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**Flight 'o Time**

Medford and Jackson County  
History from the files of The  
Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40  
and 50 years ago.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 16, 1949 (Wednesday)

The Medford city council underwrites an immediate valley snow survey by the soil conservation service to ascertain the flood potential.  
Public and private housing officials and bankers meet here to discuss providing more low-cost housing.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 16, 1929 (Thursday)

City Water Superintendent Robert A. Duff reports the water department's 1928 revenue as \$140,634.70.  
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "A 37-year-old tree has been whacked down to make a 6-year-old sidewalk level."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 16, 1929 (Saturday)

The latest Rogue river fish war stirs the fighting blood of local sportsmen.  
The Chamber of Commerce endorses the proposed road to Oregon Caves.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 16, 1919 (Sunday)

A downpour of rain floods southwest Medford streets and homes.  
The 65th Regiment, including many sons of Jackson county, arrives at Camp Lewis for final discharge.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 16, 1909 (Tuesday)

The Crater Lake road bill is reported to be a political football at Salem.  
The Portland Beavers are invited to Medford for spring training.

**What's Your I.Q.?**

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

- Name the Chief Justice of the United States.
  - Lower California is a part of the Republic of Mexico; true or false?
  - Which amendment to the U. S. Constitution authorizes income taxes?
  - Correct the following: "He is a backwards pupil."
  - A sea horse is a fish, mammal, or reptile?
  - Is tetanus another name for diabetes, tuberculosis, lockjaw, or arthritis?
  - Do you connect the name Marquis of Queensbury with the rules of auction bridge, boxing, tennis or canasta?
  - What is genocide?
  - Are dates produced commercially in the United States?
  - Does Champagne contain a maximum of 4, 14, or 24 per cent alcohol?
- Answers: 1. Earl Warren; 2. True; 3. Sixteenth; 4. "He is a backward pupil"; 5. Fish; 6. Lockjaw; 7. Boxing; 8. Destruction of a race or people; 9. Yes; 10. 14 per cent.

**CHUG, CHUG, CHUG**

Los Angeles —UPI— Mrs. Rose Marie Montez, 21, explained to police Sunday how she started to make a left turn and accidentally knocked over a fire hydrant sending a geyser of water 30 feet into the air. "Suddenly the car goes chug, chug, chug. And the next thing I know, it was like being under the ocean."

### Sports And Pay TV

Sports could furnish the first breakthrough for pay television—if a break-through is to come at all. Skiatron of America is readying a pay-as-you-see plan for both San Francisco and Los Angeles which would furnish major league baseball via cable television by July 1. The same outfit wants to telecast college football into the same two cities.

The use of cables would bypass regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC announced last July 25 that it would grant no permission for pay TV until after adjournment of the first session of the 86th Congress (the one now sitting) in order to give the law-makers additional time to study various proposals.

The Commission earlier had planned extensive tests of subscription television, beginning last March 1. Pressure from the House and Senate commerce committees, allegedly at the urging of the major radio and television networks, succeeded in putting the kibosh on this scheme. But a cabled transmission would avoid broadcasting and hence would not need FCC approval. Wired and cabled experiments already have been conducted.

**CHAIRMAN Oren Harris (D-Ark.)**, of the House Commerce Committee promises early hearings on a measure that would prohibit—except for technical tests—the operation of pay TV by wire as well as by broadcast. Before any further subscription television could be instituted, Congress would have to set forth specifically the terms for such operations.

Harris in discussing his measure warned that pay television, whether by broadcast or wire, would be likely to result in the imposition of great financial burdens on the public without bringing about a corresponding improvement of television programs. However, technical tests—conducted over relatively short periods and supervised by the FCC—might yield valuable results.

A similar measure in the Senate is sponsored by Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.), and Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.), on Feb. 7 said that Congress ought to take a close look at Skiatron's plans for San Francisco and Los Angeles.

**THE FCC has been much criticized for backing down before Congress on the 1958 trials.** Regardless of the merit of pay TV it is a fact that the Commission put off a decision on controlled tests for seven years. Back in October, 1957, FCC Chairman John C. Doerfer had declared:

"With respect to subscription television, I know that many members of the broadcasting industry would like us to kick that up into the congressional section of the stands. However, much as Congress is welcome to the ball, I am fearful that we would be remiss in our duty if we delayed a decision much longer merely upon such grounds."

Nine bills were introduced in the 1958 Congress to prohibit the commission from authorizing pay TV. The motivation is clear—after years of free programs, Congress is reluctant to authorize the setting of a price for what might turn out to be the same entertainment. An overriding advantage of introducing pay-as-you-see baseball on the West Coast would be that neither city has had free telecasts of major league games on a regular schedule.

Much as Congress may be welcome to the ball, the law-makers so far have refused to run with it. They just blow the whistle whenever the commission threatens to take command.—E.R.R.

### Saud Lifts Budget Curtain

Saudi Arabia will have a balanced budget this year and is working its way back from near bankruptcy, if we may believe figures released at Mecca. King Saud's regime expects to spend the equivalent of \$261 million, with \$43½ million, or 17 per cent, diverted to a "special budget, including royal family expenses."

At the same time, \$62 million, or 24 per cent, goes to the Ministries of Education, Communications, Finance and National Economy, Health and Agriculture. Saudi Arabian budgets are rarely made public, but a study of the 1952-53 document showed nearly 20 per cent of the country's spending going to defense.

Saud is counting on oil income for almost \$212 million of the total revenue of \$261 million. This appears to represent a considerable drop from two years ago, when the estimated take from the companies exploiting Saudi Arabia's oil was \$290 million.

**IN THE Middle East** only the Sultan of Kuwait gets more money from oil concessions than King Saud. Unlike Saud, who is noted for his personal extravagances, Sultan Abdullah is a benevolent despot, turning over two-thirds of the oil revenues to welfare and the administration of the sheikhdom.

Whereas the Saudi Arabian budget communique indicates that no large public works or improvement projects are yet possible, Kuwait only last year completed a five-year plan costing \$267 million. It encompassed new schools, public housing, hospitals, and a 2-million-gallon-a-day plant to distill sea water for drinking.—E.R.R.

### Dennis the Menace



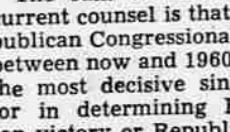
THAT'S THE MITCHELL KID. HE'S SORT OF A SONIC BOOM WITH DIRT ON IT.

### Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

#### LONDON'S ADVICE

Washington — A Republican who took his worst licking like a man in the worst defeat ever suffered by the GOP has salty advice for all present aspirant's for the party's 1960 Presidential nomination.



William S. White

He is Alf Landon, the former governor of Kansas. He carried only Maine and Vermont in 1936 as the Republican candidate for President against Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The sum of Mr. Landon's current counsel is that the Republican Congressional record between now and 1960 will be the most decisive single factor in determining Republican victory or Republican defeat in the White House race.

Madison Avenue advertising slogan won't win. Elaborate propaganda efforts by the GOP national committee to develop now party "images" for the voters to gaze upon won't win. In the Landon view, in short, no man can successfully run for President by repudiating what his party has done in Congress.

**THUS**, it goes without saying that no man can win unless that record is acceptable to the country as a whole.

Alf Landon now lives quietly in Topeka, Kansas. Long since he has left the limelight, by choice. But his strongly ironic sense of humor has not been damaged by wry memories of the historic landslide that burned him two decades ago. And he keeps a sharp, skeptical eye on the politics of today.

In a letter to this correspondent, from which he later authorized me to quote, Mr. Landon makes the point that the most dangerous error possible to the party is to leave the people in doubt as to where it really stands. And the people inevitably are left in such doubt if an Old Guard line is taken by Congressional Republicans and a more liberal line is adopted by a GOP Presidential candidate.

Landon says frankly, for illustration, that he himself had to be "equivocal" in 1936 on the issue of the reciprocal trade, or tariff-lowering, program. He personally was in favor of it, and the country was, too. Still, as he puts it, he was "tied" to the contrary position of the Congressional Republicans because he knew that "no national candidate could successfully break with that record."

**AGAIN**, he goes on, in 1944 he himself "got through a

weasel-worded resolution" at the GOP convention on reciprocal trade which was the best he could do but which enabled the GOP Presidential nominee of that year, Thomas E. Dewey, to make only a rather cloudy appeal on the issue.

Too Mr. Landon continues, Wendell Willkie, the 1940 standard bearer, could not convince the country that the GOP had any real firm position for the military draft because Republican Congressmen were at home opposing it.

"To come down to the present," Landon concludes on a gloomy note, "the Republican party is tagged in the minds of one large group of voters as an anti-labor group, tagged in the thinking of another large group as an anti-farmer party — and a third large group wonders what the Republican party really stands for."

He makes no mention of the Eisenhower Administration. The omission is significant. It is interpreted by this columnist to mean that Mr. Landon assumes, as do a large and probably a preponderant number of "regular" Republicans, that the Administration's final two years will be largely discounted in the 1960 convention and will not have much weight in its choice of nominee.

At all events, if there is a single truly expert witness anywhere on the ways in which a party may lose the Presidency it is surely Alf Landon. It is possible that the Congressional Republicans will ignore at their peril this old voice from Topeka.

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### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Sound politics note: Republicans found lessons in the life of Lincoln the other day (February 12) on how to fight back from defeat and how to support President Eisenhower's stand for a moderate and BALANCED budget.

These themes were conspicuous in Republican oratory at hundreds of party dinners observing the 150th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, first Republican president.

There were frequent reminders that Lincoln came back from defeat in the 1858 senatorial election to win the presidency in 1860.

**WHY** Lincoln won: He BELIEVED IN HIS CAUSE. He wasn't just gunning for

votes on ANY issue that at the moment seemed most likely to bring them rolling in. If the GOP will stand firm on sound issues it believes in as strongly as Lincoln believed in preserving the Union, it can win in 1960.

If it doesn't — If it goes chasing after will-o'-the-wisps such as promising to outpend the Democrats — It can pass out of the political picture — as the Whig party did.

**ODD** tale in the news: About 25,000 Russian girls are going to be shipped to new farming areas in the Soviet Asian republic of Kazakhstan to make the Russian boys there MIND THEIR MANNERS, among other things.

Soviet papers recently printed complaints that young males in the Kazakhstan frontier territory were getting sloppy in their dress and manners because no young women were around.

**Hmmmmmm**. D'ya reckon they fell? Or were they PUSHED? It's a fair guess that they were given a choice under the allegedly milder policy of Khrushchev — slave labor in Siberia or helping the boys in Kazakhstan to "mind their manners."

**ANYWAY**— It looks like Russian policy may be changing. It used to be the iron hand alone. Now it's the iron hand in the velvet glove.

Maybe the Russian big shots have been reading the Ladies Home Journal and are impressed by its famous slogan: Never Underestimate the Power of a Woman.

These modern Russkies are smart operators.

### 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.

#### Warns About Bill

To the Editor: The sharp impact of strikes this past summer was a grim warning of what is in store for people of Oregon if House bill 360 is passed by the legislature. This bill is still under discussion in the house so far as this writer knows. If it passes then the state of Oregon loses all rights of hiring or keeping on the rolls its many hundreds of long time loyal highway workers, for all highway construction work of \$5,000 or more must be submitted to contract. People should not be misled by this \$5,000 limitation. But they have a joker in Sec. 3: "It is hereby declared the policy of the state that work to be performed shall not be done in lesser amounts so as to evade the purpose of this Act."

Such obscure wording would imply that unions, especially the ruthless steel strikers, could easily hog all highway work through threat of strikes, especially in times of emergency when flooding water and winds disrupt traffic, possessions of people, or their very lives.

Now all that mentions the hiring of public employees for road or any other construction work applies to Jackson county, whose highway employees number well over a hundred, and who will lose their present jobs by July 1 if House Bill 360 becomes law, for contractors bring along their own trained personnel.

We must ever bear in mind that the contractor's price includes a substantial profit above costs. Also the work must be engineered out and put down in black and white to the last piddling detail, all of which is tops in expense. To this is added the expense of an inspector and another inspector to inspect his inspection.

All this is minor expense to the county that has its own engineers and other long time workers, who see to it that roads are built to stay, for they are the ones they themselves must use. Knowledge of widely varying soil-earth structure is of vital importance in road and bridge building, all of which will go down the drain if House Bill 360 becomes law.

All this, let me remind again, applies to every county more or less, in the state, every irrigation district, every school district and all cities big and small, removing the general public more and still more from long established contact which keep them in touch with what is going on and is to be.

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Central Point

Editor's note: The Centennial Headquarters building is just across from Maple Park grove, on the county fairgrounds north of the Armory. Visitors are always welcome. A dedication ceremony is planned for spring time.

#### Reason and Rhyme

To the Editor: The following is a little something I jotted down with perhaps a little more "reason" than "rhyme":

Now, look here, Mister! It seems to me, If we were meant to be "moonfolk," that's what we would be.

The old moon's been shining for many a year Miles away from the earth's atmosphere. In this age of sputniks, jets and such

It seems to me that we'll be in "dutch" If we don't quit letting our money wander, Blowing up in the wild blue yonder.

Better turn our tax money to creating employment For "down-to-earth" folks who need some enjoyment. If our nation, from starvation, is "six feet out" in the wild, blue yonder? Mrs. Tom Robnett 2350 Meadows lane Medford

#### Church is Blamed

To the Editor: Your editorial on what is wrong with our Latin American neighbors leads me to believe that you are not a deep student of morality as it exists in different parts of our globe.

This same lack of moral substance exists in all of South America, Spain, Portugal and even in The Philippines—yes, even France to a lesser degree.

There is one dominating influence that has molded the moral and economic fibre of all these nations. That influence is Catholicism.

There has been controversy over this for years, but the evidence is so concrete as to both moral and economic conditions as to be indisputable.

The truth of the matter is that Catholicism and Democracy cannot exist together. Unbiased literature on the subject is hard to find but "From Ape to Angel" by H. R. Hayes, pages 60-61-62 makes one more positive than ever that we should never allow anyone of Catholic persuasion to attain any degree of power in this country.

It isn't the religion I am averse to—it is the many other machinations that concern me.

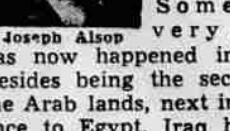
R. B. Watkins Jacksonville

### Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

#### VOLCANO WARNING

Washington — If the President of Venezuela brisly dismissed the independents in his Cabinet, and replaced them with Communists and allies of the Communists, we should all sit up and take notice and even worry a little. Something very similar has now happened in Iraq.



Joseph Alsop

Besides being the second of the Arab lands, next in importance that goes with oil wells. Yet the same developments that would focus the whole nation's attention on Venezuela, are treated as quiet inconsequential in Iraq.

Maybe this is because what has happened in Iraq is not merely far away, but also obscure and confusing on the surface. In distant Baghdad, one group of ministers with doubtful affiliations and difficult Arab names is replaced by another group of ministers with equally difficult names and even more doubtful affiliations. So why worry?

**THE** reasons to worry are squarely rooted in the history of the revolutionary Iraqi government of Brig. Abdul Karim Kassem. In brief, when the old regime was overthrown last year, the new government was composed of two different elements—the army officers who had led the revolution and the politicians of the clandestine National Front Committee who had led the secret agitation for a revolution.

The politicians' National Front Committee was in turn composed of representatives of four parties, the Baath, the Istiqlal, the National Democrats, and the Communists, who had formed this grouping after the Suez crisis. Finally, there was a sharp distinction between the first two non-Communist parties, the Baath, and the Istiqlal, and the third in the group, the National Democrats. Having made a pact with the Communists some years earlier, the National Democrats were already heavily infiltrated. But the Baath and the Istiqlal parties were not yet Communist-infiltrated, and were closely linked to Egypt.

**ORIGINALLY**, then, the new government of Iraq included all the former opposition parties, but was dominated by the army officers who had overthrown the old government. A struggle soon broke out between the two most important army officers, the head of the government, Brig. Kassem, and his former chief collaborator, Col. Abdel Salem Aref. Aref, who sought to gain support by calling for union between Iraq and Egypt, was eventually arrested on a treason charge. He has been tried and sentenced to death. On the announcement of the death sentence of Aref, all the ministers of the two parties free of Communist influence, the Baath and the Istiqlal, were removed or resigned from the governments. The Communists and National Democrats who held office meanwhile stayed on; and the resigning ministers were replaced by additional National Democrats and some men vaguely classified as "leftists."

This change can only mean

an enormous increase of Communist influence in the Iraqi government. In addition, scores of persons who were likely to oppose the growing Communist influence have been summarily arrested on vague charges. Finally, the army, which used to be at least 90 per cent nationalist and non-Communist, has also been infiltrated in recent months by more and more Communists and Communist-sympathizers.

**BRIG. KASSEM**, who is politically inexperienced, always accepted Communist support against Col. Aref. But he has also made occasional gestures towards controlling the Communists, when they too seemed to threaten his personal authority. For example, he suppressed the popular militia which the Communists were organizing in competition with the army. But after the changes in his government, it is hard to see how Brig. Kassem can make such gestures in the future. His own power depends too much on Communist support.

In short, the surge of Arab nationalism in Iraq destroyed the government of old Nuri Pasha, because he was too subservient to the British. But this same nationalist surge has now produced another weaker man like Nuri, even more dependent on the Kremlin.

The story is not quite over yet. Despite his cheerful acceptance of lavish Soviet aid, Egypt's Gamel Abdel Nasser has thus far reacted with surprising violence to the growth of Communist power in Iraq. One last, desperate effort to dislodge the new Communist bridgehead in the Arab world is still likely to be made by Nasser and his friends. But the ultimate nightmare of the West's Middle Eastern experts is already pretty close to coming true.

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**TODAY**  
In Oregon History  
(A Centennial Feature)

**FEBRUARY 16, 1885**  
The county of Morrow, named for Jackson L. Morrow, long-time resident of the area and a member of the present state legislature, was created today. A move to substitute the name "Gilliam" for the name "Morrow" was defeated. The new county was created out of a western portion of Umatilla county. The county seat will be Heppner.

**Honolulu-To-U.S. Flight Record Set**  
Los Angeles —UPI— United Airlines reported one of its DC7 passenger planes set a record Sunday night by flying from Honolulu to Los Angeles in 6 hours and 15 minutes with the aid of strong tail winds.

The four-engine craft with 40 passengers and a crew of seven landed at International Airport more than two hours ahead of schedule, chopping six minutes off the old record time for the 2,620-mile trip.

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### Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

**HUMORIST HARRY HERSHFELD**, visiting Israel, encountered a frail old rabbi and asked, "What is your weekly salary here?" "Five dollars," sighed the rabbi. "How can you live on that?" exclaimed Hershfeld.

"The lucky thing," explained the rabbi, "is that I'm a very religious man. If I didn't fast three times a week, I'd go hungry."

A very stout, very agitated lady rushed up to a train gate at Grand Central and gasped, "Can I still catch the 4:30 for Boston?"

"That depends on how fast you can run, lady," the guard informed her. "The train left here two minutes ago."

Hear about the poet who quit writing verse to become a crooner on a TV show? Yes, sir, he went from bard to verse.  
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