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Flight of Time: Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

Oregon Outdoor Recreation

Over the years we have seen many study reports of one kind or another. They have ranged all the way from rough mimeographed reports of a sketchy nature to elaborate bound and printed volumes.

It is a splendid job from every standpoint - format, printing, writing, illustrations, clarity and completeness.

EVERY public agency at all concerned with public recreation should make haste to obtain a copy. It will also be of great interest to anyone interested in Oregon's magnificent recreational resources and potentialities.

THE report deals not only with recreational needs which obviously fall within the responsibility of the state, but also deals with county and federal government responsibilities.

It covers the entire state in detail, and presents its findings and recommendations with clarity and force, and with meticulous documentation and supporting factual statements.

Many people and agencies participated in preparation of the report, and it really is a cooperative endeavor, although the state parks and recreation division of the state highway department deserves the major credit for the job.

We commend the book highly, and believe it will be of intense interest to any Oregonian interested in the present and future of outdoor recreation of all kinds in the state.

Another Organization

We have been told this is the age of the organization man.

It is also the age of the organization, period. There are AA (for Alcoholics Anonymous, people banded together to fight their own problems and to help each other); TOPS (for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, people who mutually help others and themselves to reduce); ADDL (for Anti-Digit Dialling League, people who dislike the telephone company's all number calling and want a return to word-prefixes on telephone numbers); SPEBQSA (Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, which is self-explanatory), to name only a few out of thousands.

WE HAVE recently heard of another, rather new, mutual-help organization. It is PWP, standing for Parents Without Partners, and it is designed to assist parents who, through divorce or death, have lost their husbands or wives.

Such people have special problems, arising from the lack of one parent. They include how to keep their children from feeling "different"; how to overcome their own feelings of loneliness, hostility or guilt; how to live more nearly normal lives; how to ease the grief often attendant on such circumstances.

They work at these through social gatherings, through special lectures by experts in various fields, through discussion groups, and through parent-child activities.

IN JUST a short time the organization has spread across the country from New York, where it originated, and there are several thousand members, mostly in organized chapters.

The organization puts out a monthly journal which discusses legal problems, gives news of activities, quotes letters from members, and publishes a calendar of events.

Not all single parents, of course, could or would obtain benefits from PWP, but many have already done so. Detailed information is available from Parents Without Partners, Inc., 80 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. - E. A.

The \$18,000,000 Hyphen

The case of the \$18,000,000 hyphen is a fascinating commentary on the fabulous and complex age in which we live.

During the launching of a Venus probe rocket last month, a computer was in use to give the rocket its guidance instructions. In the computer equation, one hyphen was left out. It was crucial, because it was a signal to the rocket's controls to ignore a subsequent series of signals. Because it was missing, the controls followed the later signals, which sent the rocket plunging toward earth.

Missing: one hyphen; missing: one \$18,000,000 rocket.

THAT'S a pretty high price for a hyphen. It works out to a little less than 10 cents for each American.

But it is a drop in the bucket in our over-all space and military programs. There will be other costly failures before we're through.

But the incident does dramatize neatly the fix we're in, where we must depend on electronics and mechanics to do much of our thinking and acting for us, but where one tiny human error can send \$18,000,000 worth of hardware plunging to destruction. - E. A.

"Yeah, It's Almost Enough To Make You Want To Do Something"



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.

God's Decrees

To the Editor: "Clemency Appeal" - M.T. Monday, July 30. We intrigue our fancies with strange arguments these days, and lay facts away in the moth balls at times. We bemoan the death sentence of a murderer and at the same time are making no protest that will forbid the construction of weapons that will cause mass murder.

Poor Things!

To the Editor: Statistics show that Medford schools are among those with the highest rating in the nation. We give these young people every opportunity to learn; we tell them to use their heads, to think; we diligently search for the leader material among them so that it can be developed for the world's most urgent need.

The Earth Is Round

To the Editor: Mr. Ray Prichard of Central Point suggests that we blame the Communists for our economic and social ills. Why not? Blaming others for ignorance and stupidity is a time-tested custom that harkens back to the ancient Hebrews and their practice of employing a "scapegoat" to carry the sins of society.

What She Thinks

To the Editor: Maybe I'm not the greatest authority on the world and its happenings, but I do know what I believe in. I haven't been reading Communications (sorry to say) very long. But I have been lately.

Saskatchewan Pact Ratified

Regina, Sask. (AP) - Agreements that ended Saskatchewan's doctors' strike last month were ratified Thursday following the shortest session in the province's legislative history.

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EXPECT FURTHER TESTS

Washington - (AP) - Informed sources said today they expected further underground nuclear tests in Nevada, where there have already been 49 shots in the current series. Sources said President Kennedy, when he told his news conference Wednesday that "there are not any further tests in Nevada," was referring to further fallout-producing atmospheric tests.

Vastly Important Common Market Plans For Britain's Entry Still Tentative

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Brussels - Here in Belgium's ancient capital, a handful of men are engaged in negotiations fateful to the entire western world and with a heavy penalty the price of failure. The negotiations concern Britain's entry into the six-nation European Common Market.



Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises Inc. REFUGES We feel sympathy for the millions killed by the Nazis and enslaved by the Communists, but few of us are able to identify with the millions of others who were uprooted and forced to flee the land of their birth. The word "refugee" does not resonate, for we in America can hardly conceive of being torn away from our homes and jobs, our families and friends. We cannot even imagine what it is like to move thousands of miles away, penniless, speaking a foreign language, split off forever from the only culture we have ever known.

In the Day's News

From Washington: Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) questions the truthfulness of Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana in the senate Tuesday and told him he would NO LONGER look to him as his majority leader. He added: "So far as I am concerned, he (Senator Mansfield) will never represent me as my majority leader... again. He is the majority leader, but NOT with the support of the senator from Oregon. Get that clear!"

Before things simmered down, Senator Morse extended his disavowal of leadership to Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), the Democratic party whip, or assistant majority leader.

WHY, Senator!

You AMAZE us! Out this way, we have always assumed that you have NEVER acknowledged ANYBODY as your leader. (Editor's note: According to a story printed in the Oregon Journal, Senator Morse later apologized to Sen. Mansfield.)

FROM Rothschild, Wisconsin:

During what witnesses described as a quiet and routine meeting last night, the Rothschild village board of supervisors adopted an ordinance that would OUTLAW the barking of dogs. WHY the lifted eyebrow? Dogs, you say, just WILL bark when they feel that way? True enough. But when anything annoys us we Americans fix everything up by PASSING A LAW AGAINST IT. It's an old established custom among us.

FROM Seattle:

Century 21 turned the halfway corner the other day with an attendance of four and a half million people - 250,000 more than had been expected. It looks like it might end up with a profit. As the fair passed the halfway mark, the attendance figure dramatized the happy ending that is shaping up after a beginning that was marked by mistakes caused by TOO MUCH PLANNING.

CARRY the word to our planners in Washington.

If they would do a little less planning and a little more realistic paying of debts as they come due our nation would be better off. We've done a lot of planning in recent years, but the heck of it is that we're 300 BILLION DOLLARS IN DEBT.

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LAFFERTY READY

Portland - (AP) - A. W. Lafferty said Thursday he is ready for a convention Aug. 21 in the Pythian building here - called to nominate him as an independent candidate for governor.

Britain and severely shake the hard-won unity now existing within the Six - France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Time is running out and in the way are many stumbling blocks.

The greatest chance for success lies in the knowledge of the consequences of failure.

At odds are Britain's determination to protect the members of the British commonwealth, and the Six's equal determination that if Britain joins the Common Market she must do so with full acceptance of all the political and economic conditions to which the Six already are bound.

Agriculture is the stumbling block at the moment, but others equally difficult lie ahead.

Pressing the British is the knowledge that in September they must make a progress report to the prime ministers of the commonwealth.

Should they be unable to report agreement on protection of commonwealth goods, then opinion throughout the commonwealth and at home as well, easily could crystallize into hard opposition that could result in failure and the fall of the Macmillan government, either now or in elections next year.

Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

THE FILIBUSTER

Washington - The true significance of the Liberalized Senate Democratic filibuster against the Administration's Space Communications bill is far greater than this bill. It is a far more than an attack upon the Senate Democratic leadership and the Democratic party itself.

The leaders of this pint-sized filibuster are only incidentally hitting at a bill and only incidentally at Senator Mike Mansfield, the Democratic floor chief. Actually, they are striking at President John F. Kennedy, that President to whom they gave almost hysterical support, vocally that is - so long as they were sure he was ahead.

There was a not-distant time when they were in apologetic rage at any suggestion that there could possibly be anything wrong in the best of all possible Democratic worlds under Kennedy.

BUT THAT time has gone, as recent scenes on the Senate floor have so clearly demonstrated. For what these "Liberals" have been assaulting with shrill venom is not Mike Mansfield's bill. It is a bill sent forward by President Kennedy, though with a bipartisan backing so massive that it passed the House of Representatives by 354 to 9 and commands in the Senate now the support of the entire Republican membership and at least three-fourths of the Democratic membership.

That bill would establish a corporation to control American participation in the coming world space communications system. Half of the stock would be owned by the existing communications companies and half by the investing public. Directors would represent the people, the industry and the government alike. Of this sensible plan the filibusters are crying "giveaway!"

They are in effect saying that a President of the United States from their own party - the President to whom they were so lately so uncritically devoted - and a sizable

majority of both parties in congress are willing to throw away the interests of the people of the United States.

APART from all this and apart from the great injury they are doing their own party and their own President's program, the rank-and-file filibusters, consciously or not, are doing one other thing of surpassing littleness. Most of the rank and file are ordinarily responsible Senators. But somehow they have allowed themselves to be hitched to the wagon of a small and bitter man, Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon - who is up for re-election this fall.

They have enabled this man, and one or two of his professional liberal associates, to stage a phony melodrama. Senator Morse's actual ineffectuality in the real work of the Senate is only exceeded by his capacity for self-promotion as a habitually self-nominated martyr.

But now he assumes before the country a spurious "leadership" in a demagogue's delight: He is in there fighting against "The Interests."

OF COURSE, the filibusters' alternative to the communications bill would amount to total nationalization of the total space communication system of the future. If so immense a step in advanced Socialism should really be undertaken, should not the Senate in consistency move at once to seize and nationalize all existing communications systems - telephone, radio, television, telegraph and all the rest?

But it is not the merits of the issue which need be discussed here. The point here is that President Kennedy is finding out the hard way that the professional Liberals don't stand hitched when the going gets rough. The going has gotten rough for the President. And he is discovering that his really responsible associates are surely not those who used to shout with tremulous love at the very name "Kennedy."

If there is one constant in the highly fluid emotional and intellectual makeup of the professional Liberal, it is a highly developed sense of knowing when to get off the train and become "independent."

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

AN IRATE wife nailed her errant husband trying to sneak into the house undetected at four A.M. "How dare you," she demanded, "barge in at this hour half drunk!" The unfortunate husband mumbled, "Sorry, my chickadee, but I ran out of money."

"Together," the excellent publication of how the Methodist Church, tells of an old-time circuit-riding preacher who inadvertently aroused the ire of the biggest bully in a frontier town. The bully rode his horse into the back yard of the preacher's temporary abode and announced, "Parson, you've got me to lick or get out pronto from this neck of the woods."

The parson calmly seized the bully by the seat of his pants and the nape of his neck and deposited him over the fence. The bully picked himself up gingerly and meekly murmured, "And now, Parson, if you'll hand me my mare over the fence, too, I'll be proceeding on my way."

A reader who doesn't seem to care how he spends his time has fallen to speculating on how the ghost of Hamlet's father would behave if he came back to earth today. "I can see him now," he boasts, "registering at the Ectoplasm Hotel, breakfasting on Ghost Toasties, riding out to Aqueduct in time for the second watch, and telling friends, 'I specter see one more revival of 'Charlie's Haunt' before I dissolve.'"

What our reader doesn't seem to know is that his ghost has moved permanently to New York. He's taken apartment with Phantom Books.

