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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 6, 1952 (Tuesday)
The Medford city council unanimously approved a change to daylight saving time today at a special meeting of the council.

"Peaceful picketing" has been in effect at Kim's restaurant, 2321 South Pacific highway, since last Friday; the proprietor is charged with not "running a union shop."

20 YEARS AGO

May 6, 1942 (Wednesday)
Approximately 19,378 applications for sugar ration books filed here; teachers and volunteer workers lauded for work during registration.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "To-day, a week before the primary, major virtues have started to stick out like a sore thumb on all candidates."

30 YEARS AGO

May 6, 1922 (Friday)
Jackson county political experts state "at present the voters are looking for a place to light and have not made up their minds."

Total of 37,000 pounds of air mail carried between Medford and other Pacific coast cities during April by trimotored transport planes and single-engine mail-passenger planes.

40 YEARS AGO

May 6, 1922 (Saturday)
Medford Mayor C. E. Gates agrees to attend Ku Klux Klan meeting if Klan will conduct full initiation ceremony, if all persons are not masked, if he is given a list of members and a copy of the Klan by-laws and constitution and with the reserved right to comment publicly on anything contrary to good citizenship.

50 YEARS AGO

May 6, 1912 (Sunday)
Medford city council calls for \$20,000 bond issue to pay city's portion of costs of new Main street bridge over Bear creek.

Local residents warned by Medford doctors against eating fish caught in Bear creek.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Is a pint 1/4th, 1/8th or 1/16th of a gallon?
 2. What is the English translation of the Latin phrase "Anno Domini"?
 3. What is the three-letter word for a wooden tray or trough in which a laborer carries bricks and mortar?
 4. Is Berkshire a breed of horses, cattle or swine?
 5. Does the human stomach have a capacity of about 5, 10, or 15 pints?
 6. Which U. S. President invented the folding chair?
 7. Which heavy weight champion first fought with boxing gloves?
 8. Can the Empire State Building hold about 10,000, 40,000, or 80,000 persons?
 9. Does alcohol expand or contract when it gets colder?
 10. Would a specialist in rhinoplasty most likely perform plastic surgery on the hand, foot, or nose?
- Answers: 1. 1/16th. 2. In the year of our Lord. 3. Haul. 4. Swine. 5. 5 pints. 6. Thomas Jefferson. 7. John L. Sullivan. 8. 80,000. 9. Contract. 10. Nose.

Charlie Shibitz Stadium

It has been proposed that the new stadium grandstand soon to be built at Medford High school be given the name, "The Charles Bradford Shibitz Memorial Stadium." It would be in honor of Good Old Charlie Shibitz.

It's a splendid idea!!

Now it may be that you have not heard of Charlie Shibitz. If this is so, we suggest you consult the nearest member of the Senior class at MHS, for Charlie is one of that class's best-known and best-loved members.

Charlie is a remarkable student. He has been on the honor roll, is a member of the honor society, and yet leads the entire school on the absentee list.

HE IS the star of the football team, yet never has played a game. Despite his notoriety, it is rumored that some Senior class members have never actually seen him, though all have, of course, heard of him and of his deeds.

He will graduate this year, and if his name is not called out for the presentation of a diploma, it will be a sad disappointment to many.

You don't believe there is a Charlie Shibitz? Oh, but there is, and we have seen his graduation calling card to prove it.

He is also listed in the student directory: Shibitz, Charles (someone put an extra "b" in his name), 1101 Red Bluff Way, telephone SPring 3-8111.

CHARLIE'S origins are somewhat obscure, to be sure.

Medford High students first became acquainted with him during a football game in Red Bluff in 1960. The following year, we are told, he transferred to Medford High, and immediately tried out for the football team, but some say he was ineligible to play because his parents were not residents of this school district.

Details of his career are a bit difficult to pin down. And the sort of boy he is varies with whom you ask. We understand that he has caused consternation among some substitute teachers when, in taking the roll, Charlie almost invariably turns up absent.

CHARLIE is the kind of student who seems to be all things to all men—scholar, athlete, bon vivant, adventurer.

We really would like to meet Good Old Charlie, for we suspect we'd like him—just as, during World War II we always kept an eye out for the ubiquitous Kilroy, but always managed to miss him by a moment or two.

In any event, Charlie is without question the most interesting and in some ways the outstanding member of the class of '62. He could well stand as representative of all high school students.

We heartily second the suggestion about the name for the new seating stands. "Shibitz Stadium." It has a fine ring to it!—E.A.

Legislators' Pay

At the primary election a week from Friday, the voters of the state will pass on this proposal:

"SALARIES OF STATE LEGISLATORS—Purpose: To amend Constitution by providing that legislators' salaries shall be established and paid in the same manner as the salaries of other elected state officials."

This measure should pass. It is logical, and would be a step in the direction of good government.

The legislators' salaries are now set in the state Constitution which is perfectly silly in the first place. And in the second place, the amounts paid (\$600 per year) are totally inadequate.

WE DO not believe that the members of the legislature would, if given the authority to set their own salaries, be unreasonable or profligate. But it would give them a chance to set up a reasonable salary scale, which would make it possible for many able people who cannot now afford to do so to seek public service in the legislature.

Oregon's legislators are among the worst-paid in the nation today. And we do not foresee the day when they would ever be among the best-paid.

In California, there are two proposals that legislators there receive a boost in pay—from the present \$500 per month (\$6,000 per year).

They now receive just 10 times the pay that Oregon legislators do. Under one proposal this would go to \$10,000, under the other to \$11,250.

BOTH proposals are in the form of Constitutional amendments. How much more logical it would be to let the legislature of California (and Oregon too) use the same set of criteria for their own salaries that they do in setting the salaries of other state officials.

(Some of the opposition to the California pay raise stems from a liberal retirement system legislators there enjoy. There are no comparable "fringe benefits" enjoyed by Oregon's legislators.)

It seems to us that the California proposal is outrageously out of line, even though there are annual sessions of the legislature.

By the same token, the present salaries for Oregon legislators are also outrageously out of line, and should be corrected by the passage of the proposal on the ballot a week from Friday.

Dennis the Menace



"IT'S A LADY. AN WOULD YA PLEASE TELL HER NOT TO CALL ME 'HONEYBUNCH'?"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

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THE FOCUS OF ALARM

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troubled region of the world. The reason is simple. In one way or another, the Communist powers are bound to respond to the challenge of the American commitment in South Viet Nam.

This far-reaching commitment has been made with a minimum of public fuss, and by deeds, not words. The American effort in South Viet Nam has been quietly but massively increased. Of this effort, the most formidable figure in the Kennedy administration, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, has taken personal charge, coming monthly to Hawaii to plan the next phase.

As though to prove the U.S. means business, American soldiers in the guise of "advisors" have been ordered into combat in an undeclared war for the first time in history. All this adds up, unavoidably and irrevocably, to an implied American commitment to repulse the Communist attack on South Viet Nam at all costs.

SINCE the intensification of the American effort began to be noticed, there have been many reports of the marked improvement in the atmosphere and outlook in South Viet Nam. Up to a point, these reports are undeniably correct.

For the first time in years, the American political and military activities in South Viet Nam have intelligent, united, and energetic top-level leadership. At the mid-level, impressive, combat-ready American officers have largely replaced the pusilligutted re-treads whom the U. S. Army so often and so strangely selects to advise our allies overseas.

At the operational level, finally, the new U. S. Commander, Gen. Paul Harkins, is showing a refreshing and wholly novel grasp of the central fact of the guerrilla war. This is the fact that the war is mainly being fought in the backwoods—in the Vietnamese provinces—by the civil guardsmen and the soldiers of the local militia, who have received no U. S. aid whatever until very recently.

ALL this adds up to solid progress. It has brought a corresponding lift of Vietnamese morale and fighting spirit. Nonetheless, this kind of progress will not insure victory, even when countless helicopters, radios to give better communications to the vulnerable villages, and other kinds of expensive hardware are cranked into the equation.

The truth is that the problem in South Viet Nam is not likely to be solved in isolation. It needs to be considered as only one part, though the most important part, of the larger problem of Communist aggression in Southeast Asia.

Here in Thailand, there is another part of the same problem, which the U. S. policy-makers have also tried to solve in isolation. The Thai government is convinced that unless the U. S. alters its policy in neighboring Laos, the end result will be handing Laos to the Communists with a red ribbon tied around it.

Some months ago, the disquiet in Bangkok became so acute that the Thais were on the verge of publicly proclaiming their loss of faith in the U. S. by flatly refusing to attend further meetings of the U. S.-sponsored SEATO organization.

To be blunt about it, the Thais were then bought off. The able Foreign Minister,

Thanat Khoman, visited Washington, and brought home with him what amounts to a direct U. S. military guarantee of Thailand. This is another very big American commitment, which very few people have noticed. Because they now have their guarantee, the Thais have ceased to oppose the U. S. policy in Laos.

MEANWHILE, the Communists are using the opposite of the piecemeal American approach. From the beginning, the first target of their aggressive design in Southeast Asia has been Laos, the country least able to resist their pressure and the country which is also on the road to both Thailand and South Viet Nam. There has been an uneasy lull in Laos, since the proclamation of a ceasefire and the beginning of the American drive, as yet fruitless, to install a "neutral" Laotian government which the Communists plainly hope to control. But the lull may now be nearing its end.

The principal alleged "neutralist" in Laos and Prime Minister designate of the "neutral" government, Prince Souvanna Phouma, has gone off to Paris for an indefinite stay. The "neutralist" military leader, Gen. Kong Le, has been invited to Moscow. Soviet Ambassador Abramov has also left Laos for Moscow, for prolonged consultations. It seems a fair bet, therefore, that the Communist offensive in Laos may be resumed at the end of the rainy season, if the U. S. has not managed, in the interval, to squish the Laotian anti-Communists into the "neutral" government they rightly fear.

IF the Communist offensive in Laos is resumed and succeeds, its success will be due to one factor and one factor only—the flagrant invasion of Laos by North Vietnamese army units. Thus far, this invasion by North Vietnamese regular troops has been winked at by the U. S. policy-makers, because of their total preoccupation with their long-shot bet on a "neutral" Laos. But now that the odds are something like 50 to 1 against true Laotian neutrality, what course will be adopted?

The answer, surely, should

be suggested by the American commitment in South Viet Nam, plus the American commitment to Thailand, plus the gravely weakened condition of Communist China. In principle, there is no better reason to tolerate naked Communist invasion in Laos than in South Viet Nam or Thailand. In practice, the risks are much reduced because the added strain of any serious Chinese external adventure will almost certainly touch off an internal explosion—which can perhaps occur anyway.

In sum, this is the moment to be firm, if the U. S. really means business in Southeast Asia.

sons concerning our own minds and souls, not particularly for international reasons of state.

For one thing, the vices of our society, however overblown, are real, and we can't hide them from others without pretending to hide them from ourselves. In fact, we couldn't hide them. America swarms with foreign writers and film makers from both friendly and hostile countries, many of them dedicated to portraying the "real" America, by which they mean the grimy sides of our life. Their words and pictures are probably more influential with their home audiences than our own productions, and most of them are naturally content to look at the American people, not WITH them.

Americans Are, After All, Human Beings

By ERIC SEVEREID

It may be a frivolous thought, induced by the soft smokes of spring, but the



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sooner we stop worrying about "the American image to the world"—or at least get the idea into perspective—the easier it will be to live with ourselves as well as with friends, clients and enemies abroad.

Hollywood has been officially scolded for exporting films on crime, sex and general high-jinks that "harm our image" among foreigners; the newspaper publishers convention has been warned that papers overplaying sensational and sordid events give a "damaging picture of American life to other peoples."

I would not dismiss this general proposition out of hand, but the more I have traveled abroad the more anxious have I become about it. I can't think of anyone who would like to see less technicolored tameness from Hollywood, and since I have been intoxicated all my life with the perfume of newsprint I feel a sense of personal loss every time I pick up a paper that is smeary with sex and crime. I would like to see all this proved, but for domestic rea-

Drummond Reports

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

COMMUNISTS RUN FOR COVER

Washington—More than ever, the Communist party in the United States is trying to bury its identity and increase its influence.

It will be well to be aware of the latest tactics.

Its primary purpose is to avoid the coils of the Internal Security Act, which requires that the Communists formally identify themselves and their propaganda as Communists if they are to enjoy the rights of free speech in the American political arena.

The law, stipulating that the Communists must stand up and be counted, has not yet reached final adjudication in the courts. But it is apparently breathing down the back of the party with increased heat.

The Supreme Court has unanimously upheld the order of the Subversive Activities Control Board that the Communist party is an agent of a foreign government and by a 5-to-4 decision has held that the party must register as does every other agent of a foreign power.

On the basis of these two supreme court decisions, the Justice Department indicted on six counts Gus Hall and Benjamin J. Davis, the asserted top leaders, for failing to register the party. The maximum penalty would be five years in jail and \$10,000 fine on each count.

THIS is the point at which the leadership of the Communist party is taking double-quick steps to conceal its operations and camouflage its leadership. The once openly avowed leaders of the Communist party suddenly are no longer "leaders" of the party. The pattern of its tactics is evident. Here is what's happening:

1-Party leaders such as Hall, Davis, and Elisabeth Gurley Flynn are no longer publicly identifying themselves as either party members or leaders. To do so would make it easier for the government to produce evidence that they hold leadership positions. At present, for example, party leaders are making many speeches around the country. When they do, they identify themselves as "spokesmen" of the party, not by title. If they are asked specifically whether they are party officials, they refuse to give any title.

2-The Communist party is currently very security conscious, doing all they can to destroy or conceal membership and other records which could be used by the government against it. Extreme care is exercised in holding party meetings. Only trusted members are invited. They

are being held less frequently. Great care is used in the communication of messages.

3-The party is streamlining its organizational structure to try to cut down its liability under the Internal Security Act. Some committees are eliminated, others reduced in numbers or altered in composition.

4-The Communists are increasingly using "umbrellas," that is, front organizations, to do its work. This is an old party technique. When the party wants something done, a front executes the job. If a front doesn't exist, one is formed. This shields the party from direct participation and helps cover the identity of party officials and members.

NONE of this means that the Communist party is less active. It is simply doing everything it can to disguise its members to avoid the law which is slowly beginning to close in. Its leaders are working under new designations. Gus Hall as "party spokesman," Daniel Rubin as "associate editor of New Horizons for Youth," Herbert Aptheker as "editor of Political Affairs."

The Internal Security Act does not outlaw the Communist party, nor make membership illegal. It simply requires that, as with other foreign agents, it register its members and officers, disclose its finances, and identify its propaganda. It will then be free to function without running for cover.

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(By M-J Staff and Contributors)



We are overwhelmed with weeks and months this week and month.

It is, for example, Be Kind To Animals Week. And the Be Kind To Animals people sent us the picture above, which we found so softly and sentimentally appealing that we couldn't resist printing it. Today, a proper rainy day, when people are supposed to treat animals at least as well as animals treat people—which, by and large, is pretty well.

This is also National Hospital Week (a worthy endeavor indeed), not to mention National Family Week and

And Janet Sullivan, in the third grade at Hoover school, welcomes the spring about as well as anyone can with the following offering, printed in the current issue of the Hoover Hi-Lite:

Winter is gone with all its snow.
Springtime is here, gentle winds blow.
Winter is gone with all its ice.
The flowers in Spring smell very nice.
Yes winter is gone with all the cold weather.
Springtime I think is really much better.

We're on your side, Janet. We're on the side of Mimi Stong, too. Mimi, in the second grade at Hoover, wrote:

Spring is here.
Let's give a cheer.
For after the cold.
The flowers unfold.

Meanwhile, back in the prose department, Jeff Bolton (Grade 2B) writes about insects. Jeff says:

I like the bees best of all other insects because they make honey and I like honey. But I hate cornborers because they eat corn and I love corn. They like the praying mantis because they eat cornborers. I like lady bugs because they eat insects in the garden. Grasshoppers are a good bait for the fishermen, like me.

In the spirit of Be Kind To Animals Week, we are glad to reproduce the essay of Joyce Castine (Grade 3B) whose topic is "My Pets." Joyce wrote as follows:

I have a pet dog. Its name is Josie. I got her when I was five years old. Then she was just a puppy.

When you call her name she will come. She will sit when you want her to. She likes to be scratched on her stomach. She never has bit a person.

We also have a cat. Her name is Jetta. She is black and Josie is too. I like our cat very much. Whenever we open our back door she comes in. She always goes into my bedroom. We got Jetta about two years ago. Every Spring she has a batch of kittens. Then she has a batch in Summer. She has three or five kittens in one batch. Sometimes they look like Jetta. Jetta likes to chase after birds.

Josie is a watchdog. We have a bird, too. Its name is Joey. It can roll over. We are teaching her to talk.

And so, friends, don't forget to toss your hats in the air in celebration of National Insurance Women's Day (next Thursday) and we'll be back. Two Venetian, in time to celebrate Foot Health Week.

Fish and Wildlife

Funds Made Available

Portland—The Interior Department Friday announced it will make \$1.7 million available to five northwest states July 1 for fish and wildlife restoration.

The sum includes \$308,040 for Oregon, \$614,500 for Alaska, \$226,304 for Idaho, \$353,550 for Montana, and \$245,049 in Washington.