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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.

Another Annexation "Fight"?

We view with considerably mixed feelings the prospect of another annexation fight. We used the word "fight" advisedly, too, for we have yet to see an annexation proposal which hasn't generated strong feelings on at least two sides of the issue, and, occasionally, on a third.

We are also in the unhappy position of being able to sympathize with all the viewpoints. (Like the man said, "He's so open-minded he has holes in his head.")

Secondly there are those who realize that the growing population is creating drainage and sewage problems, and has come to the conclusion that the only way to safeguard their own and their neighbors' health is to clean it up, and that annexation to the city may be the best way to do this.

And third, there is the city itself (both city administration and voters and taxpayers), who may take a dim view of adding more administrative headaches without a commensurate increase in the city's tax base.

SPEAKING specifically about the "southwest area" which is faced with a severe sanitation problem, we certainly don't know what the best solution would be. It must be for the people themselves (or, rather, a majority of them) to work out this problem.

But worked out it must be, for in this little valley, lack of sanitation in one area affects health everywhere.

The Medford Irrigation district has a right to insist that its canals not be polluted; the concerned residents must seek solutions not only for their protection but to avoid infringing on their neighbors' rights; the city must decide, in turn, what is best for it.

We don't know whether annexation is the answer, or whether a sanitation district, for instance, might do the job. But the job will be done.

Perhaps the county home rule committee will be interested in looking into the matter to see if a revised county charter would make solutions to such problems in the future easier to solve.

Freeways and Sanity

Some years ago this newspaper protested—in vain, it should be pointed out—against the location of the new Highway 99 freeway smack through the middle of town.

Our fear was that the elevated freeway, with a limited number of east-west arterials under it, and cutting off a good part of Hawthorne park, would do great damage to the city.

Our protests were ignored, and the Bear Creek route was chosen by the highway commission, with the tacit or vocal approval of the city council, planning commission and chamber of commerce.

WHETHER or not our fears were justified will soon be known, for work will begin this fall and winter on construction of the freeway.

Medford will have the distinction of being the only city on 99 (soon to become Interstate No. 5, by the way) where the freeway will go through, rather than around.

Presumably, this will benefit the city's merchants and others who cater to the traveling trade. But to some of us it seems a victory of matter over mind, the sort of thing Charlie Brown had in mind last week:



No UFO's, Alas!

"UFO's Reported in City, Hits."—M.T. headlines, Sept. 13.

Though UFO's may flit and fly And make their way across the sky, To date, thus far, I've been denied A chance to see them, though I've tried.

I'd love to see a UFO. I've heard it said, "My! How they go!" But never, never have I seen A flash, or blip on radar screen.

Some folk will swear they've seen them fly, At night across a starry sky. But as for me, I've missed, alas. They're always other things that pass

In regal state across the blue, A jet, balloon—no FO (U). I'll keep a watch upon the sky. I'd like to see one going by.

—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"Mom's gonna wash, you're gonna dry, an' I'm gonna digest."

Matter of Fact

HAVING AND EATING THE CAKE Washington - On the eve of his departure for active campaigning, Vice President Richard M. Nixon went on the air to suggest, among other things, that there ought to be a "cutoff date" for discussion of the so-called religious issue, either by himself or by Sen. John F. Kennedy.

"The best way candidates can keep it out of the campaign is by not talking about it," said the Vice President.

As the news from Texas indicates, Senator Kennedy did not immediately heed his rival's advice. He could not do so, in fact, and for a quite simple reason. The reason is that Kennedy is now the target of an immensely widespread, evidently well-financed, and increasingly open anti-Catholic campaign.

Kennedy cannot remain a silent target, when the attack on him on pure religious grounds is already reaching the proportions of the attack on Alfred E. Smith in 1928. It is not the sort of thing that can be shoved under the rug, by a "cutoff date" for discussion on the subject - which will not "cutoff" the anti-Catholic campaign itself.

IN CHARACTER, the campaign takes many forms. There is much gutter stuff, like a widely circulated pamphlet, "To Kill Protestants," in which an organization called the Pilgrim Tract Society suggests that the Catholic church may well be preparing a new St. Bartholomew's Eve in the United States. There are also outwardly respectable manifestations, like the National Citizens Conference for Religious Liberty, presided over by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

Even Dr. Peale's outfit has its peculiarities. At the organizing meeting in Washington, one of the chief speakers was Dr. L. Nelson Bell, who proclaimed that the key issue in this campaign was "freedom of Americans from Roman influence." The fact that the organization was specifically keyed to the election was indicated when the organization secretary, the Rev. Mr. Donald Gill, told the organizing meeting that \$5,000 was already in hand, but "we will need at least \$25,000 before the campaign is over."

When subsequently questioned, the Rev. Mr. Gill refused to release either the list of contributors, or the list of participants in the organization meeting in Washington. But the Rev. Dr. George M. Docherty, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian

church here, who was one of the invited participants, expressed the opinion that "this move came from right wing Republicans."

COMMENTING on the formation of the National Citizens Conference, the Vice President's press secretary, Herbert Klein, said that Nixon would not repudiate support from this quarter, but deplored the introduction of the religious issue into the campaign. A comparable attitude is revealed in the case of the Rev. Mr. Jess Moody, of the First Baptist church in Owensboro, Ky.

The Rev. Mr. Moody is the circulator of the anti-Catholic document falsely attributed to Thomas Jefferson, whom James Reston, of "The New York Times," rather surprisingly tracked down to the office of the Republican national chairman, Sen. Thurston Morton. He was in the Morton office by invitation of one of the Vice President's campaign assistants, William Stover. He says that at the beginning of their meeting, Stover and Senator Morton "straightly charged him" not to discuss the religious issue with them, and there was no such discussion.

But when interviewed by telephone, the Rev. Mr. Moody further stated that he was never "straightly charged" not to discuss the religious issue elsewhere and later on. He added that he was indeed "going to do so in a discreet manner."

THAT just about sums up the present position. On the one hand, the Vice President and his staff have had nothing to do with organizing the anti-Catholic campaign. But on the other hand, Nixon is the campaign's intended beneficiary, and he will in fact benefit by it materially in some parts of the country. Yet, he has not repudiated the support of the campaigners, as he would certainly repudiate the support of James Hoffa, for instance. And his aides, when in contact with the campaigners, have not asked them to stop campaigning.

It remains to be seen whether this is a politically tenable position. A similar position would certainly not be tenable for Senator Kennedy. Suppose the Brooklyn "Tablet," perhaps the most influential Catholic newspaper, were now calling on Catholics to vote for Kennedy on religious grounds, instead of attacking Kennedy on political grounds. If this were the case, Kennedy would certainly be clamorously accused of trying to have his cake and eat it too, if he merely said the subject ought not to be discussed or failed to repudiate the "Tablet."

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QUESTION for the politicians: Isn't it getting about time to propose a law FORBIDDING hurricanes if your side wins?

BUT— You may say— That can't be done. IT WOULDN'T WORK. Listen: A law forbidding hurricanes will get just as far as a law declaring that hereafter everybody shall be rich and happy without working and saving.

MOVING farther away from the home front, here is the situation in the Congo: President Kasavuba has fired Premier Lumumba. Premier Lumumba has fired President Kasavuba.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

NEAR THE CIVIC CENTER there's a little flower shop whose owner spends most of his time in a saloon next door. His customers refer to him as the Petrified Florist.

Mrs. Block has just added to her art collection a water color that she describes as "an authentic masterpiece!" It is, too. It's signed, "By Pablo Masterpiece."

"I'll never forget my husband's last words," sobbed a young widow. "He said, 'I don't understand how they can make a profit out of this stuff at a dollar a quart!'"

Mrs. Barsaack finally found a way of getting rid of her old dishwasher. She divorced him.

WHERE does that leave everybody? Well, United Nations' Dag Hammarskjold says that the Congo CONSTITUTION does-

New Latin American Aid Program Draws Polite Skepticism; Said 'Empty Words'

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor If the just-concluded meeting of the American states in Bogota, Colombia, proved anything, it was that \$500 million in Latin American aid is not going to win the United States any popularity contests south of the border.

PHIL NEWSOM This is money which the United States Congress has authorized but not yet appropriated to be used in a program of education, housing and agricultural reform throughout Latin America.

With the exception of Cuba, whose Communist - oriented government labeled it just so many empty words, other Latin American nations greeted it with polite applause and considerable skepticism.

Some observers in Bogota believed a reason the program was received as well as it was, in part at least, was due to the popularity of State C. Douglas Dillon's personal popularity among Latin Americans. They give him credit for much of Washington's new interest in their well-being.

Less Than Germany Latin Americans acknowledge that U.S. aid since World War II has amounted to well over \$3 billion, but they point out it was spread over an entire continent, while in Europe a single nation, Germany, was receiving considerably more.

The association of coffee growers of Colombia voiced a common sentiment in a message which said Colombia's "scanty" \$25 million share in the new program would not even come close to making up the losses Colombia suffered through drops in coffee prices.

On Dillon's side, it took considerable persuasion to convince the Latin Americans that \$500 million was only the beginning of the aid program.

Under the U.S. plan, the funds would be administered by the Inter-American Development Bank, which would take local currencies in repayment for loans as various projects were completed. In this way it would be a revolving fund always available for new projects.

Limited Production A difficulty common to nearly every Latin American

country is a one-side economy: coffee in Colombia, tin in Bolivia, oil in Venezuela.

Falling prices and limited markets have added to the difficulties.

In a massive attempt to reform its own agriculture, Venezuela found it had to start at the very bottom with the individual peasant. Most are illiterate, and will abandon land rather than attempt to reclaim it.

Education cannot be accomplished overnight, nor can industrialization, which requires both education and money.

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