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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.

30 YEARS AGO March 17, 1930 (Friday) Ashland doctor faces \$10,000 lawsuit after the car he had been operating struck and killed a 16-year-old girl.

40 YEARS AGO March 17, 1920 (Thursday) A predicted raise in gasoline prices on West Coast will affect Medford.

50 YEARS AGO March 17, 1910 (Thursday) Fruitgrowers recently organized Rogue River Valley Fruit and Produce association start soliciting subscriptions for capital stock.

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

1. Were Italian Fascists distinguished by their silver, brown, black or red shirts? 2. Are members of the President's cabinet elected, or appointed, to office? 3. Which southeastern State is called the "Peninsula State"?

4. How many guns did the famous USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides") carry? 5. What causes the bursting of a frozen water pipe? 6. When Franklin D. Roosevelt died, he was at one of his favorite spots; name it. 7. Do vertebrates, or invertebrates, have backbones? 8. Who was the author of the "Forteen Points"? 9. On what inland sea were the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? 10. Complete the title of the John Fox novel, "The Little Shepherd of..."

Answers: 1. Black Shirts. 2. Appointed. 3. Florida. 4. 44 guns. 5. Expansion of the water when freezing. 6. Warm Springs, Ga. 7. Vertebrates. 8. President Woodrow Wilson. 9. Dead Sea. 10. "Kingdom Come."

CAREER DIPLOMAT DIES Washington - (UPI) - Ray Atherton, 76, a career diplomat who was this country's first ambassador to Canada, died at his home Wednesday.

It's Still an Issue

The flare-up of discussion over whether the United States should or should not comply with requests, if made, for birth control information and assistance in other countries, has died down pretty well for the moment.

The argument, one may recall, was about whether birth control is or is not a fit subject for governmental involvement.

What was almost entirely overlooked in the arguments, which made the rounds in governmental and religious circles, is how the nations in question might feel about it.

THE Times of India, published in Bombay, is one of that nation's most influential papers. A few months ago, it had this to say on the subject:

"Many surveys in this country have already shown that even the people in the rural areas are not as averse to family planning as is generally thought. Indeed, a World Health Organization study in a village in Mysore and in a housing unit near New Dehli showed as many as 75 per cent of the married couples were keen to learn some effective way of limiting their families.

"In some areas the percentage of those willing to use contraceptives is no doubt smaller, but even their old prejudices are breaking down as a result of the increasing pressure on land.

"The point is that even the majority of those who are willing to take to family planning are not in a position to do so for lack of adequate facilities. Only about 600 family planning clinics have been opened in the rural areas so far. This means that hardly one village out of a thousand has easy access to competent advice on family planning.

"It is true that the Government is in no position today to distribute contraceptives freely to every family in every village. But it could have tried. It has failed to make family planning an integral part of the community development plans.

"The immediate need is to extend the network of family planning clinics in the villages and to intensify the effort to find a contraceptive which is cheap, effective, simple to use and easy to store. . . . If this promise (of recent successful contraceptive research) is fulfilled, it should be easy to popularize family planning in the rural areas with much less expense.

"But even with a cheaper method, it will be necessary to allocate far larger funds for family planning if the birth control campaign is to cover the entire country. There is talk of providing about 750 million rupees (\$158 million) for family planning. . . . There is need not only to increase this allocation to at least a billion rupees (\$210 million) but also to make sure that every rupee is put to far better use than has been the case so far."

ANOTHER major Asian nation, next-door Pakistan, is also exceedingly concerned about the pressure of population on land, and is sponsoring official measures for family planning.

A recent issue of "The Asian Student" quotes a minister of the government as saying the nation's "economy growth, culture, peace, and even its existence," are at stake.

Unchecked births in that nation, it stated, could wreck the government's new five-year "austerity for prosperity" plan. The minister of health and social welfare said a curb on the birth rate is necessary to prevent a food shortage, and that "already most families barely manage to subsist."

The article continues: "Family planning has been the official policy for the last year. Its object is to stabilize the population within the next decade at not much more than 90,000,000. "This we must do," said Brig. Mohammed Sharif, director of health, "or the consequences are unthinkable."

PAKISTAN (which in size is about half-way between Texas and Alaska) hopes to stabilize its population at around 90 million.

India, more than twice the size of Alaska, has a population estimated at nearly 400 million. (The population of Texas, by contrast, is about 9 1/2 million; of Alaska a mere 167,000.)

Considering that not all of their land is arable, and that the programs of industrialization, while being pushed, are still backward, there is real cause for concern in these unbelievably overpopulated lands.

JAPAN has had what is probably the most successful birth control program of any nation, and its rate of growth has slowed remarkably—almost cut in half—in the past few years.

Japan's land area is less than half that of Texas, but its population is more than ten times that of Texas.

But, by reason of its high degree of industrialization, by intensive cultivation, and by its use of the ocean as a food resource, it has so far managed without widespread starvation.

But in India and Pakistan the problem of population control and famine are not matters for idle speculation, nor casual debate of moral issues. They are a life-or-death matter.

THESE are the hard facts which are in the minds of those who believe that birth control advice to Asian nations which request it is as much a matter of survival as food shipments or capital investments.

Indeed, as someone pointed out, our refusal to grant such assistance would be meddling in the internal affairs of other nations as much as anything we could do.

By acting, we can influence other nations' hopes for the future; by not acting, we can do the same.

The whole question is a valid moral issue to some. But it is also a mighty practical issue, in Asia.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



It's something new. I have to beat him to the draw to get him to bed.

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.

"Disturbing" Questions

To the Editor: Despite your eloquent editorial Sunday, there are a few disturbing questions I would like answered. Why was Mr. Smith assigned to Medford? You don't expect us to believe it just happened, or that there was no other place for him where a Negro colony already exists. It doesn't seem fair to him or to the citizens of this area who have been so fortunate in avoiding the tensions that inevitably follow mingling of the races.

What were the motives of the official responsible for his appointment to this post? Is he a tool of the N.A.A.C.P., using him as an opening wedge for planned influx of colored people? Or a vindictive Southerner burned up at some of your pro-integration editorials?

What is so unique about our economy that we need not fear a sizable number settling in our area once they become established? As to the overall question of integration, in theory it sounds nice to break down all social barriers, but what will be the ultimate result? How long will it be before the N.A.A.C.P. will test the constitutionality of state laws forbidding intermarriage? What would the verdict be with our present Supreme Court? Anyone who tries to kid himself that the removal of social barriers will not lead to intermarriage had better consider the tragic case of the New York professor whose teenage daughter wanted to marry a Negro ball player. Neither she nor her friends could understand why anyone should object.

Please don't insult our intelligence by quoting the Declaration of Independence and the Bible. Every school boy knows that many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence owned slaves, and if you ever read the Bible you would certainly know it opposed the integration of the Israelites with the Philistines, a race that must have been very similar to their own. What we need is a modern day Moses to lead the Negroes back to their homeland. We could aid them in establishing their new homes and help resettle the European settlers of Africa who after three hundred years, are not accepted there either.

The new state of Israel shows what can be accomplished if there is enough effort put forth. Mr. Muhammad could be such a leader if we gave him the necessary support. (March issue of the Reader's Digest).

Howard Wilson, Route 1, Box 280, Central Point, Ore.

Editor's note: It seems to us Mr. Wilson overlooks a simple, but vital, point. A citizen of the United States is entitled to the rights and privileges accorded any other citizen, whether he is black, green or blue. If equal justice under law is denied any group, then no other group is safe from persecution. Mr. Wilson's interpretation of the Bible and the Declaration of Independence is interesting. Independence is interesting. Too. Do his copies say "All men are created equal (except those whose skins are a different color)" or "Do unto others (except Negroes) as ye would have others (except Negroes) do unto you"? That ain't the way we heard it.

P.O. Service Hit To the Editor: Have you ever expected an important letter or package and never received it, even though you know it was mailed? If you haven't then why don't you move to Phoenix? Oregon, that is, not Arizona. I have lived here in Phoenix, Oregon, for close to eight months and I've had numerous letters just plain never get here and some that are first sent to Arizona and then back here, which makes the news in them old, or if it's an important letter, then the news is of no value after the delay in receiving it.

This is not only maddening but stupid on the part of the post offices across the country. I find it hardest to forgive the Valley post offices, though. Take for instance, last October I had a record mailed to me from Medford. I'm still waiting for it to arrive. Then in January of this year I had some pictures mailed to me from Talent. Same thing, I'm still waiting!

I'm not alone in this complaint, as I've heard others voice the same feelings. We don't hold the non-receiving of mail against our local P.O., as they can't put it in our boxes if they never get it in the first place.

All this brings up the sore spot of the proposed increase in postage rates. Really now, why should the post office workers get more money when they aren't even earning what they now get? Before we have to pay a penny increase for each stamp, I think it only fair for the workers in the various offices to get busy and be sure that Phoenix, Oregon, and Phoenix, Arizona, mail gets to the right states. After all we here in Oregon are on the map.

Economic Independence in 10 Years Is Israel's Aim; Impressive Strides Made

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

The State of Israel still is operating in the red. But its leaders see hope of economic independence in 10 years.

If it is achieved it will be at least partly due to Israel's intensive efforts to cultivate the new nations of Africa. She already has made impressive strides.

Israel's closest friend in Africa is Ghana to which she sells tires, air conditioners, building materials, radio sets, fruit juices and ideas. Close relations also are building up with Liberia, Nigeria, Guinea, Chad, Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia. Hundreds of Israeli are serving in Africa as teachers, advisers, company directors and chemists.

They are part of Israel's intensive attempt to burst the bonds placed around her by her Arab neighbors and to build up both profits and friendship.

In the drive to penetrate Africa's growing markets, Israel has important elements on her side.

In many of the new African nations, both the Western powers and the Arab nations wreck. It crashed in the Elfin Forest near writer's cabin. Aluminum in 1955 cost \$545 a pound. The market recently now was 18c. One now reads of aluminum at a possible power cost of only 1 cent per pound.

Reduction cost came from the research of a young Ohioan. He had the imagination to grasp the possibilities of the featherweight "silver" that then was a laboratory curiosity. Do we not need an adequate replacement birth rate of the researchers? Morns breed like rabbits.

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RTP

To the Editor: The reader is rather puzzled by the recent interchange of challenges between the Republican and Democratic organizing chairmen, in re peanut throwing and registrations. As I understood the initial challenge, hurled by Mr. K. C. (Swede) Wermark, the contest was to be in the registration of voters, whereas Mr. Walsh apparently feels he has been asked to participate in a session to determine which party is the more proficient in tossing the lowly goobers.

Now, I may be in error, but it appears to me that the steak and peanut bit was to be the reward part of the contest, NOT the objective.

What does R T P mean? Simply an old army motto. Read The Paper. Meaning; get the facts correctly.

G. O. Loomer 132 1/2 Almond St. Medford

Rogue River Rose

To the Editor: In the spring, so the poet tells us, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. In the spring an old man's thoughts often turn to the opening of the trout season. With such thoughts in mind, Grandpa and I recently took a drive up the Rogue River.

While Grandpa looked for a likely spot to drop a hook in the brook, come trout season, I walked through the woods. Upon hearing a noise I gazed up into a tall, green fir tree. And, bless my heart, there hanging from a limb by his tail was one of Everett Acklin's monkeys. As I stood there looking upward, enchanted, in a sweet tenor the monkey sang these words:

Rogue River Rose lives by the Rogue River, She can't catch fish so she eats frog's legs and liver. Now Rogue River Rose is a wild mountain girl, Her voice is so shrill it will make your hair curl. Oh! Rogue River Rose is a girl mighty sweet, She's a real nature girl with spreading bare feet.

Now Rogue River Rose can't read a book, She eats her food raw for she ne'er learned to cook. All you young fishermen don't stay out late, For spring is a comin' and Rose pines for a mate. This ends the tale of Rogue River Rose. It might even be true as everyone knows.

Grandma.

P.S.—Should this reach "Letters to the Editors," which we enjoy so much, kindly omit my name. Grandpa takes a dim view of my literary efforts and he might not take me fishing when season opens.

Grandma (Name on file) Medford

are suspect — the West because they are the former colonial powers and the Arabs because they were the former slave traders. As a new nation, Israel has no such history.

Also as a new nation gradually achieving success, Israel's institutions are of special interest to the Africans. These include trade unions, consumers' cooperatives, cooperative agriculture and the organization of villages by units of soldier-farmers.

Out of the shambles of the Suez crisis in 1956, Israel made one enormous gain which has helped both her economy at home and her African trade.

This was the opening of the

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

WHY ADENAUER WORRIES Washington — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has come to Washington with the aim, almost publicly avowed, of pleading with the President to take a firm line at the summit on the great and agonizing problem of Berlin.

A full 16 months have passed since Nikita S. Khrushchev opened the unending Berlin crisis with a roar of crude menace. It is very odd indeed, therefore, that the German Chancellor should hope to influence President Eisenhower's policy in any direction whatever. In a normal administration, there would be no doubt at all, by now, about the President's position. And the Chancellor would of course know about that position and would have no further hope of changing it, whether for good or ill.

Yet the Chancellor plainly regards the President's position on Berlin as uncertain and subject to change. One reason for this, as previously reported in this space, is the highly equivocal way the President himself has talked about Berlin, even in the highest councils of the Western alliance.

AT THE Paris meeting in December, for instance, the President remarked to the other heads of state that Berlin's freedom must certainly be defended, but added that Berlin was indefensible except by an H-bomb war, which was unthinkable. This circular statement, getting exactly nowhere, would have upset and worried any man in the German Chancellor's shoes — even a much less suspicious man than Konrad Adenauer.

Yet it should also be noted that Adenauer's worries about Eisenhower are quite certainly multiplied many times over by still another element in the pre-summit situation. This is the attitude of the British.

It is fashionable in many quarters, here, and in Paris, and in Bonn, to condemn this British attitude with extreme severity. Certainly no one can admire the "Germans-are-beastly" campaign that is now being waged in London. It unpleasantly recalls the "Czechs-are-ghostly-people" campaign that was waged in London before Munich, which was simply the preliminary self-justification of the advocates of betrayal of Czechoslovakia.

THE existence of this strong possibility in turn raises some crucial questions that are as yet wholly unanswered. What will the President do, if the Western united front is broken by a sudden British retreat? Will Eisenhower also retreat, and reform his front in the line marked out by Prime Minister Macmillan? Or will Eisenhower stand firm alone if need be, and fight the issue out on the ground he has chosen?

These questions are all the more troubling, because of the signs that the President himself has not fully thought through his terrible, quite possibly impending choice between surrender and a risk of war. No wonder, then, that Chancellor Adenauer has come to plead for firmness, and to beg for hard commitments on the problem of Berlin.

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Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli shipping via the port of Eilat prior to Suez. The gulf was an Arabian sea whose entrance from the Red Sea was blocked by Egyptian guns. A United Nations force now occupies the former Egyptian positions and Israeli shipping passes freely, opening up the whole of the African east coast.

Via the Eilat-Haifa pipeline Israeli industry now received Middle Eastern oil instead of obtaining it through the long haul from Venezuela.

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

Did you ever hear of the Gordian knot?

It was tied by an ancient Phrygian king named Gordius. The oracles decreed that whoever could untie the knot would become ruler of all Asia. Many ambitious people tried to untie it, but without success. It was a complicated affair.

Then along came a Greek named Alexander, known to history as The Great. He took a look at the knot. It was a toughie. It seemed to defy untangling by human fingers. So Alexander drew his sword and CUT it.

And that was that.

WHY go into all this?

Well, in naming an interim successor to Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Governor Mark Hatfield of Oregon faced a knotty problem. It seemed to him that his interim appointee would have the inside track in the race for election as senator from Oregon. He didn't want to give ANYBODY the inside track. He wanted it to be a free field and no favors.

What to do? In his dilemma, the legend of Alexander came to his mind. So he CUT the knot. He cut it by appointing Supreme Court Justice Hall S. Lusk to the interim term.

JUDGE LUSK is a distinguished Oregonian. He is ranked as one of the most scholarly justices to have served in the last quarter of a century on his state's highest court.

He is a lifelong Democrat, thus qualifying under the Oregon law requiring the appointee to be of same political party as the individual formerly holding the office. He has lived in Oregon since 1909. He has served on the Oregon supreme court since 1937, having been appointed to that office by Gov. Charles H. Martin, one of Oregon's most distinguished Democrats.

AND— He is in his middle 70's, and thus will be unapt to be bitten by the bug of political ambition—preferring, in all probability, to retire at the end of his interim appointment to the not unpleasant and quite distinguished status of a former U.S. senator from his chosen state.

Governor Hatfield is to be congratulated. By a statesmanlike decision, he has resolved what might have degenerated into a political Donnybrook Fair, with goodness knows how many political heads broken.

WATCH him. He seems to have what it takes. He may go far.

Russian Dancers To Tour States

New York - (UPI) - Seventy members of the Georgian state dance company from Russia arrived here today by chartered plane to begin a two-week tour of the United States and Canada.

The company will open its tour Sunday evening with a performance at the Metropolitan Opera House.

The company's tour was arranged as part of the cultural exchange program agreed to by the U.S. and Russian governments. It will include stops in Boston, New Haven, Conn., Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Mich., Chicago, Minneapolis, Des Moines, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Berkeley, Calif., Portland, Ore., Seattle, Vancouver, B.C., Toronto, Ont., Montreal, Philadelphia and Washington.

ISSUES PROCLAMATIONS

Washington - (UPI) - President Eisenhower Wednesday pro the week beginning July 24 as National Farm Week, the week beginning Sept. 17 as Constitution Week, and Sept. 17 as Citizenship Day.

A CHILD AT HEART

Los Angeles - (UPI) - Dancer Lea Anscott's attempt to change her name to "Baby Doll" was denied in Superior Court Wednesday because the name is a "term of affection towards children."

Precious to us... YOUR CONFIDENCE!! Chapel Mortuary Across from the Courthouse FRANK MORAN - HAROLD SNODGRASS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS DAY OR NIGHT PHONE SP 2-8030