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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 June 21, 1950 (Wednesday)

Medford Mayor Diamond Flynn has been authorized by the city council to continue negotiations for acquisition of the city of the Jackson county housing project in northwest Medford.

20 YEARS AGO June 21, 1940 (Friday)

The Medford Ministerial association announced it will hold park services this summer for the fifth consecutive year.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "One Oregon congressman voted for the bill providing for the deportation of Harry Bridges."

30 YEARS AGO June 21, 1930 (Saturday)

State Republican committee will select a gubernatorial candidate by death of George W. Joseph.

40 YEARS AGO June 21, 1920 (Monday)

The Chamber of Commerce is offering a \$10 prize to the person who can write the best song about Medford.

50 YEARS AGO June 21, 1910 (Tuesday)

The House of Representatives yesterday approved a public buildings bill which includes \$110,000 for a federal building in Medford.

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

- 1. Which is nearer to Yokohama: Seattle or San Francisco? 2. With what subject did the Volstead Act deal? 3. Was Charles Evans Hughes Secretary of State or Chief Justice of the Supreme Court? 4. What was the former name of Thailand? 5. Is the stalactite or stalagmite a limestone formation? 6. Who was the first U. S. President to have a "kitchen cabinet"? 7. What weapon did David use against Goliath? 8. To what rank does a U. S. Navy Captain correspond in the Army? 9. How many edges does a cube have? 10. What is another name for the card game "Black Jack"?

TO PROCLAIM FREEDOM Nicosia, Cyprus—British political sources said today plans are now being made to proclaim the independence of this strategic Mediterranean island on Aug. 1.

Science and the Public

Last week it was our privilege to attend a conference devoted to the problems of presenting the complexities of scientific investigation to the public in understandable and interesting form.

There was, of course, much "shop talk" among the newspaper writers, many of whom were full-time science writers, and others who were men who occasionally have a chance to write about science.

But the most interesting—even exciting—aspect of the three-day meeting were the glimpses into just what the scientific community is doing, how it is doing it, and why.

SPEAKERS included a top-flight nuclear physicist, a biologist, a chemist, an astronomer, a zoologist (now a director of a science museum), a geologist, and a bio-chemist.

In addition, the writers were conducted on tours to three scientific research projects under way at the University of Oregon. They included one in physics, dealing with the interaction of atomic and molecular forces at high temperatures and pressures; one in molecular biology, dealing with hereditary characteristics of living things, and whether or not they can be artificially changed; and one in the biology of the nervous system, dealing with the devices through which animals receive the signals from their sensory organs.

Thus was given an overview of some of the fields of science, from the unimaginably huge—the universe—to the unimaginably small—the worlds of the cell, the molecule, the atom, and the sub-atomic particles.

THERE were three constants.

One was the purely practical one—how can all these fields, with their own concepts, their own jargons, their own approaches, first be understood in sufficiently simple terms by the newspapermen, and secondly be made lucid and understandable for the "average" individual?

The second constant was the impression that, in all these fields, there is an underlying unity and order in the universe and a similarity of attitude among the scientists seeking to pry out its secrets.

The third constant was the impression that each science is, with each new discovery, coming closer to all the others—that, in fact, the arbitrary divisions of science into physics, chemistry, botany, and so on, are merely divisions of convenience, that each overlaps the other, and that what once were arbitrary dividing lines between them are fast vanishing.

IT BECAME ever more clear during the three days that the principal motivation of the scientists doing research on the outer fringes of knowledge is that of human curiosity—an almost passionate desire to increase mankind's understanding of the universe in which he lives.

If practical applications of new discoveries can be made, well and good. But with the research scientist—the "pure" scientist—application of his discoveries are secondary to the discoveries themselves.

And this is as it should be. A scientist is a better researcher if he works because he is curious than if his research is directed by someone else who hopes for a particular result.

OF WHAT use is this "impractical" research? Well, it is a fact that virtually every basic discovery on which our present scientific and technological civilization is based was the result of pure human curiosity and thought.

The practical application comes after the discovery, not before. And some of our great scientific leaps forward have been made as a result of unexpected side-discoveries of scientists who actually were investigating something else.

Each scientist, seeking to fulfill his own curiosity, is adding to the sum total of human knowledge. If his discoveries are immediately "practical"—fine. If they aren't—fine too, although they may be just the thing that rounds out another aspect of important research some other time.

THE total impact of science and technology on our present culture and civilization is difficult to measure.

But it is a fact that more progress in the acquisition of knowledge about man's environment, internal and external, has been made in the last century than in all recorded time before.

And, with the development of new tools during this period, the acquisition of knowledge will proceed at an ever-increasing rate. Computers and electronic "brains," radio telescopes, radioactive isotopes, electron microscopes, the techniques of using pressure and temperature in investigations—these and others will stimulate the rate of discovery.

IT IS a fact—deplorable but still true—that the "average" American has only a hazy and peripheral knowledge about all these developments.

And it is the job of the newspapers, magazines, and other media of public information to relay it as understandably as possible. With a few exceptions, this has not been done as well as it should be.

Conferences such as this, it is to be hoped, will stimulate this particular phase of the vast and complicated job of communication in a society already plagued with a million other problems.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"HEY, I GOT AN IDEA! WHY DON'T WE HAVE A LITTLE SNACK BEFORE LUNCH?"

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 initials 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.

A REAL Nurse

To the Editor: May I use your column to speak the praises of one of the finest nurses I have ever known, and one who is sadly missed in our fair city? The dear soul about whom I am speaking is still very much alive, and to those of us who loved to work under her, she was a "Good" nurse.

Tears come to my eyes as I think of her somewhat bent shoulders from years of waiting on the sick and teaching and training young girls to be good nurses or nurses' aides. But she was still very alert in her mind, and God bless her—strong enough in her body, too, so that she could grab a bed and push it down the corridor to another room where it was needed. She didn't waste time waiting for a janitor to come and do all the heavy work, nor did she always call an orderly away from his task to do it for her; she just pitched in and helped at any and all of the many hard tasks which sudden emergencies make necessary in hospitals.

She is, of course, Mrs. Bernice Nims, who has recently faded quietly away from Medford and left a very empty vacuum in the hearts of many nurses, nurses' aides and a great many folks who were once her patients.

I speak of the many folks who were patients in the two hospitals where Mrs. Nims was superintendent of nurses, as being "her" patients, because she had a sincere personal interest. She was a REAL nurse at heart, and if any lack of care was discovered, woe unto the nurses' aides who might be responsible.

Mrs. Nims was also kind and considerate of those who were in her employ, and I can speak from personal experience on that score. When illness hit her nurses, or family troubles, or any other needs arose, she was kind and patient, filling their place with a temporary nurse, and inquiring carefully whether or not they were sufficiently recovered to come back to work.

I know there are many other nurses' aides here in Medford and vicinity who feel the same way about Mrs. Nims as I do. God bless her!

A Nurses' Aide (Name on file) Medford.

"Skinny" Revived

To the Editor: A friend just told me that she once knew short articles that she liked to cut out for her scrap book. They were printed in the old Comfort magazine of Augusta, Maine, and were sent in by Pearl Vesey. When Editor Ganett passed away, dear old Comfort magazine also went. I know because I was Pearl Vesey.

Addresses of the thousands of pen friends who wrote me were destroyed when my home burned, but the lady, mentioned above, remembered me and my string of horses. I wonder whether others do? People no longer address me as "Hi Skinny," and all my pictures—mountain climbing, skiing, skating, fishing and hunting—went up in that black smoke.

A white back I saw two youthful equestrians jogging along just east of Jacksonville, Fla. Very happy mutts padded along at the horses' heels.

The buckskin in advance was a perfect picture of one

of my Palaminos—even to his silver tail and mane.

Springer, one of my greyhounds, would dig out carrots and take them to Buck. Aren't dogs funny? Some people are, too.

One day I had a fine time sitting in the car and judging the crowd that milled past. I got several quiet laughs until a wisp of hair tickled my face causing me to glance in the mirror. I quit judging and headed for home! Seeing oneself as others see you isn't so very funny.

Thanks, all you unseen friends, for the kind messages. No, I am not ill, not on vacation, not "outta" writing material. Just lazy. To write, one must wait until the spirit moves. My spirit urges me to go fishing about now, but I don't believe they'd bite well in this weather.

I liked that article by Maud Arnold, didn't you? She just made me hear bird song and see those flowers. By now, some weeds need pulling. Mrs. John Spackman Jacksonville, Ore.

Time To Wake Up

To the Editor: Mr. Walter Reece's letter of June 19 created considerable concern to this reader, not by reason of the agreement of Mr. Reece with the previously published statement of Nelson Rockefeller; rather with his disagreement and reasons therefore, in effect stating that the United States by reason of their social and economic system cannot expect to "haul abeast" of the Soviet Union because we do not have the same unity of plan and purpose in our economic and social system as to the Soviets, and that we, in fact, do not put first things first.

Thomas Payne, an early American political philosopher, engendered a philosophy of purpose into our system, after which the freedoms so long enjoyed in this country have been patterned and exercised by the successful generations. This philosophy does not allow for weakness of National pride and purpose as evidenced by Mr. Reece's statement that "there is not much that we can do about it." To say this at a time when two great world powers are competing for the minds of men everywhere is, on our part, indicative of defeatism and consequently an extremely dangerous negative attitude.

I, for one, have been guilty of apathy in recent years toward the mounting crisis in our country, engineering that very essence of freedom which secures our inalienable rights, excusing myself on the grounds that I was too busy building a future for myself, only now to awaken to the reality that to have the privilege of enjoying an inalienable right one must exercise the obligation to protect against its surrender.

Now, not later, is the time to awaken the conscience of the American populace to the very real threat to our democratic processes brought about by the outright expressions of undermining philosophies as they appear daily in our newspapers, T.V. and radios.

We may build automobiles and T.V. sets, but there is no other, country in this world in which people's minds are so nurtured by freedom as to allow them the right of expression of their independent feelings. To insure the continued freedom of expression for all succeeding generations let us pick up the reins of responsibility of citizenship

International Complications Follow On Eichmann Case; Council Study Scheduled

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

A strange case nobody wants to discuss goes before the United Nations Security Council Wednesday when it takes up Israel's abduction of the country itself even existed. It will gain the emotional support of most of the world for so doing.

Propaganda Value But more than that, it is evident that Eichmann is gold to Israel in more ways than one. Premier David Ben-Gurion can use the case to offset recurrent whispers that he has been too cozy with the Germans. And the propaganda value of the Eichmann case can be worth millions to Israel's continuing worldwide financial drive.

Argentina stands first of all on indignation protestation that its sovereignty was violated. In addition, there is the principle of political asylum, more widely respected in South America than anywhere else, which must be considered.

But Argentina has been charged frequently with harboring Nazi political criminals. It has said Israel may apply for Eichmann's extradition, once it returns him, but it has failed to extradite Nazi diplomat Karl Klingensuss or Dr. Joseph Mengele, both wanted by West German for

and act now to thwart the activities of subversives within our midst, and consequently to win out in any race by reason of the moral truth of our existence.

William G. Johnston 10 Goidy Bldg., Medford.

Disaster Drive Endorsed

To the Editor: Our local Red Cross chapter is in the process of campaigning for disaster aid to Chile, as a result of earthquakes and tidal waves which devastated so many communities there. The American Red Cross was asked to help in this emergency by President Eisenhower.

The United Medford Crusade represents a movement to include as many agencies as possible in one campaign, and the local Red Cross chapter is included in our campaign. By agreement with the Red Cross made in 1953, when this agency became affiliated with our united fund, it was stipulated that the Red Cross chapter would be free to conduct a campaign for emergency disaster relief at any time requested by the American National Red Cross, and that such a campaign would have the moral support of the United Medford Crusade.

At a recent meeting of our board of directors, it was decided that the United Medford Crusade should publicly endorse the campaign for Chilean relief, urging that aid be given for the people of Chile who are in such urgent need of help.

Medford has been rightly known as a generous community, and it is hoped that it will again so prove itself in the campaign for disaster relief.

Richard H. Travis President United Medford Crusade Board of Directors

Never Too Late

To the Editor: Time is growing late; reprieve, rapidly expiring. On the other hand, it is NEVER too late to do good.

Instead of endeavoring to justify indefensible patrolling in another's sovereign autonomous territory—an act of military aggression—let us apologize to the world's peoples for the antagonizing policies we have been following and hasten to make conciliatory restitutions to the extent possible. Hence, let us convert our laboratories and our factories, our material resources and our personnel, our goals and our implementing policies, toward pacific ends to displace our erstwhile belligerencies.

In resolving tensions either between men or between nations, goodwill makes a far more potent constraint of transformation than all terrifying intimidations combined. Tactics of cooperative friendship (relief and rehabilitation, commercial trade and cultural exchanges) energetically pursued toward Russia, China, Japan, Germany, Egypt, all the world, discarding our recently current diplomacy of domineering, could (and would if granted opportunity), in a few months, recover our badly-damaged prestige, put a stop to this insane "cold war" and fundamentally reconstruct earth's international atmosphere.

Charles A. McCalmon 616 Siskiyou Blvd. Ashland, Ore.

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war crimes trials. West Germany would like to try Eichmann. It would add to its de-Nazified prestige and increase the stature of the justice of its courts.

West Germany has a case at least to the extent that Eichmann's crimes were committed in its territory.

U.S. On Spot The United States is on somewhat of a spot. Having only three weeks ago derided Russia's contention that U-2 spy flights violated the sovereignty of the Soviet Union, it is now called upon to stand by its Hemispheric ally's charge that Eichmann's seizure was a violation of Argentine sovereignty.

Russia, on that ground, would appear to have a propaganda cinch in the Eichmann case. But if the Soviet Union supports Israel's claims, it will go against its current campaign to woo the Arabs, arch enemies of the Israelis. Yet it must demand quick punishment for any leader of Nazism, the number one target of the Kremlin since June 22, 1941, the day Hitler invaded Russia.

Even more Nazi-hating by tradition than Russia is Poland, the first country overrun by Hitler in World War II. If the Kremlin's line is too soft in the Eichmann case, Poland might face the unlikely proposition of a minor split with Russia in the Council.

Almost forgotten is the U.N.-sponsored genocide treaty, a life work of Rafael Lemkin, a Polish law professor at Yale. The treaty calls for trials of such as Eichmann by an international tribunal. But nobody has asked for such a trial.

Diplomacy is a funny bird

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

COURTESY OF KHURSHCHEV

Washington—More than a fortnight before the final catastrophe in Tokyo, U.S. Ambassador Arthur W. Drexler

the magic that made the great difference between cheers and yells of hatred was not Eisenhower's magic. The magic was in fact the discipline of the South American Communist parties, which were ordered to act "in the spirit of Camp David" because Khrushchev was then still hoping to get his way about Berlin at the summit conference.

The realistic policy-makers at the State Department in effect recognized these facts, as soon as the explosion at the summit caused a change in the Kremlin's orders to the Japanese Communists. This was the reason why a Japanese dis-invitation was first invited by Ambassador MacArthur more than a fortnight ago. The final dis-invitation is the Kremlin's triumph. That cannot be concealed by any amount of byzantine twaddle about the defeat in Japan being balanced by the success in Manila.

FURTHERMORE

this American defeat in Japan is a far greater triumph for the Kremlin than almost anyone in this country has dared to admit. In Asia, more than in any other part of the world, people judge the direction of the bandwagon of history by rather simple indicators of power and prestige. The Kremlin's proof that it can force our major Asian ally to dis-invite the President of the United States will reverberate through every Asian country for months and years to come. It will do untold damage to American interests. It is a true catastrophe, directly traceable to the original wishful decision to make a journey which could only succeed by Khrushchev's courtesy.

Finally, no prudent person can ignore the contempt for this country which the world Communist leadership is now displaying. The Peking government specifically stated that it was scheduling an extra-heavy bombardment of Quemoy during the President's Taiwan visit, in order to underline its "contempt and scorn" for him. The orders given the Japanese Communists fits the same pattern. So does the much more disturbing plan for an exchange of visits between Khrushchev and Cuba's Fidel Castro.

Seven years ago, the masters of the Kremlin were showing all sorts of other unpleasant feelings about this country but not contempt. But seven years ago, the period of flaccid, comfortable American neglect of the world balance of power was only just beginning. The strong, remember, are never held in contempt.

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