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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: Nov. 9, 1950 (Thursday) The Medford city council last night voted to take legal action against businesses which have not purchased or renewed their business licenses by Dec. 1.

20 YEARS AGO: Nov. 9, 1940 (Saturday) A burst of bombs in the sky Monday morning will signify the opening of the annual American Legion Armistice Day celebration here.

30 YEARS AGO: Nov. 9, 1930 (Sunday) Jackson county cast a 50 per cent vote, the highest in years, at the last election.

40 YEARS AGO: Nov. 9, 1920 (Tuesday) The Medford football team is drilling hard for its annual Armistice Day game with Ashland.

50 YEARS AGO: Nov. 9, 1910 (Wednesday) Oswald West, who won the governorship of Oregon by an estimated 4,000 votes, was the only Democrat to be elected to state-wide office in yesterday's election.

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

1. Does an electric fish actually discharge electricity? 2. What is the fleur-de-lis called in America? 3. Who is called the "Father of Baseball"?

4. When signing a bill does the President always indicate in writing the time of signing? 5. "A soft answer turneth away wrath." What?

6. Add two numbers to this logical numbers series: 3 9 7 6 18 16 9 27 25 12. 7. A mathematician who works on insurance problems is called an underwriter, actuary, cartographer, or agent?

8. Landrum - Griffith and Taft-Hartley deal with what subject? 9. Unscramble these cities: Sallad, Ostobn, Tatlees, Tubie.

10. May a United States President veto a declaration of war made by the Congress? Answers: 1. Yes. 2. The iris. 3. Abner Doubleday. 4. No, only when time is of extreme importance. 5. Wrath. 6. 36 34 4. 7. Actuary. 8. Labor. 9. Dallas, Boston, Seattle, Butte. 10. Yes.

Campaign Too Long?

Is the campaign too long? This year, even more than in past years, we have heard complaints that it is; that candidates are kept on the road too long, that they suffer from "over-exposure," and that the electorate tends to get weary of it all.

There is merit in these complaints. But some of the proposals, that campaigning not start until the first of October, say, do not take into consideration the realities of American politics, particularly on a national scale.

THIS is a huge nation, stretching thousands of miles from Maine to Hawaii, and from Alaska to Florida. With some 180 million people, who are separated into diverse groups with diverse interests and problems, it takes a certain amount of time for a national campaign to "jell," and it can't be rushed too much.

On the state level, however, there is a lot to be said for shortening the campaign.

Starting early in April, the candidate is kept on the run until the primary in late May, then, after a brief respite, he is kept going again through the summer and fall until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

WE SEE no reason why Oregon's primary election should be held so early. Wouldn't August or early September do just as well?

It would have the advantage of "bunching" all the local politics into a three or four month period, and also would provide adequate "exposure time" for the candidates, without dragging the debate on ad nauseum.

The legislature may wish to consider the possibilities of such a thing. Some of its members already are discussing it.—E.A.

Our Staff and Politics

Yesterday afternoon a notice which had been on the Mail Tribune's bulletin board since early last spring finally was taken down.

It said this: "All News Staff: As 1960 is an election year, it is probable that each of you will be called upon to do some reporting of political events.

"This is a reminder (probably not needed) that we must guard against slanting such coverage, either intentionally or unintentionally, and write it as 'straight' as we know how.

"There are three things, principally, to watch: "1. Don't be influenced by your own political leanings, whatever they may be. "2. Don't be influenced by friendships with candidates or political party officials.

"3. Don't be influenced by the Mail Tribune's editorial position on candidates or measures. Opinion belongs on Page 4.—NOT in the news columns."

HOW well our staff, which includes members of both political parties, lived up to these instructions we must leave to the judgment of our readers.

Mistakes were made. Some inadvertent injustices to candidates happened. (Once, a major candidate's name was completely left out of a story. It was the result of a typographical error, although you'd never convince him of that.)

But, despite these errors of omission and commission, their record, we think, was good. They followed instructions. They wrote it as "straight" as they knew how. They made every effort to keep the news columns fair and impartial.

We are exceedingly proud of each of them.—E.A.

Which?

There is a man in Ashland, a friendly type, who writes a column for the daily newspaper there.

Not long ago he wrote one criticizing the Medford school system for "over-emphasis" on athletics. Too much push-push-push, he opined. It was pointed out to him that athletics is just one phase of a well-rounded school program of curriculum and activities, and that most Medford athletes were also scholars.

A WEEK or so later, however, he came out with a blast at Southern Oregon college for lack of enthusiasm and student participation at football games. He records the fact that he attended three different colleges, and that, "in each instance, the members of the student body attended all home football games—OR ELSE."

And while he didn't exactly say that attending games should be made compulsory, he hinted strongly that he thought it would be a good idea.

ONE poet remarks, "Consistency, thou art a jewel," while another writer declares that "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds."

But we do wish our friend would make up his mind. If athletics in high school should not be over-emphasized on the participation level, why should it be over-emphasized in college on the spectator level?

And we can think of few things drearier than attending some sort of event—football, tiddewinks or discussion group—in which we have no interest, particularly when we have better things to do.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"YOU SURE GOT A NERVOUS WIFE!"

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 initials 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.

World War I Vets: To the Editor: Over 41 years ago veterans of World War I were discharged from service with \$60, an old worn uniform, no job, and there were no laws to make the boss give him his old job back.

Several days ago we drove over to the coast. Along the way some things attracted our attention which made us chuckle a bit. We'd seen the ad about a 7-day sale with acres of free parking, etc. His acres were there alright, on state highway property, and the 7 days were going right on past the deadline. Only thing they didn't have was red tape, so it said, I use red oxide coated tape in my recorders so I didn't bother to stop. Then some eye catching signs began to appear. "Live Dragon," "Giant Toads," "Rattlesnakes." We noted a number of cars. Being in a hurry we couldn't wait for crowds, so we kept going. The main motto of redwoods and the ever troubled sea were beautiful. The return trip was also interesting, even at lunch time. A jar of honey got spilled on the seat. We "stuck" together all the way home. As we came on by where the fabulous dragons, rattlers, cobras, etc., were we decided we'd have to come back later and spend a couple of days. The same cars were still there. It must be a long tour. One friend whom I asked about the dragon said, "Sure, we dragged on through the place." I did think of stopping for the free souvenir. I've always wondered about taking up the offer of some hotels. "Kids free" it says. I could sleep in the car.

Well we have an interesting world. Henry Johnson Jr. 2400 Highway 66 Ashland, Ore.

Thank You: To the Editor: Our thanks for a fine paper, especially during this Presidential campaign.

We have profited by the editorials, both E.A. and the syndicated columns. Our vote goes to Mr. Porter, thanks to you and some of your letters from 4th district Oregonians.

Potpouri: We like, too, and feel your news is as authentic as is possible. Mrs. Frank Madden Route 1, Box 100 Cottage Grove, Ore.

P.S.—Forgot to mention—our vote is for Mr. Kennedy, also.

Keep 'Em Coming: To the Editor: You are to be commended for your patience and lack of prejudice in continuing to print letters from cranks who condemn the Herblock cartoons. They are the first thing I look at when I open the paper.

I voted for Eisenhower and I'm voting for Nixon, but I still think that Oct. 28 cartoon was amusing and straight to the point. Keep them coming and keep them right on the front page. Stan Pardoe 1260 Iowa St. Ashland, Ore.

Interesting World: To the Editor: As these lines are being written the eastern sky has just come ablaze. Those who miss watching some of our sunrises miss half the day, along with the sunset we witnessed last evening from Mt. Ashland's summit. I am led to wonder why so many persons keep their faces down and don't look up? Reminds me of the closing theme song on a Sunday radio program. It goes like this: Keep looking up, thy God is still the same today. Keep looking up. He will not fail thee come what may. Keep looking up the darkest cloud will pass away. So do not doubt but keep on looking up.

Yes, some of us get so embroiled in the cares of this life, in even politics, that we somehow fail to realize that God still rules.

Kennedy, FDR, Compared; Wilson Eyes Nixon's Mistakes in Election Campaign

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington—(AP)—The Democrats have come up with another break-away runner in the image of their all-time all-American, FDR!



Lyle C. Wilson takes the big cities in the big states with their great clusters of electoral votes.

Kennedy also blasted smaller communities off their Republican foundations. Batavia and Rome, N.Y., for example, small cities with Republican traditions like that of an old time Union League club.

An aging staff officer of the original New Deal forces summed it up a fortnight before polling day after Kennedy's imperial progress through the city of New York. "Can't Be Beat!"

"That fellow," said the old New Dealer, "can't be beat. We've got another Roosevelt. He smiles out of the back of his head. We're back in the White House for sure."

Republicans will blame their candidate for a massive party defeat. Some GOP strategists were complaining in September and early October that Vice President Richard M. Nixon's campaign was too soft. Some of them continued to complain of too little and too late after Nixon went all out in the stretch drive.

From the campaign side line it appeared to this observer that Nixon lost this presidential election in deference to the solid sports maxims that the best defense is not enough to win the ball game. The offensive team gets the scores. Circumstances and fancy Democratic strategy put Nixon on the defensive in this campaign. There were other

factors. In the tidal wave of election news there were bits and pieces suggesting that there was in fact a massive Roman Catholic support of candidate Kennedy in the North and East. Precise analysis of returns from many areas shortly will answer the question which candidate did the religious issue help or hurt and where? Debates a Mistake: The TV confrontations—debates, so-called—must be put down now by Nixon and his friends as a ghastly mistake. No. 1 apparently disapproved of a big Republican issue: that Kennedy was a boy sent by the Democrats to do a man's job.

Nixon was acclaimed by his supporters as a skilled debater, a master of the hard-hitting campaign. Nixon's enemies called it differently. They said Nixon had an instinct for the jugular.

However that may be, the defensive fighter must back away so long as he is on the defensive. And Nixon backed.

Kennedy chose to attack the Eisenhower administration. Nixon chose to defend.

The blockbuster issue which proved to be indefensible was the issue of prestige. Nixon must have been aware of that when he insisted and sought to prove that United States prestige was never higher in the world. The vice president was the first and for some time the only top member of the Eisenhower administration to warn the nation of the international impact of the first Communist Sputnik.

The counter-issue Nixon might have developed, but did not, was that if United States prestige had slipped, the slippage was not wholly nor, perhaps, even half the responsibility of the Eisenhower administration. There were many factors to the question of prestige.

Prestige Issue Hurts: A slippage in U.S. prestige, however, seemed to fit the pattern of world events. And while the vice president and Henry Cabot Lodge were

making their all-out defense, Eisenhower administration underlings leaked to Kennedy headquarters reports of government polls which certified that U.S. prestige had, indeed, slipped.

These polls and the evidence of the day by day news seemed to support wholly Kennedy's charges and to impeach Nixon's defense. Nixon might have met and mastered the prestige issue from a different tack.

On most other fronts Kennedy out-manuevered his Republican opposition with promises to out-perform the Eisenhower administration over the whole range of government. Nixon sturdily challenged that President Eisenhower had done well and that Kennedy could not do better but would do worse. Nixon did not, however, pin the Democrats on the fact that Kennedy was vague, minus detail, on how he would accomplish his wonders.

Nixon and Ike together couldn't make Kennedy answer: HOW?

Atomic Headache Now Chronic In Britain; Polaris Involved

By PHIL NEWSON UPI Foreign Editor

Ever since the first atomic bomb exploded over Hiroshima, the world has suffered from what might be called atomic headache, frequently expressed by aggressive neutralism.

The throbbing pain increased with the development of intercontinental missiles, and this week was reaching a stage of near-epidemic proportions in Britain.

It came from the announcement that agreement had been reached to supply anchorage to U.S. missile firing atomic submarines in Holy Loch, in the Clyde River 30 miles from Glasgow.

Party Lines Crossed: Explosive reaction crossed political party lines and was summed up by an editorial in the Times of London which said: "To put the matter bluntly, the British people do not want the submarines to be going from Holy Loch to Holy Cape—the point near which the Russians claim to have shot down the RB47."

The latter was a reference to the U.S. Air Force reconnaissance plane which the Russians shot down over international waters last July 1, with death to three of its crew members and capture of the other two.

It came as a shock to Britons that the American plane had flown from a British base, and, along with the U2 incident, quickly was seized upon by neutralists who make it a favorable argument that hasty U.S. action could plunge the world into war.

The first of the U.S. missile-firing nuclear submarines, the George Washington, becomes operational next week, and presumably would be the first to use the British base.

Its missile is the 28-foot-long, two-stage Polaris which has a range of 1,200 miles carrying a nuclear warhead. Immune to Attack: Its deadliness lies not only in its warhead but from the fact that it can be fired underwater from a constantly shifting position practically immune to counterattack.

Violent opposition to its Scottish base sprang from two main sources. One of these was that vocal branch of the Labor Party which demands destruction of all of Britain's nuclear weapons.

The other was the far more widespread feeling that if the submarine is to operate from a British base, then Britain should be a full partner in determining the circumstances under which its missiles would be fired.

The furor has not yet reached a state of emergency. But it was another example of growing neutralism in Britain, and of the occasional strains to which Anglo-American relations are subjected.

impossible peace plan. I have done some hard work, and I suppose that Mr. Nixon if elected could write a letter to Mr. Khrushchev calling upon him to resign and inviting him to come and live in Los Angeles.

It would not be one bit sillier. Nor would it show any greater lack of understanding of the nature of the Communist power, nor would it show a greater lack of experience which is supposed to teach a man what he can and what he cannot do.

Let us then be glad that the campaigning is over, and that there will not be any more last minute gimmicks. (c) 1960 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

AND in Mr. Nixon, we hear, the voice of experience. This greatly informed and deeply experienced world statesman is going to send Mr. Eisenhower to carry the torch of freedom into the Soviet Union. Mr. Eisenhower, who has been refused admission to the Soviet Union by the Prime Minister of the Soviet Union, is somehow to get around Mr. Khrushchev and go into the Soviet Union. He is to go there, so Mr. Khrushchev has now been told by Mr. Nixon, in order to arouse the Baltic states, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia, against Mr. Khrushchev. Apparently Mr. Khrushchev will be so charmed with this idea that he will invite Mr. Eisenhower to come and arouse them.

Mr. Eisenhower is also to go into East Germany, saluted as the leaders of the Communist nations, invite them to make a personal tour of the United States. In return for this privilege, he will suggest to them that individually and collectively they invite President Eisenhower "to carry the torch of freedom" to Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, and—believe it or not—the Baltic states. The Baltic states are

an integral part of the Soviet Union and, therefore, Mr. Nixon proposes to get Mr. Eisenhower invited to make a tour in the Soviet Union.

As evidence that nothing new put forward in the last days of a campaign should be believed or taken seriously, let us have a look at Mr. Nixon's proposals on Sunday. He proposed "to carry the idea of freedom" into Eastern Europe. The proposal was put forward so late that it could not be debated. But for the sake of the record and on the chance that Mr. Nixon might be elected, it cannot be ignored. For if the world had any reason to believe that this is a serious American official plan, there would be grave doubts about whether we have any idea where we are or where we are going.

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President of UN Calls Committee On Congo Dispute

United Nations, N.Y.—(AP)—General Assembly President Frederick M. Boland summoned the credentials committee into session this morning to decide a battle between rival delegations seeking to represent the Congo.

Delegations sent by Congolese President Joseph Kasavubu and the leftist-leaning premier he deposed, Patrice Lumumba, have been in New York since the assembly opened in September but the Congo seat has been kept vacant.

The full assembly was called to meet this afternoon for the second round of the Congo debate which brought a charge from the Soviet Union Tuesday that the United States wanted to "liquidate" the Lumumba regime and replace it with a "puppet" government.

Kasavubu, addressing the assembly himself, declared that only he had power to appoint a U.N. delegation and that the one named by Lumumba was illegal.

He read a list of his delegates but the Katanga services in New York reported later that one of them, Everist Kimba, foreign minister of the mineral-rich secessionist province of Katanga, refused to serve.

Ismael Touré of Guinea introduced an eight-power resolution calling for recognition of Lumumba's delegation. He insisted delegates appointed by Kasavubu had no legal power until their appointment was ratified by Parliament.

PTA Back to School Night Well Attended: Applegate—The Applegate PTA held a "back to school night" recently which was very well attended. The teachers met with parents and explained the courses, teaching and grading methods and participated in a question and answer period.

The program was followed by a short business session during which a collection was taken up for gifts for mental health patients and a request made for those wishing to give gifts to bring them to the December meeting. Appropriate gifts are yarn, cosmetic items, but no scissors or sharp items. Refreshments were served by first and second grade mothers. The fifth and sixth grade rooms won the room count.

land branch: Chester E. Irish, assistant manager of the Medford branch, and Emmet Whitham, assistant manager of the Ashland branch.

Present and future policies of the bank were discussed at the meeting.

Mobutu Fights To Curb Lumumba

Leopoldville—(AP)—Strongman Col. Joseph Mobutu fought today to keep Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev from staging a power comeback while President Joseph Kasavubu is out of the country.

Mobutu declared flatly Tuesday night he would not permit Parliament to meet unless Moise Tshombe, secessionist-minded president of Katanga province and arch-foe of Lumumba, agrees to participate.

Tshombe already has declared he will not take part in any government in which Lumumba is involved.

Area Bank Officials At Eugene Meeting: Phoenix-Managers and assistant managers of a number of branches of the First National Bank of Oregon met at the Eugene hotel, Eugene, Nov. 1 where they were introduced to their new president, Ralph J. Voss.

Included in the group present from the Rogue valley were Joe Moore, manager of the Medford branch; Cliff Ayres, manager of the Central Point branch; R. C. Isaacs, manager of the Ash-

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

AN AMBITIOUS COUPLE sent their 12-year-old daughter to a fashionable school, hoping to eradicate her tomboy traits. A fortnight later they received this note: "Hi fans! Your worries are over. I'm really growing very ladylike. All we talk about here is boys. Please send me a water pistol. Love, Jill"

An executive of the "What's My Line" TV show just bought a house in Long Island. "It's only twenty-two minutes from Times Square," he boasts—"If you're shot out of a cannon!"

LIMERICK DEPARTMENT: There was a young man of Devoize Whose ears came in two different sizes. The one that was small Was of no use at all But the big one copped numerous prizes.

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