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

10 YEARS AGO. Oct. 1, 1949 (Saturday). John Niedermeyer summons Jackson county Republican precinct workers to a meeting next week.

20 YEARS AGO. Oct. 1, 1939 (Sunday). Three more east side dogs are poisoned, and investigators press their search for the poisoner, who has operated intermittently in the Siskiyou Heights area.

30 YEARS AGO. Oct. 1, 1929 (Tuesday). Between 10,000 and 12,000 letters will be placed on the first airplane carrying mail from Medford's new airport tomorrow.

40 YEARS AGO. Oct. 1, 1919 (Wednesday). Mann's department store celebrates its ninth anniversary.

50 YEARS AGO. Oct. 1, 1909 (Friday). Surveyors and graders are busy on the P and E railroad here.

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

1. Premier Khrushchev while visiting the U. S. recently, was accompanied by his wife; true or false?

2. What was the first major league team to win a World Series?

3. Was "Becky Thatcher" the sweetheart of Huck Finn, or of Tom Sawyer?

4. Complete this title with the name of a city; "Lloyds of..."

5. On which side of a man's hat is the bow?

6. Does the term "open hearth" suggest to you copper refining, steel making, or bread baking?

7. Lobsters are correctly classified as fish, mammals, or crustaceans?

8. Name the Negro slave who was the subject of a celebrated Supreme Court decision.

9. In what city is the University of Colorado?

10. Generals Meade and Lee, respectively, commanded the Union and Confederate armies at what great battle?

Answers: 1. True. 2. Red Sox (over Pittsburgh in 1903). 3. Tom Sawyer. 4. London. 5. Left side. 6. Steel making. 7. Crustaceans. 8. Dred Scott. 9. Boulder. 10. Gettysburg.

Not Whether-When?

The most disquieting piece of news since the announcement, 10 years ago, that Russia could make atomic weapons is found in the speculations of Alton Blakeslee, the renowned science expert of the Associated Press. He says Red China may now have atomic bombs.

He makes two other points, also. First, he reminds us, there is no "secret" of the bomb. Second, he says, "The big question is not whether China will make her own weapons—but when?"

In his informed speculations Mr. Blakeslee suggests Oct. 1 as the day the Chinese could announce they have the bomb. On that day China will celebrate 10 years of Communist rule. In the parade reviewing stand that day will be Big Daddy Khrushchev. The date would be a natural.

THE existence of atomic bombs anywhere—even here—is chilling enough. It is more chilling when the bombs are stacked in countries we do not regard as friendly. And it is worse yet if leadership in those countries is unstable. Americans the past two weeks saw Russia's No. 1 man, a man given to tantrums, to rash statements, to hair-trigger action.

In the western world peace is somewhat assured because of a cultural respect for human life. The Russian people, if not the government, share this western reverence for life. The sure knowledge on all sides that atomic victory would be almost as disastrous as atomic defeat may be the greatest safeguard we have.

THIS safeguard is less safe in the case of China where millions die annually of starvation and disease. While the Chinese probably don't like the idea of long casualty lists, the idea is not so sobering to them as it is to us—or even to the Russians.

Now what? Do we blow China off the map right now? Unlikely and risky to boot.

Do we look down our noses at Chinese technology, viewing the Chinese as we viewed the Russians before Sputnik, as people who can make only wheelbarrows? More likely and just as risky.

Do we resign ourselves to living in the shadow of an atomic cloud and do we let the Communist powers have their way because we fear their bombs? Unthinkable.

ONE other course remains.

We must learn to see the world as the world is. These Chinese cannot be ignored. We must reassess our belief that our refusal to let Chinese sit at the world peace table is harmful to the Chinese. It isn't particularly. But it could be harmful to us.

The Chinese can stay home and build bombs. Last week our delegate to the United Nations, Walter S. Robinson, made a strong case against admitting Red China to the U.N. While his arguments were good, other countries can advance other arguments, arguments which will become more persuasive if it turns out the Chinese have the bomb.

THE other nations may not relish sitting down with an outlaw nation that has behaved itself as wretchedly as the Chinese have behaved. But they may be even more disturbed by the knowledge that there is upon the earth a nation with atomic bombs and without the right to sit in on the deliberations of the world's chief political instrument for peaceful discussion.

Realistically, then, we must concede that possession of the bomb would bring the Chinese closer to membership in the United Nations.

Of course Alton Blakeslee could be wrong. Maybe the Chinese don't have the bomb. If they don't, however, he is only partly wrong. He's still right when he says it's not a question of whether but of when. If the big date isn't Oct. 1, it will be Nov. 1 or a year from Oct. 1 or five years from Oct. 1.—Eugene Register-Guard.

Poor Legislation

The current dilemma of the Oregon Highway Commission with reference to special bonds authorized by the Oregon Legislature shows conclusively, I believe, the fallacy of a legislature trying to act as an administrative agency.

The Legislature, acting under political pressures, authorized bonds to build Oregon's share of a bridge across the Columbia River at Astoria and to start reconstruction of Highway 42, Winston to Coos Bay. The stipulation was made, however, that federal matching funds must be available. The bridge bonds also were made contingent upon the State of Washington putting up half the cost.

THE Highway Commission finds now that if to rebuild Highway 42 it matches such federal funds as are available, no other part of the state can get highway construction. Yet the commission is besieged by delegations urging roads and highways for their particular areas—roads of great importance and serving large numbers of people.

At the same time Oregon Lifesavers Inc. are pointing to the inadequacy of existing highways and the large number of automobile accidents because road facilities aren't sufficient for the traffic they must accommodate.

A legislature yielding to pressures by housewives and political leaders presents a sorry picture when it attempts to override sound engineering, complicated formulas and normal procedures. The legislature should learn its lesson from the current situation.—Roseburg News-Review.

Dennis the Menace



"PRACTICIN'. WHY?"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

CRUCIAL LAST ARGUMENT

Washington. The clue to the President's achievement at Camp David is provided by the last curious scene between him and Nikita Khrushchev, as reported on an authority.



Just to set the stage, the President's feelings about the Berlin crisis must be understood. In brief, he has seen nothing sinister in Khrushchev's decision to reopen the question of Berlin. What has seemed sinister to Eisenhower—what in fact made the Berlin crisis into a crisis—was Khrushchev's continuous use of crude threats, his repeated mentions of time limits for action on Berlin, and his general employment of what may be called ultimatum diplomacy.

These being the President's feelings, he at once tackled Khrushchev on this point at Camp David. In reply, the Soviet leader overflowed with reassurances. Khrushchev said that he had never meant to use threats. He denied any intention to set hard and fast time limits. He disclaimed any purpose in ultimatums. He swore that all he wanted was peaceable negotiations aimed at general agreement on more normal arrangements for Berlin's future.

ON THE other hand, the President's gain is plainly balanced by a gain for Khrushchev. The President had quietly abandoned his former insistence on a "prior justification" for a summit conference, in the form of proof of "progress" towards an acceptable agreement on Berlin.

At the President's press conference, it seemed that Khrushchev had made even greater gains. The President, who has been much more ill and weary than most people suppose, really seemed to have added Neville Chamberlain's umbrella to Stanley Baldwin's defense budget. The White House and the State Department therefore had to swing into action after the press conference was over, explaining that the President had no intentions of sacrificing any of the West Berliners' rights, or any of the Western rights in Berlin.

To judge this point, however, it is wise to wait for the summit meeting which now seems inevitable. Even after fullest allowances are made for the effects of the President's cold and his weariness, it certainly sounded as though he were the one who was showing "give" on the Berlin issue.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A FOND MOTHER found the baby-sitter nursing a very black eye. "It couldn't have been Junior," she decided automatically. "He's usually as good as gold."

"Humph!" snorted the baby-sitter grimly. "Well, about 40 minutes ago Junior went off the gold standard."

Some years ago, William Faulkner, Nobel Prize novelist, placed an order with his publishers for all the Dostoyevsky novels. "In several reviews of my books," he noted, "critics detected a Dostoyevsky influence, but I've never read a line by him. I'd like to see the animal I'm supposed to be aping."

Cedric the Chicken-hearted, twelfth century feudal baron, roamed the English countryside, chopping up dragons, peasants, knights, serfs (oh, no!), and cats. The motto engraved on his sword scabbard, said to relate, was: "Halt an oaf is better than one."

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Communications

Prospectors' Luck. To the Editor: Not all the gold pockets and stringers have been traced up and found in southwest Oregon. As the hills a-d mountains continue to erode away, new discoveries will be made by the alert prospector.

A young man we knew from childhood who graduated from a mining school, upon being questioned why he did not follow a mining career, promptly replied, that it was the most uncertain vocation in his chosen field. In short, all mineral prospecting is in the same category as taking a gambler's chance. But all the lucky ones as well as the unlucky are being fascinated somehow in their lifetime to take uncertain chances of fortune.

It is a recorded fact, strange as it seems, most all mineral discoveries of importance have been found accidentally. Both patience and perseverance are required for the adventurer so inclined.

Bert Kisinger, 520 Boardman st. Medford.

Y'All Come. To the Editor: The Medford Fifty Plus club will meet Friday, Oct. 2, at 12 noon, sharp, at the St. Mark's Episcopal Guild hall on the northeast corner of Fifth and Oakdale.

Music by the Alexander's Hawaiian Band, games, singing and other entertainment. Ladies will please bring pot luck lunch. The male element will help dispose of it.

Friendly members of the Fifty Plus club welcome visitors from 50 to 150 years young; so don't sit alone and mope; enjoy life's autumn. Nothing is so bad that couldn't be worse; could have been winter already. So eat and be merry (we don't drink) for tomorrow—er—we begin to look forward to next Friday's meeting. Come on in, the coffee's fine.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Women in the news: Typhoon Vera and Hurricane Gracie. Vera has done her do. In the Japanese Islands, she has killed 1,132 persons, left 1,475 missing, injured 4,668 and destroyed the homes of almost a million more. She is the third worst of her kind in history.

Hurricane Gracie is a temperamental character. She threw a tantrum several days ago, and then calmed down. Now she's off on a real bender, whirling like a buzz saw out of control and racing toward Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas—and getting deadlier by the moment.

WHAT does it all mean? I wouldn't know. But on this terrestrial ball a lot of men have too much power. It's bad business. Maybe old Mother Nature is staging a demonstration to prove that she too has a lot of power and when she chooses to misuse it it's AWFUL.

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AND—With the help around Blair House, which is the American guest house for distinguished foreign visitors. It is related by the correspondents that she would often put a friendly hand on the arm of the Blair House housekeeper and invite her to sit and watch television or chat with her in a between—appointments relaxed moment. No one who saw her on TV could fail to be favorably impressed by her kindly, motherly face.

And also she had the basic, thoughtful courtesy to LEARN OUR LANGUAGE before coming to visit us.

Five-Year Algerian War Is Not Finding Way to Meeting Table

By PHIL NEWSOM, UPI Foreign Editor

The five-year Algerian War, written in the blood of French settlers, soldiers and rebel Algerians alike, is not finding it easy to find its way to the pen and ink of the conference table.

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strengths and weaknesses on both sides.

De Gaulle's offer of self-determination precluded any political negotiations with the rebel government—in exile headed by Ferhat Abbas.

It did permit military negotiations for a cease-fire. Yet in rebel eyes, to prohibit political negotiations would be only to deprive them of their arms while leaving all the trumps in French hands.

The French take the view that the rebels are a minority without the right to speak for the majority of Algerians, yet the rebels represent the only organized group in Algeria and without them it would seem impossible to negotiate a political settlement.

Sahara Not Included. De Gaulle's offer made it clear that the vast Sahara would not be included in the deal. But he did offer a partition arrangement whereby those of opposing views could be partitioned. The rebels' reply said they never would

accept partition of any kind.

This vast desert is comparable in size to the United States, yet it has only about 840,000 inhabitants.

Burning and waterless, it is comparable to the poles in its unfriendliness to man.

Yet into this area, the French will next year pour some 260 million dollars.

The rewards: Some of the most important oil fields in the world. By 1965, the French expect petroleum output to reach 50 million tons per year through pipelines now being constructed. In addition, there is coal and vast supplies of iron and natural gas. There is copper and some explorations have shown signs of uranium.

Editorial Comment

WHY DID HATFIELD CHANGE HIS MIND?

Oregon's Committee on Natural Resources, headed by Gov. Mark Hatfield as chairman, the work of which is largely performed by an executive secretary appointed by the Governor, has voted to oppose the proposal for a national area in the Florence-Reedsport area.

In its only meeting on the subject, the committee heard the Hatfield-appointed executive secretary, Dan Allen, former Eugene laundryman, speak against the proposal. No other side was presented, as far as can be learned. The committee then voted "unanimously" against the idea, when some of its members were known to favor it.

This is not particularly surprising. One of the heads of the Western Lane Taxpayer's Association was indicating three weeks or so ago that this would happen.

The Governor, and Allen, he intimated, had made up their minds, and the presentation of evidence which did not go along with their viewpoint would be useless.

Why did Hatfield change his mind? Not too long ago—after an hour-long telephone conversation with Senator Richard L. Neuberger—he said he favored the plan.

What was the influence on Hatfield's decision? Although it was made in the name of the Committee on Natural Resources, it must be recognized as the basic responsibility of the Governor.

Why did Hatfield change his mind? We'd like to know.—Bend Bulletin.

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