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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 25, 1952 (Sunday)
 Walter Nunley, who received the Republican nomination for Jackson county district attorney in the primary election May 16, also received the Democratic nomination through write-in votes, the official canvass has revealed.
 A 15-acre fire in the Neil creek area, about five miles south of Ashland, was reported to be under control this morning.

20 YEARS AGO
 May 25, 1942 (Monday)
 Jackson county Sheriff Syd L. Brown starts organization of group for special guard duty "in connection with the war effort."
 From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Savants are trying to determine why the sky is blue scientifically. One wouldn't know, but the way the world is acting, one can't blame the sky."

30 YEARS AGO
 May 25, 1932 (Wednesday)
 Civil war veterans to march in Memorial day parade here include William Colvig, Frank Mendez, J. C. Wood, Augustus A. Tyles and L. P. Hubbard.

40 YEARS AGO
 May 25, 1922 (Thursday)
 More than 200 students received diplomas in county-wide commencement exercises in Ashland Chautauqua building.
 Memorial flag raising ceremonies at Sacred Heart hospital will include talk by Bob S. Deuel and prayer led by Col. W. H. Paine, American Legion chaplain.

50 YEARS AGO
 May 25, 1912 (Friday)
 Local anglers plan to test new law closing Rogue river to commercial fishing.

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

1. Footballs are covered with pigskin, true or false?
 2. Of which Scandinavian country was Hans Christian Anderson, writer of fairy tales, a native?
 3. To whom is the quotation, "Go West Young Man, Go West," attributed?
 4. What is the only metallic element that stays liquid at ordinary temperature?
 5. Which of these has no seacoast: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru?
 6. Does the House of Representatives hold its sessions in the south or north wing of the U. S. Capitol?
 7. Is the South Pole in the Arctic or Antarctic region?
 8. Which of these is not a type of furniture: Chipendale, Sheraton, Wedgewood?
 9. The lemon is botanically a berry; true or false?
 10. In what war did the U.S.A. become a world naval power?
- Answers: 1. False. 2. Denmark. 3. Horace Greeley. 4. Mercury. 5. Bolivia. 6. South wing. 7. Antarctic. 8. Wedgewood. 9. True. 10. Spanish-American war.

Curiosity and Space

Our city hall and courthouse reporters had trouble collecting news yesterday morning. Wherever they went, people were huddled around radios, listening to the drama of Scott Carpenter's orbit, his blacked-out descent and landing, the suspense of the search for him, and finally the happy message that he was alive.
 As was the case when John Glenn made the first three-orbit flight for the U.S., the whole populace listened and hoped and prayed. Everyone was tied up with the fate of the astronaut.
 This is a good and honest human reaction.

SOME DAY, however, the outcome will not be as lucky. Some day, one of the brave men who are pioneering space is going to die in the attempt.
 And it may be that many people, simply because of their identification with the astronauts, will then have a feeling of revulsion against the whole space exploration program.
 Already there are some who are critical of the effort, at least in part because of its cost in money. When it begins to cost in human lives, too, the outcry will be heightened.

THIS should not deter us, however, from continuing the effort. There is a cost to everything that is worth while. And the exploration of space is the next frontier for adventurous men, who will, it seems, do almost anything to satisfy their curiosity.
 Curiosity, accompanied by the means to satisfy it, has always seemed to us to be one of the characteristics which set mankind aside from the other creatures of the earth. Certainly it is curiosity, as much as any other single thing, which has brought us to today's level of civilization.
 Whether this is good or bad depends on your point of view.—E.A.

Counting the Ballots

The outcome of last week's primary election races, when broadcast and printed, were labeled "unofficial."
 It won't be until the elections department completes its own canvass of the ballots that the results become "official," for the first night count is done hurriedly, and by tabulators employed by newspapers and radio and TV stations as a public news service.
 Always, in the period of time between the first unofficial count, and the time the official canvass results are announced, the tabulators wonder how well their count will stand up.

THE Oregon Journal points out why:
 "The chances for human error in the present system are high. Every vote in every precinct is read aloud and tallied by hand. When the return forms (become available) they are turned over to the newspapers' crews. Again the figures are read aloud, written down by hand, and added on a battery of hand-operated calculating machines.
 "Anywhere along this chain a misunderstanding or misread figure, or a slip of a machine operator's finger, can add or take away votes from a candidate."
 The Journal could have added that the election-night job is done in a great rush, so that the results are known as soon as possible.

THE whole thing is archaic and unsatisfactory. Oregon is one of a minority of states which has no voting machines whatsoever — machines which keep a running total of the vote in each race, and can provide the complete results the minute the polls close.
 From time to time machine-voting has been proposed in Oregon, but the expense of such equipment has withheld it from use so far.
 What has attracted attention and interest is a system of electronic counting machines, which would process the ballots far faster and more accurately than is now possible by human counting boards.
 Such a system might lessen the excitement and suspense of the long count on election night, but we would cheerfully sacrifice that for a quick and accurate tally which would allow us to know the outcome of elections within minutes, rather than hours.—E.A.

Clean-Up

We have received a splendid letter urging us to "start a clean-up, tear-down, or whatever-it-takes campaign for Medford," so that this community will present a clean, uncluttered and attractive face to visitors and residents alike.
 Over the years, many such campaigns have been conducted here, with varying degrees of success. The "Make Medford Beautiful" project of last year accomplished quite a bit along these lines.
 But such organized campaigns can go only so far. They cannot force offending businessmen or residents to improve the appearance of their own establishments or their own homes.

IT'S a free country, and if a man wants to leave his premises cluttered and unpretentious that's his privilege.
 However, public opinion is a strong force, and if enough pressure is generated, if enough people speak out in protest, most such eye-sores will be improved.
 Our correspondent is specific in mentioning some of the places along Riverside avenue, in particular, which are no credit to either the community itself, nor to their proprietors.
 If they could be persuaded to present a more pleasant face to the world, we'd all benefit.—E.A.

Donnie the Menace



LET ME HELP YOU, MR. WILSON! I'M THE FASTEST FINGER-PAINTER IN THE WHOLE KIDDIEGARTER!

Woman Presents Arguments Against Tax Withholding

By LYLE C. WILSON
 Washington — Mrs. F. A. Stockley of Springfield, Mass., makes a strong argument that President Kennedy's withholding proposal on interest and dividends would be unfair to her and, therefore, should not be enacted.
 Mrs. Stockley contends that the President wants to confiscate some of her money in the name of tax collection. The administration contends this is a wrong interpretation. Mrs. Stockley's objection is to the withholding of interest paid on savings and loan accounts. On May 16, she wrote to me about that, as follows:
 "Tonight I have read with interest your column in our Springfield (Mass.) Daily News relative to the withholding tax.
 "Would it be possible for you to bring out in a column, soon, one of my objections to the bill? I am building in savings and loan association accounts to pay my estate tax at my death. Will I not be greatly cheated by this flat 20 per cent withholding?
 "The interest in the savings and loan accounts is compounded quarterly. When this 20 per cent is set aside, each time, it will surely cheat the depositors from earning compounded interest on that deducted amount for the remainder of the 12 month period.
 "Twenty per cent of the interest on the amounts which I have accumulated really amounts to a great deal. I never take this interest — just leave it each year. I just cannot afford to lose that much each year.
 "Eventually the government will get all of it. I always have paid taxes on this interest and on my dividends, both federal and state taxes which, in Massachusetts, is quite large. There must be many others in this same unfortunate position.
 "Why isn't this point ever discussed? It is certainly confiscation of our private funds. I shall greatly appreciate any attention that you may be able to bring to this problem. Thanks."
 Well, Mrs. Stockley, this is the best I can do. Some millions of citizens will have the opportunity to read your letter. The two men here in Washington best situated to relieve you of this potential confiscation of your funds also will have an opportunity to read it but I cannot assure you that both will do so.
 One of these men is President Kennedy. I do not know that he reads my stuff and rather doubt it although he said recently that he was reading more and enjoying it less. The other man is Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.). Sen. Byrd will read your letter. I can promise you that that is important to you and to all persons with your problem because the senator is chairman of the finance committee of the U.S. Senate.
Byrd To Oppose Bill
 The finance committee has just completed hearings on the President's tax bill and shortly will vote whether to recommend to the Senate that it pass or that it be rejected. The chairman informed the Senate last week that he would oppose the withholding provisions on the substantial grounds that they were complex to the point of being unworkable and, moreover, that the objective of

In the Day's News

From Hong Kong:
 A dangerously explosive situation is building up in this British Crown Colony's refugee-infiltrated border area. New waves of refugees seeking to flee from hunger-ridden Red China were reported en route this morning to the guarded border that divides Hong Kong from communism.
 Border police say tempers are growing short on all sides. The new refugees who at first submitted docilely to arrest and deportation are growing more truculent. Hong Kong's thousands of Chinese residents crammed into squalid quarters are increasingly abusive of officials. Police and troops are showing the strain of almost continuous duty in the crisis that is now three weeks old.
 A British police officer was assaulted by an angry Chinese crowd that tried to stop truck convoys returning captured refugees to the Red Chinese border. Angry villagers near the border threw stones and refuse at three other convoys and threatened to beat up a police guard accompanying another convoy.

ALL THIS in a little 20-mile square area that in the last year or so since hunger began to stalk abroad in Red China has accepted and made a place for and FOUND food for a million or so starving Chinese refugees from communism!
 Hard to believe? Well, starvation knows no law.
WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT?
 Nationalist China — the remnant of Old China that now finds a home on the island of Formosa, has offered to find a home and food for these starving refugees from Communist China.
 But — Take a look on your map at Formosa. It is a relative speck of land in a wide ocean. Its area is only 13,890 square miles. It is about the size of the state of Maryland. The area of Oregon, which is not a large state as really large states go, is 96,981 square miles, nearly seven times the area of Formosa. Formosa's population in 1958, when the last census was taken, was more than ten million. Oregon's present population is about a million and three-quarters.

THE OFFER to take and feed refugees from Communist China is a sign that Nationalist China's heart is in the right place. But Communist China's population is somewhere in the neighborhood of three-quarters of a BILLION — or nearly one-fourth of the world's population.
 In the face of a situation like that, what can the little island of Formosa do?
FROM WASHINGTON this morning comes the report that "high sources" indicate that President Kennedy believes the U.S. must exert strong leadership in the plight of these Chinese refugees — and, although there is no easy

Communism, Anti-Yankee Nationalism Threat in Brazil; Leader Optimistic

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
 "A powder keg may exist in the impoverished northeast of Brazil but the wick is in Rio de Janeiro." The above quotation is from Gov. Carlos La Cerda of Guanabara State, whose political beliefs make him both a beacon and something of a paradox in a nation where poverty abets growing communism and communism works hand in hand with anti-Yankee nationalism.
 La Cerda, whose state capital is Rio, is a former newspaper editor who is one of Brazil's strongest supporters of President Kennedy's Alliance for Progress program. He also believes that U. S. aid should have "strings attached."
 "Let us not pretend," he says, "that economic help has nothing to do with establishing a free responsible community in Latin America. No one has the right to finance poli-

ties that do not prevent communism from growing from within."
 In Brazil, the United States needs such supporters as La Cerda.
 In the poverty-stricken northeast it has instituted both a crash and a long-range program to bring aid to 20 million inhabitants and to prevent a social explosion in the Castro style.
 The rains finally came to the parched northeastern plains last week, making possible a late harvest of beans and corn which may, joined with emergency U. S. food shipments, help relieve widespread hardship and starvation.
 In northeastern Brazil, aside from perennial drought, the problem is one of land tenure practically unchanged since colonial days, where a few vast plantations and the majority starve under an income of less than \$100 per year.

Washington Report

By William S. White
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A CLEAR CHOICE
 Washington — The old-fashioned scandals set off by a very modern kind of Bible-thumping big operator in the farm subsidy program, Billie Sol Estes, are pleasuring a gossip minded public no end. Everybody is talking about his monetary favors to politicians — of whom the most elevated to emerge to date is Texas Democratic Senator Ralph Yarborough. But no body seems to be talking about the plain duty of American people to grow up and face up to the basic problem of which "The Estes Case" is only a small, unpleasant symbol.
 The disclosure that Estes contributed \$1,700 to the office expenses of a Senator who assisted him in his contacts with the government, Yarborough, offers temptations.
 IT cannot truly be said of any senator, except in some instances for those holding private fortunes, that he is totally beholden to no one for financial help in any form.
 Presumably we do not wish as a nation to close the senator's doors to all save the rich. If that is so, the alternatives are clear.
 We go on with the present system of contributions — which to most senators from big states are absolutely necessary for the proper conduct of the office as well as for teaching it-on the assumption that by and large you can trust elected men not to steal the spoons.
 Or we outlaw it all and go into the untried and tricky field of direct public subsidies, both for campaigning and for properly operating the office.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF
 "THEY TELL ME Dartmouth is a great college," grumbled the father of a student at that noted institution. "But my son's handwriting seems to get worse and worse up there.
 Here's a letter that just arrived from him this morning, for instance. I can't even make out how much he wants me to send him!"
 A geography teacher had just been explaining to her charges the differences between the frigid, temperate and torrid zones. At the conclusion of her talk she asked young Andrew what sort of zone he lived in.
 Andrew answered, "Brooklyn, 18."
 Fellow who claims he was there quotes Christopher Columbus at a banquet honoring him for discovering the New World. Columbus, claiming he had not expected to be called on for a speech, smiled at Queen Isabella and began, "A funny thing happened to me on my way to India..."
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Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
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LIFE'S PREDICAMENT
 "Almost everything happens to you if you live long enough." This is what a old man of my acquaintance told me many years ago, when I came to him with some problem that was bothering me at the time. It is a simple sentence I have never forgotten. And it is remarkable how comforting that thought can be in times of stress or crisis. The only way to avoid trouble is to avoid living.
 Americans, particularly, (because we have been so favored by geography and history) tend to think of life as a series of problems and solutions. But less fortunate peoples, in other parts of the world, know better. Life is NOT a series of problems and solutions — it is a predicament.
 There are some problems that have no solutions. There are some questions that have no answers. There are some situations that must simply be lived through, and cannot be worked out.
 It is this kind of acceptance, of stoicism, that seems to be lacking in our ebullient American nature. We cannot bring ourselves to believe that life is a predicament, and not a group of neat equations that we can solve satisfactorily. This is as true in our national outlook as it is in our personal viewpoints.
 Part of our resistance, and resentment, and frustration about the present world situation springs from this attitude. We simply cannot believe that the continuing crisis in international affairs cannot be solved or resolved by turning the right key, or taking the right posture, or being more aggressive or being more conciliatory.

Mental Terror Felt By Russians During Stalin Era Revealed

Moscow —(UPI) The mental terror felt by the Soviet people during the 1937-38 purges by Josef Stalin was revealed in the current issue of the Russian literary monthly New World.
 Soviet writer Ilya Ehrenburg, in the latest installment of his memoirs published in the magazine, said, "Nobody was confident about tomorrow."
 "Life was strange at that time. I can hardly describe it within several pages."
 When ever the name of someone who had suddenly disappeared was mentioned, people's bafflement posed itself in the question: "Why him?" Ehrenburg said.
Wife Nervous
 He recalled his return to Moscow in 1938 after living abroad for years. His wife was in a state of continual nervousness and agitation.
 "Yesterday a man could deliver a speech or publish an article in Pravda," she told him at the time, "and today fear for his life."
 "Many of my friends had bags packed with two sets of warm clothes on hand," he said.

Communications

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Back Our Leaders
 To the Editor: Many times I have thought of writing to the editor. After reading Mr. Prichard's letter, I decided to. I spent 18 months in the service in the Second World War, not 33 years either as an officer. I always figured if I didn't like what I was doing I could quit. No, Mr. Prichard, I don't believe the general was a communist. The Reds wouldn't have him, or you either for that matter. Are you an American? Can't you leave? If you are an American act like one please! Living in this country, no matter what her faults, I say we should give our leaders our backing, either with constructive criticism or our prayers. I think 33 years is a long time to hate yourself.
 A Free American Citizen
 Harry C. Caton
 White City, Ore.

have long been accustomed to. Control of atomic fission gave us unprecedented power — but it also made us the slaves of its consequences.
 The world is now balanced precariously on the edge of a precipice. Survival calls for delicacy, for the ability to sustain the tension without fight or flight. We have no answers, because new questions have been propounded by our scientific breakthroughs. The ultimate test of our maturity may consist in our willingness to accept the predicament, and to treat it with tact, not with cowardice or bravado.
 Ehrenburg described Stalin himself as "a legendary semigod, and every man was trembling, repeating his name and believing he was the only man who could save the state from invasion and disintegration."
 He described how he tempted fate by writing Stalin on two occasions for permission to travel abroad.
 When permission was refused the first time, he writes, his wife asked him: "Do you want to complain to Stalin about Stalin?"
 "I grimly answered 'yes,'" he continued. "I understand it was silly to do so, and the most probable outcome was that I would be arrested."
 Instead, he received the necessary documents. "Why it happened I don't know," he concluded.