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Flight's Time

Medford and Jackson County have from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO Oct. 14, 1949 (Friday)

The total case in an outbreak of diphtheria in Jackson county climbs to 10.

20 YEARS AGO Oct. 14, 1939 (Saturday)

A magnolia tree is dedicated to the Jackson county courthouse grounds in memory of Dr. E. B. Pickel.

30 YEARS AGO Oct. 14, 1929 (Monday)

The pheasant season opens next week, with few birds reported so far.

40 YEARS AGO Oct. 14, 1919 (Tuesday)

The sowing of fall wheat starts in the valley.

50 YEARS AGO Oct. 14, 1909 (Thursday)

It is reported that agents of a California fair are purchasing Rogue valley peaches, apples and grapes with the intent of passing them off as California produce.

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

1. Which of these countries is most famed for champagne: Italy, France, Spain, or Germany?

2. What and where is Martha's Vineyard?

3. One speaker of the House of Representatives also served as President; who was he?

4. From what port in Spain did Christopher Columbus set sail on his first trip?

5. Which amendment to the Constitution is called the "lame duck" amendment?

6. The expression "War is Hell" is attributed to General Grant, Lee or Sherman?

7. During the administration of which President did the expression "Prosperity is just around the corner" gain popularity?

8. Abraham Lincoln was born on a farm in which state?

9. What is another name for Thailand?

Answers: 1. France. 2. Island off Massachusetts. 3. James K. Polk. 4. Palos. 5. 20th Amendment. 6. Sherman. 7. Herbert Hoover. 8. Kentucky. 9. Siam. 10. Indochina.

Board Off Base

Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly made some telling points in the letter he wrote to the state board of control in reply to a query from the board about the court's "policy" in the handling of juvenile offenders.

The board's letter, written by its secretary, Col. William Ryan, was way off base.

It went to Judge Kelly when Judge James Main was the judge in the case under discussion.

It violated the "separation of powers" doctrine of both the federal and state constitutions, inasmuch as it put the executive department in the position of attempting to influence the judiciary.

IT CRITICIZED the court for sending an "incorrigible" boy who had committed felonies to MacLaren school for boys, rather than the new State Correctional Institution—despite the fact that ORS 420.140 plainly says:

"Commitments to MacLaren School for Boys shall be limited to youths between the ages of 12 and 18 years who, after a full hearing before the court, are found to be beyond the control of their parents or guardians and incorrigible, or who may be found guilty of an offense punishable by imprisonment."

It displayed ignorance of (or disregard for) the law by implying that judges should institute prosecutions, when, of course, this is the job of the district attorney.

It violated both the spirit and the letter of criminal statutes by seeking "some assurance" that the boy in question would be brought to trial "for possible sentence" to the correctional institution.

AS Judge Kelly pointed out:

"It is the responsibility of the court to see that a person accused of crime receives a fair and impartial trial. This obviously cannot be done if the court is required to give 'assurance' that a person will be brought to trial for possible sentence."

Colonel Ryan's letter, in short, was offensive, disrespectful, and based on misconceptions of the law and the separation of powers.

The board of control, which includes the governor, secretary of state, and state treasurer, owes Judge Kelly an apology.

It had also better look to the administration of MacLaren school for boys, if that institution cannot perform the job it is charged by law with doing.—E. A.

'Formula' for Delinquency

Is it possible to predict what child will, in his teens, become a juvenile delinquent? In individual cases, possibly not.

But it is possible on a statistical or actuarial basis.

This is the theme of a new book, "Predicting Delinquency and Crime," by Sheldon and Eleanor Glueck, criminologists at Harvard Law school, who have studied criminals and delinquents, as individuals and as groups, for more than 30 years.

THE book reviews how they came to their conclusions, after gathering elaborate statistics on thousands of criminals.

The key "formula," which they say can be used with up to 90 per cent accuracy to spot a child who will turn out to be a delinquent, has five elements:

Discipline by the father; supervision by the mother; affection by the father; affection by the mother, and cohesiveness of the family.

By charting each factor in degrees, the Gluecks report they can come up with actuarially-sound forecast of a child's chances of growing to adulthood without delinquent behavior.

THEY have found, also, that delinquent behavior begins to manifest itself at about the age of 8. Their formula, matched against the records and backgrounds of some 2,000 delinquents, has proven 90 per cent effective.

And they say the formula holds true no matter what the youngster's intelligence, race, or economic status.

In addition, their tables have been tried in France and Japan, with results indicating they also work in cultures different than that of the United States.

THIS is impressive evidence in support of the hypothesis, now almost universally accepted by trained social workers and juvenile authorities, that environmental factors, principally in the home, are the most important in determining how a child will turn out.

This is not to say that "there is no such thing as a bad boy." For there are bad boys, of course. But, other things being equal, if a boy has a father who administers affectionate but consistent discipline, a fond mother who takes her responsibilities for his supervision seriously, and a loving, congenial home, the chances he will become delinquent are infinitesimal.

THE Gluecks' book also indicates that rather small changes in family environment, some of which can be effected through the counsel of a social worker, can make the difference.

But, in applying such remedies, we come back, as always, to the sanctity of the individual home, where "outsiders" may not be welcome, or permitted, too often until it is too late.

If the book is as sound as its bona fides would indicate, it should become an important guidepost in the thinking-through of juvenile problems, and their remedies.—E. A.

Dennis the Menace



"INFLATION DON'T WORRY ME. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS."

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.

Quotes Contrasted

To the Editor: Undoubtedly you saw the dispatches in the press of Oct. 11 which quoted Mr. John H. Hayes of Florence as comparing our recent Senate hearings to "the Spanish Inquisition" and charging they were conducted in "exceedingly poor taste," etc.

I have contacted Fred R. Moody, veteran court reporter, who has taken down these and other hearings for the Senate Interior Committee.

Mr. Moody has telegraphed me that, prior to his testimony, Mr. Hayes said:

"First let me state my thanks and appreciation for allowing us this uninterrupted time to present our case."

After his testimony and that of his associates from Florence, Mr. Hayes said:

"That concludes our brief and again I want to thank Senator Neuberger and the committee for allowing us to present it in continuity."

Most significant of all, Mr. Moody's stenotype notes disclose that Mr. Hayes rose from the audience at Eugene as the hearings ended and said to me:

"I wish to thank you and the committee for the very fair manner in which you treated the Western Lane Taxpayers' Association and your willingness to allow us the full hour to make our presentation."

Mr. Moody's records show that I allowed the opponents of my bill a total of five hours and 29 minutes, and the supporters of the bill three hours and 52 minutes for their opening statements and presentations.

It is of further significance that Mr. Hayes made his belated charges about a "Spanish Inquisition" in support of similar charges against the hearings by Secretary of State Howell Appling, who did not even attend the hearings! Richard L. Neuberger, United States Senator

Where Did It Go? To the Editor: At the final end of the gold: in producing and mining areas in and around the town of Gold Hill, which came to an almost complete close around 50 years ago, the average monthly payroll amounted to one half to one million dollars then, although there never was very much evidence to show for that amount looking at it from a commercial basis.

Where all that hard wealth really went is to be wondered at 50 years later. Some of the cash was spent looking for more, a portion went to nearby towns in southern Oregon, some went way back east, perhaps like all past mining towns only a very small per cent of the gold output was ever invested in local enterprise. Most drifted away to the bigger commercial centers throughout the west. No wonder gold has always been considered the most illusive and most sought after commodity since the second chapter Genesis, verse 11 and 12.

Bert Kissinger 520 Boardman st., Medford

Price Too High? To the Editor: It was with great anticipation that my husband and two sons and I have looked forward to the coming of the United States Marine Band to Medford. We, as many other parents, wish to give our children every opportunity available to see and hear the "good" things in life, as it seems the wrong side is

so often the only side that is spread before them.

But, we were so saddened to find that in this case, as in many others, the "price" is too high for the low wage earner to pay. I know that the concert funds will go for a wonderful thing, but, does money have to be the only aim? Couldn't it be something higher and greater? Is it only the rich who may afford to give their children precious memories, as well as a well-rounded and balanced childhood? The evil things of this world are so easy to obtain, maybe that is why our youth are so quick to grasp it.

I realize there must be a "price" on all things, but couldn't it be such that ALL may have the opportunity to enjoy a few of life's blessings? Mrs. Charles Pearson, 409 2nd st., Phoenix, Ore.

Catholic and catholic To the Editor: My answer to No. 4 (in Sunday's "What's Your I.Q."): There were nine Catholic Presidents. Could you mean Roman Catholic?

William B. Clegg 2235 Oakwood dr., Medford.

Editor's note: The "I.Q." question was "How many Presidents of the U.S. have been of the Catholic faith?" "I.Q.'s" answer: None.

Webster's dictionary says of the word "catholic" (with a small "c"): A person who belongs to the universal Christian church. Capitalized, a member of the Catholic church, specifically of the Roman Catholic church.

Manpower Use Complaint Puzzles

Washington—UPI—Defense officials said Wednesday they were puzzled by Rep. Frank Kowalski's complaint that the United States maintains about 5,000 Americans in Spain for every six strategic bombers there.

These officials said that the U. S. armed forces have a wide variety of duties in Spain in addition to supporting the Strategic Air Command bombers such as manning radar stations and naval installations.

The Connecticut Democrat said Tuesday that he would ask President Eisenhower and the Air Force to investigate whether "they need all these people" in Spain.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

JACK PAAR has made a collection of letters kids send to their parents from camp. Here are a couple of beauties:

1. Dear Ma: Now that I'm here I hope you and Dad are having all the fun you were talking about when you didn't know I was away the night before I left. When camp is over, I think I'll go live in Disneyland. With love, Butch.

2. Dear Mom and Dad: My counselor is making me write this. We go in swimming every day and it's better than home because they don't make us wait an hour after eating like you always do. I asked two counselors to come live with us for the winter and they said O.K. Love, Chris.

Sign in an East Side beanery: "Emily Post fainted here!" © 1959, by Bennett Cerf. Distributed by King Features Syndicate.

Economic Growth, Production Rate, Seen Rising Political Argument in America

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington—UPI—This essay is to invite the attention of the taxpayers to a political dispute which they do not understand but which is important to them.



Lyle C. Wilson

This political dispute is important to the taxpayers because it is about the spending of some of their money. The dispute is about what economists call the growth of the real national product of the United States. More specifically, it relates to a comparison of the growth of the United States and Soviet Union real national product. Nikita S. Khrushchev wrapped it up very well when he visited the United States. Khrushchev bragged his way from coast to coast and back again with the promise that the Communists would surpass the United States in production and wave to us as they went by.

A great political issue is

building in the United States about that. It is argued that the Russians will, indeed, out-produce the United States unless something is done about it right now. Proposed, among other things, to be done, is that the government spark a faster rate of real national production by some free-wheeling spending.

It also is argued, however, that the Russians are not, in fact, about to out-produce the United States now or soon and that no government spending need be undertaken to prevent such an embarrassing development.

All of this will be a big issue in the 1960 presidential election campaign and the voter-taxpayers will be asked to judge the issue and take a position on it come election day. That is the point at which the sand gets into the gear box and the sugar into the gas tank.

The voter-taxpayers haven't the foggiest notion of what is meant by: The rate of growth of the real national product. Any voter-taxpayer of a mind to challenge that statement should pause now and explain in simple words to himself

just what the phrase means. The pause being over, it means this:

Three Factors "The rate of growth of the real national product is compounded of three factors: (1) The rate of growth of the labor force; (2) The rate of increase or decrease of hours worked; (3) The rate of growth of real product per man hour."

This definition is that of Dr. Colin Clark of England's Oxford University faculty, who also is director of research of the Economic Institute, Inc., N.Y. The Economic Institute is a business forecasting service.

Clark recently was a witness before a Senate subcommittee investigating prices, profits and inflation. He undertook to scotch the idea that the Soviet Union was overtaking the United States.

The real rate of growth of Russia production per man hour varies, Clark said, from 1.3 to 1.6 per cent, depending whether the computation is based on 1913 or 1939. This compares with 2.3 per cent for the United States. On the

basis of that figure alone, Clark testified: "So, far from overtaking the United States, the average level of production in Soviet Russia is all the time falling further behind." Pravda, please copy.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In the British election, the Conservatives won by a landslide. They had a safe majority in the house of commons before. As a result of the election, their majority will be about doubled.

They were expected to win, but their overwhelming victory came as a surprise.

WHY the Conservative landslide?

The big issue in the election was probably desire on the part of the British people to keep Premier Macmillan in the driver's seat in the upcoming negotiations with Russia on the subject of peace.

Pretty much all over the world, foreign affairs dominate the minds of the people. Of all the calamities that could come to mankind in these days when both sides possess nuclear weapons, war would be the worst.

People everywhere want peace. They want peace as they never wanted it before. They realize that a third world war could mean the end of the world—at least, the end of the world we have known. Mr. Macmillan has convinced his people that HE wants peace. So it must have seemed to the British people that the best thing to do was to keep him on the job.

BUT there were other issues—a choice between enterprise and socialism being among them. The Labor party—sensing, possibly, the mood of the British public—had soft-pedaled its attitude toward public ownership of everything, but it was pledged to FULL NATIONALIZATION of the steel industry if it was returned to power.

By their votes, the British people declared decisively that they want no EXTENSION of socialism. Commenting on the result of the election, Colin Frost, of the Associated Press staff in London, says, "Macmillan's party, Britain's nearest approach to the free enterprise philosophy, rode a wave of popularity to victory. The wave of buying that followed announcement of the Conservative party's landslide victory sent the London stock market up 16.8 points to an average of 285.4 for the biggest daily increase EVER RECORDED in the history of the exchange."

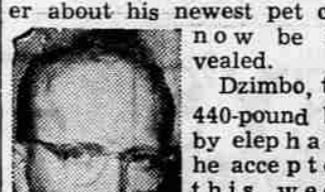
THE ISSUES of the British election were chiefly domestic, including pensions, cost of living, farm prices, unemployment and housing. The domestic issues included also the DEGREE of government ownership of industry. In general, a Labor party victory would have meant MORE public ownership, including the steel industry, and it will be accepted that the Conservative win will mean less of it.

In principle, the Laborites were committed to the existing foreign policies of the Western powers—although they endorsed inclusion of Red China in the U.N. and the banning of British H-bombs. But on our side of the big water, we can't help feeling encouraged because Premier Macmillan will remain on the Western team in the important summit negotiations that are coming up.

The job of handling Mr. M., which will be a tough one at best, would have been tougher still if the British people had repudiated Mr. Macmillan, who has been an effective member of our team.

Washington Zoo Hard-Pressed To House Animal Collection

By FRANK FLEAZER Washington—UPI—What nobody told President Eisenhower about his newest pet can now be revealed.



Frank Fleazer

Dzumbo, the 440-pound baby elephant, has been accepted this week from the French Community of African Republics, has been quartered in one of the few spots in our national zoo where the roof can be counted on not to leak.

Well, it's not leaking at the moment, anyway. Dzumbo is a fine, friendly

little fellow, 14 months old and about waist high to an elephant keeper. Zoo officials are delighted with him. So was like, who wondered wistfully if he couldn't install him on his Gettysburg farm instead of at the National Zoological Park.

In recent memory, Dzumbo is the only critter of such magnitude to be personally received by a president on the White House lawn, where even squirrels lately have not been welcome. But he is the latest in a long line of valued animals acquired by the zoo as ceremonial gifts to our leaders.

The only trouble is, none of our animal-loving friends overseas ever seem to give us any of the tarpaper, tile or

money necessary to keep a tight roof over the animals' heads. So there is nothing for the zoo folks to do but keep requesting these incidentals from Congress, which keeps saying no or not yet.

Director Chides President I asked J. Lear Grimmer, the zoo's associate director, how this has worked out, and here's what he said:

"We have the finest collection of animals in the world, I think. But they are housed in the world's worst slums."

At the White House ceremony, Grimmer couldn't bring himself to put it that bluntly to Ike. About all he could do was chide the President politely for not having showed his face at the zoo for the past 15 years.

Grimmer is no dummy, though. He figured that once the President sees for himself the sorry state of our national zoo, he will get behind the drive for more money. Currently, the zoo has a budget of around a million dollars a year.

"That's just enough to keep it going," said Grimmer. It's not enough to replace leaky roofs, rotting timbers, and falling plaster that have harassed zoo officials for years. Grimmer says reptile and small mammal houses are in the worst shape of all the zoo's many buildings.

Boasts Rare Animals Our zoo boasts the rarest of animals. They range from the aardvark, an indescribable ant eater useful mainly to word-puzzlers, to the zebu, a big Indian cow. It claims the biggest crocodile in the United States, and the only linsang in captivity anywhere. The linsang is a long kind of cat, resembling a fat snake with feet.

In the small animal house lives a fossa, which looks like a combination cat and dog and which Grimmer says may be an ancestor of both. The zoo's snow leopard was raised in Grimmer's home, where reindeer, chimpanzees, hyenas, and pretty near any other animals you can name have been nursed through babyhood. There's no place at the zoo to take care of babies, he says.

The zoo and its park cover 176 acres in the heart of Washington. Four million Americans visit it yearly. Its collection totals 3,000 "important" animals and no telling how many not so important.

The number does not include the termites that infest one 154-year-old zoo building, and that currently are swarming over its sagging floors and creaking stairway. This structure was condemned years ago. Fortunately, this is the headquarters building, and none of our valuable animals are in it. Just a lot of people, like Grimmer.

After Kassem, What? Is Question Facing Middle-East Enemies

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

The shots fired at Iraqi prime minister, Maj. Gen. Abdel Karim Kassem, were poorly aimed and, apparently also, poorly timed.

But it is an interesting side development that the assassination attempt which almost succeeded has led to a reassessment of his worth by governments who have no reason to be fond of Kassem or his regime.

For the question which must come up is, after Kassem what?

Another question of importance, which Iraqi investigators confess they have not yet solved, is the identity of the assassin or assassins themselves. Presumably the actual gunman was an Iraqi and presumably he is dead, taking his secret with him.

Rashid Street, Baghdad's main thoroughfare, is an ideal location either for mob action or a solitary killing. It is hard to see how Kassem's

would-be killer missed. Rashid is about 20 feet wide, hemmed in on either side by colonnaded shops.

Humanity is thick here and it moves at a snail's pace, past shops selling anything from clothing to jewelry, past hawkers purveying goods which range from souvenirs to dust and fly-covered meats and through and around heavily laden carts and donkeys.

Traveled Street Daily This is the street which Kassem traveled daily in his lightly guarded station wagon and which was chosen for the assassination attempt.

Out of it, as a personal memento, Kassem collected a fractured shoulder and hand, plus a flesh wound.

Baghdad jails also collected a few hundred suspects. But the poor timing of the attempt was shown by the fact that it was accompanied neither by a palace nor a general uprising.

United Press International correspondent David Dugas reported from Baghdad that four days after the assassination attempt normally was returning to the streets where crowds "mocked" Cairo reports of massacres in the Iraqi capital.

But if the attempt against Kassem were that of one man, it indicates that there is individual as well as collective opposition to Kassem and that the last try is only beginning.

Radios Turn Silent Meanwhile, Damascus and Cairo radios, which had been calling almost openly for Kassem's violent overthrow, fell strangely silent in their tirades against Kassem personally.

For whatever Kassem's sins, he had not yet fallen openly to Communist domination. And if Kassem were to disappear, it seemed almost certain that the Communists, best organized of any political group in Iraq, would move in.

Both the Western and the Communist nations sent messages of sympathy to Kassem, a move not duplicated by the United Arab Republic as represented by Cairo and Damascus. But for both the U.A.R. and the West it was a time for finger-crossing.

Whatever they thought of Kassem, his disappearance now would be no benefit. As for the Communists, they were doing all right anyway. So why create a martyr now?



C. M. Litwiler



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