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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. 19, 1951 (Friday)
Medford Superintendent of Schools E. H. Hedrick began work yesterday to prepare all public schools against the possibility of air raids.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 19, 1941 (Sunday)
A cigarette butt tossed in a pile of waste paper was blamed today for the fire that last night did several hundred dollars worth of damage to the Medford center building.

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 19, 1931 (Monday)
A delegation of local fishermen left for Salem today to urge the legislature to prohibit net fishing in the Rogue River.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 19, 1921 (Wednesday)
A visiting tourist expert said here yesterday that the city needs a tourist camp.

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 19, 1911 (Thursday)
The Rogue river has risen six feet since 8 o'clock this morning and is expected to set a new record high water mark for itself before it crests later today.

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

1. Does a cubic foot of water weigh more than, less than, or the same as a cubic foot of ice?
2. How long did it take Noah to build the Ark?
3. What does the word poll tax mean?
4. What is the principal agricultural crop of Egypt?
5. How many ciphers added to the figure one produce the cardinal number quintillion?
6. Which State was once known as the Territory of Orleans?
7. On which famous document is John Hancock's signature the boldest?
8. Which animal can sleep suspended upside down?
9. Which day of the week is named for Thor, the Norse God of Thunder?
10. Which sign of the Zodiac is for persons born between June 21 and July 23?
Answers: 1. More. 2. 100 years. 3. Head tax. 4. Cotton. 5. Eighteen. 6. Louisiana. 7. Declaration of Independence. 8. The sloth. 9. Thursday. 10. Cancer the Crab.

Ike's "Last Good Night"

President Eisenhower's "last good night" to the people of the United States as their chief executive was one of the best talks he has ever delivered.

It was calm, rational and balanced in tone, both optimistic and cautionary in nature.

Mr. Eisenhower stood revealed, once again, as a nice man, a staunch patriot, a dedicated public servant, and one who has always, throughout his 50 years of public service, been a little removed from, a little above, the hurly-burly of politics and everyday life.

THE most surprising thing about his talk was his warning of the possibility of danger to the democratic process implicit in an industrial-military-scientific elite, created in response to the challenges of the continuing cold war.

And he also deviated from the "everything is hunky dory" theme of the campaign months to grant, and to warn, that serious problems and serious dangers face America.

We do not believe that he painted the dangers and the challenges in vivid enough hues, but since he personally is responsible for much of what happened in the nation and the world during the past eight years, one could hardly expect him to do so.

ONE Washington columnist put it this way.

"(Eisenhower) first promised to balance the budget—he has had four deficits in seven years... He promised to unify the Pentagon—he didn't; end inflation—he didn't; bring prosperity—he didn't."

"His eight years saw the U.S. lose its atomic ascendancy, NATO decay and Cuba defect; his man Dulles showed the bankruptcy of brinkmanship and his chief of staff Sherman Adams retired under a cloud... He attempted nothing in eight years to improve relations with Red China leaving the probability that it will be admitted to the UN next year... At home he followed a program of economic contraction covered by fatuous optimism that produced three recessions in seven years, hobbled national growth and squeezed the vital interests of the country... He vetoed housing, unemployment, distressed areas and river pollution bills... He declined to give moral leadership against McCarthy or for the Supreme Court's ruling against school segregation... He made the country look silly in the U-2 incident and ended his Administration with the hysterical Anderson gold mission to Bonn and the severance of relations with Cuba... He left office with 5 million unemployed... For all this the public loved him as it has no other President and he retires now to Gettysburg with the felicitations and goodwill of an entire nation."

How will history judge his presidency? No one knows. But despite the wry comments above, which are largely true, we join the rest of the country in wishing Dwight Eisenhower a happy and productive retirement.—E.A.

Ski Area and Stadium

Two local proposals are very much in the public eye and mind these days. One is a skiing development on Mt. Ashland. The other is a multi-purpose stadium on fairgrounds property just south of Medford.

Both proposals have merit, it seems to us, and should be closely considered.

Of the two, the skiing area, which would serve probably several thousand valley people and tourists each winter, is nearer to final approval and construction than the stadium, which would serve tens of thousands of people in the spring, summer and fall.

THE county court has been moderately to enthusiastically receptive to proposals that it keep a new road to the skiing area open throughout the winter, and that it work cooperatively with a group of Ashland people and the forest service in working out the details and financing.

This is as it should be. We sincerely hope that the skiing development will be possible. The only reservation we have had is whether or not there is enough snow on the ground, for a long enough period of time, to justify it.

Apparently there is. And in this case we hope it can be constructed and successful, although some of our winter sports-minded friends are inclined to believe that Brown Mountain, near Lake of the Woods, is a better location.

THE county court has been less approachable on the stadium matter. They have rejected the proposal out-of-hand, saying that only a vote of the people would convince them that it should be built.

Thus they have cut themselves out from any further thoughtful consideration of the stadium proposal on its merits. They have in effect refused to make any real investigation, to find out whether it would be economically feasible, whether there would be widespread use or support of the project, and even whether similar projects in comparable communities have been assets or liabilities to the areas involved.

WE HAVE not given all-out support to either the ski area proposal or to the stadium, simply because we have, up to this point, lacked the information on which to base a decision.

Dennis the Menace



TOMMY'S OUTSIDE WAITIN' FOR ME. COULD I HAVE MY BREAKFAST AFTER LUNCH?—

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 Editor a Traitor
To the Editor: This is a little late but still pertinent to a very live issue.

Referring to the editor's reply to the letter of Mr. C. L. Williams, Friday, Jan. 13, the Tribune published a rather lengthy list of names of petitioners for the dissolution of the Un-American Activities Committee.

Who wants to abolish the Un-American Activities Committee? There is a war on. This country is under attack by a relentless foe determined on our destruction by bullets or by ballots or by both.

The Un-American Activities Committee is one of our most effective defense agencies, striving diligently to protect us against the enemy within our gates, right here in Oregon as elsewhere. Those who seek to abolish the Un-American Activities Committee are giving Aid and Comfort to the Enemy, which is treason, and punishable as such.

That list of petitioners: Most of them are unknown to us, but a few are recognizable by the man in the street as such prominent and persistent leaders in the Communist Party Line that genuinely patriotic Americans would not want to see their names associated therewith.

As for the remainder of petitioners, all (save a possible few befuddled dupes) are suspect of Communist sympathies by reason of their association, and all, including dupes, are giving aid and comfort to the enemy by their act in signing the petition.

Incidentally, what became of that petition? Present at the hearing and bearing the petition was Jimmie Roosevelt, worshipful idol of faithful fellow-travelers; but also present was a much larger delegation of anti-Communist supporters of the Un-American Activities Committee. Seeing where the balance of sentiment lay, cannie James, like a Judas Goat, eased himself out of the melee without presenting the petition, leaving around without a leader.

Why did the Editor rise in defense of such an obviously pro-Communist activity? Only he himself can answer that. But the results are not hard to see. One result was to create a feeling in the minds of readers that that "impressive list of notables" could hardly be wrong, and that the Un-American Activities Committee should be abolished. All this is Aid and Comfort for the Enemy—treason.

This correspondent charges that the act of the editor is giving aid and comfort to the enemy, which is treason; and respectfully suggests that he change his course, cease and desist from aiding the enemy and join the fight against this enemy which is more implacable than the public yet suspects.

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"Bad Rabbits"
To the Editor: Every once in a while, we, the conscientious parents who struggle to rear our young to respect the moral laws, are appalled at various news items that recount the torturing of defenseless animals by children.

Going for recreation where people are as thick as flies is not only, in my opinion, hardhearted, but you can also get a lot of stress and strain.

The best place I have found for recreation since the ocean, rivers and lakes have become so populated, is our acre, with its tall pine trees, oak, laurel, cedar, small red woods and firs.

Terror, Uncertainty Mark Beautiful City In Turmoil: Algiers

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
From the waterfront, the city of Algiers rises tier on tier of winding streets, fig palms, blooming bougainvillea and rich cream and yellow structures reflecting the Mediterranean sun.

Directly ahead lies the forum, seat of government reached by a series of long stone steps broken by terraces and green parks.

To the left, beyond the street where the blind Arab storyteller weaves his magic and flies buzz about sides of meat hanging in the open-air shop, the Casbah rises steeply toward barren hill tops.

What it does not reflect is the American consular official's wife who is brought bolt upright in bed in the middle of the night, frightened by the nearby blast of a plastic bomb.

It does not reflect the terror of the low-income European family who live at the Casbah's edge and who barricade themselves in at night.

Nor does it reflect the fear of poverty-stricken Moslems in shanty villages at the city's outskirts.

In Algiers, among many Europeans, there is talk of leaving.

The question is where. Among the large landowners and businessmen, it is not a question of money. Some began moving their money out of Algeria long ago.

But they are among the minority of Algeria's one million European settlers—shop owners, taxi drivers, hotel maids, porters and thousands of others. Many are third generation in Algeria.

So the exodus is not great yet. But among them all there is a common emotion—fear and uncertainty of the future.

businesses which are as valuable to them, as are those investments of Medco stockholders and employees.

Mr. Padgham was correct that "we should all thank... Medco for all the good things they have done for our community." Now let us be sure that the owners of the corporation weigh the cost of the present railroad operation against the cost of the proposed log truck route, and also compare the price to be paid by those who live along the route, by those whose children want to live there, and those who drive Highway 99, Crater Lake highway, Eagle Point Main street, Nick Young road, Gregory road, ad infinitum.

Since it has taken the corporation some years to reach this truck route conclusion, the question of comparative costs may yet be open to more consideration.

Mr. Padgham speaks as part of the lumber industry; long may it live! But somebody in our poorly balanced economy must also speak for other industries on which we especially rely during periods such as the present lumber slump.

The conversion of logging railroads to truck routes may be taking place rapidly. But there is something else taking over rapidly in many communities in this country, and that is poor advance planning to assure the best surrounding for our growing population in an increasingly industrial society.

John Ousterhout
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Stadium Pool
To the Editor: As one who is heartily in favor of the proposed new Stadium being constructed at the Fairgrounds, a Stadium which will make the forthcoming excavation for fill dirt a community asset instead of an eyesore, may I offer a suggestion?

If the Mail Tribune will put its shoulder to the wheel also, and insert somewhere in its coming Sunday edition a straw vote ballot which can be clipped, out, signed and mailed to wherever it will do the most good locally, I feel sure the opportunity to be heard by those who are in favor of this project, will make a lot of those who are concerned sit up and take notice.

With the prospects of such football teams as the 49ers using the stadium for exhibition games (incidentally bringing football fans from as far south as San Francisco; and they bring with them money and business for local hotels, hotels, etc.), to say nothing of the saving to the local taxpayers in having one central stadium for the local high schools, such as Crater High, I strongly feel that we have a golden opportunity to do something that will benefit directly or indirectly, everyone in the county.

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Editor's note: The Mail Tribune did run just such a coupon, last August. The results were 78 for the stadium, 22 against. While not conclusive, of course, we judge these results to be indicative of public sentiment.

March of Communism
To the Editor: We have

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

WHEN EDWIN CORLE was collecting material for an authoritative book on the Grand Canyon, he visited a remote settlement of Havasupai Indians, and being a thorough and systematic worker, he made a detailed study of Havasupai tribal rites and customs before he set out. Thus equipped, he was able to hail the first proud warrior he encountered with a hearty "Tchew Ko-Mew!"

The proud warrior, unfortunately, was too engrossed in listening to an Ella Fitzgerald recording on the radio to execute the elaborate Havasupai welcoming ceremony.

What he said, in fact, and very casually, too, was, "Hi, Butch."

An important literary critic has been hitting the bottle hard of late. His wife now keeps several just-published novels open on the floor so he'll have something to read when he falls on his face.

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Matter of Fact
By Joseph Alsop

INAUGURAL FORECAST
Washington—Tomorrow, John F. Kennedy will first speak out as the 35th President of the United States.

He conceives of his inaugural address as a chance, above all, to strike the note and set the tone for his Administration. And one can already predict what note will be struck, what tone will be set.

The picture the new President will paint of the national situation will contrast sharply with the picture his predecessor has been painting for the past eight years. It will be somber, not rosy, realistic rather than reassuring. But this much altered picture will be left to tell its own story, without any addition of political reinteriminations.

The tone that is set will derive rather directly from the new President's belief that this moment in history has a special, even unprecedented character of its own. He stated that belief, which is the real key to Kennedy's view of the world, in the key passage of his speech accepting the Democratic nomination.

"We must prove all over again whether this nation... can long endure," he told the

read the letter by Lyle Hartzell Sr. of Florence, Ore., under the caption, "Inform the People." He seems well informed on some phases of his topic and foggy on others. He seems unaware that there was a strong Socialist movement in the United States prior to 1917.

That was in the good old days when America was still free. The politicians have had a field day since "Fighting Bob La Follette" led the liberals in the national capitol. During the First World War the United States entered a new economic era. We got the eight hour day, mass production of automobiles, general prosperity with jobs for everyone. Witch hunters ran rampant, free speech was silenced and criticism of the government was akin to treason. There was bootleg booze and bathtub gin to console the malcontents that did not take passage to Russia.

Big Bill Heywood, the general organizer of the Industrial Workers of the World, who was out of jail on a \$10,000 bond, jumped his bail and went to Moscow and became the architect of the present communist economic system. In fact Bill Heywood must be given more credit for the present communist way of life than Karl Marx. Marx gave the world a slogan and an idea. Heywood gave the Russians a concrete plan.

Marx is given credit for the slogan, "Workers of the World Unite, You have nothing to lose but your chains, but a world to win." Under that banner Lenin and Trotsky took political power of the Russians and Lenin sent for Heywood to organize industry. Heywood had already formulated a plan to operate industry in a modern society. He called his plan "Industrial Unionism."

The Russian Communists called Heywood's plan Communism. An axiom of Marxian dogma is that "Capitalism produces nothing faster than its own grave diggers."

It may not be too late to win against Industrial Unionism, but it is later than we think. Mr. Hartzell is correct about the Communists making rapid strides in the last 40 years while Capitalism is killing the goose that laid the golden eggs. Complacency is a characteristic of prosperity and the greatest peril of a social order is the absence of green pasture.

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