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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 March 23, 1950 (Thursday) Proposed soil conservation district defeated here in election yesterday when less than required 30 per cent of eligible land-owners turn out to vote.

The Medford Y board will issue \$45,000 in bonds to finance completion of new YMCA building, Tony Manno, board president, announces.

20 YEARS AGO March 23, 1940 (Saturday) The Oregon Airways suspended Klamath Falls-Portland operations for two weeks pending arrangements for new equipment, announcement says.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The city received a plaque yesterday for being first in a Safety Driving contest, and will place copies of same at both ends of town, where they can be seen, but out of range of bum drivers."

40 YEARS AGO March 23, 1920 (Sunday) Blue Ledge directors plan erection of concentrator and aerial tramway at mine.

Groceries will open second store at Sixth and Grape streets, soon.

40 YEARS AGO March 23, 1920 (Wednesday) Medford's quota for Near East relief is \$3,333.

Diversified farming held need of Rogue River valley.

50 YEARS AGO March 23, 1910 (Wednesday) The La Fean bill, which would have penalized local apple growers by regulating apple box sizes, defeated in Congress.

Two city policemen resign because of low salaries and no Sundays off.

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

1. In connection with what great disaster is the legend of "Mrs. O'Leary's cow" told? 2. In the old fairy tale, who set out to tell the king the sky was falling? 3. Does a storage battery deliver direct, or alternating, current? 4. In 1940, when F. D. Roosevelt ran for his third term as President, what Republican candidate did he defeat? 5. What was the name of the first white child born in America in colonial days? 6. What is Taipei the capital of? 7. Did James Watt invent the sewing machine, steam engine, or cotton gin? 8. What is the AAUW? 9. What famous house in Washington, D.C. is used to entertain distinguished foreign guests of the government? 10. Prairie dogs are rodents: true or false? Answers: 1. Chicago fire. 2. Henny Penny. 3. Direct current. 4. Wendell Wilkie. 5. Virginia Dare. 6. Formosa (Nationalist China). 7. Steam engine. 8. American Association of University Women. 9. Blair House. 10. True.

On Men's Motivations

There are dozens of motivations for human behavior. Love is one. Another is ambition. There are also cupidity, pride, honor, conscience, dedication, anger, a sense of injustice, a lust for power. There is also fear. In most human lives, the motivations are an indissoluble mixture of more than one of these. But often—to often—the dominant one is fear. Fear of the unknown, fear of poverty, fear of competition, fear of insecurity.

WHILE these emotions serve as motivations in the everyday life of individuals, they also motivate historical events. If we read history correctly, the American Revolution was impelled by a combination of outrage at injustice, honor, pride, conscience and fear.

"No taxation without representation," "Don't Step On Me," "Give me Liberty or give me death"—these are slogans of men outraged at injustice, proud of their inheritance as free Englishmen, fearful of what might ensue unless a stand were taken.

And, once the die was cast, honor and dedication and conscience became driving forces in the successful revolution.

NOT all human clashes have had motivations as admirable.

Many wars and skirmishes have been motivated by cupidity, avarice, greed—pure and simple.

And many more have been caused by a mixture of motives.

Examples of all of these are visible throughout history—and still are, today.

Motivations of people, and of peoples, still clash, still are causing wars and revolutions and riots.

THE Union of South Africa is trembling on the brink of revolution today.

On one side are black natives, outnumbering the whites 9 or 10 to 1, and driven by an outraged sense of injustice.

This was their land, which had been taken from them by the white settlers. They have been herded, bossed, ordered around, beaten down, until they can stand it little more.

On the other side is the white minority, descended from English and Dutch settlers of four and five generations ago, some of whom are fearful for their "way of life," for their racial dominance, for the "apartheid" which set them above the natives.

THE racial agitation in the American south today is not, thank God, as violent, as passionate, as destructive as that which is tearing at the vitals of South Africa.

But the motivations are much the same.

Here is a people, brought to this county centuries ago as slaves, which won its freedom in a great war, brother against brother, and then began the long, difficult, sometimes tragic climb to education, civilization, dignity, equality of opportunity, equality of rights as citizens.

And, if we are honest, can we not admit that their motivations are much the same as those which brought about the American revolution—outrage at injustice, pride, fear, honor, and simple ambition?

THE cards have been stacked. The dice have been loaded. The odds were against them.

Handicapped by ignorance, by superstition, by prejudice, by discrimination, by ill-health, by economic and social persecutions, still this people has climbed upward. Today its leaders, its outstanding men, are honored around the world.

Some of these people are lazy and debased and depraved—as are members of other races and peoples.

Some are idealistic and hardworking—as are others.

But all are human beings, subject to the same emotions, the same motivations, the same urges and drives as everyone else.

IN THE actions and reactions in the Union of South Africa, in the American south, (even, in microcosm, in Medford,) one finds all the human motivations—on all sides of the struggle. Often, too often, the dominant one is fear.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, speaking at the depth of America's great depression, said "All we have to fear is fear itself."

Like all generalities, it was only partly true. But like all great catch-phrases, it was more true than untrue.

When men, all men, lose their fear of one another, the day will have come when such phrases as justice and equality and brotherhood can have a deeper meaning than they do today.

That day is not yet. But it is closer today than it was yesterday, or 100 years ago.—E.A.

Curtis to Speak At SOCTFA Meeting

Jack Curtis, Portland, safety director of Oregon Timber Transport Operators, will speak at a meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association Friday, March 25, at the Rogue Valley Country club.

A social hour at 7 p.m. will precede the dinner. Curtis, an operator experienced in hauling logs in Washington under rate schedules set by the PUC, will discuss "the present status of the unions' initiative referendum attempt to put House Bill 72

Dennis the Menace



"GEE! I THOUGHT THEY'D LIKE SOME LEMONADE!"

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.

Jigsaw Puzzles
To the Editor: It is always appropriate to show appreciation of the help one gets from friends, in our case the members of the ladies auxiliaries of veterans organizations in the state of Oregon.

Because of their genuine interest in our welfare, we can boast of having the largest and best stock of jigsaw puzzles to be found in any veterans hospital or domiciliary. A visit to our jigsaw puzzle center will convince anyone of the truth of this statement.

A letter expressing interest and appreciation from the department of medicine and surgery of the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C., is really a salute to our good friends, the ladies auxiliaries. David Frisch, P. O. Box 292, Camp White, Ore.

Demon Alcohol
To the Editor: Did you ever have anyone misjudge the motives that prompted certain actions on your part? We all have. I'm sure some may feel that you truly should keep still more often and sit down and let the world go by. True, I do talk too much. Just ask my wife.

There are issues that one cannot honestly keep still about. If I were to raise the cry, "rattlesnake!" on a hiking trip, all hikers within earshot would immediately be on the alert. Yet right here in this beautiful mountain fringed valley of ours we have on the loose far more harmful threats than rattlesnakes.

There is on the loose a villain to be feared even more than the one who killed that Ashland woman last week.

I refer to none other than the demon alcohol. Alcoholism is costing up to \$30,000,000 annually in California, with the cost spread over political activities, welfare, and institutionalization. Half of all Californians arrested in 1958 came into contact with the law because of the use of alcohol. And in some cities the rate is 80 percent.

Nearly one-fifth of all admissions to mental hospitals in Californians are alcoholics.

"The startling increase in juvenile delinquency is largely due to parental failure. The drinking woman of today probably deserves more than her statistical share of the blame for juvenile delinquency." The foregoing quote is from J. Edgar Hoover in the January issue of Listen magazine.

If you have any doubt as to the percentage of drunk and drinking drivers on the highways at any time, just count the autos you see parked at roadside taverns and clubs. It is fair to assume that all or nearly all of the drivers, when they drive away, will be under the influence, and often to a considerable degree, potential killers.

The following quote is from the vice president of the American Venereal Disease Association, Dr. Nicholas Fiumara.

"It appears to us that there has been a steady and progressive increase in sexual promiscuity during the past five years. Both drinking and rock and roll are contributory to this among teenagers. It is not uncommon for high school and college students to come into classes with their breaths reeking of stale alcoholic beverages after a big night."

For those who would look up and stretch of imagination, be so construed. It allows up to 60 days free hospitalization with some medical benefits, similar to the legislation now

Modifications Seen in Mrs. Roosevelt's Opposition to Sen. Kennedy's Candidacy

By LYLE C. WILSON - Washington - UPI - Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has been strangely silent of late on the subject of Sen. John F. Kennedy's plunge for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Now word from Wisconsin that Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. is an operator in the Kennedy presidential primary campaign. W. H. Lawrence reported to the New York Times from Milwaukee that Junior was "striving for a political comeback on the coattails of

Kennedy's presidential candidacy."

If it can be assumed that Mrs. Roosevelt approves of this political activity by her third son, there is a second assumption which must follow in logical order. This second assumption is that Mrs. Roosevelt has withdrawn her firm and dangerous opposition to the nomination of Kennedy for President of the United States.

If so, Kennedy should be thankful for that. Mrs. R. is a smartly resourceful politician, perhaps the ablest in the Democratic party. Her opposition could be deadly. Neither rumor nor gossip has established Mrs. R.'s attitude toward the young senator.

The Saturday Evening Post

of March 8, 1958 contained an article under her signature headlined like this:

"Of Stevenson, Truman and Kennedy" The subhead said: "Mrs. Roosevelt tells about her disagreement with the former President, and about the unheeded advice she gave Adlai Stevenson. As for the current front runner, young Senator Kennedy, she takes a dim view of him."

In that article, Mrs. Roosevelt charged Kennedy with dodging the issue which she defined as "McCarthyism." In fairness, she noted that Kennedy was ill and hospitalized in December, 1954, when the Senate voted on the McCarthy censure issue. She complained, however, that Kennedy

thereafter failed to take a stand.

Some months later, on ABC's TV College News Conference, Mrs. Roosevelt let Kennedy have the other barrel. She said she would do all she could to persuade the Democrats to nominate some other person.

"It has seemed to me," she said, "that what you wanted in your next President was someone whose courage in taking stands was unquestioned. And I don't think I need to repeat here what I have said about Sen. Kennedy a great many times, but I feel that I would hesitate to face the difficult decisions that have to be taken by the next President of the United States with someone who understands what courage is, and admires it, but has not quite the independence to have it."

Mrs. Roosevelt also tossed in some remarks about the Kennedy family wealth and its use in the pre-convention campaign. Kennedy promptly challenged her to produce substantiating facts, which Mrs. R. did not have. By now, her opposition to Kennedy was well established.

This opposition seems to have faded, however, since publication of Kennedy's review of Richard H. Rovere's book, "Senator Joe McCarthy." Mrs. Roosevelt scarcely could have found fault with either the book or with Kennedy's review of it. Good break for Kennedy.

Footnote to all of this: Suppose Kennedy is nominated and elected, would he name FDR Jr. to be assistant secretary of the Navy?

If it worked out that way, some old missback would be bound to say: "Hold tight, boys, here we go again."

U.S. Beginning to Recognize Changes in Latin America

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

On March 1 of this year, anti-U.S. demonstrators stoned the headquarters of the United States Information Service in Panama City.

Near the U.S.-controlled Canal Zone some signs appeared saying "Yankee go home."

The occasion was Panama's golden jubilee carnival parade, providing an equally golden opportunity for nationalist or Communist agitators to stir up in the manner of Fidel Castro latent antagonism toward the United States into

destructive mob action.

One particular act went far toward robbing the agitators of any great success.

It was the U.S. decision to permit Panamanian flags to fly side by side with the Stars and Stripes in the Canal Zone.

Last November, Panama City mobs tore down the flag in front of the U.S. Embassy, stoned U.S. agencies and burned automobiles. U.S. troops with bayonets and machine guns turned back a mob attempt to plant a large Panamanian flag in the zone as a symbol of sovereignty.

Key U.S. defense installations for the Caribbean area extend on a 1,300-mile arc from Panama, through Cuba to Puerto Rico.

In Cuba, the bitterly anti-U.S. Castro government aims its propaganda guns against the big U.S. naval base at Guantanamo.

In Puerto Rico, a vocal minority group demands for Puerto Rico an independence which would have its effect on Ramey Air base and the naval air base at Roosevelt Roads. In Panama, the nationalists' target is the Canal.

During President Eisenhower's recent South American tour he sought to erase an image of the United States in Latin American minds which both Latin American Communists and nationalists have

sought ardently to perpetuate. It is that the U.S. supports dictators and profits at the expense of its weaker neighbors.

Use Universities

Particular weapon of the extremists in stirring anti-U.S. violence have been the universities. Castro has used them to advantage. Student hotheads have been prominent in anti-U.S. demonstrations in Panama.

On the theory that these are the citizens with whom the United States must deal in the future, it was to them especially that Eisenhower directed himself in Chile.

The United States obviously will not stand by and see the Panama Canal pass into unfriendly hands.

But the United States has been slow to recognize the changing times.

The question of flying the Panamanian flag alongside that of the United States in the Canal Zone is a case in point. The U.S. does not claim sovereignty over the Canal so permission to fly the flag could have been permitted years ago.

A few years ago, the U.S. belatedly raised its annual payment to Panama for use of the Canal Zone. Just as belatedly it undertook to provide equal pay and working conditions for Panamanians working in the Zone.

Publication Informs Would-Be Tourists Of Space Hazards

By DICK WEST

Washington—UPI—Every now and then, science inhales a few whiffs of publicity and begins racing wildly ahead of reality.

The latest example to my attention is a booklet "published in the interest of better interplanetary relations" by the Avion division of ACF Industries, Inc.

Avion is mixed up in some way with the U.S. missile program and the booklet is entitled "What Every Space Traveler Should Know."

From what I hear about the missile program, the booklet would appear to be a trifle premature. But since imagination is the stuff that made this country great, I'm glad to see we still have some way-out thinkers.

As far as I know, no Russian has been thinking in terms of tourist travel in space. If one did, he probably would be arrested.

Vacation Tips

The Avion booklet is crammed with all sorts of tips that vacationing astronauts will find useful in planning visits to other planets.

For instance if Mars is your destination, it advises that you pack two wash-and-wear space suits, one winterweight and the other summerweight. Temperatures there range from 770 above zero on the sunny side and 350 degrees below in the shade.

"Be sure," the booklet cautions, "to turn off the stove when you leave the house because, should you be traveling faster than precise escape

velocity at an orbital point above the earth, you will continue on out into infinity."

If you plan to stay for a year on Mars, you are reminded that a year there lasts for 686 days. This could create quite a laundry problem.

Spaceship passengers will have to pack carefully to avoid paying extra for overweight luggage. A suitcase that weighs 70 pounds at home will push the scales on Jupiter up to 185 pounds. A 46-pound souvenir picked up on Mars will weigh 120 pounds when you return.

Mail also will pose a problem. The delivery time for a "wish you were here" postcard will be approximately 58 days from Mars, 1,242 days from Saturn, 2,681 days from Uranus and 4,447 days from Pluto.

The booklet suggest several points of interest that space tourists won't want to miss: the rings around Saturn, the volcanoes on Mercury, the canals of Mars. For honeymooners, it recommends a stopover at Jupiter, which has 12 moons.

Or, if they only have time for a short wedding trip, what could be more romantic than a stroll on the moon under a full earth?

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Sgt. York Seeks Social Security

Pall Mall, Tenn.—UPI—Sgt. Alvin York, the World War I hero who killed 25 German soldiers and captured 100 in one day, said today he has applied for social security benefits to augment his modest pension.

York, now 72 and bedridden from a 1954 stroke, is in trouble with the Bureau of Internal Revenue which claims he owes \$85,442 in income taxes for money he received from the movie "Sergeant York." York says he used it all for medical expenses.

York draws about \$60 a month in disability pensions and \$10 a month as a Medal of Honor winner.

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