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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**  
Dec. 14, 1949 (Wednesday)  
Drive reaches \$3,000 goal  
for Jackson county ambulance  
plant; order in for two-  
engine Cessna.  
Two Medford safe-burglars  
arrested in Coos Bay.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 14, 1939 (Thursday)  
German pocket battleship  
"Admiral Graf Spee" bottled  
up in Montevideo harbor by  
British ships.  
From Arthur Perry's "Ye  
Smudge Pot" column: "The  
state proposes to hire a lec-  
turer to warn young people  
of the perils of drink. There  
is evidence some of the older  
folks could stand a sermon or  
two on the subject."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 14, 1929 (Saturday)  
State highway commission  
to spend \$1 million on roads  
this coming year.  
U.S. Steel plans big expan-  
sion to end depression drift.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 14, 1919 (Monday)  
Cold spell ends and chin-  
ook winds create danger of  
floods throughout western  
Oregon.  
"Dry Christmas" promised  
nation by rum enforcement  
agencies.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 14, 1909 (Tuesday)  
Grants Pass city council  
grants 50-year lease to pro-  
posed electric road in valley;  
Ashland council to decide  
soon.  
Pro-U.S. revolution immin-  
ent in Nicaragua; President  
Zelaya reportedly plans to  
resign.

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

1. Does the population of North America exceed that of South America?
  2. In what body of water is the Isle of Man?
  3. What is the name of the league organized in 1945 among Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Yemen?
  4. Is Arizona classed as a plains State or a mountain State?
  5. In what sport did Helen Wills Moody gain her greatest fame?
  6. What happened to Benedict Arnold after his treason was discovered?
  7. What country is the world's largest producer of wool?
  8. Who, in American political life, was known as the "Kingfish"?
  9. From what language are the Romance languages derived?
  10. Complete this saying: "A word to the wise is sufficient."
1. Yes. 2. The Irish Sea. 3. The Arab League. 4. Mountain State. 5. Tennis. 6. He became a British Officer. 7. Australia. 8. Huey Long of Louisiana. 9. Latin. 10. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

## Of National Concern

Whenever somebody tells us that federal aid to education is as dangerous as the bubonic plague we suggest that he take a look at Hermiston High School, talk to teachers and administrators at Hermiston High School.

That school received substantial federal aid while McNary Dam was under construction and a lesser amount thereafter. There isn't a speck of evidence that anybody in Washington, D.C. has ever attempted to dictate to Hermiston High School.

The Oregon State Board of Education revealed recently that 31 of Oregon's 36 counties are getting federal aid under the National Defense Education Act. In the current year, \$711,000 will be spent in 133 Oregon school districts to improve teaching of science, mathematics and foreign languages. The act also offers federal aid to districts that want to improve their counseling service to students, and several districts are accepting that aid.

**WE DOUBT** that any school district that is participating in the National Defense Education Act program has had any unpleasant experiences with it. We doubt that any has lost control of its educational processes.

Education is a matter of national concern. If a school district is doing less than an adequate job the entire nation suffers. If a school district is doing an above average job the entire nation benefits. It is as important to you that a boy in Mississippi who has a high IQ is properly prepared to go to college as it is to his school district in Mississippi.

The fight against federal aid to education is phony. The opponents place their emotions ahead of good sense.—Pendleton East-Oregonian.

## So Let It Be

Whereas, Americans are incurably addicted to the formation of clubs, societies, conferences and conventions, and

WHEREAS, the inevitable result of such gregariousness is the drafting of resolutions, and

WHEREAS, such groups have fallen by tradition into the reprehensible practice of drafting statements of their beliefs with the aid of excessive and offensive whereases, and

WHEREAS, such imperishable documents as the Declaration of Independence are not cluttered with whereases, and

WHEREAS, the whereas form of a resolution is a blot on the use of the English language and a degradation of the intelligence of the people of the United States, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that no more whereases and be-it-resolveds shall be employed by such clubs, societies, associations, conferences and conventions, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution, being duly noted, shall be expunged from the record.—Portland Oregonian.

## Lost World of Oz

If Junior or Susie is watching teevee or reading a comic book instead of reading something worthwhile, maybe there is a reason for it. So believes Shirley Jackson, the distinguished novelist and short story writer, who laments, in the Dec. 10 Reporter, the lost world of Oz.

The Oz books, still fresh in the mind of many a parent, stimulated the childish imagination. Teevee and the comic books stimulate imagination, too. But do many of the modern "children books"? They certainly do not, says Miss Jackson. Yet, she argues, children need to have their imaginations stirred.

**SHE** writes of the "substantial" books now put out for the younger set. Junior, instead of watching teevee, can curl up with the life of exciting old John Quincy Adams. His sister can read of how "Violet, Girl Horticulturist, found love and a career in a greenhouse." The smallest readers are invited to read about "Visiting a Supermarket with Mummy."

Pretty rapid stuff compared with television fare—or with Oz.

Reading, at first exposure, is a flight from reality—the often rather circumscribed life of the small child. When he doesn't find this escape in the reading offered him, he turns to places where he can get it, including television. The tragedy is that this escape from reality is only the first step in reading.

**MORE** important is the second element—flight into reality. The person who reads widely has a better idea of the real world than does the person whose whole life is made up of the objects and ideas of which he personal knowledge.

Television drama, like the Oz books, provides the first of the benefits of reading. It does not provide the second. The Oz books, or something like the Oz books, however, will likely lead to an appreciation for reading. Thus they will place in the childish hand the key to a lifetime of flight into reality. Television drama does not offer this key.

Childish imagination, like childish legs and childish lungs, was meant to be exercised. For its full development, however, it ought to be exercised in a way that will challenge it when it is no longer so childish.—Eugene Register-Guard.

## Dennis the Menace



"SAVED YA SOME WORK, MOM! YA WON'T HAVE TO WASH THESE CLOTHES!"

## 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 initial 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.

**Yumpin' Yiminy!**  
To the Editor: Aye yump all over Yackson county in Apperson yumpin' tin yack-rabbit.

Aye yump around Medford and Yacksonville.  
Yump in sewer ditches, yump in creeks.

Yump over fire hydrants, and yump into garbage cans. Aye yump through plate glass window.

Yump in yail, yump out. Never try to yump over moon, try to yump over Siskiyou.

First yump, and aye yump out of transmission.

Quit yumpin' in No. 1 Apperson yumpin' tin yack-rabbit.

Start yumpin' around in No. 2 yumpin' tin yack-rabbit. Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

**Rationale**  
To the Editor: The letter in your Communications column panning modern popular music shows a great deal of bias in people's judgment. One must listen with a proper point of view.

First take the case of the "tin-cans-falling-down-the-stairs" type. Anyone who has ever observed a child in a house that boasts a staircase knows that children are thrilled by the clatter of a bag of marbles, a bowl of nuts or a box of sundry articles dumped down the stairs. With one-level bungalow type houses so popular, these deprived children need a substitute—hence "tin-cans-falling-down-the-stairs" type music.

Next consider the stutter and/or hiccup singer. It is common knowledge that "pop" singers have not had voice training. It seems logical to say that Bing started this trend with his untrained voice singing "in the b-b-b blue of the night." Now just stop and think! If you had to make your living singing to millions of people with an untrained voice, wouldn't you be scared? You b-b-bet your b-b-boots y(e)h(ou) would!

If it hasn't already astounded your ears, note the pronounced "twang." This twangy flavor is accomplished by holding notes on consonants instead of on vowels and should be recognized as a great physical feat because most people would strangle if they tried it.

Fourth-off-key and off-beat lyrics and orchestration. Well, when they're out of tune and not regular we'll just have to assume that they haven't heard the dinner-hour commercials.

And if the whole effect still sounds wierd, listen to the words! For example, the one who sings that he'll always remember that one lovely day and he knows that their love was true love so now he goes his own way.

We've heard since time began that true love, be it of friend, relative, sweetheart or the Almighty, is the greatest and most rewarding experience of mankind. So how miserable this poor creature must be when he finds it fit only for rejection, and goes his own lonely way rather than being impelled to stay in its warmth and honor.

So close your eyes to the peace and comfort of your surroundings and listen-listen to pure agony!  
Ruth Anderson,  
204 Sunrise ave.,  
Medford

Some valid points are made in the editorial; however, I feel that perhaps you are not looking at the situation in an objective manner.

Your dismissal of the manhandling of the OSC rally girls is bad enough. I suspect if it had been your daughter being passed through a male rooting section against her will, you would not have been so flippant in your attitude towards this incident. From flippancy you go to very poor taste in your "hunch" that "some of them actually enjoyed it." This sort of irresponsible writing is a disgrace to any paper.

By letting your natural prejudice for your alma mater white wash the actions of the U of O students, you are refusing to recognize the seriousness of the situation. While it is true that what happened at Eugene did not cause any serious damage, it is also true that the only reason a riot did not result was the leadership shown by the OSC rally squad in keeping control of the OSC rooting section.

By writing off the U of O student's conduct as "youthful high spirits" you have left the way open for more incidents of the same sort. If public pressure does not show disapproval of these actions, we have no logical arguments to hold the wilder elements at OSC under control.

Another example of how seriously this "childish behavior" should be taken by this excerpt from a letter sent to the OSC Barometer by R. B. Walls, Director, Department of Music, OSC.

"This is to say I am fed up with this kind of childish and irresponsible behavior on the part of university students or guests. Inasmuch as the university seems either unable or unwilling to control their crowd, I suggest we discontinue the practice of sending our band to the game in Eugene, and they not send theirs to Corvallis."

Your editorial "Tut-Tutting the 'Civil War'" provided an example of editorializing without thinking. It also provided an example of vulgarity applied by insinuation to persons you do not even know. You are letting prejudices rule your writing with the result that you are doing a disservice not only to the parties referred to in your editorial (including the university), but also to the readers of your editorial page.

Frank Lamb  
Room 417  
Polling Hall  
Oregon State College  
Corvallis, Ore.

**Still Happy**  
To the Editor: Well, congratulations to Mr. Nolan and Mr. Marks for standing up to be counted! I felt just a little bit lonesome out there on that limb in defense of the local stations, but I've gone out on a limb before, that's where the fruit is. I had hoped to elicit support from other fans

## Science Shrinks Piles New Way Without Surgery Stops Itch—Relieves Pain

New York, N. Y. (Special) — For the first time science has found a new healing substance with the astonishing ability to shrink hemorrhoids, stop itching, and relieve pain — without surgery.  
In case after case, while gently relieving pain, actual reduction (shrinkage) took place.  
Most amazing of all — results were so thorough that sufferers made

## Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

### The Indian Revolution

The pressure from China, which I wrote about in yesterday's article, has come at a time when India's future depends on far-reaching decisions at home and abroad. There are, as we saw yesterday, great but extremely delicate decisions to be taken primarily in Moscow but also in Washington as to how to preserve the peace of inner Asia by the containment of China. There are also decisions to be taken, primarily in Washington but also in London, Bonn and Moscow, as to how the economic salvation of India is to be financed.

But inside India there are decisions to be made which are no less momentous, and in this report I shall attempt to identify some of them.

The Indian republic is now about ten years old, and it is still led and governed by the generation of its founding fathers. Of them the greatest, of course, is Nehru. The time has come when the founding fathers have no greater task or duty than to prepare the way for their successors. The problems which India must solve in the next ten years are enormous and they are urgent. They call for nothing less than a revolution in the economy of India, and this revolution, even with all the necessary foreign aid, must be carried out by a new generation which has young energy and fresh enthusiasm and sharp vision.

**WHEN WE** speak of the revolution to which India is committed, it is useful, I think, to clarify the issue by saying that there are two objectives. One of these must be reached in about six years. India must be made capable of feeding itself before it is overwhelmed by the avalanche of its growing population. The second task can be achieved only if and as the first problem is solved. The second task is that of preparing India in the course of the next 10 or 15 years for the day when the country will have an independent and progressive economy which can finance its own development by normal commercial operations.

The task of feeding India is critical, and if it is not carried out, the human and political consequences will be dire. The task of developing an independent Indian economy is a spectacular objective, indispensable, however, if the free institutions of India are to survive in the competition with totalitarian China.

Plans for meeting these two objectives are being formulated by the old guard, by the generation of the founding fathers of Indian independence. But the plans will have to be carried out by the successors of the founding fathers. Now, it is not clear who these successors are going to be, and they are not being groomed for the work or made known to the people. Yet, unless this uncertainty about the succession of power is faced fully and resolved

for some of the other fine stations, but I like the idea of their statements better.

It is my belief that those who are so critical of a job being well done would be doing that job if they were so much better qualified to do it. I find the programming on each of these stations equally attractive with that of KYJC, each has something to offer at different times of the day which I thoroughly enjoy. And if we were all to be really honest, I think we would say we can take a lengthier diet of the easy to listen to music than any other variety. I like some classical music and a little bit of hillbilly music, but only as a garnish served up with the main course.

And now I'm happy about my position in this minority. I like the company I'm in. (Name on File) Jacksonville.

boldly, it will, I venture to think, jeopardize the success, which will not be easy in any event, of the economic revolution.

**WHEN I** raised this question with Indians, I was often told that India is a genuine, working parliamentary democracy on the British model and that it has like the British a very competent civil service. The system is such that it will provide for a successor government by the normal procedure of elections and of parliamentary democracy.

This is true in the sense that India has political institutions of the Western kind which are virtually unique in Asia. I would not question the confidence of the Indians in the capacity of their own institutions to produce a succession were it certain or even probable that India can solve its problems with a normal government constituted more or less in the British style. I do not, however, think that the British themselves could solve their problems without radical political changes if they were faced with problems of the magnitude and the complexity of those of India.

What troubled me was the disparity between the revolutionary objectives of the Third Five-Year Plan and the mildness, the almost Victorian mildness, and the normality of the Indian political system. I asked myself whether the gigantic economic revolution can be carried out by parliamentary politicians and civil servants without the dynamism and the discipline of an organized mass movement.

**I DO NOT** know the answer to this question. But I have no doubt that it is the crucial question. For the solution of the basic problem—which is how to feed adequately the population—requires not only materials and the tools which money can buy. It requires also a revolutionary change in the traditional way of life of the Indian masses in their villages.

I do not see how this revolution, which must go deeply into the Indian social system and the Indian culture, can be brought about by the persuasion of experts alone. I would suppose that it would require the organized pressures of a popular movement under government leadership so dynamic and so purposeful that it can inspire people to do voluntarily the kinds of things that in Communist China are done by compulsion.

Such popular movements are always dangerous. They can get out of control. They can be exploited by demagogues and fanatics, and they can erode the kind of parliamentary democracy which India enjoys. I do not like the medicine, which in too big doses is a poison. But this would not be an honest report if I did not raise the question whether the strong medicine may be needed. I am afraid it is. For India does not have all the time in the world to solve its basic problems by the education of its masses and by persuasion. The essential economic problem must be solved within a few years, or it may well become insoluble.

**FOR SOME** years the Ford Foundation has sponsored a team of American agricultural specialists who have worked out a plan for the solution of the Indian food problem. They are led by Mr. Douglas Ensminger, a man of great knowledge and wisdom and sympathy. The American experts point out that while the Indians have been able to increase food production somewhat, they are falling behind because of the greater increase in the population.

If this goes on, if the population continues to grow faster than the food supply, India will soon, in some five or six years, "be short about 28 million tons of food. This is more than can possibly be

## Revision Urged in Food Process Law

Washington — (UPI) — The administration plans to ask Congress next month to tighten the law governing the use of chemicals in food processing. This distinction "doesn't make sense," Flemming said. He said it wasn't fair for one food processor to be allowed to use a chemical denied to other segments of the industry.

He predicted that Congress would approve the change. Flemming explained that the present law authorizes his department to deny the request of a food producer asking for permission to use a certain substance if it has been found to be cancer-producing.

But he said the law requires the government to prove the chemical is cancer-producing in the case of food processors

supplied by any conceivable form of rationing or imports.

Large masses of the Indian people, and we should add of their working animals, are under-nourished and indeed hungry most of the time. They have such an unbalanced diet, that they do not have the strength and the energy and the will to improve their methods of farming.

The Ford people are confident that they can master this situation in about six years. To do this there must be more fertilizers and more insecticides. There must be plants to make fertilizers and insecticides. There must be better plows and other agricultural tools. There must be more water for irrigation and more storage space. All this will require about \$1.5 billion in foreign exchange to pay for the tools and the chemicals that have to be imported. It will require also about \$1.8 billion worth of surplus wheat from the United States.

**THIS IS** the price, say these experts, of "continued political stability in India." If the food problem is not solved, there will be a growing inflation in food prices and that will bring not only semi-starvation but widespread unrest and all the dangers of an uncontrollable internal crisis. He would be a bold man who tried to argue that India's fundamental problem can be solved more cheaply than the Ford experts say.

For myself the real question is whether the program, which is no doubt conservative, can be carried out quickly enough among the three hundred million peasants who live in more than half a million villages.

I cannot help feeling that for such a far-reaching revolution on such a gigantic scale in so short a time there will be needed in the leadership of the Indian nation and in the organization of the Indian masses a dynamism and a discipline which are not now there.

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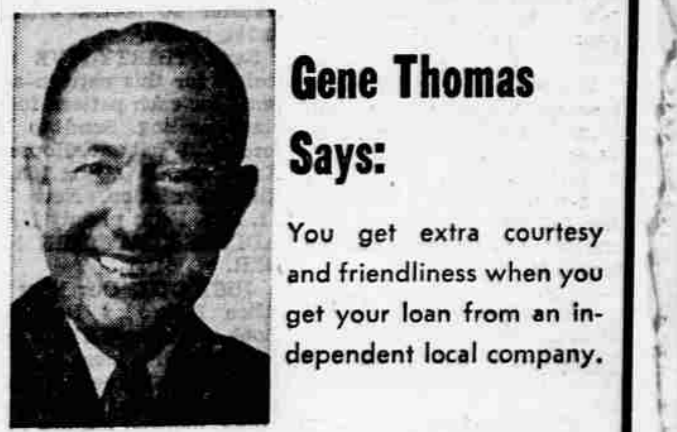
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