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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. 28, 1951 (Wednesday)
The number of Medford children who do not attend church or Sunday school is "surprisingly large," according to a recently completed survey here.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 28, 1941 (Friday)
Paving of the Medford municipal airport under the federal airport aid program will start April 1.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 28, 1931 (Saturday)
Charles M. Thomas has been appointed Oregon's first public utilities commissioner under a new system that supplants the old public service commission.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 28, 1921 (Monday)
A small band of gypsies is visiting Eagle Point and telling the citizens there their fortunes.

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 28, 1911 (Tuesday)
The Medford traffic bureau has filed an opening bid before the state railroad commission in a suit seeking readjustment of freight rates.

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

1. What is the birth stone for the month of June?
2. Who has been named by President Kennedy as Special Ambassador at Large?
3. What date is fixed by the Constitutional amendment as the date for the beginning of regular sessions of Congress?
4. Monrovia is the capital of what African Republic?
5. The armed forces of the U.S. have been merged in a single department; name the department.
6. Did Hitler become dictator of Germany on 1931, 1932, or 1933?
7. How many hours are in a 365 day calendar year?
8. Who is generally regarded as the greatest biographer of Abraham Lincoln?
9. Name the capital of Maryland.
10. What sea bounds the Philippine Islands on the west?
Answers: 1. Pearl. 2. W. Averell Harriman. 3. The 3rd day of January. 4. Liberia. 5. Department of Defense. 6. 1933. 7. 8,760. 8. Carl Sandburg. 9. Annapolis. 10. South China Sea.

Two Pleasing Announcements

We have been much pleased and comforted in recent days by two actions—one on the state level, the other by the Kennedy administration. The first is the announcement by the 18 western Oregon O&C counties of an ambitious cooperative program of development of this state's magnificent recreational areas in the Cascades, Siskiyou and coast range.

Far-Reaching Plan

The O&C plan is a massive, far-reaching one. It will call upon the efforts of the U. S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the state highway commission and its park department, other state agencies, many of the counties of both western and central Oregon, and private firms and individuals.

And if it works as planned, it will result in a major shift in emphasis in the economy of the state, for the betterment of the state.

THE project's aims fall into two categories: 1. A network of good roads leading into some of the most beautiful country in the world; 2. Development of camps, picnic areas, viewpoints, resorts, and similar recreational facilities throughout the areas served by the road network. It is of particular gratification to this department, for it is the imaginative, forward-looking, cooperative approach to recreation for Oregonians and their tourist visitors (who constitute Oregon's third-largest source of income) long advocated here.

AT FIRST glance, the program sounds more expensive than it really will be. The reason? Because much of the proposed road network is already in existence, awaiting only a number of connecting links. Some of these links are already in road and highway plans. Others can be expedited. And still others can be financed from funds either already on hand or expectable.

THE program has been enthusiastically welcomed by Oregon's press, of all political colorations. It is rather obvious why. Not only will it make available many sections of Oregon which are now inaccessible to those who love the forested hills and lakes and mountains; it will also be a tourist attraction second to none in scope and variety.

WE HAVE only one minor reservation about the program, and this is whether sufficient attention has been paid to wilderness values. The report points out that there are wild or wilderness areas now in the vicinity of Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, Diamond Peak, Three Sisters, Mountain Lakes, and Kalmiopsis, and that consideration is being given to establishing a small wild area at our own Sky Lakes. Whether these are enough, and large enough, and whether, once surrounded by roads, pressures to open even these last vestiges of our once-prevalent wilderness can be resisted, is a question to ponder.

At Last!

The Kennedy resources program is almost diametrically opposed to the program—or, rather, lack thereof—of the Eisenhower administration. It recognizes the need for pollution abatement, for the expansion of recreation areas, protection of our forests and other outdoor assets, development of saline water conversion methods, and a host of others. Some of these were paid lip service by the prior administration, and some of them were carried on to a limited degree. But the Kennedy announcement shows that the built-up needs of a decade are now fully realized, and a realistic, aggressive program is being designed to deal with them.

EVEN the Oregonian, so conservative in other ways, welcomes this with unrestrained gladness. It said: President Kennedy's message to Congress on natural resources is the most comprehensive and knowledgeable statement of America's needs in this field and the responsibility of the federal government ever made by an American president. Nothing unequivocal about that! And it adds: At last, the White House has caught up with the citizens who have been fighting a frustrating holding action to preserve and develop the nation's natural wealth since Teddy Roosevelt left office a half-century ago. We wholeheartedly agree with the Oregonian, the while struggling feebly to avoid adding, "We told you so!"—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"I STUCK MY BUBBLE GUM ON THE HANDRAIL AN' I GOTTA WAIT FOR IT TO COME AROUND AGAIN!"

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.

The Crucible
To the Editor: Your Feb. 22 editorial ("Freedom and Security") was of great interest to me, not only because it calls attention to two factors of great importance in our society, but also because it underscores so beautifully an event which is taking place at Medford Senior High this week: the production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" by the class of 1961.

something about it—the play. This brings me to my point. We have a juvenile home here where books are piled in closets because they don't have a book rack.

Wasted Water
To the Editor: It has long been a puzzle to me why the city has not installed shutoff valves on each of the city's more than 15 public drinking fountains.

A Bit More Grape
To the Editor: We have read the argument of Thelma Carson in M.T. of Feb. 19, under the caption, "Her Banners Wave," by which we gather that she has not struck her colors; so, "a little more grape Captain Bragg."

More important, though, than the picture of a disintegrating society presented in the play, is the appeal to man to maintain his integrity against the forces of fear and suspicion that can be brought to bear at any time in the life of any man.

How about you? Let's hear from you all on this subject. Don't you want to participate in the game? Please, please, let's let the Editor and the valley and the world know that in this area we are all participants in the game.

TV Auction Report
To the Editor: As a matter of public information the Crater Lions wish to detail the gross income, expenditures and net income of our recent TV auction for the benefit of the Sacred Heart hospital building fund.

As was announced at the conclusion of the auction, the gross pledged income was \$4,102.50 from bids for merchandise and \$1,459.50 from donations. From past experience it has been noted that there will be a reduction in this gross figure from failure of donors to pay their announced pledges and in the failure of some bidders to pick up their merchandise, necessitating the sale of the merchandise at a lesser figure than originally bid.

Participants vs. Spectators
To the Editor: I will never forget a talk I heard when my son graduated from grade school here in Medford. The speaker said life in these United States is like a huge basketball or football game. There are three types of people involved.

Once again the Crater Lions club wishes to thank all of those people who contributed so much to make our

'Wind of Change' Dooms White Man's Day In Another Section of African Continent

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's "wind of change" blew across Kenya this week and the white man's day in another area of Africa neared its end.

All elements are represented in the new legislative council, but its majority is African. Europeans hold 14 seats, and the Asians and Arabs 14 more. It is a further step in a situation first put into words just a year ago by Macmillan in a speech in South Africa: "The wind of change is blowing through the continent (of Africa). The tide of national consciousness which is now rising in Africa is a political fact and we must accept it as such."

African laborers holding lottery tickets giving them "ownership" of the European farms, houses, cars, even women, after independence. The peddlers of the tickets are unscrupulous confidence men, but ominously a similar rack-

ety was worked in the Congo before independence. Even more ominously, black leaders such as Tom Mboya and James Gichuru will give no firm assurance that after independence property rights will be respected.

Matter of Fact

THE MORE MONSTROUS MONSTER
London — In British eyes, the grand, unseemly drama of the last fortnight has been President Kennedy's careful choice after prolonged study, between two competing systems of Soviet demography.

ed this theory after his long White House meeting with his Soviet experts, it follows that he would have concentrated almost exclusively on the defense effort.

INSTEAD, the President very tentatively adopted the competing demographical theory, which commands rather solid support in the British Foreign Office. This may be called the theory of the more monstrous monster.

According to this theory, the Kremlin is far from impervious to other influences, even although primarily influenced by its balance of power estimate. The wrong Western approach may make the Soviet monster very much more monstrous. The right approach may even make the monster a little less monstrous. Hence the choice of approach to the Kremlin becomes very important indeed.

THE British spent seven years stamping out the brutal and obscene Mau Mau which was held responsible for the butchery of more than 1,800 persons, including 32 whites. Leaders still active.

Washington Report
By WILLIAM S. WHITE
Washington—The sweet box is growing very hot for President Kennedy over "The Chicomos," the Chinese Communist regime.

are demonstrably more aggression-minded even than the Russians. Nearly everywhere in the Orient—Laos, for a current example—they are stirring up massive mischief.

THE British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir Frank Roberts, and his staff are in fact convinced that Nikita S. Khrushchev, despite all his admitted faults, probably represents a last best chance of some sort. They have been warning that if the West rebuffs Khrushchev, if the West coldly rejects the opportunity to negotiate forthrightly with Khrushchev, then the present Khrushchev will be replaced by some thing vastly more unpleasant.

It is plainer day by day that when British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan has his first meeting in Washington on April 5 with the President, the atmosphere is going to be made a little humid by "The Chicomos."

Support for putting Communist China into the United Nations, and throwing out our ally, Nationalist China, is sweeping wide now. Heavily encouraged by the British, it is picking up nations which formerly backed us in resisting the entrance into a world organization of a bandit regime which made still-unrepented war on that organization—and on us—in Korea.

A change of the party line—a mere statement that war is quite probably though still not inevitable—would have dramatic consequences. It would lead to active war preparation even to semi-mobilization, in the Soviet Union. In these circumstances, the chance of war would be quite incalculably increased. This is why Ambassador Thompson has reportedly said that 1961, the year of the Twenty-Second Party Congress, will be "a year of decision."

COMMUNIST China is a vast, going power, where as Nationalist China, in its redoubt of Formosa, is neither. There can be no chance of world disarmament unless the Chinese Communists are let into the United Nations.

THIS is obviously a poor time to ask President Kennedy just to forget all this. He has never been dogmatic. But in the judgment of this correspondent, the great mistake if he makes a great mistake is to suppose he can be hustled into recognition.

Obviously, the arguments in favor of the parallel viewpoints of the U. S. and British embassies in Moscow have been rather strongly buttressed by the recent revelations concerning the bitter ideological dispute between the Chinese and the Soviets. The counter arguments, equally obviously, are to be found in such places as the Congo, Laos, and Berlin.

YES, Red China is a vast, going power and Nationalist China is not. But beyond that point, what? There is not a germ of evidence that the Red Chinese would accept any sort of world disarmament. They

But if he is wise—and he has been so far—he will leave the U.S. with some way out short of total capitulation. Not even the threat of a licking in any U.N. roll call on the recognition issue can push us that far.

In any event, despite the recent renewal of Soviet agitation about Berlin, it is evident that President Kennedy is at least planning to test the theory of the more monstrous monster. No doubt he half hopes to make the monster less monstrous. Both in Paris and London, this is taken to be the meaning of Ambassador Thompson's return to Moscow with a personal letter from Kennedy to Khrushchev, which is plainly intended to pave the way for renewed serious negotiation.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF
RICHARD NIXON won an army of new friends by his wonderful display of good sportsmanship after losing out to President Kennedy by a whisker. Adlai Stevenson also proved a good loser in his fruitless efforts to beat President Eisenhower. In December, 1952, he attended a Gridiron Dinner in Washington and brought down the house by beginning his speech wryly, "A funny thing happened to me on the way to the White House..."



Myron Cohen tells about a chronic borrower who begged an old friend to lend him a hundred dollars. "I'll pay it back the minute I return from Chicago," he promised. "Exactly what day will you return?" probed the wary friend. Shrugged the borrower, "Who's going?"