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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
Nov. 6, 1949 (Sunday)
Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, says diphtheria outbreak here not caused by food.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 6, 1939 (Monday)
Ten students from Southern Oregon college sign up for government-sponsored civilian pilot training course.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 6, 1929 (Wednesday)
Medford's Community Chest drive will start next week.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 6, 1919 (Thursday)
Copco issues flat rate for use of electricity for heating in city.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 6, 1909 (Saturday)
Congregation of St. Mark's Episcopal church makes arrangements to start work on new building.

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

1. Moonlight is only reflected sunlight; true or false?
2. The prehistoric mammoth most nearly resembles the present-day lion, bear or elephant?
3. Was burning at the stake, or hanging, the usual mode of punishment for the witches of Salem, Mass?
4. Would a geriatrician most likely specialize in diseases of children, or aged persons?
5. Would you expect to obtain malic, citric, or sulphuric acid in lemon juice?
6. Is it the lion, or the tiger, that is called the king of beasts?
7. Correct the following: "Neither of the girls practised their lessons."
8. Helena is the capital of which western state?
9. When women use a henna rinse, does it give blond, brunette, or reddish hair tint?
10. Are U.S. battleships named for cities, states, or naval heroes?
Answers: 1. True. 2. Elephant. 3. Hanging. 4. Aged persons. 5. Citric acid. 6. Lion. 7. "Neither of the girls practised their lessons." 8. Montana. 9. Reddish tint. 10. States.

FISH FOR FISH
Raleigh, N.C.—Dr. Fred Fish was named Wednesday to supervise funds for the state Wildlife Resources commission's fish division.

Ads Misleading

Much has been said in recent weeks about the "rigged" television quiz shows—and also about "misleading" advertising on television. True enough.

But there is one series of magazine advertisements in recent months that are just as misleading as anything seen on TV, and we never fail to get a pain in our craw when we read them.

WE REFER to those full-page ads in the quality magazines of national distribution which attack public power, and in particular power generated by the great, multi-purpose federally-constructed dams.

The ads, sponsored by "America's Independent Power Companies," use a number of approaches. The most recent one shows a picture of Brownlee dam on the Snake river, with a headline saying "How to save taxpayers a half-billion dollars." Down below the text says, in part:

"But this power project almost cost U.S. taxpayers a half-billion dollars because of the pressure groups that constantly promote federal government electricity. They tried for eight years to make the government build this project with a half-billion dollars of taxpayers' money."

THESE ADS (and incidentally, many Pacific Northwest utilities, including Pacific Power and Light, Portland General Electric, and California Oregon Power company, do not participate in this advertising program) utterly ignore the fact that the government dams are paying for themselves and ultimately will earn the government money, thus saving the taxpayers, to say nothing of providing flood control, navigation, and in some cases, irrigation, benefits.

The time has long since passed when we should have to wrangle about federal vs. private power.

As one northwest electric utility has said:

"The development of the required hydro power resources for the Pacific Northwest is such a tremendous undertaking that the combined capital resources of federal, non-federal and private agencies will be needed."

We wish the "Independent Electric Light and Power Companies" that so try to mislead us would acknowledge the facts, and use a little simple honesty in preparing their advertisements. —E.A.

Mr. de Arce Replies

We are pleased to print herewith a letter received from L. Ponton de Arce, of the Los Angeles regional office of the Federal Aviation Agency, who was mentioned in these columns recently:

To the Editor: Having been editorialized by you has satisfied a life-long ambition. I had concluded that only politicians or the great or near great could hope for such an accomplishment.

Naturally, I would have preferred that my name had appeared in a publication noted for its thorough research and factual reporting. However, beggars can't be choosers and you not only mentioned my name but spelled it correctly. Many thanks to you for this recognition.

Since you have not seen fit to research the matter before condemning a group of dedicated government employees, I direct your attention to the following: As of May 15, 1959, Mr. Quesada delegated to the Director, Bureau of Air Traffic Management, final authority to make, amend and issue rules, regulations and orders relating to airspace matters.

To discharge this responsibility, the Director, Bureau of Air Traffic Management, issued instructions to the Regions from which the following is quoted: "Upon receipt, request for an airspace action shall be routed to the Air Traffic Control Division within the Region for handling. Cases having national or policy implications, or having considerable effect beyond the area of the Region received the request, should be referred to the Director, Bureau of Air Traffic Management."

"The Regional Planning Branch shall review proposals for feasibility and compatibility with national policy and plans." If your translation of our Divisional Bulletin regarding the above matter is any criterion of how you interpret other material for reproduction in your newspaper, the Lord help your readers.

Sincerely, L. Ponton de Arce.

NOW IT IS possible that we have done an injustice to Mr. de Arce, and to a group of dedicated government employees. If we have, we apologize in advance.

Despite the nice irony of his letter, Mr. de Arce is not convincing.

It may be recalled that we quoted a bulletin from the Los Angeles regional office which, in effect, said to disregard orders to forward suggestions to the office that asks for them; send them to this regional office "in order that a consolidated Regional recommendation may be submitted to the appropriate office."

And we interpreted that to mean "Don't follow instructions from other offices, including Quesada in Washington; send your proposals to us so we can censor them first."

IT IS THIS interpretation to which Mr. de Arce objects so vigorously.

And in defense of his own interpretation he quotes the instructions, "The Regional Planning Branch shall review proposals for feasibility and compatibility with national policy and plans."

So: Is "reviewing" a suggestion made to another office the same as requiring it to be sent in for preparation of a "consolidated regional recommendation"?

Not in our provincial book, it isn't. It looks remarkably like an attempt, either deliberate or unwitting, to form an artificial barrier between field offices and headquarters.

We hope we're wrong.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"MOM TOLD ME I COULD PLAY OUTSIDE IF I USED THE UMBRELLA!"

German Flag Incident Causes Concern; Reds Backing Down

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor The place: Berlin.

The speaker: Maj. Gen. Barksdale Hamlett, American military commandant.

The quote: "Allied troops stand ready to put down any trouble arising from this incident."

It was a warning to the Communists against attempting to fly the new East German flag in West Berlin this week end.

Until Oct. 7, the German flag was perhaps the one question on which both East and West Germans were in accord. Each flew the traditional German tricolor of black, red and gold.

But on Oct. 7, for the first time, the East Germans introduced a German flag on which the Communist hammer and compass had been superimposed. The date coincided with the 10th anniversary of the Moscow-created "German Democratic Republic."

Placing the hammer and compass on the flag emphasized the Communist concept of two Germanys.

Clashes resulted when the East Germans raised their new flag over West Berlin elevated train stations.

The Berlin elevated railroad serves both sections of the divided city, but is under operational control of the East Germans.

On the basis of operational control, the Communists asserted their right to fly their flag over the stations.

This week Hamlett warned the Communists against attempting the same tactics this Saturday, anniversary of Soviet Russia's October revolution.

Communists Back Down Hamlett told the Soviets that the 11,000 U.S., British and French occupational forces would give full support to West Berlin's 16,000-man police force in the event any East German flags were raised in West Berlin.

Thursday in an apparent backdown the Communists indicated they would not try to fly the flag today.

The West Berliners and the Allies viewed the flag-flying issue with special concern because they regarded

it as a Red attempt to establish extra-territorial rights in the Western half of the city. It was considered all the more serious because it coincided with Communist delish extra-territorial rights in the Western half of the city. It was considered all the more serious because it coincided with Communist delish extra-territorial rights in the Western half of the city.

Symington, Adlai Seen Compromise Demo Possibilities

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington—UPI—The compromise candidates most discussed as available to break a deadlock in next year's Democratic national convention are Adlai E. Stevenson and Missouri's Sen. Stuart Symington.

This compromise might be to whomp up enough Johnson enthusiasm in Texas to obtain a tightly organized Texas delegation to the Democratic national convention.

Texan, is booming Johnson back home for the presidential nomination. Mr. Sam is a practical politician. Other practical politicians suspect that the speaker has objectives in addition to obtaining the nomination of Johnson.

One of these objectives might be to whomp up enough Johnson enthusiasm in Texas to obtain a tightly organized Texas delegation to the Democratic national convention.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas would be a likely choice in any deal between the basically opposed elements of the Democratic party. Northern Democrats generally do not consider Johnson even remotely eligible for their presidential nomination.

Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.) ruled Johnson out a few days ago on charges that he was tied to the gas and oil industries and voted like a southerner on civil rights.

Brown Opposes Johnson Gov. Edward D. (Pat) Brown slugged Johnson with a public statement that the senator could not carry California because of his position on civil rights and oil. Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) faulted Johnson for being a southerner, for being illiberal and on the grounds that the Negro vote would be against him in the North.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt down-rates the senator. Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) say that Johnson won't do. The foregoing are samples of the current machine-gunning of Lyndon Johnson. Speaker Sam Rayburn, also a

Untranquilized Reporter Given Lesson In Relaxation by Lady Expert in Yoga

By FRANK ELEAZER

Washington—UPI—I've made it a lifetime practice not to stretch out on the floor in public along side a girl whose name I don't know.

But there has to be a first time I suppose, and the soft-spoken, gray-haired lady in charge seemed pretty sure this was the time.

Every tired-blooded American explained Indra Devi, swirling her blue silken sari gently around her, must learn to lie down on the job.

We're all tense, she said. We are nervous. We have colds. Back aches. Ugly tempers. Heart attacks. What we need every day is a five-minute yoga break. Only please, Miss Indra implored, don't call it that.

"Say relaxation break," she suggested. "Otherwise some people will laugh."

This was the first press conference I ever attended where the news source was able to sit comfortably with her feet in her lap. Foot in mouth is more the favored position here, but that's one posture that doesn't figure in yoga.

Assumed Indian Name "This is the lotus position," said Miss Indra, a 60-year-old Russian-born American whose name means sun goddess and is one she assumed years ago

in India. "It is the classic posture for meditation."

Meditation, I was relieved to learn, is attained only at the more advanced stages of yoga. All Miss Indra was hoping to sell us, at the start, was relaxation, a more basic manifestation of this ancient art.

"So now let us lie down," she suggested. Four reporters, three male and one female, dutifully laid aside pencils and pads.

"Pretend you are a drooping, long-stemmed water lily," is the way Miss Indra put it,

"and slowly sink to the floor." Lunges For Tranquilizer I sank—collapsed is a better word—onto the green patterned rug in the Statler-Hilton's South American room, and pulled off my shoes as directed.

"Close your eyes," soothed Miss Indra, as I lunged gracefully for a small container of equalin that had fallen out of my pocket. "Relax. Breathe deeply. Think of your toes. Withdraw all activity from them . . ."

"Now your feet. Then your legs . . . relax your shoulders, your arms. Now your fingertips. Drop your chin. Relax your face.

"Envision a cloud, a white, soft cloud. Drifting across the blue sky. Imagine that you are the cloud. You feel so at peace. Floating. Gliding along in the sky. There's a green valley below. A forest. A lake, in which you see your reflection. How pleasant to be a cloud in the sky."

Wrote Yoga Book "Now dismiss all thought from your mind. You are sinking into nothingness. You are relaxed."

I didn't know how relaxed, until she said get up, five minutes later.

I neglected even to get the name of that nice young lady from the Washington Post who was doing her bit for yoga beside me.

Miss Indra—some people call her Miss Devi but she said that's like saying Miss Miss—lives in Hollywood with her doctor husband. She is here for free lectures on yoga. She also has a book to sell on the subject. I must have been relaxing when she mentioned this title.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

A MATTER OF PERJURY

Washington—The tragedy of Charles Van Doren has not been altogether in vain. For it has stirred the American people to look into themselves and into our national life as nothing has done since Alger Hiss.

There are vast differences in the two cases, there is also much similarity.

Hiss' real, if unproved, offense in the public's mind was betraying his country's secrets to Communist agents.

But his measurable and proved offense against the law was perjury. Van Doren's real offense, in the public's mind, was betraying its trust in him as a representative of education and culture. But it is not really unlawful to be a TV "quiz-whiz," even a phony one. Again, his measurable offense, against the law itself, was perjury—lying under oath to protect himself.

AND there is another parallel of a poignantly human sort. Both young men committed a crime of faithlessness which is not mentioned in any law book but is a very serious one all the same. Both had privilege and position. They were men, therefore, who failed in the special duty and responsibility they owed to a country which in separate ways had honored them so much.

Hiss held important office in the State Department. Van Doren had high respect from a people which was proud of him and, sadder yet, fond of him. And both were perhaps a bit arrogant while the going was good.

A political correspondent should write about all this, for nothing could be more deeply political in meaning. It touches the whole tone and direction of public life.

Moreover, in both instances it was in political forums where the unmasking went on. Hiss was first brought to book by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Van Doren—for whom this correspondent has great pity—made his total confession before the House committee investigating the TV industry.

ALL OVER Washington—and surely all over the country, too—men and women now heatedly discuss the moral and practical issues raised by Van Doren. Much of this talk runs to extremes, and is perhaps not too relevant, either. There is usually either a damp sentimentalism toward this unfortunate young man or else a desire to hang him over and over to satisfy the presumed thirst of "television land" for a kind of serialized revenge.

This country, as one of the Congressional investigators remarked, is against corruption but in favor of compassion to any who call for mercy. Perhaps, therefore, the genuine issues here are far larger than Charles Van Doren, as years ago they were far wider than Alger Hiss. Both men are actually important mainly for posing these questions:

Haven't we, as a nation, gone very far toward the untested creed that nothing is so important as winning, no matter how? And haven't we, as a nation, wholly failed to grasp the unique gravity of the terrible offense of perjury? In a sense, it is the most destructive of all possible crimes.

NO ONE with eyes and ears open can have missed this fact: There is less and less respect for what used to be

Communications

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Halloween for Children

To the Editor: I have just read Mrs. Headlee's letter about "trick or treat." I am very sorry that some people feel this way. I am sure many people enjoy the children, and try to join in with them. Did they do you any harm? It is just once a year, why not let them have Halloween? A penny sucker or a popcorn ball isn't much and most children are very satisfied with it.

(a) You weren't expected to fill the big sacks, and did they really threaten you with that bar of soap?

(b) Some children are just that—children. Please be a little broad minded.

(c) Do we always have to get the children out of the way, and plan every activity for them? My own children come from "trick or treating" all aglow, people are so nice to them. My own I know appreciate the thought. I am sure they feel that grown people are interested in them, and are really very kind.

My only complaint is that parents should have their children "trick or treat" in their own neighborhoods. This will help eliminate the dangers, and as for large groups of children, I feel they are much safer when they are together.

If the statement, "the soap will be replaced by a gun some day," is true, through all the generations of trick or treat, I am sure all of us would be carrying guns today.

Mrs. C. R. Harrison, 56 Perrydale ave., Medford.

Welcome, Everett

To the Editor: We're glad to see Mr. Acklin's back.

We'd feared him lost in an old hay stack. I wish his letters made more sense (Honestly, now—take no offense)

Once you said you'd made a million. Next old cars, almost a zillion. Chalmers, Pullman, Brush and all. Answer to your long roll call.

These names all sound like Greek to me. Did they all earn more 'dough' than thee? May you live to a ripe old age. And keep a laugh on that M-T page!

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

PRESIDENT William Howard Taft was holding a reception in the White House for some military V.I.P.s and members of foreign embassies. Taft's tailor arrived to try on the President's new Prince Albert, and was hustled into the reception line by zealous guards. When he reached the President, Taft remarked, "You look very familiar to me." "Naturally, Mr. President, chucked the tailor. "I made your pants." "Ah, yes," said the President, nudging him along. "How do you do, Major Pants."

A chemistry class at Brown was dismissed just after the professor had enlarged upon the fact that the body is 92 per cent water. Two students climbed aboard a Pawtucket bus just behind a girl built like Marilyn Monroe. One student whispered to the other, "Boy, she sure made the most of that other 8 per cent!"

Antarctic Explorer Sir Vivian Fuchs has the real lowdown on that passport photograph situation. "If you actually look like your passport photo," says Sir Vivian, "you aren't well enough to travel!"

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