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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: Jan. 12, 1951 (Friday). Mild winter weather, plus the military services, is maintaining unemployment in Jackson county at less than 1,500 persons.

20 YEARS AGO: Jan. 12, 1941 (Sunday). Robert S. Farrell Jr., a 34-year-old Multnomah county representative, defeated Rep. William M. McAllister of Medford.

30 YEARS AGO: Jan. 12, 1931 (Sunday). Mrs. J. W. Lindsay of this city has reported that a rose is blooming on a bush in her yard.

40 YEARS AGO: Jan. 12, 1921 (Wednesday). Four bootleggers were arrested in Medford yesterday; one was selling the stuff from a cylinder fastened inside his clothing.

50 YEARS AGO: Jan. 12, 1910 (Thursday). The recent snowstorm in the valley has downed telephone lines in both the city and the surrounding area.

Your 10.7: Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Who was Booker T. Washington? 2. Who was taken to heaven in a fiery chariot? Complete the following: "A word to the wise..."

3. The characteristic of suckling the young is common to which kinds of creatures? 4. In what country did the battle of St. Lo occur in World War II?

5. Which President of the U.S. had a wife of the Roman Catholic faith, prior to the election of President-elect Kennedy?

6. Name the capital of Pennsylvania. 7. Was Jack London an English or an American author?

8. Name the English Prime Minister. 9. Which city of South America has the largest population?

Answers: 1. Noted Negro educator, 2. Elias, 3. Mammalia, 4. France, 5. John Tyler, 6. Harrisburg, 7. American, 8. Harold Macmillan, 9. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

"Getting Through"

Over the years, newspapermen have a pretty good chance to watch young people in the process of growing up. As parents, and as reporters who chronicle the doings of students, Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H-ers, other youth groups, scholarship winners, athletes, and all the others, they get to see a lot of the positive, constructive activities in which young people engage.

Also, as reporters, they get a look at the seamy side — the "delinquent" activities of boys and girls.

And any reporter knows that the good outweighs the bad, by about 95 to 5.

IN OBSERVING that 5 per cent which does get out of line, it is often found that they are in two categories:

1. Youngsters who, because of environmental factors, simply do not get the training, the discipline, the moral fiber, the self-control, to measure up to society's standards of behavior.

2. Young people with adequate backgrounds, but who, through some lack, some twist, some warping of the soul or defect of character, or by deliberate orneriness, make themselves problems to parents, friends, society at large—and themselves.

IT WAS the latter type that the editor of the Coos Bay World was addressing the other day, when he wrote an editorial motivated by some young people (presumably) who had shot and killed a number of snow geese placed in a local park some years ago by the U. S. wildlife service.

The editorial said: "It would be a bit silly for us to scold you here. Perhaps you now realize how cruel and stupid you were."

"If you have not had such second thoughts by now, here's a warning for you and your parents: You may be the victim of a dangerous disease: a terrible mental condition which leads you to destroy things, including the lives of defenseless animals. This can lead to tragedy for you and those who love you. It is such a disease that leads to the destruction of human spirits—and human life itself—by other men."

"The same disease is present in the minds of those who break up a Christmas nativity display, steal the lights, destroy the Scout cabin. This is defiance of authority and the desire to 'hurt' someone by destroying their property. It's just not quite as shocking as the slaughter of ducks and geese."

"Who are you hurting? Yourself. These acts are not just signs of youthful high spirits. They are the first step on the road to tragedy. But it's not too late to turn around."

THE real difficulty — the one which causes parents and police and juvenile workers the worst headaches—is not so much how to treat young people who are on the wrong track, but how to get through to them.

There is a period in adolescence when the natural rebellions of youth make it almost impossible to communicate; when a deaf ear is turned to all admonitions; when a stony look of unbelief meets warnings of consequences to come.

If, once, you can "get through" to a youngster gone wrong; if you can reason with him, the battle is half won. The World's editorial is one attempt—a good one—to "get through."

But when he persists in blindly following a course which inevitably will lead to trouble, and shrugs off advice and counsel as square, old-fashioned, or stuffy—then trouble is going to ensue.—E.A.

Our County "Government"

These columns have been increasingly critical of county government over the past several years. So we have no kick coming when the county court "shoots back," as they did yesterday (see story on Page B-7 today).

We just wish they'd read the editorial in question before shooting back, however, for the complaints, in large part, were about things they thought we said, rather than what we did say.

We'll see what happens when fishing season opens at Howard Prairie lake.

BE THAT as it may, and since the matter has been brought up, let us say we once hoped that with three pleasant, intelligent, reasonable men on the court, it could be made into an effective agency of government.

No longer. We now feel that the hope for progress, responsiveness, intelligent planning for the future, and a realistic view of the needs and demands of Jackson county residents lies in a complete overhaul of the county government.

The county court, collectively, is a failure. For this we are inclined to blame the system more than the men, although they have compounded the administrative horror of multi-headed government by inattention, lethargy, bickering, fearfulness of change, lack of aggressive leadership, and a marked tendency to delay doing anything until pushed into it, either by overwhelming public pressure, or by a few small pressure groups.

THE court lacks vision. It lacks energy. It lacks foresight. It lacks the capacity for leadership so necessary if things are going to get done.

It seems to be operating on the theory that this is a sleepy little county off in the boon docks—not a growing, vital, surging community of some 73,000 people, many of whom need more than delays, buck-passing and excuses in place of vigorous and responsive and far-sighted, well-thought-out planning for the future.

Judging by comments from a variety of sources, we're not the only ones that think so, either.—E.A.

Donnie McMoncey



"BOY, HAVE I GOT A BIG DAY IN FRONT O' ME! I'M GONNA GIVE JOEY CLIMBIN' LESSONS!"

... 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.

Support and Faith: To the Editor: The other day as I was talking to a high school student whom I know, the conversation got around to politics, when I referred to the election that they had in their school which elected Nixon and Lodge. I casually asked how he thought the new president would be, and his reply was that he probably wouldn't be very good, because his position differed from that of President Eisenhower regarding the Laos situation.

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West or Capitalist powers are honor bound to retain the status quo, or things as they are. I may over simplify the matter but space counts.

Ven dey told me that Trout Lake dam vent busted, Aye left der shoes in der potatoes and run like hell for der hills. Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

Inform the People: To the Editor: Although many people do not realize it, we are, and have for many years been, engaged in a strange but nevertheless deadly war in which the survival of our republic and the civilization of the world are at stake. This was not our choosing, but we cannot escape it.

But as a rule an old horse or an old car is at a disadvantage in a race. And the ship that sails with the tide of time and the winds of destiny will make better time than the ship or ships that are bucking the tide and tacking against it.

Very little headway in carrying out this plan was made until 1917, when a small group of communists under Lenin and Trotsky seized control of Russia. Since then communism with the backing of red Russia has spread until over 40 per cent of the world's population is under communist rule, and the remaining countries have been infiltrated by the communists.

The weapons used by our enemy are many and varied but probably the most successful is the conquest of the minds of our youth. They produce a state of mind among many of our students where they are ready to defend communist activities and infiltration and are bitter toward the agencies in our country that are exposing it. We face the almost unbelievable situation where treason is popular and patriotism is belittled and vilified.

It is that thought that disturbs the American taxpayer. Does not our foreign aid boomerang and damage us at home? Dan Smoot tells us that foreign aid is a Communist gimmick. Everitt Acklin seems to have much the same idea.

It also seems that we are finding out that we are faced with a lot more serious conditions than we were led to believe before the election of the opposition. It is unjust that a man who isn't even in that office be subjected to criticism by some people when he is faced with overwhelming problems which he is trying to correct and do his best. It is also too bad that Mr. Kennedy will have all of these problems thrust upon him, that have built up over the past few years, when he takes office.

Therefore, regardless of which party we belong to, we need as Americans to give this administration our full hearted support and faith, because never before in history has our great country faced such troublesome times.

Walter Reece, Galice rd., Merlin, Ore.

Tree Lift: To the Editor: A great big "Thanks" to the wonderful people of Medford for their response to the eighth annual Moose Christmas Tree Lift.

You, the people of Medford, proved what most of us were sure of, that you want to KEEP SACRED HEART HOSPITAL OPEN. Your generosity made our lift the most successful of its history.

From the first it was my desire to write, but I knew so little of the true circumstances, I felt I could not write intelligently. "The man succumbed to unnatural desires." Don't we all? Not on this same sin, but there are many other sins or unnatural desires. "Affected the innocent families." How true, and how sorrowful we all, as neighbors, should be. Only by the grace of God, it might have been our family. It would seem to me the judge acted very wisely. I see no place for criticism. And your summation is excellent. I am clipping the whole article, it contains much valuable admonition which we all need in these trying times.

In addition to thanking those who gave, I am wondering if some people who had already taken down their trees, would like to give. Let's not stop now. Send your contribution to the Sacred Heart hospital—now.

Donald W. Carlson, Governor, Medford Moose Lodge

Foreign Aid: To the Editor: I would like to call attention to an editorial in the M.T. of Jan. 6 by E.A. This editorial is in reply to an editorial by a writer in another paper. The title is, "It Does Not Work." The topic is foreign aid.

He has written a good editorial, and if that is enough we would stop here, but to the layman there seems to be something lacking, and that is WHAT is the shooting about? The topic hinges on a conflict between the Haves and the Have Not peoples and nations throughout the world. The Haves wish to retain what they have and acquire more, and the Have Nots are not happy with that setup.

Thereby hangs the bone of contention between "East" and "West." The East or Communist powers are determined to have their way about how the world is managed, and the

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Flood: To the Editor: The day of the big flood in Placerville, I didn't climb into the attic with my arms loaded with pots and pans, step on the lath, fall through the plaster, roll down the stairway and fall upside down in a pile of potatoes in a Super-Market just to answer the telephone. The telephone wasn't downstairs, it was upstairs. I passed it on

the way down, I went up into the attic to try to stop some of the leaks in the roof. I didn't stop the leaks in the roof, but Aye sure stopped der squeaks in der shoes.

But to say that foreign aid "Does Not Work" is not telling the whole truth. The question is: Does it work good enough to have a lasting effect in the affairs of nations and the march of change and progress? In the long haul, does our foreign aid help or hinder the Communists? Foreign aid in China was a great help to the Red Chinese. While foreign aid does work for someone, the question arises: Are we included in the deal? Does it work for us as a nation? Does it help our Capitalist system in this country? Does the flight of capital from the U. S. to foreign lands help this country? Does aid to industry in Japan, England, France, West Germany and all points east build payrolls here at home? Foreign aid may work, but does it work for us?

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Matter of Fact

Cambridge, Mass.—You might suppose that President-elect Kennedy's existing collection of grave problems would content him. Most men would be satisfied, if not frightened into fits, by the early prospect of having to deal with Laos, Cuba, the Congo, the gold drain, and other such weighty matters. But Kennedy, it appears, is different.

At any rate, by his own whim and act, he has now created a new problem of extreme gravity. Furthermore, this problem of protocol created by Kennedy's decision to remain an active member of Harvard's Board of Overseers is in the toughest category. It is the kind of problem you just have to live with, however difficult this may be, because only time is likely to provide a solution.

The point is that whenever Kennedy goes to an Overseers' meeting after inauguration day, there are going to be, not just one, nor even just two, but three living, breathing, ranking Presidents all together in the same handsome old room in Harvard's University Hall. And the President of the Board of Overseers and the Presidency of Harvard, having endured for more than three centuries, are both decidedly senior to the Presidency of the United States.

IN ALL such cases, as everyone knows, seniority is always a weighty consideration. In the Harvard case, local custom also has to be considered. Its nature is indicated by the story of the friend who asked for an appointment with Abbott Lawrence Lowell, in the forgotten era when Lowell ruled Cambridge as President of Harvard and William Howard Taft reigned, but did not exactly rule, as President of the United States.

"I'm terribly sorry, sir," Lowell's secretary sadly told his friend, "President Lowell has gone to Washington today to call on Mr. Taft."

One can argue, too, that President Devereux Josephs of the Board of Overseers has a claim to rank equally with President Nathan Pusey of Harvard. This is underlined whenever the Fellows of Harvard, who elect the President of Harvard, seek the permission of the Overseers before taking this fateful step. The Fellow deputed for the task, having been admitted to the Overseers' presence and having bowed formally to the company, then addresses the President of the Board of Overseers as follows:

"Mr. President, the Fellows of Harvard request permission to proceed to the election of a President of Harvard."

TO MAKE matters worse, proper Boston and proper Cambridge have always been very title-conscious, and Washington has lately become title-conscious. The "Excellency" of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is by law established, although this Excellency is sometimes less discernible in practice. And the members of Harvard's Board of Overseers are always "honorable and reverend," although a couple of centuries have passed since all Overseers were either reverend clergy or honorable members of the Great and General Court of the Bay Colony.

Washington has not yet taken to bandying "excellencies" about, but no doubt the time will come soon. Certainly the "honorable" has been gaining on us in a frightful way in these last decades. This was not always so. Even within the span of this reporter's memory, there was a time when due respect was paid to the resounding defeat of John Adams's titles-of-honor bill in the first Congress.

Republican simplicity used to be the note. Twenty-five years ago, even members of the Cabinet were still "Mister." Some Congressmen already liked to be described as "honorable," at least on envelopes, but they were thought to be behaving—well, like Congressmen.

TODAY, on contrast, everybody with the smallest office has become "honorable." American diplomats, on every fearful of undue claims to grandeur, are regularly addressed, nowadays, as "Ambassador Brown," "Ambassador Jones," or "Ambassador Robinson," as the case may be. And there is only one surviving house in all of Washington where Senators continue to be plain "Mister" at the dinner table, as they always were for this Republic's first century and more of life.

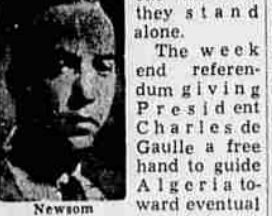
If this trend continues, Adams's titles-of-honor bill will perhaps be revived. If so, Harvard's problem will be solved. On Monday, to be sure, the problem was rather weakly ducked. When President Pusey greeted President-elect Kennedy, each merely said to the other, "Glad to see you," or used another feeble formula of the same sort.

But the problem cannot be ducked indefinitely; and if the Adams bill is successfully revived, Harvard's Overseers' meetings will be simpler affairs. There will be only two Presidents, plus one "Supreme Magnificence"—which was the title Adams proposed for the junior, White House-occupying member of the present trio.

IN closing your editorial you say: "And sorriest of all that we live in a still-imperfect society where such tragedies can still happen." To this I would like to say Amen. And may the Lord bless you, and your paper, you are doing a good work. Such editorials are invaluable to your readers. F. E. Beaver, 634-B Crest Lake ave. Medford

French Algerian 'Colons' Realize They Are Now Alone

By PHIL NEWSOM UP Foreign News Analyst Algiers—UPI—Slowly, but surely, it is being borne in upon Algeria's rebellious "colons" that now they stand alone.



The week end referendum giving President Charles de Gaulle a free hand to guide Algeria toward eventual independence provided one proof. The French army here provided the final crushing proof.

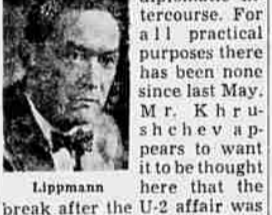
In mainland France, the majority of Frenchmen served notice on Algeria's European settlers that they were tired of the enormous cost of the Algerian war and wanted it settled on whatever terms De Gaulle whatever.

Here in Algeria it was the French soldier who for more than six years had fought to keep Algeria French—who now reduced the angry settlers to seething but helpless.

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

QUIET DIPLOMACY: There have been, as everyone knows, some feelers from Moscow looking towards a resumption of diplomatic intercourse. For all practical purposes there has been none since last May.



Lippmann here that the break after the U-2 affair was a personal quarrel with President Eisenhower; this quarrel would automatically be laid aside with the inauguration of Mr. Kennedy.

The U-2 quarrel can be laid aside. But it does not follow that President Eisenhower's venture in personal diplomacy can be resumed.

The question now is not how soon a personal meeting at the summit can be brought about. The fiasco last year, which ended in Paris but did not begin there, has taught us a lesson. If the kind of understanding which the world so badly needs is to become possible, it cannot be had without far deeper study and preparation than have as yet been given to the problem.

THIS labor of study and preparation makes it necessary to resort to quiet diplomacy and to stay away from spectacular actions. Thus last week Mr. Kennedy denied the report that he was planning to send a special envoy, presumably Mr. Averell Harriman, to Moscow to talk with Mr. Khrushchev. Obviously, he is quite aware that this would have messed up everything. It would have confirmed Mr. Khrushchev in his predilection for abnormal diplomatic procedure and in a most spectacular way it would have downgraded our Ambassador in Moscow.

What the Kennedy administration needs if it is to have time for study and preparation is to upgrade the American ambassador in Moscow and the Soviet Ambassador in Washington. It is necessary to resume the diplomatic intercourse which was suspended last May. But it is

BY OPEN diplomacy, which is only too often means loud-mouthed diplomacy, we can do little to assuage, indeed much to exacerbate these crises. For then one side or the other has to back down if there is to be any accommodation. But in quiet diplomacy, there is no loss of face if a country backs away from an extreme position which has proved to be untenable.

For this reason, quiet diplomacy is for the time being the hope of the world. Copyright 1961, New York Herald Tribune Inc.

MORE OPEN: London—UPI—A news and cigarette stand undergoing remodeling, posted this sign on its front door: "More open than usual."

Try and Stop Me: BY BENNETT CERF: FORMER PRESIDENT Harry Truman likes to tell of the day, a year or so after he left the White House, that he went calling on a friend in New York and inadvertently rang the wrong door bell. The man who answered accepted his apology graciously enough, then did a double take, and exclaimed, "Say, did anybody ever tell you you're the spitting image of that old blankety blank Harry Truman?"

