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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. 24, 1951 (Saturday)
The board of engineers for
rivers and harbors believes
that the proposed Rogue river
harbor project at Gold Beach,
Ore., lacks "economic justification."

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 24, 1941 (Monday)
In a shooting listed by
Coroner H. W. Conger as accidental,
a 21-year-old Apple
gate boy was killed yesterday
while hunting squirrels near
his home with two companions.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 24, 1931 (Tuesday)
A petition seeking construction
of a road from the summit
of Blackwell hill to the
Jacksonville-Ruch road has
been filed with the county
court.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 24, 1921 (Thursday)
The Medford Chamber of
Commerce this week held its
first "preservation of Jackson
county's scenery" convention.

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 24, 1911 (Friday)
Governor Oswald West, to
the delight of southern Oregon
residents, today vetoed the
Pierce Fish bill which
would have reopened the
Rogue river to other official
agencies and units.

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

1. What island bears the
nickname "Emerald Isle"?
2. What name is given to
the study of insects?
3. Do more persons in the
world speak English, Chinese,
or Russian?
4. Dalmatian dogs come
from Dalmatia; true or false?
5. There are U. S. Mints in
two of the following cities;
name them: San Francisco,
Washington, D. C., Phila-
delphia, Albany, Fort Knox.
6. Washington and Lee uni-
versity is located in which
state?
7. During World War II,
was Portugal a combatant?
8. What have the following
names in common: Simpson,
Holland and Moffat?
9. What do the letters "pp"
stand for in musical composi-
tions?
10. What is a glazier?
Answers: 1. Ireland. 2. Entomology. 3. Chinese. 4. False. (England). 5. San Francisco, Philadelphia. 6. Virginia. 7. No. 8. They are all tunnels. 9. Pianissimo. (very soft). 10. A glass cutter and setter.

Thoughts on River Use

All newspapermen, much as they hate it, make mistakes at one time or another. But it is rare that they succeed in making five mistakes all in the same sentence. This unhappy event occurred in the case of an editorial writer for our neighbor, the Grants Pass Courier, the other day.

The offending sentence said: "Now that Senator Durno has introduced a bill in the lower house of the Congress to get the Talent dam project started, it would follow that the whole up-river development program would soon begin to take physical shape."

IN A helpful desire to assist our colleague with his homework, may we point out:

1. Dr. Durno is not a Senator, he is a member of the House of Representatives.

2. He has not introduced a bill "to get the Talent dam project started," he has introduced a bill to authorize expansion of the Talent project to include construction of two small dams, one reservoir, and a canal, at the Agate site.

3. The Talent division is not a dam, it is a major project involving some \$25,000,000 worth of dams, canals, a power plant, and associated works.

4. The Talent project is not just about to get started, it is nearing completion.

5. It does not "follow" that the whole up-river development program will soon begin to take physical shape—although we devoutly hope it will.

IF THE above proves helpful in assisting our editorial-writing friend to begin his homework, we hope he continues it to a point where he has a better understanding of the many and complex problems involved in multi-purpose water resource development.

If he does, he will find that flood control, irrigation, power generation, recreational use, fish and wildlife, municipal and industrial use, and pollution control all must be considered in any development plan.

Each has a legitimate claim. And those planning such a development must undertake the difficult and sensitive task of setting priorities.

THE plan for the development of the upper Rogue is not yet completed, but it is hoped to have it ready for submission to the 1962 session of Congress.

The history of the proposal goes back well before the big fight of 1948, when an all-inclusive, multi-purpose plan for the development of the entire Rogue basin was presented by the Bureau of Reclamation.

It met so much controversy that the plans were shelved. Later, one relatively small part of it, the Talent project, was cut off from the rest, met with no opposition, was approved by Congress, and work began.

It was not until the floods of 1955 that agitation revived for a more complete development of the water resources of the Rogue basin.

IN THE past six years, the plans have slowly been developed, with the Corps of Engineers handling most of the preliminary work, with, at long last, the cooperation of the Fish and Wildlife Service. It is hoped they will be in shape for public hearings by this summer.

These plans represent a lot of hard work by a lot of people over a long period of time.

Agencies involved in one way or another have included the Corps of Army Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, the State Water Resources Board, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, with an assist from other official agencies and units.

Much of the credit belongs to the Rogue River Flood Control and Water Resources Association, which, unlike some volunteer groups, has kept plugging along, month after month and year after year. (We have occasionally disagreed with its tactics; never with its aims and perseverance.)

A FORMER Congressman named Charlie Porter also deserves a lot of the credit for getting things going again. They wouldn't be anywhere near as complete as they are without his prodding, questioning and his continuing active interest.

So do the ardent sportsmen and conservationists, who finally convinced themselves that a multi-purpose development of the upper Rogue, designed to maximize streamflows during low water periods, was about the only way in sight to save the vanishing fish runs, and who, once convinced, have become stout champions of the proposal.

All this boils down to the fact that the Rogue river belongs to no individual, no small organization, no single area, no special-interest group. It belongs to all, and should be held as a trust for all, and any development plan must consider all.

WE HOPE our editorial colleague keeps these things in mind when cogitating on the proposal to construct a massive dam and lake at and above Copper Canyon on the lower Rogue. Its promoters seek to clothe it in the sheep's clothing of multiple-use.

But the fact is that its construction would destroy more values than it would create—at least if developed along the lines so far announced.

In the development of the west we have, far too often, seen special-interest groups ride roughshod over the rights of others, and over the heritage of generations yet to come. The time for that is past.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"ME AN DEWEY ARE GONNA PLAY DRIVE-IN MOVIE, AN' YOU'RE GONNA BE THE NICE LADY THAT RUNS THE SNACK BAR!"

... 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.

A Brickbat
To the Editor: How interesting it was to read E.A.'s editorial of Feb. 22. In speaking of his oft quoted "they," who do things which he says should not be done, he gives a sly glimpse of his own character.

How often in the past, and even now, E.A. has been guilty of the very thing he criticizes others for doing.

He says, "They call them names, they cast aspersions on patriotism, they contribute to fearfulness and discord." E.A.'s aspersions cast upon the President at the time of the U2 incident and the smoke screen of "fearfulness" about the H.U.A.C. at the present time are examples.

Why is it that E.A. seems to support the ones who appear to be in sympathy with the Marxist theory? Why does E.A. try to give the impression that the majority of people who are alert to the danger of Communism are in the wrong?

Is he trying to say that he is the only marcher who is in step and everyone else is out of step who is not gullible or naive enough to swallow the line of those E.A. likes to support in his columns?

Mrs. Catherine G. Lynch
139 Kenwood ave.
Medford

A Flower
To the Editor: Please don't dodge, for this isn't going to be a brick-bat but a flower for your buttonhole.

For some time, it has been my intention to commend you for your excellent editorials. They seem to be always timely, and fair, yet courageous. I have in mind several of recent date, which I shall not specify.

I am a great grandmother who has always taken a keen interest in government, and the welfare of the people, especially the young.

The programs, both on radio and TV, in many cases, I believe to be degrading and even dangerous to the youthful mind.

Recently, I asked a bright little boy of six years, what he wanted to be when he grew up. Quick as a wink, he said, "I want to be a robber and rob banks."

That may have been cute, but the tragic truth is, it isn't. I have called the stations several times, urging better music, for one thing. It is tragic, the records we hear, when we are hoping for some of the music of great composers.

Still the people voted for Mrs. Neuberger. This could

What about this Dan Smoot? Isn't he poisoning the minds of the young?

Well, I didn't mean to write a book, but my Irish young rebels at the trash our youngsters hear.

Perhaps, one of your excellent editorials might help to arouse the people.

Mrs. Joseph Chez
234 North Ivy st.
Medford

Against Morse
To the Editor: This is written in answer to David Frisch. He holds a pity for the person who will run against Wayne Morse. It could very well be true that the man who opposes Mr. Morse will be clobbered, but here is one person who is going to do his best to see that Mr. Morse gets the clobbering.

In the first place the State of Oregon rates some good representation in the Senate of the United States, and we haven't had much of that quality since Guy Cordon was in the Senate. I will say that Mr. Neuberger became a better Senator the longer he stayed in the Senate for the very reason that his opinions became DIVERSE of those of Mr. Morse. Neuberger became more conservative the longer he stayed in the Senate, as I see it, even though he went to Washington with the liberal label.

Just because Neuberger was quite able when he left the Senate DID NOT qualify his wife to replace him. Anyone who saw the half hour debate on TV between Mrs. Neuberger and Elmo Smith, and could evaluate objectively and dispassionately, could see which might qualify best for the position.

If you recall as I do when Mr. Smith was asked a question he knew right where he was going and how to get there, whereas Mrs. Neuberger could at best only generalize. I liked the answer to one question put to Smith and that concerned the abolition of the Conally reservation which would allow a world court to decide what is a domestic issue and what is not in our country. This I consider strictly the business of the people of the United States. In answer to this question Smith proved that he could think for HIMSELF and not parrot any other person's opinion, even though that opinion differed from Mr. Eisenhower or Mr. Nixon.

Still the people voted for Mrs. Neuberger. This could

mean only one thing and that is government by SYMPATHY, which hardly should be the way to come to a decision on such an important and far-reaching matter.

When people will take candidates and vote for the best qualified person to hold a position REGARDLESS of party affiliation, then we will have reached a milestone in government. Morse has done a great deal of objecting in the Senate but one hardly hears of constructive legislation proposed by him. He has been the tool of certain MINORITY PRESSURE groups in Oregon and I for one will vote for anyone who opposes him.

I could not have voted for Mrs. Neuberger even if she had been a Republican.

Laurence E. Cuffel
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Medford

Veteran Answers
To the Editor: This is in answer to the lady from East Main st. who especially wanted to hear from some of the patriotic veterans from Camp White regarding the Mexican pear pickers, etc.

The lady from East Main st. seems to have her wires crossed somewhat, or is barking up the wrong tree, as there are no Veterans at White City who are on welfare.

Every veteran who enters a domiciliary must have some degree of disability and has paid, far in advance, for anything he gets.

As for your beans and pears, don't blame the poor Mexican. Blame your patriotic orchardists. He had to have cheap labor and he got it. Now he can't get rid of it. I am glad.

You know, you can't send all of your able bodied men to war and have them home to pick your pears at the same time! Someone had to pick them so you blame the Mex, and then ask the veteran how it feels to be on welfare.

One patriotic veteran.
Malemute Slim
White City, Ore.

The Alamo
To the Editor: Communists and their sympathizers managed to destroy such anti-Communists as Joseph McCarthy, quiet the voices of others, and blacklist many anti-Communists in Hollywood films. One by one, fees of Communism have been systematically "taken care of."

Communist big guns are now being leveled at John Wayne.

Up to now he has consistently ranked among the biggest box office draws, but they know now is the time to move in for the kill.

Wayne has just produced a picture called "The Alamo." He also directed and acted in it, supported by a star-studded cast. This \$12,000,000 film is reputed to be the most expensive ever made in the United States.

The most important part of the money for the purpose was put up by Clinton Murchison and his family. The most important part of everything else needed was supplied by John Wayne.

This picture represents a return of cinema art, however brief, to the realm of honor and sanity and beauty. It has everything to praise, including the fact that it is outstanding as sheer entertainment.

We see few signs and little likelihood of the "Alamo" being a flop.

It has been running for weeks at one of the expensive downtown theaters in Boston. The leftwingers in all communications media have been sniping at it and seeking re-

Little-Noted FRB Action May Ease Tight Money Situation

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington—UPI—This essay will award to President Kennedy highest honors for prophecy in a hazardous field.



Lyle C. Wilson

Late in the presidential election campaign, candidate Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon were asked a tough question by the Scripps-Howard Newspapers. It was: "Would you attempt to influence the policies of the Federal Reserve Board in any effort to reduce interest rates? Or for any other purpose?"

The candidates each required a great many words to answer that one, both avoiding either a simple yes or no. Nixon did, however, say the FRB should be free of political pressures. Kennedy said the FRB must bear in mind the economic objectives

of the administration. He said he was confident the board would respond to administration leadership.

Easy Money Policy
So what? So the FRB revealed this week that it would do just that.

The FRB has abandoned a long-time limitation on its involvement in the market for U.S. bonds. The new policy is to buy in the open market long term bonds of the U.S. government.

This is an "easy money" policy. The immediate effect is to be an increase in prices of long term bonds and cheaper interest rates on long term borrowing.

Immediately beneath the surface of these dull facts is a bread and butter political issue, a so-called pocketbook issue. This issue is important to every American whether he lives shabbily on a too-small wage or whoops it up on inherited millions.

The U.S. dollar of today compared with the 1939 buck

is worth a few cents less than 50 cents, half of its purchasing power destroyed in 22 years. Any past or future cheapening of the dollar must be at the expense of each citizen who has one. An "easy money" policy is a dollar cheeper.

Only Mild Reaction
In the first hours after announcement of the new FRB bond policy after one month of the Kennedy administration, the business and financial community had not exploded in protest. Far from it. There were, however, some cautious expressions of anxiety as to where the new policy may lead.

There seemed to be some hope and confidence that the administration and the FRB would proceed with great care and awareness of the currency inflation dangers ahead.

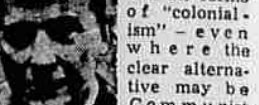
If not, the federal reserve system will become just what Marriner Eccles warned against it becoming, "simply an engine of inflation."

Washington Report

By William S. White

LES BELGIQUES

Washington—Sometimes a columnist who utters the smallest "yes, but" in all the current evangelical clamor against any and all forms of "colonialism" — even where the clear alternative may be Communist chaos — finds himself put down as pro-something which he should not be.



White

This is the age not only of instant coffee but also of instant classification by label. There is a proper tag for everybody, and everybody properly falls under this proper tag.

One must be "for the Africans," whether these be honest patriots or merely murderous gunmen on hire to Kremlin agents. One must be against "the colonial powers," even in those not-rare cases where "the colonial powers" have made decent and costly efforts to aid an orderly transition of Africa into the new independence.

If, for example, one doubts the total rightness and wisdom of all that has been going on in the Congo against its erstwhile Belgian rulers, one finds, pretty quickly, that he is "pro-Belgian" and "anti-independence."

VERY well, then. This very nice and clear-cut way of labeling at least has the advantage of ignoring all the awkward shadings in an immense problem. If a fellow has simply got to be one or the other — absolutely against the Belgians or absolutely in favor of all African "independence" movements, even the Communist ones — then this correspondent makes his choice.

In this sense he is "pro-Belgian," for, from years now long past, he remembers, in an intimately personal way, some things which others perhaps have forgotten. He remembers 1944, when this small country of Belgium was slowly and bitterly being "liberated" by the United States Third Armored division.

This was the forward, the breakthrough division in the thrust across Eastern France after Paris and then across Belgium and into Germany. Mons was the first Belgian city we entered, with the most forward tanks of this most-forward division.

THIS is a mining area and the countryside was not unlike that around Pittsburgh-Wheeling, W.Va. France had welcomed us Americans with wine and flowers. Mons, in the gloomy half-light of a gloowering day, was something else altogether.

Here, as our tanks and armored cars trundled along through the main street, stood the people of Mons in long, quiet lines. Many of them had faces black with the grime of the pits, on many of these faces tears cut paths down the cheeks of men as well as women. There was no shouting, no hurrah.

They were hungry people, desperately hungry and long driven like cattle. (But unlike cattle, they had never for an instant been broken.) But they crowded forward to hand us, still in almost unbroken silence, all that they had: little doughy cakes whose name I never knew. We had far better food than this even in our "K" rations. But we forced down the little cakes. "You will eat the damn things," said a colonel, a break in his voice, "and that's an order."

FRONT captured German officers themselves we learned that night in Mons something of what these Belgians had done during the far longer night of their Nazi captivity. We were to learn much more as the campaign for Belgium went on: The unbreakable spirit of the Belgians. Their quiet, hopeless gallantry — and that of the Belgian white army partisans who fought with us. Their bleak, untalking, absolute, total, final faithfulness to their allies.

Among all the heroes of the last war, in simple truth, the indomitable Belgians need take no second place. For my own part, therefore, I think they have long since worked their passage with us — and more, I think they have even earned the right — among their old friends, anyhow — even to be wrong.

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Or is mental instability GROWING?

IF the frequency of these tragic instances of mental instability is due merely to more perfect communications, there is less to worry about.

But — If it is due to growing mental instability, it opens up a lot of troublesome questions about our modern way of life.

Algerian Peace Hope Slowly Brightening; Bourguiba Credited

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

Perilously, and with many a pitfall still to be avoided, prospects continue to brighten for a negotiated peace in Algeria.

If an end to the fighting which has gone on for more than six years and cost more than 100,000 lives is achieved, it will be a tribute to the patience and determination of President Charles de Gaulle, with a strong assist from another who has managed to remain on friendly terms both with France and the Algerians rebels.

The other is President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia.

Among Moslems, the voice of the 57-year-old Bourguiba has been the moderating influence, frequently bringing down on his own head the wrath of other Arab leaders whose fiery condemnations of France stirred passions but contributed nothing to the prospects of peace.

Accused by Nasser
President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic once accused him of being one of the last agents of imperialism among Arab leaders. To this, Bourguiba replied that his interests were with the West and would remain so.

As De Gaulle moved toward his ultimate goal of an "Algerian Algeria," and Bour-

venge on the producer for daring to glorify American patriotism.

And they certainly keep the movie from becoming the nationwide smash hit which it deserves to be.

Let's show the commies that they are not running our country yet and go see the "Alamo" when it comes to Medford.

Lella A. Morrow,
531 North Bartlett st.
Medford.

True Americanism
To the Editor: Your "Freedom and Security" editorial on Feb. 22 seems to follow the thought that Communism is a terrible force, from without. Since we must accept your sincerity, it is necessary to conclude your malady is simply a dearth of knowledge. For Communism always destroys from within. Communism is destroying our nation, from within.

Now you do not even admit that evidence is present to prove this; rather you labor constantly against all individuals and organizations legally supplying this evidence, as being insulting simply because they exist. Such a position has nothing in common with reason.

You would have us "reshape the world"; but this is repugnant to true Americanism. America developed under a banner of Freedom. Let all other nations imitate us, if THEY so choose.

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

Editor's note: Can Mr. Howard name a single nation with strong traditions of freedom and self-government which has fallen to Communism solely from WITHIN? The editorial made no suggestion that the world should be reshaped by force, but by capturing the imagination and respect and good will of the world.

Why so fearful? Suggested reading: The Declaration of Independence, a radical, revolutionary document to which we all pay lip service.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

BERNARD SOBEL, extolling the virtues of the honorable craft of theatrical press agency, points out that graduates from that exacting apprenticeship include Arthur Kober, Lillian Hellman, S. N. Behrman, Irving Hoffman, the late Sam Hoffenstein, and Ben Hecht. "Too long," concludes the persuasive Mr. Sobel (one of the best known of the fraternity himself), "has the press agent been without honor in the country he loves."

Joe Vestibule, the Sutton Place wag, looked up from the sports section of his evening paper, saw that his young son was in need of a handkerchief, and called to his wife, "Baby's nose is running again." Her angry answer was, "Don't you EVER think of anything but horse racing?"

Every year a friend of Paul Lapolla gets a Valentine's Day card from his wife. It reads, "Guess WHO—and you'd better be RIGHT!"

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