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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

Oct. 5, 1949 (Wednesday) Dwight Houghton tells the Medford city council his committee is conducting an exhaustive investigation of garbage collection methods.

20 YEARS AGO

Oct. 5, 1939 (Thursday) Next year's tentative budget total for the city of Medford is reported to be \$235,370.27 by M. L. Alford, recorder.

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 5, 1929 (Saturday) Today is the 114th consecutive day since Medford and vicinity has had rainfall.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 5, 1919 (Sunday) The federal court term starts here tomorrow. High school adjourns for a week to let 274 students help pick the apple crop.

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 5, 1909 (Tuesday) Last-minute preparations are made for the Southern Oregon district fall in Ashland.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. Is a pimpernel a species of fish, flower, or bird? 2. Who is the author of detective stories about "Perry Mason"? 3. Ulysses S. Grant and Jefferson Davis both served as army officers in the War with Mexico; true or false? 4. The donor of funds for the erection of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., was Andrew W. ...? 5. Who tamed the shrew? 6. Is Faneuil Hall, the "Cradle of Liberty," in New York, Boston, or Albany? 7. Into what did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego fall? 8. What is the hardest substance known in nature? 9. What ocean lies between Africa and Australia? 10. What ex-President of the U.S. wrote his "Personal Memoirs" while ill of cancer? Answers: 1. Flower. 2. Erle Stanley Gardner. 3. True. 4. Mellon. 5. Petrus. 6. Boston. 7. Into the midst of the fiery furnace. 8. A diamond. 9. Indian Ocean. 10. Ulysses S. Grant.

NUDIST FILMS DULL

London—High Anglican churchmen today urged a full investigation of horror movies but suggested that a church warning was all that was needed on nudist films.

Likely He'll Live

A reader who knows of this newspaper's traditional opposition to capital punishment asks a question. "How do you feel now?" he asks, "Don't you think the fiend who killed that little girl up in Washington ought to be sent to the gas chamber?"

The answer, ignoring the fact that Washington kills its folks by hanging instead of by gas, is, "Maybe so." But the grim fact is that the "fiend," when they catch him, probably won't be executed.

Instead, the state of Washington, like the state of Oregon, is more likely to execute some stoutheaded bum who is not nearly so dangerous to society as the person who raped and murdered little Sherry Edgell, age 9.

THERE, as here and elsewhere, the really undesirable person—the defective delinquent, the psychotic murderer, the psychotic with a high potential for murder—is more likely shipped off to a state hospital where his head is examined. That's what happened in Kentucky a few years ago. The man was discharged and came to Oregon, where, last winter, he murdered a restaurant operator at Oakridge.

In Washington, as here and elsewhere, few men have been executed if they could afford expert legal counsel. There, as here, capital punishment is reserved for the relatively indigent. There, as here, a lot will depend upon the mood of a certain jury and the attitude of a certain judge.

The convicted criminal will be at the mercy of factors quite beyond his control. He'll learn that it's "the luck of the draw" whether he's executed or not.

EITHER we're too civilized or we're not civilized enough. We don't exterminate the undesirable save in rare cases. There seems to be no logical pattern for the way the state employs its power to kill off its criminals.

So we shall continue to oppose capital punishment until the far-off day that the state rethinks its position and begins looking to the criminal's probable future instead of toward a fleeting moment in his past.—Eugene Register-Guard.

Not Venus Again!

The mystery of the "flying saucers" reported in Redmond and in Bend recently appears to have been solved.

When the first "saucer" appeared, it attracted attention over the entire west. On that occasion the object was spotted in the dawn heavens. It appeared to be moving. Yet it was observed over a period of an hour.

Last Sunday, a number of Redmond residents joined in a "flying saucer party." Present were news people, a photographer, police and a representative of the FFA. They viewed a bright object in the east.

THEN came a Bend radio broadcast, with a youngster interviewed who had reportedly sighted a saucer-like object low in the south in the late evening.

In Redmond, Boyd A. Wolf, chief of the FFA airways technical field office, who also supervises operation of an IGY auroral camera, came up with a solution that appears feasible: The UFO's are are planets.

He advanced the theory after definitely determining that the object spotted in Redmond Sunday morning was the brilliant planet Venus. There is a strong possibility that the object seen earlier, on Thursday morning at about the same hour, was also Venus, apparently drifting through low clouds. Actually, in such cases the "drift" is caused by the movement of the clouds, not the bright object beyond.

IT IS true that radar tracked some object Thursday morning. But that could have been some other earthly UFO, not Venus, which at present is some 65 million miles distant.

But how about the observations in Bend on an evening earlier this week, when two possible "flying saucers" were observed?

Low in the southwest at dusk these evenings is the lustrous planet Jupiter, giant of the planetary world. Not far distant is flashing Antares of the fading summer sky. They were near the spot where the Bend "saucers" were observed.

Persons who mistook Venus for a "saucer" should be chagrined. Through the years it has been mistaken for signal lights of spies, Japanese balloons and Martian ships.—Bend Bulletin.

Local Residents Attend Conclave

Mrs. Leland Mentzer and Elliott Becken, members of the Jackson County Library board, participated in an Oregon State Library workshop in Klamath Falls recently.

The two trustees were accompanied by Miss Joyce Marlin, assistant librarian of the Jackson County library, who attended the librarians' section of the same workshop.

Mrs. Mentzer, board chairman, spoke to library trustees from Klamath, Lake and Josephine Counties on why and when it is necessary to set up a library board policy. The subject was of major interest to trustees present, and the group resolved to request the state library to formulate a basic policy for Oregon library boards.

Becken, assistant superintendent of the Medford public schools, reported on a study sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Library association: "Administrative attitudes toward public school libraries practices in British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington."

Following the morning session, a luncheon was held at the Winema hotel for the 50 librarians and trustees attending the workshop. The librarians' afternoon panel discussion centered around "criteria for book selection."

RETIRED ADMIRAL DIES

New York—Rear Adm. Roland P. Kauffman (ret.) 60, a naval aviator who was awarded the Silver Star in World War II, died Saturday.

Dennis the Menace



"YOU FOLKS SHOULDA BEEN HERE WHEN THE BARNES WERE HERE. WE HAD STEAKS!"

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

MACMILLAN AND GAITSKELL

Washington—The British election campaign now drawing to the end, is, of course, a good deal more than a contest between a Conservative Prime Minister and a Labourite Tweedledum in Hugh Gaitskell.

AT THE 1946 Big Three conference over Trieste in New York, our conservative Secretary of State, James F. Byrnes, was going all-out to placate Soviet Foreign Minister Viacheslav Molotov.

When a tough Western line simply had to be taken it was "good ole Ernie" who came in to carry the ball. And it was "Ernie" whom Molotov, with the jocular instinct of the old Bolshevik, instantly singled out as his one great enemy.

He pushed and stabbed savagely and endlessly at Bevin until at last the tough little Brit had had enough. One day, after an unusually bitter taunt from Molotov, Bevin replied to him with soft distinctness: "I have the honor, Mr. Molotov, to represent a government that ALWAYS fought Hitler."

Molotov, for the first time in the conference, was speechless. For it was he who had helped arrange the infamous Hitler-Stalin pact for a time had left Britain alone in the field against the Nazis.

IF there is any real present distinction between the two British parties on world affairs it probably lies, in some what vaguely, in the field of world trade.

Both Macmillan and Gaitskell thoroughly understand this matter in the academic sense. But from some slight acquaintance with both leaders, this correspondent would say that Gaitskell understands it with his mind whereas Macmillan grasps it both with his mind and his deepest, visceral awareness.

This, on the whole, would appear to be one election in which the free world will be no loser no matter which man wins: the slim, elegant, rather laconic Macmillan or the shorter, plumpish, highly articulate and civilized Gaitskell. (Copyright, 1959, by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT Ft. Stewart, Ga.—(UPI)—It's back to school for Army cooks here. Military mess stewards are studying under chefs at Savannah in an eight-week training course "to improve the service of food."

DEDICATES LAW CENTER Chicago—(UPI)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon arrives here today to dedicate a new law center at the University of Chicago.

BEHIND this story of "the moment of truth" and its sequel in the Pacific, there is another long story of the American government's earlier response to the challenge in Laos. It is a story of careful, methodical, quiet political action, aimed to bring the other nations in the South East Asia Treaty Organization into line and to get ready for the worst in Laos in other ways.

If the American government had not got ready for the worst, one cannot doubt that the worst would have happened. There were, and are, ample Communist reserves in North Vietnam to make the worst happen. But the probe in Laos was met with unexpected firmness, on the spot and in Washington. It was therefore suspended.

And one can hope that the probe will not be resumed, because of the remembered firm response, plus the new atmosphere created by the Khrushchev-Eisenhower meeting.

Fingers-crossed, in short, we can say we have had a significant success. Certain points about the success are particularly worth noting. For instance, the unaccustomed

quietness of the 7th Fleet's movement made it very much easier for the other side to end the probe in Laos without undue loss of face. The whole episode in fact had a quite new style—a style of calm and silent resolution which may perhaps be called the Herter style.

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Old Grandpa Hanna hurt his leg in the Catskills last summer. He'd been watching Westerns on TV where, every time the villain killed a man, he cut a notch in his gun. So every time Grandpa persuaded one of the lady boarders to give him a kiss, he cut a notch in his cane. One night, unthinking, he leaned on the cane ...

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Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

Washington—"We have our fingers crossed; but it really begins to look as though the other side decided to call their dogs off."

The foregoing crisp summary of the situation in troubled vital Laos comes from a high American authority. It appears to be cheerfully substantiated by the current news. The Laotian army has now retraken large chunks of the territory along the northern border which was lost at the end of August when additional Communist battalions were sent into Laos. Many of the border-crossers also appear to have retreated again into North Vietnam.

This is a good time, therefore, to tell a remarkable, untold story. In brief, the most likely explanation of the marked improvement in the situation in Laos was a series of moves by the American armed forces in the Pacific. These moves were unannounced to the world. They passed unnoticed in this country. But they were most certainly observed, as they were meant to be, by the watchers in the Kremlin, and in Peking and Hanoi.

"THE moment of truth," which produced the President's order for these crucial military movements, occurred on Sept. 4. The second invasion of Laos by special infiltration battalions organized, armed, and trained in North Vietnam had taken place on Aug. 30. But communications are non-existent in little Laos. Hence work of the new invasion took more than 48 hours to reach the command of the Laotian army, Gen. Ouane Rathakoune. There was of course a further delay before the grave news reached Washington. Time was needed to assess its significance.

Such were the reasons for the time-gap between the new invasion and "the moment of truth." At that moment, on Sept. 4, orders were sent to the CINCPAC, Adm. Harry D. Felt, to place all his forces, ground, air, and sea, in a state of immediate readiness, and to dispose the 7th Fleet for possible action to assist in the defense of Laos.

ON SEPT. 5, therefore, all leaves were being cancelled on Okinawa and elsewhere; and the great 7th Fleet began streaming grimly and majestically southwards towards the Gulf of Tonkin. There was no bluff in this move either. It was the settled policy of the U. S. government, agreed between the President and Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, to use force to safeguard the integrity of Laos in this necessary day or so. Yet on Sept. 7, Laotian army patrols were already finding signs of a pull-back. In short, the lull in Laos began before the U.N. acted.

Many of the impounded animals are thoroughbreds but many of them deserve a chance to live in a good home. No female is given out without being spayed. The money collected for this is added to a revolving fund to augment the small sum of \$200 allowed Mr. Taylor by the county court, according to your paper.

It is common knowledge that the Southern Oregon Humane society has no facilities to care for either dogs or cats and the animals taken there are immediately put in the gas chamber.

Our community is large enough for the operations of any humane organization as this is one activity in Medford that has been sadly neglected. As the fee charged for spaying has been increased so the number of surplus dogs and cats increased. The fact that an average of over 200 dogs are destroyed each month at the county pound is proof

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Read and Alive To the Editor: A new departure in the common uses of discarded newspapers has apparently been found among the natives of New Guinea (S.A.). The latest announcement is, the unique way of using the paper after reading the contents is to turn them into cigarette papers and smoke them.

Just after a little thought on the strange idea of the newest fad we have counted 16 other practical uses that the ordinary newspaper has been adapted to, more or less, during the past. That the kind of material paper is made of is probably one of the innovations. We do not know of any one manufactured article today that is utilized in as many different ways as paper is.

One of the old riddles often asked, was what object is black and white and red (read) all over? Answer, a newspaper. A newspaper has circulation too because it is alive!

Bert Kissinger 520 Boardman St. Medford

Cheers! To the Editor: With the bouquets that come your way, Surely your head has expanded. Let us hope the posies do not fade away. Ere your ship of fancy has landed. The editor must be a great man, With intellect more than passing fair. To fill with such evident elan, The space in an M.T. chair. Please remember it is all in fun. I am sure no harm is intended; But be careful ere the day is done. That M.T. chair may be bumped. It costs me fifteen bucks a year. To keep you in that "M.T. cheer". L. G. Weaver 301 Haven St. Medford

The Pound's Work To the Editor: I was amazed to read in the Tribune that anyone, especially a humane society, could object to the work Mr. Joe Taylor has done in regard to finding good homes for the dogs at the pound. After so many years when no one was interested in the deplorable conditions at the pound a few humane minded citizens brought enough pressure to bear so that some improvements were made, but it is still far from what it should be.

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Foreign Desk: U.S. Arms Shift; Japan Premier Stiffens Stand

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor From the foreign editor's notebook:

Merry-Go-Round: Gen. Charles de Gaulle's refusal to permit American atomic arms in France unless they were under French control has touched off a whole series of moves for U.S. aircraft and the men who would man

them in the defense of Europe. One squadron of F-104 fighter-bombers already has been moved to Germany from France. Within the next few weeks, the U.S. is expected to close down operations at the Chaumont and Toule-Rosiere bases in eastern France, leaving only small caretaker units. The main force of some 250 F-104s will go to Spangdahlem, Ramstein and Sembach bases in Germany.

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