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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: July 11, 1950 (Tuesday). Approximately \$180 was taken from the Medford Rogues' box office in a burglary at the fairgrounds ballpark last night.

Immediate activation of Oregon's national guard reserve was ordered today; the action was brought about by the Korean conflict.

20 YEARS AGO: July 11, 1940 (Thursday). Public hearings will be held in Medford and Hood River next week to discuss proposed revisions of grades for winter pears and several varieties of summer and fall pears.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The Duke of Windsor, former King of England, has been named Governor - General of the Bahamas. He will soon go to Nassau, and go to work." He may go to Nassau, but never the latter.

30 YEARS AGO: July 11, 1930 (Friday). A reported gold strike in the Sterling district still lacks confirmation.

The Baptist church will hold its annual picnic at Ashland's Lithia park tomorrow.

40 YEARS AGO: July 11, 1920 (Sunday). Work has started on local irrigation canals so water will be available for farming next year.

The first band concert of the season will be held in the city park Wednesday.

50 YEARS AGO: July 11, 1910 (Monday). Trenching for the city's new gravity water system has been completed and pipe line is now being laid from Little Butte creek; the system would Butte creek; the system should be ready for use by Aug. 1.

The tragic waste of fish at Ament dam on the Rogue river has ended with the installation yesterday of a new fish ladder.

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

1. The north wing of which Capitol was finished in 1800? 2. In which year did the U.S. Congress meet for the first time in Washington, D. C.?

3. In all history who is said to hold the deepest interest in Christianity? 4. Who is the author of the poem that immortalized "Enoch Arden"?

5. The process of removing oysters from shells is called what? 6. With what sport do you associate the name of Sam Snead?

7. Why were the old country schoolhouses painted red? 8. "I am as fit as a..." - what?

9. How many men were "in a tub" in the nursery rhyme? 10. Was Samuel Osgood the first Postmaster General of the U.S., or the first Treasurer?

Answers: 1. Capitol of U.S. 2. 1800. 3. Jesus. 4. Alfred Tennyson. 5. Shucking. 6. Golf. 7. Because red was the cheapest. 8. "... fiddle." 9. Three. 10. Postmaster General.

Family and Nation

If not actually, then symbolically—and sinfully, the theologians tell us—Adam and Eve formed Man's first social unit. It was, of course, the family. Its purpose, under The Plan, was procreation. Its purpose, under Man, was self-preservation. Since that time, whenever it was, Man has evolved many and varied social units. Most have been useful in their days, all were born of apparent necessity, and most have gone on to obsolescence. The history of Man is dotted with their graves.

FIRST, the family grew and inter-mated. It became a clan. Clans came together for mutual benefit and we had tribes. Usually, then, one tribe became dominant over others, and there was a loose federation founded on force. The ego of men resulted in earldoms, sheikdoms, sultanates, dukedoms, protectorates. Came the free city, the city-state, the leagues of states, the nations, the empires, the cooperative commonwealths. All are motivated by self-interest.

TODAY we have states and groups of states, containing varied peoples, and organized as democracies, monarchies, oligarchies, theocracies, authoritarianities, totalitarities, even anarchies, and goodness knows what else and how many combinations or dilutions of one or more. The avowed purpose of all—which is virtually the only proposition on which all agree—is to provide their peoples with physical safety and the possibility for lives of contentment and achievement.

Each single person on earth today is well qualified to judge how well they are doing the job—and if.

OF ALL the governmental social units of history, two remain, broadly speaking. They are that one which for the sake of brevity I shall call "The Nation-State," and the first of them all—the family. The Nation-State survives as Man's major mundane instrument of self-interest and self-preservation. It pledges us, in theory at least, safety and opportunity.

GOVERNMENTAL social units which existed prior to the relatively recent Nation-States had the same purpose. Man abandoned, destroyed or reformed them because they failed him. Circumstances within or outside, or both, made them useless. Many became simple nuisances; some became menaces; all became, in due course, liabilities of their days. Man examined them, found them wanting, discarded them. Admittedly this was not an orderly cerebral processing. Mostly, it was reaction to necessity. But it happened.

AND so I wonder—at the risk, of course, of being snidely called a One Worider—if it isn't time calmly, searchingly and skeptically to examine today's Nation-States, all of them. Are they accomplishing what ought to be their purposes? Are they aiding Man? Or are they adding to his difficulties? Are they protecting Man? Or are they threatening him? Are they benefactors? Or are they malefactors? Do they, in short, protect Man or injure Man?

SINCE the beginning of this century the governments of the world's Nation-States have not resolved a single quarrel of consequence. True, they have from time to time, singly or in groups, enforced their wills, but they have settled nothing. Almost none of the world's people are mad at other peoples. Yet there is not a single government which is not mad at one or more others. And every government is mad enough, at one other government at least, to desire to destroy it.

IF SUPPORT of this kind of international anarchy, with its limitless lethal possibility, is the collective desire of Man, then maybe we'd best give the chimps, gorillas and orangutans a chance. So what to do? We can begin by asking: has today's Nation-State become a difficult and dangerous anachronism? Can we longer afford to risk our very lives with a multitude of introverted governments which may have become as outdated as the beligerent, predatory dukedoms of yesteryear?—Melvin Voorhees in his column, "One Man's Opinions," in Seattle Argus.

The Choice

We quote from the Eugene Register-Guard. Which quotes from Peter Odegaard, former president of Reed College. Dr. Odegaard heard it from "an English political scientist." Who heard it no one knows where. The quote: "Executives must choose between an unmanageable number of manageable committees and a manageable number of unmanageable committees."—Capital Journal, Salem.

Dennis the Menace



"I'LL NEVER FORGET THE DAY I GOT THIS MOON ROCKET SPACE LAUNCHER. DAD AND MR. WILSON BROKE IT!"

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.

Salaries: To the Editor: I remember the look of surprise on the face of a former member of your staff, when he asked me where I secured the information regarding the city. I told him at that time, "I get it from your newspaper." Again I am securing my information from your paper. I have found that if I clip news releases from the city hall, that later releases will prove the untruth of the item formerly released. On May 12, 1960 and again on May 18 readers were told that the city employees salaries will be increased by \$15-\$20 per month. I find, according to the budget published, some of the higher paid employees are being given increases of \$50 per month. These same employees received a \$25 per month increase last year.

Some of our department heads are being paid as high or higher than cities twice the size of Medford. We are also providing two retirements for them, Salem was not doing this, when I checked two years ago. The cost of living has increased the same for all employees. Our city council has continued to give high raises to the high paid men, and low raises to low paid men, until the difference in pay between the man who gives the orders (which he gets from the city hall) and the man who does the work is clear out of line. This difference, in former years was about \$70 per month. It is now about \$300 per month. We were deliberately misinformed or cannot our \$1,000 per month city manager figure out that a \$600 per year raise is a \$50 per month raise and not \$15-\$20 as we were informed in your releases, May 12 and May 18.

We are also staying within the 6 per cent limitation, we are told. We are also told, "No money is allocated from the general fund for the sewage treatment division." They are just raising the amount you pay with your water bill. Once this is started and they get away with it, they can use the same method for other departments and get around the law regarding the 6 per cent limitation. They seem to think the taxpayer is stupid. Cleo Canoose 55 Ross Court Medford

Protest Copco Rates: To the Editor: Following is copy of a letter which I would appreciate your printing in your column. Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner Jonel Hill, Salem, Oregon

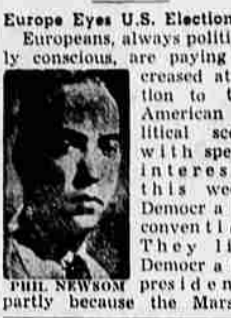
Dear Mr. Hill: The California Oregon Power Company has asked for another raise in power rates. I am absolutely opposed to any such raise. The rates are already too high, in comparison with the rates of other power companies and utilities. The California Oregon Power Company has, for a long period of time, advertised \$20 bonuses for used electric water and electric appliances. I should like to know how many thousands of dollars Copco has thus given away—money that came out of the consumers' pocketbooks from rates already too high. Low voltage means we consumers pay for power we do not get. For years, from time to time, we consumers have had trouble because of too low voltage, causing many motors to burn out.

Reminiscences: To the Editor: As I go back in memory in Oregon 60 years or more, the slogan was "when you get a job, trade your bed for a lantern." The slogan was almost true when you worked 12 hours or more. On my first job, as a lad of 6, I rode a horse with a rail fastened to the singletree, bucked straw home from the threshing machine, and 12 long hours and good pay. It was 50 cents a day. I worked six days without a bath. We had no showers or bathtubs then, and if lucky you got a bath in a wash tub or creek once a week—lucky boy.

May these thoughts help the older folks that stay at home pass the day away. And to those that travel far and near this summer, remember the undertaker's slogan, "We're in a hurry." Marshall H. Waggoner P. O. Box 753 Central Point, Ore.

Foreign Desk: Europeans Eye Political Scene; Algeria Talks Stall; China Hunger

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor From the foreign editor's notebook:



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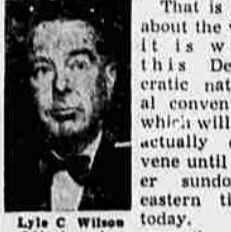
Europeans, always politically conscious, are paying increased attention to the American political scene, with special interest in this week's Democratic convention. They like Democratic President Johnson, and partly because the Marshall Plan which helped put Europe back on its economic feet after World War II, was instituted under a Democrat, and partly because, traditionally, they feel the Democratic Party has more interest in European affairs. They like Stevenson but know comparatively little about the policies of other potential Democratic candidates. Above all, they want the new U.S. president to be a strong leader, who, in cooperation with the European allies, would be prepared to take a bold lead on the international scene and help toward easing the cold war with Russia and Red China.

Cooling Off Period: Don't look for a resumption of the ruptured preliminary Algerian cease-fire talks for at least several weeks. Insiders in Paris see little basis for renewed negotiations toward ending the nearly six-year-old Algerian war, although they do not rule out the possibility of some diplomatic maneuvering during August that could get talks rolling again. If the government is going to budge on its refusal to recognize Algerian rebels as equals, August would be a good time—its France's traditional vacation month, and most of the opposition will be out of town.

Never Give Up: Japanese leftists have not given up the fight against the new U.S.-Japan Mutual Assistance Treaty, although it already is part of Japanese law. Next big forums for leftist protests are expected to be the Sixth World Convention against atomic and hydrogen bombs which opens in Tokyo on Aug. 2, and the retrial of seven left-wing demonstrators in Tokyo district court. The court case is a renewal of one in which a lower court first ruled that the old security treaty was unconstitutional and then was overruled by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ruling automatically threw the case back into the lower court.

HST Quitting Fight Means It's All Over But Counting Votes

By LILE C. WILSON Los Angeles (UPI) - When Harry S. Truman quits a fight, it means the fighting is over.



Lile C. Wilson

That is just about the way it is with this Democratic national convention which will not actually convene until after sundown, eastern time, today. Missing here are the suspense, clash and conflict which usually combine to make Democratic politics the spectacle this one will not be. The stop-Kennedy movement has not stopped the young man from Massachusetts.

Little Has Happened: After a warm-up week of political wheeling and dealing, not much of anything has happened. Kennedy began his day just about where he was a week ago—far, far in the lead. The course of the others has been true to form, the Democratic left-wingers have vetoed Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, and the Democratic left-wingers are telling each other a couple of years ago that if Kennedy were to be stopped, the stop-Kennedy movement would have to begin then. Instead, the stop-Kennedy movement never did really begin until the eve of this convention. Hardest hit by all of this is the little man who isn't here—Harry S. Truman whose political power is no more.

Red China Internal

Red China is facing a far more serious food shortage than it would like to be known. A nine-month drought has left Honan, Hopei and Shansi provinces parched despite the Peiping regime's determined effort to irrigate and dig wells. Typhoon Olive damaged many crops in the south. Farmers in Hunan Province, the rice bowl of China, have been ordered to plant terraced vegetable crops to increase the food supply. Shortages of fertilizers, which Peiping admits, will lower the generally gloomy crop yields this autumn.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS From Havana: Cuba's revolutionary government, BOLSTERED BY SUPPORT FROM RED CHINA AND RUSSIA, heated up its diplomatic and economic war with the United States with an angry rejection of U.S. complaints about seizure of American-owned property in Cuba. A ten-page note issued by the Cuban foreign ministry rejected as "false, hypocritical and malevolent" a Washington protest against expropriation of the Esso and Texaco oil refineries. The Cuban note said: "World opinion mobilizes, justly indignant, against the shameless economic aggression planned, organized and effected by the government of the U.S.A. against Cuba."

THE STORY of Maximilian and his widow, the Mad Empress Carlotta, is a tragic and fascinating one. It will be told in more detail later in this space. But there isn't room here.

Suffice it to say today that a century ago the Monroe Doctrine HAD TEETH. I think most of us believe it STILL HAS TEETH, and if necessary they must be used again. The original purpose of the Monroe Doctrine was to see that no Old World despotism ever gained a foothold in the Western Hemisphere.

Communism, headed up by Russia and Red China, is an Old World despotism. Its purpose is to destroy free government. We want none of it in the Americas.

THAT'S why this Cuban business is serious. Castro is just a tool. If he were alone, he'd be no problem. The Cubans themselves would dispose of him sooner or later.

But he isn't alone. He has backers. His backers are the leaders of the world communist movement.

PUTTING it as plainly as possible, it represents the first serious challenge to the Monroe Doctrine since Maximilian I of Mexico. Maximilian was a brother of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria. He was sent to Mexico by Napoleon III, the scheming nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte, who by a fluke had become the Emperor of France. Backed by French troops of Napoleon III, Maximilian became Emperor of Mexico.

He arrived in Mexico in 1864, when we were too busy with our tragic War between the States to do anything about it at the time. But... when that ended... leaving the U.S.A. with a powerful and seasoned army... we handled that situation without gloves. Napoleon III pulled in his horns, and eventually Maximilian died before a Mexican firing squad.

WELL, it isn't ridiculous. It is very serious indeed. It amounts (almost certainly) to a COMMUNIST effort to gain a foothold for communism in the Western Hemisphere—within less than 100 miles of the U.S.A. An armed foothold, at that.

Butler, though still national chairman, long since was ousted by his own colleagues as national committee man from his own state of Indiana. Ziffren was just similarly ousted by his own colleagues in California. Perlman never held elective office and for eight years has held no appointive office. He was solicitor general in the Truman administration. But he never held any public office. He speaks for a splinter group called Americans for Democratic Action. One of ADA's highest stated aims is the defeat of Johnson.

Elected United States Senators from the South who are supposed to be on the platform committee have publicly complained that the Butler group for the first time in history has refused even to consult with them. One of these Senators, Sam Ervin Jr. of North Carolina, is a distinguished former judge and an honor graduate of a scarcely pro-southern law school, that of Harvard university.

And he represents the most liberal state in the South—and one of the most liberal in all the nation—on race problems. (Copyright, 1960, by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)

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