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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. 10, 1949 (Thursday)
Families of Chinese nationalist government officials prepared to flee the national capital of Chungking today.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 10, 1939 (Friday)
A new road from the northwest will be constructed to the Oregon Caves national monument.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 10, 1929 (Sunday)
Medford to play Ashland high tomorrow in big game of the year.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 10, 1919 (Monday)
City ready for its first celebration of Armistice day tomorrow.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 10, 1909 (Wednesday)
Residents of North Medford are planning to have a bridge built at the foot of Jackson st., across Bear creek.

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

- 1. A pint is 1/4th, 1/8th, or 1/16th of a gallon?
2. What is the English translation of the Latin phrase "Anno Domini"?
3. What is the three-letter word for a wooden tray or trough in which a laborer carries mortar or brick?
4. Berkshire is a breed of horses, cattle, or swine?
5. The human stomach has a capacity of about 5, 10, or 15 pints?
6. "Huckleberry Finn" and "Tom Sawyer" are well-known characterizations created by which American author?
7. Does water contract, or expand, upon freezing?
8. Oak Ridge, the "atomic city," is located in which one of these states - Georgia, New Mexico, or Tennessee?
9. German U-boats were battleships, cruisers, or submarines?
10. A specialist in rhinoplasty would most likely perform plastic surgery on the hand, foot, or nose?
Answers: 1. 1/4th. 2. In the year of our Lord. 3. Hod. 4. Swine. 5. 5 pints. 6. Mark Twain. (Samuel L. Clemens). 7. Expand. 8. Tennessee. 9. Submarines. 10. Nose.

Purity Kick

The television networks—particularly CBS—are on a purity kick, now, in the wake of the quiz "scandals."

Everything is to be just as it is, with no misrepresentation. No recorded applause and laughter, even, in some of the taped shows which are filmed without audiences.

Well, if we're to go to this extent (and we are inclined to approve such a plan), how about the practice of turning the cameras away when a football player is "shaken up" (as the announcers euphemistically put it) during play?

ISN'T this part of the game? And isn't it sometimes a crucial part, as in the USC-Cal game of a week ago, when charges were made of deliberate roughing up? And aren't the TV fans entitled to know that it is, essentially, a rough game and that injuries are an almost inevitable part of it?

The same questions apply to fights which occasionally break out among players on the field. We understand the national league rules require that they not be televised.

Maybe the nice-nelly business of turning the cameras away is a concession to the squeamish. But it also tends to misrepresent football as it is played.—E.A.

"Iron" Men

We mentioned here the other day the extraordinary amount of energy which a successful politician must possess.

We are now in receipt of a detailed itinerary of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's visit to the west coast this week. It bears out, in spades, our contention. Only an iron man could stand up under a schedule like this.

The Oregon portion, only, follows:

- FRIDAY
11:50 p.m.—Arrive Eugene airport.
SATURDAY
12:05 a.m. (1)—Arrive Eugene hotel.
8:50 a.m.—Leave hotel.
8:55 a.m.—Arrive University of Oregon campus for press conference.
9:30 a.m.—Radio and TV interviews.
10:00 a.m.—Convocation of Students, Faculty and Public.
10:05 a.m.—Governor speaks, questions and answers follow.
11 a.m.—Attend luncheon on campus.
12 noon—Leave for airport.
12:25 p.m.—Depart airport for Corvallis airport.
12:55 p.m.—Depart Corvallis airport by bus for Oregon State college stadium for OSC-Stanford football game.
1:15 p.m.—Arrive at stadium.
1:30 p.m.—Game kickoff.
4 p.m.—Attend reception, OSC campus.
4:45 p.m.—Leave for Salem.
5:30 p.m.—Arrive Marion hotel, Salem.
6:20 p.m.—Depart hotel for Willamette University.
6:30 p.m.—Attend dinner, Willamette University.
8 p.m.—Arrive WU auditorium for address by governor.
SUNDAY
7 a.m.—Depart hotel for airport.
7:15 a.m.—Depart airport for Seattle.

THIS is just a sample, in one state. His trip starts at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday in New York, and concludes Monday at 11 a.m. with a talk in Buffalo, N.Y., and also includes Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle.

Thus he has 4 1/2 days of steady handshaking, making speeches, traveling, eating the meat-mashed potatoes-and-peas of political meals, catching naps and relaxation when and where he can—always under pressure, always expected to perform at his best, always expected to be pleasant and friendly and on top of things. How do they stand it?—E.A.

Cigarette Law

In the past week or so, several under-18 youngsters in this area have been arrested on a charge of illegal possession of cigarettes, taken to court, and fined the statutory \$5.

Last week the city council passed a new cigarette ordinance, which conforms with the state law.

As long as this law is on the state statute books, it should be enforced, and the city's rules should conform.

Granted—it may be difficult to enforce. But we are informed that a good place to start would be the lobby of the Craterian theater on Friday and Saturday evenings, particularly at the intermission between films.—E.A.

Baseless Fear

Col. W. L. Winegar, Portland division chief of the Army engineers, sees no reason why construction of Agate dam should, "from an engineering standpoint," hinder later appropriations for other works in the Rogue basin project.

Since the entire Rogue Basin project was, in effect, given preliminary Congressional authorization when the Talent division of the Rogue project was authorized, there is no reason why other segments cannot be added as plans are completed and recommendations made—in the same manner as has been done in the Willamette Basin project.

Fear that Agate—a solid, feasible and beneficial project now nearly ready for presentation to Congress—would imperil other portions of the Rogue project, is, we repeat, a paper tiger.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



Matter of Fact

A SAMPAN-BORNE STORY
Hongkong—At dawn on Sept. 3, a leaky sampan made safe landfall in Hongkong waters, after a breathless, all night sea voyage along the heavily patrolled coast of Communist China.

HERE HE WAS speaking of the final collectivization in 1955. What he meant by "trouble" was a drop in his little family's rice income from about 700 catties (or 770 pounds) per year down to 500 catties per year.

LAO MOK is a wiry, pleasant faced Chinese who looks older than his age. He told his story quietly, in a matter of fact tone, with an occasional Chinese flash of humor or irony.

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Communications Washington Report

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.

Veterans Day
To the Editor: On this Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., a parade will march down the streets of Medford, and of many other cities throughout the nation, to commemorate an event of some 41 years ago, the signing of the armistice that ended hostilities of the first World War.

Drummond Reports
Roscoe Drummond reports on the Washington scene in the absence of Walter Lippmann.

FOR A SILENT PROTEST
Washington—Are you, personally, willing to do something to make sure that deceit and dishonesty are banished from the television screen in your home?

ARE WE individual and unorganized viewers absolutely helpless to register a collective protest and a collective demand?

TV Ads
To the Editor: Rigged TV shows, misleading ads; Enough of this nonsense we have had.

Objects to Name Use
To the Editor: The night of Halloween something shameful happened in Ashland, Oregon. Two days later something much more shameful happened in Ashland.

Who's Kwazy?
To the Editor: The steel workers lost over one billion dollars in wages. The steel companies lost millions, the Government lost millions in revenue.

Storm Warning!
Pirates operating off the Marshfield Coast are warned of Black Tornado due to hit about 8:30 Friday night.

Husbands! Wives!
Get Pep, Vim; Feel Younger
Thousands of couples are weak, worn-out, tired, exhausted because body lacks iron and Vitamin B.

Moderation

Washington—History now records the '30s as a period of political extremism nearly all over the world. These years brought Fascism in Italy, Nazism in Germany, imperialist militarism in Japan, the bloody purges in the Soviet Union.

AND now ancient Israel has confirmed the vast, quiet movement toward the political center. David Ben-Gurion's moderate Mafpai party has just been returned with greatly increased strength.

Israel's election, according to qualified and impartial diplomatic informants, went off much as did the British election. There was no real foreign policy issue.

AND this latest success for the political moderates was fed by the one just before it. Ben-Gurion's people in the campaign pointed to Macmillan's victory. And Macmillan's people themselves earlier had pointed in his campaign, if rather more quietly, to the victories of moderation in the United States.

A good many—particularly in Washington, whose one industry is politics—look with alarm or with loud hostility upon "moderation." They believe it to be dangerous for the long run because it "blurs the edges" of great issues.

ANYHOW, no matter what a show of the experts may think, the voters still like moderation—all the way to Israel. One of this columnist's correspondents in Chicago illustrates moderation with this anecdote:

A father-in-law had outstayed his welcome and the young couple considered ways to get rid of him. This was their plan: When the soup was served, the husband would cry that it had too much salt. The wife that it had too little.

Does it help or hinder the child? How can the editor be the judge of that without having met the child or parents? Had it been your or my child, how would we feel? I have children of my own. I hope and pray they never get into trouble.

His antics may be news, but his name doesn't help the story. Mrs. C. V. Seavey Route 1, Box 36 Talent, Ore.

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