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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.

30 YEARS AGO
June 15, 1929 (Wednesday)
Miss Irene Walker of Applegate is named queen of the eighth annual Rogue River Roundup.

20 YEARS AGO
June 15, 1939 (Thursday)
The Jackson county health department states Bear creek is not suitable for swimming.

10 YEARS AGO
June 15, 1949 (Wednesday)
A legal battle looms over whether a dance at Gold Hill can remain open to 2 a.m.

50 YEARS AGO
June 15, 1909 (Tuesday)
A new oil well on the local desert is proposed, as efforts to get rid of water in the present well fail.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. In mythology, what Greek youth fell in love with his own reflection in the water?
2. Cold water will freeze more quickly than hot water; true or false?
3. Name the other place that you associate with: Allice and ...

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The Gold Balance

In 1958 other countries withdrew \$2,275 million of their balances here in the form of gold. Through May of this year they had drawn down another \$346 million. By the time we have set aside the gold required for our new subscription to the International Monetary Fund our gold stocks may well have fallen below \$20 billion for the first time since 1940.

Model, Roland & Stone, a New York Stock Exchange firm, has just made public a study, "The International Position of the U.S. Dollar," which was prepared for it by one of our leading authorities on the subject, Edward M. Bernstein, until recently head of the research department of the International Monetary Fund.

Mr. Bernstein shows that the much discussed fall in exports in 1958 and the first quarter of 1959 was a reaction from the abnormal and impermanent rise of 1956 and 1957 as a consequence of the Suez crisis. He goes on to show that talk of a loss of our domestic markets and talk of a flight from the dollar are equally wild shots in the dark.

AS A matter of fact, while it has remained for the outflow of gold to dramatize that fact, we have been running an over-all deficit in our balance of payments since as far back as 1950, Mr. Bernstein emphasizes that this doesn't reflect any weakness in our trade position or of the dollar. Our commercial trade balance has been favorable in every year since 1950, and in 1958, when we suffered our severest gold drain, we had a positive balance in commercial accounts of \$5.2 billion.

The answer is to be found, Mr. Bernstein shows, in two items—namely, United States private foreign investments, and United States Government expenditures and transfers abroad. The former has increased from \$1,265 million in 1950 to an average of around \$3 billion since 1956, or by \$1,735 millions, but the latter has expanded from \$4,742 million to \$8,449 million, or by \$3,707 million.

HOWEVER, to Mr. Bernstein the fact that our unfavorable payments balance arises, paradoxically, from the strength of our position doesn't mean that there is no problem. "Policies that were bold and essential a decade ago," he believes, "must be modified to conform to the needs of a world that is now radically different. The United States . . . cannot continue to provide aid to countries merely to enable them to acquire reserves of gold and United States dollars. With an international-payments policy that recognizes the realities of the economic world today there need be no fear of the capacity of the United States to maintain its economic leadership among the great trading nations."—New York Times.

Life Sentence for Hunt
The outlook must seem very grim for Richard Allen Hunt. At age 26 he is confined in the state penitentiary with a life sentence. Hunt is the chap who shot and gravely wounded the police chief of Brownsville and then escaped the net of police and deputized civilians thrown out to apprehend him. His time of freedom was short, however, for he was arrested on a Wyoming stock ranch and brought back to Albany where he pleaded guilty to the crime of assault with intent to kill. Judge Victor Oliver imposed the life sentence.

IT IS true that Hunt had a previous record of criminality, and was known to be subject to fits of rage. His success in eluding early capture and his being listed as one of the nation's Top Ten wanted by the FBI gave his case wide publicity. He's a bad man, no doubt, but still the life sentence seems pretty heavy. For at age 26 one ought to have some hope left, and a life-terminer's hope is slim.

Dennis the Menace



Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

MODERATION SEEN
Washington—The Eisenhower Administration and the controlling minds in both parties in Congress have taken separate but related decisions of profound importance on civil rights. They expect and intend to go into the 1960 campaign year with only moderate additions to the present civil rights laws.

Specifically, the now-settled purpose both in the Administration and among the controlling bipartisan power groups in Congress is this: not to seek now—and maybe not even later—further federal legal weapons to force school integration directly on the government's own initiative.

The belief is that the progressive retreat from "massive resistance" in Virginia, the intellectual and traditional leader of the Old South, will make any harsh legislation both unnecessary and unwise.

IF, HOWEVER, the reopening of the schools in September produces grave disorders anywhere in the South all bets will be off. In such an event the year 1960, full of Presidential politicking as it will be, will produce irresistible demands for "hard" action. These demands will rise notably in Congress but also in the civil rights planks of the two party conventions.

MR. ROGERS, for his part, has convinced a good many skeptical observers that he really wants a solution of this dilemma more than he wants a strictly campaign issue for the GOP. All the same, though, he is willing to wait a while, he is at heart a much

Try and Stop Me
By BENNETT CERF
THE MONTREALER reports a ticklish moment in the busy life of one of the city's leading lights. He had taken his son to lunch at a newly-opened oyster bar, and after they had exited, asked the boy, "Well, how did you like your first taste of oysters on the half-shell?" The boy admitted they had looked so uninviting to him he hadn't eaten any. "But your plate was empty when the waiter took it away," the father pointed out.

"I didn't want to hurt your feelings," explained the boy, "so I slipped them into my pocket when you weren't looking. I'm trying to find a place now to get rid of them." Then a look of horror came over his face. "They aren't here," he groaned. "I must have put them in the pocket of the man sitting next to me!"

Foreign Assignment: De Gaulle Problem; Icelandic 'War'; Fighting in Indonesia

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

From the foreign editor's assignment book:
Power play:
Gen. Charles de Gaulle has gone beyond his original demands that France, the United States and Britain have final say in all NATO military decisions. He should be successful in his latest test demands, he alone would have the final say. De Gaulle already has announced the French Mediterranean fleet would not be answerable to NATO command in wartime. Now, he refuses to permit stockpiling of U.S. atomic warheads in

Communications

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View of Russia

To the Editor: This Foreign Ministers' meeting in Geneva is a wonderful vacation for a lot of people. Why any one should expect more of this wrangle is difficult to understand. Russia acquired peaceable possession of East Germany, and possession is nine points in law. The fact that the American army withdrew a distance of 11 miles in order to allow the Russians to occupy this territory is evidence we intended for them to do so.

We do not seem to be concerned about Poland, Hungary, Rumania, or Bulgaria; neither are we concerned about North Korea. The Russians are not going to understand our concern about East Germany (so called) which they have definitely incorporated into the Soviet Union. They designate it as East Germany only for the reason for dissension. Some people are beginning to wonder if this country didn't venture a bit too far when it undertook to settle the affairs of the world.

We have long been the richest nation on earth. Back in the thirties our livestock got out of hand; we sent firing squads through the country to slaughter cattle and pigs. About that time we discovered we had more money than was good for us, so its value was reduced to one half. Our farmers were in a bad way too, so we hired them to grow wheat. A dam is being built to divert the Colorado river so the canyon can be used for a wheat pit.

French Unions End Threat of Strike
Paris—(UPI)—French labor unions avoided a showdown clash with President Charles de Gaulle's government on his wage-freezing austerity program today by calling off a threatened general strike set for Tuesday.

Acting on behalf of the government, which owns the rail network, Buron proposed to open a new round of wage talks with the union.

All major unions, Catholic, Socialist and Communist, agreed to the truce offer and issued a stay on the job order.

More urgent possibly, is the unsanitary state of affairs that exist. It is a well known breeding place for all kinds of pests, winged and crawling, and the odor emitted from the often stagnant water is not of the character this otherwise fair and healthful community manifests. The removal of the mass of undergrowth that covers this area would tend to increase the safety of all citizens, most especially of the younger members of the city.

France unless he controls their use and unless he receives a share in atomic secrets. Advance military planning is based on the absolute certainty of cooperation of all NATO members. Therefore, what De Gaulle is saying is that unless he is captain of the team he won't play. It is one of the thorniest problems NATO has had to face.

Troubled waters:
Diplomats believe Britain would like to find a way out of its present strained relations with Iceland. Britain has refused to recognize Iceland's 12-mile limit and has sent naval vessels to protect British fishing boats operating in the area. Icelandic Communists are making hay out of the "fish war" and are urging that Iceland withdraw from NATO and kick out the American air base. Iceland's Scandinavian NATO partners—Norway and Denmark—also are concerned and hope that now is the time for mediation, possibly by the United States. Feelers already are being put out.

Unhappy Merchants:
The late Pope Pius XII spent most of the summer at Castel Gondolfo which also brought tourists and the Roman Catholic faithful there. What with the sale of food, lodging and relics, the residents made a good living during the summer. Now it appears that Pope John XXIII plans to spend only long week ends there and possibly the month of August. The village

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Politics:
Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York is visiting friends and old acquaintances in Washington. A Washington reporter with a gift for vivid words puts it this way: "Rockefeller says he isn't running for the Presidency, but he's pumping high octane charm at Republicans during his visit here."

WATCH HIM.
He has charm—an indescribable charm that draws people to him. But he also has a lot of ability, considerable knowledge of the realities of life and a reasonable amount of common sense. He can't be laughed off as a rich man's son.

VICE PRESIDENT NIXON, who is presently assumed to have the inside track for the GOP presidential nomination next year, is also young—and also has personal charm. Plenty of it. He handles himself well in the pinches—and there have been plenty of pinches.

NELSON ROCKEFELLER was born with the traditional silver spoon in his mouth. Richard Nixon was born poor and has had to make his own way.

There was a time in our history when the son of a rich man and the grandson of a tycoon wouldn't have had a chance in a race for the Presidency.

Our country is changing. No longer is it necessary, in order to be President, to have been born in a log cabin.

TODAY'S inflation sermon:
Tax Foundation, Inc., a non-partisan tax research organization, says in its current bulletin: "The average U.S. production worker's gross weekly earnings increased from just under \$54 in 1948 to about \$83 in 1958 . . . but a somber companion set of statistics shows how in this period of inflation, like the coin-clippers of old, has steadily taken its toll of these paycheck increases."

FOR example:
From the end of the war, wages rose constantly. In 1951, the average production worker's pay had risen from \$57.85 in 1950 to \$62.13 in 1951—a gain of \$4.28 a week in dollar wages.

But—
In that year inflation (in the form of steadily increasing PRICES) had taken from the BUYING POWER of the worker's paycheck a total of \$4.59—leaving him with a NET LOSS of 31 cents per week in the buying power of his wages.

By 1958, the average production worker's paycheck

ers fear it may cut their incomes in half.
Shooting War:
It has been kept quiet in Jakarta but army troops and civilian police engaged in a small shooting war at Jakarta's Tanjung Priok harbor in late March when the Russian ambassador to Indonesia complained that police were pillaging rice brought in by a Russian vessel. Troops sent by the army were denied entrance to the port area by police and a fierce gun battle followed. The toll: five dead, three wounded.

Incidentally, there are new rumors that the central government is readying another attempt to terminate the long smouldering Sumatra-Celebes revolt. Singapore, Tokyo and Cairo have been suggested as possible sites for talks between government and rebel spokesmen. Official reaction to the rumors is negative.

Koreans vs. Koreans:
The Republic of Korea navy has issued new warnings that Red gunboats may renew shelling of South Korean fishing fleets in the Yellow sea near the western end of the Korean truce line. Several times in recent years, the Reds have abducted ROK fishermen in these waters.

think oysters taste great. It said they hold to this view so firmly in fact that they are \$50 million worth of 'em last year on the bottom of Long Island Sound.

What popped out of each letter from the Long Island Shellfish Farmers Assn. was a couple of starfish.

When order was restored, and the starfish were retrieved from far corners, behind bookcases, etc., everybody was relieved to find they were dead. There was further relief when it was ascertained they hadn't been dead but so long, or possibly that they had been pickled.

Starfish Relish Oysters
Some congressional secretaries, and maybe some members of Congress, later got around to reading the letter that came with the starfish. It said starfish, like people,

Seattle Man Loses Legs Under Train
Salem—(UPI)—Modris Rutkiss, 35, Seattle, whose legs were amputated by a moving train here Saturday when he fell beneath it, today was reported in "satisfactory" condition at Salem Memorial hospital.

The man was discovered by an engineer, J. E. Davis, Salem police said.

Washington Bankers Elect Yakima Man
Seattle—(UPI)—Joseph H. Dietzen, vice-president of the Yakima Valley branch of the National Bank of Washington, Yakima, Saturday was elected president of the Washington Bankers' Association at the close of the 63rd annual session here.

had risen to \$83.15, a gain of \$2.17 a week over 1957. But, during this period of a year, the BUYING POWER of his paycheck DROPPED by \$2.23 leaving him six cents a week worse off than he had been the year before in spite of his up in pay.

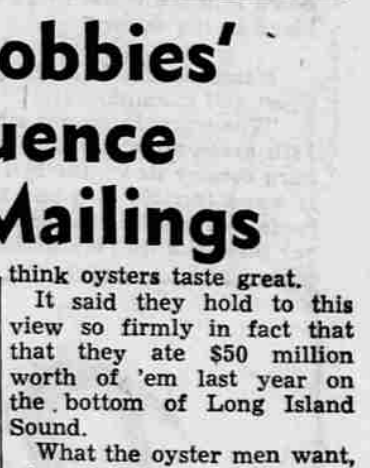
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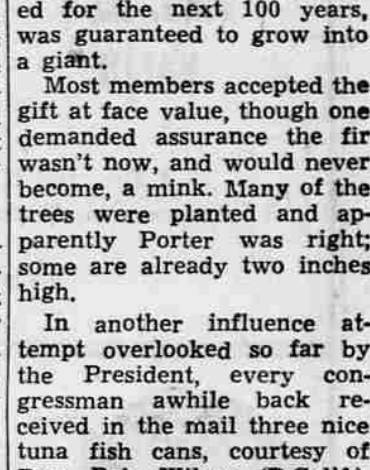
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