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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. 28, 1949 (Wednesday)  
Bellhop sent to prison for  
five years after stealing dia-  
mond worth \$2,200 from Jack-  
son hotel mall.  
Governor McKay appoints  
employment advisory commit-  
tee to counter growing unem-  
ployment in Oregon.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 28, 1939 (Thursday)  
Firms are reported to be  
turning tables on Russians and  
penetrating into latter's terri-  
tory.  
From Arthur Perry's "Ye  
Smudge Pot" column: "With  
only three days left in 1939,  
many citizens are as full of  
resolutions as a convention of  
Jackson county Granges."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 28, 1929 (Saturday)  
City police shoot it out on  
city streets with two men and  
a woman accused of torturing  
an aged junk dealer for his  
money.  
Age limit for participants  
in Oregon high school ath-  
letics is set at 20 by state of-  
ficials.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 28, 1919 (Monday)  
Wave of Christmas deaths  
starting from poison booze  
results nation-wide round up  
of bootleggers.  
Mail Tribune to broadcast  
report of Oregon - Harvard  
Rose Bowl game.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 28, 1909 (Tuesday)  
Merger of Medford, Grants  
Pass, and Ashland fruitgrow-  
ers unions to control market-  
ing is under consideration.  
Laying of track for Pacific  
and Eastern Railroad between  
Medford and Eagle Point con-  
tinues as good weather pre-  
vails.

**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 oldest city  
founded by Europeans in the  
New World?  
2. The names of four of the  
13 original American colonies  
begin with the letter N; what  
are they?  
3. Is the edible part of a  
hen's egg composed of one-  
half, two-thirds, or three-  
quarters water?  
4. Are there 24, 28, 32, or 36  
gills in one gallon?  
5. Who wrote the music of  
"Old Folks at Home"?  
6. What is "barnyard golf"?  
7. Who is the chief of the  
Central Intelligence Agency?  
8. Who was the President of  
the U.S. between the two  
terms served by Grover Cleve-  
land?  
9. State in degrees the sum  
of the angles of a triangle.  
10. What angel announced  
to Mary that she was to be  
the Mother of Jesus?  
Answers: 1. San Domingo.  
2. New Hampshire, New York,  
New Hampshire, North Carolina.  
3. Three-fourths. 4. Thirty-  
two. 5. Stephen Foster. 6.  
Horseshoe Pitching. 7. Allen  
W. Dulles. 8. Benjamin Harri-  
son. 9. 180 degrees. 10. The  
Angel Gabriel.

### Hot Pursuit

On two consecutive days recently Eugene police have chased drivers through the city at high speeds. In both cases the drivers, one 19 and one 20, wrecked the cars they were driving. They also put in jeopardy the lives of innocent citizens in their path. The officers, too, were called upon to risk their lives in apprehending these youths who chose to ignore the police siren.

An objection to these chases has been voiced. Wherein lies the greater harm, some ask — in letting speeders go or in endangering others by engaging in such wild chases?

**IN AN individual case—and assuming the driver is guilty of nothing more than a minor traffic offense—the greater harm could come from the wild chase. We'd likely be safer if the speeder were allowed to escape without pursuit.**

But that's only one side of the coin. How is the officer to know that the driver is guilty of nothing more than speeding? When a driver does not heed a siren, he has a reason. Has he just pulled a stick-up? Is he a "heavy" who is wanted for a major crime? Why does he flee?

This the pursuing policeman can not know until after the chase.

**TO FAIL to pursue a driver who ignores a siren is to abdicate police authority.**

We dare not, in effect, tell our citizens that anybody who doesn't want to be arrested is free to ignore the police siren. Police pursuit must be regarded by criminals as a certainty, not just a remote possibility. One speeder, left to escape, is of relatively small moment.

But if all speeders are left to escape, we have a breakdown of traffic control.

**NOR must we regard these speeders who seek to outrun the police as minor offenders.** Although they are usually charged only with reckless driving or speeding, their offense is really more grave. Because they endanger so many lives, they are, in a manner of speaking, guilty of assault. By refusing to heed the siren, they are, also in a manner of speaking, guilty of resisting arrest.

Far from criticizing the police who chase these punks, the public should appreciate the risk an officer takes in the course of his job.

—Eugene Register-Guard

### Attack on Old Laws

Efforts in Oregon to limit banking hours and to forbid the selling of used cars on Sunday makes interesting the activity in the east to do away with so-called "blue laws"—statutes prohibiting the sale of some merchandise and the conduct of certain business on Sundays.

A leading opponent of New Jersey's blue law is the American Jewish Congress, which is challenging the law—in federal court, too—as a violation of religious freedom as guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The Jewish Sabbath is on Saturday.

**CONSTITUTIONALITY** of Pennsylvania's recently stiffened blue laws, dating back to 1794, now upheld by a three-judge federal court, is being appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. One argument in the Keystone State was that forcing Jews to observe Sunday as a day of rest was the same as compelling them to recognize Christianity. Virginia's Sunday-rest statutes also are under attack in both federal and state courts.

Opponents of blue laws will have to overcome legal precedent to win their cases. Originally designed to enforce observance of the Christian Sabbath, the statutes have been legally justified also on the basis of the State's power to protect the moral and physical welfare of the community. So ruled the U.S. Court as far back as 1895.

**AS RECENTLY** as 1951, a New York penal law to enforce the prohibition of "public selling" on Sunday was upheld in state court over the defendant's objection that it was both a preference of religion and a denial of religious freedom.

It looks as if those who want to push these restrictive selling laws in Oregon have plenty of precedence for their ambitions, but any time the government makes such regulations they are really invading the field of personal liberty—a zone into which they are crowding more and more to the detriment of the welfare of everyone.

Anyway, people in Oregon should watch with interest the new attempts to do away with these ridiculous laws.—Corvallis Gazette-Times

### Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A STORY from Israel concerns rationing that is necessary at times for bread, sugar, coffee and other essentials. Most persons take it in stride, but one fellow suddenly went berserk: "I've been standing in lines now for three weeks," he cried. "Butcher lines. Baker lines. Milkman lines. Everywhere lines. I'm going to complain to the prime minister."

He strode off in a rage, but was back a couple of hours later. "Well," said a friend, "did you see the prime minister?" "Oy," was the answer, "there's really a line!"

On the bar menu of a drive-in: Our special martini: 75c. Made with your suggestions: \$1.25.  
Sign on the window of a taxicab: I'm lovely. I'm engaged.  
In a school zone: Drive carefully. Aente shortage of teachers.  
In a reducing parlor: Drop in and show the fat.



### Dennis the Menace



"DON'T WORRY, MOM... WE DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO EAT. WE'RE JUST GONNA WATCH TV WHILE WE GET WARMED UP!"

### Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

**YEAR OF RISK** — For nearly the whole field of Democratic Presidential aspirants 1960 brings, with the resumed Congress, a year of peculiar risk and danger.

Never before have so many Senators been serious possibilities for the nomination. Four of the five contenders sit in the Senate—Senators John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota and Stuart Symington of Missouri.

Thus to a degree not seen in history what happens in Congress alone will largely shape the Presidential prospects of a whole party in a national election year. Of the big five aspirants, only Adlai E. Stevenson will not be intimately connected with the record of this coming session. And even he will not altogether be apart from it.

**THE Republicans** will be far less affected. Their front runner for the Presidency, Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, cannot expect to stay wholly out of the line of fire. On the whole, however, he need not go on record except when and where he chooses. His chief rival, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, is even more fortunate. Albany is a long way from the national cockpit of Washington.

The poor old Democratic Senators, however, must run a curious trial by fire. "Happy New Year, indeed!" they might well be sourly muttering.

They face a conspiracy made not by men but by circumstances—beginning with the extraordinary happenstance that their party's wealth in Presidential available is so centered in a single place, the Senate. It is so easy place, the Senate, to make enemies and alienate people by having to vote all the time on this or that issue.

This must be a short session, since the national conventions of both parties are to be in July. With this in mind, the Democratic leaders have already laid on an urgent program for the opening of the session. They intend to go to bat at once with bills of fairly liberal complexion—Federal aid to school construction, an increase in the minimum wage, and so on.

**THE basic purpose** is this: to make an initial Congressional record of constructive action before facing the bitterly divisive issue of civil rights which is to be brought up in February.

The bulk of Congressional Democrats, Southern and Northern alike, will support school aid and minimum wage rises. So such early achievements must be relied upon to give at least a first impression of a unified and effective party.

Even granting all goes according to plan, civil rights from the first moment will be under the heaviest pressure of all. As party leader he will be held ultimately responsible, anyhow, for all that happens in the Senate.

**Kin to King**  
To the Editor: One of the most eccentric travelers and story tellers I ever met was of Australian lineage and claimed to be kin to the English tea king, Sir Thomas Lipton.

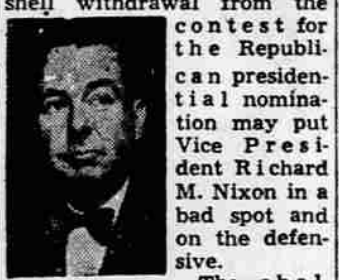
To begin with he claimed to have received his elementary education in Boston, Mass. How he emigrated to Oregon is another unrecorded chapter; probably by a slow process of sailing by way of the Horn of the South American continent.

Once upon a time he was employed by various Rogue valley corporations in construction work camps. One time, it was said that inclement weather made conditions difficult for outside work and retain the crew. "Shorty," as he was nicknamed, was the number one story teller around the campfires all winter. His tales of adventure had a trend for the fantastic, and realistic, yet were not fatalistic. "Shorty" will be remem-

bered by all who had ever met him, from Mexico to Medford, around 40 years ago.  
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## Nelson Rockefeller's Withdrawal May Put Richard Nixon on the Defensive

By LYLE C. WILSON  
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Washington—(UPI)—Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's bombshell withdrawal from the contest for the Republican presidential nomination may put Vice President Richard M. Nixon in a bad spot and on the defensive.



The challenging key words in Rockefeller's week end statement were these:

"The great majority of those who will control the Republican convention stand opposed to any contest for the presidential nomination."

"The great majority of those who will control the Republican convention!" In other words, the Republican party, the Republican grass roots and state machines, the party bosses! The governor said that these—a comparatively few men and women, at most—have made up their minds that they do not want a contest. And that's what they want Nixon.

The governor did not say

that a great majority of the members of the Republican party would prefer that the Vice President be nominated for President without opposition. A statement of that kind would have boomed Nixon into the nomination so surely that it scarcely would have been necessary to have a convention.

There are elements in the Republican party likely to be resentful and aggressively opposed to the situation now stated by Rockefeller to be a fact within their party—that the grass roots and state professionals oppose a contest for the presidential nomination.

If this resentment catches fire there could be a go-for-broke movement to nominate Rockefeller anyway. The governor said his decision was definite and final. Politicians, however, have a certain poetic license.

For good or ill, Rockefeller's statement tagged Nixon as the handpicked choice of the party party boss who even opposed giving any other Republican an opportunity to contest the nomination in convention balloting.

Except in the instance of the renomination of a president, that has not been the

American political way. Nixon's solo position as an aspirant for the Republican vice presidential nomination in 1956 was seized upon by the Democrats as a campaign issue. The Democrats called their own open convention in contrast to the Republican convention which they said was closed.

**The Bosses' Man**  
The Democrats could have a better issue on open-convention conventions in 1960. That would be if Nixon came out of the Republican convention tagged by Rockefeller as the nominee whom the party leaders protected from all opposition; the bosses' man.

Nixon's strategists certainly did not foresee this Rockefeller action. The Vice President was on a sight-seeing tour with a young relative Saturday when the governor's statement erupted from Albany. The Nixon camp had been aware, however, of annoyed intimations from Rockefeller sources that the Vice President was the Republican machine choice.

The polls, for what they are worth, indicate that Nixon is far stronger today than Rockefeller, not merely with party bosses but with the rank and file. Future polls will be es-

pecially interesting. They may show whether the rank and file will switch to Rockefeller—the man the party bosses counted out.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Today's brightest news: Man's hopes for peace on earth grew stronger today after the happiest and most relaxed Christmas the world has known since World War II.

**THERE'S still some shooting.** There is a rebellion in Algeria. Algeria came into Roman history as Numidia, a written colony with an advanced civilization. In 440 A.D., the Vandals swept in and ended Numidia's prosperity. In the 600's, the Moslems conquered the land. In 1492, Ferdinand and Isabella drove the Moors out of Spain and some of them settled in Algeria, which became one of the Barbary States, which were the home of the Barbary pirates. We had to clean up the Barbary pirates. The French conquered Algeria in 1830, held it under military rule until 1871, then made it a part of France. The Algerians want to run their own show. Hence the shooting.

There's a ruckus on between Iran and Iraq. There's tension along the India-China border. The Chinese communists are still shooting at the Chinese Nationalist offshore islands. Castro is making a mess in Cuba.

## Eisenhower Deals With Thorny Problem While on French Visit

By PHIL NEWSON  
UPI Foreign Editor

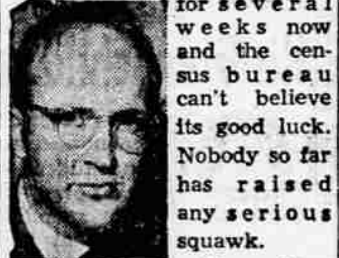
From the foreign editor's notebook:  
**THE MAN TO PLEASE:** One of the thorniest problems President Eisenhower had to deal with in Paris was President Charles de Gaulle's

refusal to permit integration of French forces into NATO. Now, as result of agreement reached between the two, French experts are preparing a plan where the French Air Force at least will "cooperate" with the Allied Integrated Air Command. The man who will judge it and who is also the man to be pleased is Supreme Commander U.S. Gen. Lauris Norstad. The French report is expected about mid-February, giving Norstad a month to study it before reporting on it to the allied military committee.

**HAT IN THE RING:** West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt is said to be quietly working behind the scenes to become the Social Democratic Party's nominee for West German chancellor in the 1961 elections. The socialists never have been able to dislodge Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party but the popular Brandt might give Adenauer some election-day troubles.

## Census Forms Have Many Questions on Variety of Subjects

By FRANK ELEAZER  
United Press International  
Washington—(UPI)—Do-it-yourself census forms for 1960 have been on public view for several weeks now and the census bureau can't believe its good luck.



Nobody so far has raised any serious squawk.

Oh, a few congressmen have complained that the census taker these days is getting too nosy, wanting to know about our plumbing (indoors or out); our washing machines (automatic or not); and how we get to work in the morning (many a morning I wonder about that one myself).

One lawmaker went so far as to suspect, publicly, that psychiatrists might have taken over the bureau. By and large, though, the bureau's final decisions on what questions to include and leave out in the 18th decennial census have been received with resignation if not outright enthusiasm.

The bureau doesn't expect enthusiasm. All it asks is that you answer the questions, ranging from your income to your telephone number. Anybody who refuses can be fined \$100 or sent to jail for 60 days, though the bureau can't recall a case where this actually happened.

"We persuade 'em," a

spokesman said of the comparatively few who every 10 years can be depended on to balk at some question or other or even to refuse, on religious grounds, to have any part at all of the census.

Anyway, it's not as bad as it might be. In 1850 the census taker inquired among other things whether each household included any paupers, idiots, or convicts.

There are other grounds to be grateful. After proper deliberation the census experts turned down inquiries on the color of our hair, if any (the cosmetics makers wanted to know); the number and kind of our pets, (for the dog food makers, I think); our height and weight (the tailors hoped to engineer better fits); and whether or not we have faith, and if so what kind (a touchy subject on constitutional grounds).

Even so, some of the 180 million people the nose-count is expected to turn up are likely to view the inquiry as unduly inquisitive.

A basic form will be mailed to all householders in March, to be filled out and held for the census taker's call early in April. It covers name, age, race, marital status, etc., of all residents. It includes a similar inquiry about any non-resident who may have stayed overnight on March 31, a question which it is hoped won't embarrass too many people.

Then there's some basic stuff about the house, including whether or not there's a toilet that flushes.

At every fourth house will be left an additional two pages of questions on the house and two extra pages for details about each person living therein. That's where we get into where you work and how much, and whether you get there by bus, railroad, car pool, or muleback. Also, how many years schooling you got; how many times you've been married; and (for women) how many babies you've had. To be ready, you also may as well count now your radios, TVs, and automobiles.

Most of the form-filling will be done by those being counted. Still, 160,000 enumerators will be hired for about two weeks of hoofing around. These jobs will pay about \$12 daily. To get one you have to read, write, and vote Republican.

**COMPETITION:** Reliable economic sources in Frankfurt say West German steel firms are preparing to step up their exports to the United States in the event of a new walkout by U.S. steel workers. The West German firms already are making some U.S. deliveries but the plan now is to step up these shipments to meet a considerable part of U.S. steel needs.

**MORE TROUBLE:** Observers in Southeast Asia expect new troubles in Laos to break out around the middle of January. Not only will there be pressure from the Communist North Vietnamese border area, but it is possible that a civil war may be touched off by dissident tribal elements and the outlawed Pathet Lao forces which are friendly to communism.

**ELUSIVE MAO:** Western intelligence sources admit they have lost track completely of Mao Tse-tung, strongman of Red China. They haven't been able to get a line on him since Oct. 25. It is surmised that he is in the southern provinces, checking up on the campaign to root out the so-called "rightist opportunists," those who have opposed the regime's rigorous work campaign. But even this is not known for certain.

**SO MUCH FOR PEACE.** What of PROSPERITY— which, history tells us, goes hand-in-hand with peace?

**A NEWS summary** that is clicking off the wires as this is written puts it this way: Cash registers jangled a happy climax to a SENSATIONAL Christmas buying season. The extent of 1959 holiday shopping is indicated by two surveys. Dun & Bradstreet reports that dollar volume for the pre-Christmas week was up from 1 to 5 per cent over a year ago.

The trade newspaper Women's Wear says department and specialty stores boosted their sales for the season by 3 per cent over last year. The Toy Manufacturers Association says toy sales this year topped 1958 by 15 to 20 per cent and will exceed the all-time record set in 1957.

**NOT too bad.** When people are reasonably easy in their minds, they tend to spend their money for things they want. When they are UNEASY in their minds, they tend to hang onto their money in preparation for the rainy day they fear may be coming.

**SO—** All in all, you see, things might be worse. Maybe we'll live through 1960.

### Japan To Reduce Fish Boat Number

Tokyo—(UPI)—The Fishery Board today notified fishing firms which operate in the North Pacific that they must cut the number of their salmon catcher boats by 10 per cent next year.

The present salmon catcher fleet has 460 vessels.

The board said the reduction in the catcher fleet was necessary because of Japan's reduced salmon catch quota in Northern Pacific waters.

bered by all who had ever met him, from Mexico to Medford, around 40 years ago.  
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