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10 YEARS AGO Aug. 12, 1950 (Saturday) State forest patrol crews are battling a lightning-caused brush and forest fire in the Missouri Flats district of the lower Applegate valley.

20 YEARS AGO Aug. 12, 1940 (Monday) Central point is believed to have more men in the military branches of the country than any other city of comparable size.

30 YEARS AGO Aug. 12, 1930 (Tuesday) Copco has asked for permission to build power dams on the Umpqua river.

40 YEARS AGO Aug. 12, 1920 (Thursday) Medford police are striving to break up a local epidemic of petty thievery.

50 YEARS AGO Aug. 12, 1910 (Friday) The Medford Stung club, a group of local investors who have lost money in stock swindles, lost another \$9,000 today when the United Wireless Telegraph company offices around the country were closed up.

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

Answers: 1. Mercury is also known as Q. 2. Omega is which letter of the Greek alphabet?

Bi-Partisan vs. Non-Partisan

Elsewhere on this page is a letter signed by Harper Edwards, chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Jackson county, taking the county court to task for appointing three Republicans and only one Democrat to the home rule study committee.

Edwards thinks the committee should be bi-partisan. We think it should be non-partisan. And there's a world of difference.

IF THE home rule study committee gets bogged down in partisan politics, we might just as well wash our hands of the whole affair.

Party politics has its place. But its place is NOT in reviewing the structure of county government, and seeing if it can be made more effective and responsive to today's needs.

What the committee should have (and so far as we can tell does have) is members who are interested in the good of the county, not in the success of a political party.

In this case a partisan label isn't wanted. A good citizen's label is.—E.A.

It Sounds Odd

Damn with faint praise, assent with civil leer, And without sneering teach the rest to sneer; Willing to wound, and yet afraid to strike, Just hint a fault, and hesitate dislike.

Ex-Gov. Elmo Smith is the Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate in the fall election. One of his stoutest supporters is, of course, Gov. Mark O. Hatfield. Smith was one of the leaders in Hatfield's campaign for governor, and the two have been close politically.

How, then, does one explain the quotations from Governor Hatfield recorded in this and other Oregon papers by A. Robert Smith, our Washington correspondent, who interviewed the Governor last week?

GOVERNOR Hatfield, the reporter noted, "plans to campaign for the Republican senatorial candidate and thinks Smith can win with a smartly conducted, hard campaign which includes getting across a new profile or image of the GOP candidate to the voters."

Further, the governor was quoted as saying of Smith, "He is establishing a political personality and profile that perhaps he didn't have when he was governor..."

THESE quotations are, of course, taken out of the context of the whole article, which showed Hatfield strongly favorable to Smith, while believing he has an up-hill fight against his Democratic opponent, Mrs. Maurine Neuberger.

But if accurate (and Reporter Smith has a well-earned reputation for accuracy and dependability), they are oddly revealing of certain "reservations" and doubts the Governor may have, his disclaimer notwithstanding.

Hidden Hazard

The freeway creeps nearer and nearer. The completed section closest to us is in the Grants Pass-Sexton Mountain area, but it won't be many months until we'll be driving over many more miles of high-standard freeway hereabouts.

EVERY driver knows that his own mental attitude, and his highway "conditioning," makes a great deal of difference in how he drives. Stanton fears that, after sailing along at 65 or 70 miles per hour on a freeway in perfect safety, drivers will not be able to make an easy and immediate adjustment to the hazards of lesser roads.

THE same is true, of course, when one leaves a freeway for a county road, which may appear deceptively straight, wide and well-paved, but which has sharper turns, less accurate banking, and is not designed for freeway speeds.

Dennis the Menace



'I'LL HAVE IT OVER HERE, PLEASE!'

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.

Democrats Dissatisfied To the Editor: Please find attached a copy of a letter which has been sent to the county court. Your printing it in the Communications column of the Mail Tribune would be appreciated.

The Hon. Earl M. Miller, County Judge, Jackson County, Courthouse, Medford, Ore.

Dear Sir: Of the four members recently appointed to the home rule committee by the county court, three are Republicans and one a Democrat.

With Democratic registration ahead in the county, on what grounds do these overdone Republican commissioners weigh their appointments three to one in favor of Republicans?

Harper Edwards, Chairman, Jackson County Democratic Central Committee.

Editor's Note: See comment in editorial column.

Seeds, Weeds; No Grass, Alas To the Editor: I wonder if this has happened to any of your subscribers?

I've been trying to grow grass in my front yard. I've tried for months and I've worked hard. I've purchased the best fertilizer and certified seeds, but all that came up was uncultivated weeds.

Malenute Slim, Section 5, White City, Ore.

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Hamamrskjold Speaks Out, Wins Security Vote on Congo; His Methods Described

By WILLIAM J. FOX The man of the Week: United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold.

The Place: United Nations headquarters, New York. The Quote: "The immediate solution of the Congo problem is a question of peace or war."

Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjold, second secretary-general of the United Nations, has been called a "global fireman" because of his efforts to preserve peace in a pugnacious world.

His way is the path of "quiet diplomacy," the private conference, the compromise worked out without the glare of publicity.

But this week he felt impelled to speak out in blunt words that warned the world it faced a possible Armageddon in Africa, where the breakaway province of Katanga had threatened to fight the entry of U.N. forces from other parts of the Congo.

His public declaration had the desired effect. The U.N. Security Council wound up a marathon session by voting to send a U.N. military force into Katanga and calling upon Belgium to withdraw its troops "immediately."

Tension immediately eased, and another possible flash-point for the start of World War III was damped down.

The task of implementing the Security Council decision was thrown back into Hammarskjold's lap. It's a task he'll complete, for he has a

not "in the future" promises. We just aren't that glibly any more.

"Another disgusted chemical user." Mary Williams, 357 Orr Dr., Central Point, Ore.

No Hoot To the Editor: The following are my sentiments after driving past one of our local pear orchards with the car windows rolled down, while the spray rigs were putting out their poison (the planes are even worse!)

Malathion-parathion It's the bunk and I'm not lyin'!

Spraying poison in the air That falls to earth they know not where.

Burning noses, running eyes May be some fool's PEAR-aidise

Good cultivation and irrigation Produced fruit minus aggravation.

Spray poisoning is mighty bad Once in your blood stream, no cure is had.

For orchards I don't give a hoot! Mrs. Tom Robnett, 350 Meadows Lane, Medford.

doggedness of character that belies his quiet self-effacing exterior. A mountain-climbing devotee in his spare time, he borrowed terms from his hobby to paint a word picture of his philosophy of statesmanship when he took over as U.N. chief in 1953.

of the dangers, and of the fact that... the safest climber... never questions his ability to overcome all difficulties.

A native of Jonkoping, Sweden, the 55-year-old Hammarskjold comes from a family of the old Swedish aristocracy which for hundreds of years has contributed to his country's public life civil servants, lawyers, soldiers and

statements. His father was prime minister of Sweden during World War I, and he himself was undersecretary of finance and chairman of the Bank of Sweden while still in his 30s.

Hard Worker A bachelor, he has an apartment in New York and a home in the suburbs, but is such an indefatigable worker that he sometimes seems to have little time for either.

In 1955, he made a "mission to Peiping" and talked the Communist Chinese regime into freeing 15 American fliers held in Red prisons.

A year later, he managed to bring into being the long-discussed but never-realized U.N. police force that was placed in the Middle East to preserve peace in the wake of the British-French-Israeli invasion of Egypt.

That same year he was less successful in making an impact in the wake of the Hungarian revolution, mainly because the Soviet Union and its Hungarian puppets refused to honor General Assembly resolutions.

Heavy Movement of Grain Predicted Salem - (UPI) - An unusually heavy movement of grain into Portland elevators when the new crop is harvested has been predicted by T. R. Harry, grain division head of the State Department of Agriculture.

He based his prediction on the fact that supplies of grain in the Portland terminal elevators have been reduced sharply.

July grain receipts in Portland continued the decline which started in May. In July 14 full shiploads of grain moved to foreign countries.

DISSOLVE CONGRESS Chicago - (UPI) - William L. Smith, the beatnik presidential candidate, said Thursday if elected the first thing he would do "would be to dissolve Congress." Smith, who won the nomination in a New York Greenwich village saloon, admitted bravely, "We don't have a chance of winning, but we'll present the issues."

WILL THE Russian rulers shoot Powers against a wall? It seems improbable. More likely, they will commute his punishment to life imprisonment, thus seeking to gain credit for mercy in the eyes of thoughtless people over the world.

WHAT THE Russian communists are aiming at, of course, is to trumpet over the world the allegation that this wicked American spied on Russia in the hope of gaining information that would enable the U.S.A. to DESTROY the U.S.S.R.—and finally CONFESSED the truth.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The Soviet news agency Tass (the Soviet version of our AP or DUP) reports from Moscow that Pilot Francis Gary Powers has pleaded guilty to the substance of our AP report that he spied on Soviet Union in his U2 plane.

YOU WILL perhaps remember that at first we were half-inclined to condemn our men in Korea who broke down under this inhuman treatment. But... gradually... as we began to get the real facts... we became more tolerant. More understanding.

HERE'S the other side of the story: Reports from Washington based, of course, on diplomatic reports from our state department people in Moscow (and elsewhere) indicate that Powers has been BRAIN WASHED into confessing spying activities.

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As in their semi-delirium, the victims give answers that appear to concede that perhaps they did do the things they are accused of, the pressure on them is temporarily



Look AND WATCH FOR WHAT'S COOKING!

"The Truth About Air Safety Today"

Despite hysteria and hokum, commercial aviation is building an impressive record of accident-free passenger miles—with even greater advances expected in the future. This vitally interesting article will be found next weekend in Family Weekly



Also in the August 14th issue: "American Husbands Are Too Domestic" by Dr. Margaret Mead "I Was Just Thinking..." by Patty Johnson "My Favorite Golf Jokes" by Bob Hope "Princess Anne Grows Up" by John Hochman "Take A Salad..." Cookbook Section Junior Treasure Chest Quips and Quotes "My Life With Caryl Chessman" by Cameron Shipp

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