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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

Sept. 3, 1929 (Saturday)

A new foots creek fire, the third this summer, spreads over about 100 acres.

The Rogue valley swelters in its second hottest spell of weather so far this summer.

20 YEARS AGO

Sept. 3, 1919 (Sunday)

Eight Japanese airmen on a "good will" tour fly over Medford en route to Oakland, Calif., in their plane, "Nippon."

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "V. Brophy, the cowman, has reared a couple of colossal haystacks, a cigarette's throw from the main Crater Lake racetrack."

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 3, 1909 (Tuesday)

Lawyer Frank Farrell is slated for the Medford city attorney's desk.

Public schools open, with an increase of 210 pupils over the first day last year.

40 YEARS AGO

Sept. 3, 1919 (Wednesday)

The weather bureau hangs out a black flag atop the Liberty building to indicate rain is predicted.

Over 7,000 persons visited Crater Lake during August.

50 YEARS AGO

Sept. 3, 1869 (Friday)

Crews clear brush and timber around Fish lake as preparation for raising the dam 20 feet.

Elks here go ahead with plans for their lodge installation festivities later this month.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Who wrote the poem, "Old Ironsides"?

2. U. S. Representatives serve two year terms; what is the term for a Senator?

3. What was brought to Noah by a dove?

4. All decisions by the U. S. Supreme must be by two-thirds majority; true or false?

5. What is the plural form of the word vertebra?

6. Does Thanksgiving Day fall on the fourth or the last Thursday of November?

7. Two former Presidents of the U. S. died on the same day, July 4, 1826; who?

8. Was airmail service in the U. S. established in 1908, 1918, or 1928?

9. A "Fifth" of a beverage consists of approximately of how many ounces?

10. For what purpose were the pyramids of ancient Egypt built?

Answers: 1. Oliver Wendell Holmes. 2. Six years. 3. An olive branch. 4. False. 5. Vertebrae. 6. Fourth Thursday. 7. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. 8. 1918. 9. Twenty-six. 10. Tombs for rulers.

SACRIFICE TRIAL

Bombay, India—UPI—A childless couple has gone on trial in northern Bombay state for murdering a 4-year-old girl as a human sacrifice to the Hindu deity Amba, goddess of fertility, reports reaching here today. The medicine man who advised the murder also was being tried.

Controls on Liquor

Oklahomans, for the first time in history, can now buy (and drink) liquor legally.

Of all 50 states, now Mississippi alone still maintains prohibition laws. It like Oklahoma prior to last Tuesday, keeps up a pretense of being a "dry" state, but in practice it is easy for anyone wishing liquor to obtain it from a bootlegger.

And that, of course, is the crux of the matter. During the "noble experiment" of national prohibition, it was shown that people are going to drink, legally or illegally. And when it is done illegally, it leads to general disregard for law, to corruption in police agencies, and to crime on a large scale.

IN THE 49 "wet" states, there is a wide variety of state laws controlling the liquor traffic.

Some, like Oregon, maintain state monopolies, under the theory that better control is possible that way, and also that the state takes its "profit" directly, rather than through taxation.

Others, like California, allow liquor to be handled much as any other commodity, and it is obtainable in grocery and drug stores, as well as in specializing liquor stores.

All have a set of liquor control laws of varying stringency. A few, like Oregon, have "local option" laws, where communities can decide for themselves whether to be "wet" or "dry."

LIQUOR is the most heavily-taxed commodity obtainable in the United States, and in many cases more than half the retail price of a bottle represents a combination of state and federal taxes.

Even in legally-dry Mississippi, much of the bootlegged liquor pays federal (though not, obviously, state) taxes. That was one of the arguments used for prohibition in Oklahoma, which now will begin collecting state liquor taxes.

Only on "moonshine" or home-made liquor, which has escaped the eyes of federal agents, is there no tax. But there are some pretty stiff penalties for peddling the stuff.

However, because of the big price spread between the illegal "hooch" and the legal liquor, many bootleggers find they can far undersell legal liquor and still make a fat profit. This is the reason that bootlegging is, to varying degrees, prevalent even in non-prohibition states.

AFTER having observed (with a detached eye, of course) the variations in state liquor laws, we have come to the conclusion that Oregon's system is about as good as any, and better than most.

The Oregon liquor control commission has direct supervision of all retail sales by the bottle, and indirect but fairly stringent control of "on-premises" sales—that is, where liquor is served by the drink.

The law has teeth to it, and the commission is not a bit hesitant to crack down on violators of the laws and regulations governing the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Thus the evils of liquor (and, Lord knows, there are many) are minimized in this state. They never, as long as people remain fallible human beings, will be eliminated.—E.A.

Glowing Syntax

From time to time in this space the beauties and advantages of Jackson county have been glorified.

But never, even in our most romantic and euphoric moods, have we been able to approach the glowing syntax which was contained in a promotional booklet put out by the Medford Commercial Club (forerunner to the chamber of commerce) in 1909.

Read this:

"In southwestern Oregon, at an altitude approximating fifteen hundred feet lies a valley where Mother Nature, in one of her rare moods of unrestrained generosity, has wondrously showered her choicest bounties: A rare and salubrious climate, a soil of such remarkable fertility as almost to surpass belief, beautiful scenery, mountains stored with coal, copper and gold, extensive forests of immense value, streams stocked with 'speckled beauties,' quail, grouse, deer and bear in abundance, and a contented, progressive people—such, in the fewest possible words, is the condition in the famous Rogue River Valley in Southwestern Oregon."

PAUSE for breath, and continue:

"Here nature herself seems to be shouting forth a pean of joy. As you gaze across this beautiful valley and view in the distance the pointed snow-capped peak of Mt. McLoughlin, while all about are row after row of sleek limbed, healthy apple and pear trees, the black loam of old Mother Earth breathing forth its primeval invitation to work, one unconsciously feels that here, indeed, is nature's garden and a possible Utopia. If one were ever justified in lauding the wonders and possibilities of any land, he is certainly justified in giving this beautiful valley and its throbbing, wide-awake heart, the progressive city of Medford, a full mead of praise. The salubrious climate, the beauty of the earth, the freedom and vigor of living unworn traditions, and the stimulus of a growing civilization are conducive to creative work and to the nourishment of all that is best in human nature. In our naive, optimistic Western hopefulness and gladness surely no trace of selfishness can be held against us, for irresistibly, it seems, we must call aloud to all who will listen to come and share with us these rarest of nature's gifts."

To one enamoured of this area, and to this we confess, the overblown hyperbole is understandable. And there are, really, bits of truth contained in this picture of our land.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"I DON'T SEE HOW FISH CAN DRINK THIS WATER! IT'S TERRIBLE!"

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.

Porter Again Slapped

To the Editor: Your editorial entitled "Tripe and a Lie" deserves an answer, for no other reason than because you have implied that I am a liar; this is not to be taken lightly in Lane county where I have more than a passing reputation for integrity and honesty.

You have questioned the evidence supporting my statement that Porter favors certain dictators while actually or impliedly disapproving of others. I said Mr. Porter favors Castro of Cuba and Mao Tse-Tung of Red China. The Congressional Record and United States newspapers abound with statements made by Mr. Porter that he approves of Fidel Castro although many of Porter's colleagues feel the blood bath Castro initiated and continued in Cuba can hardly be commended. Porter even made Castro an Ambassador for Oregon during the Centennial celebration; a fact which could hardly please justice and peace-loving Oregonians.

What is Mr. Porter's attitude towards Mao Tse-Tung? To state that Porter favors him, you say is a lie?

(1) On June 13, 1937, Mr. Porter is reported to have said in Congress, "Do I favor revolution against dictators? Yes; gladly, and until I die."

(2) Has Mr. Porter suggested a revolution in Red China against Mao Tse-Tung as he championed a revolution in the Dominican Republic against Trujillo?

(3) On the contrary, Porter continually seeks for more and more recognition of Mao Tse-Tung by—

(a) Calling for recognition of and trade with Red China through a colleague, Paul Douglas, a liberal Democrat from Illinois, has said such a course of action would be a "cynical surrender of America's position as champion of the oppressed people of both Europe and Asia."

(b) Suggesting that the President invite the head of the Red Chinese government to the United States for a visit.

(c) Suing the State Department for a passport to Red China because the State Department has refused to grant the necessary documents for Mr. Porter's proposed tour of that country whose leaders hold five of our citizens prisoners in violation of the 1935 Geneva Pact.

Now what is Mr. Porter's attitude toward Franco of Spain? He has denounced Franco sharply on many occasions but I direct your attention to his remarks in the Congressional Record of March 12, 1939. The United States has maintained military bases in Spain and a continuation of this relationship is vital to the NATO defense.

What is Mr. Porter's attitude towards Trujillo of the Dominican Republic? It is no secret Porter has spent a lot of time in Congress denouncing Trujillo. Mr. Porter has openly championed revolution against Trujillo. The United States has had military bases in the Dominican Republic, utilized in our missile testing and tracking program, but our continued use of these bases has been jeopardized by Mr. Porter's vociferous attacks on Trujillo.

I think there is little question that Trujillo is a tyrant and I strongly disapprove of all tyrants and dictators in every form wherever found, but I still question the motives of a man who heralds

revolution against Franco, Trujillo and Jimenez and who wants all manner of courtesies extended to Mao Tse-Tung and Fidel Castro, as well as Jimmy Hoffa.

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On War and Tyranny

To the Editor: In reference to your editorial, Mail Tribune, Sept. 1, 1939.

For we, as Americans, to be proud of the course taken during the past 20 years, one must make the most gratuitous assumption that the wars we have taken part in were justified. In order for a war to be just there are some necessary qualifications that must be met: 1) There must be a need to correct a grievous wrong, evil; 2) War must be the last resort, after all other negotiation has failed; 3) There must be a reasonable assurance of success; 4) There must be reasonable assurance that the war will prove to substantially better the previous evil.

Certainly the tyranny of Hitler was grievous, but you quote another editorial who's author is blinking his eyes in sand if he believes Hitler's form of tyranny was the worst; for at least as early as 1878, the people of the world were warned against the onrush of Socialism, Communism, and Nihilism, the advocates of which at this time (1878), had long been secretly planning the overthrow of all civilized society.

There was much negotiation on the past 20 years, there was also much warning the negotiations were not being conducted in good faith.

Sureness of success was apparent to be sure, as these wars have produced their bunker crops of successful millionaires. There is much profit in wars.

On the fourth item I can only quote yourself, in your aptitude for understatement: "It is difficult to say whether today's world is a better world or a worse world than it was before World War II. But it certainly is different."

Robert J. Howard
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Defends Highway Plan

To the Editor: In the Oregon press of recent date, Mr. Peter Gunnar, chairman of the Republican State committee, is quoted as denouncing my bill for paving the Alaska Highway in Canada with the cooperation of the Canadian government as a "boondoggling project" for "rat-holing the hard-earned tax dollars of American citizens."

Once again, Mr. Gunnar obviously has failed to acquaint himself with the facts before attacking me.

My bill is co-sponsored by a distinguished list of United States Senators of both parties, including Thomas Kuchel of California, assistant Republican leader of the Senate. Both Alaskan Senators endorse the bill. The proposal was discussed at the Ottawa "summit" meeting of President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Diefenbaker of Canada last summer.

Last September the Oregon State Junior Chamber of Commerce unanimously adopted a resolution urging Congress to give speedy passage to my Alaska Highway paving bill.

In his intemperate language denouncing my bill, Republican State Chairman Gunnar sounds a great deal like those misguided individuals in the 1860's who claimed it was the wildest kind of folly to ever dream of building a railroad across the Rockies to a place

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From New York: Authorities wait to learn whether the transfer of 1400 policemen to juvenile crime duty will curb what Police Commissioner Kennedy describes as a "cancerous growth of rising youth violence."

Commissioner Kennedy added: "These brutal murders of young people dramatize the rising tide of youth violence in New York City... These are not just isolated cases. There have been 30 per cent more youth murders so far in 1939 than in 1938—and last week's four murders are not included in this figure."

QUESTION: What is there for these Big Burg youngsters to do USEFULLY in these days when the normal household chores that occupied children and young people in an earlier and simpler age are gone and USEFUL EMPLOYMENT for them is hedged about with a maze of restrictive laws?

This thought occurs: With nothing USEFUL to do, is it not possible that they tend to turn for thrills and excitement to crime and violence?

AT LEAST, the idea that idleness is dangerous has prevailed among thoughtful people for a long, long time. Back in the 17th century, Isaac Watts said in his Divine Songs: "For Satan finds some mischief still for IDLE hands to do."

SOME 1300 YEARS earlier, back in the fourth century, Dio Chrysostom, known as St. John of Chrysostom, one of the most celebrated and beloved early fathers of the church, said in his Tenth Discourse:

"Idleness and lack of occupation are the best things in the world to ruin the foolish."

as remote as Oregon. How unfortunate that the Oregon Republican Party is hampered by this reckless type of leadership.

Richard L. Neuberger
United States Senator
Washington, D. C.

Red Cross Workers
To the Editor: Dr. David Irving, Mr. Bud Quinney, and Miss Mary Kenyon have just returned to your community from the Junior Red Cross Leadership Training Center of the Portland - Multnomah chapter, the week of Aug. 23 through 29. They met with students from Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Missouri, and Oregon. These delegates were selected by their individual schools because of their leadership potential and interest in community service.

David, Bud and Mary enjoyed a trip to the Oregon Centennial on Wednesday, Aug. 26, which was named Junior Red Cross Day by the Centennial commission.

Your delegates contributed a great deal to the discussion and enjoyment of the group. We are hoping that you will give them all the support you can, as they develop ideas for the Junior Red Cross and other services in the community.

(Mrs.) Adele Clark
Director, Junior Red Cross
Portland-Multnomah Chapter

Rioters Killed In Calcutta

Calcutta, India—UPI—Police gunfire killed two rioters in the waterfront area of this historic port today, increasing the toll of this week's savage mob violence to at least 12 persons dead.

Hoodlum mobs swarmed in the streets, setting fire to shops, in some cases attacking police stations with homemade bombs or bricks and in general carrying off everything that wasn't nailed down.

The new outbreak of rioting—one of the first incidents of daylight violence in this week's disorders—coincided with the start of a Communist-sponsored general strike which virtually paralyzed Calcutta.

Earlier the death in a hospital of three rioters wounded Tuesday night had increased the toll of two days of rioting to 10 known dead. More than 1,000 persons have been injured.

Pope Offers Prayers For Hungry People

Castel Gandolfo, Italy—UPI—Pope John XXIII Wednesday night offered prayers for Hungary and recalled its ordeal at the hands of "a movement which... leads us to wonder if the spirit of Christian civilization has really passed over us."

The Pontiff spoke to a general audience of 8,000 celebrating the feast day of St. Stephen, the first Christian king of Hungary.

'Fish War' Between Britain And Iceland Still Continues

By GLENNE CURRIE

London—UPI—The "fish war" between Britain and Iceland is now in its second year, with neither side having made either territorial or diplomatic gains.

The dispute—over Iceland's unilateral extension of fishing rights to 12 miles from her shores—shows no sign of a solution before next March's international convention of the law of the sea, and possibly not even then.

Everybody concerned is heartily sick of it—with the possible exception of the British navy—and would willingly come to some sort of agreement which would save face for both sides. But the two sides are so far apart it will need a spectacular "breakthrough" to settle things.

Iceland's livelihood depends on abundant fish. She feels that unrestricted fishing of her waters by a half-dozen European nations is rapidly depleting fish stocks. Accordingly, last Sept. 1 she extended her fishing limits from 4 to 12 miles and warned that any trawlers working inside the 12-mile limit would be arrested and heavily fined.

The British distant-water trawler owners, who get about a quarter of their total catch from Icelandic waters, and one-tenth from inside the 12-mile limit, stood to lose much of their income—though perhaps not as much as they claim. The British government, always jealous of its rights on the "high seas," claimed that attempted arrest of British trawlers outside three miles would be "piracy," and promised full protection for the British trawlers.

That has been the pattern ever since.

As many as 122 British trawlers have been inside the limits at any one time, under the wing of three or four British frigates or destroyers. More than 40 British navy vessels have taken part at various times, as protection vessels, tankers or supply ships. Four Icelandic gunboats have constantly been on patrol, hoping to make an arrest.

But there have been no arrests of trawlers following the navy's instructions, and no one has been badly hurt. The gunboats have fired warning shots or blanks a few times; the protection vessels have yet to fire a shot at or near the Icelanders.

For the Navy, it has proved valuable training. Commodore Harry Anderson pointed out that the ships and personnel involved would have been on other duty if they hadn't been in Icelandic waters, and the cost to the British taxpayer has been negligible.

As far as the trawler owners are concerned, however, the situation is less rosy. Due partly to bad weather last winter—gales up to 104 knots—and partly to the restricted fishing, Icelandic catches have dropped by about a third since the "war" started.

So far, retail prices have been little changed, because catches elsewhere were good. But a prolonged dispute would raise prices.

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Three gents in a hurry had lunch together in a beanery. "I want some tea," the first one told the waiter, "and it should be in a glass." "I also will have a glass of tea," said the second. The third added, "Make mine tea, too—but remember, I want it in a clean glass."

The waiter returned in his own good time with three glasses of tea. "Now which one," he demanded, "wanted the clean glass?"

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Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

TURN OF THE SEASON
Peru, Vt.—This end-of-summer season is so like another of two decades ago—so filled with a sense of vast impending drama and of hope and danger—as to catch the throat with memories of things and men now forever gone.

The visitor from Washington has no difficulty in discovering this without ringing a single doorbell or pulling out a pencil and a wad of copy paper to ask a single question. The firm and final impression, as one turns homeward to familiar fields, may seem sentimental. But it is an urgent and a believable impression.

And it is this: There is still patient strength in our soil, as there was in 1939, though many doubted it then as now. Not the least of our national powers is the power simply to stand still and soberly to wait. Again, the people "don't know." But again they trust.

The leaves turn again in the merging of the seasons. And history has again entered a twilight turning. But this Peru—and all our other Perus and Elmvilas and New Yorks and Chicagos—go on unchanged in the important thing. Ours may be a disorderly democracy. But in the last end it knows how to follow, in order and in fortitude.

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Portland Bank Robbers Sought

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