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10 YEARS AGO July 24, 1950 (Monday) Art Davis, Medford, was winner of the state-wide "Roadie" truck driver's contest in Portland yesterday.

20 YEARS AGO July 24, 1940 (Wednesday) The national good-will ambassador of 20-30 clubs, whose headquarters are in Urbana, Ill., will arrive in Medford tonight.

30 YEARS AGO July 24, 1930 (Thursday) Medford banks with deposits of \$5 1/2 million rank sixth in the state.

40 YEARS AGO July 24, 1920 (Saturday) Norma Talmadge, movie queen, and 17 friends are visiting Crater lake this week.

50 YEARS AGO July 24, 1910 (Sunday) Work will start Monday on the erection of the \$100,000 Page hotel at the corner of Main st. and Riverside ave.

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

1. Was Theodore Roosevelt graduated from Harvard or Yale University? 2. During which American war did the famous draft riots occur?

Day in the Woods

We spent an instructive day in the woods last week as the guest of the United States Forest Service, and in the company of a couple of representatives of the lumber industry.

The trip was motivated by a piece which appeared in this space not long ago, criticizing the foresters for making a woody shambles of a pretty area along a well-traveled road, and for lack of attention to forest recreational areas and facilities.

The trip once again proved that, when due attention is given, timber can be harvested, and stands of trees thereby improved, in a manner which would give offense to few if any observers—even those who still believe that "woodman spare that tree" is a way of life.

FOR INSTANCE, along that spectacularly beautiful stretch of forested highway between Prospect and Union Creek, which appears to the untutored eye to be completely untouched, logging has been progressing.

But it is careful logging, done from a distance away from the highway, and emphasis is given to dead, dying or "overmature" trees. They are carefully cut, and carefully snaked away from the highway.

The net effect is an improvement in the health of the stand, an elimination of some of the danger of "blow-downs," and continued enjoyment of the forest corridor by the public.

THIS sort of logging is slower and more expensive than the practices used in "back country," where clear-cuts, or even selective cuts, are done with less attention to esthetic values.

But, in our view, it is important, not only to public agencies which own the forests, but also to the lumber industry itself, in gaining and keeping the understanding and good will of the large mass of the people who resent, bitterly and rightly, unnecessary destruction of natural beauty.

(For a "horrible example" drive up the Dead Indian road and look over the two logging shows near the Jackson-Klamath county boundary.)

We also believe that both the industry and the forest-management agencies could put to profitable use a more extensive program of public information, at least some of it through the use of signs explaining what is being done, why, and how, in areas of timber harvesting.

AS FOR the lack of any significant progress in the improvement and expansion of recreation areas, the forest service has its hands tied. It has a fine program laid out, under the title of "Operation Outdoors," which is designed to create, enlarge and improve forest camps and other areas to accommodate the rapidly increasing millions of people who enter the forest for recreational purposes.

But between the Congress and the bureau of the budget, adequate funds have been denied the Forest Service to carryout the plan, even though it was approved in principle.

THOUSANDS upon thousands of people use the forests for recreation on each pleasant summer week end. And the inevitable results of this pressure on inadequate facilities are plain.

They include dirty, overcrowded camps, inadequately maintained; campsites carved out of the woods by campers themselves, with little attention to safety, sanitation, fire protection, or good sense; papers, cans, bottles and even garbage tossed about indiscriminately.

Some people say that this passion for the outdoors which is so evident these days is a "fad."

This we doubt. For Americans, particularly in the West, have an outdoor "heritage," and as time, money, and equipment become increasingly available to even low-income families, they are going to take advantage of our magnificent outdoors.—E.A.

"... No Such Thing..."

The quotation, "There is no such thing as a bad boy," has been heard frequently in recent years. It is designed to throw the blame for juvenile delinquency on parents, or the environment, or society in general.

The Minnesota commission on juvenile delinquency recently came up with an interesting reversal of this, and in a report said, in effect, "All human beings are born delinquent."

This idea, that babies are unthinking little savages, and have to be raised and trained to moral, civilized behavior, and that sometimes this raising and training simply doesn't "take," has much to commend it.

But whether "there is no such thing as a bad boy," or whether "there is no such thing as a good boy," which the reversal implies, the problem of dealing with "juvenile delinquency" remains the same—it is one of early training, understanding, and correction when and where necessary.—E.A.

Another Kind of Survival

There was comment here the other day about the interest generated by the San Francisco Chronicle's series about wilderness survival.

The interest has picked up considerably since then, with the Chronicle's great rival, the S.F. Examiner, charging the series of stories is a phoney, and the Chronicle countering by filing a \$1 1/2 million libel suit against the Examiner.

Maybe the issue of survival will shift from the family in the wilderness to the survival of two newspaper giants in the wilderness of the Bay area.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! RUFF NEEDS A TOOTHBRUSH. BUT DON'T HANG IT IN HERE!"

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.

He's Amazed

To the Editor: Congratulations to Robert A. Boyer, a leading Jackson county Democrat, for declaring his support of Alan Holmes, the Republican candidate for district attorney.

According to a recent television newscast, Mr. Boyer will be investigated by certain elements within the Democratic Central committee for the unforgivable crime of having a bumper sticker on his car which urges the election of his own law partner.

It would appear that those Democrats who choose to support Alan Holmes, and their numbers are considerable, may now be faced with the possibility of being driven from their own party. Certainly this seems to be so if the group supporting Mr. Scannell were to have their way.

When one considers that the office is basically non-partisan, I am amazed at these petty attempts to embarrass and to coerce Mr. Boyer into voting against his personal and private convictions.

As chairman of the undersigned committee, I welcome Mr. Boyer and the many other like-minded Democrats to our ranks and I commend them for their excellent and independent judgment in supporting Alan Holmes.

Ron James, Chairman Holmes for District Attorney Committee 3710 Cainoun rd., Medford.

Story Criticized To the Editor: I would think the local paper could find something more newsworthy than the article in Tuesday night's paper on the front page, regarding the death of a supposed veteran in rather dire circumstances here in Medford.

The average person got the impression that some poor veteran, who had given his all for his country, was denied medical assistance in his time of need. With all due respect to the deceased, I would like to ask why the Mail Tribune doesn't support Camp White, rather than stir up resentment locally against the Donnicillary and all people associated with it.

The Veterans Administration can't render aid to just anyone "claiming" to be a veteran. For that matter, not to every bona fide veteran who happens to get in a brawl and suffer bodily injury. A large number of so-called "bad apples" exploit this medical aid for entitled veterans and make it tough for the "rest of the barrel."

We can't expect Uncle Sam to wet nurse our vast number of veterans, and keep track of their records. It seems to me when an applicant has been approved for admittance and still prefers to live elsewhere, despite the fact he is unable to pay for needed medical care, the blame can hardly be put on Camp White administration.

Although you give Mr. Herzog's side of the story briefly, I can't help but feel you are being terribly unfair to him and his organization by playing up the story in the spotlight on page one. In every community there is an increasing number of senior citizens, who can no longer follow a gainful occupation. There is an even larger group of people—pensioners and retired persons. Low cost housing, rehabilitation and gainful employment are other measures that need the attention of every

citizen today if provisions are to be made for the senior citizens of tomorrow.

Why don't we have more in dollars and cents about the amount saved our local taxpayer by having these veterans provided with housing and medical care at Camp White, because they would be on the county welfare rolls were they not at Camp White.

The term "veteran" does not give any man the right to command the services of the federal government merely because he's an ex-G.I. Repectfully, Mrs. Edward Road 2242 South Stage rd. Medford.

When Is "Evenin'?"

To the Editor: A bit of colloquial terminology cropped up at the recent gathering of the donkey clan in California's L. A., to nominate their choice of presidential candidate. It occurred when the chairman, Gov. Collins of Florida, was pounding his gavel and exhorting the vast assemblage there to come to order. "You folks out there," he demanded, "must clear the aisles. Clear the aisles and return to your seats. There is much to be done here this evening."

The chairman's remarks were of common understanding to southerners. But to some untraveled northerners and the vast TV audience of the north, there must have been some wonderment why so much of the convention work should be reserved for the evening. Now, evening here in the north is spoken of as that long twilight interval from supper-time to country bed-time.

In the south, the meaning is quite different. It was indelibly impressed on this writer's memory some three score years ago in the then New Mexico territory when sauntering to a meeting after supper-time, a native there was found waiting in high dudgeon. "Where 'ya'll been all evening long?" he barked at me. "Waiting for evening to meet you as agreed," was my answer. "That's the trouble with you ignorant no'th'ners," he growled back. "Ya'll don't even know when evenin' is."

Just to be sure we had it right, a visit was made to my old retired engineer friend, Walter Lee Ray out West Eighth st. "You are quite right," this descendant of Robert E. Lee family assured me. "There is no long twilight in the south as we have here in the north. Evening here is generally looked on as from noon mealtime on so long as daylight lasts."

It occurred to me that this incident might be worth the writing, newspaper space and printer's ink. For it shows plainly how fortunate we are in these now 50 sovereign states to have a common understandable language, save for few differences as mentioned. It is of such help in welding us into a strong and enduring nation.

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Better Way

To the Editor: Last week things was bad, but dis week, things was starting to get better before dey was going to get worse again.

Ve told our Russians, "dere goose was cooked." Der very next day, der Russians told us, "Ve was looking like der ro-lissier full of barbecued yackrabbits." If you can link a better

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

President Eisenhower announces with considerable pride a budget surplus of \$1,100,000,000 (a billion, one hundred million dollars) for the fiscal year that ended June 30.

His pride is not lessened by the fact that the surplus is more than five times as large as the 200 million dollar figure he predicted in January. That shows what one can do IF HE TRIES.

HOW was the surplus achieved?

It was quite simple. Our federal government took in 78 billion, 400 million dollars and SPENT only 77 billion, 300 million dollars. That's how it was done.

MERE peanuts, you say?

Well, you COULD look at it that way. This saving of 1.1 billion dollars represents less than \$6 to you as an individual. (Each billion dollars the government spends represents about \$5.50 to each of our approximately 180 million people.)

Five and a half dollars is \$5.50. And . . . multiplied by four (the size of the more or less average family) it comes to \$22 . . . which, if yours is a reasonably normal family, would pay your light and water bills for a month.

IN THESE days when we talk in terms of billions and are beginning to think in terms of trillions, a surplus of a mere \$1,100,000,000 is, of course, a world-shattering achievement.

Our national debt is approaching the rather staggering total of 300 BILLION DOLLARS. Let's put it this way: If we can achieve a surplus of no more than a billion dollars a year, IT WILL TAKE US 300 YEARS TO PAY OFF OUR NATIONAL DEBT.

SOMETHING to think about. If the reckless spenders remain in control of our government, WE'LL NEVER GET OUR DEBT PAID OFF.

I HOPE you've read Charles Dickens' David Copperfield. If so, you're familiar with Mister Micawber. Here is Mister Micawber's economic philosophy:

"Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen six, RESULT HAPPINESS. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, RESULT MISERY."

Dickens' Mister Micawber was a charming old scallawag who TALKED thrift and PRACTICED extravagance. In that, he closely resembled our modern politicians.

B Scallawag or no scallawag, Mr. Micawber uttered a fundamental truth. If our government goes on indefinitely spending more than it takes in, the eventual result for all will be MISERY.

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

HERTZER'S WARNING TO EISENHOWER Washington - In Vienna a few weeks ago, a conversation took place which may be more meaningful than any debate of the American election year.



Nikita S. Khrushchev was taking his leave of the Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Bruno Kreisky.

"I can assure you," said Khrushchev in effect, "neither Britain nor France will ever fight for Berlin; and the United States will not either." Khrushchev may only have been trying to soften up Will Brandt through Kreisky, who is a close friend of the brave Mayor of Berlin. But Khrushchev may also have meant what he said, in which case he has made an appallingly dangerous miscalculation of risk.

The suspicion that he is indeed miscalculating the risk is in turn strengthened by the wholly new stage that Soviet diplomacy has now entered. The divide seems to have been the Bucharest meeting, with its open clash between Khrushchev's former views on "peaceful coexistence" and the more violent views of the Chinese Communists. At any rate, the few weeks since that meeting have seen Soviet preparations everywhere, and of every possible kind.

THE incidents have ranged from the attack on the RB-47 over international waters in the Barents Sea, to the Communist-led riots in Italy; from the interference in the

way to handle international problems, let's hear it. Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE CONGO AND THE U.N.

Anyone who thinks that the United Nations is a mere talking machine and of not much practical use should take a good look at the situation in the Congo.



He will find that the situation is very bad and that the future of the Congo is sure to be full of great trouble. Without the U.N., as it is now administered with the genius of Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, the situation would be worse than very bad. It would be desperate and hopeless. Above all it would be a very great danger to the peace of Africa and it could well be a danger to the peace of the world.

THE Congo is a very large and a very rich and a very primitive country. Suddenly and with almost no notice it was granted independence. There had been no serious preparation for self-government. There is no educated native governing class. There is no native civil service, there are no native technicians and administrators for the big industrial enterprises which have come under the legal authority of the Congolese government. The suddenness with which independence was granted, the almost total lack of preparation of the natives for self-government, precipitated the crisis in which the authority of the government collapsed. The European population, which is in serious danger, will probably have to be in the main evacuated. The Congo has fallen apart and is faced with civil war.

In the imperialist days of the 19th century such a collapse of authority would have meant intervention by the great powers. They would have moved in not only to restore order but also to partition the country into spheres of influence. In the Congo the immediately interested powers are Belgium, France, Great Britain, and Portugal. But as the world is today these powers could not intervene without the U.S.R. and the U.S.A. each taking a hand as well.

This would in the present state of world opinion be intolerable. There exists then a vacuum of authority in one of the richest and largest and most tempting underdeveloped territories in the world. The Congolese government cannot now maintain order, and it will be a long time before it has learned how to administer the country. On the other hand, the great powers cannot now fill the vacuum of authority without a serious danger of conflict among themselves and without af-

fronting opinion throughout the world. IN THIS situation the United Nations would have to be invented if it did not already exist. Those who read, as every serious student of international affairs should, the report of the Secretary General to the Security Council will find there, in the veiled language of diplomacy, a fascinating and inspiring story. It is the story of how an international force is being created to meet the situation in the Congo. A lot has been said about how there ought to be N.A.T.O.'s an international force. But Mr. Hammarskjold's report shows that he is raising not an international force as such and theoretically for all occasions, but a specialized force tailored exactly with tact and ingenuity to the situation in the Congo.

The force is being drawn primarily from the independent African states, from those not too much involved in international disputes. It is being drawn also from states that are neutral or at least not active belligerents in the cold war. The force is going to the Congo at the request of the Congolese government and it is instructed to regard that government as the "host." Its objective is to restore order, enabling the Europeans to stay on with safety or to leave, and thus making it unnecessary for the Belgian troops to remain.

With the force will come relief to which we and the Russians and others who are sending no troops will contribute supplies. The U.N. force in the Congo will, if the emergency passes, become the means of supplying the Congolese government with the technical aid it so sorely needs.

THIS U.N. enterprise is the most advanced and the most sophisticated experiment in international cooperation ever attempted. Among all that is so sad and so mean and so sour in world politics, it is heartening to think that something so good and so pure in its purpose is possible.

No one can say that the experiment will succeed. But there is no doubt that it deserves to succeed. Quietly and unobtrusively all the influence of all the governments should be exerted in Leopoldville and in Brussels and elsewhere to help make it succeed.

Obviously, the U.N. cannot succeed if the Soviet Union accepts the invitation of Prime Minister Lumumba to intervene. But it is hard to see what the Soviet government would have to gain by opening up a direct conflict, not with the United States, which has no troops in the Congo, but with the United Nations itself. For the other great powers in the United Nations could not stand aside if the U.N. force were attacked and its authority defied.

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sky. Hence it is now being said that while we may still hope for the best, we must certainly prepare for the worst; and prepare coolly, realistically, and in a way that will convince Khrushchev that we mean business.

In the way of preparing for the worst, two parallel lines of action are under discussion. One line is to order the NATO deployments contained in the first sections of the contingency plan for Berlin. The other line is to increase the defense appropriations rather massively. This is the language Khrushchev understands. Nothing less than an increased defense effort, many policy-makers now feel, will convince the Kremlin that the United States cannot safely be provoked too far.

THE mere warning that we must prepare for the worst, must have been an unpleasant dose for President Eisenhower. It is not known whether Secretary Herter added the suggestion of an increased defense effort - which would have been super-unpleasant. If the Secretary made such a suggestion, the word at Newport was "wall and see."

Budget Director Maurice Stans is not waiting. He has already put a temporary freeze on all the Congressional additions to the President's strength - through - weakness military budget. But if the President finally decides to prepare for the worst in a serious manner, he will get what he wants from Congress by a vote of acclamation, with Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Senators John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson leading the chorus. (c) 1960 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

We don't know what it is about politics that makes ordinary sensible, grown-up adults act foolish.

But there is something. Democracy's battle Republicans, and vice versa. And Democrats battle Democrats, too, and sometimes, even, Republicans battle Republicans.

For instance, at the Democratic Central committee meeting last Wednesday, Bob Boyer, Medford lawyer and former Democratic State chairman, came in for considerable criticism because he has bumper-cards on his car boasting the candidacy (for district attorney) of his law partner, Alan Holmes—a Republican.

This is a free country, of course, and the way we heard it no one actually suggested that Boyer be disenfranchised, or even read out of the party. But it was suggested, seriously if we are correctly informed, that he be asked to resign as Kennedy for President chairman for Jackson county.

Now Boyer, of course, has been a Kennedy man for a long time, and was appointed by the Kennedy people to head their forces both in the county and throughout the Fourth Congressional district.

So, of course, the county committee is in no position to insist that he do anything. We predict that Boyer will continue his support for Kennedy. AND for Holmes, and that the county committee will calm down and forget about it. It should. It looks silly enough as it is.

There is also gossip in political circles that the Democrats are out to investigate the Republicans' cocktail party at their recent Luau at the Armory. Is it legal to serve liquor on state property?

We wouldn't know. But there was certainly no secret that there was going to be a cocktail party. It figured prominently in the GOP announcement of the event.

Whether or not there was a technical violation of law, we still think it was a tactical error for the GOP to put on such a flossy event.

They're going to have enough trouble, as it is, in attracting the independent vote this fall, without adding to the current impression that it is the party of "privilege" and fat-cats.

At the Luau, by the way, the decorations included a string of large painted paper fish. One of our men suspects they may have been provided by Democrats because he maintains stoutly that in the Orient a fish is symbolic of a death or funeral.

In this space last week we reported the long, rather sad story of our youthful staff member who was having pencil sharpener trouble, due in large part (we felt) to his lack of sympathy with the tender feelings of the machine.

We are pleased as punch to report that his attitude changed markedly, and that bright and early Monday morning, he sharpened three pencils in a row without breaking a single point. "This," he said gently and affectionately to the sharpener, "is the NEW Walters."

Vic Fryer, the Salom columnist, in a political mood, remarks that a political speech is sort of like a wheel. The longer the spoke, the greater the tire.

Once in a while a newspaper is accused of "shaking up" a public office. But no newspaper could have done a better job than was done in the district attorney's office one day recently - and this by two small boys.

There with their mother, who had business with the DA, they prowled around the office, and in the course of his exploration, one of them found a tin ash-tray which he dropped, suddenly and loudly on the floor.

All those in the office jumped, and a veteran state police officer spun around with his hand reaching for his gun.

When the mother finally was admitted to the DA's inner sanctum she asked if the boys should come with her or wait in the outer office. The DA strongly urged her to bring them with her. After all, he indicated, it is a duty of his office to protect public property.