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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. 4, 1950 (Wednesday)

A civil defense program conforming with Oregon state law was accepted last night by the Medford city council.

First slash burning by loggers in Jackson county areas protected by the state forest patrol commenced yesterday.

20 YEARS AGO

Oct. 4, 1930 (Friday)

The Medford school budget for 1931-32 as completed last evening called for a total of \$286,750 which is \$25,750 under the previous year's total.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "High nabobs of the new deal swooped down upon this state the past week, and this week citizens of Portland will have to put up with Harold (Don Duck) Ickes, secretary of interior, who is red-hot for a third term for FDR and himself."

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 4, 1920 (Saturday)

Sheriff's deputies arrested 13 men yesterday who are suspected of selling moonshine in the city.

H. H. Corleis drove his 21-year-old White roadster downtown yesterday.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 4, 1920 (Monday)

More than 20,000 tourists visited Crater Lake during the past season.

Ad Santell and Ralph Hand will wrestle in the featured match at Gold Hill tonight.

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 4, 1910 (Tuesday)

Medford's Mayor Cannon is expected to urge creation of a city water commission that will take complete control of the city's water system.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. What notable person recently stalked out of New York's Shelburne Hotel and took up residence in a Harlem hotel?

2. During his visit to New York for the opening of the United Nations General Assembly, does Nikita Khrushchev enjoy diplomatic immunity and privileges?

3. Also in N. Y. for the U.N. General Assembly is Leonid Brezhnev, known as the "Red Butcher" what country in Russia's shadow did he represent?

4. During the opening days of the U.N. General Assembly, who was responsible for the security protection of the various heads of states?

5. Guantanamo is important to the U.S. Who threatens it now?

6. For what same product are Idaho and Maine noted?

7. Did the Franco-German War terminate with the "Reign of Tears" or the "Reign of Terror"?

8. What U. S. Department is responsible for the National Parks?

9. Name the most northerly country in South America.

10. Which bird is the tallest of present day specimens?

Answers: 1. Fidel Castro. 2. No. 3. Hungary. 4. No. 5. Police. 6. Potatoes. 7. Reign of Tears. 8. Interior. 9. Venezuela. 10. Ostrich.

Registration Trend

With 36,267 Jackson county people registered to vote, the figure 774 (which is the margin the Democrats are leading the Republicans) isn't much. In truth, it is an infinitesimal figure.

But it has a significance out of proportion to its size, for it is a figure which has grown remarkably—from a total of only 6 last April, when Democrats in the county outnumbered Republicans for the first time in living memory, to 671 last Friday, to 774 (a gain of 103 in just two days) last Monday.

And it takes on added significance when it is remembered that only a few years ago, Republicans outnumbered Democrats by a substantial margin.

PRIOR to the general election in 1958, the Republicans led the Democrats by 687 voters, out of a total of 35,547 registered.

And prior to the 1956 general election (the last presidential election year), the Republicans' margin was 1,528 out of a total of 35,229.

So it can be seen that, while the number is insignificant, the trend IS significant—and it's toward the Democrats.

Also, after today, there are only four more days to register. And if you aren't registered, you can't vote in the Nov. 8 general election of 1960.—E.A.

Society Has Big Job

The Oregon Historical Society is a many-faceted, but too-little known, organization which is of benefit to each individual in the state.

Recent actions have increased its importance. Not only is it a private organization of people interested in Oregon history; it is also the "official" repository of many historical papers and objects.

And, in addition, it has assumed responsibility for continuing the work of the Old Oregon Trails association, the Battleship Oregon Museum, and the Oregon Geographic Names Board. More recently, it also has assumed the duties of Civil War Centennial Commission here.

THE society, then, provides the only organization which is dedicated to keeping a record of the state's history, and increasing the reservoir of materials and sources which give us the sense of continuity as a state.

It is affiliated with 28 county or area historical societies, which gives it a breadth and depth reaching into every corner of the state.

And in recent years it has also increased its physical possessions (including the old Beekman Bank building in Jacksonville) so that tangible reminders and examples of the past can be placed on public view.

EVERY year since 1899 the Society has received an appropriation from the state government—a modest one—to help finance its official responsibilities as an agency of the state.

The first year the amount was \$1,000. Next year, in keeping with its tremendous growth, both in responsibilities and activities, the Society is asking for an appropriation of \$192,000 for the 1961-63 biennium, or \$92,000 per year, mostly for salaries.

For the current biennium, the Society received only \$99,550, and as a result had to go out and raise another \$122,000 in contributions to do the job the state should in large part be financing.

NOW these may seem, at first glance, to be substantial sums.

But one must consider what they go for. A recent Newsletter of the Society points out some of the jobs being done, as follows:

"... The building and maintaining of an unusually large and valuable collection of Oregonian and Western Americana; historical records, books, photographs, newspaper collections, museum articles, etc. In depth and value the Society collections are generally conceded to be among the finest in the country."

"In recent years the Society has been pressed to the wall meeting the heavy increase in demand for services from Oregonians and interested persons far outside our state and country. The harsh fact becomes increasingly apparent that we are approximately 50 per cent understaffed."

"As the group responsible for the proper location and marking of historic sites in the state, as the agency which handles historical problems presented to the executive office and other departments, because of our affiliation with the Oregon Geographic Names Board and many other commissions and agencies of the state, the Society has an unusual and important alliance with the entire governmental structure in Oregon."

"With the prospect of a new library and museum building, over 5,000 tons of valued materials must be carefully organized, assessed and catalogued in terms of public use. It is recorded that since their inception the collections have been used by almost 5,000,000 students, scholars and writers."

"A nominal value of over \$1,000,000 has been placed on the collections, but this would never begin to cover essentially irreplaceable documents and records now held in trust for the state. No other state or territory to our knowledge has made the private effort and continuing struggle comparable to that of our Oregon Historical Society."

SUCH work has immense benefits, both for the present and for the future.

It is difficult, of course, to put a "dollar value" on such intangibles, but it can be said that in terms of both service and custodianship, the Society has given the state and the people far more than it has received.

Oregon has a long and proud record of support for its schools, its colleges and universities, and in general for the agencies and organizations devoted to cultural, educational and historic ends.

We hope and trust that this support will never diminish, and will even grow as the years go by.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"ONE FOR DAD, AN' ONE FOR ME. ONE FOR MOM, AN' ONE FOR ME. ONE FOR RUFF."

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.

Asking, Begging, Praying

To the Editor: A woman called me because she knows I belong to the Senior Citizens' Orchestra, meeting at the Senior Activity Center, 601 East Jackson on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

She wanted to rent "our" hall for a dinner.

I explained that the tiny pink room isn't ours to rent out. It belongs to the city and they allow us to use it.

There are 20 chairs, a couple of desks, card tables, books and a few dishes.

As art, games, Spanish, music, and other subjects are taught there, free of charge, we need a much larger hall.

Your old parents and grandparents need recreation and interests that mean their "get-togethers" require suitable housing.

So do the 86 paid-up members of the Fifty Plus club.

I've been watching the financial returns of court records, parking meters, etc., and it strikes me that a nice, little, prosperous city like Medford could find means to build a fine hall for seniors.

It is needed NOW, not after they have passed on. However, we know that the aged will ever be with us. There is too much talk and no action.

Aside from a large main hall there should be a well equipped kitchen, rooms for debate, card games, office, storeroom, and a room.

An appeal for donations might get some help.

I know a person who is unable to labor and thought to go into the wholesale business on a small scale. Do you know—in order to sell one article, the sale of which would net him very little profit—he must first pay \$25 for a license?

Where goes all that cash the city takes in? Build us a hall we can be proud of: will yuh, huh?

Asking, begging, praying. "Gram."

Jacksonville, Ore.

Who's to Blame?

To the Editor: There chanced to fall into my hands a copy of a well known Sacramento paper. Its name reminds me of my little honey producers out in the white hives.

The Aug. 17 edition is spread before me. When I first saw the title, some time ago, to one of the pages featured in each daily, I asked a friend what was meant by "Superior California." I was told that it was the northern part.

At any rate here under "News from Superior California" was a news item from Medford. Well, if we are in Superior California let's send a delegation down to the bug station at Hornbrook and bug them move it up between us and Grants Pass.

A wonderful thought, and if they could keep the Grants Pass fog from coming up the river between Thanksgiving and Christmas, we'd all be for it.

So much for those wishful thoughts and back to the news item from Medford, Ore., Superior California. I quote: "Neil Sutell, ranger for Rogue River National Forest, reported more than \$500 damage has been done to the camp facilities at McKee bridge."

It includes broken tables, planks pulled from buildings for firewood and damaged signs and broken fireplaces.

Sutell said numerous complaints have been received of the breaking of beer bottles in swimming pools and on the river banks, with cut feet resulting. One man was seen throwing beer bottles in the

river and breaking them with a .22 rifle."

Really now, even though this makes some of us boil, who's fault is it? Could it be possible that the famous "It's the water" could be a contributor? And could the perverted ideas of living conveyed through our comics, radio and T.V. have helped instill ideas of wrong living?

What is the cause of the wanton disregard of personal rights? Is it not the breakdown of the home? The mothers and fathers who should be rearing their children in the true values of life, what are they doing? I fear too many of us spend more time chasing the almighty dollar while our most precious heritage is being let go and run like the dogs so many Jackson county citizens worry about.

Perhaps more time should be spent strengthening the foundations of the home instead of so much political hate battles.

Henry Johnson Jr., 2400 Highway 66, Ashland, Ore.

How About Pensions

To the Editor: Being a member at Camp White, am asking to put an item in your paper as to treatment received by First World War veterans.

There was a law passed and signed by the President, granting pensions to First World War veterans who had no incomes. Said law was effective June 30 for \$80 per month, to be paid July 31. That month has passed, also August and September, and no checks paid as yet. Am going to sign my name and address to give my brother's address.

John C. Unger, A member, White City, c/o A. L. Unger, 634 Pennsylvania ave., Medford.

Student Poll

To the Editor: Enclosed with this letter is a clipping from the "Daily Princetonian," the college newspaper for Princeton university. This clipping shows the conservative trends of the "younger generation," at least here at Princeton.

In my opinion, this is not limited to just this one college. It seemed apparent to me during my senior year in high school that a majority of the students were leaning toward the "right wing." This is especially true in respect to domestic policies concerning the size of the federal government.

You may interpret this as immaturity, or you may sugar coat the bitter pill of young conservatism by emphasizing the facts that suit you, since the article is undoubtedly too massive to print as a whole.

In studying this article, there is only one thing that bothers me. That is the fact that only 20 to 30 per cent of the students polled are old enough to vote against the bureaucracy and "pseudo-socialistic" spending proposed by the Democratic candidates John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.

Doug Kliever, Princeton '64, (Medford High Class of 1960), 85 Patton, Princeton, N.J.

Editor's note: The clipping mentioned reported a poll taken at the university gave 70.6 per cent for Nixon-Lodge and 29.4 per cent for Kennedy-Johnson. Response to the poll was 55 per cent of those questioned, the story said.

Move Ahead

To the Editor: Much is being said today about our military might. Nixon says we are the strongest nation militarily on the face of the earth. Of course that is what every American likes to hear—especially the American Legion boys who did so much to make it so.

But are we? Don't believe Khrushchev is talking from an empty stomach when he says he has missiles pointed at every large city and every large military base we have, and they would all be set off simultaneously and would hit their targets within 15 minutes.

What could we do against this? We haven't even any radar at present to detect this and even if we were able to detect when they might be set off, we have absolutely nothing to stop them.

Oh yes, I know we have giant bombers each carrying two giant bombs capable of doing much damage—but where are these bombers? Most of them are stationed at our military bases on foreign soil and we have a signed agreement with the owners of the soil on which they are stationed, to the effect that we will not use them—EXCEPT for the protection of the country on whose soil they are—without the consent of that country.

Of course there is the Polaris missile—but that is not in effect yet.

Russia has a million very well trained and very well equipped men under arms; and her satellite countries have another million men, also very well trained and very well equipped with the very latest and most modern forms of equipment. We have a few hundred thousand men equipped with antiquated, outmoded rifles and equipment to match.

What should we do about this situation on the eighth of November? Should we go along with the man who stands like my banty rooster on top of the wood pile, who flaps his wings and crows until he sees the big turkey gobble coming for him, and says that we are the strongest nation, militarily, in the world? Or should we go along with the man who says we are like the man with the second best poker hand?

I agree with Senator Kennedy that America is a great country, but I too would like to see her a greater one. Let's help America move strongly ahead on all fronts in the next few years by voting the Democratic ticket in November.

Mildred Engman, 1107 East Main st., Medford.

Nikita Khrushchev Enjoys Wrecker's Job; Observer Says He's Always Acting Thus

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

To watch Nikita Khrushchev in action is to watch a man who enjoys his work.

As he sets about either to destroy the United Nations or to revamp it in his own image, he is the figure of a small boy turned loose with a large crayon on a freshly white-washed fence.

His look fresh and his hands about the world to stop him.

So, as he raises the price for world disarmament, beats upon his United Nations desk, or insults a world leader, he looks about him for the effect he is creating.

Last week, after a name-calling tirade unprecedented in United Nations history, and as he stalked from the United Nations headquarters for a pleasant week end on Long Island, he spotted United Press International correspondent Henry Shapiro whom he long has known in Moscow.

"Are You Satisfied?" he said to Shapiro.

"You asked me if I would speak about China. Are you satisfied?"

It was the session in which he raised the threat of Communist withdrawal from the United Nations if Red China continued to be refused a seat.

All this should be buffoonery. But Khrushchev, who does not hesitate to illustrate a point with crudities, is no buffoon.

This is a man who fights a deadly game with gutter tactics.

This is a man intent upon demonstrating his status as a world leader. He is intent upon furthering the image of Russia as the true friend of dependent and underdeveloped people. Equally, he is intent upon holding up the United States as the reactionary power which seeks to extend colonialism and hold new nations in bondage.

Those who have observed Khrushchev at close range over a long period see nothing unusual in his extraordinary performance at the United Nations.

Natural Personality Shapiro puts it this way: "The outbursts and balcony

appearances are largely a function of the Khrushchev personality. That is how he behaves everywhere and all the time. His heckling of Macmillan was almost an automatic reaction. He cannot sit still and his noises may indicate either approval or disapproval. He is shrewd enough to realize that most of the time he makes good mileage and grabs the world headlines."

For Khrushchev, as with the rest of the world, great issues are at stake.

His ideological quarrel with Red China may not go as deep as "leaks" from Communist spokesmen have indicated. Yet certainly a succession of defeats for him as personal leader of the Soviet U.N. delegation scarcely could add to his prestige in the Communist world.

Failure to favorably impress the new African nations certainly could represent at least a temporary setback to Communist expansionist aims. In that field at least, so far he has not seemed impressive.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

A PREDICTION

Washington — Nikita Khrushchev may yet have his way and so break up the United Nations. But it is in this very forum, paradoxically, that he will lose prestige for himself and for his country the longer he hangs about there on his mission of destruction.

For, in the deepest sense, this is the wrong place for Khrushchev. It is, in the deepest sense, a place where he fights outside his weight and his experience. And this is no Pollyanna view; it rests upon a fact of public life.

For the United Nations is a semi-parliamentary organization—a "debating society," indeed, as it is sometimes called with contemptuous intent.

And whatever else a debating society may be, it is no field for a man (or a system) experienced in the use of force but wholly inexperienced in political manner, or the science of persuasion. It is a very bad arena for an amateur; he can only go one way, and that is down.

JUST as many times as it has been true in another "debating society," the United States Senate, it will be true in the United Nations: whoever goes there not under-

standing and also underestimating the ancient parliamentary art will wind up gaining no adherents and losing some he had at the start.

That this process has already set in against Khrushchev is apparent. Look at the shocked distaste even of non-western and neutralist delegates at the old dictator's intolerable manners in heckling the unshakable Harold Macmillan.

It was no accident that it was the British Prime Minister who took on the real job of replying to Khrushchev in behalf of all the west. Macmillan is a true pro in the most demanding of the public arts, that of making a case in such a way as to beat the opposition soundly over the head with the most unimpeachable politeness.

KHRUSHCHEV banged the table simply because Macmillan was tearing his case apart—with flawless manner and skill. Unlike the President of the United States, who is aloof from such ceaseless contentions, any Prime Minister of Britain must face his opposition day by day in a very tough place, the House of Commons.

Now, some may consider debating a mere exercise for pantywaists; but they could not be more wrong. This is one exercise in which you have got to have long knowledge, and usually a kind of inherited talent. To send an unskilled man into a parliamentary forum, no matter how much inherent power he may control, is like sending a 250-pound farm boy against a 160-pound professional boxer who has been long in the trade.

The unskilled man will lose first his argument and then his head. When his head is lost, when he begins to shout and scream, he does more than merely annoy his hearers in such a forum of professionalism. He also loses basic credit; what he has said so poorly will begin to outweigh even his capacity to act. This is one instance in which, in one way, words begin to overshadow possible deeds.

THIS correspondent has seen it again and again in the Senate, where the essential realities are similar to those in the U.N. The late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, for an illustration, had more national followings than any two of his judges—and thus more inherent personal power—when the Senate moved in 1954 to condemn him.

But he was condemned all the same—and not so much because of what he had done as because he had not really at home in the forum where he worked and thus fatally underestimated it. Thus a prediction:

Khrushchev will leave U.N. headquarters with fewer real supporters than when he came.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE GUARD at the entrance to a flossy Long Island estate barred the way to a character leading by a halter an enormous elephant. "We don't allow elephants in here," said the guard in no uncertain tones.

Back came the character the next day leading the same elephant. He had, however, pasted a slice of bread on the elephant's trunk, and another slice of bread on its tail.

"Didn't I tell you yesterday," growled the guard, "that we don't allow elephants in here?"

"So what?" said the character. "This isn't an elephant. This is a sandwich."

Philadelphia police, always to be depended upon in a crisis, hauled the three desperate characters for speeding. The cops caught them red-handed riding horses in Fairmount Park at eight miles an hour—a full mile beyond the legal seven-mile-an-hour limit on the park's bridle paths!

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Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

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