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Flight of 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. 21, 1950 (Tuesday) The state department announced today that U.S.-Bulgarian diplomatic relations have been broken because of latter's charges that U.S. envoy is conspiring against government.

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 21, 1940 (Wednesday) Nineteen citizens bearing petitions signed by 50 others protest site of new garbage dump approved by city only two weeks ago.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 21, 1930 (Friday) New city booklet will give data on water purity and taste. Chicago jobless riot and battle with police; many injured.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 21, 1920 (Sunday) Local Methodists plan \$150,000 church at Main st. and Oakdale ave., reputed to be the finest between San Francisco and Portland.

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 21, 1910 (Monday) Ashland in "throes" of first recall election; indications are incumbent mayor will survive by large majority.

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

Durno v. Porter

It appears that Congressman Charles O. Porter's rival will be State Sen. Ed Durno of Medford. He's a good man. But Mr. Porter's previous opponent, Paul Geddes of Roseburg, was a good man, too.

Yet many persons who were disturbed about Mr. Porter's activities voted for him a second time. And he won, somewhat because voters approved of him, but also because they were offended by the character of the Geddes campaign.

BY THE TIME election day arrived in 1958, Mr. Geddes was sounding like a cross between Joe McCarthy and Everett Dirksen. He was really neither. It did him no credit that he permitted his managers to make him sound like a reactionary and a McCarthyite.

Dr. Durno, we hope, will wage a positive campaign. His record in the Legislature last session was good. The man showed real ability. Therefore he ought to have positive ideas of his own. Let's hear them.

AS the incumbent, Mr. Porter is open to attack. But that attack should be on issues, not on the personal level that the Geddes campaign often descended to. We hope there will be no repeating of ridiculous assertions that Mr. Porter is lazy, which he certainly isn't.

A congressman should be interested in more than just pork for the home district. The attack should be on the position Mr. Porter has taken in these excursions into international affairs, not just on the fact that he has taken them.

Invitation For A Law

A federal grand jury of Mississippi citizens now has found no cause for prosecution in the case of Mack Charles Parker, Negro lynch victim. But two things are beyond dispute in the Parker case: 1. He was lynched. 2. No one has been apprehended or convicted for that barbarous crime.

PREVIOUSLY, lynching had been dying out in the South. But because the Parker case is so blatantly being left unsolved, it may have an effect on public opinion like that of the Lindbergh kidnap case, which forced federal intervention in a field previously reserved to the states.

BEYOND the two unavoidable facts stated above, the public record in the case is blurred. At the core of the mystery lies a complete FBI report on the case—a report spurned by a county judge and grand jury and left effectively suppressed by the refusal of a second grand jury to take action.

WE BELIEVE it is preferable for communities—North or South—to govern themselves. But we also believe that responsible citizens in those communities do not wish to stand before the world as supporters of lynch law. When a town such as Poplarville, Mississippi, proves itself unwilling or unable to prevent or punish lynching, some new legal power at a higher level of government is needed.

Round Three on Drug Prices

A popular tranquilizing drug of American manufacture costs as little as 85 cents for 50 tablets in Argentina. Here 50 tablets of the same brand cost \$5.52. The figures come from recent hearings of the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly subcommittee headed by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.).

THIS time the Senate group is going to put consumers on the stand. Judging from the volume of mail the subcommittee has received from all over the country, many letters coming from old folks on pensions, the consumer witnesses will be forceful and articulate.

Dennis the Menace



Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE PRIVILEGED NATION The 4.1 billion dollars which the President is asking Congress to appropriate for mutual security, or in plainer English for foreign aid, will help to pay for a variety of programs in many countries.

SINCE the purpose of these subsidies is not wholly or essentially military, administration is often extravagant and wasteful. Worse still, because of the conspicuously high standard of life which prevails in the American army forces abroad, our military aid is an almost certain recipe for getting the United States disliked.

ALTHOUGH these programs are all designed for the same purpose—to contain the spread of Communism—they have become much more sophisticated and complicated than they were originally.

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THIS was the period when Gen. Eisenhower was the Supreme Commander in Western Europe. It was then that he approved plans for a West European army which would have been more than twice as big as the best that NATO has ever been able to achieve.

THESE historic changes in the world balance of power have affected deeply our task of holding together the coalition to contain the spread of Communism. For one thing, the threat and possibility of overt military aggression by the Soviet Union has declined almost to the vanishing point.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

THE DISARMAMENT MESS Washington - During the past fortnight, this city has offered a spectacle that has been richly comic, not a little humiliating, and almost incredible, all at once.

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IT WAS this psychology that made the Coolidge report so mouselike. It was this psychology that caused the American position paper of last Tuesday to be such an impoverished thing.

THESE extraordinary facts are far from exhausting this episode's sheer fantasy, American and Soviet negotiators had been talking about disarmament, almost non-stop from 1955 onwards until a year or so ago.

While the Coolidge committee labored, our diplomats freely told our allies that they could not tackle the disarmament problem until the strategic committee had made up the Administration's mind about it.

By this time, another lawyer, the able New Yorker, Frederick Eaton, had been named to present the U.S. brief on disarmament. But Eaton had no brief to present.

From Washington: The agriculture department's livestock inventory, just completed, shows that the nation's horse and mule population totaled 3,089,000 Jan. 1. It was down only 2 per cent from a year ago.

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WELL—As everybody knows—The tractor won out. Here's one reason: Horses had to be fed. That took labor. They had to be carried. They had to be harnessed. They had to be taken out and hitched to the plow or other machinery.

WHAT brings up some interesting agricultural history. The horse and mule population reached its high point in 1918, at which time there were 26,723,000 horses and mules on American farms.

ON the other hand, the tractors consumed GASOLINE, and gasoline isn't a crop. It comes out from UNDER the land. When the wells are drilled, the land is still there.

IT was argued, quite heatedly, that these gasoline-burn-

POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)

Some might find this difficult to believe, but the Mail Tribune newswoman has gone on a sports-car kick.

Our women's editor, who is a youthful-looking—well, she has one or two gray hairs—succeeded the other day, and recorded her own version of what happened in her Potpourri column.

Any way, one of our young men, who has been driving a sedate and practical little Volkswagen, suddenly decided that that is the life for him, and careened off to a place where they deal in little sports cars.

He came back with a look in his eye which indicated he'd never be the same again. Anyway, the rest of us, who drive eminently respectable vehicles, ranging from "economy" foreign cars through the ranks of Chevy, Ford and Plymouth, have had our ears drums assaulted with verbal impressions of how the engines (or is it motors?) sound; gas economy; the difficulties of ingress and egress, and such-like esoterica.

The "quote of the week," however, from our slightly bewitched socialist writer, was this: "I wish I could figure out some way of keeping my shoes on while driving that car!"

This one has been kicking around our file for some weeks now, and perhaps this is just as good a time to spring it on you as any. Read the following sentence, first: "Finished files are the result of years of scientific study combined with the experience of years."

A couple we know have birthdays on the same day. They exchanged gifts last week, and he reported that it came out about right—he got a billfold and she got a dishwasher.

One of our reporters won a prize not long ago for a story he wrote, and drove down to the Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference in Redding to pick it up.

Reporting back, he said, a man dressed as an old-time logger, complete with hooked peavey, patrolled the speakers' stand, and when speakers went over-time, used the peavey hook to yank them off.

This same reporter covered Congressman Judd's speech here recently, and among the gathering of Republicans, he spotted a woman hipstopping out in her stockings feet, holding her shoes. Hm. Wonder if SHE drives a sports car, TOO.

Back at the logging conference for a moment, our man said there was a series of cartoons depicting the "progress" of the lumber industry.

THE first showed a giant tree-trunk being dragged out of the woods by one ox driven by one man. The next, two oxen and two men dragging a smaller log. The third—three oxen, three men; and so on to the last—a few tiny logs being manhandled by giant machinery operated by two men, with another directing six—you genius, you.

Try and Stop Me —By BENNETT CERF

WHEN AND IF you encounter a ghost, the only thing to fear, it seems, is fear itself. A traveler returning from England solemnly reports that he was spending a night in a dank, enormous old castle when he suddenly felt a clammy hand on his shoulder. It was a ghost, all right. "I have been pacing these corridors," the ghost announced, "every night for seven long centuries."



"LOVE BY NUMBERS" (from an old almanac): 2 lovers sat beneath the shade, And I us 2 the other said, "How 14 8 that you be 9 Have smiled upon this suit of mine. If 5 a heart it palps for you. Thy voice is mu 6 melody. 'Tis 7 to be thy loved 1, 2; Say, oh nymph, wilt marry me?" Then leaped the maid, "Why, 13 ly!"