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Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County History from 1800 to the Present
Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
July 8, 1950 (Saturday)
The Jackson county selective service board will stay open for 40 hours a week, starting Monday; it had previously been open only on Wednesdays.

20 YEARS AGO
July 8, 1940 (Monday)
A long-needed cooperative packing school to benefit valley fruit growers will open Aug. 1 in the Pinnacle Packing company warehouse.

30 YEARS AGO
July 8, 1930 (Tuesday)
A gasoline price war is raging here and on the rest of the west coast.

40 YEARS AGO
July 8, 1920 (Thursday)
Local Republicans are predicting that Cox and Roosevelt, Democratic nominees, will be the "worst bean" Presidential candidates in history.

50 YEARS AGO
July 8, 1910 (Friday)
A 30-year-old Central Point farmer was killed by a train yesterday as he was crossing the railroad tracks near Snowy Butte.

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

1. In classical times what body of water was known as the Hellespont?
2. Name the capital of Wyoming.
3. Eight months' babies never live; true or false?
4. Correct the following: "I drunk a glass of water."
5. Was President Theodore Roosevelt a lawyer?
6. A triangle with two equal sides is named an-?
7. Napoleon Bonaparte was born in Paris, France; true or false?
8. Is the proverb "To kiss the rod," a reference to humility or subservience?
9. Was the "scarlet letter" referred to in Hawthorne's novel a 'W', 'D', or 'A'?
10. A bottle and cork cost \$1.10; the bottle cost \$1 more than the cork. How much did the cork cost?
Answers: The Dardanelles, 2. Chaymas, 3. False, 4. I drank a glass of water, 5. No, 6. Isosceles, 7. False, (Island of Corsica), 8. Humility, 9. "A," 10. Five cents.

Again--What's News?

By the very nature of his occupation, a newspaperman is interested in the question, "What is news?"
It isn't a question that is ever answered, finally and definitely. And what answers are provisionally provided are always subject to change.

OUR caller inquired about our policy of printing the names of people who receive traffic citations.
Briefly, it is this: We do not use their names at the time of arrest unless there are unusual circumstances connected with it, such as, say, an accident.

HE PUT it something like this: "You print a guy's name if he's convicted, but when a guy beats the rap, you don't give him any credit. Isn't that news?"
Well, now--is it?
We have operated on the theory that no one likes to become embroiled with the law, even if innocent, and have thus relegated to obscurity the names of those innocents who have had a brush with the law and been cleared of blame.

Why Traffic "News"?

While on the subject of names in the news, it might be of some interest to report that hardly a week goes by but what someone who has tangled with the law, to a greater or lesser degree, comes to the office seeking to have his name kept out of the paper.

COME right down to it, why do we print names of people in trouble with the law at all?
Again, it goes back to what is "news."
And crime, under almost anyone's definition, is "news." The Mail Tribune does not report criminal news in a "sensational" manner, like some papers. But it does feel a responsibility to report on that facet of our society, along with all the others.

AS OF now, we have drawn the line, after considerable thought and consultation, between parking violations and "moving" violations.
That is, a violation of a traffic regulation, when a car is in motion, is where we start reporting the "news."

Subject to revision in light of new circumstances or facts. But that is our present practice, and one that will continue until it is shown to be wrong.—E.A.

The Railroads' Ox

We have, deep down, a considerable sympathy with the nation's railroads in the plight they're now in—a plight largely of their own making, by the way.

NOW, however, when the post office is attempting to increase its use of air transportation for mail—first class mail when possible as well as premium-priced air mail—the rails are howling just as loudly as the barges and stages did.

SO THE railroads, despite their loud cries against "government interference" with industry, private enterprise, and so on, now are seeking to hamstring legislatively another segment of industry.

It's hardly consistent.
And it goes to prove, once again, that it all depends on whose ox is gored—in the phrase so often used in these columns.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"Hi, Mr. Wilson! Hi, Mr. Wade! Hi, Mr. Stevens! Hi, Mr. Taylor! Hi, Mr."

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.

Police Partiality?
To the Editor: I have been reading some letters written by the people in your column. I just want to say that the Medford police sure do show partiality, especially in passing out parking tickets.

Near Victory
To the Editor: Our committee is very grateful for your support of the measure to provide fair salaries for our state legislators.

Missed Opportunity
To the Editor: In the July 3 Mail Tribune, the Walter Lippmann column was largely devoted to a clarification of the much discussed U-2 flight.

More Discussion
To the Editor: Although I don't agree with Mr. Walter Reece's analysis (communication June 23, 1960), I did enjoy reading it.

As for Mr. M. J. Olson's letter (communication June 24, 1960), I can't agree with him that "socialism as it is known today, must be contrasted as communistic."

SENNETT ACTOR DIES
Hollywood—UPI—Larry McGrath, 70, comedy and character actor in Mack Sennett silent films, died of a heart attack Wednesday night while watching television at the Masquers Club.

Defection of Respected Lawyer One More Sign of Castro's Revolutionary Twisting

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
The man of the week: Jose Miro Cardona, former Cuban ambassador-designate to the United States.
The place: Havana.

These were not the first among the bearded Castro's former followers to quit his camp, nor would they be the last.
But Miro Cardona's defection probably was the most damaging yet to Castro's prestige.

Having thus penned his letter of resignation as Cuba's ambassador to the United States and another resigning as professor of criminal law at Havana University, Dr. Jose Miro Cardona made his way past Cuban policemen outside the Argentine Embassy and at 7:35 a.m. on Tuesday joined another distinguished fellow countryman in political exile.

Both men had been dedicated revolutionaries against the Batista dictatorship, but neither now was able to stomach the dictatorship of Fidel Castro nor stomach Cuba's swift passage into the Communist orbit.

Rejas had called the Cuban government "in its present form definitely Communist."

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann
THE CONTAINMENT OF CASTRO
More and more, the Castro government has been acting as if it were trying to provoke the United States into armed intervention.

There is as yet no decisive evidence which enables us to be sure of the answers to these questions. But, given what we know, it is clear, I think, that we must not allow ourselves to be provoked into armed intervention with the military occupation of Cuba.

THE point to which we can address ourselves is Castro's own intervention in the internal affairs of his neighbors around the Caribbean. We can do virtually nothing on our own. For, except in defense of American lives, we have signed away the right of unilateral action in this hemisphere.

But joined with a few other liberal American states, say with Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, and Venezuela, we could—without intervening in Cuba—work out measures to contain and to quarantine the Cuban revolution within the island of Cuba.

There is no doubt that Castro is fully aware of the fact that under the treaty as now established, and in the present climate of American and world opinion, he enjoys a high degree of immunity in what he does to the United States, Britain and other foreign property owners and in what he says in his propaganda campaign.

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Proposal for 'Honest' Party Platforms Have Little Chance

By LYLE C. WILSON
Los Angeles—UPI—Democratic Committeeman Paul Ziffren of California and Sen. Prescott Bush, a Connecticut Republican, are the lost cause champions of this presidential convention year.

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In the Day's News

From Havana: Premier Fidel Castro's government prepares to seize U.S.-owned sugar mills in Cuba as a likely step in reprisal against U.S. cuts in the Cuban sugar quota.

QUESTION: Shall we go to war over that?
It is improbable, in general, when American citizens or American business corporations go into business in a foreign country, they take their chances. We seek by diplomatic procedures to give as much protection as we can to Americans doing business abroad, but in principle we don't GO TO WAR to back them up.

WHAT shall we do?
It all depends. Suppose RUSSIA moves into Cuba—first businesswise (such as providing markets for the sugar Cuba can no longer sell to the United States)—then, later, military-wise (such as taking steps to strengthen Castro's military forces with Russian arms or troops)?

WELL—
In that event—
The Monroe Doctrine would take over. It would take over because such a move on Russia's part would amount to taking Cuba over as a Soviet satellite (colony).

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