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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. 22, 1949 (Saturday)
Moore Hamilton elected chairman of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee.
Boy Scout Troop No. 5 is distributing bird seed to anyone interested in providing for the feathered population.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 22, 1939 (Sunday)
Patrons and patronesses are named for the annual President's birthday ball.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Natives wintering in the Southland have started sending postcards home, wishing the addressee was there."

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 22, 1929 (Tuesday)
Phoenix residents oppose a petition to annex part of that area to the Medford school district.
The valley's pears are praised in the columns of a Portland newspaper.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 22, 1919 (Wednesday)
Citizens hope the P. & E. railroad can be kept in operation despite a court order.
The legislature is considering three bills designed to curb "the paving trust."

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 22, 1909 (Friday)
The troupe to perform "Brewster's Millions" here is delayed by washouts down the line in California.
Some 200 freight cars will be required to bring the paraphernalia for Medford's new water system here.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. Bremerhaven is a port of what country?
2. In baseball slang, what is a "horse collar"?
3. Name the large group of islands which are bounded on the east by the Pacific ocean and on the west by the China Sea.
4. In which Psalm do these words occur: "Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me"?
5. Who lost his shadow?
6. In American history, to what territory did the campaign slogan "Fifty-four, Forty or Fight," have reference?
7. What was St. Paul's trade?
8. How many cardinal points are there on a compass?
9. Who wrote the music to "The Lost Chord"?
10. Name the Polish patriot who had the distinction of being the first general of American cavalry.

Answers: 1. Germany. 2. A time at bat without a hit. 3. Philippine Islands. 4. 23rd. 5. Peter Pan. 6. The Oregon Territory. 7. Tent-making. 8. Four. 9. Sir Arthur Sullivan. 10. Count Casimir Pulaski.
Baghdad, Iraq - UPI - The Iraqi government formally recognized Cuba's revolutionary government Wednesday. The Baghdad press has defended the rebel executives of supporters of ex-President Fulgencio Batista.

Snap III

Not long ago in this space there was a report on progress in thermoelectricity — one form of direct conversion of heat into electric energy — together with a forecast that it would play an increasingly important role in the future, particularly for low-power needs.

Last week the government announced, far sooner than any layman could have expected, a significant new development in this field: the use of atomic power as a heat-source, applied to a thermoelectric device, which works admirably.

THE UNIT only weighs about five pounds, and generates about five watts of electricity. It has a useful life of somewhere around a year.

The government said that it would be used to power radios in artificial satellites, and would do so far more efficiently than batteries.

But practical applications are far more widespread than this one limited use. Developments can, and will, permit the use of small "power packs" to run radios, warning buoys, automatic weather stations or small household appliances at distances from commercial power.

Eventually it is not beyond the realm of probability that they can be adapted to power automobiles, thus furnishing an alternate source of power to replace the world's rapidly-vanishing petroleum resources.

THE DEVICE is called Snap III (Systems for Nuclear Auxiliary Power), and work on improved versions (called Snap I and II) is progressing. American industrial firms are also at work on developing similar devices.

As reported earlier, the principle of thermoelectricity is not new, but its application in workable devices is relatively new. The Russians have made significant progress, although it is not known whether or not they have succeeded in using nuclear power in this field.

Snap III uses a pinch (one eighty-fourth of an ounce, valued as of today at about \$30 million) of radioactive polonium as a heat source. There are other and cheaper potential radioactive heat sources — most of them by-products of nuclear reactors, which up to this point have been a headache to dispose of.

(We have even read one forecast recently that fission power would soon prove to be impracticable because of the problem of disposing of the radioactive "ashes." It is doubtful if Snap III and its successors will have sufficiently widespread use to take care of the vast quantity of surplus radioactive materials.)

IN THE long run, it is probable that the development of thermocouples of the apparent efficiency of those used in Snap III is more important than the application of nuclear heat to operate them.

Low-energy heat sources are almost universally available (the Russians are using kerosene lamps to power some thermoelectric devices, and a wood fire could conceivably be used for this purpose, to say nothing of trapped heat from the sun).

One thing is certain — we will be hearing more of thermoelectricity, and of other types of direct conversion of one form of energy to another, more useful, one.—E.A.

Oregon Advertisement

The January 12 issue of the New York Times carried a full-page advertisement of interest to Oregonians.

It was placed by the Oregon department of planning and development, and its message was one of encouragement to industry to seek new locations in Oregon.

Here are some of the advantages Oregon can offer, as listed in the ad:

- An abundance of pure water.
- Lowest delivered electric power rates in the nation.
- Plentiful natural gas as well as readily available fuel oil, coal and wood wastes.
- 25 per cent of the nation's sawtimber supply.
- 22 per cent of all softwood lumber production.
- 62 per cent of the nation's plywood output.
- 25 per cent of the country's hardboard production.
- A vast and rapidly growing electronics industry.
- A cash farm crop of some \$400 million a year.
- Generally moderate climate.
- And so on.

THE AD also shows some recent industrial developments in the state, such as the big new Johns-Manville plant near Klamath Falls, the big Harvey Aluminum plant near The Dalles, the new Georgia-Pacific pulp and paper mill on the coast, and others.

It is an effective ad, well done and persuasive.

And we agree that added industrial development, up to a point, is probably both necessary and desirable for Oregon.

But we cannot restrain the uneasy feeling that it would be too bad if Oregon ever became OVER-industrialized.

And it also occurred to us that with growth of industry and population virtually inevitable here, we'd better get on with our planning and zoning so that the growth will be orderly and as little destructive to Oregon's present values as possible.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"WHAT DO YA EXPECT ME TO DO... WALK ON MY HANDS?"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

NIXON NOW

Washington — President Eisenhower's second term has just passed its middle-point. Hereafter, under the anti-Franklin Roosevelt constitutional amendment, the Vice President can replace the President at any time, without sacrificing his right to seek two full terms of his own.

Furthermore, if the President laid down the heavy burden of his office and retired to Gettysburg tomorrow morning, the vast majority of Republican politicians would be almost too overjoyed to be polite about it. Maybe this is one of those things that are better left unsaid; but it is also a cold, hard, ascertainable fact of considerable political significance.

Last year, only the frankest Congressional and organization Republicans would admit their hankering for the President's voluntary retirement. Today, there are very few who are not quite open about it, although only in their private talk, to be sure. The only ones who would be really grieved if the President decided to retire are the former bitter-enders for Robert A. Taft. The men of this small band fear that the Vice President would be a "spender." Meanwhile, the Eisenhower Republicans would be less grieved than anyone else if the President went off to Gettysburg.

OF COURSE, no Republican politician in his senses thinks that the President really will retire, unless his health takes an unexpected and unhappy turn for the worse. Dwight D. Eisenhower's pride, and the pleas of his entourage, will keep him on the job as long as he is capable of doing the job. When the politicians talk of what might happen if "he would only hand over to Dick," they really mean that they have little hope of the Republican party being reinvigorated by the President's leadership. In contrast, they feel the Vice President might take the Party into the battle of 1960 with a fair chance to win.

In these circumstances, it is ironic that the very same Republican politicians are also shaking their heads and muttering that "maybe Dick Nixon won't be nominated in 1960, after all, unless he becomes President before then." Yet it is another cold, significant fact that Richard M. Nixon's grip on the 1960 nomination is not nearly as unshakable as it once was.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

GEORGE GOBEL invented a new egg-opener that cost only \$200 to make. When his wife Alice scoffed, Gobel reminded her, "Okay, laugh. Every great inventor was laughed at in his day. Look how they laughed at Robert Fulton when he invented the cotton gin."

"George," Alice reminded him gently, "it was Eli Whitney who invented the cotton gin."

"Whitney, hey?" mused George. "No wonder they laughed at Fulton!"

Robert Q. Lewis boasted that one of his pals in Dallas was so rich he flew his own plane. "So what," scoffed a Los Angelite. "Lots of people here fly their own planes too." "Inside the house?" asked Robert Q.

Overheard at the London opening of "My Fair Lady": "Is Rex Harrison his real name?" "Is Rex Harrison WHOSE real name?"

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Communications Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

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

Pow Wow
To the Editor: It isn't an appropriate time to talk turkey, but just the right time to tell our friends everywhere about the old rooster, and Oregon's big birthday party this year. Let's get a few crowds in about expositions, scenery, etc., and supplement our inducements with chicken and dumplings made from Oregon's own roosters, red, black, or any other color, seasoned with enthusiasm, the most potent ingredient in the world, we are told.

The idea of making Medford beautiful is wonderful, but would be insipid if it lacks enthusiasm. We will all have to admit enthusiasm leads in every success parade. This is the time to accelerate it.

Folks are writing they intend to come and are enthused. The Grafton, N.D., editor mentioned the Centennial in his paper again and thanked me for Medford's Chamber of Commerce sending him fruit. That was undeserved credit, but it pleased me immensely that Medford reciprocated. Don't forget, folks, to let your friends know Oregon is having a big pow-wow, and all the trimmings.

Emma Lou Carpenter, 811 Sherman st., Medford.

True Dog Lovers
To the Editor: This is about a letter to the editor that appeared in the Sunday, Jan. 18 issue of the Mail Tribune.

If the dog is man's best friend, I would surely say that there are many cases where man does treat his best friend very shabbily. For instance, where the mongrels are allowed to breed and increase to the extent that they run in flocks out in the "dog-patch" suburb districts of the city, tipping over garbage cans in search of food they are starving for, because of neglect of the "man" they have befriended by committing all of the acts described by Mrs. Etna Ragsdale in the Sunday communication. I agree with all she said, but remind her that she overlooked the fact of the all-night howling and barking at the moon, or the shadow of themselves or the other dogs.

A true dog-lover would be concerned enough about the welfare of the dog to keep him at home, cleaned up, and out of garbage cans, vegetable gardens and off the neighbors' lawns.

There are many who have the same thoughts as Mrs. Ragsdale on this, but hesitate to speak up for fear of being ostracized by the Society of Mongrel Lovers. Everybody likes a dog, even a cur or mongrel. The only contention I am making is that true dog lovers do not let their pooches run loose and wild, disturbing neighbors all over the community, and I congratulate you Etna Ragsdale, for speaking the thoughts that are mine, as well as many others.

Pat Graham, 175 Jeanette st., Medford.

Questions
To the Editor: A few questions to the pseudo dogs lovers: Why have we needed a dog pound? Why is it filthy and overcrowded? Why is it necessary to execute so many every week? Do you prefer turning them loose in the country to prey on wild game and livestock? Why do you permit your pets to roam free and cause ill will with your neighbors? Is it because it's so much easier?

We need a dog ordinance strictly enforced. The dog population is increasing and so are the problems. What have the true lovers of pets done to have an ordinance? It would mean greater safety for them and much better harmony among everyone. We owe it to ourselves and man's best friend. Let's increase the dog tax to \$5 for males and \$10 for females. Limit one dog to a family in an area under five acres. All dogs, all ages kept on the premises by an enclosure or on a leash at all times and kept quiet. First violation, a \$50 fine. Second violation, removal of the dog.

A well trained dog is a joy to his owners and a good neighbor to everyone. Mrs. Frank Kula, 1634 Grand ave., Medford.

The Students Share
To the Editor: The children of Mrs. Hohensee's room at Lincoln school have won the room count prize of \$2 for the largest percentage of parents attending our recent PTA meeting.

We feel that we have so many treats and pleasures that we would like to share it with people from other lands. For the past three years we have been donating our prize money to organizations that help less fortunate children.

This year we are going to give it to UNICEF and CARE. Glenna Eisenberg, Mrs. Hohensee's, Sixth Grade, Lincoln school, Medford.

Confinement Necessary
To the Editor: Anyone who permits a dog to roam the streets is committing an act of cruelty. Its lot is eventual death under wheels; agony or death from spoiled and poisonous food from garbage cans; infestation with fleas and/or lice and a carrier of other diseases. Certainly, not a safe or clean pet to be in contact with children.

The dog license drive was a small step in the right direction, but a raise in fee to \$5 or more, if necessary, would provide funds to support and maintain a dog pound in high style with adequate personnel empowered to handle complaints and take proper control measures.

Medford has passed the "little country town" stage and it should be the duty of our officials to see that protection is furnished to the children, the animals, and the minority of frustrated people who are trying to maintain attractive and desirable neighborhoods.

Our own dog has always been properly confined to our premises, duly licensed and lovingly cared for. In other words, we have tried to set an example of consideration for our neighbors in an area where the lawns and schoolyard are overrun by "packs" of roaming "pets."

Mrs. Frances Piatt, 1540 Oregon ave., Medford.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In his annual economic report to the congress, President Eisenhower paints for us first a bright and hopeful picture.

The nation, he says, has SNAPPED BACK STRONGLY from last year's recession. Production, he adds, is UP, unemployment is DOWN and there is reason for confidence that business will show further improvement in the months ahead.

But—He then warns—"U. S. economic health is jeopardized by an upward spiral of wages and prices that continued even during the recession."

He appealed to congress, to consumers, to businessmen and to labor leaders to "join in a relentless war against this creeping inflation."

SO MUCH for the political side of the picture (we must remember that everything that happens in Washington is dominated by politics). Let's turn now to a strictly BUSINESS view of what is going on.

In its Business and Economic Review for January 1959, the First National Bank of Chicago says: "Non-farm employment in November increased slightly as employees previously involved in labor disputes returned to work. (Employment usually declines in November, so a rise this year is a favorable sign.) Personal income rose almost 1 per cent above the preceding month to a RECORD annual rate of \$360 billion. Increased wage and salary payments accounted for the \$2.4 billion rise as several durable goods industries resumed production following reduced output in October. "Consumer income for the full year is estimated at \$353 billion, a new HIGH despite the lower over-all level of business activity."

NOTE, please, that up to this point the Chicago bank

THE MORNING AFTER

Mr. Anthony Nutting, writing from London on Mr. Mikoyan's visit, has succeeded in demonstrating in how hard it is for even the friendliest nations to understand one another. Mr. Nutting reports that it is being "seriously debated" in London whether the United States is moving towards "a two-power deal" with the Soviet Union. After a long report on how much our motives are suspected in Europe, he proceeds to lecture us on what we must do to make our European friends feel better about us.

What we must do, according to Mr. Nutting, is precisely what in fact we have been doing day by day, namely, to make "a full and reassuring report" to all our NATO partners, and to discuss and agree with them "on future policies and procedures." A failure to do these things which we are doing, says Mr. Nutting quite solemnly, "would be playing Russia's game beyond the point of safety."

If this is the kind of uninformed suspicion which exists in London it is enough to make anyone despair of the effectiveness of a free press. Here are two allies, both speaking the same language, both enjoying free institutions, both able to print and to read whatever they choose, both committed to the same international ideals, and yet a writer with connections in official quarters in London suspects us of being so foolish and so disloyal that we are contemplating a two-power deal at the expense of Europe.

FOR my part, I do not expect us to be understood or trusted in Moscow. But we have, I submit, earned the right to be trusted by our closest allies. We do not betray our friends, and the suspicion that we are so glibly that Mr. Mikoyan can "sell" us into betraying our friends is an affront to the honor of America and an insult to its intelligence.

The public part of Mr. Mikoyan's visit seems to me to show that between the Communist world and ours there can on the great issues be little free and open communication. We live in very different worlds. We see things with very different eyes. We judge them with very different minds. The best we can do is to negotiate cautiously more or less at arm's length. But the kind of full understanding is needed for political cooperation is a very long way off. It is, therefore, absurd to invite Mr. Mikoyan

paints a bright picture, as does the President.

It then adds—"However, prices have increased SOMEWHAT FASTER THAN INCOME with the result that purchasing power DECLINED SLIGHTLY IN 1958."

THAT is to say: We're getting MORE dollars. They BUY LESS. That's inflation for you.

IN CONCLUSION: In principle, we're against inflation. In practice, we're for it. That's why inflation is a tough problem.

to subject himself to a public exhibition like "Meet the Press" and it is absurd for Mr. Mikoyan to accept the invitation to do that. The show on Sunday was as useful as an attempt to mate a whale which lives in the sea with an elephant which lives on the land.

Those who have studied carefully the problem of communication between the Soviet Union and the West know that the communication cannot be general but must be specialized. The mathematicians and the physical scientists can communicate with one another. So can the engineers or the agriculturists. So can artists. So can experienced and sophisticated statesmen. So can ordinary tourists, meeting ordinary people. But Mr. Mikoyan cannot talk to the American people in the mass nor could Mr. Nixon talk, even if he had the freedom of the Soviet radio, to the Russian people in the mass.

AS TO the results of Mr. Mikoyan's tour, they cannot be measured by the crowds and the headlines, by the curiosity of the people who saw him or by their courtesy. The results of the visit will be tested as we see whether or not we are moving towards negotiations on the whole German question. For surely that was the real objective of Mr. Mikoyan's visit, as it is the objective of the Soviet gambit in Berlin.

His purpose cannot have been to enter a popularity contest, for which he is as little qualified as he would be for a beauty contest. If the purpose of his visit was to open up the German question, he is not going home empty-handed. For the President and Mr. Dulles have shown that they hope to make the German question negotiable if Moscow is seriously interested in negotiating.

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Vandenberg Delays Launching Attempt

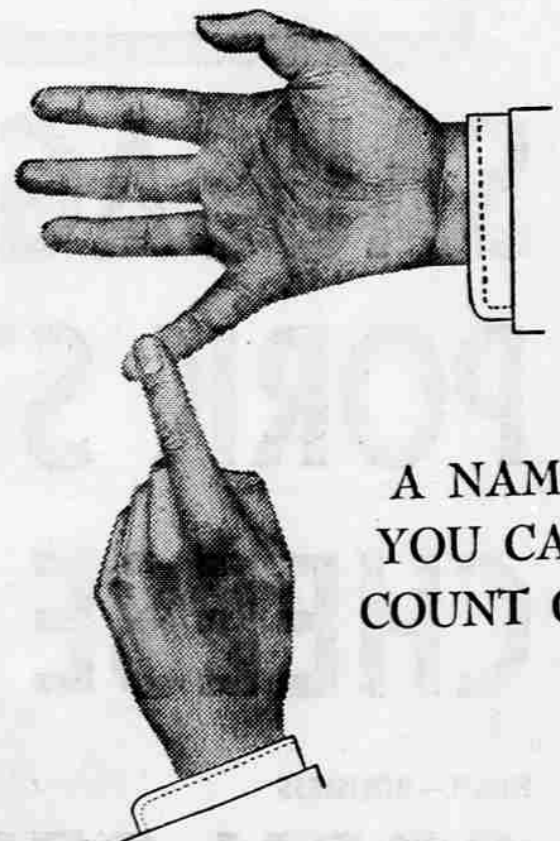
Vandenberg AFB, Calif. — The Air Force prepared today for another attempt "soon" to launch the first satellite in the "Project Discoverer" series.

The long-awaited initial shot set for Wednesday had to be postponed for technical reasons. The Air Force said another launching attempt would be made soon but declined to specify a date.

Project Discoverer is the program in which mice and monkeys eventually will be used to blaze the trail for manned satellites into space. The initial launchings, while they will be "first" in having a satellite fired from the West Coast will be the first man-made moons to go into polar orbits, will not involve animals.

BATISTA ASKS ASYLUM
Paris — President Charles de Gaulle's government has received a request for asylum from former Cuban President Fulgencio Batista and will give it careful consideration, informed sources said today. Batista is living in exile in the Dominican Republic.

PIANIST COLE ILL
Burbank, Calif. — Pianist-arranger Buddy Cole, 42, was reported in serious condition today at St. Joseph's Hospital where he was taken Wednesday following a heart attack.



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