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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 16, 1949 (Wednesday)
Medford Mayor Diamond Flynn appoints citizens to advisory committees for city charter revision and airport problems.
Harry A. Skerry Jr. is appointed Ashland's new city attorney.
20 YEARS AGO
March 16, 1939 (Thursday)
Medford citizens are asked not to molest parasitized earwigs released in the area to destroy other earwigs.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "A straw vote shows the metropolitan in favor of daylight saving, with only a few favoring knocking the daylight out of the plan."
30 YEARS AGO
March 16, 1929 (Saturday)
Signs of oil are reported in Central Point, together with rumors that drilling may be undertaken.
Contracts are let for installation of air beacons in the valley.
40 YEARS AGO
March 16, 1919 (Sunday)
Secretary of War Baker and General March pass through town on a train.
Elbert Coleman returns from France.
50 YEARS AGO
March 16, 1909 (Tuesday)
An official Medford census of 5,330, just completed, raises Elks' hopes for a local lodge and chapter.
The Southern Pacific's "farmers special" demonstration train is due here next Monday.
What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. From what town in England did the Pilgrims come to Plymouth, Mass.?
2. What war was won by using a wooden horse?
3. Correct the following: "The recipe calls for three spoons full of flour."
4. Does the earth's surface obtain most of its heat from the sun, or from internal heat?
5. Whom did Napoleon divorce to marry Marie Louise?
6. Which of these fruits has the most calories per pound—apples, bananas, peaches, or avocados?
7. According to a much-told story, what was it the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina?
8. If three candles were burning side by side, one red, one white, and one green, what color would the light be?
9. What was the popular slogan of Americans during the Spanish-American War?
10. Is strontium 90 a cleaning agent, atomic fallout, or motor fuel?
Answers: 1. Plymouth. Eng. 2. Trojan War. 3. "... spoons full..." 4. Sun. 5. Josephine. 6. Avocados (1200). 7. "It's a long time between drinks." 8. White. 9. "Remember the Maine." 10. Atomic fallout.

We've Earned Leadership

For too long we have let Europe beat its chest as the cradle of Western civilization. It's about time we began compiling our contributions to the world's progress.

Arthur M. Schlesinger Sr., of Harvard University, one of America's great historians, has begun the job with an article in this month's Atlantic Magazine entitled "Our Ten Contributions to Civilization."

IN SUMMARY, he defines them as:

THE RIGHT OF REVOLUTION: We were the first to put the "all men are created equal" doctrine into practice. From the French Revolution to the rise of the Republic of Indonesia, our revolution has been the inspiration for the fights for freedom.

THE PRINCIPLE OF FEDERALISM: "It offered mankind a key to the age-old problem of reconciling legitimate local interests with the general good."

THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED: "The underlying philosophy was not that the common man is all-wise, but only that he can govern himself better than anyone else can do it for him."

THE STATUS OF WOMEN: It was the women of the United States who first demanded, and achieved, their right to an equal share in government and society.

THE MELTING POT: The world's peoples fused themselves into one whole in this vast land and gave the lie to those who said languages and nationalities could never mingle.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL: As part of the new concept of self-government by the people, it was determined that all the public must be educated. This overthrew the idea of privately-financed education for the upper-classes alone which had prevailed in Europe.

FREEDOM OF WORSHIP: This nation has proved that "the separation of church and state did not in fact weaken either but strengthened both."

VOLUNTARY GIVING: Our assistance to the world's poor, not only through governmental foreign aid, but through the donations of private individuals, is unequalled in the world's experience.

TECHNOLOGY: Yankee ingenuity has produced material marvels for the masses and led the way to higher standards of living for the entire world.

EVOLUTIONARY PROGRESS: "One of our proudest achievements has been the creation of a system of controlled capitalism that yields the highest living standards on earth and has made possible a society as nearly classless as man has ever known."

The mantle of world leadership has fallen on our shoulders not through accident, but because we have earned the distinction through these contributions to the world's progress. We will continue to hold that position only as long as the world is convinced we believe in the principles we have created.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Situation Wanted

Harry Truman, bless his heart, wants to be a news editor. That way, he says, he could put the real news in the newspaper and keep out the propaganda and "slanted" stuff.

We're willing to help. We don't have a vacancy in the news editor slot, but we do have a spare chair. Any time the former president wants to drop around and work with the news editor, he's welcome.

Each morning he'd till a brand new crop, watching it bud about noon, come into full flower early in the afternoon, and die before he returned to work the next morning. Then he'd start over. Sometimes he'd feel as if his tractor were running away with him.

BEFORE long he'd marvel, not at the mistakes in news judgment, but that so often judgment was proved correct. He'd learn things he never knew before about the elusive nature of truth. He'd know how it felt to be almost suffocated with information.

And at the end of a couple of weeks he'd find himself growing increasingly crabby when somebody said he wanted to be a news editor so that he could get the truth into the paper.—Eugene Register-Guard.

State Takes Action

Who's on the spot, Portland or the State Sanitary Authority? The state agency, weary of being stalled, has asked for a court order compelling the Rose City to stop polluting the Willamette and Columbia rivers with its sewage. Portland officials say they are helpless because they don't have the money to improve the sewage disposal system and the people have refused to vote bond issues for that purpose.

The court can issue the order requested, but how can it be enforced?

THE Sanitary Authority would be in a frustrating position if, after getting the backing of the court, Portland took the position that it just couldn't raise the money. That is, unless the law has sufficient teeth to force Portland to divert the money from some other area of municipal services in order to meet its obligation under the pollution law.

Those living down river from Portland are firmly on the side of the Sanitary Authority. Smaller communities on both sides of the Columbia have done their part in cleaning up the river by installing sewage treatment plants at considerable cost. They have no sympathy with the biggest city in Oregon when it pleads poverty as an excuse for continuing to be a public health menace.—La Grande Evening Observer.

Dennis the Menace



"THAT'S NOT TRUE! HE'S BEEN THERE ABOUT TEN MINUTES, NOT 'ALL DAY!'"

Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippman is again traveling in Europe. Roscoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.)

MEET HAWAII—50TH STATE
Washington — There will soon be 50 states in the Union—100 Senators and one or two more members of the House of Representatives.

It is more than 100 years since President Franklin Pierce suggested that Hawaii be incorporated into the Union.

Now, after 22 formal hearings since 1935, producing 6,400 printed pages of testimony and exhibits, totalling some 3,000,000 words with 900 witnesses being heard in the Territory and in Washington, the state of Hawaii is being welcomed with open arms.

For the first time in history the Senate interior and insular affairs committee unanimously recommended a state for admission and Senate bill 50 will make Hawaii the 50th state with the notable high of seven Southern Senators joining in approval.

no Communists in the Hawaiian legislature and when one sympathizer of Harry Bridges' ran for Mayor of Honolulu in 1956 he was administered the worst defeat in Hawaiian history.

WHAT OF HAWAIIAN POLITICS? The two-party system prevails. It has been traditionally Republican. In 1956 Hawaii elected its first Democratic delegate to Congress since 1934 and re-elected him last year. Recently Hawaii has reflected the national voting pattern and since 1954 Democrats have controlled the Hawaiian legislature for the first time.

Hawaii is ready for admission and the nation is ready for Hawaii.
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Communications

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To End Pollution
To the Editor: You deserve praise of people of the Rogue basin for your editorial on Bear creek pollution of March 13.

Yes, the people of Jackson county have permitted Bear creek to be operated as an "open sewer" even when they have state laws prohibiting this and when they have a county health officer who has the authority and duty to enforce this law.

Oregon Revised Statute 449.110 reads in part, "No person, or proprietor, operator, agent, superintendent or employee of any... sawmill... or slaughterhouse or any manufacturing concern... shall cast or suffer or permit any sawdust, planer shaving... or other lumber waste or any element or chemical extracted therefrom, or other substances, which do or may render the waters of a stream... destructive of fish life... or any oil... or chemical to be discharged, in any manner, or to deposit the same where high water will take or carry same into the waters of this state."

O.R.S. 449.115 reads in part, "No person shall put or deposit in any of the... streams of Oregon, or any artificial canal or ditch in which the waters of such... streams... or waters run, any dead animal carcass, or part thereof, manure, sewage, putrid, decaying or deleterious substance, refuse, waste or polluting matter, or any matter which either by itself or in connection with any substance injures fish or corrupts or impairs the quality of the waters of such... streams... for domestic or municipal purposes, or places any such substance in such position that it escapes or is carried into those waters by the action of the elements or otherwise."

O.R.S. 449.050 reads, "Proceedings to abate alleged public nuisances created by pollution of waters of this state may be instituted at law, or in equity, in the name of the State of Oregon, upon relation of the Sanitary Authority, the Attorney General, any district attorney of any county or the city attorney of any municipality affected."

A few months ago I went to Jackson county health officer and reported that the two slaughterhouses on Bear creek below Medford were dumping their sewage into Bear creek. I asked for enforcement of law. I also took up the matter with State Sanitary Authority's repre-

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

CAT BEING SKINNED

Washington — An Israeli diplomat here put the case with great plainness. "There are no Middle Eastern experts," he said. "There are only observers with differing degrees of ignorance."



"As for me," this Israeli friend went on with a smile, "I come from a land where prophets (meaning the ancient Hebrew prophets of the Bible) have been much honored over the centuries. But personally I feel no desire to attempt to become a modern prophet about the Middle East."

No one in the Washington diplomatic community most directly concerned pretends to understand each and all of the implications of the renewed churning of events from the top of the Nile to the Persian Gulf.

Premier Abdel el-Kassem of Iraq, where less than a year ago a kingly regime was destroyed by a murderous pro-Communist uprising has now himself put down a rebellion. This one was a revolt by Iraqi officers in sympathy with, if not necessarily directed by, the United Arab Republic (Egypt and Syria) of Gamal Abdel Nasser.

Now, Colonel Nasser, who dreams of an Arab empire, is crying out against the Communists in Iraq who more closely surround Kassem. But Nasser himself has gained his own power largely through Kremlin support and Communist-supplied weapons.

It is, therefore, a case of a very sooty kettle, the United Arab Republic, shaming a pot, Iraq, for being black.

It is no doubt many other things as well. It may mark the beginning of a new chaos in the Middle East that would serve the world aims of the Kremlin as every such instance of chaos has served, no matter who started it or how it might end. It is even possible that some elaborate Russian double play is at work here to set off more

trouble in the Middle East just as the crisis over Berlin approaches climax.

ONE dreadful thing, however, is perfectly clear, whatever the Russians are doing or not doing in the Middle East. This is that whatever now happens will not be in the Western interest. Any major disorder will inevitably become a distracting factor to our side, and especially to the British. They could not long tolerate any cutting off of Iraq oil. They could not long live with any widening vacuum into which Soviet power could readily move against worldwide British communications in this swinging gateway between East and West.

For the plain truth is that the Soviet Union has two sticks with which happily to beat us in the Middle East. One is, of course, the conventional trouble-making subversive apparatus of international communism. The other stick is Colonel Nasser. Though he now seems to be threatening a break with Moscow there is great doubt here that he could go through with it even if he chose.

HIS regime is infiltrated by Soviet "technicians"; his power rests on Soviet-bloc arms. But even if he could and would part with the Russians his capacity for making a continued difficulty for the West would hardly decline. For what Nasser represents, at bottom, is a determination to drive the last of Western influence from the Middle East. This is precisely the Kremlin's own purpose. The job could be done just about as well by a "new" Nasser shouting curses at Moscow every 15 minutes, so long as he was simultaneously destroying Western positions in the Middle East in the name of "nationalism."

There is, as the old saying goes, more than one way to skin a cat. And the skinning of our cat in the Middle East was begun long ago. It was begun when we took up the great postwar clamor against "colonialism" and assisted in driving all Western power, notably that of the British, from the Middle East.

For this, we got "self-termination" in the Middle East. And for this we got "nationalism" in place of old colonialism; we got Nasser's kind of "nationalism." (Copyright, 1959, by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

We've been reading and hearing of the JOY UNRESTRAINED with which the people of Hawaii greeted the news of their admission to the Union as an American state.

It seems not long ago when we were listening to similar outbursts of joy from the people of Alaska — for the same reason.

WHY are they joyful? In an effort to answer that question, let's do a little supposing.

Suppose we hadn't bought Alaska at the right time.

Suppose we hadn't annexed Hawaii at the right time.

LET'S do some more supposing.

Suppose Russia had KEPT Alaska.

Suppose Russia had swept down into the mid-Pacific and had TAKEN the Sandwich Islands.

WELL— In that event—

The people of Alaska and the people of Hawaii WOULD BE FAR LESS HAPPY NOW. They would have very little to be happy about, for they would now be a part of the communist system.

As a part of the communist system, they would be little better than slaves.

THE boiled-down conclusion: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS A PRETTY GOOD PLACE TO LIVE. It's little wonder that the people of Alaska and the people of Hawaii are so happy.

WHAT of Hawaii's history? The Islands are generally supposed to have been discovered by Captain James Cook. Captain Cook was a famous English navigator. He mapped the Saint Lawrence river and the Newfoundland coast. Then he tackled the job of mapping the South Pacific. In the course of this job, he theorized that there must be

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

MOLOTOV'S OLD PLAN

Washington — A short year ago, any major defeat for Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser would have delighted the great majority of American policymakers. Today, however, there are very long faces indeed in the governmental inner circle, because of Nasser's serious defeat in Iraq.

As the reports from the scene have been fragmentary and confusing, it may be well to summarize the story of this defeat, before trying to explain the long faces it had caused here.

In brief, the Iraqi revolutionary government of Brig. Abdul Karim Kassem has been increasingly Communist-influenced, since the first setback of Iraq's pro-Nasser group last summer. Nasser is pledged to expel all foreign influence from the Arab world. Hence he has reacted boldly and rather sharply to Iraq's transformation into a Soviet bridgehead.

LAST WEEK, moreover, propaganda was abandoned in favor of overt action. Egyptian agents had previously established contacts with the brigades of the Iraqi army stationed in the north, around the oil town of Mosul. At least one and perhaps two of these dissident Iraqi army brigades revolted last week. Supply lines for the rebels were reportedly opened from Nasser's Syrian province; for a "Free Mosul" radio was set up on Syrian territory, where it broadcast until the rebellion was quashed. The rebellion nonetheless failed, because com-

a new CONTINENT somewhere in the South Pacific region. It wasn't until a century later that discovery of Australia proved him to be right.

IN 1776, he tackled the fabled Northwest Passage job and proved by his explorations that there was no direct route by water from the Pacific to Hudson Bay. It was on his return trip to England that he stumbled onto the island group that has just become the State of Hawaii.

He named it for Lord John Montagu, the fourth Earl of Sandwich. Hence the name Sandwich Islands. He then headed for home.

WHAT Cook is generally credited with the discovery, it is fairly certain that a Spaniard named Juan Gaetano was the original discoverer. He was wandering around out in the Pacific in 1555 — some 200 years before Captain Cook's day.

He is believed to have sighted the island group that has just become an American state, but he had learned by then that the Pacific Ocean was speckled with islands, and it didn't seem likely to him that there would be any GOLD there — in those days Spain (like a lot of people now) was chiefly interested in the Quick Buck — and there seemed to him to be little likelihood of any Quick Bucks in the form of gold on the volcanic islands that loomed up off the bow of his Spanish Galleon.

So he made an entry in his diary, and went on his way.

panion-uprisings did not take place as expected, in the Iraqi army brigades in other parts of the country.

In short, Nasser has now made a final, fairly desperate gamble on unseating Kassem, as predicted in this space; and Nasser's gamble has gone badly wrong. The Iraqi response has been ultra-violent. Nasser was even hanged in effigy in the streets of Baghdad. Equally, Nasser responded to his own failure by making the most brutal and direct attack on Kassem and the Iraqi Communists that he has ever made, in a speech at Damascus.

SUCH THEN, was this grave defeat of Nasser, which has caused so many long faces here. One reason for the long faces is the simple fact that Nasser, as is his habit, will probably go all out for a quick, cheap victory, to compensate for his defeat. Relations between Nasser and Jordan have lately been improving rapidly. It is possible that the victory will take the form of some sort of association between Jordan and Nasser's United Arab Republic. In view of Nasser's new anti-Communist stand, such a development would cause no pain here. It is rather more likely, however, that Nasser will seek his victory nearer home. Neighboring Libya is tiny, close to chaos, and lately proven to be rich in oil. Hence Libya is a tempting prospect. Equally, the political balance in the Sudan has been shifting in Nasser's favor; and an association of the Sudan with Egypt is one of Nasser's highest priority objectives. A Nasserite coup, whether in Libya or the Sudan, would create grave problems.

Yet the main reason for the long faces in Washington is the effect of Nasser's defeat in Iraq itself. The Communist influence in Baghdad has now been boldly challenged by a military uprising. The Communists have met and overcome the challenge. Thus the lingering hope that Brig. Kassem would somehow free himself from the clutches of the Communists has now dimmed to the absolute vanishing point.

LONG AGO, the honeymoon period of the Soviet-Nazi pact ended because of a discussion of the post-war division of the expected spoils of Britain and France. Molotov then staked out a Soviet claim to Iraq, Iran, and the head of the Persian Gulf, as a sphere of Soviet power and influence in the Arab lands. This claim Adolf Hitler thought excessive — and well he might, since the Soviet claim comprised most of the proven Middle Eastern oil-producing areas of that period.

Nasser's realization too plainly means the defeat of the first stage of this old Molotov plan. The bridgehead of Communist power in Iraq will turn permit a great intensification of the pressure on Iran — which is under severe pressure already. Pressure on the oil sheikdoms of the Persian Gulf will no doubt begin later on.

We have reached an odd stage of insensitivity, when such a major Communist triumph in the most strategically vital part of the world attracts so little attention and causes such limited concern. (Copyright, 1959, New York Herald Tribune Inc.)

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