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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
April 27, 1950 (Thursday)
United Airlines will start using the new four-engine DC-4 here on a regularly scheduled basis next Sunday.

20 YEARS AGO
April 27, 1940 (Saturday)
Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy star in their latest show "A Chump at Oxford" at the Riello starting today.

30 YEARS AGO
April 27, 1930 (Sunday)
Medford was darkened for a few minutes yesterday during an eclipse of the sun.

40 YEARS AGO
April 27, 1920 (Tuesday)
The mercury rose to 81 degrees in Medford yesterday, the hottest day of the year.

50 YEARS AGO
April 27, 1910 (Wednesday)
Jacksonville wants a railroad to the Blue Ledge copper district so much that citizens themselves are acquiring the right of way.

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

Retired Professor At Oregon State Dies
Corvallis - UPI - Roger William Morse, 69, retired professor of dairy husbandry at Oregon State College, died Tuesday. He was associated with Oregon State College for 30 years.

Democrats Ahead

What is the significance, if any, in the fact that Democratic registration in Jackson county exceeds Republican, for the first time since the mind of man runneth not to the contrary?
Maybe there isn't much. Maybe there is a lot. It reflects, for one thing, a more active "register to vote" campaign on the part of Democratic officials than that put on by the G.O.P. officials. That alone could account for much of the margin, which at this writing is only about 90 votes.

BUT, since Jackson county has long been in the Republican column, by a margin of a few hundred to several thousand, it also reflects a basic change in the electorate.

There are probably several reasons for the change. First among them, we believe, is the influx of new residents, many of them from predominantly Democratic areas, and whose registration is probably as much traditional as it is a matter of political philosophy.

But many of them, undoubtedly, are also convinced Democrats, and will vote their convictions. Finally, we suspect (and talk with some of the registrars strengthen this suspicion) that quite a few people who have long been registered, nominally, as Republicans, have changed their registration.

IT WILL be interesting to see the story the statewide registration figures tell when they are all in and totaled. Oregon has been a "Democratic" state only a few years, after decades of having a Republican majority.

Whether this trend will be strengthened or weakened remains to be seen. But on the basis of what has happened in Jackson county, so long staunchly Republican, and on what is reported to be happening in Josephine county, even more dominantly G.O.P. than Jackson, gives a hint of a statewide shift.

We will be much surprised if the Democrats do not lengthen their lead over the Grand Old Party when the final count is in.—E.A.

Poll Results

A similar message can be read in the results, announced today, of the poll received from more than 20,000 constituents by Congressman Charles O. Porter.

Once again, as was the case with the questionnaire sent out by Congressman Walter Norblad, reported here recently, the results should be viewed with caution.

The fourth district has a majority of Democratic voters, and Porter, as a Democrat, is apt to receive more replies from Democrats than from Republicans.

So the poll results cannot be taken as an accurate sampling of opinion within the district.

BUT the results are, nonetheless, interesting—particularly in view of the increasing Democratic registration totals.

For instance, of those replying, 73 per cent support legislation such as the Forand bill, providing medical care for social security retirees. This is a position more often favored by Democratic candidates than by Republican ones.

Again, federal financial aid for public schools, so long as there is no lessening of state and local control, is favored by 56 per cent.

(In Jackson county along, the figures on these two questions were 70 to 30 per cent on the first, and 53 to 47 per cent on the second.)

IN THE preference for the Presidency, those responding to the poll voted similarly to those in the whole fourth district.

Here is how the respondents in the district, and Jackson county, gave their preferences for President:

Table with 3 columns: Candidate, 4th District, Jackson County. Lists names like Humphrey, Johnson, Kennedy, etc.

AS INDICATED, there can be as many different interpretations of the results of the poll as there are those who read them.

But, as a source of political speculation—always fascinating—they are interesting.

Here are a few points to ponder: In the district Morse leads Kennedy; in Jackson county, Kennedy leads, and Stevenson moves up to tie with Morse among the Democrats.

Rockefeller is stronger in Jackson county than in the district generally—but so is Nixon. What does it all mean? We'll have to wait until May 21, and Nov. 9 to find out.—E.A.

Proofreader Needed

Howell Appling Jr., Oregon's Secretary of State, needs a proofreader.

Being somewhat vulnerable on the subject of proofreading, (as is any newspaper,) we simply point out that two boo-boos have been made in the preparation of ballots in Appling's elections division. And on Page 125 of the 1959-60 election laws, put out by the division, we find the word "chusing," rather than "choosing."

They're simple errors, and could happen to anyone. But we are more used to seeing "typos" (ours and others) in daily newspapers than in official state documents.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



HERE, MR. MITCHELL, DENNIS ASKED US TO BRING YOU THIS SOAP.

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.

Communism In The Churches
To the Editor: Your editorial entitled "Cheap, Silly, Irreligious" surely reveals how little you have studied the subject which you judge with such authority.

Recently a minister wrote to the Department of Defense asking for official comment on this matter of Communism within the National Council of Churches. Wint Smith, House of Representatives, answered the letter with this quotation: "Seven hundred and nineteen (719) of the officers whose names appear on the rolls of the National Council of Churches have records of Communist affiliation."

Anyone who understands the aims of Communism would realize that the very most logical place to plant her agents would be within our churches where well meaning persons such as yourself will publicly shield her as she subtly and stealthily progresses toward her goal of destroying the church, eventually, and all that it represents.

The Bible, which should have been a little more in evidence in your editorial, does not promise a religious group immunity from false prophets. Instead, the Christians are warned to be ever watchful for these people who will creep in and lead the sheep astray as wolves in sheep's clothing.

A church organization does not automatically become holy just because it is a church organization, and the individual does not attain salvation solely because he belongs to a church group.

When Paul preached to the Bereans, he commended them for their wisdom in not just believing him in everything he said, but "they searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

It is so hard to believe that a great satanic force which has come to control so much of the world in just 40 years would not be so gallant as to leave our spiritual programs alone while undermining us on every other side?

I noted that other letters have mentioned J. Edgar Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit" and Edgar C. Bundy's "Collectivism in the Churches." The Congressional Record of the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities would also make good reading for anyone who would honestly consider the facts.

I feel your defense of the N.C.C. is not based on anything factual. A screaming, lashing denial of guilt, even by editors, does not wipe the slate clean.

Fred Buchling, Box 353, Jacksonville, Ore.

The School Budget
To the Editor: On Monday, May 2, 1960, we are asked to pass the proposed school budget for 1960-61.

Glue-Like Benson Resists All Ouster Attempts; West Sees Farewell Hearing



Dick West, City beckoning Benson to

Washington - UPI - If we could figure out a way to bottle the adhesive qualities of Ezra T. Benson, we probably could make a fortune in the glue business.

Since that fateful day, a host of congressional Democrats, plus a goodly number of Republicans, have used everything but a shoehorn to try to pry Benson out of his cabinet seat.

1953, the Agriculture Department budget has risen from \$2,917,000,000 to \$6,201,000,000.

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: President Eisenhower and French President Charles de Gaulle concluded their pre-summit talks in general agreement on grand strategy for next month's Paris meeting with Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

NEW LEADERSHIP

After his visit to Washington, it can be said that on the German question Gen. de Gaulle is now the leader and the chief spokesman of the Western alliance.

problem, and were not seriously meant to do so.

Gen. de Gaulle has assumed the leadership of the alliance by sweeping aside the hackneyed slogans and the equivocal fictions. He has given the alliance a new lead in how to think and how to talk about the cold war and about Germany.

State Not Clean

To the Editor: This is the first letter I have ever written to a newspaper. However, your editorial concerning the N.C.C. deserves recognition.

PERHAPS the greatest difference between Gen. de Gaulle's way of thinking and the conventional thinking of the day is that he sees and treats the Soviet Union as primarily a European problem.

Let us hope that the speechwriters in the Pentagon and the State Department will give close attention to the change in style, which was demonstrated in the press conference on Saturday and the address to Congress on Monday.

Nothing's Done Right

To the Editor: We, the people (?) of Medford, have hired a recreation superintendent, according to a story in your paper.

GEN. DE GAULLE is one whom not the most foolish among us would call soft on Communism.

When he speaks of the Soviet Union, he does it with cool and impeccable courtesy. He does not stoop to the vulgar epithets which the ghost writers feel they must sprinkle through almost every official utterance.

FIRST, I think we should take a straight look at this "alliance" against which President Washington spoke in his Farewell Address, when he warned his countrymen against PERMANENT alliances.

It has been INDIVIDUAL Frenchmen, rather than French governments, which have been uniformly bad or at least weak, that have led to our feeling of friendship with France.

THAT is true now. It is DE GAULLE, rather than France, to whom we look. And in De Gaulle's case, this is the big question: Can he, or can't he, bring France back into the company of the great nations?

THE answer, I think, is that only time can tell. The French have a strange background. Basically a great people, a likeable people, they have been stymied and frustrated and maybe wrecked by a centuries-long sequence of bad governments.

THERE was Louis XIV, the fabulous spender who set the all-time pattern for reckless government spending and in the process brought France and its people to the point of desperation that resulted in the bloody French Revolution and finally led to the coup d'etat that put Napoleon in power.

After Napoleon was all through, after he had strewn all Europe with the bones of Frenchmen, after he had soaked the soil of Europe with the blood of Frenchmen, all that France could think of was to put the Bourbons back on the throne again—the Bourbon kings of whom it is said by the historians and the philosophers that "they learned nothing and forgot nothing."

It must be said, in sorrow and not in anger, that in this present case it is De Gaulle in whom we must put our trust rather than in any confidence arising out of France itself. The French are wonderful people, but over the long swings of history they have shown little talent for good government.

Let's wish him luck.

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