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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.

New European Entente?

The United States is partly responsible for and has a great concern in what appears to be a new degree of cohesion among the heads of government of Great Britain, West Germany, and France.

After the Paris discussions, the Christian Democratic party press service in Bonn, which reflects the Adenauer government's position with exactness, stated: "They (President de Gaulle and Chancellor Adenauer) have... made known their intention of not leaving to the United States alone the entire burden of initiative in dealing with the powerful and dangerous Soviet Union."

WITHOUT flirting with a "third force" position, Adenauer and De Gaulle obviously want a greater say in Western councils and they are going to try to convince Macmillan that he should support them.

The timing of the discussions is a reflection of the great distress throughout Western Europe at the foreign policy "paralysis" that grips the United States every four years at campaign time.

Communist East Germany on Aug. 1 — the 15th anniversary of the signing of the Potsdam agreement by the four World War II victors — warned that it would not allow the traffic arteries to West Berlin to be "mis-used" by the Western Allied powers.

BONN spokesman at the close of the Adenauer-De Gaulle talks told a press conference that the two "had the impression that without haste but at an appropriate time a reform of the Atlantic organization would serve a useful purpose."

De Gaulle has long wanted a greater voice in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization directorate. Adenauer, though promoting an ever firmer understanding with De Gaulle, does not want France to maintain nuclear weapons.

THE economic phase of the three-way talks — Macmillan is expected to visit the French capital next month — finds the British Prime Minister on something of a stocky wicket.

Jealous of its Commonwealth ties, Britain stayed out of the European Common Market, or Inner Six, for another good reason: Britain was unwilling to sacrifice a measure of sovereignty or European influence to the central trade bloc.

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THE disturbances in Southern Rhodesia came at a peculiarly embarrassing time for the British; they coincided with the opening in London of a Nyasaland constitutional conference.

HOWEVER, African nationalists suspect the white-dominated federal government. They fear independence for the confederation — repeatedly urged by Welensky — on the ground that European settlers would seek to solidify and perpetuate the control they now exercise over the government and the lives of the Africans.

The British press, particularly since Belgium's colonial difficulties erupted, like to point to the "natural pace at which the growth of self-government should proceed."

Answers: 1. For one-telling. 2. England. 3. Venice, Italy. 4. One-hundredth-millionth. 5. Casimir Pulaski. 6. Edgar Allan Poe. 7. For the "angel" to grasp to carry the body heaven-ward. 8. Yes. 9. Anticlimax. 10. Domremy.

Dennis the Menace



SURE I LIKED COWBOYS WHEN I WAS A YOUNGSTER. BUT I DIDN'T MAKE MY DAD LISTEN TO THEM SING!

Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippman is on vacation. Roscoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.)

Washington — Unintentionally Premier Khrushchev has focused the attention of the entire Western hemisphere upon the central anxiety of all the American republics over what is happening to the Castro regime in Cuba.

He did it by blasting the Monroe Doctrine as outdated and meaningless.

Khrushchev apparently has thought that the Monroe Doctrine was a United States device to impose the United States' will upon Latin America and that by attacking it he would undercut the U.S. and make friends for himself in Latin America.

The fact is that Mr. K. is being quite a help. His tirade is backfiring. It is not the Monroe Doctrine which is out of date or out of favor. It is Khrushchev's views of the Monroe Doctrine which are out of date.

THAT'S why his effort to bury the Monroe Doctrine are having a different effect than he expected.

There's good reason. The Monroe Doctrine is not a unilateral United States fiat against foreign intervention in the Western hemisphere. It used to be. It isn't any longer. It is a multilateral commitment by all the Western hemisphere nations to join in common defense against any outside intervention in the Western hemisphere.

Thus, in attacking the Monroe Doctrine, a collective bulwark against outside intervention, the Soviet Premier is suggesting to the Organization of American States that the Western hemisphere ought to be open to outside intervention.

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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.

Political Philosophies — To the Editor: Perhaps E. A. of the Medford Mail Tribune, whose guest editorial appeared in the Eugene Register-Guard, had better brush up on his political philosophies.

"Dog-in-the-Manger" — To the Editor: It would seem beyond the point in going way out on a limb as you did in Monday's MT, blaming home people here for failure to support the 20-30 Club plan in providing vacation jobs for teenagers.

Since E. A. is enamored with this socialism, let us consult a writing of the Rev. Francis E. Mahaffey called "Was Karl Marx Right?"

The thing called "conservatism" although misnamed, has a time-honored and definitive literature from John Locke to the present and, our newspaper editors should acquaint themselves with it before going all out for a system that is immoral in concept and a system that has never worked.

CASTRO promised free elections and has refused to hold them. Castro promised a free press and has outlawed all independent newspapers.

THE issue is individualism versus statism. The Ten Commandments stand today as the greatest document of individual freedom in the recorded history of man.

Some boys are born workers. Like an orphaned one vacationing with us at our Oak Grove home south of Portland. He was overjoyed to get an errand running and watching job at the new B-47 bomber gas station nearby.

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Matter of Fact

THE IDEAS OF J. K. GALBRAITH — Washington-John Kenneth Galbraith is a tall, sardonic, witty Harvard professor of economics who alarms almost everybody.

He alarms other economics professors because he obstinately writes the English language, which is held to be grossly immoral in every proper economics professor's book.

Galbraith is becoming the new ogre of American businessmen, because he is thought to be a dangerous left-winger, and because he is well known to be one of Sen. John F. Kennedy's chief economic advisers.

There are other Galbraith ideas that the N.A.M., and big labor too, will like less well. Instead of the exhortation practiced by President Eisenhower, he favors positive though moderate government action to stop the wage-price spiral at its source, in the great administered-price industries.

Extended sales taxes, in fact, are the expedient he proposes. And if this expedient bears hardly on the small remaining minority of the truly poor, he says that investment in the public sector must dry up these sad remaining areas untouched by American affluence.

IF READING books were not becoming such an out-of-date pastime, the simplest remedies for these nightmares would be to read what Galbraith has written. Just for the jokes, it is well worth doing, as the following passage on the nature of vested interest may perhaps suggest:

"The nature of a vested interest has an engaging flexibility... in ordinary intercourse it is an improper advantage enjoyed by a political minority to which the speaker does not himself belong. When the speaker enjoys it, it ceases to be a vested interest and becomes a hard-won reward. When a vested interest is enjoyed not by a minority but by a majority, it is a human right."

Maybe the jokes are the real source of conservative alarm about Galbraith. In modern America, we do not suffer with gladly. At any rate, if you take a careful look at his "Affluent Society" and his more recent "Liberal Hour," you will find a system of ideas that logically ought to enrage the left far more than it disturbs the right.

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