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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. 20, 1950 (Monday)
Medford's Mercy Flights
plane left the airport here
shortly after noon yesterday.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 20, 1940 (Wednesday)
The firm of Norris Brothers,
Seattle, was declared by the
Medford city council last night
to be the low bidder on a number
of paving projects in the city
totaling about six blocks.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 20, 1930 (Thursday)
The Medford city council
last night heard the first reading
of an ordinance to prohibit
loud speakers and barking
dogs in the business district.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 20, 1920 (Saturday)
Fog was so thick in the
city last night that automobile
travel was almost impossible.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 20, 1910 (Sunday)
More than 1 1/2 million additional
fruit trees, most of them
pear, will be planted on
20,000 acres of Rogue valley
soil next year, bringing
to 85,000 acres the amount
of land here devoted to orchards.

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

- 1. Does a knot in pine logs decay more or less quickly than the rest of the log?
2. How many years was Casey Stengel the manager of the Yankees?
3. How many penants did the team win in this time?
4. How many world series did the Yankees win under Casey Stengel?
5. What is the greatest source of Internal Revenue collections in the United States?
6. What is meant by the "distaff" and the "spear" sides of a family?
7. What was the name of the Indian Chief who led the Indian forces that wiped out Custer's command?
8. Was Nike the goddess of flight or victory?
9. Where is the largest formation of coral?
10. What is the substance in blood which stops bleeding?
Answers: 1. Less. 2. 12 years. 3. Ten. 4. Seven. 5. Income tax. 6. Distaff - females; spear - male. 7. Sitting Bull. 8. Victory. 9. Great Barrier Reef - N.E. Australia. 10. Fibrinogen.

Shameful

We do not know all the legal ins and outs of the matter. But we do know that the deportation (pending as this is written) of Hamish McKay and William Mackie is a rank injustice. Mackie was born in Finland, of American parents, and lived there only until he was 10 months old. But for the accident of his parents trip at the time of his birth, he would be an American citizen.

MacKay is a Canadian, but has lived for years in the United States.

Both of them, during the depression-ridden 1930s, joined organizations with a pinkish tinge (in common with hundreds of thousands of others in those fear-breeding times).

AS A RESULT, the McCarran Act now dictates their deportation—despite the fact that in the past decade both have lived as respectable residents, and despite the fact that both disclaim ever having been communists.

Also, despite the fact that the McCarran Act was not in existence at the time they joined the suspect organizations.

As the Register-Guard says, "Even aliens cannot be expected to look ahead 15 or more years and guess what Congress is going to do."

THE whole matter is disgraceful, and we agree with Senator Morse when he says that it will be a black eye for this nation throughout the world if, in particular, Mackie is sent to a Finland he does not remember, which speaks a language he does not understand.

Morse has asked that deportation proceedings be held up until congress convenes so that he can introduce a bill which would eradicate this injustice. Both President Eisenhower and President-elect Kennedy have been sent appeals to halt this travesty.

But nothing has as yet been done. It's shameful.—E.A.

What's the Message?

Every once in a while, a bit of writing will appear which tickles the fancy of a number of editors. It will then be printed, and reprinted, and reprinted—sometimes until its origin is completely lost.

One such piece has appeared in one Oregon newspaper after another in recent months. In the version we saw, it was credited to the Milwaukee (Wis.) Commerce.

In most cases, it has been used as a warning against the horrors of benevolent government.

THIS is how it goes:

"A young man lived with his parents in a public housing development. He attended the public schools and participated in the 'free' lunch program. He entered the army, then upon discharge retained his National Life Insurance. He enrolled in the state university, working part time in the state capital to supplement his GI education check. Upon graduation he married a public health nurse and bought a home with a FHA loan to go into business.

"A baby was born in the city hospital. He bought a small ranch with the aid of the veterans land program, and obtained emergency feed from the government. Later he put part of his land in the soil bank and the payments soon paid off his ranch. His father and mother lived on the ranch very comfortably on their Social Security and old age assistance checks. REA lines supplied electricity, the government helped him clear his land, the county agent showed him how to terrace it, and the government built him a fish pond.

"He read books from the public library and his banked money was insured by an agency of the government. The children grew up, entered the public school, ate free lunches, rode the school bus, played in the municipal park, swam in the public pool, and joined the FFA. The man owned an automobile, so he favored the federal highway program. He signed a petition seeking federal assistance in developing an industrial project to help the economy of his area, was a leader in a move to get a new federal building and went to Washington with a group to ask the government to build a great new power dam costing millions so the area could get 'cheap' electricity. He was also a leader in a move to get his specific type of business special tax write-offs and exemptions.

"Then one day he wrote his Congressman: 'I wish to protest these excessive governmental expenditures and attendant high taxes. I believe in rugged individualism. I think people should stand on their own feet without expecting handouts. I am opposed to all Socialistic trends and I demand the return to the principles of our Constitution and the policies of States rights.'"

SINCE this little dissertation has almost invariably appeared in conservative newspapers, we presume it is intended to show the evils of "creeping socialism" or something.

To us, however, it is merely an example of how inconsistent and unthinking an individual can be—for everyone knows someone who fits, more or less, the description given.

Which of the programs listed does not have a large degree of public support? (We would balk a bit at that fish pond, personally.)

All the others (and maybe even fish ponds, for all we know) are programs which were designed to meet specific problems, and which, in large part, do meet them—and with public support, too.

WHICH of them would you propose to eliminate?

Public schools? School buses? Federal highway aid? Federal power dams? (Conservatives habitually blast these—EXCEPT when one is proposed which would benefit THEIR particular area.) Hospitals? FHA loans?

The message we get from this piece concerns humans' proclivity to gripe about paying the price of things that help them; not about the evils of progressive and helpful social legislation.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"RUFF'S TOO SMART TO LEARN DUMB TRICKS LIKE THAT!"

Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippmann is in South America. Roscoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.)

WINNER AND LOSER
Washington - Winner and loser alike are conducting themselves in the best tradition of American politics.

By his early appointments—Edgar Hoover, Allen Dulles, Clark Clifford—and by his statements, Mr. Kennedy is showing himself fully aware that, with his two-tenths of one per cent majority, he must create an administration of national consolidation to be effective.

He is also quite right, I think, in insisting that, having outlined his policies quite definitely during the campaign, he expects to press forward with his main measures—defense, outer space, aid to education, minimum wage, and efforts to speed the rate of economic growth.

With Congress moving a degree or two to the right by the addition of 2 more Republicans—even somewhat more to the right than during the short post-convention session—President Kennedy is not going to get everything he wants exactly as he wants it. But despite the narrowness of the vote, he has no reason to proceed on the premise he lost the election. He won. And it seems to me that the "Washington Post" is right in saying that "the closeness of the popular vote is perhaps a check on strong partisanship, but it is by no means a deterrent to strong leadership."

MR. NIXON, too, is taking a small ranch with the aid of the veterans land program, and obtained emergency feed from the government. Later he put part of his land in the soil bank and the payments soon paid off his ranch. His father and mother lived on the ranch very comfortably on their Social Security and old age assistance checks. REA lines supplied electricity, the government helped him clear his land, the county agent showed him how to terrace it, and the government built him a fish pond.

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Reply to a "Comrade"
To the Editor: Now at last when the political hay and straw and chaff is cleared away, let us up to the grindstone, pray? Will each and sundry, one and all, give us leave to the willing wall? Our grief is deep we wish to hawl. I should do it, just suppose, cut the rhyme and write in prose? Let's have at it... hold your nose!

We received a billet-doux in reverse. (The writer seems to have been ill at ease as he did not sign her name): "Medford, 'Comrad' Reece: In reply to your 'Good Slogan' editorial in M.T. If you think this country is so good why don't you live in Russia? It would be a good place for you to be. What kind of an American are you, Comrad? You are not even worth the postage stamp on this lousy piece of paper. Get going fast to Russia!"

That's all she wrote. Signed no name. Now we know what a real blue American is and what he feels like. I mean how she feels.

I am satisfied that the writer is sincere and I believe the advice is good, but for various reasons I am slow to act. First I am sentimental. I have a wife in a nursing home and it would be precarious to move her. Second: duty demands that I convert the heavens. The last election proved that half the voters in the U.S.A. are off the beam. And every Democrat and Republican will agree with me.

Where does that leave you comrade? Of course there is a difference of opinion as to who is what. None of them know for sure whether they are going or coming, but this writer is willing to wager that we are going-fast. Economics is like the weather, we know not how destructive the storm until it is past. Then it is later than we think.

Now, can you keep a secret? We are akin to St. Francis. We enjoy dirt and disorder. Russia is too orderly. We would rather have something to worry and gripe about. That is the essence of drama. We enjoy being disturbed emotionally. We say that we want peace, but we crave war. The Russians have seen so much war that they are fed up on it. But us, we like excitement, Savvy comrade?

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Example of Justice
To the Editor: It is my belief that most parents do their best to teach their youngsters right from wrong, such as teaching them loyalty, sportsmanship, and fair play, in short to be a good citizen in their town, state and nation, and despite the rise in juvenile crime according to records, in consideration of the conditions under which most parents are forced to face up to, in the overall, they get a pretty good job done.

People in authority have told me that children learn by what they see and hear, then by what they are taught to do, or allowed to do, then by example, and direction.

Now to the conditions that have been bothering me recently, one is my firm belief every one in Jack's or n county should be concerned about, especially those people

that live in and around Medford because they were doing what they knew to be right. They helped the police catch a man that, according to news accounts, admitted he had just beat and stomped a man to death.

Now bear in mind they have been in jail for some two or three months, and probably will be there until about Christmas time. Quite a prospect for them for Christmas, isn't it?

Also quite an example of justice to set before our children, don't you think? It's apt to cause them to be so helpful in the future.

Number two, on the other hand, an eminent attorney was arrested, tried, and found guilty on a charge of embezzlement, and was given a few months in "an institution of correction." I believe that was the term used in describing the sentence, and according to the paper he now has several more counts charged against him, or is under consideration for same.

He is out on bond, free and unrestrained, pending an appeal, to carry on as his conscience dictates.

Really quite a contrast isn't it? Also quite an example to set up for everyone, especially the youngsters?

It seems to me the very least that could be done to square the scales of justice would be for those two men to be paid an amount at least equal to what they would have been able to earn, had they been allowed to work, instead of being thrown in jail. Yes really quite an example of justice!

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Temperance
To the Editor: Thanks for the space given the "fill it up" cartoon. I had offered to send your readers a free copy of the cartoon. You did it for me. Actually I've seen few cartoons that have evoked as much interest as this one has. One local bar even offered to post it.

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

The "post mortem" examinations of the late and unlamented election have been coming fast and furious, and undoubtedly will continue for weeks, months, maybe even years, to come.

One of the best approaches to this that we have seen is in the column operated in the Capital Journal of Salem by Vic Fryer. The other day he presented a glossary of terms used by winning candidates, together with what they REALLY mean.

Here are some of them: "An opportunity and a challenge" (I don't know just what's going on yet).

"We must close ranks" (Now if the opposition will just get off our backs...).

"The trend toward conservatism (or liberalism)..." (The voters know how I feel, and that's the kind of government they'll get).

"A debt of gratitude to those who elected me" (You faithful party workers line up and I'll see what I can get for you).

"A glorious economic future" (You'll make dough if you follow my ideas).

"The unwavering loyalty of the people" (It's a good thing the party has a lot of straight-ticket voters).

"Bucked the tide..." (Boy, was I lucky to win when the rest of the party candidates couldn't make it).

"A pledge to work for the most good for the most people" (What's good for the party is good for the country).

"A continuity in political direction" (Where do we go from here?).

up and on the square? The writer fears that too many of us who live in this great land of freedom are taking a wrong view of true freedom.

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Forecast
To the Editor: Signs and weather lore ruled by the planet Mars indicate a rather dry, cold, and very changeable fall and winter.

The sun beginning to rule the spring and summer solar year 1961 beginning on the spring equinox March 21. The springs are wet and changeable, but turning dry in late spring.

The summer will be dry too, with very warm days, but nights cool and enduring. All grain crops will be excellent. Prosperity and business will increase and much progress will be made.

The New Year falling on a Sunday, Jan. 1, gives to the new year added zest and renewed strength of fortitude and encouragement. As the late Teddy Roosevelt would express it, everything in general should be "Bully."

Which reminds us of a very catchy phrase seen in an upper Oregon state tavern that reads, "Bovine's may come and bovine's may go, but the 'Bull' goes on forever."

We almost forgot to mention that there will be snow this winter in the higher elevations. Many accidents will occur in 1961; a good year for people born on Sunday.

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Our Allies, the U.S., and Stevenson

By ERIC SEVAREID
The President-elect's first order of urgent international business is not, as it turns out, to shore up the alliance by direct American action.

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interests, whether measured in sterling or francs or marks or yen, will suffer badly in the general economic degeneration.

The first act, then, toward shoring up our alliances must come from our allies. The second must and surely will come from Mr. Kennedy—the appointment to the key foreign policy and embassy posts of the kind of first rate diplomats our allies send to us.

This exchange is now in drastic imbalance. As one goes down the list—Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and various lesser nations—it is quite clear that in most cases their envoys to us outmatch our own to them in experience, sophistication and linguistics. One may add to this NATO and the UN. For Europe, the bizarre truth is that our most distinguished and impressive diplomat is a soldier, General Norstad.

The appointments may have been made by the time this is printed. For the record then, if for nothing else, let it be said once more that, besides Mr. Acheson, the one American with ready-made esteem of all European allies is Mr. Stevenson.

It is common gossip that Mr. Kennedy is cool toward Stevenson not only because of his role in the convention and in the pre-convention

campaigning, but because of Stevenson's "indecisiveness." Agonizingly indecisive he has been, indeed. But a truth about the man has finally dawned on me and should be understood by Mr. Kennedy and his advisors as well. It is this: that the agony of the indecision came into play only when Stevenson confronted decisions about his own life, his personal future; and his inherent modesty was a strong element in these internal struggles.

On objective problems Stevenson is and always was a thoroughly decisive man. This was apparent as we watched him make repeated tough decisions on the Illinois police and Illinois patronage, for example, when he was governor. It was apparent in 1952 when he quickly took the boldest imaginable stand against the tidelands oil pressure, against politically organized labor, against the professional veterans and the McCarthys. It was apparent in 1956 with his bold positions on atomic testing, the draft and the Middle East menace.

Whatever task he may be given, we may all dismiss any fears that Stevenson would unnaturally prolong the resolving of the objective policy questions that come to his desk. (Distributed 1960, by The Hall Syndicate, Inc.) (All Rights Reserved)

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

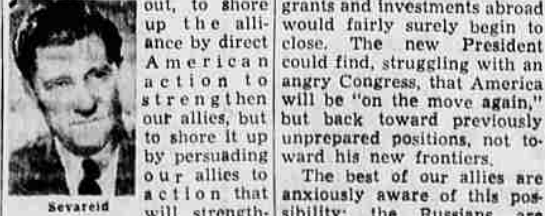
A PARENT became concerned, reports Herb Stein, when his young son stopped growing at the height of five feet. A friend suggested a stretching treatment. So the father stretched the boy out on a table each morning and started pulling his arms and legs.

Some weeks later the friend asked if the treatments were doing any good. "Well, he hasn't grown any," admitted the father, "but he has confessed to more than one hundred crimes!"

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