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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
March 13, 1949 (Sunday)

William Briggs resigns as
Ashland city attorney after
29 years of service.
Ashland officials slate a special
election Thursday on the
recall of three city councilmen.

20 YEARS AGO
March 13, 1939 (Monday)

The Medford district of the
CCC holds an educational
conference in the courthouse
auditorium.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye
Smudge Pot" column: "This is
Monday the 13th. The sun
came up, and the metropol-
itan papers arrived on time."

30 YEARS AGO
March 13, 1929 (Wednesday)

Two days remain in which
to pay income taxes without
penalty.
Midway road proposals are
aired before the county court.

40 YEARS AGO
March 13, 1919 (Thursday)

North Riverside ave. resi-
dents are startled by the sound
of revolver shots but no source
is discovered.
Medford, Ashland and
Grants Pass commercial clubs
unite to improve southern
Oregon.

50 YEARS AGO
March 13, 1909 (Saturday)

Southern Oregon Normal
school boosters rally at Port-
land for a gallant fight.
A new coal vein, the third,
is discovered on Roxy Ann.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. In American History,
what is the significance of
Appomattox (Virginia) Court-
house?

2. In the days of sailing
ships, "rounding the horn,"
was a familiar expression.
What did it mean?

3. Which silent motion pic-
ture actor was known as "the
man with a thousand faces"?

4. Entomology is the study
of insects; what is etymology?
5. In which state is Pike's
Peak?

6. The head of a whale is
six feet long; his tail is as
long as his head and half his
body, and his body is half of
his whole length. How long
is the whale?

7. The primary pigment
colors are red, yellow, and...?
8. What is the center stone
of an arch called?

9. How many inches are
there in one meter?

10. Vessels of which class
in the U. S. Navy are named
for cities?

Answers: 1. Place where
Lee surrendered to Grant
(April 9, 1865); 2. Sailing
around Cape Horn; 3. Lon
Chaney; 4. Study of words; 5.
Colorado; 6. Forty-eight feet
long; 7. Blue; 8. Keystone; 9.
39.37 inches; 10. Cruisers.

PLAN NAVAL EXERCISES
Yokosuka, Japan—UPI—U. S.
7th Fleet Commander Vice
Adm. Frederick N. Kivett
announced today that U. S.
and Republic of Korea forces
will conduct a routine com-
bined amphibious training ex-
ercise near Pohang late next
month. The exercise will be
named "Sea Turtle."

Bear Creek: Sewer or Asset?

The findings reported Wednesday by the Sportsmen Club of Jackson County—to the effect that fish in Bear creek are dying, presumably from pollution—are surprising only in two ways:

1. It is surprising that any fish at all can live in the stream.

2. It is surprising that the people of Jackson county have permitted Bear creek to be operated as an "open sewer" for so many years.

The revolting condition of Bear creek — potentially a valuable recreational and esthetic resource—is no secret. Everyone we've talked to deploras it, and says, in effect, "Something should be done." But nothing has been done.

WE SUGGEST:

That the parks and recreation commissions of both Medford and Jackson county consider how Bear creek could best be fitted into a long-range plan of improvement for recreational purposes;

That the newly-formed pollution control board of the county, in cooperation with such civic-minded groups as the Sportsmen and others concerned with such problems, find out what needs to be done to clear up pollution;

That Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Medford and Central Point and the county back them up with whatever sort of support is needed;

That the state sanitary authority be contacted to see if it can be of assistance;

That the state highway commission be made thoroughly aware of its responsibility for beautification of the Bear creek area, if and when it cleaves Medford in twain by using Bear creek as a freeway route;

That all good citizens support such actions.

THE upstream irrigation districts, Medford and Talent, might have valuable suggestions as to how an adequate minimum streamflow could be maintained to prevent the creek from being nothing but a string of stagnant puddles in summertime, particularly in view of the possibility of more usable water resulting from the Talent project.

The state water resources board might have valuable suggestions, and furnish encouragement for the beneficial use of the creek.

If the Izaak Waltonians, Sportsmen, garden clubs, civic organizations, PTAs, veterans organizations—and just plain people who are concerned—make it known that's what they want, Bear creek could be converted from a 20-mile-long sewer in to a 20-mile-long asset.—E.A.

An Academic Distinction

Senator John Kennedy may have won more hearts than votes during his visit here last week end, although it is fairly certain he gained to some extent in both categories.

But to the young Democrat from Massachusetts — labeled by pundits and pollsters as a leading candidate for his party's presidential nomination next year—the distinction between hearts and votes may at this point be academic.

After all, he has made it quite clear to the nation that he is not (yet) a declared candidate.

HIS speech at the Roosevelt Memorial Dinner last Friday evening, appropriately enough, was an evocation of the New Deal spirit rather than a declaration of his positions on current issues.

An exception was his brief discussion of the need for developing natural resources. Yet here — perhaps significantly — he deleted from his delivery a passage in the prepared text dealing with his position in last fall's Bay State senatorial race regarding water resource development.

The senator, in other words, was apparently avoiding any overt suggestion that he might be campaigning here.

AWAY from the rostrum he was not aggressive in hand-shaking, nor—so far as is known—did he kiss any babies. He was dignified, yet not reticent; impressive, yet approachable. His tall, trim silhouette; his bright smile on a tanned face—these contributed to his personal charm.

On the other hand, however, while Kennedy mounted no soapboxes in Medford, he did not place himself on a political pedestal either.

Time was generously allotted for questioning: in particular, a 15-minute television interview right after his arrival; a 15-minute question and answer period following his speech at the dinner; and a 15-minute press conference the next day.

In his answers to the many questions posed, including several on such controversial subjects as trade with Red China and the defense budget, Senator Kennedy let the public know where he stands on most important national issues. At the same time, the initiative for his statements lay with his questioners.

AN INTERESTING sidelight is the report that the senator had briefed himself on local issues—and was disappointed at not being questioned on more of them.

What placed his personal appearance here in still another perspective was the report that his political appearance was simultaneously dominating a conference of Midwest Democrats in Milwaukee. It was reported that mimeographed statements on many topics from "the man who wasn't there," including some on issues vital to the farm belt, were in plentiful supply.

In Milwaukee, perhaps, votes rather than hearts were being sought. As we say, though, the distinction may be academic. Hearts won here last week end could well become votes next year when the hard campaigning begins.—E.W.

Dennis the Menace



"CAN I STAY HERE WHILE MY MOM GETS OVER A BUSTED VASE?"

Spy Thrillers Dime A Dozen In Frankfurt, Writer Says

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Editor
Frankfurt, Germany—UPI—The writer of spy thrillers could have a field day here.

Coded names, telephone calls from untraceable public booths, forged documents—they're almost a part of daily life here on the fringe of the Iron Curtain where the Communists pay for information about Western defenses.

Some of these cases, when the spies are caught, find their way on to court records.

Ed Beller is the United Press International editor in Frankfurt. As with any newspaper here, part of his job is to run these stories down and to report them when they can be told without involving Western security.

Recalls a Few
He was remembering a few the other night. Since last October, German counter-intelligence has arrested dozens of persons on charges of "treasonable ties to a foreign power."

Most of them involve northern defenses along the strategic Baltic Sea, where Russian submarines abound and in an area especially sensitive to the Russians because of their work on rocketry.

Last October, intelligence picked up a pilot in the German naval air force. He had been leader of a squadron of what is reported to be NATO's most versatile anti-sub defenses—the turbo-prop "Gannet" planes packed with secret electronic equipment.

In December, intelligence picked up the editor of an information service. He supplied a popular service on Communist-bloc navies, but the intelligence service said that was only a front for espionage against the West.

\$125 Per Picture
In January, they picked up a private pilot, his wife and a photographer. They had been using a surplus British World War II airplane to take pictures of ships, ports and bridges. The going price was said to be \$125 a picture.

The battle being waged by West German counter-intelligence is mostly a silent one. The news of these arrests, if it comes out at all, comes slowly and is confirmed only after inquiry.

Last month, 60-year-old Carl Helfmann was sentenced to 4½ years in prison by the federal court at Karlsruhe.

He confessed he had worked for the Communist East Germans for five years. He also claimed he had worked for the Americans part of that time as a double agent. The Karlsruhe court did not press the latter point.

The prosecution asked for a comparatively light sentence in his case because they said his quick confession enabled them to arrest many Communist agents. But neither names nor numbers have been revealed.

HANG PORTRAITS
Washington—UPI—The Senate has opened its own gilded hall-of-fame with portraits of five great senators. The "famous five" are Henry Clay of Kentucky, Daniel Webster of Massachusetts, John C. Calhoun of South Carolina, Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin and Robert A. Taft of Ohio. Their portraits were unveiled Thursday in the Senate reception room.

that "hoped-for" by the Mel at most, the city will buy a right of way, at more expense, for needed access."

We agree with the embattled property owners, business people and residents of the area. Approve and improve the Clark st. crossing.

D. W. Robertson,
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Medford

As one city official said,
"close it, and within two years

Try and Stop Me
By BENNETT CERF

HELEN PALMER tells of a raw maid in Denver who watched in awe while her competent mistress baked a cake.

"Eloise," instructed the mistress, "open the oven door now and see if that peach cake is baked. Stick a knife in it and see if it comes out clean."

Eloise returned presently, beaming with pleasure. "The knife came out so clean," she reported, "that I stuck in all the other dirty knives too."

Choice specimens of campy wit:

1.—Some scoundrel broke into a history prof's pigeon last week. "Now," wails the prof, "I haven't got mahogany more."

2.—Teacher: How would you punctuate this sentence, "Marian went swimming and lost her bikini?"
Freshman: I'd make a dash after Marian.

A little shop featuring materials used in ladies' dresses has opened in Tulsa, Okla. It's called "The Tulle Shed."
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Facts Difficult To Come By in Blazing Controversy Over Budget vs. Defense

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington—UPI—Have pity for the earnest citizen who seeks the facts in the blazing defense-budget controversy between President Eisenhower and the Democratic Congress.

There are too many experts; too many speeches; too many words. The controversy is the hottest of our times. It is the most important. If United States defense policy is mistaken now and if the mistake is large enough, Red bombs may wither the flowers of spring in this country to say nothing of what they would do to earnest citizens from coast to coast.

None but a hopeless cynic would believe for an instant that the politicians engaged

in this defense-spending controversy merely are playing politics for partisan advantage.

It is their country, too. They have wives and families and homes. If Eisenhower is wrong his grandchildren are as likely as any to be crisped by nuclear fire. That goes, equally, for Dean Acheson, former Secretary of State, whose damning criticism of administration defense policy is directed mostly to the immediate problem of the Berlin crisis.

The Great Question
The inquiring earnest citizen cannot cope with the flood of argument about defense and spending unless he understands that there are two separate areas of dispute. The first is how to meet the crisis coming in West Berlin if and when the Kremlin hands over its responsibilities to the puppet East German government.

Acheson put it this way in a casual conversation this week: "The great question is whether Nikita Khrushchev realizes that Eisenhower means what he says — means that the West will not give an inch on Berlin. Eisenhower evidently is convinced that the Russians are aware of his frame of mind."

Acheson doubts that Khrushchev is convinced. Acheson would convince the Russians by positive action, such as a massive re-enforcement of U. S. military strength in Western Europe. Once the Russians are convinced that Eisenhower means what he says, Acheson believes, Khrushchev would come to the brink and stop. The former secretary believes, also, that unless Eisenhower orders such positive action the Russians will come to the brink and go over — World War III would be on.

Ike's Reply
Eisenhower's answer to Acheson's demand was made with convincing vigor at this week's White House news conference. He said it would be futile and foolish to attempt to stall the Russian ground forces on the plains of Western Europe with ground forces of NATO. Ike will loose atomic war against the Soviet

Union if Khrushchev forces him to do so.

That should be clear enough, even to the Kremlin. The other phase of the defense-spending controversy is on the longer haul. Is the United States spending enough now to overcome the Russian lead in missiles? Could the United States now or in the future defend itself with what it has or will have against Russian attack?

The facts on this, also, are hard to come by, especially facts relating to what striking force the Russians possess now and what they are likely to possess at any time during the next five years. The simplest estimate of the situation was made by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force General Nathan F. Twining. He said he would much rather be an American facing the Russian menace than a Russian facing what this country can throw.

—will be heard with particular respect on this account.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

THE SOLID UNCLE
Washington—A long time ago in Texas a boy usually knew that the family or some part of it somewhere was in trouble when a laconic uncle

or cousin suddenly rode into the yard about dusk and walked into the house as though he had been expected. Such a southwestern rendezvous against outside dangers were infrequent and never lightly held. Every member of the family had an equal right to a welcome and to put such a powwow into motion. But some had, so to speak, more equal rights than others. Such and such an uncle or cousin, though always backed up in the outer world, was not felt within the lodge to be really quite sound.

When he came, all would listen politely, but with some inner skepticism. Technically, he was given a full hearing. But it was not nearly so thorough a hearing as that given to another uncle or cousin whose personal solidity and stability were considered to be of a higher order.

BUT the very fact that the sounder relative was privileged to have a more attentive audience put a special responsibility upon him. He was granted a leadership that automatically would have been withheld from the less sound relative. He was, accordingly, put under a special burden to offer only wisely considered proposals and, above all, proposals with which all could go along in the end.

For all were well aware that the actions he was recommending would commit not merely the main family but all its second-cousin connections. These, too, had to be considered.

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is now preparing to open a rendezvous of the Anglo-American alliance, in Berlin crisis talks with President Eisenhower here later this month. Macmillan will not, of course, saddle a horse and ride across two or three counties. He will take an airplane across an ocean that always shrinks, as those counties used to shrink, when grave matters had to be talked over with special intimacy.

MR. NASSER didn't like that.

So—He hooked up a SECOND revolution, his hope being that he could GET IRAQ BACK. His revolt appears to have been a total flop. His rebel army took a bad beating at the hands of Mr. K's stooges, and dispatches from Cairo this morning report that 60 of its officers have been executed without a trial following the pattern set by the communists in Hungary.

WILBUR LANDREY, UPI correspondent in the Middle East, reports that: "Political implications of the Iraq revolt are becoming plainer every day. Defeat of the rebellion came as a victory for communism and a DEFEAT for the Arab nationalism of U.A.R. (United Arab Republic) President Gamal Abdel Nasser."

THE moral:
I think perhaps it can be found in this jingle:
"A smiling young lady of Nige."
"Once went for a ride with a tiger."
"They came back from the ride."
"With the lady inside."
"And the smile on the face of the tiger."

ANYWAY—
A That has been the fate of EVERYONE who has gone for a ride with the communist tiger.
Let's hope WE don't get taken for a ride in Berlin.

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