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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
July 1, 1949 (Friday)
An organ recital and band concert mark the opening of the new Butler memorial band shell in Lithia park, Ashland.

20 YEARS AGO
July 1, 1939 (Saturday)
A spectacular fire destroys the spray sheds at Bear Creek Orchards.

30 YEARS AGO
July 1, 1929 (Monday)
The Ray holdings on the Rogue river are sold to California capitalists.

40 YEARS AGO
July 1, 1919 (Tuesday)
Scores of valley residents motor to Hills and Hornbrook for a final drink before prohibition is clamped on California.

50 YEARS AGO
July 1, 1909 (Thursday)
Excitement rises as residents look forward to July 4 festivities including auto races, horse races and a parade.

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

1. How many feet are in a mile?
2. What was the name of the other man who rode with Paul Revere?

3. How many guns are fired in a Presidential salute?
4. Is a thick glass, quickly filled with a hot liquid, more likely to crack than a thin one?

5. If one could stand at the exact geographical South Pole, in what direction would he face?
6. Which State is nicknamed "Cornhusker State"?

7. Does the U.S. Government maintain one of its mints in Washington, D.C.?
8. Ceramics is the art of basket weaving; true or false?
9. Whose arrow pierced Achilles' heel?

10. Which two of these countries border on Tibet; Thailand, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Burma?
Answers: 1. 5,280. 2. William Dawes. 3. Twenty-one. 4. Yes. 5. North. 6. Nebraska. 7. No. 8. False. 9. Paris. 10. India and Nepal.

NAVY MAN DIES
Bethesda, Md. (UPI) - Rear Adm. William Francis Dietrich, U.S.N. (ret.), 65, died here Monday. He was a veteran of 32 years' commissioned service in the U. S. Navy.

Notes on a Trip

II—La Grande
The high point of the week-and-a-half long trip being recorded in these columns, for this writer, was the privilege of accepting, on behalf of our boss of 11 years, the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association's highest award for journalism, the Amos E. Voorhies "roll of honor" plaque.

This award is presented for distinguished service to the highest ideals of journalism, either for a single event or series of events, or for long and outstanding work in the field. Seventeen men have received the plaque, which is not necessarily awarded each year, only when there is a meritorious recipient.

If a personal note will be allowed, the privilege of receiving the award on R.W.R.'s behalf was doubly affecting, for about a decade ago this writer accepted a token of the same award, posthumously, on behalf of his father.

We told the O.N.P.A. convention that it was impossible to say on which occasion we were more proud—for the award to our father, long-time and well-respected dean of journalism at the University of Oregon, or for the award to our boss, one of Oregon's outstanding editors.

We hope we don't get fired for our temerity in thus expressing our private feelings for two wonderful men.

III—La Grande to Seattle
NORTHWARD from La Grande the Grande Ronde valley stretches, smooth and level, for perhaps 15 miles until it narrows into the gorge which takes the river by a circuitous route to its confluence with the Snake. It separates the Blue Mountains and the Willows.

The road runs through the fertile farmlands of the valley, and at Elgin turns to the northwest, again crossing the Blue Mountains, mentioned here yesterday, but at this point higher and somewhat more rugged than at the Pendleton-La Grande crossing.

From the higher points (the summit is just under a mile in elevation), one can look down across the rolling wheatlands to the southwest and the north, and across the green, timbered slopes of the mountains themselves.

The western slope here is rather gentle, and the descent is a gradual change from semi-alpine country into wheat and pea fields, as the highway swoops up and down around the foothills.

AT MILTON-FREEWATER (one of the brightest, cleanest little towns in Oregon—at least from a quick traveler's view), one is back again in farming country, which continues flat and level into Washington.

Thus, the change of states is merely nominal—a sign by the side of the road, a change from yellow to white of the highway center-line, and a slight shift in the driver's outlook as a new set of state highway laws became operative.

Washington has a flat 60-mile-per-hour speed limit, which, on some of the wide, smooth and straight highways, with little traffic, seems a trifle unrealistic.

THE highway commissions of the two states could profitably take a tour together, we believe, for each has ways of doing things which seem more sensible than the other. Washington, for example, is better about letting the traveler know where he is going, and how far it is, than Oregon. Oregon, on the other hand, is better at forewarning of curves, at banking turns, and delineating center strips and medians.

Generally, the roads we traversed in our sister state are excellent.

From Walla Walla west to Wallula, then north and west around the big bend in the Columbia, now full from the waters backed up by the dams downstream, to Pasco and across the Columbia again past Richland, the roads are smooth and many of them new.

The Hanford atomic works near here are, of course, a tremendous influence on the growth and economy of the area, but to the casual tourist there is little to be seen of them.

WESTWARD, along the valley of the Yakima river, to Yakima itself, the country is more farmland—flat, green valleys—with the Horse Heaven Hills on the south and the Rattlesnake Hills on the north, both ranges brown and dry.

North of Yakima, the road to Ellensburg winds through the gorge of the Yakima river, which here separates the Ahtanum ridge from the Saddle mountains. One sees the river, and on each side high walls, in some places cliff-like, and besides that, only the sky.

Approaching Ellensburg, however, the valley widens and flattens into more rich farming country, and one catches the first breathtaking glimpses of the spiny, rugged, snow-capped peaks of the Cascades to the west.

FROM Ellensburg to Cle Elum the country gradually assumes a more mountainous character, but the climb is almost imperceptible.

Shortly past Cle Elum, the good two-lane highway changes into four-lane freeway—a freeway which sweeps over the summit of the Cascade range and down into the heart of metropolitan Seattle with hardly a pause.

The summit country is, of course, lovely. But one wonders, a bit nostalgically, if perhaps the freeway, which makes the mountain grades so easy, hasn't robbed the traveller of some sense of participation and appreciation of the peaks, the timber, the lakes, the patches of snow, which slower driving seems to bring.—E.A. (To be continued)

Dennis the Menace



'DENNIS TOLD US TO MEET HIM HERE. OKAY?'

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.

His Predictions
To the Editor: Man will land on the moon in 10 years, monkeys in five. Satellites full of peoples will collide with saucers full of monkeys. Peoples is such kwazy drivers.
Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

I think you will agree that this is the best way for public officials to be selected.
Lloyd Tupling, Administrative Assistant to Senator Neuberger, Washington, D.C.

Wrong Criterion
To the Editor: Oregon newspapers have quoted Senator Morse's administrative aide in Oregon, Charles Brooks, as saying: "I am guided in my support of a Democratic candidate for office by his record of thumb. If a candidate has the support of the reactionary newspapers of Oregon his course of action and/or remarks are contrary to the essential creed of liberalism."

The league was formed as a charitable, non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian league.
The joining fee for the league is \$3 for a life membership card with no further dues or assessments at any time. We feel this is necessary as many of the handicapped are not able to pay dues regularly. There is no salary paid anyone in the league as all work is donated by members.

As a former wire-service reporter and publisher myself, I believe such an indictment of the Oregon press is unfair. Moreover, use of guilt-by-association against any candidate who enjoys some degree of newspaper support is an unwise and perilous political credo, in my judgment.

Due to so small an income, we accept donations from anyone, large or small. We do have expenses such as paper, printing and postage which runs into quite a sum of money. We would also, thank you able bodied who read it to clip this out and hand it to some handicapped or aged person.

To begin with, Senator Morse himself had widespread press endorsement during his successful senatorial campaigns of 1944 and 1950—far more press support, for example, than Senator Neuberger ever has received.

The adult handicapped of over five years standing receive very little help either through D. P. A. or Social Security; as the Social Security law for the handicapped is very discriminating.

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Also, it is required for a person to be handicapped at least six months before they can make application for Social Security and then have to wait six months more before they receive an answer which usually turns them down, and then they must apply again and wait another six months for an answer.

In order for a handicapped person to receive Social Security he must have paid in five years out of the last ten, as compared to the able bodied which needs only 18 months paid in, and is allowed to make up to \$1,200 per year and still draw his Social Security. The handicapped are not allowed any substantial gainful employment and at the same time draw Social Security.

This leaves many handicapped entirely out of Social Security. The D. P. A. gives the handicapped from \$20 to \$30 per month in this region. This is not enough for anyone to live on in this age, as we all know.

At any rate, wholesale abuse of the Oregon press is not deserved merely because some editors have looked with favor on Dick Neuberger's work in the Senate. From my observations—in and out of the profession—Oregon is blessed with a high caliber of journalistic ethics, compared with many other areas of the nation. I will continue to hold this view whether or not newspapers endorse his actions. My attitude is not likely to change his political fortunes, however, because Oregonians have demonstrated time and again that they do not vote on the basis of any rule of thumb dictated by others. They are likely to continue the historic practice of making up their own minds.

Most sincerely,
Mrs. Martha Hill, 134 Laurel st., Central Point, Ore.

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Franco Finding Difficulty in Control Of Spanish People; Succession Problem

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
Generalissimo Francisco Franco is finding it increasingly difficult to control the restless Spanish people.

His government has disclosed that the Spanish parliament soon will be asked to pass a drastic new law dealing "against the state or public order" which on government command can abolish all liberties, either in business or private life.

The sweeping law establishes penalties for crimes on a front ranging from an illegal rise in prices to possession of arms at public meetings and grants police powers ranging from the right to enter private homes without a search warrant to seizure of factories.

There is no hint at the moment of any organized attempt to oust Franco from the firm control he has exercised over Spain since the end of the bloody Spanish Civil War 20 years ago.

Spain's Future Uncertain
The restlessness which now grips the Spanish people arises from circumstances which find their present unsatisfactory and their future uncertain.

Internationally, Spain no longer is in the diplomatic deep freeze into which she was plunged after World War II as result of her connections with the German-Italian-Japanese axis. She is a member of the United Nations, and U. S. Strategic Air Command bombers take off from bases on her soil.

She has received in the neighborhood of \$1 billion from the United States in dollar loans, food, raw materials, tractors and agricultural and power development.

But Spain is in the midst of a severe economic crisis. She has overreached herself in an attempt to speed industrialization. Her national budget is running into the red at the rate of \$300 million a year. An accompanying condition has been severe inflation which is the immediate source of the growing

restlessness throughout the country. That is the unsatisfactory present.

Heir Not Named
The uncertain future arises from Franco's refusal to designate an heir.

Franco formally has acknowledged that Spain is a monarchy. But who the incoming monarch will be and when he will assume the throne remain unanswered questions.

Aside from the Communists, most Spaniards seem agreed that a monarchy is the best solution to the problem of national stability after Franco goes. Receiving chief support is young Prince Juan Carlos, son of Don Juan of Borbon and grandson of Spain's last king, Alfonso XIII, who died in Roman exile.

A council of the realm has been set up by Franco to determine his successor after he dies. But the fear is that the longer the decision is delayed, the greater the risk of a leftist-inspired eruption. The Communists, although small in number, are the country's only well-organized opposition force.

While Franco seems in no hurry to speed a decision on the monarchy, the need for speedy measures on the economic front is admitted and plans aimed at stabilization of the economy are under close study.

But, if they are to succeed, the country will have to cut back on some overly-ambitious industrialization plans and it will have to receive hundreds of millions additional dollars in foreign aid. Devaluation of the peseta is also expected.

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Travelling Congressmen Find News 'Unfair' About Junkets

By FRANK ELEAZER
Washington (UPI) - The notice said this was a hearing on whether congressmen should have to make public what they spend on overseas travel. But this must have been wrong.

It turned out to be an inquiry on why we newspapermen are always picking on Congress, asking questions about matters like that.

I hadn't realized how obnoxious reporters can be, always nosing around, demanding to know which of his relatives a congressman has on his payroll, whether he rents his front porch to the taxpayers, and—lately—how much counterpart money (that's U.S.-owned foreign currency) he spends when he travels abroad.

Rep. Samuel N. Friedel (D-Md.), the chairman, opened up by saying the press hasn't been fair. He contended we've led folks to believe that Congress has been secretive about some of these matters.

Rep. Wayne L. Hays (D-Ohio) said it seemed funny to him we reporters don't spend more of our time looking for thievery in the executive branch of the government.

Says News Distorted
Rep. George M. Rhodes (D-Pa.) complained that newspapers sometimes is distorted and slanted.

And Rep. Frank Smith (D-Miss) intimated that when it comes to padding expenses, newspapermen do pretty well for themselves.

They pretty near had me shedding a tear for the Congress.

Fortunately, though, Sen. H. R. Gross (R-Iowa) kept reminding us why we were here. Namely, to consider Gross' bill, by number H.R. 5401, to stop free-wheeling counterpart spending, if any, by junketing congressmen.

Friedel said he hadn't heard of any abuses. Gross said he had, but if the rumors were wrong, then surely nobody could object to passing his bill, which would relieve us reporters from having to wonder.

Gross' bill was introduced last March 9, and I almost said it had been "gathering dust" ever since. But I guess Friedel wouldn't like that kind of reporting. He said somebody already had written that Gross' bill was "pig-eehoned," and he couldn't understand where they got that impression.

Friedel Favors Bill
As a matter of fact he is for it, Friedel said, but he isn't sure it will work. Hays seemed to think maybe the idea was a good one, too, and Rhodes came right out and said he would vote yes despite the fact the press hadn't been fair.

Hays said he has quit worrying what the newspapers say about him.

"One paper in my last campaign," he recalled, "ran 16 or 17 editorials calling me the Marco Polo of the 85th Congress. They said I must have spent \$5,000 on travel. I told 'em it was nearer \$10,000.

"When the election returns came in they called up to ask to what I attributed my great victory. I said, 'I can't make up my mind—whether it's your lousy newspaper, or that people like Marco Polo.'"

Gross said he already had inquired about Hays' flight, which cost over \$5,000. So what about the other expenses?

Hays, who got up the trip, said things like hotel bills for the five-day session were to be paid for by a private committee. Gross said this sounded odd.

"Well," said Hays, "since the gentleman is worried about it I'll just call London today, and have it paid out of counterpart funds."

So there went another \$2,000. Whether anything else comes of the hearing remains to be seen.

THAT brings up an interesting point in connection with tourist traffic, which all states are seeking to attract.

Except in the case of metropolitan cities, location on a multiple-lane major freeway route is coming to be accepted as a handicap in stopping tourists. Once they get started on such a route, their tendency is to roar through from one metropolitan center to the next, with NO stops in between.

The reason is obvious. The tourist fears that if he gets off the freeway, by even so much as a block or so, he'll waste goodness knows how much getting back to it. So he tends to stay on the freeway route.

This tendency is bothering all cities of less than metropolitan rank.

RETAIL PRICES CUT
Moscow (UPI) - Retail prices on certain mass consumer goods in the Soviet Union were reduced by an average of 21 per cent starting today.

The government action affected such items as bicycles, clocks, cameras, toys, wines, and combination radio-record players, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported.

Governor Long Given Oxygen

Covington, La. (UPI) - Gov. Earl K. Long talked so long on the telephone he "ran out of breath" and had to have an oxygen tank set up in his motel room, it was reported today.

State troopers took the tank to him about midnight. State Rep. Jessie McClain of St. Tammany's Parish told newsmen the oxygen was released into the room instead of being given directly to the governor.

Long later left the motel for a wee-hour snack. He rode off in his air-conditioned limousine with a parting "good luck" to photographers.

The governor moved today to make his estranged wife take her separation suit to a court near his "little pea patch" farm in north Louisiana.

Mrs. Long has filed both her answer to an earlier separation suit begun by her 63-year-old husband and her own counter-suit in family court in East Baton Rouge Parish, where the state capital is. She charged that Long threatened to kill her a month ago.

He wants a divorce but they must be separated for at least a year before he can file for one.

Dennis Crosby Gets Trust Fund

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Lindsay, youngest of the crooner's four sons by Dixie, was awarded the money by Superior Judge Burdette J. Daniels as part of the final accounting of his guardianship. He became 21 in January. His three brothers also received more than \$200,000 on becoming adults.

that I hope my many friends will remember it and will come here and see me.

Most sincerely,
Mrs. Martha Hill, 134 Laurel st., Central Point, Ore.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

TIMID LITTLE WOMAN from Des Moines, whenever she checks into a strange hotel, always locates the fire escape the moment the bellboy has deposited the bags in her room. One day she couldn't find any such exit, and when she had reached the last door at the end of the hall, jerked it open to see where it led. There, majestically seated in the bathtub was a red-faced Englishman with a walrus mustache.

"Pardon me?" exclaimed the timid little woman, flustered beyond belief. "I'm trying to find the fire escape."

She had gotten back as far as the door to her own room, when the Englishman, dripping wet and with a towel ineffectively draped around his middle, came padding up behind her. "Where," he gasped, "where is the fire?"

Texas tale concerns an oil magnate who gave his 6-year-old son a toy space helmet—made of stained glass.

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