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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. 24, 1951 (Wednesday)
The Jackson County Fruit-growers have not yet decided to formally oppose reactivation of Camp White, contrary to a report in this paper yesterday.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 24, 1941 (Friday)
The southern Oregon-northern California region was definitely listed today as the number one crash site possibility for a missing U.S. Army bomber carrying seven men.

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 24, 1931 (Saturday)
An Ashland city police officer was shot and killed last night when attempting to halt a stolen car; the suspected killer was apprehended an hour later.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 24, 1921 (Monday)
A bill has been introduced in the state legislature to close all movie theaters in the state on Sundays.

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 24, 1911 (Tuesday)
Jackson county spent a total of \$103,777 to build and improve county roads during 1910.

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

1. Is a minaret the name of a dance or a lofty tower attached to a mosque?
2. The efforts of The March of Dimes are now directed to what?

3. If some one offers you some smear case, would you be able to wear it or eat it?
4. Sister Elizabeth Kenny is most noted for her method of treating what?

5. Did the famous Chicago fire occur before or after the War Between the States?
6. The first State in the Union to grant woman suffrage is nicknamed the Equality State; name it.

7. Is gladioli or gladioluses the plural of gladiolus?
8. The "Davy Crockett" is a new portable atomic weapon; does it belong to the Army, Navy or Air Force?
9. Upon graduation, the U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen are commissioned in what rank?
10. Name the new Secretary of the Navy.

Answers: 1. Lofly tower, 2. Fighting several crippling diseases, 3. Eat it (cottage cheese), 4. Polio, 5. After (1871), 6. Wyoming, 7. Both, 8. Army, 9. Ensigns, 10. John B. Connally.

Miller on Planning

We have been highly critical of the county court (and, by implication, of Judge Earl Miller) in the past.

But there's one thing about Earl Miller—he is a man of courage, integrity and determination. When he makes up his mind that something is right, he sticks with it, no matter what.

And there are two things about which we agree with him 100 per cent.

One is the crucial need for a reorganization of county government and more home rule authority.

The other is the big, and rapidly increasing, need for county planning with teeth in it, and for zoning to put the plans into effect.

MILLER has never made any secret of the fact that he favors home rule, and has stated so in circumstances where that statement was not designed to make him the most popular man of the year.

And, despite widespread misunderstanding of planning and zoning, he has been steadfast in his insistence that the only way to be ready for the future is to plan for it, and the only way to protect existing property rights is to set up safeguards through planning and zoning.

Thus, while we have disagreed with some of his decisions in the past, and have wished for a more aggressive and forward-looking county court, we must qualify that by these remarks, and tip our hat to Judge Miller in the process.—E. A.

Opposite Effect

The thoughts voiced above were motivated by Judge Miller's appearance at the meeting in Eagle Point the other night, when the Medco railroad-truck road proposal was discussed.

At that time he stated that adequate planning and zoning ordinances would be of help in making sure that no one is penalized by new development resulting from improved technologies or from the sheer increase in population.

As it is, the county has little if any effective power in acting to protect residents from such new developments.

PLANNING and zoning, unhappily, are probably the most misunderstood governmental processes in the county today—even more misunderstood than the process of taxation.

People, particularly rural people, tend to distrust planning and zoning, thinking of them in terms of "dictatorship," and "no one can tell me what I can or can't do with my own property."

This sort of reaction completely misses the point—which is that planning and zoning provide protection for EXISTING developments, and only regulate changes, many of which pose threats to the status quo.

IF THIS truth were once well understood, the planning and zoning would be overwhelmingly approved in the county, as they are now in the city of Medford.

They provide an orderly, legal safeguard for existing property values. And if population keeps increasing, and light industry and commercial developments growing at their present pace, valley people will come to demand the protection they afford, rather than decrying them as unwarranted interference with their rights.

The first attempt at county planning and zoning was made in 1948. Now, almost 13 years later, we have made progress—but not enough.

FOUR years ago a planning commission was appointed.

It has developed a subdivision code, which is almost complete but not yet ready for adoption.

Two areas have been zoned by petition of the residents—people who have finally come to realize the protection provided by zoning.

A county building code is nearly completed. Land use maps of the floor of the valley are completed, and some of the population density maps.

These are basic tools necessary for intelligent and forward-looking planning.

THE commission is now using the land use maps to develop a general classification development program which would protect existing values, and spell out in clear-cut terms just what new developments can be permitted in particular areas.

But this work is all preliminary, and the planning commission still needs the trust and cooperation of the residents to put the safeguards of planning and zoning into effect.

It's been a long time—past time that the people of the rural areas came to the realization that these procedures would have almost exactly the opposite effect of the one they fear.—E. A.

Pressure Mounting

One hopes the Oregon legislature will have the backbone to resist the mounting pressure on it to convert itself into a 90-member highway commission, float unspecified millions of dollars worth of highway bonds for the benefit of one part of the state, and change the present highway commission into a five-member group susceptible to regional pressures.

This would be a rejection of the program which has given Oregon just about the best highway department, and system, in the nation, with allocation of funds on a fair and equitable formula.

It would be a long, sad step backward if the legislature succumbs.—E. A.

Dennis the Menace



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Matter of Fact

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THE backdrop of scene two was equally dramatic—the wide balcony jam-packed with grandees' boxes at the inaugural ball in the armory. John F. Kennedy and his beautiful young wife had just made their entrance, so the whole vast room was watching.

From one end of the balcony to the other, there were people in the boxes whom Kennedy wished to welcome, but the crowd made the passage ways absolutely impassable.

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By BENNETT CERF

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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 initials 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.

Voice of a Lamb

To the Editor: It is good to find the time to join communications again. This part of the daily paper is read with interest. I would not fear to make a broad statement that it is also enjoyed, being more or less of a cryptic writer that speaks with the voice of a lamb. To my own particular understanding this voice comes naturally, and being a crusader for the Townsend Plan, I have noted that the most true believers, the most loyal of our ranks, are the ones that are oldest in seniority, oldest in years.

Why is this? The answer is obvious. They have lived the most part of their lives, they know that time is running out, but here in our fair land will still be the aged, the underprivileged and the oppressed, long after their beloved old hearts are laid to rest. So they put their shoulder to the wheel and speak for what they believe is right with their last breath, and I am proud to join them and not ashamed to let the tears run down should one of them be called away.

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Kennedy's 'Begin Anew' Has Hopes for Berlin Settlement

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

In the general acclaim for President Kennedy's inauguration speech, the phrase which particularly seemed to catch European attention was this:

"Let us begin anew. Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate."

In Bonn, the mind of the West German government must turn inevitably to the questions of Berlin and divided Germany.

Here, the imagination and the bold new approach to world problems which Europe generally expects of the new U.S. administration will be needed. Both have defied solution since 1944.

Reds Stand Firm

In his statement of Soviet policy earlier this month, Premier Nikita Khrushchev

made it clear that there will be no Communist departure from the previous tough line on both Berlin and Germany as a whole.

In general, Khrushchev demands the end of West Berlin's Allied occupational status, a withdrawal of the 10,000-man Allied garrison and establishment of West Berlin as a "free, demilitarized city" under international guaranty.

For Germany as a whole he has demanded either international recognition of a permanent division in separate peace treaties with the East and West Germans, or, possibly, a German confederation to be worked out by the Germans themselves and giving both East and West an equal voice in its administration.

Unequal Vote

The latter, in effect, would give the 18 million Germans of East Germany a vote equal to 54 million West Germans and provide a built-in Communist veto against any ties with the West, including NATO.

To these proposals, President Eisenhower said in March 1959:

"The United States will not try to purchase peace by forsaking two million free people of Berlin," nor will it submit to any permanent and compulsory division of Germany.

President Kennedy's inauguration speech indicated that his administration will be at least as firm.

Berlin, deep inside Communist territory, is not militarily defensible for long. If it really is to be guaranteed, it must be through reunification of an independent, free Germany.

This is the problem that defies solution and yet eventually must be solved.

Washington Report

By William S. White

WASHINGTON - Plaintive voices now understandably ask, as though from the darkness of a deep well: "What are the Republicans doing?"

The answer is that they are not idle. They are neither shattered in morale nor short on constructive planning for other election years to follow the one they have so recently lost.

The onset of the new Democratic administration of President John F. Kennedy has not left the Republicans filled with state bitterness or with the sole, bitter purpose of opposing anything and everything the Democratic winners may now do, just for opposition's sake.

The leadership of the G.O.P. has quietly passed from private citizen Dwight Eisenhower to private citizen Richard Nixon and public citizen Thurston Morton. And the truth is that public citizen Morton—who is a Republican senator from Kentucky and chairman of the Republican National committee—has an affirmative plan with which he hopes to put the party on the comeback trail.

MORTON'S policy—and it is also former Vice-President Nixon's policy—is to accentuate the positive. With Nixon's approval, Chairman Morton is setting out to reform, not the Republican party itself, but rather the Republican party's vote-getting techniques.

He is giving the party faithful an accurate summary of last November's election. He is saying to them that though they were undeniably if narrowly licked in the presidential race they have no reason to despair. He is pointing out that Mr. Kennedy defeated Mr. Nixon—but not necessarily the R-e-c-o-r-d of the Eisenhower Administration. He is stressing that at the grass roots the Republicans actually made significant strides: a net gain of 21 seats in the house of representatives and two in the senate; victories in ten state legislative bodies against only two losses there; a gain of two governorships.

ALL this, Morton rightly argues, does not mean that the G.O.P. lies dead. Nor do the presidential results of last November prove that the party was not "tough" enough and all that. What those results do mean, he is telling the organization Republicans, is that the party has a great deal of work to do in these areas:

1. The G.O.P. must find a way to enter "the practicalities of big-city politics"—or, in blunter words, it must learn how to cut into the vast big-city vote given to Kennedy.

2. The G.O.P. must develop a "security program" for vote-counting on election day. This, in ordinary language, means Morton thinks the Republicans were out-counted last November in too many places. This is a debatable proposition. For, speaking generally, wherever the Democratic city slickers may give the Republicans a fast count, the rural Republicans around the courthouse square will be giving the Democrats a similarly fast count.

3. The G.O.P. must get busy in registering its people and then in persuading them to go out to vote. The Morton purpose here is, actually, to copy pretty much the urgent techniques of such allies of the Democratic party as the big labor unions.

THERE is nothing breathlessly new and terribly dramatic in his program; but there is a great deal of sense in it. For melodrama in politics is for the theater—or for the birds.

The problem is just to put one vote after another; and that's what the new Nixon-Morton leadership's new proposals try to do.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Have you read President Kennedy's inaugural address—in full?

If not, you'd better read it. It is a reassuring document. There is nothing namby-pamby about it. It seems to come straight from the shoulder.

FOR example, he says: "We dare not forget today that we are the heirs of that first revolution which created our nation. . . . Let every nation know, whether it wish us well or ill, that we shall pay ANY price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend or oppose any foe in order to assure the survival and success of LIBERTY."

If we still have that kind of moral fiber, the challenge of world communism will be met and defeated. It is up to U.S. to prove we have it.

HE goes on: "To those old allies whose cultural and spiritual origins we share, we pledge the loyalty of faithful friends. United, there is little we CANNOT do. Divided, there is little we can do."

with awe-inspiring thoroughness. We are grossly unprepared for the task ahead of us, and we can only hope that the people of the world realize what must be done—and begin at once to do it.

"Not a second must be lost. Every teacher, every professor, every social worker now has a job that surpasses in importance that of any other man on earth! Now we will see if they are capable of preserving it."

"The war will be over in a matter of days. To say anything else at a time such as this would be stupid and unnecessary."

The first prophecy was by a well known financier, the second was by a scientist, this third one comes from a young man at the front and was written a week before Japan surrendered.

His name is Cyril Sander, he is an Army sergeant stationed on a small island in the Philippines. The letter was written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Sander, Medford, and we are glad to give it space, for by all odds it is to date the best thing on this vitally important subject we have seen.—R.W.R.

Truly, a worthy son that a father can continue to live in. F. J. Clifford, Route 2, Box 200F, Central Point, Ore.

Welfare Changes
To the Editor: I have been reading your column for some time and enjoyed it very much.

Now I think I'd like to air my grievances, namely—the Public Welfare Commission.

I may be misinformed but it has always been my understanding that our tax dollars, in part, went toward the support of this plan. If so why are women with children in school refused support?

We seem to be spending quite a lot on foreign aid—which is fine I suppose—but don't you think we should take care of our own first?

Personally, I feel that some changes should be made in this area. But does anyone know how it can be done? Bettye West, 6331 Table Rock road, Central Point, Ore.

Editor's Note: Welfare assistance varies according to the need of the individual, and sometimes facts are not known to those outside the family. If you have a particular case in mind, it might help to check with the welfare commission to see if anyone is being deprived of necessities.

WHAT of Ike? Kipling described it in his Recessional: The tumult and the shouting dies; The captains and the kings depart; Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice. An humble and a contrite heart!

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That's the Ike who was so often missing from his headquarters just before a big battle. In these cases, he was likely to be found out around a foxhole somewhere talking to GI's who were due to go over the top in the grim hours of the next morning.

That's the Ike who for eight years has been the world's most loved and trusted ruler. Never before was an American President subjected to such a barrage of propaganda designed to tear our country down in the opinion of the world's people. It failed because the world's PEOPLE trusted Ike. That's GREATNESS.

Happy landings, old comrade!