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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

Feb. 19, 1951 (Monday) Because of a delay in mail service, the Blondie, Buzz Sawyer and Barney Google comic strips did not arrive for publication today; they will be published upon their arrival.

Approximately 3,000 persons saw the Kiwanis Kapers and Minstrel show during its four performances last week, members of the club here estimated today.

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 19, 1931 (Wednesday) John W. Snider, 528 Pennsylvania ave., is among the 28 youths from this area who are to leave for Portland tomorrow where they will be given their final check-up for a year of military training.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 19, 1931 (Thursday) The Jackson county court plans to tour county court-houses in the Willamette valley preparatory to erection of a new courthouse here.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 19, 1921 (Saturday) The Elks Minstrel show will be held at the Page theater tonight.

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 19, 1911 (Sunday) Representatives of a group of 200 members of the International Workers of the World, who were ejected from a train near Ashland Thursday night, told the Mail Tribune today they will proceed to their destination in Fresno, Calif., by foot, if they have to.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. John Paul Jones did, or did not, serve in the Russian Navy? 2. Does the "ship of the desert" have wheels, a propeller, or feet? 3. What does U.S.P. stand for on the label of a medicinal product? 4. Sound travels faster in water, iron, or air? 5. Which country is our closest Latin American neighbor? 6. Which rank in the army corresponds to Ensign in the Navy? 7. Who wrote the book "I Chose Freedom"? 8. What sort of work is done by a cooper? 9. The Frisian islands are off the coast of what country? 10. What is the Capital of South Carolina? Answers: 1. Did. 2. Feet (camel). 3. United States Pharmacopoeia. 4. Iron. 5. Mexico. 6. 2nd Lieutenant. 7. Victor A. Kravchenko. 8. He makes barrels, casks, etc. 9. The Netherlands. 10. Columbia.

Any Reason for Being?

While a new Administration is searching for new frontiers, the 20-year-old House Un-American Activities Committee is back at the same old stand, searching for new appropriations.

One of the ironies of the November elections was that it produced a liberal President but a more conservative House. A realistic count of noses has discouraged plans by Representative James Roosevelt of California and others to induce the House to abolish its gumshoe group.

"It is still politically dangerous," Mr. Roosevelt says, "for many members of Congress to express by means of a direct vote their innermost feelings about the committee."

AS A substitute for abolition, the Californian hopes to get the House to examine and reduce the committee's appropriations. These have been running at \$327,000 annually.

In the last Congress, only two House committees received more funds, and they conducted major investigations of commodity surpluses and television scandals, among other business.

The Un-American committee, by contrast, provided nothing really new in the way of subversive activities investigations or legislation. It did provide documents for a private firm to produce a defensive and twisted film called "Operation Abolition." And the private company has sold copies to the Defense Department, another branch of government.

MR. ROOSEVELT has a public responsibility to ask whether such a committee deserves more funds than the essential committees on armed services, ways and means, education and labor, and agriculture.

But the funds involved are not the main reason for examining the committee's appropriation. The main reason is to oblige the committee to justify its demand for funds, and thus justify itself. Every legislative committee ought to have a legislative purpose. What is the purpose of the Un-American Activities Committee?

Chief Justice Warren raised that same question less than four years ago in the Watkins case. Holding that there was no legal power to expose for exposure's sake, he asked, "Who can define the meaning of 'un-American'?"

TO THIS day the committee has offered no definition. Instead it has compiled a record of insinuation and intimidation.

Congressman Roosevelt reduced the committee's logic to this: the committee is anti-Communist; anyone who opposes it is anti-anti-Communist; ergo, since two negatives make a positive, anyone who opposes the committee is pro-Communist.

The House should ask its pampered inquisitors to justify their expenses. In doing so, they ought to justify the committee's purpose and continued presence in days of new frontiers, so far removed from old mists of hysteria.

—St. Louis Post-Dispatch

What Is the U.N.?

The United Nations—as an idea and as an institution—is an extension of the western ideas; of the western belief in the worth and dignity of the individual; of western ideology; of western parliamentary tradition. Its roots are in the western ideal of representative government.

In short, it is thoroughly anti-totalitarian. When one stops to consider the philosophical foundation of the United Nations, it is easier to understand why Premier Khrushchev pounds the desk in frustration.

So we must, I believe, cherish, preserve, strengthen this great experiment in international collaboration in these days of savage attack and severe testing. We should use it not as a device in this cold war, nor just in defensive reaction to Soviet initiatives, but affirmatively to advance its great purposes — to liberate man from the scourges of war, poverty, disease, ignorance and oppression.

It is a mistake, in my judgment, for us to see in the U.N. merely a desperate survival operation, without also exploiting its potential as a cooperative search for better answers to the overhanging questions, "After survival, what then?"

Peoples are best cemented together, after all, not by mutual fear but by mutual hope.—From Adlai Stevenson's testimony before the Senate committee on foreign relations, prior to his confirmation as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Taming the Flu Virus

Britain has been hard-hit with an Asian flu epidemic this winter and reports from Japan tell of school closings in Tokyo caused by the same scourge. U.S. Public Health Service officials doubt that this country will experience influenza in epidemic proportions this year, even though a few cases are bound to be brought across the oceans.

Flu normally comes in two- or three-year cycles, and the United States suffered an extraordinary number of cases in 1960. Now the population at large should have developed enough natural immunity to resist the virus this year.

Nevertheless, flu immunization is recommended for certain "special risk" groups: persons with chronic diseases (especially respiratory), pregnant women, and all persons 65 years of age or older. The new vaccines, and antibiotics, take much of the fright out of the word "flu."—E.R.R.

Dennis the Menace

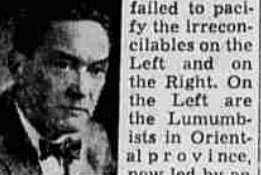


"AW, DARN! HIS PANTS ARE SO TIGHT MY FROG CAN'T GET STARTED!"

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

CRISIS IN THE CONGO In the Congo, the U.N. and the U.S.A. now find themselves in the middle. They have tried and failed to pacify the irreconcilables on the Left and on the Right. On the Left are the Lumumbists in Oriental Africa, now led by a



Communist, Gizenga, and openly supported by the USSR. On the Right is the province of Katanga led by Tshombe, and supported by Belgium.

The two warring extremes have several things in common. Both are opposed to the U.N. and both are demanding that the U.N. troops be withdrawn. They want a field to fight their civil war. Both are opposed to conciliation and each believes in a civil war it has the most to gain. Both hate the peace-makers.

Presumably the Left believes that with the help of the USSR and of the United Arab Republic and the other Casablanca nations it can conquer the whole Congo. Presumably the Right believes that with Belgian support it can at least hold the rich and crucial province of Katanga, and in the course of time draw the West, including the United States, into more and more active support of its cause.

THE grim fact is that among the Congolese factions which have arms and some authority there is none that looks to the U.N. for a solution. This is true of the Communist Gizenga in Stanleyville, of the Belgian Tshombe in Elizabethville, and of our somnolent Kasavubu in Leopoldville.

There is indeed reason to suspect, in view of the sequence of events, that the murder of Lumumba was perpetrated when it began to appear that the Western powers were agreed on proposals for the pacification of the Congo including the release of Lumumba. The men who murdered him wanted not only to do away with Lumumba, whose hold on the masses was growing while he was in prison. They wanted to establish the idea that the only way to deal with the Congo is to fight out the civil war.

As against this, there is the fact that a collapse into international civil war in the Congo will involve most of Africa in the cold war. If that happens, it will be a lethal blow to the hopes of the new African state for peaceable development.

Even if these states are not involved in the fighting, the big powers both East and West will have little time, energy, or money for assisting their development. For this reason the vital interest of the new African states lies in preserving the United Nations.

OUR best hope in Africa is staked on this also. For many reasons including our own Negro problem at home, the United States can make no military intervention in Africa without pushing popular sentiment toward the Soviet Union. Only if our actions in Africa are not military, are technical and humanitarian, can we expect our influence to be accepted.

The bold spirits among us who think otherwise, and would like us to intervene in the primitive states of Africa, will have to learn that Rudyard Kipling and Queen Victoria are dead, besides which they were not Americans.

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Youths Reminded of Draft Registration

The Jackson county draft board reminded young men they must register for the draft on attaining the age of 18. The law requires that every young man must register within five days thereafter.

Members of reserve groups or the National Guard must also comply with the law. Men on regular active military duty must register within 30 days after discharge, or if not previously registered; or if they have been previously registered, they must report within 10 days of discharge.

Failure to register on time could result in the person being declared delinquent, resulting in the possibility that he could be prosecuted or inducted ahead of others. Registrants are reminded also to bring their birth certificates when registering.

"You men," my old time THU-i-cum told them, "have volunteered for last desperate home-guard duty as many thousands of others are doing. Dedicated as you are for the sacrifice of your last ounce of treasure and life if need be. You have honored me, the CO for the time being. Now, it does not matter in the least what you think of Frank

trying to push a heavy, stalled vehicle over a rise in the road. If they get it to the top, it will coast in the clear and its engines will pick up again. If their strength, their levers and pulleys fail, the vehicle will not remain where it is, but will roll back upon them, careening and wrecking with increasing speed and damage.

One such vehicle is the domestic economy. As employment creates more employment, so does unemployment create more unemployment; and one has the feeling that this recession is very near the critical point after which it will rapidly feed and grow. If it is not checked now on its own poisonous, self-generated fuels.

The second such vehicle is the Atlantic alliance. It is not merely spinning its wheels in stationary position—it is definitely slipping downhill under the gravitational pull of disintegrative forces too complex and numerous for explanation here, but which include the spreading psychology of European neutralism, the impasse over nuclear strategy, and de Gaulle's resistance to further unification until France is in a position to lead the new Europe, and

outcome still years away at best.

A third such precariously situated vehicle may well be, not U.S.-Russian relations in general, for which no smooth highway is even in sight, but the mutual U.S.-Russian need and desire to begin on controlled disarmament. Success in this must be desirable in and of itself, illusory as it is to assume that a success here must lead to further successes in liquidating the worldwide cold war.

In the first two of these efforts it seems certain, and in the third it seems likely, that unless the Kennedy momentum is maintained and for months ahead the relative decline of Western power and influence will not only be arrested but will precipitously increase.

We will all have to remind ourselves from time to time as he makes mistakes in his haste—as he surely will—that haste is by no means imposed upon the government solely by the President's nature but by the disintegrative nature of the West's present condition.

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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 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.

Something To Work On

To the Editor: Medford High school is fortunate in having a fine athletic system. You would have to go far to find athletic prowess on the whole better than ours! Just think what physical health, what mental giants we would have if the students would go back to the bicycle!

Oodles of cars are parked every day all around the school and believe it or not I only found two bicycles. I challenge and suggest the student body president, the student heads of the senior, junior, sophomore and freshman classes get together and change the world—yes I mean change the world, or at least the United States.

I feel sure an interested organization, or news paper would cooperate and help. Take before and after pictures. For instance now you have many, many cars around the school and practically no bicycles. After — all bicycles and no cars.

What a revelation, what a shot in the arm for the school and the city of Medford, with a little promotion on this by the heads of the students, by setting the example and riding the bicycles themselves. I really believe with a little slapstick promotion showing a young Charles Atlas that and suddenly after riding a bicycle to school he becomes a young Charles Atlas that Life magazine and the United Press would put Medford, Ore., on the map.

Students, this you can do yourselves and receive glory and rewards galore—but it mainly takes the place of the intestinal fortitude (guts) that us fathers lack in denying you folks automobiles.

No bitterness, just trying to help. Bill Laurine, 396 Pierce rd., Medford, Ore.

P.S. Maybe the teachers and businessmen and doctors could completely solve the parking problem by riding bicycles to work.

Come on students lets work on this.

Stand Solid, United To the Editor: Way, way back the Kaiser's legions were ripping their "der tag" across the face of Europe and the ghastly first impact of airplane warfare, as predicted by dishonored Billy Mitchell, was being rained on weeping farm, city and village folk of Norway, Holland, Denmark and other lands, bending over the blasted and bleeding bodies of loved-ones, raising their hands and faces to God Almighty in Heaven. Why all this should be?

A year or two later, my own personal affairs were being hurried into shape so my dear one could take over in providing for our two small children as grim notification had come for me to be ready for over-seas duty. Solemn-faced middle-aged men were being assembled in the square of the upper Columbia river country of north central Washington. They were being briefed by Spanish War Veteran Frank Thompson, (many years gone now) of Ashland, administrator of the Butler public relief fund for the Elks Lodge there.

"You men," my old time THU-i-cum told them, "have volunteered for last desperate home-guard duty as many thousands of others are doing. Dedicated as you are for the sacrifice of your last ounce of treasure and life if need be. You have honored me, the CO for the time being. Now, it does not matter in the least what you think of Frank

Thompson. He may be just a yellow dog in some of your estimations. But the hard fact remains that in choosing Frank Thompson as your CO, you place him as a living symbol of the colors your flag-bearer holds aloft. So when he gives orders, it is the flag of your country speaking to you, which you must carry out to the best of your ability."

So today, as our majority chosen CO, John Kennedy shoulders the heavy burden of presidential duties and must alone make the many final and fateful decisions, we must, regardless of his policies and promises, stand solidly and unitedly with him to our last ounce of treasure and life if need be.

For as he warns us, our survival as a nation is at stake. And our best weapon of defense, it seems to me, is to present a united front to the enemy wherever he be, that we are dedicated to the cause of freedom of a government of the people, by the people, for the people that shall not perish from the earth.

F. J. Clifford, Route 2, Box 200F, Central Point, Ore.

Lucky Monkey To the Editor: We put a chip into a nose cone of a rocket and shot him into the air. He sure wuz a lucky monkey. He never went where I said he wuz going.

Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

Asks 'Equal Time' To the Editor: Lately, there seems to have been a number of letters of a religious nature appearing in the Communications column. I have no quarrel with the Mail Tribune's editorial policy in this matter, and ask only for "equal time."

In his letter, appearing in the February 14th Mail Tribune, Mr. Henry Johnson Jr. takes issue with a certain minister and his radio station. In this letter, Mr. Johnson states, "All of us do not have a radio station on which to air our views or questions." Is one to assume then, that Mr. Johnson would proceed to air his views if he were possessed of such a facility?

This writer does not particularly agree with the radio evangelist, or with Mr. Johnson either, for that matter. Neither do I appreciate the musical taste, or lack of same, displayed by this station's program director. It seems a pity that the management of the station has not discovered the wealth of truly beautiful religious and secular music written by such composers as Handel, Bach, Schubert, and many others. Of course, it is just possible that the station management may not wish to originate its programs toward people who would enjoy that type of music. Such listeners might not be so readily persuaded to send in "free will gifts and offerings" to a station which is being operated as a commercial enterprise. Oh yes, indeed, the station does have commercials.

But, I digress; the point I wish to make is simply that most radios come equipped with a little knob. . . . W. L. Stevens Jr., 1208 Saling ave., Medford, Ore.

However I have been disturbed by your comments pertaining to the House Un-American Activities Committee and their investigation into the Communist conspiracy in this country. Without a doubt this House Committee has made mistakes and may continue to make some, but let us realize that the United States is making the same mistake now as in the past if we think we can appease this thing called Communism and continue to live as free men and women.

Lenin, Communism's first dictator, wrote, "Marxists have never forgotten that violence will be an inevitable accompaniment of the collapse of capitalism and of the birth of a socialist society."

The Communists have planned well to destroy the House Committee of Un-American Activities, they call it, "Operation Abolition." They make no secret of the fact to discredit this committee or the F.B.I. and its director J. Edgar Hoover. You have stated that this Committee is an insult to the American tradition of Freedom and an ugly misuse of the powers of Congress. With this I can in no way agree. My question is this, if this Committee is abolished, who or what is to replace it and do the job of ferreting out the Communists in this country today?

J. Edgar Hoover writing in his book, "Masters of Deceit," states that as long ago as 1919 when he was Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, he was assigned to prepare a legal brief on the newly formed Communist Party and at that time in this brief he concluded: "These doctrines threaten the happiness of the community, the safety of every individual, and the continuance of every home and fireside. They would destroy the peace of the country and thrust it into a condition of anarchy and lawlessness and immorality that passes imagination."

In the passing years since 1919 the horror of Communism has become a reality to many millions. God help us to see that our very civilization is threatened by this criminal conspiracy.

Please print this in the Communications column if you have the space available. Thank you for your time. Hugh M. Van Dewalker, 404 Wilson rd., Ashland, Ore.

Editor's note: See the St. Louis Post-Dispatch editorial elsewhere on this page. All that Mr. Van Dewalker says about communism is true. Our objection to the committee stems from the fact that it has been virtually useless in "ferreting out communists," with one or two exceptions; that it uses methods at odds with American traditions of freedom, justice and decency; that it gives America a bad name, and that it is an utter waste of time and the taxpayer's money—more than \$300,000 last year. Let the FBI and the courts do the job. They're trained for it, and employ acceptable methods.

Pleasant Surprise To the Editor: On Feb. 3, 1961, a letter from me was published telling of my feelings about Gold Hill, etc.

Now I had no idea how far-reaching it could be, but in my mailbox Feb. 9, 1961, I had a most pleasant surprise. There was a letter addressed to me with a return address of San Francisco. I was rather puzzled and thought that probably one of our friends we had known in Portland moved down there.

After opening the letter and reading a few lines, I learned that this wasn't from anyone I knew, but from a woman who had read my letter "way down there." She explained that she and her husband had subscribed to the Medford Mail Tribune because they have chosen the Medford area as the place they would like to live in the near future. Through reading my letter, she said, they're convinced they haven't made a wrong choice.

Now, you see what our Chamber of Commerce could do? Do you see what even you, an individual, could do? I'm now in the process of writing an answer to this new friend. I want to tell her many things.

First, I want to impress on her mind all of the good points, advantages, opportunities, etc. To tell her how much we'd love having her and her family here in our city. Let her know how successful it is, how very picturesque and beautiful. How, when one looks up at the silent masterfully colored hills and as the delicate white clouds lazily around in the soft, gentle blue of the sky, you can actually "feel" God place His loving hands on all you see.

President, Tucker Snodgrass, Medford.

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FARM STATE Nashville — About 75 percent of all Tennessee's land is in farms and upwards of 60 percent of all Tennessee's people are engaged in agriculture.

smell, hear, touch and "feel." How one can go up into the hills and survey a most breathtaking sight below—our city! Then, too, I must tell her of the things that, at present, do not seem to be too good but will be better when the right time comes for them to be improved.

We were planning to leave here—but we can't. One reason is that we're happier here than we've ever been. Another is that we evidently haven't finished the work we were meant to do here. We all have a purpose for being here.

Did you know that you're living in Gold Hill because this is where you want to be? Mrs. R. P. Corona, 904 — 5th Ave., Gold Hill, Ore.

Her Banners Wave To the Editor: In the letter of Feb. 9, titled "Home Work To Be Done," entered by W. Reece, challenging a statement in the letter of Feb. 5, titled, "It Is Very Late," he accuses the playwright of mis-casting the hero, (in this case Uncle Sam), in the role of, "a judge to dispense equal justice in an economic, cultural or racial controversy," because of his "cultural nature."

He has maintained that he could do this, but it would have to begin at home.

In the light of prevailing world circumstances, the drama cannot be rewritten to "fit" the actor.

True, I carry a torch for victory. Because, like President Kennedy, I believe that, "On earth God's will is in the hands of men." And because, there is too much apathy and not enough will.

I am aware of Uncle Sam's cultural heritage, and the disadvantages of some of its culture complexes — especially — capitalism, isolationism, and, directly affecting the people, sociology's boomerang — the social "group" ideology.

A culture trait can be, and often is an asset. But when a complex such as "group" consciousness extends itself beyond the line of beauty and duty to encompass the very thought processes, such conformity becomes a sort of self imposed tyranny.

In other words, "We The People" have inherited and nourished, a stepchild of isolationism named expediency. And meanwhile have created and cultivated, a widespread modern custom called, packaged thinking. Together, they offer a kind of amoral haven of false security, out of which the bottom is falling!

My conviction is simply that—U. S. ("us," in this instance) is actually "made of better stuff." Times and conditions have altered radically. Yesterday's cultures have become today's Frankensteins.

Why not appraise our attitudes and prejudices and unlearned originality, courage and fortitude. This will give Uncle Sam something to work with. With a revamped cultural nature he may be able to take the "lead" and play the part like a "trouper."

Meanwhile, my banners wave. Thelma Carson, Star Route, Box 60, Prospect, Ore.

One More Question To the Editor: Just one more question, please. Tell me how the engineers tested the formations at each end of the Emigrant Dam site before construction was started?

Personally, I do not believe that there was any such testing made, like there has been made on the several Rogue River plans. I spent several days watching such operations, crews of men and equipment worked for months drilling in solid bedrock here and there spending many thousands of dollars, and they are still testing. Camps were made at different locations, roads were built into the grounds, and water was piped for great distances for such testing in some areas.

I never could get a man or an engineer to walk a block to look at the great crevasses which sunk into the mountain and canyon near the dam where rotten bedrock had parted between spots of clay formation along the adobe trail less than a block from the dam site. Now if they discovered these crevasses or even knew about them, I have never seen or heard of an investigation which looks to me like the "Devils Kitchen" at Yellowstone National Park. The only exception is that these crevasses are in general adobe location, which in my opinion, the east wall of the dam is joining such formation.

I would greatly appreciate having disinterested government engineers investigate. E. M. Tucker, President, Tucker Snodgrass, Medford.

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