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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.

30 YEARS AGO: Sept. 8, 1949 (Thursday). The Medford Central Labor committee urges additional federal housing for Medford in the auspices of the Sparkman bill recently passed by Congress.

20 YEARS AGO: Sept. 8, 1939 (Friday). The Central Point school district asks the WPA for aid in constructing a new \$18,000 gymnasium at the high school.

10 YEARS AGO: Sept. 8, 1929 (Sunday). Medford merchants claim the new rule against double parking inconveniences shoppers.

40 YEARS AGO: Sept. 8, 1919 (Monday). Court Hall is rescued from drowning in the Rogue by a lady tourist from Boston.

50 YEARS AGO: Sept. 8, 1909 (Wednesday). The state's case against Medford Tribune Editor George Putnam for libel is dismissed.

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

1. In Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass," which two characters engaged in eating oysters?

2. To whom did Jim Jeffries lose the heavyweight boxing title in 1910?

3. What have the following in common: potato, borech, skilly?

4. Name the two largest rivers that flow into the Mississippi River.

5. Who was the mother of John the Baptist?

6. Who succeeded Cordell Hull as Secretary of State?

7. With what saint do you associate the nervous disorder chorea?

8. Who was the author of "Poor Richard's Almanac"?

9. From the roots of what plant is iajocoba obtained?

10. In the Hawaiian language, what does "Aloha Oe" mean?

1. The Walrus and the Carpenter. 2. Jack Johnson. 3. They are soups. 4. Missouri and Ohio. 5. Elizabeth. 6. E. R. Stebbins. Jr. 7. St. Vitus. 8. Benjamin Franklin. 9. Casava. 10. "Farewell to thee."

A 100-mile covered highway will be gouged out of the Greenland ice cap to supply an isolated Army camp now under construction.

Birth Control Debate

A fundamental split between Roman Catholic churches on one side and Protestant and Jewish churches on the other was evidenced again last month as an Anglican Bishop spoke in favor of birth control over the government-operated British radio.

A conservative member of parliament, William Teeling, a Catholic layman, protested in advance against the broadcast, but was overruled by the postmaster general. Teeling made the point that advocacy of birth control by Bishop Mervyn Stockwood, without debate, would offend many Christian families in Britain.

The Church of England is on record as endorsing birth control. The Lambeth Conference of Anglican and Episcopal Bishops last year adopted a resolution which stated: "The responsibility for deciding upon the number and frequency of children has been laid by God upon the consciences of parents everywhere."

FOR an American to understand the conflict in Britain, certain factors have to be pointed out. The B.B.C. is government-controlled, and to an extent the Anglican faith is a state religion. For all the broad religious tolerance which exists in Britain, Queen Elizabeth II is the temporal head of the Church of England. In the language of Debrett's "Peerage," she is the "Head of the Commonwealth and Defender of the Faith."

In this country, after several years of trial in the courts, federal action against birth control activities was brought to an end—presumably once and for all—by the "U. S. vs. One Package" decision in 1936.

Laws restrictive of birth control are operative in 29 states, but in 13 of these, doctors—and in some, druggists—are exempted from statutes on dissemination of contraceptive information.

IN THIS country as in Britain, Protestant and Jewish clergy generally approve the use of contraceptive devices. Catholics do not oppose limitation of births, but they consider it a sin to use any mechanical or chemical means of preventing pregnancy.

The church does view as permissible for married couples the so-called "rhythm method"—continence during the woman's fertile period for the purpose of spacing the birth of children or preventing birth for medical reasons.

A mature discussion of birth control would not be unusual on U. S. radio or television. But outright advocacy, without opportunity for rebuttal, would go against the grain of local and network sensibilities and could conceivably involve intervention by the federal communications commission.

OF ABOUT 2.7 billion people in the world, more than a third, about one billion, live in countries which have adopted pro-birth control programs. France is one of the few western nations which outlaw birth control, but in France, Margaret Sanger, the American birth control crusader, reported reliable techniques are handed down from mother to daughter.

Pitted against religious objections to birth control are practical considerations of demography. The President's committee to study the U. S. military assistance program on July 26 recommended research "leading to the availability of relevant information in a form most useful to individual countries in the formulation of practical programs proposed by rapidly expanding populations."

William H. Draper, chairman, on the following day denied that the committee was "advocating any methods of birth control," but the implication was still clear.—E.R.R.

Building With Statistics

We could wish that Health Secretary Fleming's enthusiasm for publishing figures on the classroom shortage were matched by effectiveness in doing something about it.

The work of at least 8,000,000 pupils will be hampered this year, the secretary says, by overcrowding in classrooms, while another 2,000,000 pupils will attend school in obsolete or otherwise inadequate buildings. He estimates that 35,000,000 children will be attending public schools this fall.

Earlier this month Mr. Fleming estimated that there would be a shortage of at least 130,000 classrooms when schools open in September; he said the figure was likely to be closer to 140,000. A year ago the shortage was estimated at 140,500, so the progress made in reducing it has been minuscule.

MR. FLEMING said at a news conference Wednesday that "these facts demonstrate it is time to get started" on a program of federal aid for school construction, but he reiterated his belief that such a program must fit President Eisenhower's balanced-budget policy.

The Administration plan for helping needy school districts retire construction bonds has attracted no interest in Congress. Mr. Fleming indicated he disapproved of the scaled-down Democratic bill which now calls for a billion dollars in school construction grants to the states in two years. This measure might pass the Senate this year, but it has virtually no chance in the House.

So the statistics flow, time passes, the shortage remains.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Dennis the Menace



'TIS GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THE WAY I ACT. LOTS OF PEOPLE HAVE CRAB GRASS!

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.

Where They Come From: Main and Laurel sts. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

To the Editor: A present century miner-pro prospector asked me where I get all the mining stories I write.

That question is an easy one, for looking back almost half a century there was no carbon-dioxide or smog to distract attention from a serene life of simple living. Instead of radio and talkie pictures, we had the phonograph and silent movies. Out in the hills where the old miners and prospectors could relax after a strenuous day's work, they delighted to sit by a fire-place at evening time and tell their favorite mining experiences.

In those stirring days most of the mining element wore high-top leather boots, and one of their favorite axioms was, if a miner wore two straps and buckle at the top of his boots, he was good for 200 feet underground. The story setting is the Gold Hill mining district.

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman St., Medford.

Monkeys - Again: To the Editor: For a long time I haven't seen anything in the papers about them Canavaral or Carnival monkeys.

Why haven't we? They are on strike. What do them kwazy monkeys want now? They want more bananas to eat. They want warmer water in the English channel and they want coconut trees on the moon.

Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

Human Rights Council: To the Editor: Some inquiries have come to me concerning the recently formed Medford Human Rights Council.

of which Mrs. William Pearson is acting chairman. I think it may be well to clarify the purpose and aims of this group in the hope that there may be those in our community who find themselves willing to join in our common endeavor.

The following "statement of purpose," which will be a part of the Council's constitution, should serve to answer questions and (we strongly hope) to excite interest among some good citizens of our area.

"We believe in the brotherhood of men and the application of the Golden Rule to all people. We believe in the fundamental democratic principle that all men are created equal as set down in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

"We believe in the laws of the state of Oregon which protect all our citizens regardless of race, religion, color, or national origin, against discrimination in housing, employment, entertainments, and public accommodations. Therefore, since we do so believe, we pledge our moral support to the Medford Human Rights Council in its program of study, education, and friendly persuasion, working toward the prevention of illegal and inhumane discrimination, and toward a more truly democratic community."

We like to think of ourselves as a sort of stand-by organization, perhaps comparable to a fire-fighting unit—to be there and ready to help when actual need arises. Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. in the First Methodist church.

Foreign Editor Eyes Russian Views, Secondary Leaders

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

The Winds That Blow: Communist sources in London, often accurate barometers of the cold war winds blowing from Moscow, have hinted that one result of the coming Eisenhower-Khrushchev talks will be an unwritten agreement to preserve West Berlin's present status while going on with "less complicated" discussions.



Phil Newsom

Minding the Store: While Premier and First Party Secretary Nikita Khrushchev is in the United States, the question arises who will mind the store while he is away? In Moscow, it is believed the job will fall to no one man but rather will be a collective job handled by four men.

On the government side, it is expected First Deputy Anastas Mikoyan will take over foreign affairs, and Frol Kozlov, also a first deputy premier, will handle internal

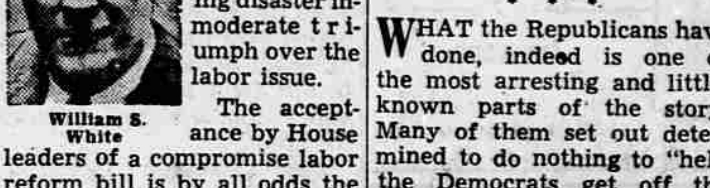
business. Communist party matters probably will fall to ranking secretaries A. I. Kirichenko and M. A. Suslov. All four men have figured in speculations as possible successors if or when something happens to Khrushchev.

Change of Heart: West German business leaders recently have switched from opposition to support of President Charles de Gaulle's determination to pacify and hang on to Algeria for France.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

OFF THE HOOK: Washington—The Democratic Congress and two of the principal Democratic Presidential possibilities, Senators John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, have turned a moderate triumph over the labor issue.



William S. White

The reversal of this strategy was primarily the work of the Senate Republican leader, Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois. Dirksen behaved in so responsible a fashion—really almost in an objective fashion—to amaze the Democrats. It was he who had a great hand in forcing the Senate and House conferees to agree at last. In this sense, it was he who "took the Democrats off the hook" after all.

There is little doubt that the Capitol that one of his motives was to put some check on the vaulting ambitions of his counterpart in the House, Rep. Charles Halleck of Indiana. Halleck, the House GOP leader, for months has been aggressively expanding his role in the leadership in search of the Vice Presidential nomination next year.

Highly combative, and unashamedly proud of his performance, he seemed to be ready to take the Republicans into a position of total refusal of any compromise. Dirksen moved in to see to it that this kind of position was not maintained.

Thus, this is the net of what happened. The great bulk of the Democrats at length overcame the party's liberal and pro-labor extremists. Dirksen and his moderate GOP associates did the same with his party's anti-labor ultraconservatives.

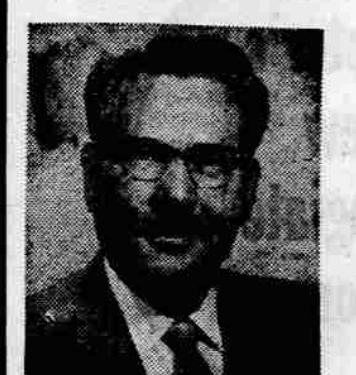
So, no matter what day this session of Congress is to adjourn, the high point is already passed. All the rest will be secondary. The great crisis has been met and mastered. The second of the "terrible twin" issues before the Democrats, civil rights, probably will go over for final action to the second session opening in January.

A bill of some sort may well pass the Senate this time. But the probability is that it will lie on the shelf in the House until 1960. This will provide the Democrats next year with quite enough in the way of divisive work. To have had labor also on the docket in 1960 would have been to invite sheer party catastrophe.

KEEP FROM HURTING HIS CHANCES OF A THIRD TERM: That's worth remembering.

LET'S turn thumbs down on this proposal to repeal the anti-third term amendment. President Eisenhower has demonstrated to us that forbidding third terms—which involve the temptation to go after fourth terms and fifth terms, and so on—is wise and sound policy on the part of the people of the United States.

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Politically Sepaking: Supporters of Italian Premier Antonio Segni expect a big jump in his prestige at home as result of his visit this month to President Eisenhower and the American people. Segni's Christian Democrats are the largest party in Italy, with the Communists second. However, Segni rules only by a shaky coalition, the target of constant sniping. A vigorous welcome from Italo-Americans and other Americans would help to offset any propaganda success gained by Khrushchev whose U. S. visit precedes Segni's by only a few days.

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