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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

May 18, 1951 (Friday)
 Boy Scout officials expect the first Central Lake area Boy Scout circus tomorrow night to be an outstanding scouting event.

Saturday was today pronounced Armed Forces day by Mayor D. L. Flynn who requested that the U.S. flag be displayed wherever possible.

20 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1931 (Sunday)
 A 13-year-old boy was rescued yesterday from an abandoned mine shaft near Ashland where he had become trapped while exploring. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The Optimist international met in Portland over the week end, and rumor hath it they found something to be optimistic about."

30 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1901 (Monday)
 Petitions seeking the establishment of a road district in the Tiller-Trail area were presented to the county court today.

Eugene, Roseburg and Medford are all rumored as the site for a proposed new veterans hospital.

40 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1921 (Wednesday)
 Forty-three seniors graduated in ceremonies at Ashland High school yesterday. An organized "Clean-Up week" is in progress here.

50 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1911 (Thursday)
 The Medford Realty association last night discussed the need for expansion of the farm and garden produce production here to supply local markets.

The city has agreed to furnish free water for the new St. Mary's hospital which is being erected here.

What's Your I.Q.?

None or too correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. The King of the Hellenes is the King of which country?
2. Who was the author of the "Fourteen Points"?
3. Do vertebrates, or invertebrates, have a backbone?
4. Name the Director of the C.I.A. (Central Intelligence Agency).
5. Complete the title of the John Ford novel, "The Little Shepherd of..."
6. Which is the lighter gas, hydrogen or helium?
7. A sampan is a cooking utensil; true or false?
8. What famous surrender occurred at Appomattox, Va.?
9. A cubic foot of ice is heavier, lighter than, or weighs the same as a cubic foot of water?
10. Is a cassowary a cooking utensil, a bird, a priest's robe or a propheser?

Answers: 1. Greece. 2. President Woodrow Wilson. 3. Vertebrates. 4. Allan Dulles. 5. "Kingdom Come." 6. Hydrogen. 7. False (small boat). 8. General Lee's surrender to General Grant. 9. Lighter.

SABANIAN INVITED
 London-UPI - Soviet space-man Maj. Yuri Gagarin will visit Communist Bulgaria next week, the Bulgarian Telegraph Agency reported.

What Time Is It?

"The standard time for any given area of the State of Oregon shall be the United States Standard of time as established by the Congress of the United States for that particular area. No department of the state government and no county, city or other political subdivision, shall employ any other time or adopt any statute, ordinance or order providing for the use of any other standard of time." Oregon Revised Statutes 187.110.

The quotation above is the law of the state in every county other than those of 300,000 or more population, and those adjacent to such counties.

(At least it's the law unless the legislature, in the last minute rush for adjournment, slipped in another amendment which doesn't show in the bill file.)

The exception was provided by the late legislature, in what was probably its silliest action of the session.

They were warned, over and over again, through the state's press and by individuals, that passing the exception would breed nothing but confusion compounded. Yet they succumbed to pressure from the Portland area, anyway.

Now look at the mess!

IF THE Medford Retail Merchants go through with the plan they voted on yesterday, their clocks will say 8 o'clock while city hall clocks say 7 o'clock.

The banks (if they go along) will close an hour earlier than the county treasurer's office.

Airline clocks will say one thing; downtown clocks another. Children will attend school (at least until school lets out, mercifully, a week after the new time starts in the stores) on a schedule an hour behind that of their fathers.

And people working in establishments which do not choose to adopt daylight time voluntarily will find their shopping curtailed by an hour.

RADIO and television schedules, already badly enough bolixed by the uneven pattern of daylight time on the west coast, will be further confused.

We don't blame the merchants, particularly, for wanting to open and close an hour earlier than they do now. Nor do we blame them for preferring to set their clocks ahead, rather than simply shifting working schedules an hour earlier.

But the result is awful.

And for this the legislature must accept the full blame.

(We are happy to report, incidentally, that all three members of the Jackson county delegation voted against this bit of asininity.)

THE inevitable result, as daylight time, or summer schedules, creep across the state, is utter confusion.

If one adds together all the missed connections, missed television shows, schedule confusions and general unhappiness, the bill will be tremendous.

We believe the governor would be fully justified in calling a short special session of the legislature to undo this legislative monstrosity.

It's even worse than it might be, because it is in direct violation of a vote of the people last November.—E.A.

Medford's Horizons

Is the recession over?

We'll leave the definitive answer to that question to the economists, but from a layman's point of view, it certainly seems to be coming to and end rapidly.

Employment is up, not only nationwide, but also in Jackson county. Construction is going great guns. Everywhere one looks, it seems, things are being built—highways and buildings going in all over the place.

The lumber market, still shaky, gives promise of future health as the home-building industry is reported to be on the upswing.

AND there appear to be signs of greater liberality on the part of people generally, too.

Recently we commented on the general success which school district budgets achieved in elections throughout the state earlier this month.

And, perhaps even more significantly, up in Eugene the other day, voters approved three rather considerable spending measures—a six year levy to provide \$150,000 per year to purchase park lands and for development of new and old sites; a two year levy to raise \$290,000 to increase the salaries of city employees, and a bond issue totaling \$2,400,000 to build a new city hall.

THUS the people of Eugene, by substantial margins, voted to increase their own property taxes by more than \$3,590,000 to pay for purposes they felt to be worth while.

Are the people of Medford less proud of their city than those of Eugene? Or are they less willing to do what is needed to make it (or keep it) the pleasantest city of its size in Oregon? We don't think so.

Medford has never had enough acreage in parks, and now much of that is being gobbled up by the freeway. We should have more.

City employees need raises, but apparently aren't going to get them under the budget now being considered.

And, while there's no urgency about a new city hall, we're going to need one some time.

Perhaps it is time to begin thinking about broadening our civic and municipal horizons.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"MOM WON'T LET ME PLAY WITH THE NEW ELECTRIC MIXER YOU HAVE TO BUY."

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 Correction

To the Editor: Please publish this correction of spelling and errors for their historical value:

On page 6A, May 15, 1961, Medford Mail Tribune, appeared an article titled, "State Legislators Get Stone-Grind Bread From Valley." In advertising a product from the Eagle Point, Oregon, pioneer-rebuilt mill owned by George Putnam, the pioneer, original miller's name was misspelled, "Daley." It is Daley. Also the ox-team hauling is questioned vs. horse-drawn freight wagons.

Miss Venita Daley
 343 North Grape St.
 Medford

Very Nearly Far-Sighted!

To the Editor: Some folks who plan have vision far.

They see at least a "six"; But then their "six" is month, not year—

That's why we're in this "fix!"

"Gold Hill Billy"
 Gold Hill, Ore.

You've Got to Know

To the Editor: Sunday's "Communications" had a letter from a well-meaning gentleman who ended his letter "I hope I may be with them," referring to the Christians who are with the Lord now, in Heaven, having passed on from this earthly life.

I would like to ask this gentleman a question, hoping that he will ponder on it thoroughly: "Don't you know for sure whether you will be there or not?" I believe all of God's children can know for a certainty that they will be there. It surely isn't boasting when you can say, "I know I'm going to Heaven some day." It's actually the opposite. We've got to humble ourselves and admit that nothing we can do will get us there and then just take God's "free pass" that He gives to anyone who asks for it. A free ticket to Heaven! In your business world we'd have to say that someone has to foot the bill for free passes into any type of public attraction. This free-one to Heaven has been well-paid for by our Lord Jesus Christ, who loved us enough to pay for our sins with his life that we wouldn't have to.

We can't boast to know that we are sinners saved by grace; that our sin sent our precious Lord to the cross because someone had to pay for that pass through the gates of Heaven. We can't boast in our salvation, because it is a gift from God.

Underserving though we are of such a precious gift as eternal life, we can still know we have it when we've accepted Christ as our Saviour and Lord and repented of our sins by placing them on the cross that we may never be charged for them.

People's "beliefs" may be "beautiful," as this gentleman put it, but beliefs won't get us eternal life. There's only one way recorded all through the Bible and that's God's way, not some of man's mixed up ideas. The gentleman also stated that some may not want to enter Heaven when they see that things there are different from their "beliefs."

There are only two choices—Heaven or Hell. Can you imagine anyone deliberately choosing Hell? There's no third place for fence sitters and the two places there are last forever and ever and ever. How can anyone choose the "wait and see" theory? You've got to know, now.

Mrs. Russell Elder
 Shady Cove, Ore.

Picture Stagers

To the Editor: Although yours truly is a resident of California, deep admiration has always been felt for the peoples of Oregon, especially for their level-headedness and strong willful purpose.

But the picture on page one, Monday, May 15, was really staggering! It seems there must be some error, as we read your paper daily and therefore are reasonably certain that D.S.T. was voted down by the people of Oregon in the last election.

Perhaps the sign that Mr. Westgate was pointing to, should have read,

"We will open an hour earlier,"

"We will close an hour earlier."

Paul F. Wilson
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Disgraceful Editorial

To the Editor: Upon reading Monday's paper, I read one of the most shocking and disgraceful editorials ever printed. It was entitled "Operation Abolition" and printed in answer to a letter questioning the paper's views on the film "Operation Abolition."

In the course of the editorial, which incidentally was unsigned, it was stated, and I quote: "In the course of the film, the Committee announced, or narrator says: 'One student provides the spark that touches off the violence when he leaps a barricade and attacks an officer'.... A great many people have wondered why none of the newsreel cameras recorded this interesting incident. The answer seems to be that the incident never occurred." The editorial also stated that the riot was a result of the police turning fire hoses on the demonstrators and that communism had no more to do with the origin of this case than the uprooting of a pair of goal posts at a football game.

I would like to point out that the views of the editor of this editorial and J. Edgar Hoover are in great conflict.

In an article in the U.S. News & World Report, July 25, 1960, pp. 68-71, Hoover, in an FBI report, stated that the riots were communist planned and led.

In the editorial it was stated that this student was acquitted after the jury heard all the evidence and therefore the incident never occurred in the first place. In Hoover's article it was stated: "Judge Albert A. Axelrod dismissed riot charges against 62 of the persons arrested. The judge pointed out that there were ample grounds for conviction but the defendants were students who could well be haunted by the rest of their lives by the stigma which a conviction would attach to them." The article also verified the fact that this incident, which the editorial claims never occurred, actually did happen, and started the riot. The fire hoses were turned on after the riot began, not before, as stated in the article.

In conclusion, Hoover's article supported everything that Monday's editorial tried to disprove and he showed that this riot was communist inspired and led. I sincerely hope that none of the MT's editors were responsible for this misrepresentation of facts.

Alvin Kroon
 High School Student
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Editor's note: The editorial in question which, incidentally, was clearly identified as coming from the respected Washington, D.C., Post, represents the position of this newspaper also.

Civil War in Angola Savage; Dissent Is Spreading Into Salazar's Portugal, Also

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst
 In the Portuguese West African province of Angola a war is being waged which in

savagery rivals a n y thing in Algeria or even the Mau Mau terror in Kenya.

On the one hand are the m a r t i n i j a n s , s m o k i n g , painted rebels whose terror tactics include mutilation of their white victims. On the other are approximately 17,000 Portuguese and loyal native troops whose tactics of ruthless suppression have been scarcely less harsh or much more discriminating.

Details of the fighting filter only in dribs through the strict censorship imposed by the Portuguese regime of Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar. But so far it appears

that up to 1,000 persons have fallen victim to the native terrorists, while the number of those killed by the Portuguese runs much higher.

As the rainy season comes to an end Portugal plans to pour an additional 25,000 troops into Angola to stamp out the rebellion which it

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

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CAN CHINA EXPLODE?

Honk Kong - Among all the experiments made by governments of men, the experiment now being conducted by the Chinese Communist government is certainly the most ruthless and perhaps also the most interesting that has been attempted in modern times.

To be sure, it is not a novel experiment. As already pointed out in this series of reports, Mao Tse-Tung is clearly following Josef Stalin's book in the most literal fashion. Beginning with the first five-year plan, Stalin made the Russian peasantry pay for the forced industrialization of Russia. Mao is now trying to do precisely the same thing in China.

For this purpose, however, Stalin had to organize the countryside in a quasi-military manner. In order to free resources for his investment program, he also had to force down the standard of life of the Russian masses by one-half. And in the end, he had to condemn no less than 18,000,000 of his people to death. Five million died in a single year in the fearful Ukraine famine, and 13,000,000 more succumbed to hunger, or expired under the lash of the police, or were quite simply shot before the second Soviet five-year plan ended in 1939.

IN THESE respects, too, Mao is imitating Stalin. The Chinese Communists, like the Soviet agricultural collectivists, were started in order to take the countryside in an iron grip. The drop in the standard of life of the Chinese masses after the communes were started was at least as grave as the drop of the Russian masses' living standard after the collectivists were set up.

But right here we encounter the factor which makes it necessary to ask whether China may not explode as a result of this ruthless experiment. For the Russian masses were living not too badly when Stalin launched his program of forced industrialization; whereas the Chinese masses were only eking out the barest subsistence when their government decided to double its exactions. Cold calculation suggests, therefore, that if Stalin's forced industrialization cost the lives of 18,000,000 Russians, Mao's forced industrialization may quite possibly reduce the population of his much poorer, far more crowded country by as much as 150,000,000.

This need to be so much more ruthless than Stalin, and more ruthless, too, over a longer period of time, clearly makes Mao's experiment more risky than Stalin's experiment. When any government has embarked upon a course that appears to require tens of millions of human sacrifices per annum, one must surely consider the possibility of failure. And in this reporter's

trolled space craft is something the Russians, even, do not have) subject to our own, America's, judicious whims, if that can make sense. I feel certain that we need not be idle—that a job is cut out for us, that we should be found working out a solution. Only upon such may we be able to survive and go places.

Fee Clifford Esteb
 148 South Holly St.
 Medford

One can also say that the chance for an explosion in China will be immeasurably increased if the government attempts a foreign military operation in the present state of the countryside. And this is an immediately significant point, in view of the present situation in Southeast Asia.

Remember Oregon's Centennial? When men had those horrible beards? My mother bought my husband a mustache cup. This is the assortment I found in it. I part of a doll's hand (only the fingers), 3 paper clips, 1 pair tweezers, 1 long and 1 short pencil, 1 pair nail clippers, 1 hair clip, 1 magnifying glass, 1 old M.T. receipt from Jan., 1961, 1 piece of chalk, 2 notes from people left in our door when we were away and 1 large needle.

At the speed I'm getting this mess cleaned up, I will be as old as Methuselah before I finish.

P.S. - Who ended up with the sanding job? Me.

Mrs. Delbert Casey
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Can't Follow The Winds

To the Editor: I wonder how prevalent is the belief among us that America can get anywhere today following the winds, as once it could, and certainly did. Our "Ship of State" can no longer be expected to get anywhere "sailing before those winds." Those elements are left far behind as we move into the realms of space.

Yes, even upon the seas, or beneath their surface, America must move ahead by a force more controlled than the winds that blow. That is, if our country is to hold its place among the nations of the world, it must turn to new ways and means discoverable by science. It cannot afford to drift along in already developed scientific fields, even. Every man and woman, even juveniles, the young people, must be thoroughly instructed in the full measure of responsibility which they must bear for their country in the present, look forward naturally, to the future.

The much talked of "space race" is, in fact, a complete fallacy, an utter sham, insofar as America's security for the future is concerned. The pressing need is for a more potent weapon, a more virile instrument of assault against possible, and we know actual, existent enemies. The real need, NOW and TOMORROW, is for a counter-weapon that will make missiles, controlled space craft (I think that con-

opinion, which is still admittedly a minority opinion, the creeping famine in China is already beginning to cause very massive annual population losses.

A GOVERNMENT edict has been published threatening punishment of any party cadre in whose commune the death rate rises much above normal. A leading Peking planner has also promised recently that in ten years the individual ration will be raised to no less than 1,500 calories per day - or less than Western nutritionists regard as absolutely needful for any working man or woman. This, after a full decade of further toll and hunger! After two bad crop years, grain is being imported to maintain the rations of the army and the show-case cities. But there is no discernible sign that the government intends to mitigate its harsh policy.

Here in Honk Kong, there are those who say that the agony of the Chinese masses will come to an end if there is a good crop this year. But in the first place, it is very doubtful whether a really good crop is possible, even if nature is kind, when more than 20 per cent of the farmers in the fields are showing the first symptoms of beri beri. And in the second place, unless the policy is changed, the government's exactions to pay for forced industrialization will continue as before.

To this blood chilling resume, one must also add the point made in the last article in this series. A mass of recent eyewitness testimony from the Chinese mainland points to a serious breakdown of discipline, both a breakdown of the strict discipline of the party cadres, and a breakdown of the public discipline of the drilled, intimidated people.

THE breakdown of discipline must mean that the conditions are beginning to exist in which a small spark can light a gigantic fire, as has happened before in China in comparable circumstances. Thus the question whether China can explode boils down to the question whether China's army will always be ready to put out the fires that chance sparks may light. It is an interesting question.

On the one hand, this is a peasant army drawn from the very class that is suffering most sorely. And the wives and families of the officers and non-commissioned officers were sent back to live in the peasant villages at almost the very moment when the worst ordeal of the villagers began. On the other hand, political control and police surveillance of the army are both intensely strong. And the army is recruited, not from conscripts, but from young men specially selected for military duty by the party cadres in the communes. The duty is a privilege because of the soldiers' higher ration.

Thus one can only say that even if the agony of the masses is prolonged and the breakdown of discipline is progressive, the army may well remain dependable. But the other result is far from unimaginable.

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Three things are necessary for the salvation of man, wrote St. Thomas Aquinas: "To know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do." These are hard words, but I find them more palatable than the slack modern assumption that simply "believing" or "having faith" in some vague deluge makes one religious.

One way to instill humility is to give a person authority over those who have had authority over him; he will quickly learn, in amazement, how much he resembles them when the roles are reversed.

The minute we begin to think we're interesting, we're not. "Duty" is what we expect from others in a situation in which we ask only "intelligent self-interest" from ourselves.

Strictly Personal

By Sidney J. Harris

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PERSONAL PREJUDICES

The only true test of the integrity of a politician is whether he says in office exactly what he said in opposition.

No fact seems clearer to me than that we live today in what future civilizations will surely call the Dark Ages; if mankind manages survival or revival, we will be looked back upon with shock, horror and loathing, as some perverse growth in the history of our organism.

Men fear thought as they fear nothing else on earth—and all such evils as repression, violence, mass hatred and bigotry, are a fearful flight from the necessity of taking thought.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

CHARLEY WEAVER admitted to "his people" that he had been in class 4-A for two full terms: Roosevelt's and Truman's. He also explained a slight discoloration around his left eye. He and a friend had played a little game on the telephone for some weeks, calling up acquaintances at 3 o'clock in the morning to cackle, "Guess who?" One acquaintance finally guessed who.

Two of the leading figures in a nudist camp became involved in an argument. One lost his temper completely and began shouting at the top of his lungs. The other, more temperate, laid a restraining hand on his shoulder