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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 29, 1949 (Friday)
The Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee queen contest closes tomorrow and many young hearts are fluttering.

20 YEARS AGO
July 29, 1939 (Saturday)
Roger Henselman, Medford student, is awarded a full national scholarship to Harvard college.

40 YEARS AGO
July 29, 1919 (Tuesday)
Forest fires in Siskiyou county grow serious.

50 YEARS AGO
July 29, 1909 (Thursday)
A scheme for "Seeing Medford" by bus tour is proposed.

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

1. The Grand Army of the Republic was organized by veterans of which war?
When is Ground Hog Day observed?

3. Which three of the following are most closely related—mining, southpaw, fielder, muff, bun or rookie?
4. Was President Truman's official yacht named Potomac, Williamsburg, or Mayflower?

OVERZEALOUS
Chesterfield, England—(UPI) Union leaders ordered a new election at Parkhouse Colliery after a somewhat over-enthusiastic vote for union officers.

Unwanted Phone Calls

Telephone calls which seek to sell something unwanted, or which are of the phoney "quiz" variety, or are of several other types of unwanted calls, are real nuisances.

People have every right to be disgusted, irate or upset by such calls. They have a right to complain. And we fully understand the sentiments of the city council when it passed an ordinance two weeks ago making such calls illegal.

Nonetheless, Mayor John Snider was right when he vetoed the measure.

AS WRITTEN it was (1) of doubtful constitutionality, (2) uneven in application, and (3) unenforceable.

The city's jurisdiction extends only to the city limits. There would be nothing to prohibit such telephone solicitors from moving to Central Point or Ashland or Jacksonville, and continuing their nuisance calls without interruption or threat of punishment, or even extra expense.

The vetoed ordinance also sought to exempt some people — thus bringing it into the "class legislation" category.

THE ordinance had for its purpose the protection of residents of the city from unwanted and nuisance type calls. But it would have been ineffective and questionable legislation.

The answer to the "nuisance" telephone call has yet to be found.

We know how they could be ended, however, practically overnight. That is if everyone would agree, tacitly or in an organized way, to refuse to patronize anyone who used the telephone as a sales device.

But as long as a certain percentage of people respond to such calls, they will continue to be made. No ordinance will stop them.—E.A.

Oregon's Police Defaults

There is no such thing as a "perfect" police department.

But there are varying degrees of excellence. They range from departments which are police agencies in name only, to well-organized agencies with adequate personnel, training and equipment.

Most of those in Oregon range somewhere in between the two extremes. Lt. Bard Purcell of the Portland Police department recently conducted a survey of the 36 sheriff's offices in the state, and 39 city police departments. His survey indicated that the bulk of them rank rather low.

WE ARE indebted to the Salem Capital Journal for a partial list of Lt. Purcell's findings. We reproduce it here, and in parentheses we note how the Medford Police department rates:

—In 52 of the 75 surveyed departments salaries averaged less than \$380 per month. (In Medford, police salaries range from \$330 to \$410, with the average somewhat less than \$380.)

—Departments generally hire officers without sufficiently investigating their backgrounds. (In Medford each applicant is screened for a prior criminal record and for character.)

—Most departments give no regular or periodic pay raises. (Medford policemen receive merit pay raises on a regular basis.)

NO DEPARTMENTS use psychiatric or psychological screening devices in weeding out unsuitable applicants. (We don't quite know what Lt. Purcell means by this, but applicants here receive IQ tests, and a special emotional stability test, administered by the Medford school office.)

—Most departments don't recognize appropriate college training as being a consideration in hiring or promotion. (Such qualifications are taken into consideration in Medford.)

—Fifty-nine departments fail to maintain "acceptable" training programs for recruits. (Here again "acceptable" is not defined, but each Medford rookie policeman undergoes training.)

MANY departments are so short of manpower that no night patrols are maintained. (Not true here.)

—Nineteen departments don't even require a high school education for patrolmen. (Medford requires either a high school diploma or a certificate of equivalency.)

—Only three of the 75 departments have a regular training program beyond the recruit level. (Medford has four types of training for experienced men: regular in-service training conducted by the lieutenants; regular firearms training; special training for selected patrolmen at schools and academies as available; and the regional advanced schools, conducted cooperatively by law enforcement associations.)

THIS review, though far from complete, would tend to indicate that Medford's police force rates among the three or four best in Oregon.

Yet the Capital Journal's points in reviewing these data are still valid. It says:

"Oregonians are too tight to pay for vigorous and enlightened departments.

"City councils are too afraid of the controversy change brings to risk hiring youthful and progressive police executives.

"How can anyone wonder that crime increases when so little value is put on its prevention and apprehension?"

Perhaps it is only local pride to believe — as we do — that the most severe of these criticisms do not apply to Medford and Jackson county. But the fact remains that Oregonians in general are unwilling to pay for the best in police services, and are suffering from an increasing crime toll as a result.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"I WAS GONNA TELL HER IT WASN'T A REAL SHRUNKEN HEAD. . . . ONLY I DIDN'T HAVE TIME!"

Newsom Finds U.S.-Russian Relationships on Two Levels

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
On the lower level, the U.S. exhibition in Moscow apparently is a success.

On the upper level it has served primarily thus far to point up at least two primary difficulties in United States and Soviet Russian attempts to reach any kind of an understanding.

On the lower level, we have the ordinary Russian housewife showering courtesies upon Mrs. Richard Nixon when she visits the big Moscow department store, GUM.

They greet her as an outsider with whom they would like to be friendly.

Friendliness is a basic commodity of the Russian people. And so it has been exhibited at the U.S. Exhibition.

One not usually taken into consideration is the Russian language itself.

A Rich Language
It is a rich language, many of whose words have no exact translation into a single English language synonym.

This correspondent has listened many times while a Russian translator searched in vain for the English counterpart to a word or phrase in a Russian speech.

The second misunderstanding, if so it can be called, Russians pore over the Sears Roebuck catalogue. They argue the merits of white versus colored tiles in the home.

American automobiles fascinate them. They seize upon the opportunity to talk with bilingual guides.

But the differences also are basic. They arise from a total lack of trust on both sides. The United States recalls with justified bitterness the failure of past understandings with the Soviets where the Reds have

used every legalistic loophole for their own advantage. Explains Geneva Conference. It is this which is one of the current sources of disagreement between the United States and Britain, Britain, anxious for a summit conference, would accept Russian verbal promises that there will be no interference with Western rights in Berlin so long as the subject is under conversation.

The United States says, put it in writing.

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.

"Black Powder Days"
To the Editor: The Multnomah Muzzle Loading Rifle club is looking for the best muzzle loading gun experts, collectors and shots in the West to join them in the big "Black Powder Days" Centennial event, to be held in Banks, in Washington county, on the first two week ends in August, and extends a cordial invitation to anyone interested in the old guns to attend this celebration.

On Aug. 1 and 2, shooting matches will be open to the public to give as many participants as possible an opportunity to handle and actually shoot the old rifles and guns used by the early settlers who opened the West and brought Oregon into the Union in 1859.

The West Coast Trophy matches, to find the best shots in three Western states, will be held Aug. 8 and 9. This shoot is open to all who wish to compete, with the condition that participants must provide their own black powder firearms. These include muzzle loading pistols, flint locks and military rifles. Medals will be given for the top three scorers in 10 events, and an aggregate score is eligible for an award.

A carnival and fair, featuring displays of historic Oregon, will be held simultaneously with the shooting matches. A buffalo, donated by John Day, Central Point rancher, and a member of the Oregon Historical society board, will be pit roasted and served on Sunday. A threshing exhibition, with an old-time steam thrasher; a water fight between rival fire companies, a pig and Ford race from Tillamook county, a parade and the coronation of the Sunset Mother, and square dancing also are on the program.

We hope your county will be represented by its best muzzle loading shots, and we are looking for the county sending the greatest number of experts to enter the shoots.

If there are entrants from your county, we would appreciate them listing their names with our co-sponsor, the Oregon Historical Society, Portland, Oregon.

We are looking forward to greeting you in Banks on Aug. 1 and 2, and on Aug. 8 and 9.

John W. Klinker, President Multnomah Muzzle Loading Rifle Club
c/o Oregon Historical Society
235 S. W. Market st.
Portland 1, Ore.

Alaskans and Pride
To the Editor: Mr. Arthur E. Tropple, in your Communications column, would leave one with the impression that I am not proud to be an American. Nothing could be farther from the truth, Mr. Tropple. I was proud enough to have served 5 1/2 years in World War I and 2 years, 4 months in World War II, ending at the age of 47 years.

There are many people in Alaska, Mr. Tropple, who believe as I do, that Alaska was not ready for statehood. Another five years, with the privilege of electing our own governor and with voting representatives in both houses of Congress, would have better prepared us for statehood status.

It could be, Mr. Tropple, that I am too proud to knuckle down to a vodka drinking, cotton picking goof like Khrushchev?."

Thank you Mr. Tropple. "Malemute Slim"
Owen C. Gearhart Sr.,
Camp White, Ore.

Who's Crazy?
To the Editor: Here is another reader who would appreciate a new record put on for a change. The editor made his big mistake when the first letter was put in print.

What puzzles me now is, who is crazy? Me for reading this stuff, he for writing it, or the editor for printing it? There is an old saying, "Great minds run in the same channels." If that is true, it is quite possible that minds of monkeys do too. Who knows?
Bill Breuster,
Box 100,
Trail, Ore.

Three Counties Adopt New United Effort
Portland—(UPI)—The name of the United Fund is being changed to United Good Neighbors in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties.

The United Funds of the three counties adopted the name change here Tuesday and agreed to consolidate campaigning and budgeting. Officials said this was the first step toward possible merger of the three organizations.

Eisenhower Reverses Position on Third Term Amendment; Personal Reason Seen

By LYLE WILSON
Washington—(UPI)—If the Eisenhower administration has switched positions on repeal of the 22nd Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, perhaps there is a good personal reason.

The 22nd Amendment was proposed by the 80th Congress in 1947 and ratified by sufficient states in 1951. The amendment was an expression of ill-will toward Franklin D. Roosevelt.

It forbids a President to serve more than two White House terms. This prohibition was a Republican project which seems to have backfired. The prohibition is the law of the land and chances are it will remain so long enough, at the least, to prevent the Republican party

from nominating for President next year its most popular public figure. This popular figure is, of course President Eisenhower.

Attorney General William P. Rogers has informed Congress by letter that the administration opposes repeal of the ban on third terms. Chairman Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) of the Senate Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee remarked that the administration had reversed its position on this matter.

If so, Eisenhower may have ordered the reversal because he had been struck by a terrifying idea: If the amendment were repealed quickly he, Eisenhower, might be eligible for renomination when the Republican national convention meets next year. Such speed would be unlikely, but it would not be impossible.

So, maybe Ike is taking precautions against a draft. It is astonishing but not unreasonable to suggest that a man of Eisenhower's age and medical history might be summoned to a third presidential term. It is astonishing because it does not make any sense.

Third Term Precedent
But it is not unreasonable because politics more often than not do not make any sense either and, besides, the precedent would be for Republican strategists to run like again if they could. He would enter the White House for a third term in his 71st year.

It might kill him? Perhaps it would. That is the way it happened to Roosevelt back there in 1944-45. It is the physicians against the politicians in the dispute whether insiders knew FDR was dying when he sought and won a fourth term.

The files relate that just before the 1944 elections, Vice Adm. Ross T. McIntire said FDR was in good health and without "organic difficulties at all" although underweight. James A. Farley and others are on public record that it was widely known among political leaders that Roosevelt was a dying man when he was renominated in 1944.

Aide Says FDR Was Dying
Jonathan Daniels, a White House secretary, wrote that FDR was dying in 1944 and that some of his associates knew it. Henry A. Wallace was deposed from second place and Harry S. Truman subbed with the warning word that the 1944 convention would not nominating a vice president but a President of the United States.

Edward J. Flynn's inside memoirs remarked in 1947 that FDR had slipped mentally and physically but that the "group surrounding him were pressing him to make another 1944 campaign."

The Democratic politicians wanted to win. Republicans are not much different. And, it is a fact that Republican Party political prestige is fading whereas Ike seems to remain the U. S. favorite son.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
From Leningrad (Russia): U.S. Vice-President Nixon said he and Premier Nikita Khrushchev agreed during their talks (in Moscow) that "differences between nations must be settled AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE AND NOT ON THE BATTLEFIELD."

So—
He added: "My message to the people of Leningrad, from the people of the United States, is PEACE FOR ALL THE WORLD."

MR. AND Mrs. Nixon and Mr. and Mrs. Kozlov (Kozlov is the Soviet vice-premier who recently made a tour of the United States) flew from Moscow to Leningrad in a Russian TU-104 jet airliner.

They were welcomed by a crowd of some 1,000 persons, who gave the Nixons and the Kozlovs a CORDIAL greeting. The Nixons were officially welcomed at the airport by the Chairman I. V. Spiridinov of the Leningrad committee of the Communist party, who said to them:

"Our people want to live in peace and friendship with all peoples — ESPECIALLY AMERICANS. I hope your visit will serve for a better understanding between Russia and the American people, which we all ardently desire.

"From the bottom of my heart, WELCOME."

It sounds (on the surface, at least) like the celebrated Nixon-Khrushchev spat might have had some good results.

FROM Havana: Fidel Castro, swept back into the Cuban premiership, as expected, by an enormous popular demonstration, served notice Sunday night that he will be friends with the United States ONLY IF THE UNITED STATES DOESN'T GET IN HIS WAY.

Well . . . stay out of Castro's way if HELL KEEP THE COMMUNISTS OUT OF CUBA.

AS ANOTHER Simon Bolivar, or another Benito Juarez, we will WELCOME Castro.

AS ANOTHER COMMUNIST—such as Ulbrecht in East Germany we'll have to be against him. We can't tolerate communism in the Western Hemisphere.

That's about the long and short of it.

Corps Says Fish Can Pass New Dam

Portland—(UPI)—The 100-foot head of Washington's Ice Harbor dam is the steepest of any other dam on the Columbia river but the Army Corps of Engineers feels migrating salmon should pass over it with the greatest of ease.

The corps made the prediction on the basis of steep ladder tests during the last three years conducted at the Bonneville dam laboratory by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The fish in the tests showed a minimum of fatigue in climbing the steeper fishway.

On the north side of Ice Harbor's 100-foot head, the fishway will ascend one foot for every 10 feet of length as compared with the normal ratio of one for 16.

Because the new fish ladder is steeper, it also is shorter and will save the corps at least \$500,000 in construction costs.

At other Columbia river dams, migrant fish climb 66 feet at Bonneville, 88 feet at The Dalles and when John Day dam is finished, the climb will be 95 feet, still five feet short of the uphill pull at Ice Harbor.

The Ice Harbor ladder experiment is the first of its kind, the corps said. The dam is due for completion in 1962.

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Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE
MUSCLE IN DANGER
Washington—Though it may sound like a stuck needle on a dull phonograph record, it is necessary to report it again: The guts of American foreign policy, the one true source of American and Allied strength in this world, is in peril of wasting away.

This is what is commonly called the foreign aid program; more exactly, it is the Mutual Security Program, by which alone the West has been kept in some kind of collective economic and military health.

Most of the West, and in a way the United States most of all, seems determined to cling frantically to the pleasant fiction that talking will bring us safely through with the Russians. Talking, that is, in missions to and from Moscow, and in endless foreign ministers' conferences.

But there have been other failures, too. The Foreign Aid Administration has refused in the past to face up to plain facts. These are that the program has been far from perfectly run, that there is waste in it, and that it will do nobody any good to go denying it and refusing to help clean up its situation.

The Comptroller General of the United States, Joseph Campbell, is surely not anti-foreign aid, and he is surely not anti-Eisenhower. But Campbell has officially stated that a "pattern of loopy, lax administration runs through the entire complex" of the program.

The new head of foreign aid, James Riddleberger, is in no way to blame for past untidiness. But he will need to act fast and candidly, and brutally if necessary, to end it.

The best friends foreign aid ever had in Congress are themselves not blameless. The disillusion of men like Senator J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas has led them to play a rather slack, dispirited game. They need to pull up their socks, for though it is late, the great contest is not yet wholly lost.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

IN 1904, after a fruitless attempt to find a job in every newspaper office in metropolitan New York, the late Irvin Cobb sent this letter, special delivery, to all editors: "Sir: I am the best writer and the ablest editor that has ever come to New York, and yet nobody has jumped at the unparalleled opportunity of hiring me. This is your last chance. I'm weary of waiting in your anteroom and a modest appreciation of my own worth forbids my doing business with your head office any longer. Unless you grab me right away, I will leave your paper flat on its back in the middle of a hard summer and your whole life hereafter will be one vast, surging regret."

This must have been a novel approach in 1904, because Cobb notes that his letter produced five offers of jobs!

"If you're unable to get away for a vacation," counsels Ray Blackman, "you can get the same feeling by tipping every third person you meet."

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