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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 14, 1951 (Wednesday) Roy J. Rogers, the perennial harbinger of spring in Jackson county, will arrive here Friday to begin preparations for his first warning service to orchardists.

20 YEARS AGO: March 14, 1941 (Friday) Medford led the entire Pacific northwest in the percentage of gain in residential construction during February of this year compared to the same month a year ago.

30 YEARS AGO: March 14, 1931 (Saturday) Two Medford youths have been named to offices in the state Epworth league, which is holding a convention here.

40 YEARS AGO: March 14, 1921 (Monday) E. O. McCormick, vice president of the Southern Pacific railroad, was a Medford visitor this past week end.

50 YEARS AGO: March 14, 1911 (Tuesday) The Medford post office led all other post offices in the Pacific northwest in the percentage increase of its business over the last five years; it was 35 per cent.

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

1. Which of these is part of a garnish: tripods, trices, traces, triolets?

2. For 23 years May, 1795, to July, 1818) the American Flag had more than thirteen stripes; how many stripes did it have?

3. Does the number of points on the antlers of a deer give a reliable indication of the animal's age?

4. In which South American country is the city of Lima?

5. What color is used for printing the back of the \$1.00 U.S. Silver Certificate?

6. Is Ecuador on the eastern or western coast of South America?

7. Where is the Eustacean tub?

8. Which is more brittle, cast or wrought iron?

9. Is Hamilton the capital of Jamaica, Bermuda, the Bahamas or Puerto Rico?

10. Was Luther Burbank more famous as an actor, poet, plant breeder or author?

Answers: 1. Traces. 2. Fifteen. 3. No. 4. Peru. 5. Green. 6. Western. 7. Connects the ear and the pharynx. 8. Cast iron. 9. Bermuda. 10. Plant breeder.

Durno Unifies Opinion

In scuttling the Dunes Park proposal for this session of Congress, Rep. Edwin Durno has done more to unify opinion behind the proposal than have any of its advocates.

Instead of just attacking the plan as an invasion of private property or as unnecessary in view of the present recreational development of the area, he contended the dunes seashore doesn't possess the scenic grandeur to warrant federal park status.

SAY what you will about Oregon's coastline, but don't say it lacks scenic grandeur. Editorial opinion, whether it favored the park or no, has jumped to the defense of the state's beauty. The Coos Bay World says of Durno, "We do expect him to be more temperate and logical in his opposition than to brand us or our Oregon Coast unworthy."

We hope Rep. Durno gets an opportunity to visit some of the national parks in the Eastern half of the United States while he is serving in Washington, D.C. If he does, he won't be nearly as willing to condemn Oregon's coastline as being "unworthy" of national park status.—Oregon Statesman.

American Guerrillas

Guerrilla warfare, Webster informs, is "An irregular war by independent bands." It is a technique that has been largely neglected by the United States military since the days of the old frontier. Appropriately enough, it is becoming a more than casual concern of President John F. Kennedy's new frontier.

As evidence, the Pentagon announced on March 8 that the head of the Special Warfare Branch at Ft. Bragg, N.C., Col. William P. Yarborough, was being raised a rank to Brigadier General. And the administration authorized a 500-man increase in the strength of our 1800-man guerrilla and counter-guerrilla forces.

The new emphasis on guerrilla war may reflect increased concern for the worsening situation in Laos, where the Communist Pathet Lao forces have operated up until recently chiefly as irregulars. News reports indicate that this concern may be tardy.

The rebels are now supposed to be receiving massive supplies of relatively heavy weapons, and the artillery of 105 mm type is not consistent with the usual concept of guerrilla warfare. On the other side, the monsoon season is now at hand in Laos, and the rains would favor Communist guerrilla tactics.

THE Kennedy administration has shown a new interest in ground warfare in general. While denying a leaked story purporting a switch-over in emphasis from nuclear to conventional weapons, Secretary of State Dean Rusk on Feb. 28 affirmatively mentioned "strengthening of . . . non-nuclear aspects" of defense.

And the general suspicion in Washington was that the leak was an Air Force "extremist" move to forestall an Army build up. The N.Y. Times on March 2 carried a dispatch about an Army study recommending combat-ready units deployed to "forward areas of the free world" which was supposed to have found favor with the new regime.

As for guerrilla fighting, the semi-official magazine Army has begun publishing a three-part abridgment of a manual on the subject by Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Fidel Castro's field commander during the successful Cuban revolution. And this is no dull technical publication, but, as described by Mark S. Watson, military correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, "a brilliantly reasoned and highly readable work on how and where and when to organize secret guerrilla forces, and then to employ them with maximum effectiveness for destroying order."

ARMY special forces have from time to time been given instruction and training in irregular fighting—as have Marines—but most of it has been sporadic and not combat-proved. World War II Tank Destroyers, for example, were given courses in "dirty" fighting and pioneer tactics which proved largely useless once they were blooded. More effective was training given ranger and air-borne forces.

But for the most part, Americans have considered guerrillas only an adjunct of "legitimate" troops. Now in Bavaria as well as at Ft. Bragg the toughest kind of "special forces" are being drilled in irregular tactics.

For good reason: Moscow has translated Che Guevara's manual into several languages. Red China is furtively pushing Mao Tse-tung's equally brilliant book on the same subject, in translation, in Latin America. And Fidel Castro makes no secret of his determination to export Cuba's brand of revolution to disturbed nations in the Western Hemisphere.—E.R.R.

Nixon Resumes Practice of Law

Los Angeles—Private open a separate office from citizen Richard M. Nixon goes to work as an attorney today for the first time in 20 years, planning to leave plenty of time to the business of politics.

The defeated presidential candidate Monday joined the Los Angeles law firm of Adams, Ducey & Hazeltine. "I will not take any matters using my influence on a government department to get something for a client," he said.

Dennis the Menace



"Hi, Tommy! We're gonna borrow some money!"

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.

Expresses Appreciation

To the Editor: We want to express our sincere appreciation to our friends, acquaintances and the many people we have never had the pleasure of meeting for their gifts of clothing, food and the many other things that makes life so worth while.

We want to especially thank the good friends who took time out to solicit and gather all this in the good old fashioned way, when sudden destruction came and fire took our home.

Greg Scarborough and family, Route 2, Box 195 Central Point, Ore.

Thank Lions Club

To the Editor: Dear Lions club: I don't know how to thank you enough for what you people have done for me. At any rate I thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for the eye-glasses you people bought for me.

Last Monday night by an accident I broke my eye-glasses into two pieces. Being pretty near-sighted, I have been much careful to my glasses since these glasses meant my two eyes, especially as a student.

The very next day I didn't know what to do, since I was completely broke and without glasses I could not go to classes. But fortunately you people arranged everything, and I could go to doctor's and get a new one within a few days. I'm really grateful for you people's kindness.

Here I thank again to all the members of the Lions club in Medford and personally to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Shoop who recommended me at the Lions club. In Suck Bak Korean student at SOC Ashland, Ore.

Where The Smoke

To the Editor: O, for Pete's sake, you've done gone and left the Star Gazer's Daily Guide outta Friday's Tribune! How in the dickens is my husband going to find his tomorrow's activity doings?

Generally speaking, I know that I don't intend to be very active nohow regardless of any stars. It's cloudy now; no stars in sight, and I never learned to read 'em.

I never even ask what the weather is; I simply look outta the window. If it is too dark, I listen to the weather man and believe what he doesn't.

As for my tomorrows; The Bible tells us we aren't supposed to know what's cooking ahead of time. Who cares? I don't.

I just read a communication entitled "Be Informed." As it happens I am. I've not only traveled over Mexico, I've worked in a factory with Mexicans and know many of them personally, and I'm all for Mildred Engman. She, too, has seen them work; I know Mildred personally.

Know that Mexican song that has a line that says, "When my mother looks for me, I'm sleeping in the yard?" Well, he is, and with his sombrero pulled down over his nose.

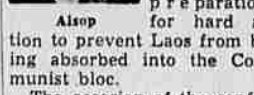
That ombre runs true to form. I stayed a while at a natural gas plant where both Americans and Mexicans were hired. The American men had calloused palms, while Isaurro's and Pedro's were soft as a child's.

Try buying cheap clothing, cheap labor or cheap anything and you'll get exactly what you pay for. There are good people in any and every country and I have personal friends in Mexico, but I've worked in a factory among all sorts of humans and I've yet to see one Mexican who can do the work

Matter of Fact

ON THE RAZOR'S EDGE

Washington — The past week's most important and indicative American events took place behind closed doors. On Thursday, at an unannounced White House conference, President Kennedy approved a long series of preparations for hard action to prevent Laos from being absorbed into the Communist bloc.



Also: At present, 18 American newsmen work in Moscow under some of the severest restrictions in the world.

The occasion of the conference was the return for consultation of the U.S. Commander of the Pacific, Adm. Felt. With the exception of the Secretary of State Dean Rusk, who had to send a representative, virtually all the members of the Kennedy administration's defense - and-foreign high command were present at this crucial meeting, which lasted for several hours.

Some of the decisions taken, such as the decision that it was urgent to provide the non-Communist forces in Laos with better means of transport and internal communication, can be counted on to produce immediate, open results. Other decisions, calling for practical preparations for much graver and sterner action, may not produce visible results in the end. The actions being prepared for may later be judged to be needless.

Injected Into Scene

To the Editor: Robert J. Howard is improving. The acid into which he had been dipping his pen in recent months appears to have been diluted somewhat. Perhaps he'll soon learn to use ordinary writing fluid.

And I'll say this for him: misinformed and mistaken though he often is, at least he has the courage to sign his name to his communications; whereas some people who have been sending me their fear and hate "literature" haven't had the decency to identify themselves.

In Sunday's communications in MT, Bob said, "Mr. Jenny was asked to be more specific in his charges against HCUA (sic). He chose not to." I hope it is purely coincidental and without unhappy significance that my anonymous correspondents similarly got HUAC's letters out of order.

As to Bob's charge, I can only say that I was very specific when I said that the House un-American committee's film, "Operation Abolition," had been "doctored" by so piecing together parts out of context as to make it appear, falsely, that the few identifiable Communists involved in the San Francisco affair had led those student demonstrations. These are the palpable distortions which the Committee's investigator, William Wheeler, had admitted.

Perhaps it may help Bob if I add that the few Communists present on that occasion were the noisy rioters who had injected themselves into the scene, but they were not the leaders of the legitimate and peaceful student demonstrations.

If it isn't clear enough to Bob, I would suggest that he enroll in the school district's adult education program and take a course in English to improve his knowledge and understanding of our language; perhaps also in film techniques, if available, to learn how, by appropriate splicing, film can be made to falsify the truth.

An English course also might help Bob interpret rightly such terms as my reference to "super-patriots," a species of homo sapiens our beloved America could do well without. Plain and real patriots of the order of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, the two Roosevelts, Eisenhower, President Kennedy and hosts of others as genuine, if less well-known, we all honor and desire to emulate.

Funk & Wagnalls defines "super" as "Above in degree or amount; usually denoting excess." So, Bob, that's nothing to be proud of. It is these super-patriot boys, in or out of HUAC, who make themselves nuisances with their un-American brainwashing of other citizens who have a truer understanding of and devotion to our Bill of Rights. And that is why I proclaim again, with earnest and patriotic fervor, Let Freedom Ring!

Incidentally, a patriot over in Ashland has written me: "Just a line to thank you for saying (in your letters published recently in the MT) many of the things about 'HUAC' that I would like to have said, and for saying them very well. If I were superstitious, I would think it more than an odd coincidence that 'HUAC' suggests the name of some sort of blood-drenched Aztec god."

And many others, in varying ways, have added their appreciation of my efforts to enlighten some of our misinformed and misguided fellow-citizens. Arnold Eugene Jenny Rogie Valley Manor Medford

Reports From Moscow Indicate Abolition of News Censorship

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

From Moscow comes the report that the Soviet Union is about to abolish censorship of news dispatches written by foreign correspondents there.



Newsom

The immediate result may expect to be a sharp increase in the already thousands of words which pour daily from the Soviet capital, and a probable increase also in the number of resident correspondents assigned to Moscow.

At present, 18 American newsmen work in Moscow under some of the severest restrictions in the world. Censorship, a favorite weapon of dictators against a free press, has existed in Russia since the days of the czars. Its abolition now would be a mark of growing confidence among Soviet leaders, beginning with Nikita Khrushchev, and recognition of the fact that even the strictest censorship seldom succeeds in suppressing news for long.

Dean of the American correspondents in Moscow is UPI's Henry Shapiro who has been battling Soviet censorship for more than 25 years. Shapiro was the first of the foreign correspondents in Moscow to break through the censorship wall and report the death of Joseph Stalin in 1953, and his notable dispatches before and since may have been among the factors leading to the decision that in the long run censorship is a futile gesture.

Shapiro foresaw the end of Moscow censorship and while on a visit to UPI's New York headquarters last fall left this memo: "The death of Stalin marked the introduction of more liberal censorship rules along with the elimination of the restrictive Soviet instructions. 'Restrictions' were gradually relaxed, delays in transmission reduced and balanced, objective reporting, even if critical and unflattering to the Soviet regime, became easier. More Harm Than Good."

Now the Soviet authorities apparently have decided that censorship, on balance, does more harm than good and have resolved to abolish it altogether.

As with other nations practicing censorship, the Russian have consistently denied that it existed. It was administered under an organization known as Glavlit, meaning roughly the Administration for Literature, Soviet officials maintained that its sole function was to hold "erring" correspondents in check.

Correspondents still would be held accountable for their writings and a dispatch displeasing to officialdom could result in expulsion, even though its accuracy might be unquestioned.

But on the other hand, I wouldn't be especially keen about plowing under the ones I've already got. Suggest Name. Some of those who proposed setting up the new agency suggested that it be called the "Department of Urban and Municipal Problems." Then they abruptly withdrew their suggestion.

They did so after someone observed that the abbreviation for "Department of Urban and Municipal Problems" would be "DUMP."

As you can see, the sponsors of the proposal were not in step with this age of the organization man. Had they been in step, they would have known that they were doing things backward.

Nowadays, it is considered bad form to give first consideration to a name. What you do now is start out with an abbreviation. Then you think up a name that will fit it.

The "initials first" trend started, as best I can tell, about 15 years ago with the formation of a post-war relief program. Someone apparently decided that "CARE" would be a fine abbreviation for the organization.

So, after a great deal of brain straining, they managed to come up with a name to match the abbreviation, "Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe" was the result.

Initials Stay. Later the name was changed to "Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere," which broadened the scope of the program while preserving the original initials.

Since the advent of CARE, all sorts of initialized groups have come into being. None, I suspect, was named until after it had been abbreviated.

We have a medical relief ship project called "HOPE" (Health Opportunity for People Everywhere), which is not to be confused with "COPE" (Committee on Political Education).

Good Samaritan physician go overseas for "MEDICO" (Medical International Cooperation Organization) and the National Council of Churches Sponsors "CROP" (Christian Rural Overseas Program).

The custom of initial naming was confined to national organizations until last October when it reached the regional level. That was when some people in Atlanta formed an anti-integration group named "GUTS" (Georgians Unwilling to Surrender).

West Aims Problems Of New Department Of U.S. Government

By DICK WEST

Washington — There has been some talk this year of creating a new government department to deal with the city dwellers who are the Agricultural leader in Laos.

Phoumi Nosavan, and the neutralist ex-prime minister, Prince Souvanna Phouma, have negotiated an apparent agreement to neutralize their country—with unpredictable results.

In another ring, situated in the wilds of Siberia, the U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, Llewellyn Thompson Jr., has been talking about Laos, as well as many other problems, with Nikita S. Khrushchev—reportedly with fairly encouraging results.

In still another ring, the Communist forces in Laos are mounting what could be the previously predicted major offensive aimed at clear-cut military victory—with results that are disturbing but not yet clearly known.

AS CAN be seen, the action in any single ring of this bizarre crisis-circus can either cancel out the action in the other rings, or greatly increase its meaning. For example, the upshot of the Phoumi-Souvanna and Thompson-Khrushchev talks can perhaps be a status for Laos like the present status of Cambodia. In that case, the conference at the White House and the offensive in Laos will both come to nothing in the end.

Contrariwise, if the Communist offensive achieves serious breakthrough in Laos, the program approved at the White House conference will assume urgent significance.

The Laos crisis, so much more potentially perilous than the better publicized places and the crisis in the Congo, is in fact balancing at this moment on a razor's edge. Almost, without warning, it can take a rather hopeful or a deeply somber direction.

This balancing act on a razor's edge, is a pretty breathless business. It is not easy to think about anything but the short run results, when the future in Laos will quite certainly control the future of South East Asia and may also involve choice between peace and war. For the long run, none-the-less, the strictly indicative character of the White House conference on Laos may prove to be its best remembered aspect.

What it indicates is the real character of President Kennedy's approach to the appalling problems he inherited from President Eisenhower. When Kennedy was confronted with responsibility for American policy in Laos, in the Congo, in Cuba, and in other, similar situations which have not yet reached the stage of open, acute crisis, the new President might easily have taken refuge in the complaint: "This is a world I never made!"

IN OTHER words, Kennedy could have claimed that situations had already gotten completely out of hand before he took office. And he could therefore have argued that there was nothing left to do except, for instance, to adopt the British policy of politely concealed surrender in Laos.

Kennedy would not have been human if he had not been tempted to take this comfortable, politically easy course. How much he was tempted, none can say. At any rate, he temporized for a while, resorting to such devices as his proposal to make Malaya, Burma and Cambodia responsible for future neu-

ducting any more children, not producing crops. But on the other hand, I wouldn't be especially keen about plowing under the ones I've already got.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

FROM THE CLASSIFIED SECTIONS:

1. "Wanted! An incompetent stenographer to fill in until we find a really good one."

2. "Will the gent who kissed me in a Paradise Lake canoe last Saturday night get in touch with me immediately. Otherwise I shall be compelled to marry my present fiancée."

3. "Wanted! Lion tamer seeks tamer lion."

4. "Fianos moved! We are famous for the loving care we lavish on valuable instruments. We also sell kindling wood."

LYRICIZES SAM HIMMEL:

"He wrecked his car. He lost his job. And yet throughout his life He took his troubles like a man: He blamed them on his wife."

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