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Flight 'o Time  
Medford and Jackson County  
History from the history of the  
Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40  
and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO  
Aug. 10, 1949 (Wednesday)  
Medford officials consider  
sale of the city's old sewage  
disposal plant on Biddle lane.  
Cooks are needed for the  
Camp White veterans' domici-  
liary, federal officials an-  
nounce.

20 YEARS AGO  
Aug. 10, 1939 (Thursday)  
The Central Point boys in-  
volved in stealing watermelons  
from Arnold Bohner's  
patch get suspended sen-  
tences but must apologize and  
make restitution with cash or  
by picking tomatoes.  
From Arthur Perry's "Ye  
Smudge Pot" column: "A  
number of the Older Girls see  
no hope, or a silver lining,  
and glumly predict. It's hot  
today, and going to be hotter  
tomorrow."

30 YEARS AGO  
Aug. 10, 1929 (Saturday)  
The Coos Bay newspaper  
praises the aviation spirit of  
Medford area residents.  
The Medford Legion drum  
corps wins a cup at the state  
meet.

40 YEARS AGO  
Aug. 10, 1919 (Sunday)  
The last codling moth  
spray of the season is applied.  
National Editorial associa-  
tion convention delegates and  
other dignitaries are expected  
for a special visit to Crater  
Lake.

50 YEARS AGO  
Aug. 10, 1909 (Tuesday)  
The Rogue valley's cabasa,  
musk, water and other me-  
lons are reported to be the  
greatest.  
A "modern" business col-  
lege is to be established in  
Medford.

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

1. Name the Hungarian  
Cardinal who was tried by a  
"People's Court" on a charge  
of treason.  
2. In what town near Pitts-  
burgh did Andrew Carnegie  
found his first public library?  
3. There are no mosquitoes  
in Alaska; true or false?  
4. Is it the equinox, or the  
solstice, that occurs at the  
beginning of spring?  
5. In what war did British  
troops burn the White House  
in Washington?  
6. Is the hollyhock a native  
plant of Holland, China, In-  
dia, or America?  
7. Name the Secretary of  
Agriculture of the United  
States.  
8. In the nursery rhyme,  
what color was Mary's little  
lamb?  
9. Of what mineral is coke  
a derivative?  
10. In what country is the  
port of Rangoon?

Answers: 1. Josef Cardinal  
Mindszenty. 2. Braddock, Pa.  
3. False. 4. The spring equi-  
nox. 5. War of 1812. 6.  
China. 7. Ezra Taft Benson.  
8. White. 9. Coal. 10. Burma.

LIBEL LAWYER DIES  
East Boothbay, Maine—(UP)—  
Hold Cross, 69, widely-  
known libel lawyer and for-  
mer associate dean of the Col-  
umbia University School of  
Journalism, died Sunday.

ULTIMATE WEAPONS  
Manila—(UP)—City prose-  
cutor Hermogenes Concepcion  
suggested today that the city  
require licenses for possession  
of bows and arrows, blow-  
pipes, darts and slingshots.

HAY FEVER HANKIES  
New York—(UP)—As the hay  
fever season got into full  
sneeze, a New York depart-  
ment store today advertised  
a sale on "drip-dry handker-  
chiefs."

## Taxing Churches

"Tax the churches," a frequent slogan of those eager for tax relief, but one carefully avoided by candidates for office, got a boost, of a sort, from an unexpected quarter recently.

In an article in the publication "Christianity Today," the Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian church and former president of the National Council of Churches of Christ of America, called on churches to re-examine their policy with regard to taxation—not that he recommends putting churches on the taxrolls at once; but he does point out some tax advantages which might well be curtailed. One of those is exemption from the corporate income tax on business operations, which gives churches (and other tax-exempt non-profit organizations) a competitive advantage over private owners.

TAKING note of a growing "anti-church feeling" in the United States Dr. Blake says that "a government with mounting tax problems cannot be expected to keep its hands off the wealth of a rich church forever..." He ventures the opinion that if the present exemption on gifts, inheritance and real estate and income taxes is continued in a hundred years the problems confronting the state may be of such magnitude "that their only solution will be revolutionary expropriation of church property."

Expropriation is an ugly word, reminiscent of the action of Henry VIII in England when he broke with the Roman Catholic church, of the French Revolution in the 18th century and with nationalization of church property by Communist states in recent times.

WHILE the purposes of the church are laudable, when a church becomes large and rich it excites envy, says Dr. Blake. However much the enterprises of the church may be appreciated, they are "not sufficient of themselves to make a poor man love a rich church." As a starter Dr. Blake suggests that gradually local property taxes could be levied against churches up to 10 per cent of the normal tax against private property. That would be a modest beginning, to be sure.

Church trustees and treasurers, hard pressed now to meet budgets, may wonder where the money would come from to pay taxes. It would have to come from present sources of income—from the pockets of the faithful. Dr. Blake's frankness should and will stir discussion of this important topic both within and without the churches.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

## There He Goes

In the closing hours of the 1959 Legislature, Sen. Dan Dimick, Roseburg Democrat, made an impassioned speech about "the chiefs and the Indians." The burden of it was that the state's more highly paid officials ("chiefs") were getting too much money, the lower-paid employees ("Indians") too little. He succeeded in eliminating pay increases for the career service.

Maybe this sounded fine to some voters and maybe it seemed to put Senator Dimick on the side of the "little man." But it resulted in a saving of only .0007 per cent on the biennial budget. And it did the career service, as a service, great harm. His attack was an insulting one, hardly calculated to improve the morale of career employees who know they could do better, financially, elsewhere.

NOW we're losing Art Handly. Mr. Handly, a relatively young man and a very able one, was drawing \$9,000 a year as the No. 2 man in the board of control office. He stood to inherit the top job when William Ryan, board secretary, retires. Mr. Handly was, by Senator Dimick's definition, a chief. Because he made \$9,000 a year he was, by Senator Dimick's definition, outrageously overpaid.

In his new job as principal assistant in the Wisconsin department of finance he will get \$13,500. And presumably he won't have to take a rash of insulting oratory from a legislator.

Good men with training and experience, men willing to spend their lives in the service of the state, are hard to find, and they're getting harder to find. A pay raise, and a few kind words last spring would have been well invested if they had kept for Oregon young men like Art Handly.—Eugene Register-Guard.

## Purposes of Living

A sociologist, writing in the Saturday Review asks "is not the fathering and mothering of children the point and purpose of living?"

Well now, that adds something to the discussion of what life is all about, and we think that this comment might more appropriately have come from a stockman.

The Christian says we live to serve the Lord, the hedonist that we live to enjoy ourselves, the communist that we live to serve the state.

Nearly all the philosophers of our present white, Christian civilization have said that man must contribute something to society to live properly and most of us go along with that rather humanistic ideal.—Sherman County Journal.

## Dennis the Menace



"SURE LUCKY I WENT ALONG! DAD GOT THE BIGGEST SCORE HE EVER MADE!"

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### Pests & Monkeys

To the Editor: Look, Mr. Acklin, your Hupmobile rush. Chased a couple of "pots" out of the brush. Welcome Mr. B.L.J. and Mr. Weaver— Did you bring along your monkey cleaver? Or did you just come along for the ride? Those monkeys may eat the tan off your hide. Monkeys have been fighting on that M.T. page. For weeks now, it seems like an endless age. The monkeys multiply by leaps and bounds. Anyone have a couple of monkey hounds? I might enjoy a trip to Nirvana. Even though I become a banana. But back to the heat, and flies by the score. May I repeat—No more monkeys, no more! Mrs. Delbert Casey Route 1, Box 358 Central Point

### Support Firemen

To the Editor, and the people of Shady Cove: I heard a criticism today that made me very unhappy and I would like the people of Shady Cove to hear about it. There was a fire which threatened two buildings on the former Martin ranch. The Shady Cove fire department was called and they arrived in record time. The buildings were saved but some brush was still burning when the Shady Cove fire department departed. I overheard some one make the remark to the effect that the fire department was certainly in a hurry to leave and they thought they could at least stay until the fire was completely out. Perhaps I should state that the men who answered that fire are all Shady Cove business men and that they closed their places of business to answer the fire call, and I might also add, they are the same few men who answer all the fire calls, day or night. They receive absolutely no pay and seldom any thanks for their effort. I for one appreciate what these men are doing and I think it is a shame for people to expect these few men to leave their places of business and then criticize them for not staying until the last spark is out. Although it is not altogether fitting to think now of what might have been, few will view this passing without regret that the necessary miracle did not happen, and that the prescription for her ills was not utilized when prescribed by those qualified to advise. But like a fever ridden child, sleepy and weak, she closed her ears to the call of true friends, and she would not open her eyes to see her decaying parts. Jacksonville could have been great. She could have annexed Medford and remained the entire town as her own, thus restoring to her fold the county courthouse and seat, retaining her state school district number one rating, regaining a railroad, and adding the prestige of an airport and position as fourth in population in Oregon. She would have had a sewer, and a high school, but her taxes would have been lowered. Her name, once called "Jacksonville-Hub of the West Coast and Cultural Center," would have become known across the nation as she stood upon her past and build great and

got behind our fire department and helped do your share? Next time it might be your home that is on fire. Thelma Reinning Clerk of Shady Cove-Trail Rural Fire Protective District. P.S.: No member other than myself knows this letter is being written.

### Prospectors Gone

To the Editor: How true is the statement voiced in the United Press a while ago attributed to one Oregon U. S. congressman, that the old time prospector had vanished along with the legendary do-do bird. In fact there should be a kingly monument erected in each of the early western mining states in memory of the prospector and jack-ass miners who blazed the trail for future civilization to live and develop into a modern economy. Yes, the old time prospector has come and gone "the way of all flesh," and in his stead, is a modern day man in a jeep, helicopter or jet plane, equipped with late gadgets to test out, analyze and segregate all indications of active minerals in a jiffy. Now the few remaining symbols left of the old time prospector are the pack-sack and burro of today. Bert Kissinger 520 Boardman st., Medford.

### Farewell, Jacksonville

To the Editor: We arrest our activities to pay tribute to Jacksonville, well loved, once crowned with the most enviable honors that courage, culture and progress could bestow. Jacksonville, this moment being snatched from us on the eve of her rebirth into a life of promise, will then not truly rise and shine in a modern afterglow of historic wealth with a radiance that might outshine her meager beginnings. Her life was long. To go back to her beginnings is to go into another world, of pioneers with courage, diligence and foresight and faith in her future. Gold brought some, the land brought some, adventure brought some, and some came only to serve those already here. But the gold has long since been gathered, the land settled, and adventure presently lies beyond newer horizons. Those who remain to serve find little call and less appreciation for what they do. Although it is not altogether fitting to think now of what might have been, few will view this passing without regret that the necessary miracle did not happen, and that the prescription for her ills was not utilized when prescribed by those qualified to advise. But like a fever ridden child, sleepy and weak, she closed her ears to the call of true friends, and she would not open her eyes to see her decaying parts. Jacksonville could have been great. She could have annexed Medford and remained the entire town as her own, thus restoring to her fold the county courthouse and seat, retaining her state school district number one rating, regaining a railroad, and adding the prestige of an airport and position as fourth in population in Oregon. She would have had a sewer, and a high school, but her taxes would have been lowered. Her name, once called "Jacksonville-Hub of the West Coast and Cultural Center," would have become known across the nation as she stood upon her past and build great and

## Rockefeller's Problem: How To Compete With Nixon For Wide Public Attention

By RAYMOND LAHR

Washington—(UP)—It could be that a Republican Governor far from New York might want Nelson A. Rockefeller to visit and tell about the New York's civil defense program. It could be, too, that Rockefeller would decide that it was his duty to respond to the invitation.

He needs to do something like that to get on page one occasionally in competition with Vice President Richard M. Nixon. He now has no plans for trips outside New York, but his plans could change.

The Rockefeller operation does have some ideas about getting him attention this fall but nothing so spectacular as Nixon's Russian tour, which already has lifted the Vice President in public opinion polls.

Decision This Fall Rockefeller expects to decide this fall whether to contest with Nixon for the GOP presidential nomination if the Gallup Poll should indicate he would be a stronger

greater tomorrow. Farewell, Jacksonville. The highest honor we can pay, and the greatest tribute we can give you is to say that you lived aristocratically as did your sons and daughters, and though you walk over the edge of doom, your head is unbowed, and you smile, perhaps uncaringly, certainly unthinking, but were you undignified? Never.

Virginia D. Card, Prop., Terminal Book and Gift Shop, Jacksonville.

### On War Prevention

To the Editor: I write once again to express my conviction that our government should be taking the lead in trying to bring nuclear weapons, their further development, production, distribution and use, under international control. And I should like to take this opportunity to point out that such efforts as arms control need not entail either "unilateral disarmament" or the "nuclear disarmament race" of which F. J. Clifford and others have been so critical.

I am not so politically naive as to think that the American people are likely to divest themselves of the weapons they consider so essential to the deterrence of war and the maintenance of peace. However, I am MORALLY naive enough to believe that nuclear war is wrong under any circumstances and that bold, constructive steps ought to be undertaken to assure its prevention.

Still I realize there are those who would raise the specter of man's past failures at disarmament as reason for abandoning all efforts at atomic control today. These people plainly ignore the fact that times have changed and brought with them changes in war and its conduct which now make arms control a necessity. Children have long since ceased to save pennies for glorious old "battlewagons" like the Oregon. Today they are investing their dimes and dollars in America's "nuclear power," alias the development and construction of weapons of mass destruction. And it should be clear to all of us that these weapons can not be used for defense of the civilian population of the country but only for the retaliatory destruction of an enemy nation.

Truly war is no longer glorious, victory no longer meaningful, and defense virtually impossible. And as we come to realize these facts of life in the nuclear age, surely it behooves us to make every effort we can to assure that we shall not have to relearn them the hard way in the catastrophe of a nuclear war.

I have not meant to suggest that I know of any easy answers either for the solution of the cold war or the prevention of a hot one. I have sought merely to express my opinion that our present course is no answer at all and that it is high time we Americans began considering alternate policies more courageous and imaginative than that which now stakes our hope for peace and survival upon the threat of annihilation.

Ross Flanagan, North Pacific Highway, Box 606, Medford.

### Centennial Serenade Planned by Group Here

The Centennial serenade planned by Bliss Heine's Junior 58ers will be held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons starting at the YMCA. The group will meet at the Moose hall at 1:30 p.m. each day. The serenade will end Thursday at the welcome booth stockade on top of Siskiyou summit. About a seven-minute program will be played at each stop. All performances will be off the street. There will be about 30 stops, Heine reported.

candidate. That poll does not rate him so high now but he thinks there may be a shift. Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon already has told Rockefeller that he has to come out of hibernation if he has any thought about being a candidate.

Rockefeller has accepted only one television invitation since he became Governor but is expected to be seen more frequently on panel shows this fall. Rockefeller sketches in national magazines are said to be in the works.

Otherwise the New York Governor has a set of state projects going and at least some of them are expected to get more than local attention. The report of his civil defense advisory board already has done so, largely because of its proposal for a compulsory program of fallout shelters in every home.

Task Forces at Work He has put more than 30 task forces to work. Half a dozen of these deal with education and such subjects as prospective needs for schools and teachers and how new techniques could be used to allow more effective use of the limited corps of teachers.

Another study is aimed at developing a program of insurance against catastrophic illness under private health insurance plans and still another seeks ways to enlist private capital for investment in middle income housing.

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### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A Soviet radio commentator assails American politicians and "journalists" who, he says, are trying to figure out whether the United States or Russia will gain THE MOST from the Eisenhower-Khrushchev visits.

"This kind of bookkeeping," he said, "can only do harm."

I'M HALF inclined to agree with him. The big question that interests THE PEOPLE of the two countries (as well as the people of all the world) is this:

Will BOTH the United States and Russia gain from these visits?

THEY will—if out of the developments following the new situation that has arisen there comes the conviction that SOMEHOW all-out nuclear warfare MUST be avoided.

There is some room for hope. Ever since World War I poison gas has been in the possession of all the great nations of the world, including Russia. It HASN'T been used.

A WORD now as to Nixon. Let's quit thinking about whether or not it helped his candidacy. Let's concentrate our thinking on whether or not it has helped the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and its people.

AS THIS is written, catastrophe has overtaken our sister city of Roseburg. An explosion, comparable to an enemy bomb, has damaged a considerable part of the city's business district. The record at the moment is ten dead and 52 injured. At the scene of the explosion, there is a crater like a bomb crater. From all over the Pacific Coast, offers of help are pouring in. The telephone system is swamped with calls. The burden of these calls is WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP YOU?

This is a pretty good country, after all.

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Others involve economic expansion, a review of the state tax system, long range transportation needs, parks and recreation, transferability of employee pension rights from one company to another, power resources, hospital services and reorganization of the state government.

Studying Trade Unions Although he already has succeeded in getting one labor reform measure, for financial reporting, enacted over mild labor opposition, Rockefeller also has a group studying "Democracy in

Trade Unions." This smacks of regulating the internal conduct of unions and is almost sure to put him crosswise with the labor movement if carried through in the form of new legislation. Passage of the federal labor law might shelve the project. Rockefeller is in no position now to match Nixon for National publicity. But politicians who remember Yalta, Potsdam and the spirit of Geneva wonder if the Vice President will continue to collect political dividends from his Russian trip.

## Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

JACK AND HUBERT Washington—"Jack and Hubert" are forcing so fast a pace in the wide-open race for the 1959 Democratic Presidential nomination that the very next month may bring a fateful showdown between them.

"Jack" is Sen. John Fitzgerald Kennedy of Massachusetts, and "Hubert" is Sen. Hubert Horatio Humphrey of Minnesota. They are turning westward for a confrontation at the end of September. This will find them crossing trails in Wisconsin. In Western opera terms, it may be a kind of High Noon where the two leading characters meet in the dusty street and gun it out.

The risks, however, will be far from even. "Hubert" has everything to lose and "Jack" only some things. Humphrey's whole strategy is one of shooting the works. He has long been aware that his candidacy cannot even get off the ground unless he can first show great strength in his home region of the upper Midwest.

SPECIFICALLY, this means Wisconsin, for Wisconsin next April will have an early and a critical Presidential primary. This Humphrey simply must carry impressively or, in the cruel phrase of the pros, "he is dead." A Kennedy loss of that primary would leave him only wounded.

Kennedy may or may not enter that primary, for it is not clearly so vital to him as it is to Humphrey. And this coming month may determine whether he really needs to enter anyhow. For even apart from the fact that Kennedy now appears to be the front-runner among the Democrats, Humphrey has just been hit a hard blow in his own Midwest bailiwick.

A neighboring Senator from Wisconsin, it is said, William Proxmire, has done a most unneighborly act. He has released a Wisconsin poll which, he says, gave Kennedy 42.5 per cent of the Democratic vote against a mere 17.3 for Humphrey. Close examination of the Proxmire figures makes things look far less bad for Humphrey. For Adlai E. Stevenson—who has no intention of getting into the Wisconsin action and probably no intention to contest for nomination openly anywhere—got 29.5 per cent in the Proxmire poll.

THE Humphrey people hope that with all this they will be able to demonstrate that their man has much more strength in Wisconsin than Proxmire's poll would indicate. They hope, too, that by that time Stevenson will have made some sign—say, in a September 23 "non-political" speech he is to make in Madison, Wis.—that will help clear the air a bit.

But they know that "Hubert" has got to "look good" in Wisconsin this time. And they know, too, as they wryly comment, that "Jack is coming in there, too." Kennedy will be in Wisconsin on September 24 and 25. Humphrey's policy will be to try to force Kennedy to mix it with him among the grain elevators, the breweries, the farms and industrial plants—to meet him at High Noon.

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