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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. 16, 1951 (Tuesday)
 Mayor Diamond L. Flynn and the Medford city council will discuss a proposed wage hike for city employees when the council meets tonight.
 Reactivation of the Medford unit of the air and airways communications service was confirmed today by AACS headquarters, Hamilton field, California.

20 YEARS AGO
 Jan. 16, 1941 (Thursday)
 Mayor H. S. Deuel and the members of city council last night formally endorsed the \$80,000 airport improvement bond issue which Medford voters will vote tomorrow.
 From Arthur Perry's "Ye Snudge Pot" column: "The Greeks continue their maltreatment of Mussolini's mighty men. The Italian forces are running out of shells, food, gasoline, courage and wind."

30 YEARS AGO
 Jan. 16, 1931 (Friday)
 The state legislature has scheduled a hearing on the controversial Rogue river fish bill next Wednesday.
 Only 42 dog licenses have been issued by the Jackson county clerk so far this year.

40 YEARS AGO
 Jan. 16, 1921 (Sunday)
 A rich strike of gold has been reported from the Gold Ridge mine near Gold Hill.
 The city of Roseburg is opposed to a proposed extension of Crater Lake park to include Diamond Lake.

50 YEARS AGO
 Jan. 16, 1911 (Monday)
 A carload of ties arrived here Saturday for use in construction of the Rogue River Valley Interurban trolley line, construction of which is scheduled to start soon.
 Whether Grants Pass will be wet or dry for the next two years will be decided by the courts; the citizens voted at the last election to make the city dry, but the home rule law, under which the election was held, is being questioned in the courts.

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

1. The Presidential Inaugural parade is paid for by Congressional appropriation; true or false?
2. "Treasure Island," "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," and "Kidnapped" were written by whom?
3. Who are the only two living former Presidents of the U. S.?
4. Who originated the comic strip, "Mutt and Jeff"?
5. Alligators are hatched from eggs; true or false?
6. A line has how many dimensions?
7. Who were the first two children of Adam and Eve?
8. How many stars did the first American flag have?
9. Is the State of Kansas the greatest producer of rye, wheat, oats, or corn?
10. Where is Corcoran Island?

Answers: 1. False. (By the elected party.) 2. Robert Louis Stevenson, 3. Herbert Hoover and Harry Truman, 4. Bud Fisher, 5. True, 6. One (length), 7. Cain and Abel, 8. Thirteen, 9. Wheat, 10. At entrance to Manila Bay, P.I.

Is Your Purse Really Fat?

The newly convening Legislative Assembly was treated to a picture of a thriving economy and of a state government which has been administered so capably that it has increased or at least maintained state services, while cutting costs and leaving a budget surplus that forestalls any need for a tax increase.

The painter of this rosy picture was Gov. Mark Hatfield, who, in his annual legislative message, managed to leave the impression that all these good things came from him.

One could make a pretty strong argument that some sectors of the Oregon economy aren't really thriving at all. The state's No. 1 and 2 industries, lumber and agriculture, would do for an example. But since it is the national economy and the federal government that really influence the Oregon economy, the whole point is moot as a reflection of what Mr. Hatfield has or hasn't done.

ONE could also argue with considerable force that the budget surplus which Mr. Hatfield proudly waves is really damning evidence of his administration's gross miscalculations in 1959 of the 1959-61 revenue—the real substance of the surplus.

But here again, while asserting that Mr. Hatfield is claiming credit where it is not due, we do not hold that he should instead be blamed. It is too much to expect his State Tax Commission to be able to predict revenue accurately two years in advance, especially when it must avoid guessing too high and winding up with a deficit.

It is the question whether Mr. Hatfield's administration has offered as great or greater services to the public, at a lower cost, that offers itself for constructive debate.

ONE of Governor Hatfield's economies has been to hold down on numbers of personnel. This is why he has not put fulltime attorneys into such important agencies as the State Land Board and the Insurance Department.

Yet for lack of legal advice in the State Land Board, other than that supplied by Shell Oil Co., Governor Hatfield and the other two members of the board got drawn into negotiating naively toward an oil and gas lease turning 940 square miles of the state's offshore lands over to Shell for a pittance, thus jeopardizing the taxpayers' chance at potential millions of dollars in royalties for schools to relieve property taxes.

Fortunately, Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton squelched this ruling that the Land Board lacked legal authority to lease offshore lands; and the Capital Press's exposure of the negotiations helped to arouse public opinion against them. Without these actions, the lease could well have been signed, sealed and delivered to Shell by now.

THE same penny-wise, pound-foolish attitude toward legal staffs has caused the Insurance Department to overlook another potential source of vast revenue in retaliatory fees due to Oregon, but unpaid for decades, from out-of-state insurance companies operating in Oregon.

It took a legislative interim committee to discover this oversight—an oversight which a full-time attorney would likely have found during the routine of studying insurance laws to familiarize himself with the department. At least hundreds of thousands of dollars, and possibly millions, went uncollected because of this.

These are only two of many instances—particularly in legal and auditing functions—where penurious refusal to hire adequate numbers of personnel costs the state more than is saved.

BUT as costly as the Hatfield Administration's poor judgment has been, even more costly has been its concept of government as an aid to regulated business groups (who are political contributors), or at best as a disinterested referee, rather than as an aggressive guardian of the public interest.

It was this attitude, along with eagerness to bring a new industry into the state (and issue a grand press release about it) that led the State Land Board to ignore its primary role as trustee over the common school fund and turn itself into a welcome mat for Shell.

It was this attitude which led Governor Hatfield's Public Utility Commissioner to hand Pacific Power & Light, Portland General Electric and California Oregon Power millions of dollars in unjustified power rate increases; to fire his most public-conscious administrator, rails chief Cliff Ferguson, who had incurred Southern Pacific's wrath; to allow the SP to decrease and even eliminate its public services; and in general to leave the public unarmed before the corporate utility giants while the PUC pulled its judicial robes more tightly around itself.

IT WAS this attitude which led Governor Hatfield's Insurance Department to grant rate increase upon increase to the insurance industry, and which led Governor Hatfield himself to press for a new insurance law (passed by an industry-packed 1959 Legislature) that incredibly requires the 93 per cent of responsible, liability-insured drivers to pay extra millions of dollars which the 7 per cent of irresponsible uninsured drivers are allowed not to pay.

Compared with this kind of drain upon the public purse, increased income taxes would be a blessing. At least they have the virtue of being sealed to one's ability to pay, while the Hatfield Administration's type of extraction cuts deepest among the common people and winds up in the hands of those who have.

Consider again Governor Hatfield's claim of greater service at a lower cost. Is your purse really fat, after two years of it?—Capital Press Salem.

Dennis the Menace



"OH, HI, MOM! I WAS JUST TAKIN' A COUPLE O' SNIFFS!"

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 his column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Comments on Recreation
 To the Editor: Congratulations, County Court, on finally standing up and telling socialist E. A. where to get off. He has needed that, and more, for a long time.

If E. A. were running the county he would, no doubt, have a few dozen county employees armed with towels, standing around Howard Prairie Reservoir ready at the drop of a drip to wipe any noses needing it.

As Judge Miller points out—he has received no complaints regarding the lake except the customary bugging from the editorial column.

E. A. doesn't seem to realize, or simply refuses to believe, that the great majority of people still relish freedom and the right of choice and chance. If a few people had a bit of trouble driving up from the lake, they didn't damn the county court for not having a towline and tractor ready to pull them out, or a few dozen men with loaded gravel trucks to build them a firm road for their cars. These people were out for a Sunday drive, fresh air and exercise and were not crying for diaper service from the county. Taxpayers realize that all un-called for services only pyramid an already burdensome tax load.

One question persists in many minds regarding this recreation controversy—that maybe someone in the county could answer. What is wrong with the free enterprise idea of running these lakes? What is wrong with the way Diamond Lake, Fish Lake, Four Mile Lake, Lake of the Woods and others are run? Give an enterprising individual a 99 year lease and let him go ahead and build the needed facilities. There is no expense to the county involved and in fact the county gains through taxation.

No E. A., if you can't stand the stress, strain and hardship of present day recreation we suggest you check in at the Conrad Hilton—say in Havana, very few guests these days, so consequently, lots of help to wait on you hand and foot.

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Attorneys
 To the Editor: I listened to young Robert Kennedy being interviewed on the Douglas Edwards program.

Mr. Kennedy admitted not having too much experience at being an attorney general. But as far as I am concerned I think he will be all right.

Of course, when it comes to myself doing any thinking, I am probably working without tools.

Anyway, he can't be any worse than some U. S. district attorneys that I know, which were so crooked they had to sew their socks off and on.

Leo J. Townsend
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Dragonflies & Water-tiggers
 To the Editor: If one studies the aerial movements of dragonflies, one is impressed with the fact that their food-getting strategy parallels that of the swallows.

Both gain their food by speed in running down their prey. One entomologist even ventures to describe the dragonfly as the "swiftest of winged creatures." Rushing through the air at high speed with open mouth, it collects necessary nourishment.

Right now is a wonderful time for the kiddies to start home aquariums. Any county librarian will suggest books about the "Know How." A young collector may also learn quite a lesson if he happens to see the ostrich. He sticks his head in the sand while over-

wake up some morning and find the rest of his aquatic circus is inside the watertiger. There was an old limerick about the Young Lady of Niger. She took a ride on the back of a tiger. The way she returned is what can happen to an aquarium, with even one very hungry watertiger.
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Union Minority Group's Complaint Due For Argument Before U.S. Supreme Court

By LYLE C. WILSON
 Washington—(UPI)—Another minority group will be arguing before the U.S. Supreme Court this week that it needs protection under the U.S. Constitution against an oppressive majority.

This minority group is not likely to obtain the protection for which it prays. These minority citizens are members of a labor union which embraces employees of the Southern Railway under terms of a union shop contract. They must belong to the union to hold their jobs.

The legal action is known as the Loper Case, taking its name from Nancy M. Loper. Miss Loper is one of a minority group of union members who brought suit in 1958 for relief. They complained that the leaders of their union were using dues and assessments to support political objectives and politicians which and whom these minority members opposed.

Superior Court Judge O. L.

Long of Bibb county, Georgia, found for the minority plaintiffs in 1958. In his opinion, Judge Long said:

"I find that a part of the (union) dues and assessments are used for the support of political organizations working in support of candidates for state and federal offices, and also for principles and doctrines the plaintiffs and the class they represent do not care to support."

Judge Long, therefore, found unconstitutional that section of the Railway Labor Act which authorizes the union shop and held to be invalid the Southern Railway's union shop agreement with the railway union. The Georgia Supreme Court sustained Judge Long.

Up Again
 The Loper Case was argued before the Supreme Court last year but was scheduled for re-argument, probably to come Tuesday. The U.S. government has intervened in the case with a brief filed by the Department of Justice. The government's brief argues that the Georgia courts were wrong in holding a section of the Railway Labor Act to be unconstitutional and, also, wrong in invalidating the Southern's union shop contract.

The government proposed that the U.S. Supreme Court reverse the Georgia courts. The minority rights of these complaining union members are not likely to make a great impression on the U.S. Supreme Court. On a similar question, three U.S. Supreme Court justices held that if minority rights were involved at all, this simply was the concern of internal union management. This, despite the fact that the notable trend of the modern court has been to determine such issues in favor of the minority or of the individual.

There, as a layman might think, minorities and minorities.

Foreign News Desk: Atomic Cooperation; Neutralist Bloc

By PHIL NEWSOM
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 From the foreign news cables:

Atomic
 Watch for a sudden turn in French atomic developments, probably after British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan visits President Charles de Gaulle at the end of the month. Although their talks are private and have been described as general, it is known that one of the subjects both want to discuss is joint work on missiles. The British in return for French cooperation in this field may be willing to help France out with some atomic facilities. One of the ideas suggested is that France may be able to scrap further atomic testing in the Sahara which has brought sharp criticism from African countries. The idea would be that France could transfer her tests to some part of British territory, possibly Australia.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE
 Washington—One of Washington's most frequent questions—how would the quiet leather—thin and usually gentle Mike Mansfield of Montana fare as the new Senate Democratic leader?—is a question no longer.

Within two weeks of coming to the leadership long held by Vice-President-elect Lyndon Johnson, Mansfield has already been to the wars and returned in triumph.

The only senator who has served in all three fighting services—Army, Navy, Marines—he has now proved equally combat-worthy in the cockpit of the Senate.

He has had to meet head-on, at the very moment of his promotion to the leadership, the nastiest of all possible Senate fights, a fight over the filibuster rule. A new captain confronting an old source of trouble within Senate ranks, he has now in astute patience led the Senate to the only responsible solution.

White City
 To the Editor: We are referred to as "White City." That is, officially, I mean. Unofficially of course we are called many things worse. Things that should never be seen.

When we were just plain old "Camp White," things were not really so bad. So let's not pretend in a letter to be a heck of a lot better. When we write to our mother and dad.

Just leave it to the powers that be. That is, the officials, you see. We could always feel remorse. And be persuaded to eat horse. Yeah! Persuaded; officially. I promised our postmaster this verse.

I am sure I've composed many worse. I may get bawled out or thrown out. Quite conceivably rowed out. But I can always come back in a hearse.

Malemute Slim
 White City, Ore.

Reminiscences
 To the Editor: I was just sitting here thinking about the time when I sold wheat for 14 cents a bushel, and now I am paying 23 cents for a small loaf of bread, and it sure doesn't come up to what my mother used to make.

Another thing, if you print this, these young snippers would set me down as a big liar, but remember, I am now going on 90 years old and I first crossed over the Santiam mountains into Oregon when I was ten years old. Was born in a log cabin with a dirt floor and dirt roof and I'm not lying, either.

I don't say that I never did tell a little fib; we used to trade horses, and show me an old timer that hasn't told a fib. Please don't get the idea that I am carrying any grudge around in my craw, for I am not, but I will admit when it comes taxpaying time and I have to dig in and pay more and more every year, I feel sort of sick around the gills.

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Another Letter
 To the Editor: Well here's another letter from the "exhibitionist" that "enjoys seeing your name in print." At least one of your readers is of that opinion. He didn't say anything of course about his writing a double volley of letters, some under his real name and the others signed "Amos Keeto."

My policy from here on will be to ignore some of the defaming correspondence that has come my way. Why get stirred up over it? If I keep calm perhaps the ones who have even sent me unsigned correspondence will cool down.

At any rate I've tried to write nothing I'd be ashamed to sign my name to. Some I realize try to hide themselves like the ostrich. He sticks his head in the sand while over-

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 From Washington: Preparing for his inauguration Friday and wanting to avoid possible conflict of interest, President-elect Kennedy, although not required by law to do so, recently disposed of all his stock holdings and reinvested the proceeds in government bonds—federal, state and municipal.

This disclosure was made to newsmen by Pierre Salinger, the President-elect's news secretary. Salinger added: "The only holdings he has today are bonds and real estate. His direct real estate holdings consist of his homes in Washington and Hyannis Port, Massachusetts."

QUESTIONED by the news-men—who pull no punches when a good story is in the wind—Salinger went on to disclose that President-elect Kennedy's TOTAL holdings

95 per cent of the rest of his anatomy is showing. This also reminds me of an experience less than a week old.

That ever so revealing factual film "One in 20,000" was scheduled to be shown to a group in a neighboring city. This film, a 35 minute action packed color and sound presentation, shows an actual lung cancer surgery. Natural tobacco interests are not too happy with it. The truth does hurt and the facts and figures presented cannot be denied. At any rate in two consecutive free showings in the same place but to different groups we found a lot of ostriches burying their heads.

I am thankful that the few who were "brave" saw and learned some things they'll never forget. Yet I am sorry for those who by their apathy and disinterest avoided the truth. In fact some of them right while the film was being shown had not only their "head in the sand" but were continuing a practice which the film showed to be the biggest cause of the increase in lung cancer.

I would like to take this means of thanking the pastor of the Hills, Calif., Community church and others responsible for the good attendance and interest when this film was shown there. I had one lady there tell me, "I'm quitting cigarettes tonight." What a tragedy that so many take better care of their cars than their own bodies.

The improper fuel in your auto's gas tank would soon spell trouble. Think of the disaster that awaits those who willfully continue putting the wrong things into their bodies.

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THIS conflict of interest law hits other federal officials in the pocketbook.

Under its provisions, Secretary of Defense designate Robert S. McNamara had to get rid of his stock in the Ford Motor Company, of which he was president. He said the transaction would represent a potential personal loss to him of between two million and three million dollars over a period of years.

One of his predecessors as secretary of defense, Charles S. Wilson, was caught in the same predicament. In order to serve his country in a post involving heavy responsibility and paying a salary of \$25,000 a year, he had to dispose of his holdings in General Motors at a heavy personal sacrifice.

THIS is the problem. The government of the United States is the biggest business in the world. To handle it properly, we need men who have carried heavy responsibility, who know by experience how to handle the problems involved in BIGNESS.

Should we make it so COSTLY for people of that type to serve their country that they will come to feel that they CANT AFFORD IT?

That's a question that deserves a lot of careful thought.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF
 FORTHRIGHT, at least, is one Colonel J. Carreras, who specializes in making horror films. The Colonel told a reporter from the London Standard, "I am a millionaire, and not a dollar millionaire. Strictly sterling. My pictures make money—all of them. Horror pays off. The public wants horror, sex, brutality, violence. I give it to them."

There's a very clear moral in this: so long as there is a public demand for swill—be it in films, books, newspapers, or television—somebody will always be on hand to provide it!

Classified ad spotted by Joe Wareham: "Wanted: garbage man. \$60 a week and all you want to eat." For some reason, adds Wareham, this advertisement reminds him of an old hit-parade song: "Twas on the Isle of Debris That I Found Her."

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