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Flight '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 12, 1950 (Wednesday). Construction of a multi-story apartment house at Oakdale ave., and West Tenth st., which does not conform to the city's setback regulations, was approved by the city council last night by a 4-3 vote.

20 YEARS AGO: July 12, 1940 (Friday). The population of Jackson County increased by 2,925 during the past 10 years to a 1940 total of 35,843, according to the census.

30 YEARS AGO: July 12, 1930 (Saturday). Citizens of Oregon will vote on an anti-cigarette bill in November.

40 YEARS AGO: July 12, 1920 (Monday). The Medford Chamber of Commerce has hired a company to make a special census of the city in an effort to prove the federal census takers wrong.

50 YEARS AGO: July 12, 1910 (Tuesday). Rogue River valley growers have filed a request with the Spokane National Apple Show to place winesap apples in the same category as newton and golden apples for judging purposes.

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

1. Is Sholem Asch, author of "Our Destiny," a Jewish or White Russian writer?

2. Was Boris II the king of Rumania or Bulgaria at the outbreak of W. W. II?

3. What is the naval rank of students at the Annapolis Naval Academy?

4. Though "grand" means magnificent, is it a colloquialism when used in the sense of "excellent"?

5. Should a U. S. flag be flown night and day over a State capitol?

6. Do rose growers ever plant rose bushes in the fall?

7. Which U. S. President killed a man in a duel?

8. Who was the detective character in the novel "Study in Scarlet"?

9. Is a cretin a kind of calico, idiot, or drupe?

10. "Men's minds are too ready to excuse guilt in..." - whom?

Answers: 1. Jewish. 2. Bulgaria. 3. Midshipman. 4. Yes. 5. No. Day only. 6. Yes. 7. Andrew Jackson. 8. Sherlock Holmes. 9. Kind of idiot. 10. "..." themselves.

We ALL Own the Forests

In common with about 50 million or more other American citizens, we find that tossing a tent, some food, and sleeping bags and air mattresses in the car, and taking off for a night or two in the woods, is just about the pleasantest way there is to relax.

This we did last week end, journeying to one of our favorite spots, a small forest service campground some 30 miles from home.

The tall trees, the chuckle of the nearby stream, the smell of the hot sun on the forest duff, the warmth of the campfire and the gleam of the stars through the trees at night—these are a benison beyond compare.

THE week end wasn't spoiled, but it was badly marred, by two factors—previous "campers" who were at best litterbugs and at worst menaces, and timber cutting along the forest road right of way and along the stream.

At the camping site we chose, we found four or five beer bottles and cans tossed carelessly around, innumerable bits and pieces of paper, bottle caps, and burned-out sparklers, and, just across the creek under the stately trees and in forest duff, five or six spots where fires had been lighted—against all rules of safety and common sense.

As we strolled around the rest of the camp, we saw where someone had dumped a box-full of old magazines, which had been strewn by wind and water down a tributary creek; more beer bottles, (some of them smashed into jagged fragments), and cans, more unsafe campfire spots, and several places where living trees had been hacked by axes—either for firewood, or for no reason at all.

THIS kind of moronic litterbugging and worse is, we suppose, inevitable in a day when anyone with a car and a case of beer can get out into the woods.

The logging too (which we subsequently learned was "salvage" timber cutting to weed out dead trees and snags—but which left an almighty and unsightly mess) is, according to some lights, necessary.

The forest service makes much of its excellent watchwords—"multiple use," and "the greatest good for the greatest number in the long run."

But it still needs to be reminded, sometimes, that, by jingo, the Americans—ALL Americans—own the forests. How long will the great bulk of them tolerate dirty, unpoliced camps, and indiscriminate, poorly planned timber cutting?—E.A.

Americanus Moronicus

Bill Jenkins, over in Klamath Falls, is similarly irritated. Last week his wrath was directed at the Great American Litterbug, too.

In part, his Herald & News column said:

"There is a great to-do every so often about all the land we are losing to erosion, to bad land practices, to ill advised industrial projects. But little is said about all the land that is being lost due to simple littering.

"If anyone is interested I can point out miles and miles of roads that would be pretty, some beautiful, were it not for the shameful litter that has accumulated."

"Many people, misguided of course, can look with enthusiasm at the prospect of a 20 per cent gain in population. But will these same people be equally enthusiastic over a 20 per cent jump in the amount of trash that is unloaded along the public highways, in private driveways, in our parks and monuments, dumped into our rivers and trout streams?"

THERE'S one more thing about litterbugs.

They cost you money. The state highway commission spends thousands of dollars every year cleaning up their roadsides—money which could be saved, and put to better use, if it weren't for the thoughtless, the careless, the deliberately sloppy Americanus Moronicus—the litterbug.—E. A.

East-West Highway

Transportation is society's life-blood. That is the reason for all the fuss over the so-called "Winnemucca-to-the-Sea" route.

California is making its pitch to become the western end of this route, by digging a tunnel under Oregon mountain on the Redwood highway, and otherwise improving that road.

GRANTS PASS and Medford are both understandably enthusiastic about an improved east-west highway through their environs.

Another major link, which, if all goes well, will be completed in less than two years, is the new all-weather trans-Cascade highway going past Lake of the Woods, to connect to the paved highway to Klamath Falls.

From Klamath Falls east to Adel, the route is a paved, good-standard highway.

AND progress is being made east of there, too. Nevada is working on the road from Winnemucca northwest to the state line. Lake county has finished the next 17 miles to 80 per cent of grade, having done most of the heavy construction work; and is now pioneering another 6 1/2 miles, which will later be constructed by the state.

The state has undertaken responsibility for the remaining 15 1/2 miles, through Blizzard Gap, down Greaser canyon (the worst section), and across the Warner valley to Adel.

By 1963, it should be possible to go from Crescent City to Winnemucca (and on east to Salt Lake City) on good road all the way.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



'I THINK IT'S PART BUBBLE GUM AN' PART MUO PIE.'

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.

Why?

To the Editor: Why do you not print the news about Mexico? We hear on the radio about Mexico joining in support of Castro. For two or three days we have heard on the air about speeches in the Mexican congress in favor of Castro and against the United States. But I have searched your paper in vain for one little item about this issue.

Carroll Powell, Box 621, Central Point, Ore.

Editor's note: The story to which Mr. Powell refers concerned a leading member of the Mexican congress making a speech sympathetic to Castro. The AP apparently thought the story more important than the UPI did, and some papers thought it more important than others. In the squeeze of reporting political developments, rioting in the Congo, U.S. response to Cuba's allegations and vice versa, Khrushchev's insults, plus local news, the few paragraphs we received on the matter were omitted.

April 27, 1960. Dear Senator Morse: We have considered Mr. David Frisch's complaint that the available space and canteen service are inadequate at the Veterans Administration Domiciliary, White City, Ore. We investigated a similar complaint made by Mr. Frisch last November but could not support his principal allegations except for the inadequacy of space. A project is scheduled for 1963 which should correct the space problem.

The Hard Way

To the Editor: When I read articles written by maladjusted non-conformists such as Mr. Walker Reece I am reminded of a family that lived in our neighborhood just prior to the first World War. The father was a naturalized German American who antagonized everyone with his criticisms of his adopted country, and never lost an opportunity to show that his sympathies lay with his Fatherland.

The first thing every morning the entire family was marched into the front room to salute a large framed picture of the Kaiser.

His entire family was forced to pay for his disloyal actions because there was such strong resentment by everyone.

Years passed. The children grew old enough to shift for themselves and he gained his life's ambition—he had saved enough to go back to Germany for an extended visit.

When he got there things were not the same as he thought they were and he soon returned.

In the meantime his wife had packed up and left. Her sons had helped her start a rooming house.

He came home to an empty house, a few sticks of furniture and the large picture of the Kaiser.

He spent the rest of his days a friendless, lonely, disillusioned old man.

Times have not changed in some respects. Some people have to learn the hard way.

Here is a suggestion—the thing that hurts an egocentric more than anything else is to be ignored.

Lella A. Morrow, 531 North Bartlett st. Medford.

Senator Morse Helped

To the Editor: As a regular reader of your newspaper, I have reached the definite conclusion that you strive at all times to be fair. Therefore, I feel that you would not hesitate to give Senator Wayne Mores a boost, whenever he does something praiseworthy. The Senator's interest in the welfare of the veterans staying at this domiciliary has resulted in the projected enlargement of our coffee shop. This work, as evidenced by the following letter, has been

Stop-Kennedy Movement 'Sunday Punch' Thrown by Mrs. FDR, But 'Too Late'

By LYLE C. WILSON

Sports Arena, Los Angeles (UPI)—The stop-Kennedy movement had a Sunday punch,

after all. It packed a wallop. This Sunday punch was delivered by, of all persons, a 75-year-old woman.

The story of the effect of this Sunday punch can be briefly told: Not too little perhaps, but surely too late.

There probably was a time some months ago when Kennedy would have suffered rubber legs and glazed eyes from the kind of blow Mrs. R. aimed at him here. But, com-

ing as it did only a few hours before the Democrats convened, Kennedy will be saved by the element of time, as some fighters are saved by the bell.

Expresses Doubts Mrs. R. rapped Kennedy here with an expression of doubt that he could be elected. She had doubts, Mrs. R. explained, because of the issue of religion and what she regards as the senator's weakness with Negro voters.

"In a number of ways" she said, "Sen Kennedy has antagonized the mass of Negroes, and they will not vote for him at the head of the ticket."

Mrs. Roosevelt probably is the foremost, best known member of her party. Her political enmity can be a severe handicap. For the young man from Massachusetts, Mrs. R. has all-out political enmity so far as the senator may be considered as a presidential nominee. She is for him for

other pseudo liberals, repeatedly "mis-educated" the people by statements that these "two poor immigrants were put to death for the crime of liberal thought."

The facts reveal Sacco and Vanzetti were tried for murder and not for any reasonable thoughts or activities. When Sacco was arrested he was carrying a 32-caliber pistol containing nine bullets, with 23 more bullets in his pocket. Vanzetti when arrested was carrying a 38-caliber revolver, fully loaded, plus four 12-gauge shotgun shells in his pocket.

The bullet from Sacco's 32-caliber pistol matched the bullet found in watchman Berradell's dead body, and the shotgun shells in Vanzetti's pocket was a vital part of the state's evidence, plus positive identification, in an earlier unsuccessful payroll hold-up in which a 12-gauge shotgun had been used.

Yet two recent TV shows distorted the facts and "mis-educated" many of the uninformed viewers regarding Sacco-Vanzetti.

Question: Does the press have the moral, if not legal, obligation to expose such distortions?

What corrections may the press perform?

First, withhold the names of persons, organizations or items pertaining to identification, in news articles or picture, informing the reader said name, etc., may be found on back page under a number.

Second, if a crime, not any minor violation, publish the name, only upon a plea of guilty or upon conviction thereof.

Third, inform the reader "by what means" the news event was experienced, where it is known, or the means used.

Fourth, require reporters to use more care in checking the information alleged from the storehouse which every good newspaper has in their morgue.

Stephen E. Gillis, White City, Ore.

vice president, however, and this baffles some of the political realists hereabouts.

Favors Stevenson The party line on vice presidents of late has been that they should not be chosen by a grab bag technique but should be picked to strengthen the ticket and on the basis of their fitness to inherit the White House if a president should die. Mrs. Roosevelt's 1960 ticket is Adlai E. Stevenson for president and Kennedy for vice president.

She shares, in common with Harry S. Truman and other big name Democrats, a lost cause. That cause was to stop Kennedy. Kennedy cannot be stopped now.

Chairman Paul M. Butler of the Democratic National Committee has warned that for this convention to reject Kennedy if the senator came quite close to a nominating majority would be to invite election day reprisals from Roman Catholic voters. Ken-

edy is quite close now; perhaps over the top.

Youth—Political Issue The party elders did not want Kennedy. They've got him now. The party elders know that the Republicans would make a big political thing of Kennedy's youth. Republicans scarcely could expect the old pro Democrats to help them do that.

But on the record is Truman's tough question to Kennedy: Do you think you are ready for the nation and that the nation is ready for you?

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas has been stalling at Kennedy as a man lacking experience and mature judgement. Mrs. Roosevelt long ago challenged Kennedy as shy of courage when the issue of so-called McCarthyism had to be faced. Kennedy apparently met the challenge successfully.

The Democrats' first lady suggests now, simply, that he can't win.

Rocket-Rattling Not New, But Now Is Closer to Home—Cuba

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign Editor

Nikita Khrushchev officially has advanced his cold war front to within less than 100 miles of the United States.

When he spread communism's protective blanket over Cuba, it was formal proclamation of Soviet intent to move

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Said Khrushchev further: "Soviet artillerymen, should the need arise, can with their rocket fire-power support the Cuban people if the aggressive forces of the Pentagon dare to begin an intervention against Cuba."

That is, if you like, a warning to those who would like to settle international issues by force and not reason."

Rocket-rattling has become a recognized part of Khrushchev's cold-war propaganda technique.

There seems little reason to believe now that the Soviet Union would launch World War III over Cuba.

Castro Encouraged Rather, that portion of Khrushchev's pronouncement seemed calculated to encourage Castro into further reckless actions against the United States and U.S. property remaining in Cuba.

Khrushchev's all-out declaration for Castro's Cuba follows well established Soviet techniques.

In the Middle East, the Soviet moved with caution to take advantage of anti-western sentiments.

It made a barter deal with President Nasser of Egypt, Soviet arms for Egyptian cotton. It was a first step toward Communist infiltration of the Middle East; and an all-out challenge to western influence.

It was followed in 1956 when, as a champion of Egypt, the then-Premier Nikolai Bulganin warned Britain that Russia might use rockets in retaliation for the invasion of Suez.

Thus the words have not changed, only the locality.

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so far as the south and border states are concerned. The vice president would not seriously expect to do much good either in the south or the border states with Johnson at the head of the Democratic ticket.

THERE is the possibility, therefore, that this convention may require Nixon to make quick and fundamental alterations in his own plans. Once before he has had to do so. Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's abrupt withdrawal last December from contention for the Republican nomination forced the Nixon office to junk overnight an elaborate pre-convention schedule against Rockefeller.

The vice president, one of the most careful men in politics, wants to have the instant information on which to move instantly if he must again alter strategic outlines already provisionally laid down against Kennedy. That is why there are some distinctly non-Democratic characters on patrol in Los Angeles.

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