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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: Sept. 26, 1950 (Tuesday) Preliminary steps toward formation of a county-wide civilian defense organization were taken at a meeting of city and county officials this morning.

20 YEARS AGO: Sept. 26, 1940 (Thursday) Miss Cora Bigham, Antelope, won the grand championship beef steer contest in a close race with John Ousterhout of Little Butte at the annual 4-H stock show here.

30 YEARS AGO: Sept. 26, 1930 (Friday) Community Chest quota set at \$22,000 for local needs. Jackson County Sheriff Ralph Hennings was the featured speaker at the Southern Oregon Bankers meeting in Grants Pass yesterday.

40 YEARS AGO: Sept. 26, 1920 (Sunday) Petitions seeking the removal of the county courthouse from Jacksonville to Medford have now gained 3,658 signatures.

50 YEARS AGO: Sept. 26, 1910 (Monday) A hobo who fell off a train in the Medford yards yesterday lay in the center of the tracks while 28 freight cars rolled over him without so much as scratching him.

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

1. Name the gifts brought by the three wise men to Jesus.

2. Who wrote the famous novel, 'Jane Eyre'?

3. Which letter of the alphabet is omitted from telephone dials?

4. The marital institution of a single wife at a time is known as polygamy, monogamy, or bigamy?

5. Do U. S. Senators serve for two, four, or six years?

6. What U. S. Federal agency guards against unfair methods of competition?

7. Has a starfish four, five, or six points?

8. What kind of wood did Noah use to build the Ark?

9. Does a person who has monophobia have a morbid dread of being in crowds?

10. Which of the following words is misspelled: Accidently, geneology, privilege.

Answers: 1. Gold, frankincense, myrrh. 2. Charlotte Bronte. 3. Q. 4. Monogamy. 5. Six. 6. Federal Trade Commission. 7. Five. 8. Gopher wood. 9. No. 10. All three.

Kennedy-Nixon Debates

Television viewers who expect a free-swinging verbal battle between Senator Kennedy and Vice President Nixon in their initial face-to-face television appearance, tonight, are likely to be disappointed.

The widely heralded "Great Debate" between the two presidential aspirants will not, of course, be entirely lacking in forensic fireworks. But the ground rules, negotiated by the candidates' aides with all the care of a nuclear weapons treaty, practically guarantee that no real discussion or interplay of ideas between the two men will result.

Despite the limitations, both candidates hope to make big gains in wooing a potential TV-radio audience of 70 million to 100 million persons. Nixon expects his prowess in debating to bring him many converts, while Kennedy views the debates as an opportunity to project the "presidential image" his critics say he lacks.

THE Vice President, a serene figure before the microphone and TV camera, is conceded the edge in technique.

When he first ran for Congress back in 1946 against Rep. Jerry Voorhis (D-Calif.), he joined his opponent in a series of five debates. "Those debates finished Voorhis and made Nixon," wrote William Costello in his unsympathetic biography of the Vice President. Now, the total impact made by the presidential candidates on television may well decide the outcome.

In addition to the obvious risk of a serious misstep in the coming debates, some authorities on broadcasting believe the candidates run the risk of overexposure on the television screen. "Variety" recently reported that both were being warned that too many appearances on highly rated "entertainment shows" might diminish the effect of the debates. Further, before Nov. 8 both "may well wind up with too much exposure as far as many viewers are concerned."

NEITHER seems to have heeded the advice, as witness recent or forthcoming appearances on the "Jack Paar Show," "Person to Person," "Presidential Countdown," "Focus on Issues," "Campaign Roundup," and "Meet the Press."

Party managers however, have turned thumbs down on invitations to the two to give a sort of civics lesson on "Captain Kangaroo," an early show for children. The lollipop crowd will not go to the polls on election day.—E.R.R.

Missing—A Record To Build On

Vice President Richard M. Nixon is a smooth operator. He makes a good speech. He impresses audiences with a relaxed manner and a sincere approach to the immense problems which will confront a president of the United States.

He projects—rather successfully—the image of a man who is mature, experienced and able to cope with the issues of survival in the 20th Century. He does not make unconsidered statements about his opponent, Sen. John F. Kennedy, which might lead independent voters to think that he is being unduly partisan.

In short, the vice president acts well. But it is not how he acts as a politician, but what he says as the potential leader of the free world that disturbs those Americans who are not satisfied with the position of their country in the cold war.

IN PORTLAND and Vancouver, Wash., last week, Nixon said, "I am proud of our record." We do not see how any administration could be proud of Cuba, a Communist satellite only 90 miles from our coast.

We do not see how it could be proud of the fact an American president could not safely go to Japan, whom the U. S. treated so generously after World War II.

We do not see how it could be proud of the fact the vice president and his wife were stoned and spat upon in South America, our former Good Neighbor.

We do not see how it could be proud of our failures in the Congo, in Laos, Okinawa and Iran.

NIXON also said, of course, that a record is "not something you stand on. It is something you build on."

It worries some persons that the vice president wants to build on that sort of record.

It bothers some people that the GOP candidate is so satisfied with a world in which American power and influence are steadily declining.

It frightens some people that the vice president blithely attributes our various defeats to the "wicked machinations" of the Communists, and not to any weakness on our part.

TO THE cheers of thousands, the Republican candidate for president told us that the Soviet Union will not be able to match the economic prowess of the United States within the foreseeable future. We do not know whether he is right or wrong on this particular point. But we do know that the evidence of Soviet progress in many fields is something to knock your eye out.

What was the name of the first satellite in space? What was the name of the first dog in space? Whose vehicle first orbited the sun? Whose national emblem was first upon the moon?

The Democratic candidate, Senator Kennedy, is having some trouble getting across his message that the United States must put forth its best effort if it is to prevail in this struggle for the world. It is not "selling America short" to suggest there is a connection between our complacency and Russian dynamism.

But this is the issue which must be explored. Nothing less than our survival is at stake.—Portland Reporter.

Dennis the Menace



ARE YOU SURE YOU LOST YOUR DIME IN HERE, FRANKIE?

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.

Whose Pocketbook?

To the Editor: Those who drive the main highways and look at billboards (instead of the road ahead) will see a rash of new signs—a big hand dramatically grabbing a purse and beside it "Your Money."

Apparently is the suggestion that you vote against the billboard control measure to be on the November ballot.

Of course, factually, the hand should be putting money into the Oregon purse and the line read "Vote Yes for No. 15" for roadside protection. Because if Oregon voters pass this measure which complied with the National Standards for Roadside Protection, the federal government will pay 92 1/2 per cent of the cost of new sections of the National Interstate Highways instead of only 92 per cent. This saves Oregon taxpayers several hundred thousand dollars.

Furthermore, roadside services, which can continue to advertise as at present, within 5 miles of their establishments, will save by not having their signs compete at great expense with irrelevant billboards and with signs of distant establishments.

If just 4 or 5 per cent more out-of-state tourists are attracted to Oregon because of its uncluttered roadways and unpolluted countryside that would put \$7 or \$8 million more in Oregon's pocketbook every year.

Under this wisely drawn measure, no billboards would have to be removed for five years, allowing lots of time for readjustment of advertisers. Obviously the money saved on roadside billboards will go into other kinds of advertising. It is natural that the billboard people should fight any measure that affects any of their signs. (See in this connection the article in the March "Readers Digest" entitled "The Great Billboard Scandal of 1960.")

Oregonians that know what is good for Oregon will all want to vote "Yes" on Nov. 8 for the Billboard Control Measure No. 15.

Christmas Tree Protest

To the Editor: There is a law that should be repealed at the next session of the legislature, namely—that a person must have a permit from the forest service to cut Christmas trees from his own land.

I claim they have no more right to tell them when they can harvest trees any more than they could tell them when they can harvest fruit or any other crop.

It is certainly unconstitutional and I don't think there is a court in the land that would uphold this law.

It is all right to control public lands, but they have no right over privately owned lands.

L. E. Bean, 608 Franquette St., Medford, Ore.

All Are "Catholics"

To the Editor: For the past couple of months we have been reading about Senator Kennedy and his religion. In most of the articles, the Senator is referred to as a Catholic.

If anyone would take time to look up in their dictionary, they would find the following: (1) Universal; all inclusive. (2) of the universal Christian church; of the Christian church as a whole. (3) a member of the Universal Christian church.

In other words every Pro-

Macmillan Hopes To Seek Information From Khrushchev; De Gaulle Criticized

By PHIL NEWSOM, UPI Foreign Editor. From the foreign editor's notebook:

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan will consult with the Western Allies on what they should do to meet the new Soviet approach. Criticism: Another Western leader, President Charles de Gaulle of France, is being criticized for boycotting the present super-summit get-together in New York. Some sections of the Paris press already are expressing anxiety that this may result in France finding herself isolated at a crucial cold war moment.

French officials also fear another outbreak of anti De Gaulle unrest as result of the government's orders to Raoul

Salan not to return to Algeria. Salan, former commander-in-chief in Algeria, is idolized by the European community there.

Brinkmanship: Western diplomats in Berlin think the Soviets have given East German Communists permission gradually to increase pressures on West Berlin so long as serious incidents do not take place. The diplomats think even the Reds do not yet know just how far they will go. Their actions will be governed according to Western reaction.

Understanding: The Madrid airport meeting between President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt and Generalissimo Francisco Fran-

co of Spain many mark the beginning of a new era in Spain's international politics, observers there believe.

Spain's policy always has been based on friendships with the countries of the South American and Arab blocs.

Nasser's stopover in Madrid was interpreted to mean that he supports Franco's wishes to turn Spain into a "bridge of understanding" between the Western and Arab worlds.

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

For quite a spell we of Southern Oregon and Far Northern California have been talking about a glamorous new route from Winnemucca to the sea. Our neighbors from Crescent City this week end turned the slogan around. They took THE SEA TO WINNEMUCCA.

They must have in their midst a student of Mohammedan history. At any rate, Brad Page, secretary-manager of the Crescent City chamber of commerce, says they're referring to the jaunt as the Pilgrimage to 'Mucca.

LEAVING Crescent City, they were loaded down with souvenirs of the sea. They had redwood burl gavels bearing greetings from the Redwood Empire association. These were presented to the mayors of the communities they passed through. Their gift kit included preserved starfish, jars of marine life and specially processed pebbles and driftwood from the ocean beaches.

They had REDWOOD TREE SEED in little packages. These were distributed to friends along the way to be planted in their gardens. There were specially cultivated Redwood tree SEEDLINGS, about three feet high. They are Sequoia Sempervirens, which is the State of Jefferson variety of Redwood. These were presented to presidents of the chambers of commerce along the way, to be planted in the community parks of their cities.

HERE in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California, we don't need to be told of the importance of the Winnemucca to the Sea highway. WE KNOW.

Winnemucca is on Highway 40, one of the principal tourist routes from the East to the West. At Winnemucca, Highway 40 turns sharply to the southwest, carrying west-bound tourists naturally on to Central and Northern California.

When the Winnemucca to the Sea highway is all linked up (which won't be long now) the tourist will be given a choice. He can come on west and northwest to the FINEST BEACHES ON THE PACIFIC. Stopping, of course, at our inland towns along the way.

Winnemucca will then be a fork of the road—much as Old Fort Hall was a century ago. From Old Fort Hall, the emigrants who kept to the right wound up in northern Oregon, to become farmers and businessmen. Those who swung to the left hit the gold-fields of California and Southern Oregon.

When the Winnemucca to the Sea highway is all connected up, the tourists who keep to the right at Winnemucca will see the green and the gold of one of the loveliest areas of the West.

ANYWAY... we welcome our friends from the Redwood Empire. And their gifts. ESPECIALLY those Redwood seedlings.

Inflation Seen No. 1 Enemy; Dollar Shrinkage Danger Told

By LYLE C. WILSON, Washington—UPI—Public Enemy No. 1 is never counted in the FBI's list of the 10-most-wanted criminals. Public Enemy No. 1 is not a man.

This top public enemy is a system or a state of mind which steals from everyone, young or old. Steals from everyone except absolute paupers.

This enemy is monetary inflation, a stuffy phrase. The Hon. Howard Buffett of Nebraska phrased it much better when he called it the rotting of the U.S. dollar. The U.S. dollar is rotting away, no doubt about that. For example:

Accepted as a standard of value the 1939 U.S. dollar and accept its value as 100 cents. Six years later, after the end of World War II, that dollar had rotted or shrunk to a purchasing power of 77.2 cents. By 1949, the 1939 dollar had shrunk to a 58.3 cents

value. These figures were prepared by the staff of the Senate Finance Committee whose chairman is Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia.

The Grandest Larceny: The rate of shrinkage was slowing in 1949. Then, along came the Korean War. By January, 1950, the proud U.S. dollar was not even worth four bits. Actual purchasing power value, 48 cents. The last figure presently available is for May, 1960. The dollar was worth 47 cents then. War, however, is not solely responsible. Other deficit spending by government is guilty, too.

Byrd and the finance committee use the 1939 dollar as the standard of value because 1939 approximately was the year in which the depression deflation of the dollar was overcome. Use of the 1939 standard shows what currency inflation has done in our times. This shrinkage of the dollar in your pocket, your bank or in bonds—U.S. savings bonds, for instance—is not merely larceny. It is the grandest larceny, the greatest theft from the most people.

The rotting of the dollar has slowed from time to time. Once or twice it has stopped altogether for as long as two months. Some of the big bits taken by inflation from your dollar were these: 1939-45—22.8 cents; 1945-49—18.9 cents; 1951—4.3 cents. Since 1951, the annual shrinkage usually has been at the rate of one cent or less, often much less.

Children's Worry: In the first five months of 1960, inflation squeezed only five-tenths of one cent from the dollar's purchasing power. That is comforting, of course. If creeping inflation creeps no faster than that, most adults of 1960 can face the future unafraid. They will not live long enough for their dollar to become worth absolutely nothing, as once happened to the German mark, to Chinese money and, almost, to the French franc.

The nothing dollar, like the national debt, will be the worry of children and grandchildren, present and prospective. What the kids will say about that when they get it all figured out probably will not be printable. But what the kids say about the debt and the vanished dollar will be mild in comparison to what will be said by the owners of U.S. government bonds who are paid off in that distant day.

Unless the creeping inflation trend is stopped, that payoff will be in dollars, value nil.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

ASSAULT ON TASTE: Washington—An international diplomacy having all the dignity of a street brawl and an on a slightly higher sense of responsibility than that of sailors drunk in a waterfront dive has been brought to these shores by Nikita Khrushchev and Fidel Castro.

ing the hospitality of our long tradition, now use their opportunities to add to the clack and clamor. One can have the most compassionate understanding of the thoroughly justified hatreds they feel for the Communists. But one cannot forgive their determination to carry their quarrels to the point of embarrassment and injury to the very government which has given them shelter.

There is an appalled terror for the very future of a world teetering at the brink of an abyss while grisly clownishness disports itself in New York—and right up to the very doors of the United Nations itself.

There is a profound and incredulous sadness at the fate which has now overtaken the old values, such as manner and reserve and a decent respect for great and somber issues, which are surely entitled to as orderly a hearing among the public as might be given to a traffic case in a municipal court.

Much has been said and written about the restriction of Nikita Khrushchev to Manhattan Island. The point is soundly made that as a delegate to the United Nations he has a right to come there without our let or hindrance. But while it is true that he required no invitation of ours to visit the United Nations, it is a great over-simplification to go out howling imprecations against foreign visitors who are, God save the mark, also the heads of powerful nations restrained neither by tradition nor by the ordinary prudence which civilized men have learned to exercise.

And then there are the refugee groups which, against the so-called violator is also extortion. Imprisoning the so-called parking violator is false imprisonment, regardless of the length of time to be served.

And what is the difference between a pinball machine operator and the city of Medford with its parking meters? 'Tis just plain unadulterated thievery.

FLOYD R. McCABE, Mt. Pitt Star Route, Butte Falls, Ore.

He Won't Forget: To the Editor: There are many veterans here at White City who will not soon forget the under-cut you took at ALL Veterans through your editorial columns, recently.

It is pretty hard to believe an intelligent man, at least I thought editors had to be fairly intelligent, would be so careless, especially with a V.A. Domiciliary so near your fair city.

I would surely like to hear the fuss and muss that would be made, if you were forced to run the headline: "White City to close and be torn down."

ONE who will never forget. Malemute Slim. (An Indigent) (Owen C. Gearhart Sr.) White City, Ore.

Editor's note: Not ALL Veterans, Slim.

FOR certain basic assumptions must and do underlie all forms of international practice and understanding—and as indeed they underlie all forms of law itself. The world for centuries had simply assumed, for example, that a visiting statesman would not carry his "rights" quite so far as to make public mockeries in the streets of his host country and to deal in awful irresponsibility, with passing pedestrians and gawkers, with the terrible concerns which he had ostensibly come to negotiate.

KHRUSHCHEV and Castro have an undoubted right to be within that part of New York City which is the terrain of the United Nations. They do not, however, have any right, of any kind, so to behave as to embroil a vast city in frightening plots—real or phony—which might at any moment explode into incidents tragic for all mankind.

And our self-appointed diplomats—whether union leaders anxious to show how "anti-Communist" they are, or refugees burning with natural resentments—have no right whatever to intrude ignorantly and impertinently and dangerously upon the conduct of the foreign policy of the United States.

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FORMER AIDE DIES: New York—UPI—Arthur T. Brown, 72, former assistant to the president of the International General Electric Co., died Saturday.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A FAMOUS PIANIST took his final bow at a Carnegie Hall recital, then retired moodily to his dressing room, baring all friends and autograph hunters. He had given a bad performance and he knew it. "Cheer up," counseled his wise manager. "We all have our off days. You had one coming to you."

The pianist finally was consoled, and he and his manager went to a nearby Russian tearoom for refreshments. There one of the pianist's bitter rivals appeared suddenly and cried, "Arturo! You were magnificent tonight! You outdid yourself!"

The pianist paled visibly and whispered to his manager, "My God! Was I that awful?"

It has been estimated that all of the paper manufactured in England in the entire seventeenth century wouldn't suffice for the printing of a single Sunday edition of a metropolitan newspaper. And if Ben Franklin were happily to return to earth and undertake to print on his old handpress a standard Sunday issue of your favorite newspaper, it would take him approximately six months, working ten hours a day, seven days a week!

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