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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: April 28, 1951 (Saturday). All southern Oregon holdings of the Loyal Order of the Golden Rule have been sold for an estimated \$1 1/4 million.

20 YEARS AGO: April 28, 1941 (Monday). Thirty CCC camps in the Medford district will be active next year.

30 YEARS AGO: April 28, 1931 (Tuesday). State Treasurer Thomas B. Kay died today following a stroke.

40 YEARS AGO: April 28, 1921 (Thursday). Construction of a tabernacle seating 2,000 for a soon to come revival meeting, was completed here in just two days by volunteer workers.

50 YEARS AGO: April 28, 1911 (Friday). A Southern Oregon Poultry association has been officially organized here; it has a current membership of 175, but the potential is estimated at 500 members.

60 YEARS AGO: April 28, 1901 (Friday). The Hill railroad system and the Southern Pacific are reported to be in a race to complete laying railroad tracks to the sea through southern Oregon and northern California.

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

1. Is the Blue Danube in Europe or Asia? 2. How many equinoxes are there each year? 3. Did John Quincy Adams serve as Representative in Congress before or after he served as President of the U.S.?

4. Is an artisan a deep well, a blood vessel, skilled craftsman, or an imitation oil painting? 5. For whom was the month of August named? 6. Caliber indicates the muzzle velocity of a weapon; true or false? 7. The American Red Cross was organized by Florence Nightingale; true or false? 8. Which State of the U.S. is second smallest in area? 9. Au is the chemical symbol for which metallic element? 10. The motion picture, "The Pride of the Yankees," was based on the life of which well-known New York ball player?

Answers: 1. Europe, 2. Two, 3. After, 4. Skilled craftsman, 5. Caesar Augustus, 6. False, (Size of bore), 7. False, (Clara Barton), 8. Delaware, 9. Gold, 10. Lou Gehrig.

Diminishing Privacy

To compare the case of the discharged University of Oregon student counsellor, who refused to use the personality rating questionnaires provided her for use in her counseling duties, with the "Big Brother" activities so graphically described in "1984," may be a little far-fetched.

But not too much. Where does one draw the line between the right of privacy, and the undoubtedly well-meaning efforts of schools and other official agencies to be "helpful"?

The incident of the outspoken girl counsellor indicates that the line is being pushed away from privacy and toward "helpful" nosiness.

ONE of the more chilling news stories of recent days quoted a scientist who was discussing the expanding role of the electronic computer.

Already, they are in use to file away vital statistics about our population—such necessary things as birth dates, social security numbers, and so on.

From this it is only a step to start storing away other types of personal information—perhaps "personal evaluations" of a type made by the University's housemothers and student counsellors.

And from this it is, again, only another step to include information similar to that in the "raw files" of the FBI—unevaluated statements concerning people and their loyalty, made by no one knows who, and motivated by no one knows what.

THE scientist being quoted said it is not outside the realm of imagination to foresee a day, if the present trend continues, when such automated files of personal information will include all the details of his life, his early mistakes, his political leanings, his public and private views, the words of his enemies.

Privacy would then be gone. And, perhaps even worse, here is a ready-made tool for a government which could, perhaps unnoticed, drift from "paternalism" to "big brotherism."

This is, in fact, the greatest hazard of the welfare state, which was born from the sincere conviction that government has a legitimate role in the well-being of its citizens.

THE trend can be seen, and in each instance it has originated in a spirit of helpfulness. Criminals, who have sacrificed their right to privacy, have probing analyses (including presentence and parole and probation reports) filed about them.

So do inmates of hospitals, mental and otherwise.

So do public assistance beneficiaries—information designed to make it easier for them to be helped.

And there are students' grade transcripts. And employment records. And so on and on.

All of these are valid and legitimate. But where, we ask again, does the right to privacy begin and where does it end?

AMONG the most interesting responses to the leaptotempest aroused by the University freshman girls' counsellor came from two students at the University who came here from totalitarian countries.

In a letter to the Emerald, the student daily newspaper, they said in part:

"Having lived the major part of our lives in totalitarian regimes, we are tickled to take note of the Osburn (the counsellor) affair. The system of 'Personal Record Reports,' as they choose to call it at the U. of O., reminds us of a similar method widely practiced in the Soviet and the satellites, where the lucid term 'Cadre file' was created for it. It appears the incidental fact that the Personal Record Report is used on a smaller scale, does not in any way make it less objectionable than the cadre system."

"One could hardly end this letter without expressing admiration for the young lady's courage and her refusal to be essentially a paid informer, an attitude apparently not shared by her fellow counsellors. "George Handlery, "Andrew Bartanyi."

MISS OSBURN, of course, was not a "paid informer." She was employed to be of assistance to freshmen women in the dormitory where she was assigned. And the record reports were designed to be of help both to her in performing her job, and to the students she was attempting to assist.

But the fact remains that such reports, confidential or not, well-meaning or not, intelligently used or not, are part of the trend toward an invasion of the privacy of Americans.

On this basis alone, they should be reexamined, and their implications thought through, by University authorities.—E. A.

He Certainly Was Right

"Things," President Kennedy said in his first days in office, "are going to be worse before they get better."

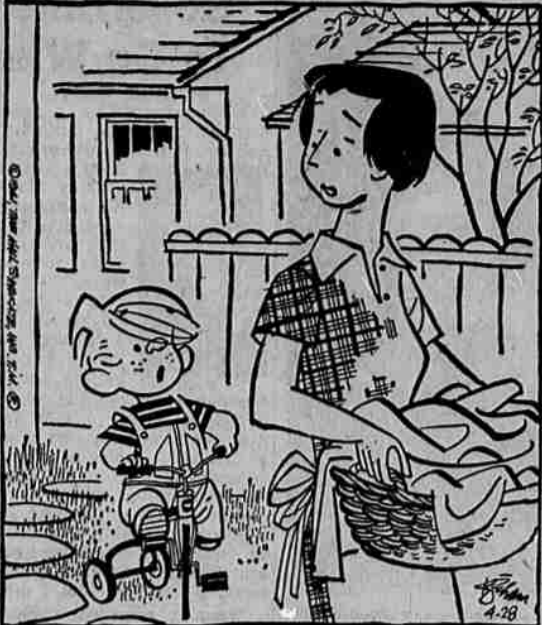
How right he was! The Russians beat us into space; Cuba blew up; Laos is in a virtual state of chaos. And in all of these, United States prestige is squarely on the line.

One is permitted to hope that this worsening has reached its nadir. But don't count on it for a while yet.—E. A.

There are three (count 'em—3) candidates for the Medford school board to be voted on in Monday's school district election.

It is gratifying that three men, all of them conscientious, well-qualified, and willing to devote their time to public service, are offering themselves as candidates. Will school patrons do as well? Or will the usual corporal's guard of voters turn out Monday?—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"DID YOU KNOW MY MOM WAS SICK? SHE'S REAL, REAL SICK. SHE'S EVEN IN BED!"

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.

Communism's Gas War

To the Editor: While agreeing in principle with sentiments expressed Wednesday by Mr. Robert J. Howard, I feel he is asleep to the real Communist menace. The present gasoline price war is a good example of how they really plan to take America.

For several months Russia has dumped gas and oil on world markets. This has dried up American foreign markets, and caused a surplus which the oil companies unload through "price wars." While it may end locally soon, look for it to start as soon as the legislatures in Washington and Oregon adjourn. They have to get rid of surplus stocks.

Russia can do this with any commodity she chooses, including gold bars. This is her plan.

Parker Bailey, 542 1/2 A' st., Ashland, Ore.

Doing as Pilate

To the Editor: One of your Ashland readers, I note, feels that it isn't just liquor that is responsible for the untidy area around the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl.

I agree with her. In fact space prohibited my writing all I would have liked. Many Americans seem to have lost their regard for the rights of others. This fact is evident in many different ways. Yet if your readers could have seen the sharp contrast between the Ski Bowl before liquor came and after, they might have better appreciated what I wrote. I have as yet to witness a dairy bar surrounded by what I saw at Mt. Shasta. At least I can feel safe to take my children to a place where dairy products are served, even if there are some paper containers thrown around.

If any one doubts there is a difference in the two places, then watch the customers as they emerge. Do you see bloated-faced, staggering individuals careening down our highways as a result of drinking milkshakes?

Does the one who peacefully eats a ice cream cone go home and beat his wife and children?

Some persons are aroused over a wrecking yard coming into the Talent area. We have far worse wrecking yards already in business in our area. Human wrecking yards, if you please. Any place that dispenses a product that breeds all the misery and woe, as liquor does, is a wrecking yard and the ultra-modern grocery palaces that deal in the same products by no means are clear in this matter.

A peculiar form of reasoning is used by some. It goes like this: "They'll get the stuff any way, so I might as well have some of the profits."

Really now, does that clear any of us in something we feel is wrong?

Too many, I fear, do as Pilate, who washed his hands thinking he was thus cleared of our Lord's blood. Does following a wrong course because others are doing it make it right? Many, I fear, are selling out their souls mighty cheap.

Yes public education is good, but what is really needed is a change in sinful men's hearts. This can only be brought about by a surrender of one's entire being to the one who gave His life for us on the cross.

Henry Johnson Jr., 2315 Highway 66, Ashland, Ore.

Junk Problems

To the Editor: If the people of Talent will take a short drive around Shady Cove,

they won't walk, they will dash to the nearest place where they can be heard, and do everything in their power to keep any kind of junk yard from their midst.

I do not think there is a street in Shady Cove that does not have its share of torn-down cars, logging equipment, running dogs, and just plain untidy folks who think nothing of heaving beer bottles, cans or what have you any place they may be facing when the last drop is down.

Believe me, it does tear down your property. One has a hard time selling, if they do not wish to live in a city dump.

Once a dump starts, it grows like cancer and no cure in sight.

Just thank God that you do have weapons to fight the thing now. We don't have out here. It seems anything goes.

Please do not print my name as I do not want to be dumped in a junk pile.

(Name on File), Shady Cove, Ore.

Thank You, Sir!

To the Editor: Before leaving this community I want to express a word of appreciation of its news paper. Readers may think I am prejudiced because you have published my unprivate diary about bird watching, but I held many of these opinions even before that time.

Over the years I have observed that the character of a town's newspaper has a considerable influence on it. Although I agree with the views of the editor more than many people do, I think all can see that it means much to a city to have an editor who prints many views in his news columns and communications, but states his own editorially with force and courage.

I am sorry you lost the battle to keep the freeway from cutting through the heart of Medford. I hope you win future battles against air and water pollution. I won't go into politics except to say that your well-informed opinions are always worth considering. I enjoy your serious editorials on science and on trends in our modern society.

I also want to add my word of appreciation of the church editor, Peggyann Hutchinson, whose church page is second to none, and the society editor, Olive Starcher, whose work, happily, is not limited to "society" in any narrow sense.

Thanks, too, for your great insight in realizing that little birds in the trees actually have an interest for the common reader.

Thomas McCamant, 300 Oakwood dr., Medford

An Outsider's Comments

To the Editor: Just a few words from an outsider on the transfer of 97 students from the Phoenix school district to the Medford district.

What would the people of Phoenix say and do if the Medford school district extended into the Phoenix city limits (as this district does into the Medford city limits)?

I believe that these citizens, if they had children in this kind of a district, would want their children to go to Phoenix instead of hauling them several miles to Medford. Also Mrs. Henriksen and Mrs. Sommers say to lose these children from their district would put an extra tax burden on their district. Would not building a new school (which would not be needed if these children went to Medford) at the edge of the Medford city limits also increase their taxes?

Another thing, why did the Phoenix district allow these

Soviets, Czechoslovakia Shipping Many Supplies To Cuba In Wake of Invasion

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Whether Nikita Khrushchev would launch World War III to protect Fidel Castro, his

Cuban puppet, must for the moment remain a matter of conjecture.

But as the United States reassesses its position as a result of the failure of the Cuban invasion, reports from Havana and behind the Iron Curtain leave no doubt about the importance the Communist leadership attaches to its Cuban beachhead.

Scarcely had the invasion attempt collapsed before Communist ships began arriving at Havana docks.

They carried oil, trucks, tractors, jeeps, industrial equipment, textiles, chemicals, pharmaceutical goods and even glassware.

It was obvious that the shipments had started on their way before the invasion began but they were substantial

Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

THE "HARD-NOSES" Washington - (UPI) - John F. Kennedy is now feeling for the first time the full chill loneliness of that terrible and unsharable ultimatum responsibility which lies upon him as President.

He is by no means isolated from advisers, but the truly intimate circle is narrowing in the aftermath of the Cuban tragedy. Setback and sorrow (sorrow for the anti-Castro Cuban patriots who died in the lost Cuban invasion is frankly shown by the President) have made Mr. Kennedy deeply aware that in the last hour of every crisis he is a man alone. At the end, decisions of fateful consequences are his alone.

All this he well knew, academically, of course, before he took office. But a newly trained soldier may know in his mind that a coming action will be bloody without truly apprehending it in his whole being until he actually goes through that action. It is much this way with the President.

HE had long known in his mind that all life was a series of struggles, indeed. But a special awareness of the mortal nature of those struggles has now come upon him - not from theory but from experience.

So he is doing now what is natural to a man whose life - as a Naval officer during the war and as a politician - has been based more upon action than words. He is not shutting out those advisers who are only "idea men." But he is turning more and more to those who are first of all men of proved competence and toughness in action - to those who in public affairs are combat types rather than staff office types.

Two men, therefore, are now the men closest to the President. One is his brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy. The other is Vice President Lyndon Johnson. Both were intimately involved in the President's own greatest personal crisis before now, Bob Kennedy as an indispensable ally in the fight for the presidential nomination and Lyndon Johnson as a powerful opponent.

THE President knows from experience their determination, their fighting morale and that neither, whatever his faults, is in the least way afflicted by mushiness.

He also knows their loyalty - Bob Kennedy's unquestioning brotherly loyalty; Johnson's more impersonal loyalty to an administration of which he is an elected part.

To talk to the President is to see a man much alerted in recent weeks. He is still calm

and laconic. But no casual gaiety is in evidence now. He wastes no angry recriminations against anybody within his government for the Cuban failure. He is fully prepared to take, and even to insist upon, the final responsibility which he knows is his anyhow.

The forthcoming view of our intelligence operations and our capacity to fight guerrilla actions was not ordered as a mournful autopsy over the past. It was ordered solely to find out what we need for the future.

The President is wryly amused at the self-serving leaks which have been going on around here to suggest that one fellow was right and another to blame. He is not hunting heads to chop off. All the same, this correspondent's firm impression is that the President's basic reaction to Cuba recalls what old Fleet Admiral "Ernie" King said when he was called to Navy command after Pearl Harbor: "When they get into trouble they send for the so-and-so's."

THE term "so-and-so's" is not meant to suggest bad or conscienceless men. Rather it describes the untried "hard-noses" the men who, once committed to a thing, will carry it through to the end.

Finally, some predictions are made on this columnist's own responsibility alone: The Central Intelligence Agency within months will see the retirement as director of Allen W. Dulles, a holdover who had not intended to serve permanently. His new head will be a "hard-nose," possibly even Robert Kennedy himself and possibly another, such as Navy Secretary John Connally. Connally, an old "Johnson man," fought Bob Kennedy at the Democratic convention with the same coolly furious skill with which Bob Kennedy fought him.

In doing this you must forget God and religion first, then you must forget the idea of exploiting your fellow man for profit. This is our second largest field to work in. The third largest field is slavery, mental slavery. Keep your mind working on something that will help the human race, here and now, don't waste your time on religion and where pie is promised in the sky by and by. Science is a good thing to study and theology is of less importance. Birth control is a mighty important thing to practice, and can do a wonderful lot of good. There are other great fields to work in that will bring forth an abundance of results. Now for example, if there had been more stringent birth control there should have been less people to be murdered.

Well, call me a "Crackpot" if you want to, but don't call me a dumb-head.

J. P. Wirth, 3022 Butte st., Klamath Falls, Ore.

Something Beneficial

To the Editor: Eichmann, the archmurderer of all time, and all of those he was associated with, Austrians, Poles, Czechoslovakians and others, and all who helped Germans in this terrible catastrophe ought to be punished to the fullest extent of the law. Yes, the Germans had a hand in it too, and if so, I'm most ashamed of being of German descent.

I am advised that 8 million Jews were slaughtered like cattle. I hate to think this to be true but I have heard it from different sources, and I'm sorry I'll have to believe it, though I'm not a Jew, only insofar as their principles of humanity might be right. I don't know too much about the Jews, but I'm under the impression that they are wrong in their foolish ideas that they might practice in the way of religion. But then that is nothing new for me as I don't believe in any religion, or a God either, as all our wars and all troubles have had their origin in religion. In fact, just turn to your Bible and read the atrocities that have been committed in the terrible days in the

economic battle. A new trade deal will triple last year's volume between Czechoslovakia and Cuba and bluntly was declared designed to "help eliminate the consequences of the economic blockade with which the United States government attempted to crush the revolutionary movement."

Thus Czechoslovakia, whose arms deal with Carlo five years ago led the Communist way into the Middle East, apparently now has been selected as a spearhead of the Communist drive into Latin America.

They coincided with news from Washington that the United States was considering a total embargo on Cuban trade which would hit primarily the \$70 million annual exports of Cuban tobacco to the United States.

Now from Czechoslovakia comes the word that that highly industrialized Communist satellite has been thrown into

Strictly Personal

By Sidney J. Harris (c) General Features Corp.

100 high school seniors who had been accepted for college but had NOT been awarded any type of scholarship, it was found that only six out of ten read at least one book. The total number read by these boys was only 175.

Men who read more, the ad pointed out, are almost twice as likely to be school leaders. Of 100 scholarship winners, 67 were officers or committee heads of at least one service, social or athletic organization, compared with 39 of the nonscholarship students.

It is one of the great anti-intellectual clinches of modern American society that the reader is a "bookworm" - a narrow-chested, bespectacled, introverted dreamer, lacking in physical graces and social charm. Every survey taken has shown this to be an utterly false impression.

Children with higher IQs tend to be larger, healthier and more outgoing than their less endowed playmates. Students who rank high academically tend also to be active in sports, social organizations, and service clubs; except for the occasional eccentric genius, who has his own value and should be given respect for his unusual powers.

It is well past time that the business community stimulate the desire for scholarship and make full use of the brains we have. Too often it has publicly sneered at the academic virtues while privately benefiting from all the tools and techniques of academic research and investigation.

Of course, International Paper wants to sell a lot of paper, and a lot of paper goes into books. Its interest in reading is commercial, but there is nothing wrong with a commercial interest when it coincides with a legitimate national goal. The two should be harnessed together more often.

The end of business is profit, but far-sighted businesses know that "profit" is a long-term concept; and that we cannot prosper as a nation unless we reward brains and learning with the money and prestige that today we too often give to mere cunning and cupidity.

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Israeli Pilots Down Arab Plane

Jerusalem, Israel - (UPI) - Israeli fighter pilots shot down a Communist-made MIG 17 jet fighter of the United Arab Republic air force near Halutza in southern Israel early today, an Israeli army spokesman announced.

The spokesman said the U.A.R. warplane was well inside Israeli territory when intercepted by Israeli fliers and refused to heed an order to land.

The spokesman said the U.A.R. pilot was seen parachuting to earth. First reports indicated the downed pilot may have landed near the border and succeeded in making his way into Egyptian territory.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A MATRON WAS TOOTLING ALONG at a merry clip in her new convertible in the left lane of a parkway when, without warning, she suddenly made a sharp right turn and collided with another car.

"Blank, blank, blank!" roared the other driver. "Why the blank, blank didn't you signal?"

"Don't be absurd," countered the equally outraged matron loftily, "I always turn here."

The president of a big corporation let his eyes roam over the faces of his board of directors, which consisted of his own son, three sons-in-law, and his good-for-nothing nephew.

"Well, gentlemen," he said, "I suggest you give me all your ideas as quickly as possible—before my two tranquilizer pills wear off."

