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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. 20, 1951 (Saturday)

Immediate and enthusiastic response to a plea for safety and courtesy in the operation of logging trucks was given here by log truck operators Saturday.

William Albert Luman, prominent Medford businessman, died this morning at his home here. He was 60.

20 YEARS AGO Jan. 20, 1941 (Monday)

Medford is serving as the base of operations for an extensive search by the U.S. Army Air Force for a missing bomber from McChord field, Tacoma, believed down in the southern Oregon area.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge" Pot column: "The world will never know what Mr. Hitler said to Mr. Mussolini when they held a conference Sunday, and it does not matter much."

30 YEARS AGO Jan. 20, 1931 (Tuesday)

The city council passed an ordinance yesterday declaring that the city park shall always be a city park. The humane society has taken over the collection of dogs taxes in the county.

40 YEARS AGO Jan. 20, 1921 (Thursday)

Final steps have been taken by the county court to purchase land along South Pacific highway for a county fairgrounds.

A bill providing for regulation of fishing in the Rogue river will probably not be presented to the state legislature this season.

50 YEARS AGO Jan. 20, 1911 (Friday)

The department of interior is reported to be considering a proposal to turn over 126 square miles of land in Crater Lake park to the Army for a training ground.

The city council is giving consideration to an ordinance that would more strictly regulate saloons in the city.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. Name the husband of Pocahontas. 2. How many pieces of silver did Judas get for betraying Christ? 3. What is the motto on all U.S. coins? 4. Who was commander-in-chief of the U.S. Armed Forces during World War I? 5. How many baseball teams are there in each major league? 6. The Vice-President of the U.S. may vote in the U.S. Senate only in case of a tie, true or false? 7. Is a child born in a foreign land of American parents a citizen of the U.S.? 8. Name the second largest planet. 9. "The Spy," "The Pathfinder," and "The Last of the Mohicans" were written by whom? 10. Are there more women in the United States than men?

Answers: 1. John Rolfe. 2. Thirty. 3. "In God We Trust." 4. Woodrow Wilson. 5. Ten. 6. True. 7. Yes. 8. Saturn. 9. James Fenimore Cooper. 10. Yes.

New FAA Boss

With a few minor "nays," most of them voiced from obvious prejudice, it has been amazing to see the degree of acceptance which has greeted the selections of John F. Kennedy for high office in his new administration.

Criticisms, of course, will come later, and will be based on specific acts of commission or omission. But as of today, Inauguration Day, there have been remarkably few.

Mr. Kennedy has shown a remarkable talent for seeking out talent and attracting it to federal service. Time after time he has announced an appointment, and whether the name is well known, the individual, on examination, appears to have outstanding qualifications for the job he is assigned.

THE man he has picked to succeed Elwood P. Quesada as administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency is a case in point.

He has the unusual name of Najeeb E. Halaby.

We'd never heard of him, and neither had knowledgeable friends in aviation circles.

But we'll hear more, for he is in an exceedingly sensitive spot—a position which President Kennedy himself calls "one of the most challenging jobs in the administration."

He has much to do, not much time to do it in, and the built-in opposition of some pretty powerful forces.

BUT, even though he isn't listed in "Who's Who in the West," his record sounds impressive.

He is 45 years of age, and is secretary-treasurer of Aerospace Corp., a private research firm which is the main technical adviser for the Air Force ballistic missiles and space programs.

He has been active in aviation since winning his pilot's wings as a teen ager in 1933. He was a Lockheed test pilot from 1941 to 1943, and a Navy test pilot from 1943 to 1946. As a Navy pilot, he flew the first transcontinental jet flight.

From 1948 to 1954, he was deputy assistant secretary of defense for international security, and in 1953 received the Arthur Flemming award as the outstanding young man in federal service.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY called him the "most competent" man available for the job, and he sounds as though he may well be.

With a background of business, private flying, military flying, and of government administration in a responsible position, he seems uniquely equipped to take over from General Quesada, who must have been hindered more than he was helped by his military background.

One hopes he is more successful than Quesada in bringing to the FAA new energy, new direction, and a new sense of urgency and mission in making the nation's skies safer and air traffic controls more effective, and in balancing the many, sometimes conflicting, needs and demands of commercial, military and general aviation.—E. A.

Who Pulls the Trigger?

Another attempt is being made in the state legislature to abolish capital punishment in Oregon.

Measures to do this have been defeated before by a vote of the people. But there are those who believe that taking a life is just as wrong when done by the state as it is when done by a murderer. And they'll keep trying.

The present proposal, of course, must first get through the legislature (somewhat dubious) and then go to a vote of the people again.

THE average citizen, we suspect, tends to think about capital punishment emotionally, rather than dispassionately. Either he feels it satisfies a need for retribution (in cases where the crime was a particularly nasty one), or is a deterrent to further capital crimes, or, on the other side of the fence, does no good for society, and represents nothing but legalized, state-endorsed, cold-blooded killing.

(Our own most serious objection to capital punishment is the possibility of an innocent man being executed. Better that a hundred "mad dogs" (see communication this page) be allowed to live out their lives in prison than one innocent person die unjustly. And it has happened.)

Even at that, the average citizen, when reading about an execution, tends to feel a certain detachment. It can't happen to him, and he isn't directly responsible, and he isn't called upon to perform the execution, personally, which is done in the name of society.

Perhaps if the last were changed, feelings would change too.

FOR instance, suppose the legislature were to pass a measure and refer it to a vote of the people, which went something like this:

"If this measure shall be approved by a majority of the voters, the maximum penalty for any crime within the State of Oregon shall be life imprisonment.

"If this measure shall fail to be approved by a majority of the voters, the maximum penalty for a crime within the State of Oregon shall be death, to be inflicted in the following manner: "Condemned felons shall be executed by a firing squad composed of 36 persons, one from each county of the state, to be drawn by lot from among registered voters of each county."

It's a moderately fantastic notion, we'll grant. But we still wonder how the vote would go if each voter knew he stood a chance of having to pull the trigger himself, factually, rather than symbolically.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"HE GOT TOUGH, SO I KNOCKED 'IM COLD!"

Election - Inauguration Hiatus Dreaded by U. S. Allies

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

As a new administration takes over in Washington, there also ends a period which has been a period of dread and abhor.

It is that period between the November elections and inauguration day, in which the allies feel that United States policy drifts and that major decisions are put off while an old administration waits to turn over leadership to a new one.

To be sure, firm steps have been taken in the last two months.

The Eisenhower administration moved to slow the flight of gold from the United States.

It broke off relations with Cuba and served stern warning against any attempts by the Castroites to export their revolution to other Latin American nations.

The United States has given strong support to Communist-threatened Laos, even at the risk of a shooting war.

But America's allies feel that these were steps forced by circumstances and do not necessarily represent the thinking of the new administration.

At the French Foreign Office in Paris there is fear of the consequences of the United States, go-it-alone policy in Laos. The French believe that the absence of a united policy there is just one more opportunity for Nikita Khrushchev to drive a wedge between the Western allies.

Nuclear Decision NATO faces momentous decisions, among them one on an American proposal that NATO be armed with nuclear-tipped Polaris missiles and that NATO itself be made a nuclear power.

But, while there is a difference of opinion on the merits of the proposal, no firm decision can be taken until the Kennedy administration declares itself and Congress acts.

Inauguration day in Washington signals the start of new diplomatic activity in Western Europe, and meetings carefully scheduled to take present trend toward the idea that veterans are getting more than they deserve in pensions and other benefits, which to me is the opposite of the truth of the matter. When one joins any of the armed forces of the U.S.A. he enters into a most binding contract to go anywhere in the world to kill human beings, destroy their property in their own homeland, or even in their own homes while thousands of miles from his own home, under conditions of heat, dust, rain, mud, cold, snow and frost bite, fear, hunger and thirst, to name a few. See his buddies killed, maimed and blown to bits while wondering if the next one will be his.

Can anyone think of a service worthy of higher pay than this? Thousands of Veterans are silently suffering deep, painful emotional, and mental wounds for which they have received little or no compensation; while our Congressmen and other government officials serve their country under most favorable conditions in air conditioned offices, halls and homes under best police protection and handsome salaries.

If we are beggars, then what are politicians who travel all over the country spending much time and money literally begging people to vote for them, and promising more than they can deliver.

Had we not done these horrifying services, our Congressmen might not have a big, powerful Uncle Sam to serve for big pay.

All we want is honest pay for our services. Ellet Hitt, 3458 Bursell rd., Medford.

Lincoln Quoted To the Editor: U. S. Rep. George M. Rhodes of Pennsylvania is a champion of the Townsend Pension Plan. His article appeared in a late copy of the Townsend National Courier of Washington, D. C. According to Representative Rhodes, on the "Americans for Constitutional Action" list of members, only 122 of the 537 House and Senate are worthy of support.

"This group speaks for only a small handful who would turn the clock back to the 19th century." "They have plenty of financial backing, but fortunately they underestimate the intelligence of the American voters."

Not a very high percentage of first class diplomats, according to the ACA list. Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president, lived in much the same atmosphere of reactionary times.

Here are a few quotations from Abe Lincoln's speeches, lest we forget what the man said, a century ago: "The Capitalists generally act harmoniously, and in concert, to fleece the people."—Speech in Illinois Legislature, January, 1837.

"The love of property, and conscientiousness of right or wrong, have conflicting places in organization, which often make a man's course seem crooked, his conduct a riddle."—Speech Hartford, Conn., March 5, 1860.

"Inasmuch as most things are produced by labor, it follows that all such things of right belong to those whose labor has produced them."—Notes on Protection Dec. 1, 1847.

"The right of peaceable assembly and of petition, and by Article Fifth of the Constitution, the right of amend-

ment is the constitutional substitute for (armed) revolution."—Letter to A. H. Stevens, Jan. 19, 1859.

"This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government they can exercise their constitutional right to amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it."—First Inaugural address, March 4, 1861.

"You can fool some of the people all the time; you can fool all the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time."—September 8, 1858.

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman st., Medford.

OFFICIALS GO TO JAIL Chicago—LPI—Voters with a yen to see city officials behind bars can visit suburban Homewood Saturday. All available local officials there will remain behind bars until enough "ball" is raised for the 1961 March of Dimes.

... 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.

Ignore It To the Editor: This world does not have an unlimited amount of space for an unlimited amount of people. We do not even have an unlimited amount of fresh water. There are those who seem to think the answer lies in ignoring it.

William R. Sullivan, 1116 South Flower st., Los Angeles 15, Calif.

FPA Now Suspect To the Editor: On Jan. 17, 1961, the Mail Tribune carried an article announcing the beginning of this year's "Great Decisions" program. This program, part of the Foreign Policy Association, is under attack across this country. People claiming to be patriotic rank among groups opposed to FPA, as well as those supporting it.

One group of the opposition, an American Legion post in Georgia, claims, in effect, the Foreign Policy Association is a fraud perpetrated on unsuspecting good American citizens. A serious charge to be sure, and certainly not one to be ignored without prudent investigation.

FPA, through "Great Decisions" offers American Citizens the opportunity of becoming both foreign policy experts, and of influencing history. Surely one must not pass over this lightly, for if FPA is a fraud, this influencing the course of history could be destructive. If therefore, FPA and Great Decisions, is a fraud, we who innocently take part in it will, or could influence history to our own downfall. What could be more pitiable?

A booklet, "The Truth About the Foreign Policy Association," is composed of 111 pages of documentation supporting the claim that FPA is a hoax. If each member of a discussion group feels it worth while to spend a dollar for the FPA booklet, then perhaps each group might further justify spreading the cost of the booklet published by the Americanism Committee, among the group members.

This latter investment might prove to further cement the individual's dedication to FPA, or it would be a small price to pay to keep us from committing an intellectual blunder in the name of patriotism. Send for the booklet to: American Committee, Waldo M. Salton Post No. 149.

The American Legion, 3905 Powers Ferry Road, N. W., Atlanta 5, Ga. Price postpaid \$1.

Robert J. Howard, 828B West 14th, Medford.

Wasn't That Some'n? To the Editor: It is a coarse, brutal world—undeniably coarse and brutal for anyone who hasn't the least dash of coarseness or brutality in his own nature to enjoy it with.

I was thinking in all this wonderful land of ours, would it not be great if all elected offices were filled with honest officials. The honest district attorney does not worry about the underworld. It's the underworld that puts him in labor, the untouchables, the favor-pusher, the gift wrapper, the back slapper, the sin-infested trader of you-for-me.

There is the fear that we shan't prove worthy in the eyes of someone who knows us at least as well as we know ourselves; that is the fear of God. The fear that men won't understand us and we shall be cut off from them; that is the fear of man.

So honesty is back slapped, wrapped and gifted to the underworld. Why not have the elected man-before he takes

office, show a record of his worth, have this record filed. When he leaves office do the same. The honest man would welcome this.

For is it not harder to look after number two than number one, for how do you know what number two wants?

I'd hesitate to abolish poverty myself. Too much good has come of it. When I get overworld do it. When I get to the next world he'll ask me: "Did you live honest?" I'll answer—"Somewhat," and hasten to add, "I sure loved George Washington." And then someone will ask me, "Did you smoke the right cigarette?" And I'll say, "Sure, because I did not trade with anyone."

If honesty gets us there, we'd say to each other, "Wasn't that some'n?" Grady Conner, 723 W. Jackson St., Medford.

Fishing Complaints To the Editor: In the Fish and Game article Jan. 16, lawmakers saw no more bait fishing sports provide the much needed exercise for a handful of citizens on the playing field but none for the spectators. Now consider even six or eight teams with their thousands of fans all converging on the stadium some beautiful Friday evening in the fall, all intent on beating their arch-rivals. The ensuing battle for possession of the stadium should provide plenty of exercise and make healthier citizens among the survivors.

Baseball was also considered for the summer months and also chunks of money brought in by professional football teams practicing at the stadium—more conflict.

Four hundred thousand dollars of taxpayers' money was thought to be enough at first—but on TV Tuesday evening, the planners surmised the cost "might" go to \$600,000 or so. From past experience on these "plans" we would have to cough up at least twice this much or about \$1,200,000 before the "plan" is completed.

We already have a beautiful white elephant on the fairgrounds—the armory—paid for by taxpayers and used relatively few times. Cost figures on this structure against income to date could prove mighty interesting right now. Many of our older and retired citizens living on small fixed incomes or even social security cannot afford to have their taxes drastically raised to provide another white elephant for the county.

The county court is elected and paid by the voters to represent all the people of the county, not a small pressure group. Now we shall see if they are mice or men.

M. J. Olsen, Route 4, Box 325, Medford.

One Less Mad Dog To the Editor: After reading the grisly account of a little girl brutally, needlessly murdered in California this week how can anyone still stand for the abolishment of capital punishments?

There is never any question about an animal gone berserk. He is done to death as quickly as possible. But when man runs amuck, the "do-gooders" of this world rise to his defense. "Don't kill him. It won't deter the next one," they say.

Very possibly true. However, by invoking the supreme penalty at least one mad dog can never strike at the innocent and helpless again.

Phyllis C. Blackstone, 1820 East Main st., Medford.

Honest Pay To the Editor: There is a

place after the world learns of President Kennedy's policies. In Brussels there will be a

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

CHANGING THE GUARD Washington—Put together some things that mix very oddly—or rather do not mix at all—and you have that incredible melange which is Washington in the inaugural season.

Here there is a dollar-grabbing so determined and graceless as to carry out your good free enterprise tradition to a point extreme enough to shake the toughest free-enterpriser who ever lived.

Here is a kind of feverish climbing—social climbing and political climbing—in the face of which men and women of taste have only two possible sources: to grind the tenth, which does no real good; or to laugh aloud, which is far from bad.

The hotel and car-hire people and so on are working the visiting gold lode no less industriously than did the forty-niners a century and more ago in California. And no nonresident could readily credit the volume of name-dropping that goes on, from famous hostesses' tables down to the ill-lit booths in frowsy little beer taverns, about good old Jack and good old Lyndon.

MESSRS. JOHN KENNEDY and Lyndon Johnson, the president-elect and vice president-elect, have far more friends now than they could in reason have hoped to have. They have also got an infinitely larger number of the very closest of old pals than they could possibly have supposed.

Still, all this is only one side of the medal, that side which presents the worst of our national characteristics. (Though even to call them "the worst" is not to say they ought to be regarded as indictable crimes.)

There is the other side, which shows the best that is in us. For right along is the atmosphere of the touring carnival—where the fast buck and the fast "operation" are all too valued—there is an aura of the highest and most unselfish of national purposes and dreams.

BUT—You will say—"I won't have to pay that much." Not in cash, in one lump, maybe. But don't fool yourself. Taxes are added to the cost of doing business and so have to be added to prices. You'll pay your share.

SO MUCH for the total. Let's get down to some individual items. Of Mr. Average Family Man's share of \$1,747.32, national security spending will take the biggest bite—57 cents out of every dollar, or a total of \$997.57.

That, of course, is reasonable enough. National security is more important than anything else. It is more important than EVERYTHING else. If we don't have national security, we won't have anything.

THE next biggest bite to be taken out of Mr. Average Family Man's \$1,747.32 will be INTEREST on the national debt. It will take 11 cents out of every dollar you pay in federal taxes—or a total of \$192.20. That's money paid for a dead horse. It's what YOU OWE every year for what has been paid on the cuff. It will keep getting bigger as MORE is put on the cuff.

INTEREST on the national debt—meaning what has been put on the cuff—costs a total of about 8.5 billion dollars every year.

That's more than it cost to run the whole federal government a generation ago.

FINAL question: Why do we go on spending so much? The answer is quite simple. The politicians think that's what YOU want. As long as the politicians think reckless spending is what the voters want, they will go on spending recklessly—because they will continue to think spending is what it takes to get votes.

If the time ever comes when the politicians get around to thinking the people DON'T want reckless spending, the spending will be reduced. But not until then.

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meeting for foreign ministers from France, Italy, West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

President Charles de Gaulle of France and British Prime Minister Harold of Macmillan have a meeting scheduled, and so do De Gaulle and Konrad Adenauer of West Germany.

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