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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. 15, 1949 (Saturday)
A total of nearly 10,000 school and pre-school children in Jackson county have been immunized against diphtheria during the past week.

20 YEARS AGO
Oct. 15, 1939 (Sunday)
Helen Hedrick, well-known Medford writer, is having a short story published in the Oct. 21 Colliers magazine.

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 15, 1929 (Tuesday)
The Newtown apple pack in the valley this year is only half of last year's crop.

40 YEARS AGO
Oct. 15, 1919 (Wednesday)
The Medford band will give an "old folks concert" in city park Friday evening.

50 YEARS AGO
Oct. 15, 1909 (Friday)
Merriman and Elliott, blacksmiths and horsehoes, move into new, modern quarters here.

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

- 1. What Spanish explorer discovered the territory of Florida?
2. Iceland is noted for its hot springs; true or false?
3. In what country is Ankara?
4. How many yards are in a mile?
5. According to the proverb, what two things never wait for any man?
6. At the close of which war did the United States acquire the island of Guam?
7. What European explorer discovered the Straits of Magellan?
8. In mythology, who fell in love with his own reflection?
9. What is an abattoir?
10. In what war did a naval commander say, "Damn the torpedoes; full speed ahead!"

OH, NO
Indianapolis, Ind.—(UPI)—Evangelist Billy Graham today assured his followers they need not worry because he plays golf. He said his usual comment when he muffs a shot is "Oh no."

Robert W. Sawyer

One measure of the stature of Robert W. Sawyer, who died this week, was in the 1953 declaration by Ex-Gov. Charles A. Sprague that Sawyer was Oregon's "outstanding citizen of the half-century."

Mr. Sawyer combined in his person many traits and talents. He was able to inspire, for instance, great affection among those who worked for him. And yet many of them continued to refer to him, even when he wasn't around, as "Mr. Sawyer," rather than "Bob," as he was called by a few close friends.

He was a demanding taskmaster, but meticulously fair.

He had a passion for accuracy, both in his own newspaper, and in the publications of others.

AS THE long-time editor and publisher of the Bend Bulletin, he would tolerate no slipshod reporting from his staff, nor from the United Press, which served his paper for many years. We served an apprenticeship as a reporter on the Bulletin under Mr. Sawyer, and later, served as United Press correspondent at the state capitol. In both capacities, we often received terse but polite little memos from Mr. Sawyer, either pointing out an error of omission or commission, or asking for greater elaboration on what appeared to be an obscure point, but which in reality was a significant part of the story.

During his years as an editor, and even after his retirement, it was not unusual for him to drop a friendly note to the Bulletin, or to other papers or magazines, correcting or expanding on articles.

STANDING straight, with snow white, immaculate hair, Mr. Sawyer spoke gently and softly, and usually with a warm smile. His quiet manner and unhurried appearance belied the scope of his interests and activities.

The list of his public service activities is long and distinguished, ranging from those of a purely local nature, to those of statewide and national importance.

Oregon has lost one of its most useful citizens. But it is a far better place because Robert W. Sawyer chose it as his home. — E.A.

New Approach

In a news story yesterday, it was reported that the Medford school board has approved "a group therapy program for high school behavior deviants."

This is, of course, gobbledegook, and can be roughly translated into something like "a program where attempts will be made to talk a group of youngsters out of their tendencies toward delinquency."

At least we hope this is an accurate translation. We certainly don't want any brain-washing of youngsters just because their behavior is "deviant" from the norm. (The word "deviant," incidentally, doesn't appear in the office dictionary, even the big one, either as a noun or verb, so one assumes it is a new word spawned by sociology, meaning one who behavior deviates from the norm.)

NOW one must assume that if there are "behavior deviants" at the high school, there are "good" ones as well as "bad" ones.

And presumably, the new program will go after the bad ones.

So much for gobbledegook and semantics. The program offers potentialities for important accomplishment, if it can spot youngsters who are headed for trouble, and steer them right. (Significantly, during a "pilot program" test similar to this in Ashland last year, not one of the boys involved got into trouble, despite earlier symptoms.)

IF IT WORKS as hoped, it will pay for itself a hundred times over, for the cost of delinquency (and, too often, later adult crime) is appalling. Even if it is only partially successful, even if only two or three boys are channeled away from trouble, the money saved in police, court and institutional costs (to say nothing of social costs and the toll of crime) would more than justify the effort.

And this approach is one answer to the problem of preventing delinquency, getting at it before it really starts, which has been such a serious roadblock in the past. — E.A.

O.K.?

Nikita Khrushchev was entranced, during his visit to this country, with the American word (or phrase?) "O.K."

But we doubt that the Russian Premier ever explored the nuances of meaning possible in the use of O.K.

It can mean simple, passive agreement. It can connote agreement under protest. It can mean enthusiastic agreement. It can mean acceptance of an order.

It can mean, simply, that a message is understood.

It can acknowledge the loss of an argument. It can be an assessment of an individual. ("She's O.K.") can mean anything from grudging approval to something in the neighborhood of a wolf whistle.)

It can be a question (O.K.?) and an answer (O.K.)

It can be the acceptance of a challenge. As a matter of fact, it would be difficult to get along without the phrase in American speech. It's O.K. — E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"LOOK WHAT I FOUND! A FULL LENGTH MIRROR!"

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

FIASCO IN STEEL
At the beginning of the steel strike in July, the President declared that he would not intervene because "I believe we have got thoroughly to test out and use the method of free bargaining."

When Mr. K. arrived here two months later, one of the things the President wanted to have him see was the steel strike. It would show the visitor an example of free bargaining between unions and management.

Now three weeks later he has set in motion the machinery of the Taft-Hartley Act, and everyone is hoping that board of inquiry under the Act will somehow succeed in avoiding the need to invoke the Act, and that it will somehow be able to mediate a settlement. If the board does not succeed, the steel strike will be suspended for 90 days and then may be resumed at the onset of winter.

THE LESSON of the strike is that the country needs to make a new advance into the region where the government can impose peaceful settlements in accordance with the national interest upon the giant corporations and the giant unions. The government should have full power to arbitrate and to impose a settlement.

IF IT HAS that power, it can use it best to promote, to induce and to persuade, labor and management to write into their contracts rules for settling their differences, by bargaining if possible, by voluntary arbitration if necessary. In the end, however, if they fail to do this, there must be the possibility of a resort to compulsory arbitration.

THE big stick should be in the government's possession. If it is there, it will except on the rarest occasions be left in the closet. (c) 1959 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

WHEN the President chose to regard the steel strike as one which could be settled by "free bargaining," there was not involved a true principle based on the reality of things but a sentimental illusion.

Nor was it a feature of American life which we could show off proudly to Mr. K. On the contrary, the steel strike is a spectacular example of the fact that, far from being a completed and perfected society, there is in our society much that is primitive, irrational, and increasingly intolerable. It is not a jolly thing to have the basic industry of the country closed down for three months with no settlement in sight just because we have not learned how to substitute law and order for unconditional industrial warfare.

THE claim that a strike of these dimensions and of such consequences is a private affair, not a proper subject of national intervention, is entirely untenable. It was untenable in July when the Administration approved the claim that this was a private affair and it is untenable in October when the Administration has had to intervene.

THE NATIONAL interest is not only that a settlement should be reached and production resumed. There is a prime national interest in the terms on which the strike is settled. The day is past when

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 letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Design for Humanity
To the Editor: Here's a point to ponder: A recent issue of a magazine dealing principally with interior decorating and architectural integration as "the art of knitting everything together into one stronger whole." According to this concept, the smallest, seemingly most unimportant detail contributes to the over-all effect.

Why can't we apply this to human relationships? To illustrate what I mean, there is bad design - its parts clashing, fighting against one another, each striving individually for attention. Here are the blacks, the whites, the Jews, the Christians, the Moslems, "society," "commoners."

Think about it. It's not hard to see that the best of man's designs has much in common with the way God intended man to be. Miss Dayle Ann Stratton 804 Bennett ave. Medford

Conservation Concept
To the Editor: Amazing was the wealth of unused biological material when writer was in Curacao. The Willemstad government now has taken steps to investigate. Amsterdam scientists have been invited to make the survey of the bird life, half in the dry, half in the rainy season. This, to determine, among other items the migratory habits of the birds.

Rare species will be provided protection. Study will be to determine the relationship between the birds of these islands and the bird life of nearby Venezuela. When writer was in Venezuela he found young anacondas used as mousers where our domestic cat did not thrive in tropic heat.

Thus the conservation concept catches worldwide the imagination of ever more leaders. C. M. Goethe 3731 Tea st. Sacramento 16, Calif.

Elephant Swallower
To the Editor: I see from yesterday's paper that Representative Porter is trying to raise quite a disturbance because General Musset sent a government plane to transport an injured son to Denver for treatment.

Does Mr. Porter know that government equipment is constantly being used to assist victims of disaster and persons in distress? True, it costs money, and it is wonderful in Mr. Porter to be so thoughtful of the tax payers' interests. I suppose if the plane had been sent to take

care of Mr. Porter or a member of his family, he would have declined to use it, saying that the American people could not afford the expense. The money spent in this operation was mere "chicken feed" compared with the sum spent to guard and entertain the world's champion arch-murderer, Khrushchev. Did Mr. Porter raise any howl about this expense? If so, I have not seen it reported in the paper. Did Mr. Porter raise any voice of protest against sending billions of dollars of our tax money abroad to assist our enemies, or potential enemies? If so, his voice was not heard out here in Oregon. He is reported to have favored, and voted for, these measures.

I have heard of people straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel, but I think Mr. Porter has swallowed an elephant. John C. Stille Shady Cove, Ore.

of course - but, unfortunately, there are so many slips in the law's protective screen. There are so many places that a warden can't be when these lovely and musical birds come winging over. And there are so many hunters who aren't sportsmen.

THERE'S something to worry about. Think of going through Bend with no stately swans to be seen on its Mirror Pool. I suppose the world will wag on if and when these swans follow the whooping crane into extinction... as it wagged on when the dinosaur came to the end of its chapter.

But... if and when that happens... something lovely and soul-satisfying will be gone from our high country. They are protected by law,

Revolution Again Threatens In Venezuela; Causes Cited

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor Venezuelan President Romulo Betancourt, a veteran revolutionary, today finds himself threatened by a revolution against his own eight-month-old regime.

Official statements blame the new wave of violence sweeping the Venezuelan capital of Caracas upon ousted one-time dictator President Marcos Perez Jimenez and his supporters and upon Dominican dictator Leonidas Rafael Trujillo Molinas.

There is no doubt that either Perez Jimenez or Trujillo would be most happy to see Betancourt's government fall, and it will may be that Betancourt's days in office are numbered.

But so far the wave of unrest sweeping Caracas and the oil city of Maracaibo seems unorganized. It appears to be the result of Venezuela's own lopsided economy rather than the efforts of Betancourt's political enemies.

Controlled By Dictators
Of the 10 republics on the South American continent, Venezuela is the richest, its oil revenues alone total more than half a billion dollars annually. But for most of the last 50

years it has lived in a political vacuum, under dictatorships which recognized neither political parties nor civil liberties. A magnificent new highway winds its way up from the Caribbean port of La Guaira to Caracas. In Caracas is the beautiful officers' club, the university and the university hospital. These are evidences of Venezuela's wealth.

But they take no account of the fact that Venezuela's total population of a little more than six million, some three and a half million barely eke out an existence. Also not taken into account is the 65 per cent illiteracy rate among the people, the 170,000 unemployed, the 600,000 children without classroom space.

Communists Find Entry
Nor do the outward evidences of Venezuela's wealth take into account the fact that its economic imbalance has provided a perfect entry for the Communists whose numbers jumped from around 6,000 a few years ago to more than 80,000 today. It was into this situation that Betancourt stepped some eight months ago, after one of Venezuela's rare free elections.

Betancourt, politically left, announced immediately that Communists would have no part in his government. He made equally clear they were not welcome at the presidential palace.

But his Democratic Action Party, with labor as its backbone, contains admitted Communists, many of them in the oil fields. In 1945, it was Betancourt, at a previous time in power, who reached the 50-50 split agreement with the oil companies which now is a standard of the world over. This time, through a new tax plan, he made it 60-40 in favor of the government.

At the same time, he announced an ambitious program designed to spread Venezuela's wealth. In the latter, he has not been outstandingly successful, and he does not have the entire support of the army. That's why his days may be numbered.

negotiations with Khrushchev will be warped and hampered by the grave political pressures generated by wishfulness at home.

FINALLY, although it will be hard to persuade most Republicans of the fact, the "peace issue" is the gravest kind of long run danger to the Republican party. Immense short run gains can certainly be made by the promotion of wishfulness.

When he left office, Stanley Baldwin was probably the most popular Prime Minister Britain had ever had. Baldwin's popularity was then toppled by the wave of adulation for Chamberlain after Munich. But not long after that, Baldwin had to be warned not to come up to London, lest he be stoned in the streets; and Chamberlain was literally hooted out of office. Such were the long run losses.

These are curmudgeonly reminders, no doubt. Escape to the best cure for a curmudgeon. So this reporter now poses to escape into the past, at Kyoto and Ise where one remembers Genji and the Lady Murasaki instead of Baldwin and Chamberlain. (c) 1959 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

Matter of Fact
By Joseph Alsop
You?" and this mean "What would a great cut in defense expenditures do to the profits of American business?" There were many other such signs, as well.

ONE had not suspected this sort of thing in airless Washington. One had supposed that the Republicans were gaining, simply because many people were pleased by the President's attempt to settle the most acute outstanding problems with the Russians in face to face negotiations with Nikita S. Khrushchev himself. But this is not the real nature of the "peace issue" at the grass roots. The President's and the Republican party's real gain in fact comes from the belief of many people that Eisenhower has now promised the country "peace in our time" - as Neville Chamberlain put it when he came home from Munich to a hysterical, tragically grateful Britain. The President himself has not encouraged this belief. But he certainly has not discouraged it.

Maybe it is being a spoilsport to say so, but in the form it has now taken, the "peace issue" is both a fraud and a menace to all concerned. It is a fraud because the President got nothing from Khrushchev except a promise of negotiations "without fixed time limit." The Republicans, who had been so far down, are riding the crest of the wave. The Democrats, who had triumphed so brilliantly in 1958, now accept the evidence of the opinion testers that the "peace issue" has put them in second place. Judging by Gov. Pat Brown, moreover, the Democrats hardly seem to know what to do about it.

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