory into the union. The stamp features the Big Dipper and North Star of the Alaskan flag superimposed on a map of Alaska. Wooded hills and snow topped mountains form a background. An initial printing of 90 million stamps has been authorized.

Flight Engineers Willing To Talk
By United Press International
Striking flight engineers offered to reopen negotiations to end a 38-day-old walkout against Eastern Airlines today, but there was no break in the strike of pilots against American Airlines. A spokesman for the Engineers Union at Miami, Fla., said the union would accept proposals to resolve issues in the walkout made by a federal mediator "with only minor changes." The National Mediation Board Tuesday issued a rare public appeal for an end to the walkout and submission of unresolved issues to arbitration. J. H. Brock, Eastern vice president, agreed to accept the board's appeal if the union did likewise.

Fog, Ice Main Highway Hazards
Salem (UPI) — Fog and ice were the main hazards to Oregon motorists today. The State Highway department reported icy spots at Siskiyou summit, Pisces, Coquille, Santiam pass, Ochoco summit, Lapine, Willamette pass, Chemult, Bly, Meacham, Seneca and Burns. There was thick fog at Warm Springs junction and fog also was reported at Portland, Astoria, Salmon river, Roseburg, Siskiyou, Green Springs, Coquille, The Dalles, Chemult, Klamath Falls, Bly, Lakeview, Baker, John Day, Seneca and Burns.

Vice Probe Staff Offices To Close
Portland (UPI) — Two offices now occupied by the attorney general's Portland vice probe staff in the Multnomah county courthouse will be vacated this week. County Commissioner Jack Bain said that Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton agreed to make the move to the nearby State Office building. The county commissioners had given Thornton's staff until Jan. 1 to vacate the courthouse offices due to a problem of space.

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