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Flight of Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.
10 YEARS AGO
Jan. 4, 1951 (Thursday)
City councilmen at a noon meeting today rejected all three bids for purchase of \$118,000 worth of bonds for storm sewer construction and voted to readvertise the bonds.
A total of 550 students, one more than last year, registered for classes at Southern Oregon college Tuesday.
20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 4, 1931 (Saturday)
A final second "lay-in" shot by Bill Thorndike, tall forward, gave Medford high school a 39 to 38 victory over a strong North Bend basketball squad last night.
From Arthur Perry's "Ho Smudge Pot" column: "Ye killing is the order of the day in the rural areas, and the dying echoes of the doomed swine squeal sharp and clear through the foothills."
30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 4, 1931 (Friday)
The contract will be let soon for construction of a new high school building on Oakdale ave.
40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 4, 1921 (Sunday)
Medford Irrigation district bonds have been approved. The first public dance in several years was held in Jacksonville Saturday night.
50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 4, 1911 (Wednesday)
Construction is expected to start soon on the four-story \$100,000 Page hotel which will encompass a full one-half city block in downtown Medford.
More than \$500,000 was taken in and expended by the city last year and an unspent balance of \$30,000 was left over for 1911.
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 chief industry in Glasgow, Scotland?
2. What is the third period of Bible history called?
3. What is a mnemonic?
4. Complete the proverb: "Beauty is but..."
5. The famous Anzio beachhead, taken by American forces in World War II, is located on the east or west coast of Italy?
6. Brazil has ten, twenty, thirty or forty states?
7. The character "Sherlock Holmes" was the creation of what writer?
8. Correct the following sentence: "Where shall we go to?"
9. What are fire dogs?
10. Under which department of the U.S. Government does the Secret Service operate?
Answers: 1. Shipbuilding. 2. Period of Israelite People. 3. A memory expert. 4. "skin deep." 5. West coast. 6. Twenty. 7. A. Conan Doyle. 8. "Where shall we go?" 9. Andromeda. 10. Treasury.
PRINTS GREETINGS
Moscow - UPI - The exchange of New Year's greetings between Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and U.S. President-elect John F. Kennedy was printed Tuesday in the government newspaper Izvestia. The messages were sandwiched between those to and from Yugoslav President Marshall Tito and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

A Few Little Tasks

For the beginning of a New Year, when we're supposed to look on things with an optimistic, "the-best-is-yet-to-come" attitude, the news, foreign and domestic, has been pretty bleak.
A morning news broadcast, which coincides with our shaving time, the other morning was loaded with disaster and threat from Laos, the Congo, Algeria, Belgium, Cuba, France and Germany, to say nothing of overtones from West Berlin, Israel, South Africa, South America, Formosa and schools in the American south.
All in all, it was gloomy listening.

IN A somewhat similar mood, James (Scotty) Reston, the New York Times' chief Washington man, the other day wrote of some of his doubts and worries, along with a few wry comments on Americans' reactions to world problems, in the form of an open letter to President-elect John F. Kennedy.

He admonished the incoming President: We don't want any nonsense with the Russians. We don't want to fight them of course; but we don't want to talk to them either.

We want stronger armed forces, as well as disarmament.

We must, of course get rid of Fidel Castro in Cuba. But we must do it without interfering with Cuba's internal affairs.

And obviously we cannot tolerate a Soviet military base on Cuba. But objections cannot be tolerated to U.S. military bases in Turkey, Pakistan, Spain, Morocco, Britain, Germany, France, Formosa, Japan and Korea.

MEANWHILE, we must back our western allies—France in Algeria, the Dutch in the East Indies, Belgium in the Congo, Portugal in Angola and Goa. At the same time we must maintain our firm anti-colonial tradition, and earn the trust and friendship of the rising new states of Asia and Africa.

The watchword should be, "Back the allies, stamp out colonialism."

Economic strength in the free world is important, too. Therefore, we must encourage the strengthening of the "inner six" and "outer seven," but let's have no nonsense about ourselves getting involved in such dreamy experiments.

In the United Nations, let's get unity; let's make it truly United. All we have to do is get Khrushchev, Hammarskjold, Lumumba, Mobutu, Castro, Batista, Stevenson, Acheson, the Dutch, the Indonesians, the Jews, the Arabs, the French, the Algerians, the East and the West to agree. Simple.

AND Reston might well have added that we must strengthen the United Nations and the world rule of law without giving up one iota of our own sovereignty.

We have to lower interest rates, while at the same time stopping the dollar out-flow.

We have to protect states' rights and individual rights at the same time; seeing that Negroes get adequate schooling without the need for forced integration; we must improve education without raising taxes; raise the standard of living without increasing prices; protect the lives of air passengers without sacrificing fast schedules.

And Reston reminded Kennedy that we're a patient people.

You will be inaugurated on Jan. 20, Mr. Kennedy. How about getting these problems taken care of by, say, Feb. 1? —E.A.

Everyone's Named "George"

Like it or not, we are a nation which frequently looks at problems, shrugs, and voices the equivalent of "Let George Do It."

The only trouble with this is that there aren't enough Georges to go around, and even then, the Georges who are available don't always agree about what should be done, or how to do it.

And "George," whoever he may be, cannot do anything unless he has a reasonably purposeful and moderately united country behind him.

For this reason, a part of the job of national problem-solving must be done by everyone, as an individual. It is, essentially, a political problem, and one of attitude.

IN a thoughtful vein, Editor Charles A. Sprague of the Oregon Statesman in Salem muses on New Year's day:

"Man must solve his own problem of living with himself and with his neighbor. He must get a clearer and firmer sense of his own destiny, of his own capacities, of his own responsibilities. The guilt complex of our late extravagances in not sufficient for our salvation. We should set higher values and generate more energy for reaching them."

"This is not just a matter of competing with the Communists. It is part of the business of man's growing up — developing himself and his society to levels which the discoveries of science help to make possible."

"This may savor of New Year's Resolutions, which long since became a stale joke. But on this New Year's Day of 1961, as we face the complexities of the era and feel the high winds of change, it would be well if we, as Americans, did resolve to set ourselves to the task of striving toward higher personal and national goals."

PREACHING?
Yes, sort of.

But some "preaching" is needed these days; perhaps more than we've had stomach for in the recent past.

During the brief period of recorded history, men have shown that, under certain circumstances, they are capable of order and decency and responsibility on a social scale.

It has now reached a point where order and decency and responsibility, if not extended, could well vanish forever. —E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"IN COME TEX DON'T SOUND RIGHT TO ME, SHOULDN'T YA SAY 'TEX CAME IN?'"

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.

Come Out and Play

To the Editor: It can be said that all good writing is done under stress of emotion, so we opine that E.A. had a complex in his gizzard that demanded attention when he wrote his editorial on Non-conformity. But why should it bob to the surface at this time? Is this not the season of Conformity? Is it because there is such a dearth of originality in the Editor's mail at this time? Does he want to encourage some of the dissidents that have been relegated to the doghouse to come out and play?

We are reminded of a dog that we know, that when scolded goes off in a corner and pouts until placated with a peace offering, such as a pat on the head and a few kind words. Then the past is entirely forgotten and a new day dawns. People are much like that when coaxed, except the extremely sensitive ones who often become anti-social, such as many great men and women of history. Some non-conformists have been burned at the stake or crucified. That is one way to gain immortality.

We wish to take issue with E.A. on his loose association of non-conformists with criminals. As a rule we will find upon investigation that there is honor among thieves and gangsters and they are conformists. At the same time a man can subscribe to conformity and be an enemy to society. So there is no hard and fast rule to judge conformity and non-conformity except by experience, education and conscience. In a society where one man's meat is another man's poison, conformity plays a very ragged row. Most people are neither conformists nor non-conformists; they are just stupid and ignorant. They conform because they know nothing better. They become non-conformists because they have broken with the past for the sake of progress, meat ticket, fame, fortune or just self expression.

Communists are classed as non-conformists in Capitalist countries, and yet they are conformists in Russia because non-conformity to capitalist ideals is conformity in Communist countries. It is conforming to non-conformity that enables the Russians to set the pace, from sports to Sputniks, while we in America are shackled to the past. Mark Twain, the most celebrated American writer in Russia, wrote: "The altar of one generation is the door mat of the next."

Walter Revere Galliced red. Merlin, Ore.

Sense of Values

To the Editor: In the Jan. 1, 1960, issue of the Medford Mail Tribune I read both of the following items:

A man was fined \$305 for illegal possession of venison. Another man was fined \$5 and given a two year suspended sentence after he pleaded guilty to committing an indecent, obscene and immoral act involving a 3-year-old girl.

What is wrong with us? Since when is a deer of more value than a little child? If these sex crimes were punished by a sentence at hard labor, or confinement in a state hospital, we probably would have some of these cases attended to by doctors before they bring harm to innocent little children. It has to be a mental illness, but are we expected to excuse that?

About half of the illegal deer hunters go deer because they are hungry or have families that are hungry, and we don't seem to excuse that but give

them the limit. What is wrong in a county when a man is fined \$305 for illegal possession of deer, and another man can commit such a sin against man and God as molesting a tiny child and get off with a \$5 fine?

God forgive our way of thinking and doing, and set us straight.

Mrs. Portia Struck Box 32 Prospect, Ore.

Resolution

To the Editor: Here we are again, saying "Same to you all," and I've been thinking on all those resolutions that this of gal had such merry times breaking during the past 70-odd winters.

What's the use of trying to balance these big feet on a straight and narrow path when they're up an' constraining a great wide speedway right thro' town? (No, as I mean, not as I say.)

I might resolve never to drink or smoke, but I would never gain any credit, for I've never had a desire to do either.

I like people in general so I would never hurt anyone. I've fiddled around with the idea "I'll not drink" but I don't know just what to "resolve." Guess I'll say to myself "I'm going to economize all through 1961. I'll squeeze every folding bill that has a head pictured on it, 'til his whiskers acquire a permanent wave, and I'll jump over the gate to save the wear and tear on the hinges."

Oh no, that is no resolution for me; I can't jump any more.

I just read an article on "forgetting." That's where I shine; I've the best forgettery this side of Potok, but sometimes it works in the wrong places. The man I read about had lost his crops to hail, floods and grasshoppers, but he just forgot about it and bravely started over again. (That's what the man said.)

The thing I can't forget is the red face I get when I introduce Mrs. Jones to Mrs. Smith and can't remember which one is which.

Now, getting back to "economy." One of those women drank several bottles of pop daily. At the end of that month it had cost her twelve dollars and ten cents. Candy and other unnecessary indulgences also count up. Now is a good time to resolve to be saving all the years ahead so that when you get to be a hundred you still can be happy. Yep, that's a good resolution. I'll dig it.

Pearl Spackman Jacksonville, Ore.

He's Pleased

To the Editor: I am mightily pleased with and proud of your appointment to the Pulitzer Prize board of judges.

If the others were chosen as cannily, the work is in exceptionally good hands this year.

Charles T. Duncan Dean School of Journalism University of Oregon Eugene, Oregon

Justice Cruel

To the Editor: Just how cruel justice can be, I am referring to the male person who was arrested, confessed, and was fined five whole dollars, for court costs, after committing an indecent, obscene and immoral act on a five year old little girl.

Diplomatic Break May Bring Stepped-Up Guantanamo Agitation; Latin Lands Edgy

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

A stepped-up propaganda campaign by Fidel Castro and his Communist allies against the United States naval base at Guantanamo may be one immediate result of the U.S. break in diplomatic relations with Cuba.

The stage for such a campaign already has been set.

It dovetails neatly with Cuban charges of aggression against the United States and with similar charges brought by the Soviet Union and Red China against the United States in Laos.

In global strategy, the Cuban blow which finally exhausted U.S. patience may serve a dual role in Communist attempts to keep the United States off balance in the period of changing administrations and to force an early summit meeting with President-elect John F. Kennedy.

However, if Castro also hopes to exploit the break to gain further sympathy among Latin American nations, his chances for success appear limited.

The United States long ago made it clear it would fight any attempt to seize the 40-square-mile Guantanamo base on Cuba's eastern tip, but events as early as last July 10 foretold moves in that direction.

On July 10, Cuban President Osvaldo Dorticos declared the big base belonged to the Cuban people.

The United States rejoined promptly on July 11 that it had complied strictly with the Treaty of 1903 and that it could not be changed unilaterally either by the United States or Cuba.

But on July 12, Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev got into the act with the statement that the U.S.S.R. would support Cuba in any attempt to oust the U.S. from the base.

"We consider the Monroe Doctrine has outlived its time," he said.

On Nov. 1, President Eisenhower reiterated the U.S. position and said:

"Because of its importance to the defense of the entire hemisphere, particularly in

would get more results by going after a male with her finger-nails and any thing else that she could lay her hands on. At least it would give her a little satisfaction that surely this Mother doesn't have."

In the same issue of the Mail Tribune I noticed a man had paid over a \$300 fine for illegal venison. Pray tell me, what act was the filthiest? Which act will induce a person to break the law? It's pretty bad when the price of food is higher than the life and future of our little girls.

I think it is time for the Mothers to demand better protection for their children. How about it?

Please omit my name and address. I don't want the telephone calls that some people insist on ringing.

(Name on file) Medford.

A Suggestion

To the Editor: Scientists are figuring on digging a 15,000 foot deep hole in the bottom of the ocean.

I suggest they put a plug in the bottom of the hole.

Then, if we have war with Red China, just pull the plug and drown them.

Leo J. Townsend Route 1, Box 620 Eagle Point, Ore.

Sinister Forces Indeed!

To the Editor: Mr. Henry Johnson Jr. has certainly written a wonderful mess of tripe. (Communication, Dec. 27.) According to Mr. Johnson we can rest all the troubles of the world on those "sinister forces" that are leading us to destruction.

The crime rate in our country started going up long before jazz was played, and tobacco and liquor have been used almost from the beginning of time.

Sinister forces indeed! The only sinister forces Americans need worry about are the ignorant and foolish people.

Tom Bortis 621 South Holly st. Medford.

Newhouse Probe Shifts to Bay Area

Portland—UPI—The investigation into the Oct. 16 shooting of newspaper executive Donald Newhouse has shifted to San Francisco.

the light of the intimate relations which now exist between the present government of Cuba and the Sino-Soviet block, it is essential that our position in Guantanamo Bay be clearly understood."

But despite the bellicose nature of Communist propaganda, there seems little likelihood that Khrushchev wants cold-war issues pushed to the explosion point now, or that he would allow Cuba to do so.

More likely, it would serve his purpose to stir up world tensions as a better excuse for an early spring meeting of heads of state in the United Nations General Assembly, and a springboard for a meeting with Kennedy.

Overplaying Hand
As for reaction among Latin American nations, there has

been mounting evidence that Castro has overplayed his hand.

Last week end, Peru severed relations with Cuba on charges of interference in Peru's internal affairs.

In Montevideo, Uruguay, rumors have been circulating of a hemisphere-wide plan to break relations with Castro. There has been no official comment.

Uruguay, Argentina, Venezuela and Panama are among Latin American nations known to be displeased with the Castro regime. However, Argentina is expected to follow a go-slow policy on any break because of the haven foreign embassies might afford Cuban refugees.

Others Sever Relations
In addition to the United

States and Peru, other nations in the Western Hemisphere which have severed diplomatic relations with Havana are Nicaragua, Haiti, Guatemala, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic.

In this respect, there has been a swift change in Latin American sentiment since the meeting of American foreign ministers in Costa Rica last August. At that time, the ministers approved only a watered-down resolution condemning Communist penetration of the Western Hemisphere. They did not mention Cuba by name for fear of popular reaction at home.

The belief that Castro is attempting to export his revolution has offended many. Others believe Castro's experiment is doomed to fail.

GOP Needs Talents of Raskob, Michelson, In Wilson's View

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington - UPI - What the Republican party seems to need right now is a national

committee chairman like the late John J. Raskob and a political gun slinger in the image of old Charley Michelson.

That would be a rare combination. Raskob was an Horatio Alger

figure of great wealth, a close friend of the Democrat's great Alfred E. Smith. As a friend of Smith, Raskob accepted the Democratic national chairmanship to run and help pay for Al Smith's 1928 presidential campaign.

Herbert Hoover overwhelmed Smith for president. The Republicans all but eliminated the Democratic party in Congress. Raskob had the money and the courage to attempt to rebuild the party. His first move was to offer Charley

Michelson \$25,000 a year to become publicity director of the Democratic National Committee.

Michelson had been Washington political correspondent for the New York Morning World. His idea, and Raskob's, was that the way to make the Democratic party look good was to make the Republican party look bad. When Charley took over, the Democrats had not elected a president since 1916. With his help, the Democrats began to do better.

One Aim in Life
Charley didn't give a hoot about platforms, campaign promises or the green-e-e-a-t party. But Charley was a party man. He was for the Democratic party and against all other parties. His aim in life was to win elections.

He often said he was short on ethics, himself, as for instance in this paragraph from his memoirs published in 1944: "Nobody has ever been able to formulate a political code of ethics. Despite the fine altruistic language of party platforms, the habit always has been to smite the opposition regardless of Marquis of Queensberry rules, whenever and however the opportunity offers."

That is the way old Charley socked 'em. He was an ugly, little, humped-over man with the cold eye of an executioner. Michelson and a research staff were a deadly combination. It was his job to inform the public of the distempers afflicting the nation and to prove their Republican origin.

GOP Got the Blame
Over the years, Michelson accused and mightily near convicted the Republican party of everything, including drought, floods and the common cold. He ghosted speeches which statesmen were happy to deliver, unchanged, and he made for these clients reputations for wit, ridicule and political mayhem which they did not deserve.

His blasts of criticism did not merely sting. They burned. Charley stayed on with the Democrats through the Roosevelt administrations and with Harry S. Truman until he died full of years in 1948.

But Charley was not a New Dealer. For do-gooders, social workers and political amateurs in general he had a genial contempt. Of his Roosevelt years, old Charley wrote: "I never had a part in formulating Roosevelt policies. I was merely a propagandist and therefore campaigned to the best of my ability for anything the president proposed."

Charley's best was very good indeed.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

OTHER TIMES had other ways, as this striking excerpt from the Diary of Samuel Pepys (date: October 13, 1659) would indicate: "I went out to Charing Cross to see General Harrison hanged, which was done there, he looking as cheerful as any man could in that condition. He was presently cut down, and his head and heart shown to the people, at which there were great shouts of joy."



A new student at Cambridge University in England was showing his father about the ivy-covered campus. In the course of their stroll, they passed a formidable female. "That," whispered the student, "is the legendary Miss Elkhart. She's the mistress of Ridsley Hall."

"Ah," nodded the father, "and precisely who is Ridsley Hall?"

In the swing on the back porch, a dapper young man mused aloud, "If I had a million dollars in the bank, I wonder where I'd be tonight." A female voice replied decisively, "I'll tell you where you'd be. You'd be on our honeymoon."

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