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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 27, 1949 (Sunday)

Emil Kroeger, Richard Neill
and E. E. Sheldon are appointed
Ashland's new city councilmen
at a "harmonious" council
session.

Gov. Douglas McKay signs
a bill paving the way for the
proposed \$90 million Rogue
river basin project, including
a dam at Lewis creek.

20 YEARS AGO
March 27, 1939 (Monday)

Children of Washington
school find a white robin who
regularly patronizes the school
lawn a fine topic for nature
study.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye
Smudge Pot" column: "There
will be no daylight saving in
Oregon. Therefore, no restrictions
are placed on wasting darkness."

30 YEARS AGO
March 27, 1929 (Wednesday)

The Greater Medford club
favors alibi bonds.
The city council of Medford
is to consider issuing a
new dog license at a special
meeting.

40 YEARS AGO
March 27, 1919 (Thursday)

Central Point protests any
change in the Pacific highway
route between that city and
Seven Oaks.
The forest service asks for
bids on construction of the
Crater Lake road from Prospect
to the park boundary.

50 YEARS AGO
March 27, 1909 (Saturday)

A grand jury returns 14
indictments as efforts are made
to halt the local traffic in
illegal deer hides.
It is reported that 75 per
cent of newcomers to the Pacific
Northwest last year took
up farming, dairying or stock-
raising.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. What act in U.S. history
was called Seward's Folly?

2. During the Revolutionary
war, at what city in Virginia
did Lord Cornwallis surrender?

3. In "Uncle Tom's Cabin,"
what river did Eliza cross the
ice?

4. Does the window sash
hold the window jamb, the
window sill, or the glass in
the window?

5. Do you connect the name
of Benjamin F. Fairless with
automobiles, steel or oil?

6. Correct the following:
"Either Joe or Jim is going
to go."

7. Which of these is not
nationally known as a fraternal
order, Moose, Elks, Lions,
Eagles, Mules?

8. Who was the first president
of the U.S. to wear false
teeth?

9. There are no fish in the
Dead Sea; true or false?

Answers: 1. Purchase of
Alaska. 2. Yorktown. 3. The
Ohio. 4. Glass. 5. Steel. 6. It's
correct. 7. Mules. 8. George
Washington. 9. True.

Two-Edged Sword

We are not fond of dictators.
This goes for a Stalin or a Khrushchev or a
Tito, and it also goes for a Trujillo or a Hitler
or a Franco.

Despite the fact that free men's greatest war
was fought against the forces of Fascism, as ex-
emplified by Hitler and Mussolini, the current "set"
of the times is against the communist dictators.

Sometimes it seems that this very natural pre-
occupation with the threat of communism tends
to blind us to the threat of the tyranny at the
other end of the political spectrum.

FREEDOM lives in the middle.

It is threatened by the authoritarianism of
both the right and the left—which are, in fact,
closer to each other than they are to the demo-
cratic forms to which we adhere in the west.

Both are insidious. But the danger of commu-
nism has been made so thoroughly understood
that it is universally acknowledged. On the other
hand, the danger from fascism was down-graded
following the defeat of the Axis powers, and also
as a result of the fact that its remaining protagon-
ists, Franco, Trujillo, et al, present no immediate
danger to the security of the United States.

They don't—no. But the authoritarian philo-
sophy which they represent, does, always has, and
probably always will.

ONE of the side effects of the nation's preoc-
upation with communism has been a sort of de-
facto alliance with fascist-type regimes.

Much of the American aid which has gone
to Latin American dictatorships has been given
under the pretext that it was to help them fight
communism—which is a flimsy sophistry, at best.

The same is in part true of our uneasy alliance
with Generalissimo Francisco Franco, the Span-
ish dictator, although because Spain furnishes
bases for our planes, there is somewhat more
justification for the practice.

BUT is Franco a "bulwark against communism,"
as is always alleged?

Salvador de Madariaga, Spanish ambassador
to the United States in 1931, now living in Oxford,
England, an historian and diplomat, recently
wrote to the New York Times to point out some
of the facts about communism in fascist Spain.
He declares it is thriving. And he cites these
reasons:

"All parties being forbidden by Franco, the Com-
munist is the only Spanish party which possessed a
technique of clandestinity, and money."
"Spain receives a score of weekly radio talks and
none from a free world point of view."
"Franco accuses all his enemies of being Commu-
nists, which automatically raises the prestige of
communism, since opposition to Franco is popular
and general in Spain."

"American friendship and aid to Franco generate
a chain reaction of emotions on the basis of: friends
of my enemies are my enemies and enemies of my
enemies are my friends, which, of course, works fatally
in favor of communism."
"The people get used to apathetic obedience, which
paves the way for communism."
"The regime has increased the scandalous gap be-
tween rich and poor; and the poor are denied any
outlet in free working-class organizations of a syndical-
ist or social-democratic type; so they go Communist."

SENOR MADARIAGA'S arguments, while not
conclusive, certainly tend to show how it is
possible for a violent anti-communism, through
ill-advised repression, to encourage the very thing
it fears and detests.

Not only is this food for thought about our
policy of cooperating with Franco and his ilk.
Perhaps even more important, it is one more
reason why we should look with suspicion at those
in our own midst who would curb the freedom
of others under the pretense, or excuse, of "fight-
ing communism."

That is a sword which cuts both ways.—E.A.

Oregon's Seashore

The Eugene Register-Guard, which serves
much of the area proposed for the new National
Park Service seashore area, reports that reaction
there to the proposal has been mixed.

Approval of the idea appears to be in a sort
of inverse ratio to the distance from the site, the
Guard indicates. Those closest to it see the diffi-
culties most clearly; those at a slightly greater
distance, can see both sides, and those at some
distance away see mostly the advantages.

In Florence, the Lane county town nearest to
the great and beautiful expanse of beaches, sand-
dunes and freshwater lakes which comprise much
of the proposed National Seashore, some residents
are fearful of such things as property being
removed from the tax rolls, and other hindrances
to the local economy.

THE GUARD also pointed out that there was
opposition to the establishment of Yosemite
National park, on much the same grounds, but
that Yosemite now is inestimably more valuable
as a national park than it ever could have been
as a grazing area or source of timber.

The area in question is largely undeveloped
at the moment. And about its only real use is
for recreational purposes.

How much better that it be protected and pre-
served, in its own natural beauty (together with
appropriate but unobtrusive facilities for visitors)
than that it go the way it has already started,
with haphazard and often objectional "resorts,"
hot-dog stands, and cocktail lounges.

Based on our friendly contacts with the
National Park Service, as represented by Crater
Lake, we know it can do an outstanding job and
preserve for our children the area which has
given others so much solid enjoyment in the past.
—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



... WELL, IF HE'S BEEN SO BAD, WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL EARLIER? WHAT? WELL, HOW DID YOU GET UNTIED? ...

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 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.

Ashland Bond Issue

To the Editor: By unanimous
agreement we, the mem-
bers of the Ashland School
Board, would like to take this
opportunity to approach you
as a public spirited and im-
portant segment of our com-
munity with the object of ob-
taining your active support in
the passage of the \$1,275,000
School Bond Election to be
held April 22nd. We know
that in your position you
wield a great influence in the
formation of public sentiment
and that your support is most
vital to the passage of this
issue.

The need for a new junior
high school in Ashland has
been clearly established. It
has been the objective of the
school board to present a pro-
gram for Ashland which is
neither the most extensive nor
the most limited but rather a
junior high school program of
which Ashland can be proud
and comparable with pro-
grams in Oregon cities of like
population and economy.

The bond issue is a culmi-
nation of three years' plan-
ning by the board. Passage of
this issue at this time is vital
and we urgently seek your
active support. Should you de-
sire more information for
your own satisfaction or as an
aid in serving our cause, we
will be most happy to give it
to you.

Be There!!

To the Editor: Ordinarily,
flaunting my personal ire
through your column would
seem an imposition on the
rights of others, but I honestly
feel the adult population of
Gold Hill and of that area dis-
graced themselves and the
town shamefully Wednesday
night!

Adults shake their heads
woefully and moan and wail
over the activities and the
future of the "younger genera-
tion"—but they can't leave the
sidewalks rolled out for a
couple of hours longer and spend
that much of their time to
support worthy endeavor of
those same young people,
even when it is to their own
personal gain.

The Explorer Scout Post of
Gold Hill has been planning
for many weeks on the Red
Cross First Aid course which
they are sponsoring. It is an
excellent project for a small
town with no medical facil-
ties or personnel. It is of
even greater importance that
the citizenry be trained in first
aid, and the long range hope
of these Scouts is to establish
a mobile rescue unit for that
area. The first meeting was
well publicized—an excellent
report in your paper, equally
good coverage on four local
radio stations, placards in
markets, barber shops, etc.,
bulletins in the two major
industrial plants in town, as
well as word-of-mouth prom-
otion—and Mr. Ralph Merton
drove from Medford, donating
his time and effort for a civic
service, for a total turnout
of 17 souls—two Scout advis-
ors, nine Scouts, one Girl
Scout, three Scout mothers,
and two dedicated citizens.

And I think the adults of
Gold Hill should hang their
heads in shame. There, I've
said it, and I'm glad!
Incidentally, the class will
meet again on next Wednes-
day night, at 7:30 p.m. at the
Scout Hall, and this week's
work will be reviewed and the
class extended another week,
if attendance warrants—so it's
not too late for redemption,
and the life you learn to save

A Lesson in Semantics

To the Editor: The corres-
pondence headed "What is an
Amateur?" in your Wednes-
day edition was an amusing
piece which flew sycophanti-
cally to one extreme and real-
istically to nowhere. Even the
inaccuracies in the letter of-
fered some amusement. It is
solely by these inaccuracies
that I am prompted to reply.
The rest of the Wednesday
communication merits no an-
swer.

The foremost discrepancy
is apparently the result of a
misinterpretation of a phrase
contained in my initial letter
wherein I alluded to, "... one
of like (amateur) experience."
Grammatically and semanti-
cally, "like (amateur)" was
used to denote the apparent
degree of the reviewer's ex-
perience as evidenced by the
quality and content of the re-
view(s). I further compared
the "... amateur endeavor
to those on the stage..." to
that of "... the one on the
page..." In short, I did not
"refer" to the reviewer as an
amateur; but rather stated
that the work and the level
of play-reviewing develop-
ment indicated by it were of

Iraqi Premier's Response to Communist Demands Seen Key to Future of Country

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Editor

Baghdad, Iraq — (UPI) — The
Communists have served eight
demands upon Maj. Gen. Ab-
del Karim Kassem, Iraq's
strong man.

Western ob-
servers be-
lieve that how
he reacts to
those demands
finally will
determine
whether Iraq
will be a
partner in the
July 14
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