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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 16, 1949 (Saturday)
All seats for the ninth annual Oregon Shakespearean Festival will be reserved this year for the first time.

20 YEARS AGO
July 16, 1939 (Sunday)
Rain controls 7,000-acre forest fire in Klamath Indian reservation.

30 YEARS AGO
July 16, 1929 (Tuesday)
Ashland cherry crop is reported in demand.

40 YEARS AGO
July 16, 1919 (Wednesday)
President Wilson announces that he will speak three times in Oregon, once in the southern part of the state.

50 YEARS AGO
July 16, 1909 (Friday)
Census of Jackson county fruit trees planned.

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

- 1. Who was the U. S. Vice President preceding Alben Barkley?
2. Name the first woman ever to hold a cabinet post.
3. Off the coast of what state is Mount Desert Island?
4. Le Bon Homme Richard was the flagship of which American naval commander?
5. What form of government does Mexico have?
6. Does lead ever become rusty?
7. In biology, what is the opposite of "recessive" characteristic?
8. The name of a lineal measure, used in racing, equivalent to 40 rods is what?
9. In the Spanish American War, the first Colonel to command the Rough Riders was Theodore Roosevelt, Leonard Wood, or John J. Pershing?
10. What kind of a cat is the proverbial symbol of a grin?

Answers: 1. Harry Truman; 2. Frances Perkins; 3. Maine; 4. John Paul Jones; 5. Republic; 6. No; 7. A "dominant" characteristic; 8. Furlong; 9. Leonard Wood; 10. Cheshire.

Two Men Bound Over To Malheur Jury

Vale—Two men were bound over to the Malheur county grand jury Wednesday after arraignment on charges of illegal possession of marijuana before Nyssa Justice of the Peace Donald Graham.

The Abominable Chairlift

Congressman Charles O. Porter, in pursuit of his idea that a chairlift should be built down the inner slope of the crater at Crater lake, has found a film which shows two aerial tramways of a type he thinks might be suitable for such use.

OUR own reactions tend toward violence. We believe the proposal to be utterly inane, and to violate the very things that make Crater lake what it is—one of the greatest of the world's miracles of scenery.

SO THE mere presence of such a contraption is our first and foremost objection, but it is far from the only one.

Why, for instance, is it needed? The answer given is to permit more people to see the crater from lake level. Presumably this is desirable, although the view from that level is far less beautiful and impressive than the views seen from any one of a couple of dozen spots around the rim.

And the others? What would draw them down to lake level? The only answer is boats. Boats for fishing, boats for sight-seeing, boats (perish the thought) for races or regattas or water skiing.

THERE are, also, practical considerations. The season during which such a tramway could be profitably operated is only two, or at most 2 1/2 months, in length.

The steel towers would have to be removed in the winter, to prevent the snow from buckling them or pushing them down into the lake.

THE inner slopes of the crater are of unstable lava formations, and the concrete bases for the towers would have to be huge and deep. Even then they would be subject to slides and slips.

There are places in this world for practically everything, including aerial tramways. One such is Disneyland. Another might even be somewhere in the park where it could be used by sightseers during the short summer season, and by skiers during the long period of heavy snow, somewhere where it would not mar one of the most magnificent vistas the world offers, and entice crowds to an inevitable marina on the lakeshore, scattering candy-wrappers as they go.

Congressman Porter says a recent poll of voters in his district showed a majority favorable to the chairlift idea. Well and good, but it doesn't mean much unless one knows whether the votes were cast by those who have been to Crater lake, and know what the implications would be.

Leave the tramways to Disneyland and the ski slopes, Mr. Porter, and permit Crater lake to remain as much as possible as God made it.—E.A.

26,300 People

Every once in a while, when driving around Medford and watching all the new homes going up, we wonder who's going to live in them all. Now we know. It is the 2,000 or so people who have moved into Medford within the last year.

THE city's estimate isn't "official" yet, for it has to be checked by the Oregon census board, which can revise it, either upward or downward. But it's bound to be fairly close. The estimate is based on a number of factors, such as water and electric connections, new residential construction, and so on.

Next year, of course, Uncle Sam's bureau of the census will move in and make an accurate and detailed nose-count. It will then be interesting to see how closely the actual census figure compares with the city's estimate of next year. The comparison will also give the city a more accurate base for estimating future changes.

THE population estimates of Oregon's cities are made annually under a fairly new law, and for the purpose of determining the distribution of various state funds which are paid to cities on a per capita basis—such things as the city's share of liquor revenues, road funds, and so on.

Salem was two years ago, but last year Eugene outstripped the capital by a few hundred. If Salem catches up this year, then listen to Eugene how!—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



LOOK WHAT GRANDPA BROUGHT ME! BONGO DRUMS!

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE NEED TO AGREE

During the recess at Geneva there has been a change in the political weather. At the adjournment on June 20, the official view in Washington was that a negotiation breakdown near a breakthrough was imminent.

He has moreover, as a leader, as a matter of fact, never played with fire. He has never threatened or even hinted at a blockade of Berlin. What he has threatened to do is to make a peace treaty with East Germany giving it the theoretical right to deal with us on German questions including the question of Berlin.

THE West, for its part, is faced with the fact that West Berlin lies in a strategic trap, and that its security, including security of access, depends not on any kind of local defense but on the threat of a world war with nuclear weapons. This is far from being perfect security.

UNFORTUNATELY, this important statement was not adequately reported in the American press at the time it was issued, and it became generally available even to newspapermen only after it appeared some days later in a mimeographed handout from the Soviet Embassy.

THE statement was, however, well known at once to the State Department and to the Foreign Office in London. They had seen how explicitly Mr. Gromyko denied that he was delivering an ultimatum demanding the surrender of Western rights in Berlin.

THE best that can be hoped for at Geneva now is that there will be an agreement in principle, leaving it to negotiation at the summit to determine how the principle is to be applied.

SINCE last November, when Mr. Khrushchev opened the present chapter of the German question, it has been reasonably certain that what would happen is what is now in prospect. In one form or another a new provisional status, recognizing the substance of the status quo, would have to be worked out.

Former Medford Man Gets Army Promotion
Among the nine Army brigadier generals President Eisenhower nominated for temporary promotion to major general this week was Ben Harrell, formerly of Medford.

BUT, less than an agreement on a provisional status would be highly inconvenient

Big Change Seen Between Khrushchev's Visits to Poland Three Years Ago, Now

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

On the morning of Oct. 19, 1956, a furious Nikita Khrushchev stepped from a Russian airliner at Warsaw's Airport.

"Who is that?" he demanded, a slender, tall, low-faced man of medium height.

It is I, Gomulka, the man you sent to jail," came the calm rejoinder.

Immediate cause of Khrushchev's rage was the fact that Gomulka, back in power and "rehabilitated" after four years in jail, had just fired Soviet Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky as police defense minister and declared Poland's right to its own path to socialism.

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 initial for publication is permissible.

Polson Sprays
To the Editor: We have just recently celebrated Independence day.

Does old glory still mean that we are free people? When last year some 8 million people signed a petition asking for these nerve gas sprays to be stopped from people for 3 generations, how far did we get?

What humans could learn from birds as to such problems as overpopulation.

Sales Tax Initiative
To the Editor: Do your readers know that they can write their own tax law? Do they know that they can file an initiative petition on the matter of a sales tax for the State of Oregon reducing the state income tax and curtailing the power of counties to levy a property tax?

They could for instance curtail the counties' power to levy a property tax on the present basis by 70 per cent, for if the sales tax money went for the purposes of education and for welfare, these two things alone take about 70 per cent of the counties' revenue and if a sales tax were passed the county would not need to levy the property tax that it does today.

Quoth The Raven . . .
To the Editor: When, yesterday, Edgar Allen Poe was read more widely than today, the anecdote was told of Mrs. New-Rich and her guest book.

Like Coverage
To the Editor: The Jackson County 4-H Leaders association takes this opportunity of thanking your paper for the wonderful day to day coverage of the 4-H wagon train to Corvallis.

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A few months earlier, in Moscow, Khrushchev had promulgated his famous destalinization program and opened a Pandora's Box of troubles.

So, it was an harassed and irritable Khrushchev that met Gomulka for the first time that morning.

Arms flailing, shouting insults, Khrushchev told Gomulka that the Soviet Union had not shed its blood over Poland during World War II to see it snatched away now by an upstart.

It is probable that no outsider ever will know for sure the exact course of events which followed in the conference between the two at Poland's Parliament House.

One version is that Gomulka would have lost his head then and there had not a colleague thoughtfully thrown a cordon of Polish tanks around the building and another had changed the guard at Radio Warsaw.

In the end, Gomulka is said to have threatened to go on the air with a broadcast message, telling the Polish people what Khrushchev was demanding and what Gomulka was refusing.

Whatever the events, Khrushchev retreated and agreed to a later meeting in Moscow at which Poland's pressing economic needs would be discussed.

It was a tremendous personal victory for Gomulka, who ever since that time has trod the narrow path between the dictates of Moscow and

to seasons of food shortage. What humans could learn from birds as to such problems as overpopulation.

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the explosive nationalism of the Polish people.

Khrushchev Smiles
The events of three years ago were in sharp contrast to those of Tuesday, July 14, when Khrushchev once again stepped from an airliner at Warsaw Airport.

"Your party and ours share the same economic and ideological principles, based on socialism, communism and peace."

In many ways, Khrushchev had reason to be grateful to Gomulka.

In 1956 the Posnan "bread and freedom" riots had erupted in protest against harsh

Matter of Fact
By Joseph Alsop

NIXON'S NEW DECISION
Washington—Vice President Richard M. Nixon has pretty well decided not to seek a Roman Catholic running mate on the Republican ticket, if the Democratic ticket for 1960 includes Sen. John F. Kennedy in either first or second place.

This decision amounts to an important change of signals for the Nixon team. Previously, the plan was to match Senator Kennedy's appeal to his co-religionists by offering the Republican vice presidential nomination to another member of the church.

The indicated choice was the able and colorful secretary of labor, James M. Mitchell, who comes from New Jersey and would also give the Republican ticket a geographical balance.

Soundings made for Nixon have just about convinced him, however, that this earlier plan is unworkable and unsound. On the one hand, Kennedy's appeal is thought to be too strong for competition, among those Catholics whose votes will be influenced by religious considerations. On the other hand, it is thought that many other Catholic voters will be alienated, if too transparent an attempt is made to give the Republican ticket a religious balance.

NIXON, who admires Mitchell and is close to him, will seriously consider offering the second place to a Catholic secretary of labor, if the Democrats reject Kennedy for the presidency and Kennedy in turn rejects the vice presidential nomination.

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Communist rule and the inequalities of bureaucracy. Polish intelligentsia was outspoken in its criticism of the Soviet Union. Hungarian-style revolt was but a hairbreadth away.

Gomulka, emerging as a national hero after his bout with Khrushchev, prevented that sort of bloodshed and by diverting routes through the intervening years has been guiding Poland firmly back into the orbit of world communism. Gomulka, on his side, must have the support of the Soviet Union. On his western flank is a Germany pledged to regain its lost territories taken by Poland beyond the Oder-Niesse.

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