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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**  
 Aug. 25, 1950 (Friday)  
 Preliminary work on a new bridge across the Rogue river at TouVelle State park may start this fall, according to county officials.  
 The First Presbyterian church in Ashland will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee on Saturday, Aug. 26.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
 Aug. 25, 1940 (Sunday)  
 The registration of aliens in the Medford area has been postponed, according to Postmaster Frank DeSouza, because registration blanks have not yet been received.  
 From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Editorial opinion seems to agree that when Wendell Willkie is in the White House, it won't be like playing a slot-machine, trying to catch the First Lady of the Land at home."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
 Aug. 25, 1930 (Tuesday)  
 Plans have been approved for Copco to erect a power plant on the Klamath river.  
 The local Lions club is setting as its goal a plan to provide a park on top of Roxy Ann.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
 Aug. 25, 1920 (Wednesday)  
 Surfacing of the Pacific highway between Gold Hill and Rogue River is progressing ahead of schedule.  
 Public schools here will open Monday, but students will be released for orchard work if they are needed.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
 Aug. 25, 1910 (Thursday)  
 Ashland is out of danger from a forest fire today, but another fire has sprung up near Prospect, and is threatening to engulf that little community.  
 Forest fires in Jackson county during the past week have done more than \$2 1/2 million in damage with much more to be done before they are brought under control.

**What's Your I.Q.?**  
 Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.  
 1. Pure water is never hard water; true or false?  
 2. Name the capital of Norway.  
 3. Molten rock erupted by a volcano is called guava, java or lava?  
 4. What is the minimum age requirement to qualify for the U. S. presidency?  
 5. Do the human body olfactory organs control the sense of touch, hearing, or smell?  
 6. Are drone bees hatched from unfertilized eggs?  
 7. Does salt lose its flavor if stored for many years?  
 8. In 1800 did Spain conclude a treaty passing the property and sovereignty of Louisiana to France or to the U. S.?  
 9. Excise taxes are levied upon individuals, upon corporations, upon real property, or upon commodities?  
 10. Name the author of the book "The Good Earth."  
 Answers: 1. True, 2. Oslo, 3. Lava, 4. Thirty-five years, 5. Sense of smell, 6. Yes, 7. No, 8. France, 9. Commodities, 10. Pearl S. Buck.

**On Bearing False Witness**

In the little town of West View, Pa., a minister of the Gospel has been haled into magistrate's court and charged with criminal libel. The crime? He had quoted a document which is falsely described as the Knights of Columbus fourth degree oath. When it was pointed out to him that the "oath" has been proven, time after time, to be a libelous falsehood, he still refused to retract it—for reasons best known to him.

THE only reason we mention this is the sad fact that this vicious, slanderous and untrue "oath" is now in circulation, limited we hope, in the Medford area.

We have seen a duplicated copy. There are only two sorts of people who would circulate such a libelous document:  
 1. Those who are incredibly naive and, perhaps, somewhat bigoted to begin with; and  
 2. Those who, for whatever motive, would "bear false witness" against their neighbors.

NO ONE now knows how the "oath" originated. Presumably it was dreamed up by a depraved and vicious mind.

But it has been kicking around, in one form or another, since about 1912. Usually it is passed, surreptitiously, from hand to hand, or distributed in anti-Catholic meetings.

But in 1928 it was widely circulated during the Presidential campaign in which Al Smith, a Catholic, was a candidate. And it is being revived again this year, when Sen. John F. Kennedy, a Catholic (and a K.C.), is a candidate. It's a sad commentary on America in 1960 that, through stupidity or unthinking hate or deliberate malice, the dirtiest form of lie would be used to blacken, not only one man, but several hundred thousand of our countrymen.

OVER the years a number of people have been fined, or jailed, or both, for printing and circulating the untrue and libelous document.

The Knights of Columbus, the Catholic men's organization, has pressed some of these prosecutions (and quite rightly), and in other instances, by pointing out the falsity of the "oath", have obtained retractions, and promises to desist from its publication.

If necessary, it will continue to do so. But let us hope that sanity will prevail, and that those who are responsible for its circulation in Jackson county will stop it before criminal prosecutions become necessary.

THERE'S one odd thing about this false "oath." In most cases, where it is published and distributed, it has the phrase "From the Congressional Record" attached to it.

This is true—it has appeared in the Congressional Record.

What is NOT reported is that it was printed in the Record as an example of a false, vicious and libelous document, after a study of its origin by a Congressional committee way back in 1913.

It has also been proven false in many courts of law, and by detailed investigations conducted by high-ranking Masonic committees, and groups of Protestant churchmen.

IN 1928, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, in an editorial on the discredited "oath," said:

"The oath is so vile and contains pledges of such malignant hatred and murderous intent, that no citizen with a spark of decency would charge it against any other citizen. It is the product of a gangrened brain and is utterly unfit for publication. Several clergymen who read the oath publicly and several publishers who printed it were convicted of criminal libel. The Knights of Columbus have offered from time to time rewards of from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for one lot of proof that any oath of this kind has ever been in the records of the organization or ever used in its ritual."

AND, finally, the Supreme Court of the state of Oklahoma, in sustaining the conviction for criminal libel of a man for having printed the "oath," had this to say:

"It is remarkable that in this country, where freedom of conscience in religious matters was one of the chief basic doctrines upon which the government was founded, people who hold themselves forth as possessing even ordinary intelligence would indulge in this character of criminal conduct."  
 "There are few, if any, intelligent people who can be duped by that class of writers who indulge in these vilifications and mis-representations of those who happen to disagree with them in church or fraternal matters."  
 "The charge that members of an honorable organization, secret, religious or otherwise, subscribe to such an oath as that complained of or the doctrines alleged is not tolerable, and is not permitted by law."  
 "The law is intended to, and does, protect the self-respecting law-abiding citizen against calumnies, whether made against an individual specifically, or a class of individuals collectively."

THE Knights of Columbus fourth degree obligation, the REAL one, follows:

"I swear to support the Constitution of the United States. I pledge myself, as a Catholic citizen and a Knight of Columbus, fully to enlighten myself upon my duties as a citizen and conscientiously perform them entirely in the interest of my country, regardless of all personal consequences. I pledge myself to do all in my power to preserve the integrity and purity of the ballot and to promote respect for law and order. I promise to practice my religion consistently and faithfully, and to so conduct myself in public affairs and in the exercise of public virtue as to reflect nothing but credit upon our Holy Church, to the end that she may flourish and our country prosper to the greater honor and glory of God."

This is an obligation which does credit to the man subscribing to it. There are, God knows, already enough causes of conflict—political, religious and other—in this nation of ours. Let's keep lies, libels, and vicious falsehoods out of it.—E.A.

**Dennis the Menace**



"THE TV HAVN'T BROKEN, SONNY, YOU HAVE TO PUT IN A QUARTER, BUT NOT AT FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING!"

**Matter of Fact** By Joseph Alsop

**A CHINESE-RUSSIAN BREAK?**  
 Washington—According to persistent reports from Moscow, the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party has been circulating a highly explosive special letter on Russian-Chinese relations to all party organizations, both at home and abroad.

The reports, though not absolutely confirmed, are regarded as reliable. One of them compares the Central Committee's new encyclical to the famous letter of the Central Committee, passing on the news of Nikita S. Khrushchev's secret speech denouncing Josef Stalin.

Most, though not all, of the reports agree that the new encyclical was sent as a result of the Bucharest meeting, which aired the bitter though somewhat mysterious Sino-Soviet ideological dispute about the possibilities of peaceful co-existence. If this is correct, the circular must have been approved by the meeting of the Soviet Central Committee just subsequent to the meeting in Bucharest.

On this assumption, the sending of the circular was not a recent event. Yet the mere news of its existence has caused a perceptible increase in expert speculation about an eventual open rupture between Peking and Moscow.

IN the words of one expert, "the volcano has been rumbling horribly for some months." The news of the circular letter from the Soviet Central Committee is like the sudden sight of smoke belching from the crater. In the circumstances, the possibility of an actual eruption really has to be thought about.

The volcano's rumblings, it must be added, have been distinctly more ominous than has yet been realized by all but a few people here. Consider the all but incredible, hitherto unpublished exchange that took place on Aug. 13 between the official "Izvestia" in Moscow and the equally official "People's Daily" in Peking.

"Not much wisdom is needed," "Izvestia" trumpeted, "to assemble and sometimes distort quotations and to repeat over and over again that imperialist wars are inevitable until socialism triumphs."  
 "Such people," Lenin called "leftist phrasemongers. Lenin ridiculed their theories of 'prohibiting' the Soviet peaceful relations with capitalist countries and 'stepping up' revolutions."  
 "Therefore, for those who

wish to (replace) the developing, living teachers of Marxism-Leninism with a dead dogma, it is a blasphemy to refer to Lenin."

Like the blast from "Investia," the counter-blast of the "People's Daily" is full of words and phrases in unexplained quotation marks. These words and phrases should probably be interpreted as actual quotations from the Soviet Central Committee circular. If so, the Soviets must have been very sharp indeed, as can be seen from the following "People's Daily" passage:

"As for the modern revisionists and their followers who have gone so far as to take their cue from the U. S. imperialists in vociferously affirming the slander that China is 'belligerent,' that it 'wants war,' that it 'does not want peaceful co-existence,' (but) attempts to 'push forward the world revolution by means of war'—all this amounts to nothing else than throwing themselves into the position of apologists for imperialism."

"The Chinese people hold all this blasphemous talk in contempt!"  
 Each side, then, has openly called the other "blasphemous." It is now pretty well established, moreover, that the Soviets at least ordered a symbolic withdrawal of Russian technicians from China some time before this brisk exchange of charges of blasphemy.

THE evidence on this point is now so strong that the burden of proof plainly lies on the minority of experts who still hold that no technicians were withdrawn. At least two Western embassies in Peking have sent unqualified reports of organized departures of large groups of Soviet technical personnel. One such report, rated as entirely reliable by the sender, spoke of a whole trainload of 200 to 300 Russian technicians and their families. This was an extraordinary personnel movement, quite different from the ordinary, piecemeal movement that would be produced by the completion of a project.

There have been other strange signs, too. One such, exclusively reported in the "New York Herald Tribune," was the suppression in the Soviet Union of the two Sino-Soviet magazines, "Friendship" and "China." Another sign, not previously disclosed, was the non-appearance of the Chinese delegation at the important Congress of Orientalists which began in Moscow about ten days ago.

Such are the collected signs. Each man may read them as he chooses. (c) 1960 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

**Try and Stop Me**

By BENNETT CERF

A PAUNCHY GRADUATE was sitting in the foyer of the Harvard club when the author of a current non-fiction best seller asked to be introduced. Naturally, the grad was flattered, but felt compelled to ask, "Are you sure you're not mistaking me for someone else?"  
 "You're the fellow I want, all right," the famous author assured him. "For three afternoons in succession now I've seen you sound asleep in that chair with a copy of my new book open on your lap. What's it worth to you to switch to something else?"

John Deig has revived the story of the men in Rye who bought a million 1967 calendars for a penny apiece. "What on earth are you going to do with them?" he was asked. "It's rather a long chain," he admitted. "But, oh boy, if ever 1967 comes back, I'll make a fortune!"

**Tokyo Observers Discount Importance Of 'Rift' Reports on Russia and China**

By CHARLES R. SMITH  
 Tokyo—Forget all this talk about a rift between Russia and Communist China. It just isn't so yet.

That's the studied opinion of some of the most informed observers of Communist China and of Sino-Russian relations.

Disagreement, yes. But a serious rift, no. Even the disagreements that arise occasionally—or perhaps frequently—probably are no more serious than the disagreements that occur frequently between the United States and some of her closest allies, such as Great Britain.

The dispute between the two countries over the interpretation of Marxist-Leninist dogma bears some significance and may be the seeds for future serious disagreements. But at the present time it is not nearly so important as some Western quarters have appeared to make it, according to some students of Sino-Soviet affairs here.

The reported mass exodus of Russian technicians from Communist China may or may not be true and it may bear some significance. But to attach great significance to it and interpret it as a sign of a widening rift between the two Communist giants is going too far afield.

Some reports say the Communist Chinese are getting ready to challenge the Russians for the leadership of the Communist bloc. But there are few firm signs to back up this speculation. There is little doubt anywhere that the Chinese would dearly love to take over the leadership of the Communist bloc and that some day they may try it. But today is not the day. The considered opinion of some of the closest observers of the Chinese scene here is that this day still is far off.

In fact, hardly a day passes that Communist China does not publicly concede the Soviet Union the position of leadership.  
 "The East wind continues

to prevail over the West wind and the forces of peace over the forces of war." Red China broadcasts blarney almost daily, "and the Socialist bloc under the leadership of the mighty Soviet Union is smashing the imperialists, led by the United States, at every turn."

Occasional Russian slurs There is no doubt that the Communist Chinese leaders are perturbed—if not angered—by occasional Russian slurs on their efforts to communicate China, particularly such digs as Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's reference to the controversial people's communes as "old fashioned."

But such things as this are not likely to drive a wedge between two such powerful nations who need each other as much as the Russians and Chinese need each other.

There is little likelihood in the near future of Russia turning on China or China turning on Russia as they both have on the Yugoslav "revisionists" in spite of their basic disagreements. They

Utility? I've been fishing Hyatt lake for night unto 30 years, and from the first visit to the last, I can recall no occasion when any or all the snags in any way interfered with my pleasure. I suggest that before E.A. makes such statement, he confer with an old bass fisherman or three about where the bass best like to hang out.

Safety? Those safety? It is true that the power-boat idiots might find themselves somewhat discommodated at Hyatt; I suppose it is possible that a high wind might fetch down a limb, or even topple a snag. But I can't believe that the answer to traffic accidents or inadvertent electrocution is to junk all the automobiles or chop down all the unsightly power poles.

The plea is made to preserve some of nature unspoiled, and then, out of the other side of the selfsame mouth, comes the comment that: 'the state game commission is actively interested in the (Hyatt) lake.'

Well, so am I, Mr. E.A. So are many, many fishermen, who were introduced to fishing via the prolific, easily caught, good-eating crappie. Bluegill are no better suited to such waters than are crappie. They are more finicky as to bait, are harder to catch, and if not fished vigorously, have exactly the same capabilities of cluttering the lake with millions of stunted fish, which in their turn will probably be condemned as trash, and possibly be replaced with something as practical as Siamese Fighting fish or Conger eels.

Howard Prairie lake still affords much opportunity for the combers and curriers and viewers-with-regretfulness. Leave us uncursed slobs have our crappie fishing, our elbow room to take a small boy out where he can be practically assured of catching a fish—which makes a tremendous difference to small boys, I assure you, in case you've forgotten—and please, let's have just one small puddle where some durn fool won't come roaring up in a cabin cruiser with 70 horses on the stern, haul to a boiling, bank-washing halt atop your bobber, and bawl with comradely enthusiasm, "Having any luck?"

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**Today & Tomorrow**

By Walter Lippmann

THE U.N. AND MOSCOW  
 The overriding problem in the Congo is nowhere near a solution but one thing about it is becoming much clearer.

It is that the problem is insoluble unless both Washington and Moscow will support the U.N. For the U.N. is engaged in the extremely delicate task of trying to maintain law and order in the whole country without participating in the civil conflict between Lumumba's central government at Leopoldville and Tshombe's dissident government in Katanga.

This task cannot be carried out as long as either of the Congolese factions believes it can appeal over the head of the U.N. mission—Lumumba to the Soviet Union, Tshombe to Belgium and NATO and the United States. With the support of Great Britain and the United States Mr. Hammarstrand has been successful in cutting off Tshombe's right of appeal to Belgium and NATO. The Belgian troops will be out of the Congo in a few days. But Lumumba's appeals to Moscow have not been cut off. Indeed, within cautious limits, they have been encouraged. And as long as Lumumba can appeal against the U.N. to Moscow, the authority of the U.N. is gravely impaired.

WE DO NOT know for certain what are the intentions of the Soviet Union in the Congo. It may be that they will encourage Lumumba to go the whole way. This would be to order the U.N. to withdraw. If Lumumba did this, the legal basis for the U.N. presence would disappear. The Soviet Union could, we must assume, supply Lumumba's government with technical aid and supplies including arms which might enable Lumumba to muddle along in that part of the Congo where he has some semblance of authority. But the Soviet Union could not send troops into the Congo to supplant the U.N. troops, much less to conquer Katanga province for Lumumba. That would be wholly unacceptable, and it would involve the Soviet Union in a dangerous military entanglement in the Congo and with the rest of us.

It may be, as against this, that the Soviet Union will go no further than to keep the pot boiling, making it very difficult for the U.N. to succeed but not compelling it to fail. The profit of such a policy would be to make Moscow appear as the champion of African racism, of which Lumumba is a conspicuous apostle, and at the same time to downgrade the prestige of the United Nations. The United Nations, though it is a scrupulously neutral organization, is unavoidably Western in its fundamental conception of international and constitutional law. The disadvantages of such a policy would be to identify the Soviet Union with an African racist, and to downgrade the U.N. which so much of Africa and Asia must look to for leadership and help.

The Soviet policy lies somewhere between the first hypothesis, which is to move in and take over the Congo, and the second hypothesis, which is to conduct a spoiling operation.

IN ALL that has been said about the collapse of the summit, the question to which

**In the Days News**

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington:  
 The U. S. Health Service has announced grants to two Oregon communities to help pay for sewage disposal projects. The communities are Nyssa, in far Eastern Oregon, and Woodburn, in the Willamette valley.

The Nyssa grant is for \$42,500, and the estimated cost of the project for which the federal grant is made is \$141,840. The Woodburn grant is for \$18,090, and the estimated cost of the project is \$60,300. The federal grants in aid amount to about a third of the estimated total cost.

IT SOUNDS wonderful, doesn't it? Kind old Uncle Sam coming to the aid of his nephews and nieces out in Oregon and helping them to pay for needed facilities to make their towns healthier and happier and more modern.

And—IT WOULD be wonderful if Nyssa and Woodburn were the only towns in the U.S.A. receiving such favors. In that event, the whole contribution from Uncle would come for free. It would be manna from the Washington heaven.

But—Unfortunately—It isn't quite that simple. Other towns in the U.S.A. want sewage disposal plants and such. They too go after Uncle for a gift. And... having set the precedent... Uncle has to come across.

So—Over the long pull, this is the way it works out: While everybody else will have to help Nyssa and Woodburn pay for their sewage disposal plants NYSSA AND WOODBURN WILL HAVE TO HELP EVERYBODY ELSE PAY FOR THEIR SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS.

It's a case of you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours. Everybody gets his back scratched. But, in the final wind-up, everybody has to do more scratching than if he had scratched his own back in the first place.

That's about the long and the short of it.

**Foresters To Train Military Personnel**

Portland—Forty-three foresters from the Pacific northwest will be transferred to California this week to train military personnel in firefighting, the regional office of the forest service said here Wednesday.

Clarence Edgington of the forest service said the men, from 11 national forests in the northwest, would be sent to the Mendocino forest near Ukiah and the Sequoia forest near Bakersfield. Edgington said they will be used to train military personnel who are on "standby" to fight forest fires during the critical California fire situation.

Edgington said the men would remain in California until Sept. 10, and would be joined by other firefighting specialists from the two eastern regions of the forest service.

FOREIGN FILM  
 Ashland—The Rocket From Calabuch, starring Edmund Gwenn, will be shown at the Varsity theater in Ashland as part of the foreign film series. "Festival Matinee-Curtain at Two." The film will be shown at 2 p.m. Friday.

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