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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
April 29, 1950 (Saturday)
The state highway commission has approved expenditure of \$125,000 for reconstruction of Crater Lake highway from Prospect to Cascade Gorge.

20 YEARS AGO
April 29, 1940 (Monday)
Two Illinois Valley women die in an auto crash and fire near Grants Pass.

30 YEARS AGO
April 29, 1930 (Tuesday)
Delay in building the new courthouse is urged by those who are still hoping to have it built on the Army site.

40 YEARS AGO
April 29, 1920 (Thursday)
Local resident kills 10 rattlesnakes along Rogue river.

50 YEARS AGO
April 29, 1910 (Friday)
Property owner still refuses to give city right of way across property, holding up completion of city's gravity water system.

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

1. Is Australia now expecting spring or autumn?
2. Do most of our states require a referendum by the voters on amendments to state constitutions?

3. What is a homonym?
4. Does a violin have three, four, five, or six strings?
5. How many sheets are in a quire of paper?

6. Where was the U.S. battleship "Maine" destroyed?
7. What is the recognized wine for drinking toasts?
8. Who is President of the U.S. Senate in the present Congress?

9. Is gelatin of animal, vegetable, or mineral origin?
10. Are fish oils richest in Vitamin B, C, or D?
Answers: 1. Autumn. 2. Yes. 3. Words alike sound, but differing in meaning. 4. Four. 5. 24. 6. Champagne. 7. Vice President of the U.S. - Richard Nixon. 8. Animal. 9. Vitamin D. 10. Vitamin D.

Truck Repair Shop Burns at Tillamook
Tillamook - Fire Thursday afternoon caused an estimated \$125,000 damage to the Diamond Lumber Company truck repair shop here.

Attack on the Schools

Those citizens of the Medford school district who believe that good schools (like those in Medford) require adequate financing, had better stir their stumps and get out to vote in the budget election this Monday.

There is evidence that a concerted attempt is being made to defeat the budget. The ploy being used in this attempt is not an out and out declaration that the budget is out of line.

What is being done is to insinuate that money is being used unwisely. It isn't.

FIRST, this is being done by attacking the salary being paid the school superintendent, who this year is scheduled to receive \$18,000, making him the second-best paid local school official in the state.

This is a matter of viewpoint. If you think \$18,000 for a man who runs a \$4 million a year business is too much, then you probably will agree. But if you feel that it is the best economy in the world to get top-flight administrators for this "big business" of ours, then you'll disagree.

We're lucky to have Dr. Leonard Mayfield on the job, and lucky to have kept him on the job, despite tempting job offers he has received.

In any event, administrative salaries are a tiny part of the budget, and if any significant savings are to be made, they'd have to be made elsewhere.

THE other line of attack is more serious, because, on the face of it, it sounds plausible. But, under even the most casual scrutiny, it turns out to include misrepresentations, to put it mildly, and a couple of outright misstatements—which is a kindly phrase for an untruth, which in turn is a kindly phrase for a lie.

A communication elsewhere on this page reveals the attack. (It should be recorded that two copies of the letter arrived within hours of each other, from opposite ends of town. Except for one or two words and phrases, they are identical. The names of those signing them are being withheld, in the hope that they are innocent victims in this exercise in misrepresentation.)

THE letters say: "One million dollars to four million dollars in four years seems like a lot of money, even in these inflationary times."

Four years ago (1956-57) the total budget with \$1,795,233.33 (not one million dollars); this year the total general fund budget proposed is \$3,914,846.99. (Including bonds and interest, which are not part of the operating budget, it comes to over \$4 million.)

On the face of it, this seems a bit rough. But what the letter does NOT say is that the former figure was for the old school district 49, of about 7 square miles; the latter figure is for the new consolidated district 549C, of 361.2 square miles.

To be honest the former figure should also include the 1956-57 budgets for West Side, Oak Grove, Griffin Creek, Jacksonville, Ruch, Howard and Lone Pine school districts, which since have joined to the Medford district.

THE letter also does NOT point out that retirement and social security has trebled during that four year period, that county equalization funds are required from the district now which were not before, and that the district now provides transportation to outlying students, which was not necessary before.

The letter also piously maintains that "We want well paid and happy teachers in our community, and feel a 5 per cent raise is justified and needful. However, there are lots of places that the budget can be cut to do so."

Are there? That much? Where?

SAY the budget is defeated. This will happen:

Total Proposed Budget \$3,914,846
Amount Outside 8 per cent Limit 1,978,404
Amount Remaining if Budget Defeated \$1,936,442

This is \$692,034 LESS than the \$2,628,476 needed to pay for instructional services and materials; it is \$486,938 LESS than the amount needed to pay the district's certificated (teaching) personnel; it is \$149,113 LESS than the amount needed to pay only the classroom teachers for next year.

And this doesn't account for transportation, janitors, equipment, administration, or any of the other operating costs.

ONE more thing—a small thing, but enough to show that whoever dreamed up this letter either doesn't know what's what, or is deliberately misrepresenting.

It says, "At the end of the school last June there was enough money in the operating to buy new cars for the superintendent's office..." That's not true. The money was budgeted for the cars. It was done so after a careful study showed that the school district, buying cars cheaply on a fleet basis and operating them that way, would SAVE MONEY over the old system of paying mileage for travel.

Incidentally, the cars are used by many different district employees for different purposes. It is true that 67 2/3 of the local tax dollar goes to schools. It is also true that this is 8 1/2 per cent of ALL taxes paid.

The letter, in short, is purposely phoney. But it should stir those citizens who believe in a good school system to vote FOR the budget, which was carefully and conservatively prepared, and explained in full to anyone who cared to listen. —E. A.

Dennis the Menace



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.

Wants "Good Schools"

To the Editor: On May 2, 1960, if the proposed budget goes through, the Medford superintendent of schools will receive a base pay of \$18,000 a year, a 16 per cent increase in pay. In addition to this base pay he shall receive \$720 for travel expense, plus a car and gasoline. The governor of Oregon only receives a base pay of \$17,500. The Supreme Court Justices receive \$15,000 a year. President of Oregon State and University of Oregon each receive \$20,000 a year. President of Southern Oregon college receives \$15,000 and shares a car from a car pool.

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Polis and Salaries

To the Editor: The voters of the Medford school district are about to approve or disapprove the portion of the school budget that exceeds the 6 per cent limitation; a sum in excess of one million dollars. We have had in the past, very poor representation at the polls—about 8 per cent of legal voters. We need a larger portion of the voters on these matters, even then there are hardships made for the voters to participate, such as from 2 to 8 p.m. at isolated locations far from the homes of some voters.

An Election Plug

To the Editor: I would like for all my friends, neighbors, and associates to know that I heartily endorse O. E. Frazier for Phoenix school board director. I do not have any personal friendship with Mr. Frazier, but have been one of his neighbors for several years and know he is fully capable of taking care of his own finances, and feel sure he will do the same for us.

New Horrors Ahead

To the Editor: At the beginning of this year, United Press International carried a feature article in newspapers throughout the United States, reporting on the growth of interest in religion and spiritual things since World War II. The year just ended was a good year, on the whole, for the American churches. If America is experiencing a genuine religious revival, why aren't its fruits more evident in the general level of public morality?

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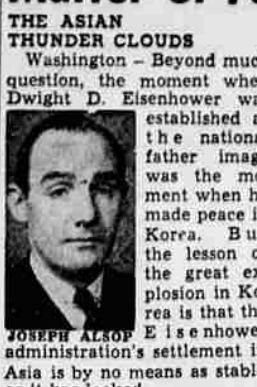
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Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop



THE ASIAN THUNDER CLOUDS
Washington - Beyond much question, the moment when Dwight D. Eisenhower was established as the national father image was the moment when he made peace in Korea. But the lesson of the great explosion in Korea is that the administration's settlement in Asia is by no means as stable as it has looked.

The partition of Korea left the southern half of that poor country without sufficient means of self-support, and with the unending need of supporting a huge army to defend its border. One consequence of this arrangement was an enormous annual bill for American aid, still running at the level of \$180 million per annum. Another consequence was the tendency to political corruption which generally appears in a poor country handling a rich aid program.

IN Korea this situation was further inflamed by the personal tragedy of President Syngman Rhee. The hero of Korea's resistance to the Japanese, the brave old man who stood all the rough shocks of the Korean war, has been unhappily corroded by the years.

religious revival, why aren't its fruits more evident in the general level of public morality?

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I., in his latest article on the harm of printed and photographed filth, says: The morals of America are beset today by an unprincipled force which will spare no home or community in its quest for illicit profit.

As sure as marijuana leads to heroin, morally vicious pictures create a desire for pornography.

Mayor Terry Schruck, of Portland, Oregon, not so long ago, banned a motion picture from Portland, a much larger city than Medford.

Our government, and local people, do not consider an 18 year old adult, yet they are allowed into the theater to view the week end "Adults only" pictures.

Unless there is a change in the trend for filth, we will soon find ourselves plunged into new horrors dealing with sexual and mental aberrations.

Robert Betschart, 4977 South Pacific Hwy., Medford.

Lips That Pray

To the Editor: I want to answer the statement of J. P. Wirth, 120 Laurel st., "hands that help are better than lips that pray."

During the war I was coming home by bus from Baltimore, Maryland. Somewhere in Illinois this happened.

Our bus was approaching a truck. As they got about a car's length from each other, the driver of a car following the truck decided to pass. Quicker than it takes for you to read this, the three vehicles were side by side. The bus driver swerved to the right and the truck driver to the left to avoid crushing the car between them. The road was slippery from a skiff of snow that had fallen and frozen, so the bus slid into a shallow ditch on the right, carved across the road and down a three foot embankment on the left and we could feel the bus tilt as the right wheels left the ground.

All this happened so quickly. There was not a sound inside the bus—not even of people breathing. I know I was holding my breath, clinging to the back of the seat in front of me staring at the driver in a kind of trance. He was sitting, apparently perfectly relaxed, his hands hanging at his sides. He was doing nothing.

As we felt the bus tip these words came from the lips of someone, out into the stillness, "Lord help him. He cannot do it alone."

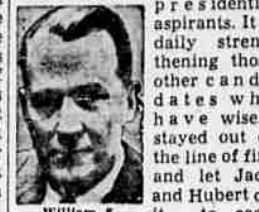
The bus ran along the bottom of the ditch for a distance, settled back onto all four wheels, ran back up the bank, crossed the road to the side it was supposed to be on and came to a stop in position to continue its journey, just as if it had been parked there.

The stillness in the bus continued for a moment and just as everyone settled back into their seats, the bus sort of settled closer to the road and the air went out of the brakes in a great sigh. From one pair of lips after another the sigh was echoed in words of thanksgiving to the Lord our God. He had most certainly answered a pair of lips that prayed.

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Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE



DAMAGE BY PRIMARIES
Washington - The primary system is daily chewing up the participating Democratic aspirants. It is daily strengthening those other candidates who have wisely stayed out of the line of fire and let Jack and Hubert do it to each other.

It is increasingly probable that neither of the two contestants for the West Virginia primary election of May 10 will really win. This may be true no matter who comes in first in the voting as between Massachusetts and Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota.

It is just as increasingly probable that the real West Virginia, and far beyond West Virginia, will be, in varying degrees, the non-participants. These canny gentlemen are Senators Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas and Stuart Symington of Missouri, and Adlai E. Stevenson.

ONE SWALLOW does not make a summer.

And one West Virginia primary does not make a presidential nominee, though it could break one. The harm clearly being done there to Kennedy as the front-runner may well not be enough to stop him, even if he should finish narrowly behind Humphrey. (If he should be badly beaten in this "popularity contest," of course, the

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

Syngman Rhee, who spent 50 years of his life fighting for independence for his country (Korea was conquered by Japan in 1910) is toppled from his post as Korean president by an uprising among Koreans.

They rose in revolt because they believed Rhee was CHEATING THEM OF DEMOCRACY. There is much evidence that their belief was well founded. Syngman Rhee seems to have come to the conclusion, not unusual among men who hold TOO MUCH POWER IN THEIR HANDS, that only he was fit to give the Korean people what in his opinion they ought to have.

WHY DID Rhee quit?

The answer is interesting. He quit BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID OF THE PEOPLE.

THAT suggests a fascinating thought.

If Nikita Khrushchev became SUFFICIENTLY afraid of the Russian people, HE TOO WOULD QUIT.

THAT BRINGS another thought:

If the Russian people become convinced that they too are BEING CHEATED OF THE FRUITS OF DEMOCRACY, they may rise against the communist despotism as the high school and university generation of Koreans rose against the despotic methods of Syngman Rhee.

Within the memory of people not yet old enough to be put on the shelf, the Russian people rose against the despotism of the czars. They were tragically unfortunate. Their revolution fell into the hands of the communists, led by Lenin.

The communists forced the Russian people into their particular pattern of despotism. Just as Syngman Rhee seems to have forced the Korean people into HIS pattern of despotism. The Korean people, after taking it as long as they could, REVOLTED.

HERE'S a guess:

The reports of this Korean revolt are being read with considerable interest in the Kremlin. Mr. K has a shrewd mind. The thought that what has happened in Korea MIGHT happen in Russia can't help occurring to him. Let's hope he ponders it deeply.

Kennedy bandwagon would grind to a halt.)

But enough harm is being done, at any rate, to give subtle but real promotion to those presidential candidates who are not on the scene and thus not a part of the disorder.

This is by no means wholly due to the punishing nature of the so-called religious issue. This issue finds Kennedy defending himself as a Catholic and Humphrey compelled to protest over and over that as a Protestant he wants no support based on religious prejudice.

Almost equally injurious to both, and equally helpful to their non-participating rivals, is the increasing bitterness of the campaign quite outside the factor of religion. The retort courteous has long since become only a memory as between Humphrey and Kennedy. Now it is the retort ugly.

THINGS are being said by Democrat about Democrat that can never be later recalled - and that are being carefully logged by the Republicans for later use. This is not likely to matter so much to Humphrey. For his nomination in any case is very improbable. But it might matter a great deal later to Kennedy, and to the Democrats in general if he should be their candidate in the election campaign.

Already the Republican national committee has put out one installment of "what the Democrats said" which will make good G.O.P. ammunition later on. And as the party gets rougher and rougher this Republican arsenal is being stockpiled by the hour.

Kennedy, in effect, calls Humphrey a mere wrecker who can go nowhere himself but is ready to be used by others. Humphrey now goes very far. Obviously referring to Kennedy's wealth, he tells a West Virginia audience: "I don't think elections should be bought. Let that sink in deeply."

AND "sink in deeply" it surely will. What will Humphrey say, in campaigning in the fall for his party's ticket if Kennedy heads that ticket, when the Republicans repeat after him: "I don't think elections should be bought?"

Symington, meantime, goes quietly about the country presenting himself as the friend of all Democrats and the enemy of none. Johnson, whose unannounced campaign is already in motion in the west, presents himself as a leader of stability and responsibility. Stevenson, who has the appeal of a man who is not grabbing for the job, carefully refuses to break with any Democratic faction.

The primary system is bracing melodrama, no doubt. It is good theater. But is it good politics? (Copyright, 1960, by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)

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