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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: Oct. 3, 1950 (Tuesday). Gov. and Mrs. Douglas McKay arrived at the Medford hotel this morning to begin a series of appearances that will keep them in southern Oregon most of the week.

20 YEARS AGO: Oct. 3, 1940 (Thursday). In compliance with a recent school board ruling, a seventh grade girl student was suspended from Rogue River grade school Monday for failure to salute the American flag; the girl is a member of Jehovah's Witnesses.

30 YEARS AGO: Oct. 3, 1930 (Friday). The Oregon State Labor Federation convention opened here today. Eighteen students from Jackson county have enrolled at the University of Oregon this fall.

40 YEARS AGO: Oct. 3, 1920 (Sunday). Jackson county won the third place prize at the recent state fair. Wheat has dropped below the \$2 per bushel mark here.

50 YEARS AGO: Oct. 3, 1910 (Monday). Cornice pears from the Hillcrest orchards received the banner price of the year to date when they sold recently for \$6.70 a box in New York. Two days of predicted rain will bring a temporary halt to apple picking in the valley.

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

1. In southern U.S., would a "Yankee Dime" mean a hug, or a kiss? 2. Baton Rouge is the capital of which State? 3. Which word is incorrectly used: "There were two or three, or at the most, a dozen people there." 4. Name the capital of Egypt.

5. In which state is the famous Snoqualmie waterfall? 6. How many Jacks showing only one eye are in a standard deck of 52 playing cards? 7. "He came out from the house." What is wrong with the sentence? 8. In its journey around the earth, in which direction does the moon travel? 9. How many inches are one mile? 10. In what language was the Magna Charta written?

Answers: 1. Kiss. 2. Louisiana. 3. People, should be replaced by persons. 4. Cairo. 5. Washington. 6. Two. 7. "Out" should be followed by "of," not "from." 8. West to East. 9. 5,280. 10. Latin.

What's the Score?

There's a woman in the Gold Hill area (whose name we didn't catch) who has a far better memory than "E.A." She called Saturday, and said: "Aren't you just confusing us more? In May, I voted 'yes' on the dog control measure, because I didn't want dogs confined. And I did it because that's what a Mail Tribune story said." She's right—so very right. And we were wrong—so very wrong—in an editorial here Friday.

THE ballot measure was worded then (and will be again next month) thus: "For dogs running at large—yes." "For dogs running at large—no." And that's even worse than the way we misremembered it.

All of which goes to prove two points: 1. That confusion still is rampant (in the minds of editorial writers as well as others) over the silly ballot wording, and, 2. That editorial writers had best do their homework before rushing into print, depending solely on a faulty memory.

ANOTHER call we received Saturday was from a lawyer who thought we were a bit too rough on Jerry Seannell, the deputy district attorney who we accused of doing nothing to abate the confusion.

Our lawyer friend said the whole trouble stems from an old law (we agree, that there have been no amendments to it to clarify its intent or application, and likewise no court decisions on which to base a legal opinion.

Thus, he said, the district attorney's office has no basis to offer any advice.

THIS may be true. But, as legal counsel for the county, it seems to us that the district attorney's office has an obligation to do its utmost to clarify any legal questions arising (and in this case they're complex), or, failing that, to admit defeat and come out and say plainly they don't know, and that it will take a court to unravel the tangled skein.

The district attorney's office did neither. It wrote an obscure, fuzzy and (as far as we're concerned) totally meaningless "opinion" for the county clerk.

Does ANYbody know the score?—E.A.

Mr. Khrushchev's Big Lie

The use of lies and falsehoods by Communists is nothing new and normally does not require special comment.

But Nikita Khrushchev's use of the Big Lie technique before the United Nations General Assembly had a breathtaking impudence which made it a special insult to the intelligence.

The lie was as simple as it was enormous: The head of the greatest colonial empire of the present day told the people of the world he has no colonies, and spoke sanctimoniously as the enemy of colonialism. The man who ordered the Hungarian Revolution throttled in blood dared weep crocodile tears over the fate of the many states now members of the United Nations who have been given their freedom with no struggle of any kind in recent years. It was a shameful performance.

LET us look at the Soviet colonial empire. It consists of two parts. One part is made up of states nominally independent, but emmeshed so completely in Moscow's military, political and economic power that they cannot act with true independence. These states are:

- Poland
East Germany
Hungary
Czechoslovakia
Rumania
Albania
Bulgaria
Outer Mongolia
North Korea

THE other part of the Soviet colonial empire is made up of the non-Russian peoples and lands which were first subjugated by the Czars, incorporated into their empire and then resubjugated by Lenin and Stalin so that today they are still vassals of Moscow. Many peoples live in the prison of nations that is the Soviet Union today, but the chief ones among them are the following:

- Ukrainians
Byelorussians
Lithuanians
Latvians
Estonians
Armenians
Georgians
Azerbaijanis
Uzbeks
Turkmen
Kirghiz
Tadjiks
Tartars
Yakuts
Buryats

But all means let all colonialism be ended as soon as possible. But let the United Nations and the world make sure that the Soviet colonial empire be included. That empire, unfortunately, has grown while the other empires of the past have been dissolving before our eyes. — New York Times.

Mr. K's Convincing

Khrushchev's violence and nasty behavior at the United Nations, and his attack on the respect-pire be included. That empire, unfortunately, has probably done more to convince doubting Americans that the U.N. is a good thing, after all, than anything that has happened for years.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"HERE! AN TELL MY COW I'LL PICK SOME MORE FOR HER TOMORROW!"

Communications

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Drama of Politics

To the Editor: If we were to give this essay a name we would call it: The Drama of Politics.

Shakespeare tells us that: "All the world's a stage," then he proceeded to write the political dramas. Any one that is interested in politics or Shakespeare will note the political flavor of his plays. And that is the main thing that makes them universal classics. Of course there are a great many people who read newspapers that do not know what drama is or what politics are. Some people think that only wars are drama, not realizing that there are cases where there is religion in politics, but more often there is politics in religion.

We define politics as the clash between economic and social classes. In other words, individuals and groups with an axe to grind. The interests of the man that owns the axe and the boy that turns the grindstone are not identical. In time there develops an emotional conflict. Drama is born of a conflict of interest and is given expression in clash of personalities and groups of individuals, classes and nations.

When large groups clash within a nation it is either a riot or civil war. When interests of national ideologies clash in violence it is just another war. That which is called a cold war is conflicting interest on ideologies maneuvering for a strategic position or advantage. Our political campaign is a skirmish between progressive forces and the element of reaction in defense of the status quo.

To any one interested in world affairs these are thrilling times. It was sheer drama when Mr. K assaulted the U.N. It was spectacular drama at the storming of the Bastille. Dramatic repercussions followed the firing on Fort Sumter. Then there were the ten days that shook the world and it has been trembling ever since. We have been treated to so much drama since the Russian revolution that it has become commonplace. Insecurity and conflict has been a way of life. We have experienced so much suspense that our nerves are calloused. Only the ignorant have been blissfully happy.

The strategy used against the spread of Communism was largely a campaign of vilification and ignorance. Witch hunting became a vogue. Of all of our political leaders in the national capital, Charlie Porter has made the most realistic attempt to meet the menace of a changing world. He wants to learn.

Walter Reece Galilee rd. Merlin, Ore.

Builders - Not Spoilers

To the Editor: First of all thanks for a very good paper. I enjoy your editorials and sports coverage.

But since this is an election year, I must get my two bits in. What amazes me is this—with 90 per cent of the papers and 97 per cent of the magazines in favor of the Republican party since the mid-thirties, the Democratic party still continues to grow. With every daily in California pro-Republican, the Democrats have a huge majority. The only reason I can figure out is that the people know who gave them WPA, CCC, Social Security, Federal Housing, GI Bill of Rights, TVA, Unemployment Insurance, tighter banking laws, tighter market control of Wall St., flood control of all major rivers, countless agents to assist farmers.

There is not a state in the U.S. which has not progressed under the Democrats, including our neighboring state of Washington, which by the building of the huge dams on the Columbia, has been transformed from agricultural and forest products into industrial ones. Their forest products now rank ninth on the list.

These are but a few items that I can think of now. In closing I would like to say the only mistake FDR ever made was to make Eisenhower what he is today, and that the Democratic party is a party of builders and not of spoilers.

George Roedel 1001 West Harbeck rd. Grants Pass, Ore.

With His Boots On

To the Editor: Ever hear of John Day valley? Well, it is a short secluded valley lying on the eastern slope of the Siskiyou range of mountains where the mountains make a left-angle turn south in western Siskiyou County, California.

As the story goes, as told to me almost half a century ago by an old time miner of southern Oregon, John Day, a mountain hermit and alleged horse thief, was a notorious character and had full control of a one or two mile long valley named after him (later). His surroundings were so secluded and protected by natural boundaries that all officials of the frontier law enforcement agencies were at a disadvantage to approach the much sought after mountain man villain who evaded the outside world as much as possible.

After a rendezvous in Yreka, Calif., by night rides under disguise, he ventured to be bolder one day, through misjudgment, and on that fatal day he was recognized by the law officers and a shooting affray took place on one of the principal streets and John Day was overwhelmed by a posse and died as he had lived with his boots on.

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman st., Medford.

She's "Regusted" Too To the Editor: "Bravo" for your editorial re Dog Control. My sentiments exactly! Perhaps more pressure from your "news medium" at least, would result in some proper service to the people of this area from the district attorney's office!

Foreign Notebook: Khrushchev's Tirade Seen Tied To Berlin; Airlift Possible

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



West Germans expect the Communists to step up their campaign against free West Berlin on Oct. 15 in connection with the scheduled meeting of West German veterans' organizations. The West Berliners expect the Communists to close off Berlin travel to persons attending the meeting, just as they did recently against a meeting of persons expelled from Germany's former eastern territories. On that occasion, the West instituted a "baby airlift" circumventing the Communist ban on rail and road travel.

West Germans are the ground for rejection of UN intervention if the Berlin crisis gets hot. UN effectiveness in the Congo spoiled Khrushchev's plans there and the Germans believe he wants to take no chances that the same thing happens to him in Germany where his prestige stakes would be higher.

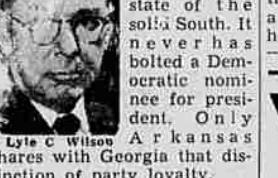
British genius for compromise is expected to show at its best in this week's labor party conference at Scarborough, Yorkshire. The problem will be whether to support the defense policy of party leader Hugh Gaitskell, which depends on the nuclear deterrent and the western alliance, or to go with that of Frank Cousins, a powerful trade union leader who wants Britain to abandon nuclear weapons. The split could cost Gaitskell his job or it could result in a compromise involving partial agreement with both sides. It would satisfy no one but it would leave the party intact.

African Turmoil

When Britain granted independence to Africa's most populous country, Nigeria, it left tribal and cultural divisions as deep as those in the Congo—but with nothing resembling the Congo mess. The Nigerians are better educated and more accustomed to government. But, as in the Congo, one region is rich and populous enough to overrule the other two. In the Congo, it is secessionist Katanga. In Nigeria it is the rich and feudal north, composing one of Nigeria's three regions. In addition, tribal rivalries have resulted in demands that the three existing regions be broken into six smaller ones. Rioting and violent deaths already have resulted. More are likely.

Free Electors Ominous Sign For Jack in State of Georgia

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington—UPI—The most anxious news from the South for Sen. John F. Kennedy probably is from Georgia.



Georgia is an anchor state of the solid South. It never has bolted a Democratic nominee for president. Only Arkansas shares with Georgia that distinction of party loyalty.

Georgia now seems to be moving away from the Democratic party in a national sense. Many Georgians would tell you that the move is the other way, that the political party of their fathers has moved away from Georgia.

The solid evidence of movement is last month's straw vote in Georgia on the question whether the state's presidential electors should be pledged to vote in the electoral college for the Democratic presidential ticket. An overwhelming vote for pledged electors was expected.

There was a straw vote majority of more than 20,000 for free electors. Except as it may detract from the aggregate of the electoral college vote for the Kennedy-Johnson ticket, this is no cause for unrestrained Republican applause. The vote is not at all evidence that Georgians love the Republican party more, but only that Georgians love the national Democratic party less.

All good citizens might rejoice in the outcome of the straw ballot as evidence that the South is moving, if slowly, toward a legitimate two-party system. The straw vote was not binding on the electors, who may or may not decide to cast free rather than pledged votes in the electoral college.

If they cast free votes, it would not follow that they would go to the Republican Nixon-Lodge ticket. More likely, Georgia's electors would vote for some notable Southern conservative, such as their own Sen. Richard B. Russell or Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia. If such maverick Georgia electors vote and others similarly freed in the South prevented either major party ticket from obtaining an absolute majority, the contest would go to the House of Representatives.

Southern conservatives would like that. In the House, the fish to go out over the bar to return four years later as big ones. So far, the commercial fish hatchery has not been replaced by a sport fish hatchery.

WHAT to do? Here's what they're doing. They're buying salmon eggs in the state of Washington and hiring them hatched. Then they bring the little fish back to the Rogue and put them in ponds to grow larger. When they reach the right age they turn them loose in the river. To go out the bar—return (it is hoped) four years later as full grown fish to provide sport for the growing number of sports fishermen.

THEY call the operation Salmon Unlimited and finance it by selling memberships, after the manner of Ducks Unlimited. It's something of a gamble. Maybe the salmon will come back to the place where the eggs were taken instead of coming back to the Rogue, where they were released from the ponds they tarried in while getting big enough to take off for whatever far places the salmon go to while they are growing up.

Anyway, it's an interesting experiment—and the Gold Beach people are willing to gamble. They've gambled a lot since the gold mining days, and so far they've done all right.

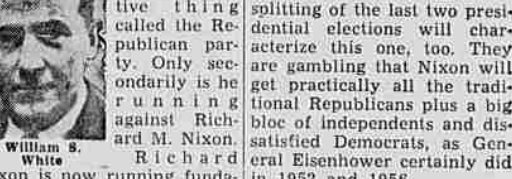
WHERE are problems, of course. For example: The fishermen and the tourists come in thousands. In the aggregate, they catch a lot of fish. When the commercial canny closed, it closed down and dismantled the hatchery it had maintained. With no hatchery, there are fewer lit-

What do the rumblings of Georgia rebellion mean for the Kennedy-Johnson ticket? Not merely in Georgia, but throughout the South? Five Southern states bolted the Democratic ticket in 1928. Four in 1948 and 1952. Four years ago there were five Southern bolters. It is beginning to look like a trend.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

EVEN ODDS Washington—John F. Kennedy is now running a vast collective thing called the Democratic party against a relatively smaller if still huge collective thing called the Republican party. Only secondarily is he running against Richard M. Nixon.



Nixon is now running fundamentally against a man called Kennedy—and never mind the parties too much. This is one of the several reasons why this presidential election is so extraordinarily hard to predict.

Kennedy, though no mean contender in any personality contest, is nevertheless not really depending on his appeal as a person. At bottom he is depending on the Mosiac-like cumulative appeal of a party which for the larger of the two—about 6 to 4. And, though he presents himself as more modern than Nixon, Kennedy also calls up memories of a more remote past.

HE stresses what the Democratic party did two decades ago, in the era of Franklin Roosevelt. Nixon stresses what Dwight D. Eisenhower—and Nixon—not the Republican party—have done in the past eight years.

These differences in emphasis are no accident. The final impression Kennedy wishes to leave is this: "Look at what the Democratic party historically has done for you."

The final impression Nixon wishes to leave is this: "Look what Dwight D. Eisenhower—in whose administration I myself have served—has done for you."

If Kennedy could assume that all the country's more-or-less Democratic voters would go for him he would never need to get out of his office chair. If Nixon had to assume that all the more-or-less Democratic voters would never leaving his chair, for he would have no chance anyhow.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

MOSS KORT'S triumphant autobiography, Act One, has occasioned a certain amount of kidding by some envious contemporaries. His old-time collaborator, George S. Kaufman, for instance, phoned him to report, "Moss, your book is such a smash that all your fellow playwrights have decided to pay you a signal tribute. For the next year every one of them has promised to name the first act of his new play in your honor, Act One!"

Missionary, back from a long and arduous tour of duty among the cannibals of New Guinea, was asked, "Do you think you made any progress over there?" "I really do," nodded the optimistic missionary. "On Fridays now I've noticed that the cannibals eat only fishermen."

Oscar Wilde, at a London hotel, once ordered a water cress sandwich. What the waiter brought was too big for the finicky Mr. Wilde. "I asked for a water cress sandwich," he snorted, "not a loaf of bread with a field of green in the middle of it!"

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