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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. 25, 1950 (Saturday)
Talent High school's dreams
of a state six-man football
championship were rudely
smashed last night as the
Bulldogs took a 54 to 22
trouncing at the hands of Pilot
Rock.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 25, 1940 (Monday)
Short wave radio equip-
ment in the Medford federal
building was placed in oper-
ation today to connect head-
quarters of Crater Lake Na-
tional Park with the winter
staff at the park.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 25, 1930 (Wednesday)
Four feet of snow lies on
the ground at Crater Lake
and motorists are advised not
to attempt to make the drive.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 25, 1920 (Friday)
Persons attending a fruit
growers meeting here last
night discussed the control of
blight and the fall clean-up of
orchards.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 25, 1910 (Friday)
Today's edition of the Mail
Tribune is the first to be printed
in the company's new plant at
Sixth and Fir sts.

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

1. Technically, when a
person votes for a President
of the United States, or the
Presidential electors, is he voting
as a citizen of the U. S. or as
a citizen of his State?
2. In the event neither
Presidential candidate or Vice
Presidential candidate receives
a majority of the electoral
vote who chooses the Vice
President?
3. What does a football
referee announce when he places
both hands upright above his
head?
4. Which is the swiftest
moving planet in the uni-
verse?
5. What is choreography?
6. How many pieces are
used in the game of dominoes?
7. What was Thomas A. Edison's
first patented invention?
8. What two states touch
both Kentucky and Mary-
land?
9. Approximately how far
beyond the earth's surface
does its atmosphere extend?
10. Luther Hodges, of North
Carolina, is rumored to have
been chosen by President-elect
Kennedy to be Secretary of
what Department?
Answers: 1. State. 2. Sen-
ate. 3. A score. 4. Mercury. 5.
Composing of dance routines.
6. Twenty-eight. 7. Electrical
vote counter. 8. Virginia and
West Virginia. 9. 620 miles.
10. Commerce.

What's Ahead for Porter?

What lies ahead for Charles O. Porter?
Our "lame duck" congressman is an able,
aggressive and intelligent man, with a yen for
public service.

And though a slight majority of voters in
Oregon's fourth district decided he should no
longer represent them, a large minority felt he
should. His talents should not be lost to the ser-
vice of his country.

He has announced that he will reopen his
law office in Eugene. But he also has made no
secret of the fact that he would look favorably
on an appointment under the new administra-
tion, preferably in foreign affairs, specifically
Latin America, which were among his major in-
terests during his four years in Congress.

EVEN the Albany Democrat-Herald, which op-
posed him as strongly as any newspaper in the
district, wishes him well in such an eventuality,
acknowledging that, while it disagreed with him
in many specifics, it still regarded him as an able
person.

And Drew Pearson gave Porter a substantial
"plug" in a recent column, picking up the sug-
gestion that he would make an excellent U. S.
ambassador to Venezuela.

We're not entirely sure we agree that this
would be the best niche for Porter to fill.

BUT Pearson's speculations are interesting.

"It may be that the rooin'-tootin' smear cam-
paign waged by an Oregon doctor against Congressman
Charlie Porter, No. 1 Congressional enemy of dicta-
tors, will turn out for the good of the nation.

"Dr. Edwin Durno spent some \$40,000 trying to
make Porter the blood brother of Khrushchev, Mao
Tse-tung and Fidel Castro, and succeeded in defeating
him by a narrow margin.

"However, the defeated Oregon Democrat is an
idol in Latin America where he was among the first
to stand up against Dictator Trujillo of the Domini-
can Republic when other congressmen were getting
free rides to that country at Trujillo's expense or re-
ceiving medals from him. They defended him on the
House floor against Porter attacks.

"As a result, when Porter visited Venezuela shortly
after Vice President Nixon was nearly killed by a
mob there, Porter was given a tumultuous welcome.

"As of today, what the United States needs most
is an alert American ambassador to Venezuela, a
country next on the list to follow Fidel Castro toward
communism. In Caracas, capital of Venezuela, Com-
munist strength is 8 to 1. As of now, Venezuelan
Communists are not tied up with Moscow, but could
be very quickly. The move to nationalize the great
American oil companies of Venezuela is already under
sub rosa discussion, and if it ever starts, technicians
from Russia and Rumania would move in immedi-
ately to operate the American oil properties.

"Castroism is slowly spreading through Latin
America. But in Venezuela it is spreading at a gallop.
The Kennedy Administration will have to move
quickly to stop it. And the appointment as our am-
bassador there of the man who battled against the
dictators, Charlie Porter, would be one step toward it."

WE presume that Pearson's piece is pure spec-
ulation, with perhaps a hope that it might
serve as a suggestion to the Kennedy people on
behalf of the man frequently praised by Pearson.

But we question whether Porter will get such
a post, inasmuch as he was not a Kennedy sup-
porter in the primary election period, and sup-
ported him at the Los Angeles convention only
because obligated to do so, as an elected dele-
gate. His first choices were Humphrey and Ste-
venson, a fact that President-elect Kennedy may
well remember.

Porter has never been a "regular." From
high school on, he was a champion of causes,
many of them unpopular. And he had the cour-
age of his convictions, even when wrong, which
resulted in a lot of ammunition readily available
for his enemies' use.

This also accounts, in large part, for the less-
than-enthusiastic support he received from many
in his own party this year.

THERE are some of Charlie's friends (and we
class ourselves as one of these) who, while
sorry he lost the election—particularly one in
which unsavory tactics were decisive—believe
that it may be a maturing experience for him.

If he had been just a little less of a maverick,
and just a little more of a team worker; if he
had not laid himself quite so wide open to bitter
and misleading criticism; if he had not been
quite so publicity-conscious in his foreign affairs
activities, he would have been reelected.

Could he work smoothly in the foreign ser-
vice, which is essentially a team operation, and
where appointees have to follow orders? We
wonder.

Whatever the outcome, we hope Porter will
find a spot where he can continue to employ his
agile mind, his immense energy, and his bound-
less good will for the benefit of the body
politic.—E. A.

Post-Game Notes

We were fortunate enough to attend the ex-
citing Oregon-Oregon State football game in
Corvallis last Saturday, and as a result read with
interest and approval some pertinent comments
afterward by the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

Excerpts:
" We also extend (congratulations) to the committee
chairman who decided to omit speeches and presen-
tations at half time. Such things just don't go over
under such adverse circumstances as are present at a
football game."

Amen!
"... Traffic control before and after the game was
the worst we have ever seen. . . Cars which are
parked . . . should be faced so they can be driven
out with the least confusion. . . It took some people
as long to get out of the parking lots as it must have
taken them to drive back to Eugene or drive almost
back to Portland. . . If we don't help the parking
and the traffic flow, people just won't come to the
games, regardless of how attractive they may be. . ."

Double amen!—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



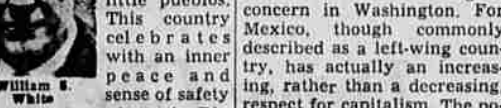
"DID YOU HEAR ME? AT ONCE! . . ."

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

FROM MEXICO

Mexico City - The green
and red and white tricolor of
the Republic of Mexico flies
with extraordinary tran-
quillity here in the metropoli-
tan and in all the
dusty, ancient
little pueblos.



This country
celebrates with an inner
peace and a
sense of safety
not known to us above the Rio
Grande the 50th anniversary
of its modern revolution—that
led by Francisco Madero
against the old world military
dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz.

This is a good place
in which to spend a few days in
the incomparable hospitality
of the Mexicans, whose per-
sistent kindness is the last
vestige of the Mexico one re-
members from, say, 10 years
ago.

Industrialization has ar-
rived here, and with it many
of the heavy things and gad-
gets which at home are so use-
ful to us materially but which
so weigh down our will to
take it easy sometimes and to
rest in the shade of the trees.

There is in Mexico no more
manana, no more of the old
wonderful casualness which
would put off to the day after
tomorrow what really should
have been done yesterday at
the latest.

BUT it is a good place to stay
a while, not only because
kindness still lives here if
manana does not. This is a
striking vantage point from
which to view in rather re-
mote perspective the ur-
gencies we have been having
at home in the presidential cam-
paign and now in the hiatus
between the Eisenhower ad-
ministration and the new Ken-
nedy administration.

We face a time of ever-
growing preoccupation with
foreign affairs, including
Latin-American affairs, with
Castro Cuba in mind. They
face here what President
Adolfo Lopez Mateos calls the
year of the homeland - the
year of the country. In a
word, the Mexicans are look-
ing inward at their expanding
economy and their wide and
perhaps slightly extreme wel-
fare program. We are looking
outward in anxiety at a great
world where menace seems to
lie in ambush in every con-
tinent and on every sea.

NO casual tripper, such as
this correspondent, should
say he was sure on the point,
on a mere few days' observa-
tion. But this casual tripper

would make a small bet that
the Mexicans officially and
unofficially are not really des-
perately concerned about Cas-
tro's Cuba or the United
States either.

There is sympathy here
with our attitude toward the
smallest Latin dictator, Cas-
tro, ever to raise so large a
concern in Washington. For
Mexico, though commonly
described as a left-wing coun-
try, has actually an increas-
ing, rather than a decreasing,
respect for capitalism. The po-
litical slogans sound pretty
pinkish, but the chamber of
commerce is an infinitely big-
ger thing than all Marxian
theory.

The Mexicans, save for a
tiny and narrow minority, do
not speak even faintly in the
accents of the Kremlin. This
is so because Mexico is having
what we had after the Civil
War a century ago, an enorm-
ous rise in the propertied
middle class.

THE old Mexican grandees
are dying out and so are
the frightfully huddled masses.
The new dominant class
is not high and not low but
rather middling. These fel-
lows, who have so recently
come to a vastly better life
materially, want no part of
Castro. But they also are not
exactly anxious to take any
hand in any all-out United
States effort to halt that
singularly unpleasant lackey
of imperialist communism.

They want to be left alone
and perhaps we ought to
understand, if not condone.
There was a very long time
when in the face of rampant
totalitarianism we, too, only
wanted to be left alone.

It can FEEL
It carries sensitive instru-
ments to record the tempera-
tures of the earth below, in-
cluding clouds and oceans,
and to measure the heat bal-
ance between the earth and
the sun. This information is
vital to weather reporting be-
cause heat from the sun is the
prime force that makes the at-
mosphere circulate, thus
causing our weather.

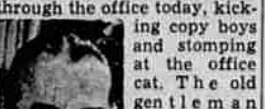
TIROS II's machinery is fan-
tastically complicated. For
example:
When tossed into space, it
was SPINNING. If the spin
had continued, its pictures
would have been BLURRED—
just as yours would be if
you tried to take a picture
with your hand camera while
spinning around like a top.

But it carried DES-PIN-
NING equipment. This equip-
ment, answering a signal from
the earth, STOPPED the spin!

SO MUCH for weather pre-
dicting.
Let's go on from there:
Consider this:
IF TIROS II CAN TAKE
PICTURES OF CLOUD FOR-
MATIONS, IT CAN TAKE
PICTURES OF ENEMY
INSTALLATIONS.
If it can sense and trans-
mit the temperatures of the
earth below it, including
clouds and oceans, and mea-
sure the heat balance between
the earth and the sun, it can
measure and report the heat
of NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS.
Thus effective DISARMA-
MENT CONTROLS might be
made possible!

Timothy Tugbutton Complains About American Election, Electoral Systems

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington - (AP) - The Hon.
Timothy Tugbutton stormed
through the office today, kick-
ing copy boys and stomping
at the office cat. The old
gen tle m a n
was angry, al-
most mad.



"Here it is,"
he said, "near
the last week
of November.
Thanks giving
is over. Christ-
mas shopping
has begun. We're
eating cold tur-
key at our house
and the presiden-
tial election was
way back there
on Nov. 8."

"So what?" snapped the
office beauty, a Miss Ohliger.
"So what!" shouted the old
senator. (Tugbutton served a
term, 1901-3, in the Kansas
legislature.) "I'll tell you
what. We ought to be ashamed
of ourselves, that's what.

"Here it is almost three
weeks after the election and
we don't know yet for sure
who is going to be president
of the United States.

"Not only that," the Hon.
Tugbutton continued. He
whacked the news desk with
his cane, upset one paste pot
and broke another. "The old
man shouted again. "The Con-
stitution says we won't know
for sure who is president until
Jan. 6 when the Congress
meets in joint session and
counts the electoral vote.

"Why, the great United
States has the cruekiest elec-
tion machinery in the whole
world!

"Take the national conven-
tions! Somebody ought to take
'em and throw 'em away.
They're phony, and the dele-
gates are mostly sheep. They

write political platforms, and
they're phony, too.
"Then, what do the candi-
dates do?" the Hon. Tugbutton
demanded. "What do they
do? Why they go out cam-
paigning, that's what they do.

"They nominate presiden-
tial candidates to run on those
platforms. Run on 'em! Those
platforms are so slippery with
slick promises the candidates
can't even stand on 'em.

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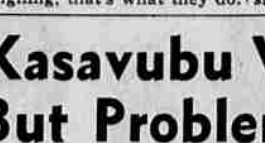
"They go out campaigning
and they not only out-promise
the platforms, they even out-
promise each other. Those can-
didates get full of political
gas. They inflate like balloons
and first thing you know they
rise above principle and off
into the wild blue yonder
where you couldn't shoot 'em
down, not even with a Rus-
sian rocket.

"It's a hoax on the custom-
ers, that's what it is. And
when nearly 70 million Ameri-
cans take the trouble to vote
on election day and the votes
are counted, what have you
got? A president-elect?
"No such thing. You've got
some electors from each state
and nobody knows who they
are. They can vote as they
please on Dec. 19. Serve the
country right if they did, too."

Kasavubu Wins U.N. Victory, But Problems Still Lie Ahead

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
The man of the week:
President Joseph Kasavubu
of the Congo Republic.

The place: United Na-
tions, New York.
The quote: "He declares
his satisfaction with the
decision of the General As-
sembly . . . and expresses
the hope that there will be
an opportunity to begin
consultation soon concern-
ing measures leading to a



national agreement among
the diverse elements in the
Congo."

For short, rotund Joseph
Kasavubu the week had
marked a signal victory over
his arch-rival in the Congo,
Patrice Lumumba, the goa-
teed deposed premier.

It also marked
a victory for the United
States.
For weeks, two separate
delegations, each claiming
to represent
the Congo Republic,
had cooled their heels in
New York hotels.

The delegation appointed
by the leftist-leaning Lumum-
ba had the warm support of
Russia, and a better than fair
sprinkling of neutrals and
other African nations.

The United States, other
Western powers, and most of
the nations in the French Af-
rican community favored the
delegation named by Kasavubu.

This week, the United Na-
tions, by a vote of 53 to 24
with 19 absentions, voted
to seat the Kasavubu delega-
tion.

But, while the U.N. de-
cision went far toward recog-
nizing Kasavubu's right to act
as spokesman for the Congo,
it left the question of peace
in the Congo as far away
from settlement as ever.

Less than 24 hours before
the U.N. vote, Congolese
troops and Tunisian soldiers
under the U.N. command
fought a pitched battle at the
embassy of Ghana where
Ghanian special envoy Na-
thaniel Welbeck was resisting
Congolese demands for his
ouster.

In the end, Welbeck left.
But angry Congolese turned
on U.N. officials and em-
ployees, roughing them up
and arresting several.

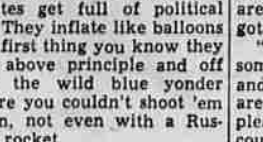
At home, Kasavubu is lead-
er of the Congo's Abako party
and at 43 is one of the older
Congolese leaders.

He supports the principle
of non-violence in the manner
of the late Mohandas Gandhi,
but also has been accused of
being an extremist and an agi-
tator. Among his people he is
extremely popular but unfor-
tunately that popularity is
confined mostly to Leopold-
ville.

He has shown little ability
to control tribal warfare
which must be listed among
the Congo's greatest problems.

West Reports On Unusual Denizens Of Ocean Waters

By DICK WEST
Washington - (AP) - If some-
one told you he caught an in-
visible fish, you normally
would assume that he needed
to have his
eyes or his
head exami-
ned. Or both.



But when
that someone
is Dr. Leonard
P. Schultz, the
Smithsonian
Institution's
curator of
fishes, you can't
assume what
you normally
would assume.

Fish - wif, Schultz
knows whereof he speaks.

He tells about the invisible
fish in a report recently pub-
lished by the Smithsonian on
marine life around the Mar-
shall and Marianas Islands. It
was going to say that he "de-
scribes" the fish, but I guess
anything invisible is indescrib-
able as well.

These fish, known as "sand
divers," spend their lives in
the loose sand at the sea bot-
tom. They reputedly can swim
through the sand as easily
as other fish can through wa-
ter.

Only See Eyes
It is hard to tell what they
do exactly because only their
eyes can readily be seen. Their
bodies, Schultz says, are as
transparent as glass.

Another curious specimen
Schultz ran across is the dam-
selfish, which dwells in the
coral reef among small sea
animals which have poison-
ous tentacles. Other fish would
be killed by the poison, but
not the damselfish. It appar-
ently secretes a substance
which serves as a anti-toxin.
Then it eats the victims of the
poison.

Do you find this amazing?
Very well, let us move on to
the pearlfish. There is a cer-
tain type of pearlfish which
spends its entire life in the
belly of a certain type of
starfish. The pearlfish live on
the food ingested by the star-
fish.

Like the "sand divers," the
pearlfish are translucent. I
don't know how Schultz
could tell them apart.

While I'm telling fish sto-
ries, I might also mention a
specimen called "galathea-
thauma axeli" which was dis-
covered by a Danish ocean-
ographic ship. It has a lamp
inside its mouth.

This creature, a member of
the anglerfish family, is jet
black and makes its home far
below the surface where the
light does not penetrate.
When it opens its mouth, a lu-
minous organism of some sort
shines through the darkness.

Other fish swim over to
see what is going on and are
never heard from again.

This brings us to the sal-

Rift Between Red China, Russia Seen Underlined

Moscow - (AP) - Liu Shao-chi,
Communist China's president
and a leading theoretician,
took four and a half hours to
present Peiping's point of
view at the Red summit con-
ference here, a reliable source
said Thursday.

There was no hint of what
Liu said but diplomatic ob-
servers believed the length of
it alone underlined the mag-
nitude of the ideological rift
between Russian and Commu-
nist China.

Nothing Made Public
The source said the text of
the Liu speech was 120 pages
long. Not a word of it was
made public. In fact, Soviet
newspapers have not printed
anything about the conference
and Soviet Premier Nikita
Khrushchev has refused to
acknowledge it is going on.

However, another Commu-
nist source said the meeting,
now entering its third week,
probably would continue two
more days.

The disclosure of Liu's
speech was considered the big-
gest "leak" of the conference
so far and thus indicative of
the secrecy surrounding the
meeting and the state of af-
fairs between Moscow and
Peiping.

The battle between the two
Communist giants over how to
deal with the West erupted in
opposing editorials this week
in Moscow's Pravda and
Peiping's People's Daily.

Peiping insists on empha-
sizing traditional, revolution-
ary methods of spreading com-
munism. Moscow says the
Communist world is now
strong enough to spread com-
munism peacefully.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A COMEDIAN wangled a fortnight booking at a second-
rate night club, then beseeched an agent, discarded
when the comic was in the chips, to "catch" his new act.



There weren't fifty pa-
trons in the club the
night the agent showed
up, and they didn't laugh
once. "This was an off
night," alibied the comic
in his dressing room.
"Man, you should have
seen me LAST night."

The agent answered
grimly, "DID!"

Bill Kennedy watched a
doting mother dispatch her
10-year-old son aboard a
DC-8 bound for the Coast.
"Now hang your coat up
neatly when you get aboard," she
advised, "don't go running up
and down the aisle, take a nap,
and eat a light lunch. And one
more thing: fly carefully."

Bill Warden tells about a harassed husband who assured his
wife, "If we keep on saving twenty more dollars at our present
rate, when I retire we'll owe two million dollars."

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Benton Welfare Recipients To Work

Corvallis - (AP) - Men re-
ceiving welfare benefits in Benton
county are going to have to
work on county projects, the
welfare commission here has
announced.

A work program will be in-
augurated by the county about
Dec. 1, Walter Schmidt, chair-
man of the commission, said.

The able-bodied men will
have to work on brush-cutting
crews along county roads, he
said. They will be paid at the
rate of a dollar an hour in
benefits.

The county will provide
transportation, rainwear and
supervision, Schmidt said.

Four Persons Die In Pittsburgh Fire

Pittsburgh - (AP) - Four per-
sons, including a father and
two young daughters, were
killed early today when fire
swept through their apart-
ments in the city's Homewood
district.

Officials at Pittsburgh Hos-
pital identified the victims
tentatively as Robert Haggey,
64, his daughters, Darlene, 8,
and Marlene, 6, and Elsie Alk-
off 74, the occupant of another
apartment in the three-story
frame building.

The blaze broke out at
about 1:30 a.m. (EST) and was
brought under control within
an hour.