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Flight '09 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. 20, 1949 (Sunday)
State tax commission will hold hearing on property tax assessment in Gold Hill.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 20, 1939 (Monday)
Senator McNary protests British embargo on U.S. apples and pears.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 20, 1929 (Wednesday)
Sceley Hall named airport manager by Mayor Pipes.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 20, 1919 (Thursday)
John L. Lewis laughs at employers' offer of 20 percent increase in wages to avert coal strike.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 20, 1909 (Saturday)
Rogue valley is 'Apple King of America' after walking off with top prizes at Spokane National Apple show.

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

- 1. What is the most sacred day of the Jewish religious year?
2. In what chain of islands are Kiska and Adak?
3. In what country is Mecca?
4. Which modern European country was once called Lusitania?
5. In what body of water do the Virgin Islands of the U.S. lie?
6. What is a solarium?
7. What does a barometer measure?
8. Relatively speaking, the first is to Alpha, as the last is to Beta, Omicron, or Omega?
9. What illness bears the name 'white plague'?
10. What is the common name for Saccharum officinarum?
Answers: 1. Yom-Kippur. (Day of atonement). 2. Aleutian Islands, Alaska. 3. Saudi Arabia. 4. Portugal. 5. Caribbean. 6. A sun parlor. 7. Atmospheric pressure. 8. Omega. 9. Tuberculosis. 10. Sugar cane.

FROSTY COMMENT
Grand Rapids, Mich. (UPI)—Poet Robert Frost spoke like a cryptic New Englander Thursday night when he learned that police searched for a bomb in the church where he was giving a lecture, but found none. His comment: "It must have been a dud."

Taxes and Health

The resignation of Dr. Harold M. Erickson as state health officer, mentioned regretfully here yesterday, is one more bit of evidence to add to the growing pile that indicates Oregon is not entirely keeping pace with its own needs. Dr. Erickson believes that not enough public funds are being spent to improve public health procedures in this state. And he, above anyone else in Oregon, should know.

His letter of resignation doesn't say so specifically, but in context it can be taken to imply that this is the chief reason he is leaving Oregon after 25 years in public health work.

In the continuing debate over taxes and public services, we are often reminded of the classic example — when the people of Marion county voted FOR a new courthouse, and at the same election, AGAINST the bonds to pay for it.

But aside from this absurd example, it is all too true that taxpayers can lose sight of what taxes are for.

Property taxes are NOT assessments levied for the privilege of owning property. They ARE assessments which pay for the schools, the police and fire protection, the streets and roads, the libraries and parks, which we have all come to demand or expect from government.

INCOME taxes are NOT fees for the privilege of living and working in Oregon. They ARE levies which pay for highways, agricultural programs, reforestation, public welfare, and all the dozens of other public services the state performs — services which it, as a government, can provide, and which we, as individuals, cannot provide for ourselves.

Public health, as Dr. Erickson points out in his letter of resignation, is "purchasable."

As individuals, we can see to our own health — within limitations.

But how about "chronic illness, mental illness, radiation, and air and water pollution," which Dr. Erickson said need considerably more attention than they now receive?

How about "communicable disease control, dental health, school health, occupational health, and the licensing of nursing homes, homes for the aged, hospitals, restaurants, hotels and motor courts, as well as many other health programs," which he declares need strengthening?

ALSO note Dr. Erickson's statement that the last legislature passed a law giving the board of health the responsibility for establishing a statewide medical investigation system in connection with farm labor camp legislation — and then neglected to appropriate funds to pay for these programs.

Dr. Erickson added: "It is well known that good community health is purchasable. Oregon in the past has enjoyed a relatively excellent record of health because of the outstanding quality of its many health facilities and agencies. Failure to provide the necessary expanded support of these facilities is leading to increasing occurrence of PREVENTABLE illness and death and to a corresponding reduction of our health status in comparison to other states."

WE HAVE all heard criticisms of (for example) the Jackson county health department and its big budget. It has been termed "a little empire."

These critics lose sight of the fact that their own health, their own well being, even their own lives, and those of their children, are what are involved here.

A similar anti-tax blindness (usually most current around the middle of November and again around the middle of April) affects many people.

But how much would it cost them, as individuals, to provide their own streets and roads; to provide, alone, education for their children through college levels; their own police and fire protection; their own protection against disease? As individuals, they simply couldn't afford it.

Which is why we have said, and say again, a well-spent tax dollar is the biggest bargain available today.—E.A.

Anti-Climax

Edsel, hail and farewell. The car with the surprised look on its face (in pre-1960 models, that is) will soon join the Oakland, the Maxwell, the Stanley Steamer, the Pierce Arrow — and all the other cars which once proliferated on the American scene.

In ending production of the Edsel, the Ford Motor company reveals, among other things, its financial stability. Any company which can put a quarter of a billion dollars into producing a new car, lose money on it because of "disappointing" sales, and still come up smiling and financially stable, can't be too close to going broke.

ONE of the fascinating stories about the Edsel, told only in the New Yorker magazine of a year or so ago so far as we know, involved the serious problem of a name for the new car.

Miss Marianne Moore, one of America's major poets, was enlisted in the search for a name, and submitted dozens of suggestions.

Her correspondence with the official of the company in charge of the name search, as recorded in part by the magazine, should go down in the annals of belles lettres as a minor classic.

The final selection of "Edsel" out of all the poetic and graceful possibilities was in the nature of an anti-climax in itself. So the demise of the Edsel, victim of changing tastes and patterns in the automotive industry, is in the nature of an anti-anti-climax.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"HONEST MR. WILSON! I WON'T EVER HIDE ROCKS IN YOUR UKULELE AGAIN!"

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

Washington — Fidel Castro of Cuba is playing with dynamite — American Congressional dynamite.

Not even the stoic patience of the State Department is likely to save him from being blown right out of office by his own recklessness unless he draws back soon from his shrilly abusive course toward the United States.

This two-bit (or half-peso) dictator is nearing the point of no return. The whole position toward Castro here is now changing. It is increasingly probable that Congress will return in January determined to take counteraction that could easily destroy his revolutionary regime.

True, the State Department will try to discourage this sort of thing. But as it happens the critical power here does not lie with the Administration. Nor does it lie with the Congressional Committee on Foreign Policy, which normally will follow any Administration lead.

IT LIES instead with two fairly hard-boiled groups which are never unduly impressed by "State" — and which are fed to the teeth with Fidel Castro. These are the Finance Committee of the United States Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives.

They have it within their choice to cut off Cuba's rich sugar-exporting quota to the United States. This quota not only guarantees a stable market to the Cubans but also gives them a price pegged above the world price. The sugar quota is at the heart of Cuba's life. Not even the most stirring of "great revolutionary leaders" is excessively popular at home once his policies bring joblessness and economic ruin.

Congress alone can decide whether the expiring Sugar Quota Act is to be renewed as to Cuba. It can decide, too, on a renewal giving some of our Latin-American friends, notably Mexico, a much larger share of our imports.

IF THIS should happen — and powerful Congressional forces are resolved that it shall happen unless Castro changes his tune — what then? Castro will have opportunity to find the alternative sugar

FOUL PLAY London (UPI)—Officials of next month's poultry Show announced Thursday that no poultry will be shown at the show because of current poultry diseases.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A SWEET YOUNG THING at a party was making an obvious impression on a serious minded young man from the theological seminary. "May I get you some punch?"

He suggested, "Only if it's non-intoxicating." She told him, "I never have tasted hard liquor."

"Good for you," approved the young man, "but I don't think this punch will hurt you."

The sweet young thing took one sip, choked, and exclaimed, "Fool! Some fool's been mixing vodka with bourbon!"

To demonstrate his habitual bad luck, George de Witt claims he once was shipwrecked alone on a desert island with Marilyn Monroe, Kim Novak, and Ava Gardner — and two hours later the quartet was rescued!

Phil Lord's definition of high fidelity: a husband who comes home to his wife every night.

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'Big Labor's' Decision on Responsibility For Legislation Factor for Democrats

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington (UPI)—Next year's democratic nomination for President probably is riding on Big Labor's final decision on responsibility for the 1959 labor reform bill.

Big Labor's decision may not be unanimous. Jimmy Hoffa already has committed his team's fat treasury to oppose all democrats who voted for the labor bill. AFL-CIO has been zig-zagging on that.

All of the Senate democrats who aspire to the 1960 presidential nomination voted for the labor bill. Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), is more clearly identified with labor legislation in 1959 than is any other presidential hopeful. AFL-CIO seems unable to make up its mind about Kennedy.

Inter-Union Argument United Press International reported from Washington last week a ruckus in the annual convention of the AFL-CIO Industrial Union department, which is the CIO element of merged Big Labor. The powerhouse opposition of the Machinists union blocked

a resolution which would have praised Kennedy and five other democrats for their position on labor legislation this year.

Kennedy was the only democrat among the six who is counted among the presidential hopefuls. The Machinists were — and are — against anyone who voted for the Landrum-Griffin bill. The automobile workers' Walter P. Reuther was among those who wanted to give Kennedy a cheer. The end result of the commotion was that the resolution was safely tucked away without an explosive floor fight over Kennedy as a friend or foe of big labor.

Kennedy can count Reuther's friendly attitude as a great and valuable political asset. Reuther is smart and powerful. He knows the political ropes and how to pull them. Reuther demonstrated that in the 1956 Democratic National convention when he broke a stalemate which led directly and almost immediately to the nomination of Adlai E. Stevenson.

Reuther is No. 2 man in AFL-CIO. The organization published this week a pamphlet on the record of the last session of Congress, with emphasis on labor legislation. This pamphlet gives a friendly plug to Kennedy, despite the Machinists. The pamphlet centers Big Labor's fire on what the union leaders regard as Big Labor's enemies. They are: President Eisenhower, his cabinet, his White House staff and Vice President Richard M. Nixon. They were, Big Labor says, the chief lobbyists for the Landrum-Griffin bill.

Angry Citizens Helped That, perhaps, is a fact. The pamphlet also notes that the favorable Landrum-Griffin vote was in part in response to an avalanche of mail from angry citizens. It was an avalanche which Big Labor could not match, despite its 15,000,000 members.

The division in the labor movement over assessment of blame for the Landrum-Griffin bill is likely to greatly reduce the influence of labor leaders at next year's Democratic National convention. They have had in the past a veto power in democratic conventions.

They used it in 1952 on Alben W. Barkley. Barkley accused them of choosing programs and candidates to gain "greater control over the machinery and policies of the Democratic party."

Police Investigate Vehicle Accidents

Two automobile accidents were reported to state police Thursday. Heavy property damage was reported in both incidents.

One accident occurred at 9:45 a.m. on Highway 99 near Tule and involved vehicles operated by Norman Robert Mallon, 23, of 1045 West 13th St., Medford, and Geraldine H. Davis, 59, of Reno, Nevada.

Police said that both cars were southbound in the inside lane when the Davis vehicle attempted to make a left turn and was struck by the Mallon vehicle. Both vehicles were damaged. No citations were issued by police.

An automobile, operated by Ralph E. Cross Jr., 29, of route 2, box 209H, Medford, pulled from the parking area at the Desert cafe near the intersection of Corey rd. and Highway 62, and struck a northbound vehicle, operated by Charles Richard Perdue, 21, Eagle Point, police said.

The left side of the Perdue car was damaged. Police notified Cross that a complaint charging failure to yield right of way would be filed against him in district court.

Police also investigated an incident on Highway 66 about 10 miles from Ashland when a sedan caught fire and burned. The vehicle was operated by Emmett Thompson, 35, of Lebanon. The automobile was destroyed, police said.

MARRIAGE IN MIND? Deaver—UPI—A young man stole seven blank marriage licenses and the city seal from a City Hall office Thursday.

Selwyn Lloyd Still Foreign Minister Despite His Critics

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign Editor: The man-of-the-hour is British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd.

The place: The House of Parliament, London. The quote: "The purpose is not to have a summit just for the sake of having a meeting. The purpose of a Summit is in order to try and increase the detente (relaxation) which is taking place in world affairs and to improve the reduction in tension."

Britain's 55-year-old foreign minister has been noted more for tenacity than for brilliance. More carefully worked out logic than the flow of his rhetoric.

After one foreign affairs debate, a British newspaper called it one of his "more inept performances."

Another bemoaned its "spectacular clumsiness," and still another called it "disastrous."

He has been marked for oblivion perhaps more often than any public figure now active.

But he still is in the job in which he first was placed by former Prime Minister Anthony Eden and in which he was retained over howls of protest by Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

One explanation may be that while others collect the poses, some must do the work. And Lloyd is a tireless worker.

So it was last week that, on orders from Macmillan, Lloyd dashed off to Paris to mesh British and French opinion on next spring's summit conference and to attempt to work out economic questions arising from French membership in the European Common market.

Questioned by Parliament Back home, he faced imperterbably that peculiarity of British government which permits a Cabinet officer to be cross-examined on the floor of Parliament.

This week other major pronouncements came from the man whose detractors said he never could hold the job.

They included: — Britain does not believe the planned French nuclear test explosion in the Sahara will endanger the health of other countries.

— Britain has received "numerous disturbing reports" of new executions in recent months in Hungary.

The British government still is considering Cuba's request for 17 jet fighters.

The British government would like to restore diplomatic relations with the United Arab Republic and Saudi Arabia.

A free-swinging performance by a man who refuses to be relegated to oblivion.

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.

True "Hot Rodders" To the Editor: Tuesday in "Communications" you printed two letters, one concerning tobacco and teenagers, the other praising a member of the Southern Oregon Timing Association. I wonder how many people realize how closely these two subjects are related?

If you want to help keep your kids off the street, promote peace of mind for parents, and benefit Medford business, support and attend our local drag meets. All this, and entertainment too!

In the years before we had a drag strip at White City, there were a lot of complaints about "hot rodgers." We still have complaints, but these are caused by drivers who are not members of our hot rod clubs. Any member of any club caught "dragging" on the streets in fined by the club (besides the law) and a record of traffic violations results in his being ousted from the club.

These kids put a lot of hard earned cash and hard work into their cars, and it's a year around project. They get more of a thrill and more satisfaction out of building a real machine than all the tobacco and beer combined.

The White City drag strip is well organized, and every contestant must come up to certain safety regulations. No person under 18 may be a contestant without written permission from his parents. But with all this we still need more organization and a better strip. The strip is narrow and needs repairs. Because of the strict safety rules we've never had an accident during the Sunday meets, but it could happen.

We have crowds of two and three thousand people. We've had five thousand at our championship drags. We need a new location, more room for contestants and spectators. We need sponsors to help the kids organize more clubs. We need someone like the 20-30, Lions or Kiwanis to help us organize. In short, we need any kind of help we can get. Some of our contestants

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Question for the hour as this is written: Shall Ike take along a Democrat on his upcoming goodwill tour of a considerable part of the world? Question No. 2: If so, WHAT DEMOCRAT?

The idea of a Democrat as a traveling companion for Ike was sprung on Saturday of last week by Senator Dodd of Connecticut, who suggested to President Eisenhower that he add former President Truman — OR another high Democrat — to his entourage through Europe, the Middle East and Asia next month.

Among other likely Democrats for the traveling companion job, he mentioned Adlai Stevenson, Connecticut Representative Chester Bowles and former Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Senator DODD commands respect. His educational background is of the best. He is a distinguished lawyer, with Yale law school as his background. He was a prominent member of the U.S. legal staff in the prosecution of Axis war criminals at Nurnberg, Germany, after World War II. He served as a member of the house of representatives from Connecticut before becoming a senator in 1958.

But I'm afraid his foot slipped when he added the OR to his proposal. Former President Truman holds a peculiarly revered position. He is a former President of the United States.

But any OTHER Democrat I think everyone will agree that would turn the goodwill tour into a three-ring political campaign circus.

NOT intentionally, maybe. The names Senator Dodd mentions are the names of patriotic Americans. But in the very nature of things, that's the way it would work out.

It just couldn't be helped.

All in all — I think we'd better leave the goodwill tour as it lies. Ike has peculiar talents as an ambassador of goodwill. People instinctively trust him as a person. That qualifies him exceptionally for the task he is undertaking.

And — He isn't a candidate. He can't be. The constitution forbids it. On top of that, he wouldn't be a candidate again if he could.

Let's leave well enough alone.

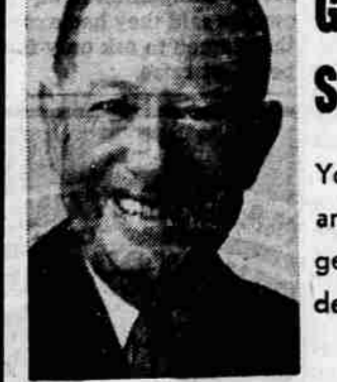
Washington (UPI)—Scientists failed again today to light up the dawn sky along the eastern seaboard with a glowing sodium vapor cloud.

A two-stage Nike-Asp research rocket fired by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) from its Wallops Island, Va., test station climbed to an altitude of 147 miles.

But the rocket did not eject its sodium payload, designed to vaporize and form a giant cloud to help scientists study high altitude wind currents.

A NASA statement issued here said the cause of the failure had not been determined.

An identical experiment at dawn Thursday also failed when the Nike-Asp did not spew out its sodium after blasting to an altitude of 160 miles. Today's failure was the last shot in the NASA's current series of sodium cloud experiments.



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