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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: Dec. 13, 1950 (Wednesday). The gift fruit shipment from the Medford area, now at its height, will be one of the largest in history.

20 YEARS AGO: Dec. 13, 1940 (Friday). The Medford Flying club has posted a reward of \$250 for the finding of the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walbert.

30 YEARS AGO: Dec. 13, 1930 (Saturday). Copco plans to build a new hydro-electric plant during the next year.

40 YEARS AGO: Dec. 13, 1920 (Monday). A total of 8.52 inches of rain has fallen in Medford since Sept. 1.

50 YEARS AGO: Dec. 13, 1910 (Tuesday). Constable Singler has gone to Visalia, Calif., to bring back a man wanted for hog stealing in Butte Falls.

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

1. What is the United States' highest award for valor which requires performance "above and beyond the call of duty"?

2. Who baptized Saul? 3. Most roses now have grafted roots: true or false? 4. In the sale of timber which of the following usually commands the highest price: Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, larch, white fir or Englemann spruce?

5. On how many islands is New York principally built? 6. Which of the following is most closely connected with control of electrical volume: Thermostat, reostat, photostat, reconostat?

7. Has the noun burglar an accepted verb form? 8. Frankfort is the capital of which state? 9. There are no fish in the Dead sea: true or false? 10. Name the man selected by President-elect Kennedy to serve as the new Secretary of Commerce.

Answers: 1. Congressional Medal of Honor. 2. Ananias. 3. True. 4. Ponderosa pine. 5. Three. 6. Reostat. 7. No. 8. Kentucky. 9. False. 10. Luther H. Hodges.

More Than One Danger

Ours is a society in constant danger. It always has been. A democratic form of government is the most dangerous there is. We face the ultimate threat of annihilation in an atomic holocaust.

ONE must, in surveying this dangerous world, be concerned. Any intelligent person, from time to time, stops to take stock of the dangers, and to wish that he could do something to ease them.

Some people concentrate on one danger, and exclude, or forget about, or ignore, the others.

IN today's world, every patriotic, thinking American can hardly help but recognize the dangers implicit in imperialism, and in its domestic attempts at infiltration and subversion.

BUT if one concentrates on that one threat to the exclusion of all others, he simply isn't being realistic. And by doing so, he leaves himself open to tendrils of paralyzing fear which result from obsessive preoccupation.

And fear, which never did much for the courageous men who created this country, is a bad basis for lasting and constructive work.

Fear can lead one into using the discreditable methods of one's enemies. And obsession, coupled with fear, can blow up a threat into an all-embracing philosophy which attributes all possible evils and dangers to our enemies—and none to anyone else.

SOME people in this country have let their obsessive fear of communist infiltration and subversion carry them to the point where they are not above accusing people on suspicion, or distorting the truth, or assuming a person is guilty until proven innocent, or assuming guilt on the basis of association or connection, or even perfectly innocent activities or appearance.

Of all the organizations in this great and powerful nation, this one above all should recognize that the threats to the nation are far greater than those embodied in a few communists and fellow travelers.

TONIGHT at 7:30 o'clock at the Medford High school, a film will be shown which should be seen by many people.

It is entitled "Operation Abolition," and deals with the disturbances in San Francisco last May, when a hearing of the HUAC drew strong protests from student groups and many others who were concerned.

The committee alleges these disturbances, which grew to riotous proportions, were "communist led and inspired."

BUT the fact is that the committee obtained news reel films of the events (subpenaed, incidentally, and the TV stations which took them have yet to be paid), edited them to show just what the committee wanted shown and nothing to the contrary, added a commentary by Fulton Lewis III of the committee staff, and introductory comment by committee members, and then is circulating them through the country by means of a commercial outlet at \$100 per copy.

It has not been denied that the film has been distorted; it has been admitted publicly by William Wheeler of the committee staff.

That communists may have participated in the "riot" cannot be denied. But the film fails to point out that the protests were widely based, and also included church organizations, students, organized labor, educators and some political figures—all motivated by the excesses of the committee's prior actions.

IS the committee seeking truth? Or is it seeking only to blacken those who oppose it? If it is the former, why did they permit the film to be distorted and circulated under its imprimatur? Distortion, in this context, is lying. And it does not become a committee of the United States Congress to participate in a lie.

And, if the committee's only legitimate function in making investigations is to obtain information on which to base legislation, why is it engaging in propaganda supporting its own activities—and lying propaganda at that?

IT wasn't very long ago that this nation was fighting for its very life against the forces of Fascism. With the defeat of the Axis powers, we all thought that threat was eliminated.

But the forces of reaction and suppression are never through. We now are facing the immense threat of communism—both abroad and at home. How ironic it would be if, while engaged in that fight, we were to be knifed in the back and lose to home-grown totalitarianism! Free government is dangerous. Eternal vigilance is the price of that freedom. But vigilance in one direction only is no vigilance at all.

We hear much of Lincoln's warning that if this nation ever is conquered, it will be conquered from within. Today it is in just as much danger from the daggers of reaction as it is from the daggers of radicalism.—E. A.

Dennis the Menace



"HOW COME YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME TO STAY OUT OF THE ATTIC YET? DON'T YOU KNOW CHRISTMAS IS COMIN'?"

... 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.

Mr. Howard's Comments: To the Editor: Could you for once commend people like the women of Tigard, who acted against extreme opposition and in good faith by living up to the God imposed responsibility of caring for their children?

solving the problem. Logging must continue and our rapid run off and sedimentation will only increase as time goes on. There are restrictions, but how closely are they adhered to? Stream pollution and debris restrictions must be more closely enforced.

no one can deny. I am just one of many who have not had the experience of beholding this unusual, and strange, and as yet unexplainable, manifestation.

Why has our hatchery program been geared to trout instead of salmon? The salmon can be raised and released with less trouble. Millions upon millions of fingerling or fry should be raised and released in all the streams, especially coastal streams.

The hatcheries are too few and far between. We need salmon hatcheries on all our major and some of our smaller streams, such as Elk river, where a hatchery site was selected, purchased, leveled, but no funds provided for construction.

I suppose one would call this being somewhat of an individualist. It is my opinion that more people should be a little individualistic—but of course it is my opinion that more people should be Republicans and more local writers use less and, and derogatory remarks concerning UFOs.

For you to take the U.S. Attorney General's list so lightly is to consider the destruction of civilization as being unimportant. The International Conspiracy is real. It is planted in the "dirt" that makes up a considerable portion of our textbooks, and educators on the Attorney General's list is the seed of this conspiracy, and it is beginning to bear fruit.

The time to act is now if we are going to save one of our most valuable natural resources. Or are we to place the Pacific salmon and steelhead in the extinct class for our future generations?

Thanks for listening. Ida L. Kelly, 1141 Pinecroft ave., Medford.

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Ernest L. Neal, P.O. Box 124, Bandon, Ore.

Save the Salmon: To the Editor: I would like to call your attention to the fact that one of our more valuable resources is rapidly diminishing to the point of no return. I am speaking of Pacific salmon and steelhead trout.

Students ask what is being done to conserve the salmon and steelhead. My answer is always not enough.

The salmon is second to no other fish for eating. The salmon provide employment for many people in the commercial fishery. I don't think one can have a greater sporting thrill than the surge of a salmon on the end of a light pole.

The Enemy Within: To the Editor: In reply to J. Verne Shangle's reply to Vern Wothoff's reply to Mr. Shangle's outcry against a Herblock cartoon on the suppression of some facts by the Un-American Activities Committee (deap breath)—Mr. Shangle's distress over communism inspired student riots is understandable; his assumption that this makes truth unimportant, criticism unnecessary, and all disagreeing Americans "bad," is not.

The time for talk should be over, for the numbers are dwindling so fast there won't be anything to talk about if some action isn't taken. Where does the responsibility lie for the necessary action?

The game commission, the state legislature, or the federal wildlife service or some other influential group must move. The power companies and some lumber companies have contributed some aid, but not enough.

The distortion of facts is always more destructive than any specific incident, the corruption of truth and justice a more significant defeat of the democratic ideal than any "demonstration."

The money could come from an increase in fishing licenses or salmon tags. Some money should come from the sale of state timber, for logging is the worst enemy of the salmon. The government can surely spend some to help propagate our salmon. The state might provide us with some aid in propagation.

There is no one easy way of

UFOs, GOPs and Writers: To the Editor: I am writing to you about the item that appeared on the front page of Friday's, Dec. 9, Mail Tribune concerning UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects). That strange phenomenal things have been seen in the skies

Time Running Out as Red China Nearing Nuclear Power Status; Russia Concerned

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

Ten years ago amid razor-sharp peaks that stand out like steel etchings against the Korean sky, this correspondent watched Red Chinese troops advancing down a valley southeast of Seoul.

They advanced blindly, like soldier ants, in obedience to some higher command into everything the United Nations 8th Army could throw at them, mortars, 105s, machinegun fire.

The Korean conflict was a war fought with conventional weapons. The newest thing in it was the jet fighter. We are told that it probably will be the last such war ever fought. The next one will be nuclear.

The Red Chinese government said its fighters in Korea were "volunteers." They were volunteers only in the sense that their own government had offered them up as cannon fodder in the Communists' limitless ambition to rule.

New Nuclear Power: Week end reports from Washington said the administration was concerned by reports that Red China soon might become a nuclear power.

As in September 1949, when Russia exploded its first atomic bomb and upset the world balance of power, it is inevitable in the present court of events that Red China must also possess the atomic bomb.

By accident or design, Red delegates to Moscow's recent concluded Communist summit conference returned home and allowed to leak concern similar to that expressed in Washington.

They were, they said, shocked by Red China's disregard for human life. They said the Red Chinese delegate had accused Premier Nikita Khrushchev of "cowardice" in pressing his coexistence theme.

Soviets Pull Back: There were reports that Khrushchev had decided to lend Red China no further help in its atomic research program.

These Communist reports could be part of a new propaganda scheme designed to frighten the West into a hasty disarmament or nuclear test ban agreement without proper safeguards, as Khrushchev has so repeatedly demanded.

But propaganda or not, the West has reason to know of Red China's aggressive intent by Red China's own announcements.

As Prime Minister Nehru told the United Nations: Time is running out.

Matter of Fact by Joseph Alsop: With little sympathy for De Gaulle's Algerian gamble, he had enough of this. Moved, one supposed, by simple admiration for an act of naked courage, the colonel rounded on the cursing farmer and roared at him, "Vive De Gaulle!"

Whereat the man fell back, comically abashed, as De Gaulle once more entered the Hotel De Ville.

This sequence of events, with its drama and its tension which no description can convey, occupied hardly more than ten minutes altogether. Yet it told more about De Gaulle's Algerian journey, I think, than all the generous, nobly phrased yet sternly resolute speeches he has been making along the way.

THOSE ten minutes at Ain Temouchent told, first of all, everything one needed to know about the venom of the opposition which De Gaulle must overcome in this unhappy Algeria. One may be shocked by this opposition's open appeals illegality. One may deplore its irrationality, its rejection of all political realism. But one must sympathize, none the less, with these French men and women of Algeria who believe their whole deep rooted way of life is now at stake.

De Gaulle's own sympathy is plain, in everything he does. What else, meanwhile, was told by those ten minutes in the square? Above all, I believe, they told why De Gaulle can hope to win his great gamble in Algeria, despite the heavy odds against him. Living through those ten minutes, one felt at every instant, with incomparable intensity, the majestic power of De Gaulle's matchless courage combined with the special human grandeur that is his alone.

That statement is not sentimental musings, either. What De Gaulle did at Ain Temouchent was a gesture, you may say, but it was a gesture with easily observable and far reaching practical effects.

The gesture told the opposition that this man would not be frightened or turned aside from his purpose. He would see it on their faces. Of them, De Gaulle said wearily, later on: "There were some who cried out—which is useless!"

PERHAPS more important still, this gesture spoke volumes to those who must work with De Gaulle to realize his great gamble. That young colonel, with his sudden access of enthusiasm for a brave leader, surely had his own special significance, in this situation in which the French army is the finally controlling factor.

And surely there was significance too, in the visible emotions of the men of far higher rank, who first protested and then followed De Gaulle towards the crowd. Among these principal human instruments of De Gaulle's policy, after all, there have been natural doubts about his gamble. Their strengthened confidence in De Gaulle's leadership, were all visible and tangible. One of them, the able and wise Minister for Algeria, Louis Joxe, put the point sharply and well when he remarked: "Courage becomes easy when one is with De Gaulle."

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In the Day's News

Economic note: A Washington dispatch this morning reports that SAVINGS are booming in the U.S.A. It adds: Government statistics show Americans have saved up at the present time a total of 307 BILLION dollars—a new record.

The report adds that in July, August and September, summer months when people usually spend heavily on vacations, the saving total rose by 4.3 billion dollars.

IS THAT good? Or is it bad? When people save up more, they are usually inclined to SPEND LESS. When people are spending freely, business is apt to be active. When they are spending less and saving more, business tends to slow down.

WELL... At the present moment in history, it is pretty hard for conservative thinkers to believe that a rising level of thrift will do the economy of the United States of America any damage.

FOR example: At the end of 1959, just a year ago, net PUBLIC debt, including federal and state obligations, amounted to 299 billion dollars. That just about balances the 307 billion dollars in savings the people now have.

At the end of 1959 (the latest date at which the figures are available as this is written) total net PRIVATE debt, including corporate, farm, housing, commercial and consumer obligations, reached a total of \$47 billion dollars. Adding the net public debt to the net private debt gives us a total of 846 billions—or nearly a trillion dollars.

THE moral? It seems to be this: A little more saving up will do us no harm.

ON THE lighter side: Mr. Kennedy's tailor confides to the Washington reporters this morning that he has fitted the President-elect for an Oxford gray lambswool cutaway coat, light pearl gray vest, medium gray worsted trousers with a faint stripe, and a white semi-dress shirt with French cuffs. This for his inauguration suit.

The tailor adds: Mr. Kennedy will wear a high silk hat. (He, it will be remembered, wore a Homburg.)

HMMMMMMMM. Mr. Kennedy seldom wears a hat at all. The real break with tradition would have come if he had been inaugurated BARE-HEADED.

Try and Stop Me —By BENNETT CERF: A ZEALOUS FATHER sneaked into his darkened parlor late one night and found his daughter locked tight in the arms of an unknown suitor. The suitor jumped up and stammered, "We're not making love, sir. I'm an actor studying the Method, and I'm just showing your daughter how we portray the role of Romeo."

"An actor, hey?" roared the father. "Well, I'll give you exactly eight seconds to get out of this house before my foot lights."

The late Meyer Berger discovered a businessman who had given up all hope of getting perfect letters from his long-time typist. He squared accounts by sending out the messy epistles placed on his desk for signature, rubber stamping on the lower left-hand corner of each this message: "I know she can't type—but she's beautiful."

