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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
Jan. 12, 1949 (Wednesday)

Private citizens in Ashland try to settle the hassle between Mayor Tom Williams and the city council while recall petitions for three city councilmen are circulated.

Medford's weather grows warmer again, with a low of merely 12 degrees last night.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 12, 1938 (Thursday)

Tickets are now on sale for the Southern Oregon Concert association's presentation of "Opera Intime."

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "A 'true-blue Democrat called yesterday. He sure was blue about it."

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 12, 1929 (Saturday)

An election is to be called soon to vote on airport bonds.

The Jackson county budget for the coming year is completed, and calls for the raising of $662,562.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 12, 1919 (Sunday)

The Southern Pacific depot receives a new coat of paint, both inside and out.

A crowd at this same depot welcomes homecoming soldiers.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Are all four feet of a galloping horse ever off the ground at the same time?
2. Is a coot a bird, an insect, or a fish?
3. What is the name for a solid object having twelve plane faces?
4. What is the origin of the name Friday?
5. Who won the first Tunney-Dempsey heavyweight championship fight?
6. Correct the following: "There are two reasons, neither of which are mentioned."
7. Into what body of water does the Ganges river empty?
8. Name the writ commanding a person to appear before a court to testify as a witness.
9. What university, founded in 1636, has been continuously operated longer than any other institution of higher learning in the U.S.?
10. How many keys are on a standard piano keyboard?

Answers: 1. Yes. 2. Bird. 3. Dodecahedron. 4. From the Norse goddess, Frigga. 5. Tunney. 6. ". . . neither of which is . . ." 7 Bay of Bengal 8 Subpoena 9. Harvard. 10. 88.

State Motor Vehicle Address Changed

Salem – Oregon motorists who must renew their automobile registrations by Jan. 31 are asked to mail application forms and fees to the Department of Motor Vehicles, 1905 Lana ave., Salem. The agency moved to new quarters early this month.

Applications for new tabs can be made by sending the current registration certificate with the required information entered on the reverse side and a $10 check or money order to the department's Lana ave. address.

Swan Song

Few people pay much if any attention to the message given to a new legislature by an outgoing governor.

This is natural enough. His official power is gone; he is, in a political sense, a "has-been," for the time being anyway, and everyone is concentrating on what the new governor has in mind and will recommend.

The outgoing governor's message, then, is sort of a swan song—plaintive, perhaps, but not of much immediate and practical moment.

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THIS undoubtedly is true in the case of Gov. Robert Holmes, who, if all goes well, will be an ex-governor by the time this appears in print.

But his message, scheduled for delivery to the legislature early this afternoon, is a good one, born of two years experience in a political "hot-seat," and shorn of most if not all political bitterness and back-biting.

He advises the legislature to proceed with caution, in view of the conservatism in fiscal matters shown by voters in the last election.

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BUT he also sounds a warning that the state is at a cross-roads, and if in its 101st year it is to forego the need for progressivism, and a realistic look ahead, the results will haunt the state in the years to come.

The last part of the message, in our view, was contained in those paragraphs near the end where he sounded this warning. It was, perhaps naturally, overlooked by the wire services' coverage, which was devoted to the more practical aspects of his recommendations concerning the budget, bond issues, and so on.

But here, distilled from his experience, is Governor Holmes' look ahead:

> ". . . We live in a more complex, not a simpler world; we live in a more dangerous, not a less dangerous world; our obligations are more, not less serious, and our choices are clearer, not less clear.
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> "The amount of money we are spending for education is woefully inadequate now. We not only lag behind Russia, we lag behind our own faith in the value of education in a democracy. We are not providing the money necessary to strengthen community services in the areas of health and welfare and to revise old and costly programs of vast institutions centrally located for the care of the physically and mentally ill. We are not building the roads we ought to build to accommodate our own communities and our own economy. We are not facing up to the fact that the preservation of our cultural and political freedom is costly –terribly costly, and that it will cost us more and more for a long time to come.
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> ". . . Eventually we in Oregon will choose between paying the taxes we ought to pay, or of suffering a decline both in education and in all other state services. I recommend then, that you abide by this budget in order to keep faith with the voters' expression at the polls, but that you do it with your own eyes open and your voices clear to tell the people that sooner or later we must face up to our real obligations and our real duties as citizens . . ."

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WE WILL, if course, simply have to wait and see if the 50th Legislative Assembly takes heed of Holmes' advice, and to see if Governor Hatfield has the same sensitive appreciation of what this business of government is all about.

There will be thousands of little issues to be solved in the next 90 or 100 days as the legislature deliberates. But, as we see it, there is only one big one.

And that is whether Oregon is going to accept its obligations or whether it is going to shirk them; whether it is going to do the job that should be done, or let it slide; whether it is going to be realistic about the state's needs, or whether it will fecklessly wait to see if "something turns up."

The governor and legislature should give heed to Bob Holmes' swan song.—E.A.

The Resolution To Diet

The spirit is still willing but the flesh is apt to get weak along about the middle of January. By that time the mortality becomes heavy in good New Year's resolutions. In none is it heavier than in the one to take off some weight.

Everyone agrees that persons who're too fat, one in every four of us, run more risk of death than if they weren't. More complex, however, are the answers to two related questions: (1) just how fat is too fat? and (2) What's the best way to take it off?

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UNTIL recently the second question seemed answered easily: Eat less, especially of fats. Now the authorities warn us that it's not that simple. For one thing, there's fat and fat. Animal fats are thought more of a villain than non-animal ones in producing the cholesterol that thickens artery walls.

And even here there's doubt. For it may be something amiss with an individual's system, like faulty metabolism, that keeps any fats from being properly absorbed. Major sources of animal fat—milk, butter, fish oils, certain meats—are highly nutritive. And malnutrition can be as harmful as obesity, if not more so.

For some it's more than sheer gluttony that causes over-eating: emotional maladjustment, real troubles, boredom, maybe just habit. One thing is sure: faddy diets, anti-weight pills and drugs, devices to roll the fat away all are useless. They could even be worse than useless. Better let your doctor be your guide.—E.R.R.

Dennis the Menace

"ON THE ROAD TO MANDA WHO?"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

"IT'S BEEN MY LIFE"

Washington – The young men were bitter and desperate for strong leadership. The old men were bitter for the reasons old men have. The party chieftains, fearful of the future, were seeking a quick sacrifice to propitiate the hard gods of politics.

Joseph Alsop

It would have been different, of course, if the last election had turned out differently. It would have been different, too, if the President of the United States were not the irremovable, unchallengeable head of his party during his whole term in the White House. In their present mood, the Congressional Republicans would surely have risen against Dwight D. Eisenhower, if that road had been open to them.

But that road was not open, so they rose against the existing leadership in the House and Senate. Old Joe Martin is kindly, loyal, endlessly hard working, but he is less tough and less efficient than the leaders in the Senate. So Martin became the scapegoat for the Republican Party's crowding misfortunes at the opening of the seventh Eisenhower year.

PARTY loyalty, which is his whole creed, forbids the brusquely dismissed leaders of the House Republicans from blurting out such crude, unfashionable truths as the foregoing. Yet his dismissal, after a third of a century in the House and just short of 20 years in the leadership, has left Joe Martin quite visibly rueful and hurt.

"If you'd done everything Ike ever asked you," he said sadly, "wouldn't you think he'd stand by you? All he had to do was pick up the telephone; but he didn't. That's his way, of course, and I don't blame him personally. He was very kind after the result, really very kind. I'm sure he wasn't in it, but some of his people were; and so were Nixon and the Dewey crowd. They had to be. A man like Charley Halleck can't come up and beat the leader all by himself.

"They said I didn't fight the Democrats hard enough. Well, I had to get votes from Sam Rayburn and McCormick to put Ike's program through, didn't I? You can give 'em hell safe enough, if you have the votes. But we're a minority, as Halleck will find out soon enough.

"The truth is, I'm glad to be out. The next two years are going to be very rough. That's another thing Halleck will find out. But I wasn't glad to be beaten. I've never been beaten before in my whole life. And you don't like being left by fellows you've always depended on and tried to help. I didn't like that, either."

THE OLD man – he is 74– half shook his head, as though to shake unpleasant thoughts out of it, and turned to talking of the past. No American will ever again have the same sort of career as this small-town blacksmith's son, who went to work at $10 a week when he left high school; saved half his salary; and joined in buying the local newspaper with the thousand dollars he had banked at the end of four years.

Small town editing got him into politics. He managed the last campaign of the first Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge. He came to the House a marked man, in 1924, because he was a friend of the enigmatic Coolidge. Nicholas Longworth first brought him into the narrow circle that runs the House. And he still looked back on the time of Longworth and John Nance Garner as a halcyon era.

"Those were the days of the bi-partisan room, where Nick and Jack Garner used to get together and settle things over a drink," he says. "They were my friends, and I'm proud of it. Of course I didn't drink with them or play poker with them. I never did drink or play. All I've ever done is work. It's been my life, the work of the House; and it's been a good life."

IN THE last week of the last session, he put in 96 hours (his secretaries counted) on the work of the House. He paid for that with a blood clot in his leg. Six doctors he assures you, say the leg is all right. He carries a reassuring letter from one of them, which he shows his visitors. But still, the illness worries him, for he has never been really ill before. He will take a little vacation, to "get really cured."

After that, he will come back "to be an independent member." He adds hastily, "I don't mean politically independent. I'll always be a regular Republican. I mean free to do what I like, which the leader isn't." Speaker Rayburn, his old friend, has offered him any office he chooses in the Capitol. He has a committee, "the committee furtherest from this earth, the Space Committee," which does not interest him greatly. But he will find work somehow because, as he repeats, "the work of the House is my life, and I guess it will be to the end."

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Editorial Comment

A POINT IN TIME

A point occupies no space.

Lines intersect at a common point, but the point occupies no space.

Apparently this phenomenon in the concept of space is to be applied in the concept of time.

Mark Hatfield has resigned as secretary of state, the resignation to be effective when he is inaugurated as governor.

And Governor Holmes has appointed Dave O'Hara secretary of state, effective at the moment when Hatfield vacates that office.

Hatfield, however, says he will name his man for secretary of state when he is inaugurated as governor.

So in sight are two "political" lines crossing a common point in time: the moment when Hatfield vacates one office and simultaneously assumes another.

The Supreme Court will have to decide whether that point has enough duration for Holmes to name the new secretary of state, or not.

Medievalists used to argue about how many angels can dance on the point of a needle. The Supreme Court will have to decide who at a given moment of time, a moment without duration, is governor and who may be secretary of state.

Now we respect the wisdom of our Supreme Court in matters of law; but how they will resolve this conundrum of physics, involving both time and space, is a matter on which I shall await the demonstration.

One thing does seem certain, there can be only one secretary of state, as was remarked by Senator Vandenberg in a very different connection when Henry Wallace, secretary of commerce, started talking like a secretary of state when Jimmy Byrnes, the appointed secretary, and Vandenberg were in Paris wrestling with the Russians. Lawyers though are said to be drafting briefs, spiced with legal citations and such, for ammunition in the court battle. The issue comes back though to determining who is what at an evanescent moment in time, a moment, like a point, devoid of duration.

This is a battle for the history books as well as the law reports. –Ex-Gov. Charles A. Sprague in Oregon Statesman, Salem.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

On Wednesday Ike delivered to the congress his message on the State of the Union.

It contains about 5,000 words. Printed in full, it would fill about a solid page in this newspaper. It's preparation has taken weeks of time. The mere reading of it to congress took about an hour.

So don't expect to gain a full understanding of it by reading the headlines and glancing at the first few paragraphs of the story.

KEEP this in mind:

Ike's political job is to convince the country that a GOP administration is needed now and will be needed AFTER 1960.

The political job of the congress, which is heavily dominated by Democrats, is to convince the country that the GOP administration must be THROWN OUT in 1960 and a Democratic administration put in its place.

If you keep that situation clear in your mind, you will find it easier to understand what is going on.

BACK now to Ike and his message–which can only be highlighted here.

He starts off by admonishing the heavily Democratic congress to "help maintain the marked forward thrust of our economy by CUTTING THE COST OF GOVERNMENT and adopting his forthcoming BALANCED budget."

He adds:

"We can afford everything we CLEARLY NEED for the military and for the nation's progress, but we cannot afford one cent of waste."

That is to say:

We can't afford to spend any money in the wrong places.

HE CALLS for resolute action by government, business and labor to curb "the wage-price spiral" and prevent further declines in the value of the dollar.

That's a toughie. We all want what we can get. We're much more interested in what WE get than in what the other fellow gets. That's deeply rooted in human nature.

But—

There are dangers.

If we aren't careful, we can PRICE OURSELVES OUT OF WORLD MARKETS. Already foreign automobiles, to mention only one item, are doubling their sales in the United States each year.

That can't be laughed off.

HE CLOSES by appealing to lawmakers of both parties to "join in cooperative work to build a better America." He says to the members of the congress, and, over their heads, to the people of the United States:

"The basic question facing us today is more than just mere survival– the military defense of a national life and territory. It is the preservation of a way of life. We must meet the world challenge and at the same time permit no stagnation in America. Unless we progress, we regress."

THAT IS a serious matter. We mustn't forget that the overall objective of communism is to conquer the world. We are the chief defender of the free world. If we weaken ourselves–by too reckless spending, for example, on things that are not fundamentally essential– the free world can GO DOWN. It's just that serious.

All in all, the President's State of the Union message deserves the thoughful and serious and non-partisan consideration of the American people.

TODAY

In Oregon History

(A Centennial Feature)

JAN. 12, 1853

An "Act to Establish the Willamette University" at Salem passes the territorial legislative assembly, and the Methodist denominational school's first board of twenty-six trustees includes David Leslie, George Abernathy, and Asahel Bush.

PUBLISH U.S. BOOKS

London – (UPI) – Moscow Radio said Sunday night that at least 600 American books have been published in the Soviet Union since World War II, with a total of 50 million copies printed.

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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Criticizes Egg-Throwers

To the Editor: There is a driving force behind me pushing me to write these few lines.

I have always been a radical advocate of freedom in all things. I have nothing but utmost respect for any one who believes and voices his opinions on anything.

But, I am now ashamed of some of my fellow Americans. The treatment afforded the Russian envoy in his tour of our country makes me wish I could mete out the punishment I feel is due this very small minority. Believe me, they would throw no more eggs at anyone for several years.

Where in the world did they get the idea that these actions are American? If they are right, then I have been wrong all of my 43 years.

Thank God, I have not lost nor abused the respect I have for the human dignity.

All those so-called Americans who act thusly are certainly not citizens of my country in the sense I am. Judge me if I am wrong.

Donald D. Doud,
Gold Hill, Ore.

From UMC

To the Editor: Allow me this means of expressing the heartfelt thanks of the United Medford Crusade. Again Medford "leads the way" in setting an example for the rest of our state by being the only united fund drive that has constantly met its goal. For the sixth consecutive year, our established goal has been met and exceeded. Thus, we assure our children and our neighbors' children of the many vital community services offered though our UMC agencies.

As publicity director for the campaign, may I take this means to express our particular thanks for the excellent co-operation of the Mail Tribune in making this campaign a success. Your continued interest exemplifies your desire to make Medford and our state the best possible place for growing youngsters.

Looking forward to working with you again in the future.

Herb Partridge
Publicity Director
UMC

No Middle Ground

To the Editor: The many articles offering from time to time in your paper relating to new scientific discoveries about life deserve a comment. No doubt they are released to give emphasis to the marking of the 100th anniversary of Darwin's Theory of Evolution, now being noted by scientists everywhere.

Without getting into an argument by quoting the Bible, I believe this question deserves serious thought by anyone who understands what is at stake. Basically it is this: either man is a triune being composed of body, soul and spirit, or he is just a bundle of nerves and electrons. Either man has life beyond this world, or he returns to dust when his heart stops beating. If this world is all there is for man, then life is a joke and means nothing. If this be true, then might makes right, and since man counts for nothing individually, he should be used to make a new world free of superstition and foolish ideals.

This is what Karl Marx taught. It is being practiced by Communists everywhere today. If we, who accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Bible as God's word, are fools, then Communism is right. If there is no moral law and no God who cares for each individual and wants to save him, then Communism will control the world within 10 years. Today they have the resources to do it, and are right on the schedule laid out by Lenin in 1917.

You cannot split the difference. There is no middle ground. Either Jesus Christ or Lenin and Marx has the right answer. Time will tell which is right. To believe Christ means only a broken dream if he never rose again. To reject him is eternal doom if he returns as he promised.

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Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

LIBERAL WEAKNESS

Washington — The basic weakness of the advanced, or professional, liberals is being shown so repeatedly that their power in the new Congress may turn out actually to be less than in the old.

William S. White

This is a seemingly incredible situation. For on the basis of the November elections, the ultra-conservatives should have their lowest influence in two decades.

And it is bad news, too, for a rational, or effective, liberalism as well as for this emotional, or ineffective, liberalism. What is this profound weakness of the advanced liberals? Their ideas academically are far stronger than their ability to put them into action. They lack proportion and a grasp upon reality.

They are daily alienating the practical liberals, with whom useful common causes could be made – if only the professional liberals were not alone so almost religiously right on every possible occasion. The result well may be that an undue and unearned power will fall by default to the ultra-conservatives. Already, indeed, exactly this has happened among the Senate Republicans.

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AT LEAST three times already the advanced liberals have demonstrated their odd ineffectuality:

1. The ineptness of their defeated campaign to unseat some of the Old Guard Republican leadership in the Senate has only consolidated that leadership. And they have gone out of their way to make the country suppose that liberal Republican ideas took a beating.

What actually took a beating, instead, was a widely unrealistic leadership slate offered by the liberals against part of the Old Guard regency headed by Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire.

In putting Senator John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky up to oppose Senator Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois for the GOP floor leader's post, the professional liberals made every possible mistake. Senator Cooper has true intellectual distinction and rare courage and integrity. He is, however, a shy man, far removed from the company commander type that makes a good floor leader.

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THE sensible alternatives to pressing Mr. Cooper–who is not himself a professional liberal–would have been quite plain: (A) Not to challenge the Old Guard at all if humiliating defeat could be the only possible reward. (B) Or, at least to make the challenge with a rival candidate known to have practical, operating skill.

Finally, the professional liberals prepared their case, characteristically, by issuing manifestos. The Old Guardists simply lay low–and gathered up the required votes.

2. Again, many of the advanced liberals–who tend to suppose that any change must be good–rushed into happy embrace with some of the most right-wing Republicans in the House. The consequence here was to replace the old GOP leader, Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts, with Rep. Charles Halleck of Indiana.

Martin, of course, is no liberal. But Halleck is a tough, able, typical Midwest Republican. He is likely to give the time of day to the professional liberals even less frequently than Martin did. Thus, the top official GOP leadership in both houses has passed to men from the Middle West, a region that for 20 years has fought all liberalizing movements within that party.

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3. THE advanced liberals in both parties have got off to a very poor start in trying to change the Senate filibuster rule. (The filibuster, of course, is deliberate time-killing to prevent a vote on a bill.) Naturally, they set out, under the leadership of Senators Paul H. Douglas (D.-Ill.) and Jacob K. Javits (R.-N.Y.) with impossible rather than attainable demands. They wish to have the Senate agree that a filibuster can be halted hereafter by a bare majority, or a margin of one vote.

The obvious reality is that most of the Senate, including many authentic liberals, know this to be indefensible extremism. But the advanced liberals have been busier in proclaiming their fighting intentions than in rounding up votes.

Theoretically, all things are conceivable. So it is perhaps even conceivable that the professional liberals can have their way here. But, if they do, it will be the authentic miracle of this calendar year.

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ROCKEFELLER IN ARMY

New York – (UPI) – Steven Rockefeller, 22, son of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, was sworn into the Army Sunday and later left for Fort Dix, N.J., for eight weeks basic training.

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