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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. 20, 1951 (Tuesday) Frank (Luke) Lucchesi, centerfielder with the Twin Falls Pioneer league club last year, has been signed to manage the Medford Rogues in 1951.

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1941 (Thursday) The state house of representatives has approved a plan for Oregon's new fourth district; it would include Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Linn, Jackson and Josephine counties.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1931 (Friday) The Elks club recently gave a farewell party for Seelye V. Hall who leaves soon to take charge of the airport at Burbank, Calif.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1921 (Sunday) Heavy property damage was done in southwest Medford when Griffin creek overflowed its banks this week end.

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1911 (Monday) A great influx of new settlers is expected in the valley, according to letters received by the Commercial club here.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. Name the English poet who wrote, "The paths to glory lead but to the grave." 2. In which European country is the port of Trondheim?

Consultation With Canada

To the American in the street, nothing seems more natural than that Canada should be friend, ally, and the best of neighbors to the United States. But even the most superficial examination of differences between this country and Canada discloses that Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and President Kennedy will have a considerable agenda to cover in their talks in Washington.

Canada, like the United States, is suffering chronic unemployment in a time of general high personal income. Its adverse balance-of-payments is huge in relation to ours. In trade with the United States in goods and services Canada is running a more than \$1 billion annual deficit.

MOST Americans, except possibly for those who have noted the number of Canadian license plates among Florida's automotive population, think of Canada as a vacation paradise. Actually, her deficit in tourist expenditures comes to about \$100 million annually.

Diefenbaker's Progressive Conservative regime has still to live up completely to its campaign pledge to "develop Canada for Canadians." Now the Prime Minister has indicated that he will seek legislation to increase participation by Canadians in the management of Canadian-based subsidiaries of U.S. corporations. He also wants wider participation of Canadians as shareholders in these companies.

DIEFENBAKER'S visit with President Eisenhower last June produced a joint communique which announced agreement "on measures which should be taken to maintain the security of the free world." Also stressed was the "importance of achieving with effective international control an end to nuclear testing and progress toward general disarmament."

Prior to the meeting with Eisenhower, Diefenbaker had constructed a vivid image of Canada's position as ally and neighbor of the United States. "Although Canada is in the foothills and not at the summit," he declared on May 29, "I know that it will readily appreciate that we can all be visited with disaster by the storms that gather round the higher peaks."

SUCH troublesome concerns for Canadians as U.S. import quotas on zinc and lead and U.S. gifts of wheat abroad have of late given way to criticism of the Diefenbaker regime over financial domination of Canadian industry by American capital and the basing of nuclear weapons on Canadian soil.

Canadians in general also have demonstrated a considerable sensitivity over inroads of U.S. culture in all forms of mass media—motion pictures, radio and television, and most especially, magazines. In matters of national pride, Canadians work very hard at being Canadians, though at the same time they patronize these "foreign" media handsomely.

President Kennedy already has taken one major step in closing what might be called the emotional gap between the two good neighbors. His selection for ambassador to Ottawa is Livingston T. Merchant, a career diplomat who has earned the esteem and friendship of Canadians in a previous two-year tour in the same office.

Busy Diplomatic Season

British Prime Minister Macmillan talked with French President De Gaulle in Paris in January, and West Germany Chancellor Konrad Adenauer went to Paris for a chat with De Gaulle the first week of February.

Now, Western Europe's diplomatic triple play will be completed when Adenauer goes to London to visit Macmillan on Wednesday. A distillation of all this earbending will be conveyed to President Kennedy in Washington, April 5, by Macmillan.

SECOND, the Alliance's leaders are trying to chart common ground on which efforts for a resumption of negotiations between East and West can be based. Macmillan earlier this year publicly exhibited signs of summit fever, despite a dose of bitters at Paris last May, and he may be able to spread the contagion to De Gaulle and Adenauer.

President Kennedy appears to have developed at least temporary immunity, and recently let the Soviet Union know it may be several months or more before he can weave a firm fabric of global policies.

But the confrontation cannot be delayed forever. Thus, the De Gaulle-Macmillan-Adenauer talks may be harbingers of a diplomatic season that would climax this summer with a ball at the summit.—E.R.P.

Dennis the Menace



"HERE'S A PIPE CLEANER. GURGLIN PIPES MAKE MY MOM NERVOUS!"

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.

A Gal Named Annie To the Editor: There's an office in Eagle Point known as the E.P.I.D. Things were very peaceful there. Happy as could be. The people in this office should have all got up and fled.

Bob and Jack To the Editor: This one for Bob: Now that the election is over and the Democrats came out on top.

Personally when it comes to meet I'll take the supermarket way. We enjoy hunting bargains and stalking down the specials. It is so nice to meet and greet old friends or acquaintances and I've seen a lot more smiles than frowns when a little congestion occurs in the aisles.

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Some people work for wages. Others served under Eisenhower. Then there are those who walk the streets. Selling books that are called the Watch Tower.

Choose Your Weapon To the Editor: Hunting, as such, has become so commercialized that it is impossible to enjoy outdoor life without a gun in hand.

Dam Building To the Editor: Was just wondering where E. M. Tucker got his engineering experience. I am sure glad he wasn't one of the engineers on Emigrant dam, or I believe I would move away from Bear creek.

Christian Economics To the Editor: Quoted from a Christian Economics Editorial page: "A recent article by Lawrence Sullivan (Christian Economics, Dec. 13) pointed out that Red China is making use of the dope traffic, not only to gather in vast sums of money, but as a means of demoralizing vast numbers of people in the Western countries. This has an important bearing on the vigorous campaign now being waged in so many quarters to admit Communist China to the UN, and to extend to her the diplomatic recognition of the United States."

No Bologna To the Editor: Our salute is to Mrs. Corona who seems to be much alone in facing the fact. There is no need for lack in the town which we all call our own!

Do They Float? To the Editor: A freeway claimed our house, and I had nothing but a yes reply; I took my time and looked around. And bought a house on higher ground.

Senseless Extravagance To the Editor: For some months now we have heard of the probability of a new federal building to be built in Medford. The usual cost figure mentioned is around \$5 million.

She Was There To the Editor: To the good citizens who are complaining about the useless slaughter of the tick infested Tularemic jackrabbits:

Foreign Desk: 'Fire Extinguisher' Units; Brandt's Aloofness; Khrushchev's Timing

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Notes from the foreign news cables:

Fire Extinguishers Britain's military leaders are pushing plans to reorganize all troop units into fire brigade outfits, airborne units which easily could be housed, it is hoped, in any brush fire.

One-sided Love Affair Soviet diplomats in East Berlin are letting it be known they would like official contacts with West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt. But Brandt, who hopes to succeed Konrad Adenauer as West German chancellor, has been giving them the cold shoulder.

Back, U.S. and Britain Desple's President Charles de Gaulle's outspoken contempt for the United Nations, it appears certain that France will back the United States and Britain in the latest Congo row. France's stand may be somewhat less firm than that taken by her allies. This is because of the generally pro-Lumumba attitude of the French-speaking new African states.

Look and Listen West German traffic authorities are trying to do something to halt the soaring death rate on West German highways. Traffic fatalities reached 14,000 last year. One suggestion has been to establish a national safety council as

send without any danger of detection. Recognition would mean laying our country open to a vast increase in this horrible and destructive traffic.

Recognition of Communist China by U.S. and UN, either one or both, would enormously increase Communist prestige throughout Asia, South America, Africa, and the entire world. Specifically, it would discourage native Christians in Asia, and would plainly show them that Western-Christian civilization considers them expendable. We can think of no greater blow to the spread of Christianity throughout the world.

Let us remember also, that in violation of the rules of international warfare, the Communist government of China is still holding about 4,000 American soldiers as prisoners. That our government has not insisted upon their release, but what would they, their American patriots think if in the face of this barbarous action the prestige of China should be built up by UN and U.S. recognition?

Of prime importance, moreover, is the fact that such recognition would probably induce similar action by most of the countries in South East Asia. This in turn would lead to replacing the Chinese Ambassadors from Nationalist China by Communist Chinese Ambassadors from Peking. It would be a major Communist victory, and a disastrous defeat for the free world. It would probably mean the speedy communication of all of South East Asia.

Why are so many Christian leaders and other intelligent American citizens advocating a disaster of such immense proportions?

Dorian F. Woods Star Route, Box 191 Prospect, Ore.

Panics in Cycles To the Editor: Under "a free enterprise system" I can definitely remember the four major financial panics since Grover Cleveland's second term as U.S. President.

According to historians Mr. Cleveland's first term as 22nd president, elected in 1884, was a prosperous administration. After being defeated by Benjamin Harrison in 1888, then running against Harrison's again, was elected in 1892.

In 1893 one of the most spectacular financial panics ever recorded took place all over the United States.

When President William McKinley was elected in 1896 after one year a war broke out against Spain in 1898, that once more brought on a financial change through Teddy Roosevelt's occupancy the next 4 years after McKinley's assassination in 1901.

After Teddy was elected in 1904 and proved to be a liberal reformer, in 1907 the Wall street money changers manipulated a short lived money panic. Six years later a near industrial panic took over until World War 1, in 1917.

Then 12 years later, in 1929, under U.S. President Hoover a world wide industrial, social and money panic lasting again for 12 years.

Note: Most of these panics were in six and twelve year cycles.

Bert Kissinger, 320 Boardman st. Medford, Ore.

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Either or both of these actions would admit hundreds of Chinese Communists to our country, all of whom would enjoy diplomatic immunity with reference to bringing in and taking out merchandise, papers, and propaganda material of all kinds. These alleged Chinese diplomats could easily bring in all the opium their government desired for

part of an educational program. The authorities admit that any such campaign can take years to become effective. West German drivers are notorious for their free-wheeling ways on the autobahns.

Tough Sledding Negotiations to establish normal relations between Japan and the Republic of Korea

are not going too well, so far as the Koreans are concerned. With unsettled conditions in Seoul, the Korean delegation needs to take home some kind of concession, but the Japanese are refusing to budge. Any marked concession by the Koreans, on the other hand, possibly could bring down the John M. Chang government.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

CRISIS NOW COMES Washington — The international crisis against which President Kennedy had been preparing this country since the hour of his somber inaugural address has now come, and rather sooner than he had expected.

The Soviet Union has pressed the button and sent the howling mobs into the streets around the world for twin and terrible purposes: to put the African continent in chaos and to destroy the United Nations.

The death in the Congo of the Soviet stooge Patrice Lumumba has provided the pretext for the gravest Communist threat to world order since the onset of the cold war.

As a major nation we stand in some peril. But the greater peril confronts not the great powers but the small. If the Soviet Union's declaration of war on the United

ing about 270 individual apartments, many of them with kitchen facilities, each of them designed to take care of the full time living needs of two people, was built at a total cost of some \$5 million, The Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, when completed, had a replacement cost insurable value of under \$2,300,000.

It is up to the residents of this area to protest such senseless extravagance. We cannot, with any good conscience, protest foolish federalism in Medford, Massachusetts while encouraging it in Medford, Oregon.

There are those who will argue that the money will be spent somewhere and it may as well be spent here. Why must it be spent somewhere? Extravagant waste of one's own money is bad enough, but the foolish use of public money is a moral crime. The people control the government, or at least they should, and we must ask for a halt when the expenditure would be of short range benefit to us before we can expect a respectful hearing when we ask that it be halted elsewhere.

May I urge you, Mr. Editor, to editorialize against this amount of money being spent for this purpose. May I further urge your readers to protest to their representatives in the Congress.

Dick Wood East Main st. Medford.

Editor's note: Estimated cost of the proposed new building has been set at \$2,365,000.

Solution To the Editor: I have a suggestion to make concerning your cat problem in Medford.

If you want to get rid of all the cats, just turn the dogs loose again. I know because every cat I get gets killed by one or another mean dog in the neighborhood.

I expect them to start on little children whenever we run out of cats.

Benny Card Jr. (6th grade, C.P. Jr. Hi.) Route 2, Box 197B Central Point.

TRICKY COMPETITOR

"LACKADAY," sighed a Chinese business man in Hong Kong, "I have lent a tricky competitor a thousand gold dollars and he has not given me a receipt. What can I do?"

"Write sternly," suggested his friend, "and demand payment of the two thousand gold pieces."

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Nations — the attack on the Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold — is to succeed, the small nations will wind up within months without a forum and without hope.

THIS, the United Nations, is the one place they have been able to have any voice in world affairs. It is up to them now — and this is the point President Kennedy is stressing in every way he knows — as to whether that place is to be maintained.

Without it they will be lost, hopeless pawns in international power politics. Ironically, it is precisely to these small nations, and especially to the newly independent ones in Africa, to which the Russians are directing their main appeal. They are asking these small new nations, in the name of "anti-colonialism" and so on, to destroy the one system which offers any security to these new nations, the U.N. itself.

The big countries — the United States among them — can take care of themselves. What President Kennedy and U. N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson are now trying to do, therefore, is to persuade the small nations to forget their past hatreds of "colonialism" and all that — and so to avoid national suicide.

THAT these efforts are unselfish is demonstrably true — but people do not always appreciate unselfishness. Whether they will succeed is open to great question. If they fail, the world will revert to a state of international lawlessness it has not known since the years before the second World War.

Thus the clock hands of history now stands close to midnight. If the U. N. is to go down in ruins, the most wrenching changes in high policy will occur in this country, and elsewhere, too.

Military alliances like the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will take on a desperate urgency. A decade of progress in building regional associations for economic purposes will come to a close.

SO IT is that President Kennedy faces, before he has been a month in office, one of the grand crises of modern history.

To say the situation is dangerous is to underestimate. But to say it is hopeless would be to overstate. For it may well be, in the view of some officials in Washington, that some good will come out of all this bad. On the positive side are these factors, at least:

1. The Russians are now destroying the last illusions of those who have so long persisted in believing that peaceful arrangements really could be made with Moscow.

2. The brief "honeymoon" between Moscow and the Kennedy Administration has come to an end — as even the most rosy-minded can hardly doubt now.

3. The people of the U.S. can no longer question the nature of their job. This job is to draw together, to forget two-bit partisan politics, to help the President in strengthening this country, at home and abroad.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

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