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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 30, 1952 (Wednesday)
Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois was scheduled to be a Medford visitor briefly today; he has reservations on the southbound United Airlines plane leaving here at 5:25 p. m.
Dale Newton, who operates a printing establishment on Pacific highway, today identified himself as the one who sponsored the "How Do You Like the Smudge?" advertisement which appeared in the Mail Tribune last week.
20 YEARS AGO
April 30, 1932 (Thursday)
Medford city officials report start of construction of Camp White has brought city's population to more than 16,000, compared with 1940 census of 11,281.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Gasoline is being rationed in these parts but there is still enough for lively wrecks and fender busters."
30 YEARS AGO
April 30, 1922 (Saturday)
Woman claiming to be secret service operative SMS-36 creates bedlam in county jail by throwing chairs at the walls and screaming.
Final tabulation of Literary Digest's "Prohibition Poll" shows residents of 46 states favor repeal; Kansas and North Carolina only states voting "dry."
40 YEARS AGO
April 30, 1922 (Sunday)
Final Jackson county voter registration figures for 1922 show 7,948 Republicans, 2,674 Democrats, 133 Socialists and 94 Prohibitionists.
Five members of Medford American Legion post resign when organization fails to condemn "law violations" by Ku Klux Klan.
50 YEARS AGO
April 30, 1912 (Monday)
Members of Medford Suffrage club banned from using city library for meetings; woman plan to fight library board decision.
What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. Moonlight is only reflected sunlight, true or false?
2. The prehistoric mammoth most nearly resembles the present-day bear, lion, or elephant?
3. Was burning at the stake, or hanging, the usual mode of punishment for the witches of Salem, Mass.?
4. Would a geriatrician most likely specialize in diseases of children, or aged persons?
5. Would you expect to obtain malic, citric, or suphuric acid in lemon juice?
6. Is it the lion, or the tiger, that is called the king of beasts?
7. Correct the following: "Neither of the girls practiced their lessons."
8. Helena is the capital of which state?
9. When women use a hen-rinse, does it give blond, brunette, or reddish hair tint?
10. Are U. S. destroyers named for cities, states or naval heroes?
Answers: 1. True, 2. Elephant, 3. Hanging, 4. Aged persons, 5. Citric, 6. Lion, 7. "Neither of the girls practiced their lessons," 8. Montana, 9. Reddish, 10. Naval heroes.

Laws Equal Liberty

(Editor's note: The following editorial, which first appeared in Crater Comments, of Crater High School, was first place winner in the local Bar Association's Law Day editorial contest for high school students. It was written by Mary Clare Stuart, at senior at Crater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stuart, 2650 Beall Lane, Central Point.)

Without law we would have more personal and political liberty. This is the sound of voices raised against our laws.

It's true without laws we would have the liberty to sit in our houses and pray that no one would steal from us, assault us, or murder us. We would have the liberty to drive our cars anywhere, at any speed, and anyway we wanted. We could walk on the grass, pick all the flowers in the park and do exactly as we please.

There is only one problem: if we did all these things so would all the rest of the people. Soon there would be no more grass or flowers in the parks; there would be car wrecks blocking the streets; there would be murders, and all decent people would be afraid to leave their homes, or stay in them.

The law is a protective shield and once in a while, if it reads on our toes, just think what the world would be like without it!—M.S.



Foreign News: Red Propaganda Campaign; French Strikes Expected; May Day Plans

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
Notes from the foreign news cables:

Propaganda Campaign

The Bonn government maintains that the Soviet Union and East Germany soon will launch a massive hate-propaganda campaign against the Western powers despite present signs to the contrary. The campaign will have three main objectives, according to the West Germans.

These will be to "prove" the Western powers have broken the Yalta and Potsdam agreements, to "prove" that West Germany has treated the judgments of the Nuremberg military tribunals as being without legal validity, and to "prove" that West Germany leans toward fascism.

French Strikes

A rash of strikes on various French labor fronts may be confidently predicted for the summer. New Premier Georges Pompidou introduced his government last week with nice words about the worker getting a better share in the higher standard of living. He also promised a general talk on wages and salaries at the end of the summer. But the labor unions are not likely to wait that long.

Moscow Capers

The Soviet Union will celebrate May Day Tuesday with the usual Red Square military parade in Moscow, but observers are betting the general emphasis will be on internal affairs and foreign policy. The usual statements from Soviet leaders are expected to be relatively mild, reflecting what appears to be current Kremlin tactics to place an aura of hope around the prospects for a Berlin settlement and perhaps an eventual summit.

Vietnamese War

Observers in Saigon are convinced from on-the-scene inspection and from Communist pronouncements that the battle against the Reds in South Viet Nam will be a long, bitter and expensive one. It appears unlikely that Red North Viet Nam and Communist China will willingly sacrifice the Communist rebel movement. In fact, there are indications that the rebels are getting even more foreign help than before.

Diplomatic Machinery

Look for President Kennedy and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan to set up diplomatic machinery for continuous negotiations with the Russians over the next few months. Macmillan is the driving force behind this idea.

Fiasco

Recently we reported on the fiasco of the Kerr-Mills medical assistance plan in West Virginia, where doctors turned the program into a costly shambles by profiteering on "specialist" fees and prescriptions.

Faced with financial ruin, West Virginia authorities had to cut benefits to a point where they are almost meaningless to the indigent and ailing older citizens who were supposed to be aided by the program.

What is the record of the same Kerr-Mills program in Oregon?

It has been in effect here for five months, and the first report has been made public. There are no indications of profiteering or abuses by doctors—but that's about all you can say for the program's success.

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.

Political Participation

To the Editor: Reference is often made in news stories, concerning political meetings, to the small attendance of such events. Even though it is often embarrassing to us candidates to have the public know how small our political meetings usually are, it is in the public interest that they should know this fact.

The people have, in Oregon, an excellent record in showing themselves to be intelligent and concerned voters. But they leave too many political decisions in the hands of a very few persons who are interested in the activities of parties and committees. The strength and wisdom of Democracy lies in the active involvement of a large proportion of the people, yet the number of those interested seems to be growing smaller each year. If this state of affairs continues, it is possible that our freedom of political choice may someday be jeopardized.

I urge the people of our District to inform themselves continually about activities of political candidates and about their points of view on all issues. I further urge them to take part in the many committee meetings, party gatherings and discussions where decisions of great importance to our government are made. Political activity is the only means by which the citizens can translate their views into positive action.

Robert W. Straub
State Senator
Lane County
Eugene, Ore.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A JUDGE OUT WEST shot a puzzled look at a stout lady being sworn in before him and asked, "Haven't you appeared as a witness in this suit before?" "I have not," indignantly, "Last time I had on my grey, pin-striped gabardine."

And in another courtroom a district attorney dropped charges when the attorney for the defense marched his troupe of witnesses into view. "You won't catch me trying to win against that bunch of witnesses," said the D. A. "I've used them myself from time to time and they're the best!"

When Woodrow Wilson was President, he often complimented Author Oliver Herford, and, in fact, like to repeat Herford's better quips in his political speeches. This didn't please Herford at all, because he considered Wilson a political accident and a piece of bad luck visited on a helpless populace. So the dedication of Herford's next book, "This Giddy Globe," ran: "To President Wilson: with all his faults he quotes me still."

"As soon as I finished acting in 'The Honeymoon Machine' I confided rising starlet Brigid Bazlen, 'I flew off on a vacation to forget things—and when I opened my suitcase, I discovered that I had.'"

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Washington Report

By William S. White
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PROFOUND MEANING

Washington — Operation commonsense has succeeded operation hope-and-maybe at the present heart and center of American foreign and military policy.

This is the profound, central meaning of President Kennedy's re-emption of nuclear testing, with total Republican support, so as to maintain intact the free world's one ultimate shield—American superiority in atomic weapons.

But there are other and less obvious meanings as well. Item: This country has decided to put its last faith in honest realism rather than in "image-making" to please "world opinion." Item: This country has decided that propaganda should follow but not control policy itself. Item: This country has decided that while we wish other peoples to continue to like us, we cannot longer risk the safety of this nation — and the safety of other peoples, including some now "protesting" our action — by a so-called moratorium on testing already long since broken by the Soviet Union.

WE HAVE waited and waited and appealed and negotiated, in the face of more than 40 Russian blasons after the armistice they dishonored. At long last, we have acted. The effect here is bracing, to all but those pacifists and half-pacifists who have convinced themselves that because fallout from tests is bad we can somehow just forget the infinitely worse alternative of an earth overshadowed by predominant Soviet atomic power.

They have warned of all sorts of dreadful political consequences — to our "image" abroad, and so on, but this curious fact remains: men who ought really to know something about political consequences, the politicians themselves, have been at the forefront in urging the president to go back to testing.

STRONG support for his decision has, of course, come from the military in the Pentagon. But it has come in no degree less from the elected politicians in congress, in both parties.

The Republican leaders have been at the president's ear for more than a year urging just such a course. So have Democrats of high and low station. "The joint congressional committee on atomic energy — every man of it a politician from way back — has said repeatedly to Mr. Kennedy only one thing: 'Go on with it.' Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington, for one, said just that to him on the very day of his inauguration as president.

Among those who said "don't do it" was United Nations ambassador Adlai Stevenson — though Stevenson's superior, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, was on the side of test resumption. Another was the president's chief scientific adviser, Jerome Wiesner.

BUT, even putting aside the basic and mortal matter of this country's security, are such men wiser, on political questions, than the whole massive rank of professional politicians who advised the president to go ahead, "image" or no "image"? This correspondent, recognizing the complete decency — if extraordinary logic — of the "don't do it" people, thinks that even in political terms they will turn out wrong.

For a favorable "image," if "image" we simply must have, cannot last unless it has one ingredient even more priceless than the world's liking. This is the world's respect.

This being so, the greatest hope of all from our renewal of testing — somber though, that necessity is — is the hope that as a nation we are done for good with any idea that we can kiss off any of our manifest responsibilities on this world simply because those responsibilities will inevitably carry pains and perils.

IN FIVE months, administrative costs of the Oregon program have been \$120,000, while benefits paid out in the same period were \$112,000.

And less than 4,000 Oregon citizens are enrolled in this program which has cost more to administer than it has paid in benefits.

This is the program hailed by the American Medical Association as a "superior substitute" for the King-Anderson bill—health care for the aged under the Social Security system.

THERE are two things wrong with the Kerr-Mills program, enacted by the Eisenhower Administration in an effort to stave off the Social Security approach to medical care:

1—Its benefits are only given as charity to those who are willing to take a degrading "pauper's oath."

2—It doesn't work.

If you want health care in your retirement years as a matter of right (not charity) under Social Security, write to your congressman and senators and tell them you want the King-Anderson bill.

Recent news reports say that the chances of passing the King-Anderson bill in this session of Congress look brighter every day. Your letters can help make it a reality.—Oregon Labor Press.

Power Lawn Mowers

To the Editor: Yesterday afternoon I visited with My Little Guy. He is 5 years old and a very special friend.

Last Monday night, he got mixed up with a power lawn mower in a neighbor's yard. It all happened so fast, no one really knows what happened, but, My Little Guy had to have surgery and skin grafting and now he has two toes missing on his right foot.

Children have such keen minds and inquisitive ones, that adults have to be on their toes every minute, when they are around.

Not only power lawn mowers but all power tools are dangerous for small children. You can't be too careful.

This little boy only got his feet mixed up this time, but what about next time?

Every family that has children should have a special insurance to take care of accidents other than their own.

It happened once it could happen again. Next time, it might be your child. Who knows?

A word to the wise should be sufficient.

Lillian Green
2411 Sunset Court
Medford.

MacLaren School

To the Editor: If you know nothing of MacLaren School, don't knock it. They have the best teachers in the state! They have to be, for they are dealing with boys who need understanding, guidance and learning, and encouraging in it.

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Delighted at how well they manage to do, also with a limited budget. They have a full athletic program including a year round swim pool, excellent guidance counselors, a modern clinic for medical care. To some boys MacLaren is their first real home in the sense of security.

I was especially depressed that our son was here, it is a blow akin to losing a loved one in death. It wasn't only for him though, but the thought that in this bright and promising land we must have such places for our youth.

There are two camps on the Oregon Coast (forestry), an extension of this school, one a full work camp — that is, the boys at this camp work a full schedule, they are paid a small wage, which is put in to their account, they are allowed a dollar a week to spend. The other is sent to them upon their release.

The other forestry camp is a half day work, half day school arrangement. I've no idea the ratio of rehabilitation, but, I do know this, most of these boys can and will be good citizens, given help and encouragement at the proper time.

I believe firmly that the county should give deep and profound thought to the establishment of a camp here in our county. Let's not let these youngsters down, a strong helping and guiding hand is needed, or can you measure the value of human life in dollars and cents? And remember, busy hands are one of the best corrective measures.

Please, delete my name and address. I do hope that people will know or learn a little more about these agencies.

(Name on File)
Central Point, Ore.

Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippman is in Europe. Roscoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.) (c) 1962 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

KENNEDY AND CONGRESS

Washington — Congress is at its mid-point. Much of the time this has looked like a do-little Congress. The appearance is deceptive. More has been happening than meets the eye. Important legislation will be forthcoming in the next two-and-a-half months. The outlook is as follows:

Although President Kennedy will get only a small proportion of what he has asked, he will get a large part of what he expects.

It will be a significant legislative record. From the standpoint of the Administration, in the fall elections it will be a politically valuable record. Legislation cannot be measured by the yard or by the number of bills passed. It can only be measured by its quality and its importance.

Only one piece of legislation has been enacted into law since January — the Manpower Retraining Act designed to help the unemployed acquire new skills. To some this has looked as though both House and Senate were standing still. Congress has thus far been relatively quiet on the floor. Where bills are passed, but busy in its committees where legislation is shaped.

From the standpoint of its ability to lead and persuade the Congress, the Kennedy administration will stand or fall this year on the fate of the President's "Big Three" bills: the trade expansion program, medical care for the aged, and tax reform. The prospects for all three are favorable.

Trade Bill

The objective is to give the President authority to negotiate reciprocal trade arrangements so that the U. S. will be in a better position to compete in the European Common Market. Unexpectedly wide support and little opposition have developed. Organized protectionist sentiment has not been strongly apparent. Most businessmen and most Congressmen appear convinced that a sound working relationship with the Common Market is desirable.

Health Bill

The objective is to provide financial assistance through Social Security to help elderly citizens get medical care. This looked wishful last January when 15 of the 25-man House Ways and Means Committee were opposed. But the White House has been winning some Democratic and Republican recruits. There is now a better than even chance that it will pass, perhaps along the lines of a measure fashioned by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York. This would remove the element of compulsion; that is, if the recipient did not wish medical care, he could take the money instead. This would be money contributed through a 1/4 of 1 per cent increase in the Social Security tax.

Tax Bill

The objective is to provide a tax incentive to enable American industry to carry out a modernization of plant and equipment in order to compete more effectively in world markets and thus provide more jobs. The proposal by the Kennedy administration is a 7 per cent tax credit to business for this kind of capital investment. Most businessmen would prefer a different method — a liberalized depreciation allowance — but many conservatives in Congress will support the Administration bill if no better alternative is attainable.

If the Republicans are alert

If they can earn and claim a fair part of the credit for much of this legislation. They re-shaped the Manpower Retraining

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Hodgepodge in the news:

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, speaking last week in New York to about 1800 persons at the annual dinner of the Bureau of Advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers association, put it this way: "President Kennedy's decision to resume nuclear tests in the atmosphere is a TRAGEDY."

But — He then added — "The world must realize that the responsibility for the tragedy is not President Kennedy's. IT IS KHRUSHCHEV'S."

Not a bad crack. It's the plain truth.

WHAT to do about it?

Prime Minister Macmillan offered this advice to the West: "Be firm, but patient. Never YIELD, and never give ground. But never take PROVOCATIVE action ourselves. If the Free World follows Act and helped pass it. Republican votes will be essential to pass the trade expansion bill and the tax bill.

Mr. Kennedy has showered upon Congress a veritable rainstorm of requests—24 messages and more than 40 legislative proposals, some of them to furnish his "liberal image."

But the President continues to keep his eye on the political center where his three big bills, trade, medical care, and tax reform, are at stake. If he wins these three, he will have done well.

this policy, the Russians — in maybe one, maybe two generations, maybe MORE — will be ready for a better peace than the one preserved by MUTUAL FEAR."

He's probably not far from right.

FROM New York:

The nation's two largest steel producers, United States Steel and Bethlehem, were indicted last week along with two smaller firms on federal charges of RIGGING BIDS and FIXING PRICES on steel forgings.

THAT is to say: The government says these units of the steel industry have fixed prices and rigged bids. It adds that they MUST NOT fix prices and rig bids, when done by business concerns, are AGAINST THE LAW because they amount to MONOPOLY, and a monopoly of business is illegal.

But — The unions with which the steel manufacturers must deal in arriving at the price they must pay for labor — their largest item of cost — also fix prices and rig bids.

The government says they CAN do it, because a monopoly of labor IS LEGAL.

IN OTHER words: The law permits monopoly of labor but forbids monopoly of business. In these modern days, doesn't seem to make sense. One can't escape the conclusion that if monopoly is wrong on one side of the fence it is also wrong on the other side of the fence.

Let Them Strike

Some strikes harm only the companies and workers directly involved. Others are of great inconvenience to the public and often result in a holdup of the poor unorganized consumer.

It assessing strikes, we try to keep hands off the former kind. And we try to represent the public interest in the latter. But we almost never point to a strike situation and cheer.

In Britain, however, a strike has been threatened that we heartily endorse. We hope the workers walk off the job forever if their penny-pinching employers refuse to triple the wage. And we hope the employers hold out forever to prevent their grasping workers from bankrupting the business.

Yes, we favor the threatened strike of the television wrestlers.—Salem Capital Journal.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
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DOES MAN DESERVE?

The biggest problem facing the human race has nothing to do with Communism or the atom bomb or the population explosion or any of the other popular forum topics.

It is a problem that has always been with us — only today, its consequences are more threatening than ever before. We can see it more sharply; but we are no nearer a solution.

And the problem is this: that intellectual knowledge is additive, while moral knowledge is not. What this means is that each generation knows more than the last, but acts no better.

Man is the only learning animal. Man's brain permits him to store and transmit knowledge through history. My six-year-old boy knows more about space than the wisest man in the world did 500 years ago; whereas no beaver or lion or horse knows more than his grandfather did.

But in terms of moral knowledge — the kind that effectively makes our will turn toward the good — we are no further advanced than men at the dawn of history. What Jesus taught, or Lao-Tse, or Socrates, is still some-what beyond our grasp. We may accept it in principle, but repudiate it in fact.

But if intellectual knowledge increases at a startling ratio, and moral knowledge remains at its antique level, it is evident that the more control we achieve over nature, the more capable we become of annihilating our selves. Who would hand a

machine-gun to a moral idiot? There is more hate and fear and rivalry in the world today than there were during Greek and Roman eras. Along with this there is a far greater capacity for destruction. Wars used to be fairly local; now every local war contains the seeds of global disaster.

Can mankind be trusted with its vast intellectual knowledge? The answer would seem to be "no." We have not learned how to live together, and we are not exploring the means for doing so. Instead, we are spending most of our money and energy on "defending" ourselves — and mutual fear and suspicion keep both sides geared for imminent war.

If Marx had never existed, if Communism had never swept over Russia, there would be some other creed, some other dogma, some other enemy. It is the same old conflict, with different names and slogans.

Moral knowledge does not seem to increase from generation to generation. All we learn from the past is to commit the same mistakes in greater volume and with more permanent consequences. The final question may well be: does man deserve a war?

ADA NAMES CHAIRMAN

Washington — American for Democratic Action (ADA) Sunday elected John P. Roebie, chairman of the department of politics at Brandeis university, as its national chairman. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was named ADA honorary chairman.

Bottles

The roadside beauty crowd, may their tribe increase, express concern about a relatively new development in beer — the "no deposit, no refund" bottle. This, the anti-litterbugs say, is an open invitation to beer drinkers to litter the landscape with their empties. And bottles, the few that don't break, can lie around hundreds of years, just waiting for tires and bare feet.

A country as wonderful as this, a country that talks seriously about putting a man on the moon, ought to think of something. The Salem Capital Journal wonders about a plastic that will remain firm as long as it's moist on the inside, but will shrivel and blow away when it dries.

WE ALREADY have the forerunner of the ideal beer bottle. It's the plastic milk carton, so handy for starting fires. Perhaps this is the line along which researchers should work. Get that carton tight enough to keep the fizz in beer and cheap enough, too, and the problem is solved.

The industry could advertise, "Dead soldiers start fine campfires."—Eugene Register-Guard.

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