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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... Feb. 15, 1950 (Wednesday) Dr. Albert Einstein warns that hydrogen bomb makes annihilation of all life possible through radio-active poisoning of atmosphere.

20 YEARS AGO... Feb. 15, 1940 (Thursday) Pacific Telephone and Telegraph is replacing old phones with dial phones here at rate of 50 per day.

30 YEARS AGO... Feb. 15, 1930 (Saturday) Ashland defeats Medford 35 to 21 in hard-fought and sometimes wild basketball game.

40 YEARS AGO... Feb. 15, 1920 (Monday) Douglas fir reaches highest price in history of state.

50 YEARS AGO... Feb. 15, 1910 (Tuesday) Bill passed by 1909 Oregon legislature to build road from Pacific ocean to Idaho across southern Oregon declared unconstitutional by courts.

WHAT'S YOUR I.Q.?... Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Who was Aristotle's most famous teacher? 2. In which group of Pacific islands is Cebu? 3. What is a gherkin? 4. In what bay is Alcatraz island? 5. Was the late Franklin D. Roosevelt ever a candidate for the office of Vice President?

Democracy and Dictatorship

At his press conference President Eisenhower spoke of dictatorships as "very efficient" and implied there are many things dictatorships can do which we cannot do because we have a free enterprise democracy in which primary importance is attached to each individual's freedom and rights.

Though he expressed confidence about the long-run results of our society's working, he thought it necessary to urge our people to have more confidence in our system and he put the responsibility for key decisions on the mass of our citizens.

HAD HE HAD more time for reflection, we suspect, the President's answer would have been different. Surely he knows that the supposed efficiency of dictatorships is purely a facade behind which many areas of near chaos are hidden.

Hitler conquered Europe, as the President said, but there is nothing impressive about the bureaucratic civil war within the Nazi regime which delayed completion of the V-1 and V-2 weapons until it was too late.

The Soviet regime has impressive accomplishments to its credit, but only a few weeks ago Khrushchev revealed the incredible confusion in Kazakhstan which permitted millions of acres of valuable grain to go unharvested last fall.

BY COINCIDENCE the President's remarks were made the same day that the organization was finally announced of the group he is sponsoring to set up national goals for the next decade. This group is relevant to the essential element which was missing from the President's offhand press conference remarks.

An effective democracy requires effective leadership. Whether preserving the Union under Abraham Lincoln or combating economic distress and fascist aggression under Franklin D. Roosevelt, our society's brightest pages have been written when vigorous and imaginative leaders employed our democratic institutions to mobilize our free people's energies for the tasks that needed to be done if our society were to survive.

There is nothing worth while Khrushchev's land has accomplished which we cannot do better if all the rich potentialities of our flexible society are used imaginatively and boldly by the leaders to whom our people look for guidance.—New York Times.

Public Profit Plan

Associated Press reports that the Congress is expected to take kindly to Forest Service requests for a \$23 million start on "Operation Multiple Use."

This long-range program is intended to improve utilization of the United States forest resources, to insure their bounty for future generations, and to provide benefits ranging from conservation of watersheds to recreation which will more than pay for the outlays envisioned.

OPERATION Multiple Use is the most ambitious conservation and development program ever proposed for the nation's forests. Yet its total cost, over a period of 40 years, is expected to run only slightly more than a billion dollars.

Congress should look approvingly upon this proposition. Not often does the federal government have such a sound self-liquidating investment opportunity.

A billion dollars is a lot of money, even spread over a 40-year period. But Congress surely must be aware that it is only a fifth of what Uncle Sam is paying out every year for the operation of its Veteran's Administration.

ACTUALLY, the Forest Service is asking Congress for but \$11 million in additional funds to get Operation Multiple Use underway in the coming fiscal year. The service has \$11.8 million on hand that it can use for the rest of the first-year bills.

Eleven million dollars is only about three times the amount Congress appropriates each year for the American Battle Monuments Commission.—Eugene Register-Guard.

Enter the Moskvich

Will the Moskvich make a place for itself in the American automobile market? Possibly, but it will not be easy. The Soviet car, to be imported by a New York concern, will have to bid for United States customers on a price basis.

The machine sells for \$6000 in Russia and in other parts of Europe for \$1400. The American price has not been announced.

There is already one thing wrong with the Moskvich—its name. Somehow we cannot quite hear our neighbor boasting about his Moskvich. Solid, perhaps, but dull.—St. Louis Post Dispatch

Sen. Wayne Morse says he is seriously considering entering the presidential primary in Wisconsin. That is a signal that he will. His entry will complicate the race which has been shaping up between Sens. Humphrey and Kennedy. A native of Wisconsin and graduate of its state university Morse would receive a measure of "favorite son" support, and as the only candidate who voted against the 1959 labor bill could claim support of labor. Our guess is that a Morse candidacy there would hurt Humphrey more than Kennedy.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Dennis the Menace



"HEY, I GOT AN IDEA! LET'S MAKE A MUDMAN!"

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

WASHINGTON CLOUDS... Vice President Richard Nixon has long appeared all but happily exempt from the fact that into each (political) life some rain must fall.

As usual, he has occupied a place far above the storm. He has been able to look on while aspirants for the Democratic nomination have fought among themselves for the right to oppose him in the November election.

Suddenly, however, the weather has turned a bit. Now, a few small clouds are gathering over the prospect for Nixon.

1. He is under persistent pressure from the Rockefeller wing to declare himself a "progressive" and so to say goodbye to all the bad old "conservatives."

2. Just as he is the GOP's designated successor to Mr. Eisenhower, so is Nixon the undoubted inheritor of the growing headache of the missile-gap argument.

3. There is now a possibility that the "peace" issue may not look quite so good for the Republicans—which means Mr. Nixon in the fall as it has been looking.

UNTIL the other day Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York had not uttered the name "Nixon" since Dec. 26. That was the date Rockefeller removed himself from the race for the Presidential nomination.

Finally, as to "peace." Recent Soviet pronouncements have made it hard to find in Washington a single authority who now believes the summit meeting of May will produce any real easement in the cold war.

This does not necessarily mean ultimate failure. It doesn't mean that Nixon doesn't still have an enormously useful issue. But it does mean that its net value can well have been greatly reduced by November.

CALL FOR YOUTH... Leamington, England—(UPI)—Shapely contestants in the local judging for the "Miss Great Britain" beauty contest are threatening not to appear unless younger judges are chosen. One judge is over 60.

As to the defense debate, this is the central political reality: if the people should decide these defenses really have not been enough, the man hurt will not be Mr. Eisenhower, who is leaving an office. It will be Mr. Nixon.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A PHILOSOPHER was invited to be guest of honor at a big banquet, but absentmindedly arrived in a business suit, and soon noticed that the welcoming committee was distinctly upset.

Led with a great show of deference to the dais, he waited until the soup was served, then took a tablespoonful and spilled it drop by drop on his elegant suit. "Eat well, my fine suit," he said distinctly, an edge of fine sarcasm in his voice, "for it obviously was you and not me who was invited here this evening!"

A very pretty girl approached Richard Rodgers for a part in the English company of "Flower Drum Song." "Come over to Shubert Alley with me and hear me sing," she begged. "What's the matter with the stage of the St. James Theater?" asked Dick. "Oh, I could never sing there," shuddered the girl. "When I'm in a theater I get stage fright."

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Dick West Tries Hand at Valentine's Verse; Poems Go To Political Figures

By DICK WEST... Washington (UPI)—I thought this year's crop of valentine poetry contained more inspiration than a...



Dick West verse on a single sheet of paper? The ones that poked fun at drinkers, smokers, tightwads, sloppy dressers and other familiar types? The ones you sent to your friends without signing your name?

entine's Day. But the sentiments expressed are still fresh, so here's belated greetings:

To Sen. Johnson from Sen. Kennedy: "New Hampshire is red, Wisconsin is blue. I entered the primaries, 'Why didn't you?'"

To Gov. Rockefeller from Vice President Nixon: "Your voice is full of character; I admire your handsome face; For you became my valentine."

To President Eisenhower from Sen. Symington: "I send this little valentine 'All wrapped in hearts and tissue. For in each little missile gap I've found a campaign issue."

To Nixon from Sen. Dirksen, Rep. Halleck and 18 other Republicans: "I love each hair upon your head; Each Democrat I hate. 'If you will be my valentine, I'll be your running mate.'"

To the voters of Tennessee from Sen. Kefauver: "I made the race for President twice. 'And every time I meant it. 'But now I'll be content if I'm 'Re-elected to the Senate.'"

Foreign Notebook: Landing Rights, Deadlock on A-Ban

By PHIL NEWSOM... UPI Foreign Editor... From the foreign editor's notebook:

Turbulence... U.S. refusal to permit KLM Royal Dutch Airlines to pick up passengers in Los Angeles en route to the Far East has rubbed an old sore spot. In Montreal, headquarters for the United Nations' International Civil Aviation Organization and the Airlines International Air Transport Assn., aviation sources say they would not be surprised if a number of nations retaliate against what they regard as an unreasonably protective U.S. attitude.

Deadlock... Despite Washington optimism that Russia ultimately will accept President Eisenhower's proposal for a ban on all nuclear tests except the smallest underground ones, sources in Geneva where the nuclear talks are being conducted, see little hope for any such Russian about-face. Instead, they think Britain, as the middle nation in the controversy, may try to reconcile U.S.-Soviet differences and bring about a giant horse-trade. Otherwise, they say, the deadlock is complete.

Freedom's Ring... The London conference to arrange independence for Great Britain's African Kenya colony swiftly is getting no colony. However, it generally is agreed that African control is coming soon and that white rule is on the way out.

Family Quarrel... West Germany's opposition Socialists are going to bring their big guns to bear on Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government in an early parliamentary debate on anti-Semitism. The government will weather the storm, but the Socialists plan to charge it with doing nothing during the recent anti-Semitic outbreak and with refusing to clean out Nazis from its own ranks.

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.

being paid out each year from the national treasury to traitors, spies and fugitives from justice, who have fled the United States and are now living in foreign countries. Justice Felix Frankfurter (of the Supreme court) has participated in 72 cases. His record shows pro-Communist votes 56; anti-Communist votes 16.

Who is the Supreme court working for? Lloyd Stratton, 963 Ferry lane, Eugene, Ore.

A Look Ahead... To the Editor: We were much in accord with the students in Senior high on requesting more constructive letters be written to communications columns.

As we enter the "push-button" age, men will be retired at 45 years of age, in order that younger graduates can fill the future jobs in all skilled industries. Times will never be quite the same, because we will eventually evolve from our present day lumber mills to more permanent materials of building structures. Rare earth elements will be much in demand and there probably lies the forerunner of a great future demand for new trained chemists, geologists and scientists.

Southeastern Oregon, north-eastern California and northern Nevada will probably be the scene and territory of the discovery of many new and valuable minerals now sought after. Certain of the rare earth elements are now commanding many thousands of dollars an ounce on the world market today.

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman st., Medford.

Yust Taxes... To the Editor: I saw this headline in the Tribune of Feb. 4, 1960. It says: "Stock Market Used To Teach Students Art of Economics."

Aye had three good teachers to teach me the art of economics, two Democrats and one Republican. Two more Republicans or just one more Democrat and Aye won't have no economics, Aye just have taxes to worry about.

Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

Critic... To the Editor: Our Mr. Bulman (Critic of woman) Men's acts will condone And leave them alone. I think that his words Are all for the birds.

Mr. Delbert Casey, Route 1, Box 358, Central Point, Ore.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: The Internal Revenue Service—to COLLECT THE FEDERAL TAXES—has moved along the sidelines of a house of representatives investigation of under-the-table payments to disc jockeys to MAKE SURE THE GOVERNMENT GETS ITS SHARE OF THE PAYOLA.

IRS has assigned an agent from its intelligence division to listen in on the hearings by the house subcommittee that is investigating the payola charges.

WHAT is to say: The Internal Revenue Service wants to know how much payola is being paid, and TO WHOM. It will then move in on the payees and say to them: "COME ACROSS! This is INCOME! So be sure you put it in your income report and PAY TAXES ON IT."

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service isn't concerned with the legal and ethical aspects of payola. All it wants to know is WHO GOT WHAT. It will then move in on him and tell him to PAY UNCLE HIS SHARE.

FROM where Uncle sits, the payola business is a good deal like the slot machine business. Uncle isn't concerned with the legality of slot machines—unless, perchance, their operators run afoul of the federal statute that forbids use of the mails to promote a lottery.

His job is to see to it that slot machine profits and WINNINGS are reported as income so that federal taxes will be paid on them. His job ends there.

THAT suggests a question: When you're passing through Reno or Las Vegas and drop into a slot machine den or a casino and put a dollar in the dollar machine and the jackpot comes rattling gaily out and falls all over the floor and you gather it up and put it in your pocket, do you report it to Uncle as INCOME?

What is Uncle to do? The answer is that about the only thing for him to do is to go on taking it out of the hides of the taxpayers. That's about the long and the short of it.

BLOWN OFF CLIFF... Rhyope, England—(UPI)—William Hedley, 45, was wheeling his bicycle along the edge of a 60 foot cliff near here Sunday when a gust of wind converted his open raincoat into a kind of "sail" and blew him over the precipice to his death, police reported.

Youngsters Find Way to Safety... Toledo, Ore.—(UPI)—Two 11-year-old boys missing overnight walked to safety Sunday after a hike on Pioneer mountain east of here.

The boys, David Brooks and Walter Potter, said they stayed under a stump after darkness overtook them Saturday and the next morning followed a power line and then a logging road out. Both live near here.

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