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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. 26, 1951 (Friday)
The Medford water commission is continuing preliminary study on the cost of fluoridation of the local water supply, according to Water Superintendent Robert A. Duff.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 26, 1931 (Monday)
The city of Ashland was frked last week when a site inspector for a veterans home, declined to even stop and look at the city.

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 26, 1921 (Wednesday)
A combination wrestling and boxing show at Gold Hill tomorrow is expected to attract a large crowd.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 26, 1911 (Thursday)
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What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. In which country is the city of Basel?
2. Who was Abraham's wife?
3. Does the Paul's Scarlet climbing rose bloom in the spring, fall, or all summer?
4. Correct the following sentence: "The rains continues."

Freedom of Religion

A great deal has been written about a "religious revival" in America in recent years. Church membership is up; interest in religious matters, and in religion itself, has increased; and the question of whether the "revival" is real or merely apparent, has been debated.

But we have heard less of a religious revival overseas, even in the lands where Christianity is the majority belief. We have heard even less, for some reason, about the state of religion in those countries which are predominantly Moslem, Buddhist, Hindu, or which adhere to one of the lesser religions.

One revealing account, giving an interesting view of why religion in America is more "live" than elsewhere, was contained in an article written by Louis Cassels, religious writer for the United Press International, for "Liberty," the magazine of religious freedom.

His article, reprinted from "Liberty," said:

America's churches today are in far healthier condition than those of Western Europe. And the authors of the United States Constitution deserve at least part of the credit for this fact. That is the outstanding conclusion reached by this reporter after six weeks of visiting churches and interviewing churchmen in England, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy.

American churches have never suffered from this handicap. The founding fathers saw to that when they wrote into the First Amendment to the Constitution a sweeping freedom-of-religion clause that forbids the Government to aid, favor, or sponsor any particular church.

WHAT, precisely, does the First Amendment say? "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; . . ."

This simple phrase has been the bulwark of religious liberty for almost a century and three-quarters. It has been supplemented by the constitutions of many states, too. For instance, Oregon's constitution says:

"All men shall be secured in the natural right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences. . . . No law shall in any case whatever control the free exercise and enjoyment of religious opinions, or interfere with the rights of conscience. . . . No religious test shall be required as a qualification for any office of trust or profit. . . . No money shall be drawn from the treasury for the benefit of any religious or theological institution, nor shall any money be appropriated for the payment of any religious services in either house of the legislative assembly. . . . No person shall be rendered incompetent as a witness or juror in consequence of his opinions on matters of religion, nor be questioned in any court of justice touching his religious belief, to affect the weight of his testimony."

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WE BELIEVE it is. But there are others who argue that this is not supporting religion, but education. In any event, the matter is a live one, and despite the forthcoming judicial decisions on these specific questions, will continue to be hotly debated.

And that is as it should be in the land of the free.—E.A. In an editorial here Tuesday, recounting the progress of county planning and zoning, it was indicated the county subdivision ordinance is not yet in effect. That's wrong. It has been in effect for nearly two years.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"WINTER SURE GETS LONG WHEN CHRISTMAS IS OVER."

Blame for Farm Production Failures Avoided by Mr. K

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

On Feb. 8, 1955, almost six years ago, Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov mounted the rostrum of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow and abruptly submitted his resignation because he had not been able to cope with the U.S.S.R.'s agricultural problems. Last week, the man who now sits in Malenkov's chair, Nikita Khrushchev, admitted again that after six years of tinkering the Soviet agricultural system still was "very imperfect."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

THE NEW AMBASSADORS Washington—Naming his Ambassadors in a new way is one of the devices President Kennedy means to use, in order to give the U.S. a new look before the world. Since the specifications have been made more exacting, more exacting posts abroad have been made less easy to fill.

Enough posts have now been tentatively or finally allocated, however, to give a good idea of the new President's approach to this problem. The Embassy in London, to begin with, will definitely go to the senior American diplomat, David K. E. Bruce, whose skill and wisdom have already been tested in Paris and in Bonn.

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and there appeared no likelihood he would suffer the fate of Malenkov. But as Soviet farm trouble shooter dating back to Stalin's time, it appeared that Khrushchev's planning had been less than perfect. The "virgin lands" plan by which Khrushchev proposed to produce millions of tons of grain in cold and distant Kazakhstan and Siberia, so far had been a disappointment. In 1957, he promised that by 1960 or 1961 the Soviet Union would be producing as much meat per capita as does the United States. But by the end of last year, Soviet production still was less than half that of the United States. Heralding a new deal for the Soviet consumer, Khrushchev said last week that true socialism and communism cannot be built on industry alone and that more attention must be paid to the farms.

Editorial Comment

TO THE LADIES

There should be an especially warm welcome in the Senate for Maurine Neuberger. It's not only that she's prettier by a considerable margin than most Senators. It's not even that she succeeds a husband, the late Richard Neuberger, who set an extremely high standard for fairness, courage and intelligence. It is simply that Mrs. Neuberger herself brings to the Senate a great deal of experience of her own in legislative halls, a great deal of resourceful toughness in legislative infighting and a great deal of native shrewdness and good sense.

Women have not been numerous in the Senate, although the record of those who have served there would justify electing many more of them. Mrs. Neuberger will have only one colleague of her own sex—Margaret Chase Smith who will be sitting on the other side of the aisle and who has long been, in more than one sense, an ornament to the Senate.

Together these ladies are quite likely to teach a valuable thing or two to the distinguished gentlemen who surround them.—Washington (D.C.) Post.

THE list of names above-given also has other features of considerable human interest. For instance, the decision to send Charles E. Bohlen to Paris was apparently quite final only a few weeks ago. In making the treaty with Rooney, the President even used Bohlen as his prime illustration of the need for more funds for the expensive Embassies. Thus it was more than a little inconvenient to change Bohlen's assignment.

Yet the change was rather promptly made when Bohlen pointed out to Secretary of State Dean Rusk that he cared less about the great honor of going to Paris than about doing the work for which he has special experience. Instead of being troubled by the inconvenience, Kennedy was much impressed by the disinterestedness of Bohlen's wish to go on practicing his Sovietological, or demological, art without regard to the superficial questions of rank and title.

Overall, one must add, this list of Ambassadorial selections is remarkably encouraging. Any one who travels often abroad knows how much good can be done by qualified American Ambassadors, and how much harm can be done by bores. Many admirable Ambassadors were chosen under the old system, but it was a wrong system nonetheless. It is good to see good Ambassadors by pre-

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.

Marilyn, Democrats & Others
To the Editor: The rumor that Marilyn Monroe goes around without under garments is without foundation. There is also another rumor that is without foundation. To the contrary, the Inaugural Ball to be held Saturday evening in Ashland is not just for Democrats alone. It is open to the public.

Reasons Why
To the Editor: Potpourri, in Sunday's Mail Tribune, gave all the good reasons why the promoters for a stadium in Medford should not get Jackson county's tax payers money. This article should be re-printed in the editorial column.

Delia A. Littlefield, Shady Cove, Ore.

Hopes for MRA
To the Editor: Why do we have no coverage of these happenings? See enclosed Information Service and Clipping from the Los Angeles Examiner.

Editor's note: The enclosures mentioned in the letter above were descriptive of MRA - "Moral Re-Armament" - a movement headed by Frank Buchman, which seeks to establish a "new ideology" in the west in opposition to Communism. It has met with considerable success in some quarters, less in others. While there have been occasional references to it in the news, particularly in areas where it has been active, it has not yet achieved sufficient noteworthiness, apparently, to be considered a major news subject by the nation's wire services, which provide news for most newspapers. If the MRA has a local organization we would be happy to receive and print news of its activities.

Vivian S. Fleit (Mrs. J. H.) 1407 Saling ave. Medford

Workers Thanked
To the Editor: During the recent political campaign many good people worked hard and effectively for the cause of good government.

Key figures in this effort were numerous, but among those most deserving of recognition are Joseph Walsh and Mrs. Jim Ragland, both of Medford, chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Jackson County Central committee. Both recently announced their resignation from these posts.

Along with their Democratic counterparts, they worked for candidates who shared their political philosophy. They led in the organization of the precincts, the raising of finances and in all other areas of political work. Their contribution is of great importance because this great Republic will flourish only so long as its free citizens accept their responsibilities.

They, like all others who worked with the Jackson County Republican Central committee, are volunteers. Their only pay is the satisfaction of having contributed to their government.

As a volunteer myself, and on behalf of the Republican party, I want to publicly express my gratitude and admiration for their efforts. They deserve thanks and recognition from all citizens.

Peter Gunnar, Republican State Chairman, 180 Commercial st. NE Salem, Ore.

Ode To Fog
To the Editor: When the fog is on the ground, And the sky is clear above, Then the weather's "upside down."

A misty vapor out of bounds. Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman Medford, Ore.

New York—UPI—The American Heart Association announced Wednesday it spent \$24.37 million during the 1959-60 fiscal year to combat heart disease—including a record \$9.05 million for research.

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS
The inaugural address was a remarkably successful piece of self-expression. It sounded the keynote of the executive's qualifications, the qualities which the world has come to expect of the President. The address was brief, it was deliberate and efficient and ardent.

It was not a statement of new policies, although it implied that there would be new policies. It was rather a restatement in fresh terms of the purposes in which virtually all of us in this country believe. For the nation is not divided about the purposes which the President affirmed.

WHY then has the address been received not only here but almost everywhere else, except in China, with so much hope and anticipation?

Mr. Kennedy was announcing no purpose which Mr. Eisenhower before him had not declared, and it was evident that as he heard the address, Mr. Eisenhower was moved and pleased. The hope and anticipation with which the old purposes have been received are due to the belief in the strength and the efficiency of the Kennedy administration, and since then by the way in which he put together his Administration, Mr. Kennedy has built up the impression that it has the know-how to do what it decides to do.

It remains to be seen, of course, whether President Kennedy can do what so many believe he will do. The central weakness of the Eisenhower administration was that the noble generalities which the President proclaimed were so often not the principles of action in the Administration over which he presided. He was detached from, not in command of, the State Department, the Pentagon, and the other great agencies of national power. There is good reason to hope that in this crucial respect things will now be different.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The luxury 200,000-ton Caribbean cruise liner Santa Maria, flying the flag of Portugal, with 600 sun-seeking passengers aboard, is SEIZED BY PIRATES somewhere in the Caribbean sea. Some 50 to 100 men were involved in the piracy. Armed with tommy-guns, grenades and pistols (there are no reports of cutlasses carried in their teeth) they rush the Santa Maria's bridge, kill one officer, wound another and take the captain prisoner. The passengers were terrified, but apparently none of them were hurt.

A later radio broadcast from the Santa Maria says the passengers will be put ashore safely at the first port willing to guarantee that the seized ship won't be interned.

TWO U.S. destroyers and a British frigate are searching the seas. The U.S. cans are under orders to search the Santa Maria AFTER locating her, and if an act of piracy has been committed to escort her to the nearest U.S. port.

The British admiralty says its vessels have been ordered to try to arrest the liner if it can be done peacefully outside territorial waters (that is, on the high seas) without loss of life or the risk of scuttling.

The leader of the pirate band is reported to have stated that the seizure of the ship is the first step toward overthrowing the Salazar government of Portugal. Apparently the pirate crew includes a press agent.

It's a screwball world. What next?

A thrifty thought: Maybe, if you're planning a cruise, you'd better add piracy to the risks covered by your insurance policy.

TEMPERATURE report: At International Falls, Minnesota, the other morning it was 32 BELOW, and at Anchorage, Alaska, it was 32 ABOVE. It was 31 below at Devils Lake, North Dakota, and 31 above at Juneau.

Even the weather has gone cockeyed.

IN conclusion: Here in the State of Jefferson, we're happy to report there are no pirates on Klamath Lake, the weather is mild, the recession isn't biting too hard and nobody is planning to overthrow the government.

For which let us be thankful.

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

COMMENT BY a school teacher at a recent Ohio convalescence: "The procedure for failing a high school student these days has become so complicated that we just don't do it any more. First we must clear with the principal and superintendent. Then we must call the parents and have a series of conferences. If they object, as they usually do, they appear before the Board of Education and we are overruled. So we don't fail a student any more. We just give him a D and pass the problem along to the teacher in the next higher class."

Has word reached you yet about the beatnik lass who got married? Instead of getting a shower, she's taking one. Furthermore, they're serving smorgasbord at the wedding reception. Beatniks have a swede tooth.

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