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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 Oct. 17, 1952 (Friday). Forests in both Jackson and Josephine counties will be opened to non-permit hunting by the foresters at noon Saturday.

The Medford fire department is seeking a number of well-qualified young men for training as firemen.

20 YEARS AGO Oct. 17, 1942 (Saturday). Number of tourists visiting Crater Lake National park up 63 per cent in 1942 over previous year.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Italy is now so weak militarily that Premier Mussolini has not sufficient strength left to stab himself in the back."

30 YEARS AGO Oct. 17, 1932 (Monday). Number of voters registered for general election in Jackson county totals 19,315; Republicans lead Democrats, 12,114 to 6,501.

Women barred as jurors as "heart balm" case opens in circuit court here.

40 YEARS AGO Oct. 17, 1922 (Tuesday). Mrs. Ella Short, wife of man who installed first Medford water system in early 1880's, visits friends here.

Contracts let for construction of new lime plant at Gold Hill.

50 YEARS AGO Oct. 17, 1812 (Thursday). Fare from Medford to Jacksonville on Rogue River Valley railroad increased to 25 cents each way from a quarter round trip after auto stage line goes out of business.

O. C. Stillman, Prohibition candidate for U. S. senator from this district, expresses confidence that he will beat incumbent W. C. Hawley.

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

1. Which country is estimated to have the greatest force under arms today?

2. What is the last word in the New Testament?

3. Correct the following sentence: "I wish one of my brothers were coming."

4. What is the national game of England?

5. Which two nationally observed holidays in the U. S. always fall on the same day of the week?

6. In contract bridge, the winning of two games by one side constitutes a...

7. What does the "A" stand for in Thomas A. Edison?

8. Is the city of Adelaide in Australia, or New Zealand?

9. The nickname "The Voice" has been applied to which crooner?

10. Is copper, or silver, the better conductor of electricity?

Answers: 1. Red China. 2. Amen. 3. It is correct (subjective mood). 4. Cricket. 5. Labor Day and Thanksgiving. 6. Rubber. 7. Alva. 8. Australia. 9. Frank Sinatra. 10. Silver.

"RUNS" TRAFFIC LIGHT. Erie, Pa. — Police were a bit dubious Tuesday night when James Oids reported he ran over a traffic light and then they checked. Oids was driving along a downtown street when a stiff wind snapped guy wires supporting a traffic light which dropped in the path of his car.

The Mayor of Medford

Having the job of mayor of Medford is as close as one can come to being "Mr. Medford."

The mayor is the chief representative of the city on a multitude of ceremonial and official occasions. He presides meetings of the city council, and in case of deadlock, his vote can break a tie. He can veto council legislation.

Perhaps the most important of all, however, is his unique position of influence on his fellow council members and on formulation of policy.

A good mayor can be a positive force for good in a city. A mediocre mayor can harm a city. A bad mayor can be a destructive force.

THE last three mayors of Medford—the late Diamond Flynn, Earl Miller (now county judge), and the incumbent, John Snider, have set a remarkably high standard in this important position. (We mention these three only, as they are ones we have known as mayor. No derogation of earlier mayors is intended.)

Each had his successes and his failures, but each has commanded respect, if not always agreement, and each has exerted his influence for the benefit of the community. The term of each has been marked by progress and improvements. The people of Medford have been well served.

Now the time has come to elect a new mayor. There are three candidates, all city councilmen.

WILLIAM Singler is a young man, ambitious and with a desire for public service in an office higher than that of city councilman.

He is, we believe, sincere and well-meaning. But we believe he lacks the seasoning, and above all the experience, for such an important position.

He has yet to complete one full term as a member of the council. Our observations also indicate he lacks a thoroughly thought-through philosophy of public service, and what the city needs in coming administrations.

Certainly without animus of any kind, we suggest that he be passed by in this election. In the future experience and added abilities may better suit him for important elective position. But not yet.

FRED Robinson cannot be faulted on experience—or at least on the opportunity to gain experience—for he has long been a councilman.

Other considerations, however, lead us to challenge his qualifications for mayor.

He has, for one thing, the worst attendance record of any member of the city council. In 1961, he missed 9 of the 24 meetings, more than twice as many as any other councilman. Up to September of this year he had missed 6 of the 18 meetings, or one in three.

His inconsistency puzzles us. A few months ago he resigned the job of council president (whose sole job it is to preside in the absence of the mayor), citing the press of business. Now he is a candidate for mayor, a far more demanding and time-consuming job.

ROBINSON has not lived up to all the responsibilities of a city councilman, express or implied. In addition to his record of absenteeism, he has refrained from voting on liquor license applications, either for or against, due to his "religious convictions." This is simply shirking a duty all councilmen have. He knew he would be called upon for such decisions, and to cite religion as an excuse smacks of the hypocritical.

Robinson, too, lacks a long view of this growing city's needs. In a talk the other day virtually his only platform was "cut taxes." Now this may or may not be desirable and possible. But a shotgun, tax-cutting approach, without careful thought and specific proposals, could be seriously damaging. It is a disservice to Medford citizens to talk about tax cuts without showing how they can be made without crippling vital city services. This is fiscal irresponsibility.

We hesitate to mention personality and speaking ability, but the fact is that a mayor is an official and ceremonial representative of the city, and the impression he makes is important. A decision whether Robinson measures up in this category is subjective. We do not believe he does.

WE COME now to James Dunlevy, the third candidate. In our view he excels either of the other candidates in all categories—in public and business experience, in knowledge of government and its orderly workings, in courage in holding and voicing opinions, in independence from any special-interest groups, and in personality and the ability to represent the city.

He has served nearly six years on the council, two of them as its president. He has the necessary long-range view of the city's problems, and a sound, practical and progressive approach to their solution. He has a long record of participation in other civic affairs.

He is articulate, personable, well liked, and has a fine and subtle sense of humor, which often is a saving grace in any public servant. He can be tough when he needs to be, and kindly when it is called for.

SUMMING up: We believe Bill Singler to be a fine young man, with opportunity for fine public service before him, but lacking the necessary maturity and experience for the job of mayor.

We believe Fred Robinson to be unqualified for this office by reason of absenteeism, frequent disinterest, shirking of responsibility, and lack of any constructive program.

We believe Jimmy Dunlevy to be highly qualified for mayor, through experience, personality and character. He would do a splendid job.

We strongly urge the election of Jimmy Dunlevy as mayor of Medford. — E. A.

Conscience Of A Conservative



Communist Repressions and Propaganda Fails to End Religious Observances

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst At the Roman Catholic Church's Ecumenical Council in Rome are some men who daily have suffered persecution for their faith, and sometimes imprisonment. These men are representatives of the "church of silence" behind the Iron Curtain.

That they are there at all is proof both of their own determination and of Communist failure to stamp out religion even after 45 years. Two high officers of the church are missing from the Rome conclave. They are Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary, now in refuge at the U. S. legation in Budapest, and Archbishop Josef Beran of Czechoslovakia, confined since 1949 for his refusal to take the Communist oath of allegiance.

A survey of the state of religion in the European Iron Curtain countries just has been published by Radio Free Europe.

The survey points out that the churches remain the only organized bodies in Eastern Europe which are not directly controlled by the Communist parties, and as such promote the only rival ideology to communism.

They remain remarkably strong despite an unremitting campaign by Communist governments, ranging from a spider's web of legal restrictions and arrests of priests to the scientific teaching of atheism.

Here is a rundown: Soviet Union: The Communist party newspaper Pravda recently admitted "atheist education" has had no impact on "the hard core of believers." Estimates which may be too high place the number of persons belonging to various religious faiths in the Soviet Union at 93 million—roughly 43 per cent of the population.

Bulgaria: Bulgarians traditionally are stubborn adherents to the Eastern Orthodox Church, and Christmas and Easter find churches and nearby streets and squares crowded. Almost all rural marriages are concluded in church.

Czechoslovakia: The anti-religious campaign has had considerable success among

young people. But the newspaper Nova Svoboda has complained more and more church members are ready to turn 10 per cent of their income over to the church.

East Germany: After erection of the Berlin wall in August 1961, the Communists redoubled their efforts to split the German Evangelical Church into east and west. The effort so far has failed. A Protestant official estimated that 60 per cent of the young people in East Germany attend church.

Hungary: The regime recognizes the strong religious feeling of the majority and has hesitated to clamp down too hard. Efforts to substitute atheist forms for weddings, christenings and funerals have had little success.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A LASS FROM County Cork emigrated to Boston and married a man who was a longtime fugitive from Alcoholics Anonymous. She wrote home to tell about her husband's drinking habits but her parents could make neither head nor tail of the American slang she had picked up.

The next spring her brother came over to New York and ran into an Army parade on his way from the docks. He pointed to a huge, lumbering armored vehicle, and said, "What's that?" His guide said proudly, "That's one of our new super-tanks."

"Glorry be," gasped the Irishman. "Me sister's married to one of them!"

Mrs. Lazar was standing in the lobby of her Park Avenue apartment house when the elevator disgorged a lady wearing a hat identical to hers. Mr. Lazar, acutely conscious of his wife's reaction, sighed deeply and commented, "Now I suppose I'll have to treat you to a new hat." "Well," snapped Mrs. Lazar, "that would certainly be cheaper than moving!"

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Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris

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ON BECOMING HUMAN

The great difference between all the rest of the animal world and mankind has nothing to do with the opposable thumb, the gift of speech, or the ability to change our environment.

What is profoundly and basically different is that becoming "human beings" is not natural to us; it is a lifelong task, requiring constant diligence, practice, and sacrifice. It means surmounting ourselves.

Ortega y Gasset, one of the seminal thinkers of our time, has put it well in his long essay, "Man the Technician." He points out that "to all other entities of the universe, existence presents no problem... A bull, if he exists, exists as a bull."

We will do anything rather than become fully human, because it is the hardest job we can imagine. Unlike the bull, who is fixed for all time in his bullishness, we have an immense capacity to rise above the biological and the appetitive; but this task frightens us, and we retreat into passion and prejudice, as the Germans under Hitler cast off a thousand years of Christianity and withdrew into the zoological slime.

Man is not a "natural" creature in the sense that all others are. His existence is problematic; he is a set of possibilities, ranging from below the bestial to nearly the angelic. Man is what he does. And his whole life is a program for action: to find those possibilities which most fully express his human condition.

History, whether in Munich or in Mississippi, reveals how mankind shrinks away from becoming human. It is easy for us to believe in God; what is hard, devilishly hard, for most people is to believe in humanity.

On the contrary, "for a man to exist does not mean to exist all once as the man he is, but merely that there exists a possibility of, and an effort toward, accomplishing this. Who of us is all he should be and all he long to be? In contrast to the rest of creation, man, in existing, has to make his existence."

What each of us calls "my life," Ortega says, is a pure task, "a thing inexorably to be made. It is not given to me as a present; I have to make it."

It is only in the light of this concept—which I be-



"I don't know if it's called a sheath or a shift, but it's definitely designed for fall nights—she's carrying a burning torch..."

... 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.

Translated To the Editor: There was more truth than poetry in the 9/23 M-T letter entitled "The Dead Return" (Name on file). The Bible is the best and perhaps the only authority we can refer to on the deep things of this life and our pre-earth life, including our lives to come, on both spiritual matters and temporal also. And they are so interwoven we cannot separate them even with our private interpretations.

Moses, the servant of God, who had talked face to face with God, died in the land of Moab and was buried there by God, but no one knew where his grave was. (Deut. 34:5). Jesus was the first to be resurrected, so Moses must have been translated, like Elijah, who had been taken to Heaven in a chariot. Both came to Earth again and appeared to the apostles and the Savior on the mount of Transfiguration, and restored the keys of the gospel and ordinances of the Church and kingdom of God Jesus had established upon the Earth, with Peter, James, and John in the presidency. (See Mat 18:19, and the Lord's Prayer.)

In John 21:18, Jesus told Peter by what death he should glorify God, and the balance of the chapter indicates John would tarry upon the Earth until the Savior comes again in the millennium. This doctrine is also clearly indicated in Luke 9:27. It is evident there was a better resurrection or God would not have revealed it to Paul. (Heb. 11:35)

The distinction is that when a righteous man dies he goes to his rest until the time of the resurrection. But a translated being will obtain deliverance from the tortures and sufferings of the body. But their existence will prolong as to the labors and toils of the ministry, and they cannot enter into their rest and glory until their bodies have undergone a change equivalent to death. Translated bodies are designed for future missions and power to bring souls unto God, hence their better resurrection. (Compare Luke 22:28-30.)

Gabriel, who was Noah on Earth and translated, came from the presence of God and announced the coming birth and mission of John the Baptist and our Savior Jesus Christ.

John F. Peterson, 611 South Holly st., Medford.

Real News To the Editor: The real news story of the week, and one that may very well be in a class with Typhoon Frieda when it comes to local devastation, is found in a comparison of the current tax statements with those of last year. Millage in Medford increased from 857 to 933, which means that real and personal property taxes increased 9.16 per cent in real money.

The cost of running the City of Medford went up 8.1238 per cent over last year, and School District 549C is to cost 9.75 per cent additional.

Hats off to the Medford City Council for getting in its bite before School District 549C stages its usual "special" election for additional funds to cover the cost of its runaway empire building, and also slugs us to bond a new high school.

Possibly the candidates for School District and Medford offices would care to explain why the cost of running these enterprises increased so suddenly and so dramatically, and in the case of the School District why they never ask the voters at a general election to approve a financial measure, but always resort to the additional expense of a special election? These explanations might aid those few prejudiced subscribers who decline to read or accept

the editor's views on these issues. Hugh B. Collins, 107 East Main st., Medford.

Picking Wages To the Editor: I see on TV where the pear growers need help, and paying 16c too.

We haven't got less than 17c working regular all through the season. This last wet week were getting 18c with a bonus.

The growers should lose a few crops. Maybe they'd wake up. They don't have any place for pickers to live, especially a man with a family. But then they don't want to hire a man with a family, they'd rather have wino's and National's.

There has been lots of white help in this valley in the three years I've lived here, but they couldn't get a job if they weren't a Mexican.

Then they don't want children in the orchard. Last year my husband wasn't picking fruit. I asked several people for a job picking pears, but they wouldn't hire a woman by herself. I can pick pears better than lots of men and top my own trees too. Several women I know can too. If they do have cabins they're too small for a man with children.

Then when you tell someone you're picking pears they look at you like you're a bum. The people of this valley should realize there's money put in this valley by the pears that wouldn't be there if there weren't people to pick them.

They should pay 20c a box just regular so a man could make a living. How many years have they payed 16c? How much more per box are they getting than when they started paying 16c?

And when it comes to pruning trees, my husband went out by the tree, made \$20 the first day, then the second day they told him he couldn't make over \$10. That's what their hourly men made.

Looks to me like they'd have been glad to get the trees pruned as fast as possible. You can go to California and make \$25 and \$30 a day pruning and they don't care.

It's their own fault they don't have pickers in here. I know from experience. Give a pear picker a little of that money they pay out in taxes, maybe they'd have pickers.

Mrs. H. Humphrey, Route 1, Box 434, Central Point, Ore.

Guano Birds To the Editor: A Capetown friend sends writer clipping that South Africa is interested in the guano island of Juan de Nova off Madagascar. Also that it is world's greatest phosphate fertilizer deposit.

We of U.S.A. know its value. We have had guano deposits in our arid Southwest.

When in Peru, writer saw guano birds over Humboldt current. Once we traveled for hours parallel to a black ribbon of comorants, other guano birds. They were feeding on Humboldt current's anchovies.

Writer's grandfather was one of von Humboldt's young students. He had the rare faculty of getting oncoming scientists to pledge their lives to overseas research. He assigned Granddad to Mexico. This became his dominant life aim. He is buried in Mexico City.

Von Humboldt, returning to Europe, preached "Peru guano can save from starvation overpopulated Europe." Ships soon rounded the Horn in fabulously profitable commerce. Deposits approached exhaustion. Birds ruthlessly were slaughtered. Then one leader, a Peruvian scientist of vision, forced enactment of conservation legislation.

Now guano birds have come back. Peru's taxpayers again find burdens lightened because our overpopulated world needs fertilizer.

C. M. Goethe, 3731 Tea st., Sacramento 16, Calif.

Fine Young Man To the Editor: Let me admit right at the start that I am prejudiced on behalf of our congressional candidate, Carl Fisher. I've been working for him for several months now and am thoroughly convinced he is one of the finest young men Oregon has ever had in politics.

Although there may have been some who were surprised at his effectiveness when he debated Bob Duncan, I think you should know there were many of us in that audience who were not surprised.

Carl Fisher has been campaigning in this area since early summer and a lot of us have heard him speak at coffee and other such functions. We knew him to be a man of mature judgment, deep convictions and rare ability. And that's why we were so glad the general public had an opportunity to learn this well ahead of the election. The League of Women Voters are to be commended.

Bob Balk, 1608 Lenora dr., Medford.

Crossing Danger To the Editor: The railroad crossing on the Table Rock road in the White City area has been termed extremely hazardous by residents and tourists crossing the area.

A logging train crosses the area approximately twice daily. There are no signal lights, bells or stop signs. The train in no way gives any warning to approaching the crossing.

A serious accident occurred at the crossing approximately two years ago. The driver narrowly escaped death. His truck was totally demolished.

Two near accidents have been noted and many more probable ones.

In foggy weather one cannot even see an on-coming train. A red-flashing unit could be installed and triggered by the approaching of the train. Signal lights have been installed in many areas where they have proved out to not be needed.

This crossing is used by the public. It is in one of our State park areas that is in constant use.

Area residents and people vacationing here have noted the danger involved and urge this to the attention of both county and state officials before lives are lost at this crossing. This definitely should be included in our safety program.

Bob Simmons, 806 Valley View dr., Medford.

Delinquency To the Editor: There has been a lot of discussion here lately about juvenile delinquency. My opinion is, we should take a look at our present laws.

A boy can get a license to drive a car at the age of 16, but he can't legally buy a cigarette. He is liable to the draft at 18, but can't buy a can of beer.

At 16 he begins to think of himself as a man, but he doesn't always know how to act as one. That closes one source of supply but leaves him two other sources of supply, the bootlegger, or he can steal them.

Maybe you can remember how good those watermelons tasted when they were stolen. Also read the "Parable of the tares."

W. R. White, P. O. Box 209, White City, Ore.

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