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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
March 7, 1951 (Wednesday)
Medford's unseasonal winter weather continued today, with snow flurries whitening the ground and then melting; the same conditions are expected to continue through Thursday.

20 YEARS AGO
March 7, 1941 (Friday)
The administrative offices of the WPA at Eugene will be closed tonight and its 13 employees will be transferred to the Medford and Salem offices.

30 YEARS AGO
March 7, 1931 (Saturday)
An election is coming up soon in Jacksonville to determine whether that town wants to send its high school students to Medford for schooling.

40 YEARS AGO
March 7, 1921 (Monday)
A circuit court trial in the bank of Jacksonville scandal opened today.

50 YEARS AGO
March 7, 1911 (Tuesday)
The fame of the Rogue valley as a fruit center has been widened by a recent publication by the Royal Agricultural college of Copenhagen, Denmark, which extolls and praises this area.

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

When We Believe...

The following statement, "Guiding Principles for Public Education," was issued recently by the Oregon Education Policies Commission.

- WHEN we believe the public education is the privilege of every child, then we will...
1. Provide the opportunity for every person to have a quality education.
2. Recognize that education is basically, but is more than, intellectual development.

WHEN we believe that people are different in abilities, interests, aptitudes and maturity, then we will understand that...

- 1. Quality education means meeting the needs and interests of every child while providing excellence in the total school program.
2. Curriculums must be flexible and must contain subject-matter content of depth and variety appropriate to pupils' needs.

WHEN we believe that everyone is entitled to individual dignity, then we will...

- 1. Respect a variety of attitudes, appreciations and understandings.
2. Assure that every person has the opportunity to develop his capacity.
3. Encourage originality and creativity.

WHEN we believe that teachers are the vital ingredient in a good education, then we will demand that they...

- 1. Be dedicated to the larger purposes of education.
2. Accept the responsibilities inherent in the professional status.
3. Meet high standards of preparation and receive proper remuneration.

WHEN we believe that the future of this country depends on education, then we will...

- 1. Establish conditions that will assure persons of the highest caliber for the teaching profession.
2. Provide sufficient and appropriate buildings, facilities and equipment.
3. Maintain a balanced curriculum in the light of long-range local, national and international concerns.

Nature of the Crisis

"The climate of the second half of the twentieth century is somewhat hostile to liberty. If liberty survives in this climate it will be because the daily press perceives the nature of this crisis and struggles to imbue its readers with a sense of this challenge."

Arizona Picking Udall Successor

Tucson, Ariz. — A light turnout of voters was expected today in a special primary election to choose the Democratic party's candidate for Interior Secretary Stewart Udall's vacant seat in the House of Representatives.

Dennis the Menace



*WHEN YOU THROW 'EM OUT THE WINDOW YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN WHEN YOU HIT SOMEBODY!

Matter of Fact

THE CRUNCH
Washington — The Kennedy Administration's first real crunch — its first rough decision — raising the stakes and staying in a game or throwing it away — may well come soon in remote and disordered Laos.

This ugly possibility now stares the American policy makers in the face, because of the nature and obvious purpose of the Soviet movement of military supplies into the dissident provinces of Laos. The supply movement, by truck out of Communist North Viet-Nam and by airlift from Communist China, is massive by Laotian standards.

All necessary arms for fighting full-dress manned battles, including fairly heavy artillery, have been brought in and are still being brought in. The nature of the arms being imported in turn reveals the supply movement's purpose. The purpose is to convert the Communist Pathet Lao forces from light guerrilla units into conventionally equipped infantry, capable of taking on the Royal Lao army in major engagements.

THIS is an old stunt of the Southeast Asian Communist jungle fighter. A sudden, unexpected guerrilla — into — infantry conversion produced in the Indochinese war, the so-called "night of Cao-bang." The French defenders of the Cao-bang fortress were utterly unprepared for the former guerrillas' attack with heavy weapons.

On a much larger scale, the same conversion also produced the same war's final disaster, at Dienbienphu. There is almost no disagreement among the Kennedy policy makers about the need to be ready for the guerrilla-to-infantry conversion in Laos. But there is a wide divergence of views about the timing and the probable results.

THE pessimists foresee a quite different time schedule. It is entirely possible that most of the Pathet Lao forces have already been quietly retrained as organized infantry across the border in North Viet-Nam, just as the attackers on the "night of Cao-bang" had been quietly retrained across the border in Communist China. If this is the case, a serious Communist offensive, aimed to win a clean cut military victory in Laos, can quite easily be launched in the next 30 days.

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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 initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Needed Defense

To the Editor: If you will permit further needed defense of the House Committee on Un-American Activities — necessity demands the clarification of misleading statements by Mr. Jenny (Mail Tribune 3-3-61). If Mr. Jenny has a case let him point out more specifically the errors contained in the film "Operation Oblition" that have not already been corrected by HCUA.

Because Mr. Jenny seems pre-occupied with reading the left-wing press of the country, he may not have had time to read the Congressional Record of 1-9-61 containing the testimony of a group of ministers (interdenominational), present in the hearing room in San Francisco who are quite unequivocal in their statements about the communist agitators leading the riots.

Why Mr. Jenny insists on using the word "doctored" is not apparent. The original film ran for 5 hours. The distributed film runs for approximately 40 minutes. The HCUA maintains most of the 5 hours contains repetition. If this is true, the film was not "doctored." No more than Mr. Jenny would accuse Eric Allen of "doctored" the news for not printing every item off the news wires. Further, there is the outspoken testimony of Mr. Christopher, mayor of San Francisco who has stated: "The film 'Operation Oblition' speaks for itself."

Finally (and in this Eric Allen admits it is the job of the F.B.I. to investigate), the F.B.I. through its director J. Edgar Hoover has presented testimony before the HCUA pointing out the specific known communists who were leading the demonstrations. This testimony has been published in a small pamphlet that all may obtain by writing their congressman. Ask for the HCUA pamphlet titled: "Communist Target, Youth."

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The Crucible

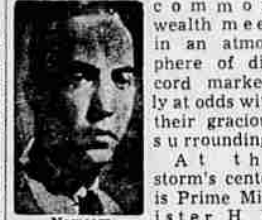
To the Editor: "The Crucible." Arthur Miller's thought-provoking play produced and performed by members of the senior class of Medford High School this past week, constituted for me one more of many pleasant surprises since coming to Medford a few months ago. Brilliantly staged and superbly acted by the entire cast, the show was an impressive display of exceptional dramatic talent and obviously also of expert coaching and direction.

But it was more than a splendid performance and first-rate entertainment. Arthur Miller had something important to say (one wishes this were true more often of the works of contemporary playwrights), namely, as the announcement stated, "that man's integrity is his most

Independent States of British Commonwealth Are in Discord

By PHIL NEWSON
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This week in London's Lancaster House, the 11 independent members of the British



Newson

Verwoerd of the Union of South Africa whose stern policy of "apartheid" denying equal rights to non-white has regulated in Asian and African demands that the Union of South Africa be ousted from its commonwealth membership.

Strongly allied with Verwoerd is Prime Minister Sir Roy Welensky of the Central African Federation of North and South Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

The federation is not yet independent, but it is traditional that its prime minister attend commonwealth meetings. Welensky's policy of segregation has been described as even more severe than that of South Africa.

Confusing System
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precious possession, worth defending at any cost; and these young people said it with genuine sincerity and moving power.

There was also a special timeliness in this work of art so beautifully and effectively performed. A gain quoting from the announcement, "Although the plot of the drama is based on the witchcraft trials of early New England, it is a mistake to see 'The Crucible' as merely an interesting expose of a particularly sorry and remote part of American history. . . . Pressures to conform are as great today in many ways as they were in 1692, and the decision to resist is hard to make."

There is added pertinence to this observation when one thinks of the character assassination of the McCarthyites, past and present, super-patriots who would have us believe that our churches, schools, colleges and universities, even government, are infested by communists; and who label as subversive or fellow-traveler anyone who denies these patently absurd and completely unprovable accusations.

This latter-day species of witch-hunting and defamation of individuals (as, for instance, Chancellor John Richards of the State Board of Higher Education by the alleged president of the "Order of Patriotic Americans" only this past week), and of organizations or institutions of proved integrity and unquestionable patriotism, is all too prevalent and yet rests upon equally specious grounds. One must hope that all who saw "The Crucible" at the High School learned from it, if not before, to make this pertinent comparison and there highly resolved to have no part in any of this wicked contemporary counterpart, but on the contrary, to resist it whenever and wherever it shows itself.

The principal actors in the high school play were truly outstanding, but indeed every part was exceptionally well played. It is no exaggeration to say that in my fairly long life and work with young people in various parts of the country, I never have seen a serious play such as this so magnificently performed by teenagers — the match of many college or even some professional casts I have seen. The whole show was a sheer delight, as was also the excellent program of the high school orchestra. The audience's reaction indicated every bit as deep appreciation as mine. In the idiom of the theater in New York and in Europe, a loud and enthusiastic "Bravo!" to one and all!

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FBI, HUAC and the Mayor

To the Editor: This is an answer to Mr. Eric Allen, Mr. Jenny, and all others who have criticized the House Un-American Activities committee.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

KENNEDY AND BUSINESS

Washington — As superbly ironical as it may sound, 1961 may go down as the year in which a new Democratic President struck up a closer practical partnership in one way with an American business than the old Eisenhower Republican administration ever did.



White

The Kennedy administration is preparing to attack the basic problem of this country's unsatisfactory economic growth by help to business where it counts — in taxes. Its plan to give tax relief for expansion and modernization of American industry lies, in fact, at the heart of its whole economic program.

This will be shown beyond doubt in the recommendations, now being prepared, which will be sent to congress in the President's tax message late this month.

TAX write-offs for updating our industrial plant will be demanded in the face of gathering opposition from two groups which did much to elect the president, the labor leaders and the ultra-liberal Democrats.

The thing, moreover, is not to be slogged through on the mere claim that it would ease the current recession. The administration is prepared to say frankly that while tax relief of this sort might be helpful in this short-term connection, it might not be. For, actually, the administration, while resolved to take all needed shot-in-the-arm measures here, is quite confident that an upturn will soon arrive.

And it probably will arrive before any new tax relief could really be felt. This, the current sluggishness, is not the bedrock concern, and never was.

This bedrock concern is to improve the whole competitive position of American enterprise in the world's markets. This can only be done, it is felt, by sharp improvements in our industrial machine. It is costing our business people more to make things than it ought to be costing.

SEVERAL of our world trade rivals, notably the West Germans, have more modern industrial facilities than ours, for the simple reason that after the devastation of the second world war they had to start again, from the ground up.

Once our world competitive situation is improved, nearly every present economic problem — including the unduly large amount of American money which goes abroad and stays — will be on the way to solution. For the more we sell abroad, the more money — including American money now held abroad — will come home.

This kind of thinking within the administration is improving the climate between the White House and business. By and large, of course, business did not support the president last year, and probably won't next time. But the businessmen are increasingly of a mind to give him a full chance in the meantime, for two fundamental reasons.

ONE is that he has now wholly proved that he never had any intention of restoring any Roosevelt new deal. The other is that in his economic program he is demonstrably not so much interested in partisanship as in performance.

It is not accidental that his chief economic adviser, Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon, is an authentic Wall Street Republican. And it is not unimportant that the president is a well-known beneficiary of the free enterprise system.

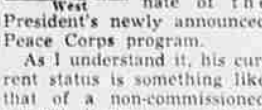
Now, all this does not mean that the president has become "Pro-Republican" or that business will soon be found clamoring at the doors of the Democratic National committee to join the party. It simply means that on this one point and at this time the president and the business community are finding an increasingly common interest.

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Peace Corps Plans Reviewed by Head Of New Program

By DICK WEST

Washington — R. Sargent Shriver, a brother-in-law of President Kennedy, is the latest member of the First Family to report for duty on the New Frontier.



West

At the moment, he carries the official title of director-designate of the Peace Corps program. As I understand it, his current status is something like that of a non-commissioned general leading an unborn army on an indeterminate mission.

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ference did serve to clear up several misconceptions about the Peace Corps. For instance, I had the idea that it was going to be a sort of CCC program for Ivy League graduates. But Shriver said members of the corps might range in age from 18 to 60.

He also took exception to charges that the Peace Corps might become a haven for draft dodgers. Nor will it be a "Children's Crusade" manned by a bunch of overgrown Boy Scouts, he said.

The basic intention is to recruit Americans of assorted skills who are willing to work for a year or two in underdeveloped countries with no pay except minimum living expenses and a small terminal bonus.

Shriver is now setting up a pilot program to go into operation before the end of this year under an executive order of the President.

Later, when all of the details have been worked out, the program will be submitted to Congress with a request for operating funds. What got me interested in the program was Kennedy's statement that Peace Corpsmen might also be sent into certain areas of the United States, as well as overseas.