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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

Nov. 29, 1952 (Friday) Oregon's Republican club, at its annual meeting in Portland, has elected Fred Robinson president.

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 29, 1942 (Saturday) John A. Dickinson appointed constable for Medford justice of peace district.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 29, 1932 (Monday) New cheese factory scheduled to open at Central Point; plant expected to provide new outlet for milk produced in Rogue valley.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 29, 1922 (Tuesday) Opening of Women's Civic Improvement club in Ashland broadcast by Medford radio station KFAY.

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 29, 1912 (Thursday) Man riding on train between Medford and Phoenix "startles the other passengers" by attempting to kill himself; attempt fails because of dullness of knife.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. Can grasshoppers hear? 2. What is the name of the song whose chorus begins, "Just a song at twilight?" 3. In baseball what is the keystone sack?

Answers: 1. Yes. 2. "Love's Old Sweet Song." 3. Second base. 4. Russia. 5. Twelve dozen. 6. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. 7. Nicholas II. 8. Varies. 9. Three days. 10. The year.

VISITS SOUTHEAST ASIA Washington - U.S. Alex Johnson, deputy undersecretary of state for political affairs, leaves today on a 10-day tour of Thailand and South Viet Nam.

Space and Men

One of the things which never ceases to amaze us is the accelerating pace of scientific and technological discoveries. For instance, in late June of 1957, less than four months before Russia's Sputnik I became the first artificial earth satellite, we had this to say in this column:

"We commented here about five years ago that it would not surprise us too much if a rocket landed on moon within our lifetime. At the rate things have gone since, it wouldn't be surprising to see this happen within the next decade."

Ten years ago we speculated about a rocket landing on the moon within our lifetime. Five years ago we wouldn't be surprised if it happened by 1967. Today it's old stuff; it's already happened.

WITHIN the last five years there have been dozens of satellites hurled around the world, including seven containing human beings—four Russians and three Americans.

Space vehicles have gone around the moon, and one has landed on it. Others have been sent on trips to Mars and Venus. Even now Mariner II is on a course that will bring it within 20,000 or so miles of Venus.

Manned trips to the moon are now technically feasible, and are scheduled soon.

IT WOULD be nice to think that all this would have happened simply because man is a curious creature. It might have, eventually.

But the sad fact is that the push into space is a definite by-product of the Cold War, stimulated by U.S. and Russian rivalry in weaponizing and space superiority. Only such a stimulus could have caused the expenditure of billions of dollars and rubles to thrust rockets out of the atmosphere and out of the earth's gravitational pull.

Sad, too, is the fact that much of our other material progress has been generated by warlike pressures. The airplane came of age during World War I; the jet plane was developed during World War II; so was the atomic bomb, the forerunner of all the progress in nuclear physics.

IT IS interesting to speculate what man might be capable of achieving if his motivations were as strong in the human and behavioral sciences as they have been in the physical sciences.

Man has, in effect, conquered his physical environment, or at least has it within his power fully to do so.

But he has yet to conquer, to any significant degree, his own behavior, and to achieve the ideals of peace and brotherhood to which he still gives lip service.

The Register-Guard in Eugene, musing similarly, comments:

"And we wonder, of course, what motivation he must have to seek mastery of himself with speed and skill even fractionally equivalent to that he is demonstrating in the conquest of his surroundings."

THE WHOLE matter of the assault on space, and man's present inability to live with his brothers, was put into context recently by Roger Revelle, science advisor to the Secretary of the Interior.

He was discussing the possibility of self-contained space ships to take families across the galactic void—a voyage which takes many generations even at speeds approaching that of light. The social problems arising would be tremendous, in such an enclosed environment.

Then he twisted the story backward by stating:

"What is our earth, then, but a two-billion-man spaceship hurtling through the void? We face exactly the problems that our hypothetical travelers would face."

"This round ball, the earth on which mankind dwells, is a sphere unsupported in space, isolated and complete in itself. We who are condemned to live on it must be self-supporting and self-contained. We must not, and indeed we cannot, waste anything. We must somehow learn to live together, to tolerate one another, or else we cannot survive."

When all is said, man must learn more about himself, whether he voyages to the stars, or stays at home on planet earth. There is no other choice.—E. A.

Answer

One of the oldest objections to new laws in many fields, including civil rights and equality of opportunity, is the saying that "You can't legislate morality."

The best answer to this we've seen was given recently by Martin Luther King, the Negro integration leader.

In a speech at Cornell college in Iowa, he said:

"It may be true that morality cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. It may be true that the law cannot make a man love men, but it can keep him from lynching me, and I think that's pretty important."

It is, too.—E. A.

Churchill Turns 88

The birthdays of great men are usually observed in any significant public way only after they have passed from the scene. But every year that rolls around for Sir Winston Churchill, who will be 88 years old tomorrow, becomes more and more an occasion for public congratulation.

This year's anniversary is especially felicitous because Churchill demonstrated that even a man of his age can make a successful recovery from a broken thigh bone.

If Nov. 30 is one of Churchill's better days, he may motor to the House of Commons (which he first entered 62 years ago) to receive the traditional birthday cheers.—E.R.R.

"Well, To Start With, Of Course You Know He's A Nut"



In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Geneva: President Kennedy, in a statement to be read to the reopening of the 17-nation disarmament conference, says:

"A moment may be at hand to initiate the beginning of the end of the upward spiral of weapons competition. The U. S. has completed a recent series of nuclear tests. There is hope that Russia will complete its test series soon. This suggests that the time may be ripe for a real start toward halting the arms spiral."

LET'S all join in this pious hope. But let's not forget that we are dealing with COMMUNISTS. In Lenin's Ten Commandments of Revolution, this is No. 3: "There are no morals in politics. There is only EXPEDIENCY."

In his ninth commandment, Lenin said: "Promises are like peccarints; made to be broken." It's quite proper to deal with communists—but in our dealings we must keep our fingers crossed. We must hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

THAT'S enough preaching. Let's turn now to the grand old Clatsop Fir—which is believed to have been growing for a thousand years. It stood firm through the Columbus Day typhoon, but went down in last Sunday's big storm along the northwest Oregon coast.

What a tale that old fir could have told if it could talk! About the time it was a sprout, Canute had become king of England, Denmark and Norway. He was the cheery character who walked down to the beach one day and COMMANDED THE WAVES TO STAND STILL, and the tide to turn back.

Unfortunately, he had boasted in advance of what he was going to do, and quite a crowd was on hand. The waves refused to stand still, and the tide kept right on coming in.

Canute had to run for it to keep his feet from getting wet. SOME time back, at a moment when he was feeling his oats, Old Knute beat himself resoundingly on the chest and boasted to us:

"WE WILL BURY YOU!" The old Clatsop fir could have reminded him then, if it could talk, of Canute's unfortunate bragging, and the

humiliation that followed it. WHEN the old Clatsop Fir was a sapling, Duke William of Normandy was landing on the shores of southern England and starting the battle of Hastings. He was a cagey character, and smart to boot.

Observing that the shields of the Saxons were turning back his arrows, he ordered his bowmen to SHOOT HIGH, so that the arrows would COME DOWN on the Saxons. One of them caught King Harold in the throat—and that was that.

The old Clatsop fir would have been approaching middle age when the English bowmen, at the Battle of Crecy, got even with the Normans.

AND—When the old Clatsop fir was a good-sized sawlog, it saw Genghis Khan sweep out of what is now Communist China to lag Europe in ashes and blood. It saw Attila's horsemen sweep over Europe—leaving behind them the grim tradition that the grass never grew again where the feet of Attila's horses trod.

It's too bad the old fir tree couldn't have talked. It could have told us so many, MANY things about what has gone on in this world of ours.

Mikoyan Enjoys Russian Ballet New York—Soviet First Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan enjoyed some made-in-Moscow entertainment Wednesday night after a round of talks on the Cuban situation.

Mikoyan, U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson and other U.S. and Russian negotiators attended a performance of the Bolshoi Ballet at Madison Square Garden. It was the first of a special series by the Russian ballet corps.

Mikoyan and Stevenson stood for the playing of the United States and Russian National anthems, then sat together to watch the Bolshoi program.

Others in the special box included Soviet UN Ambassador Valerian A. Zorin and John J. McCloy, chairman of President Kennedy's Co-ordinating Committee on Cuban Policy.

DR. LEE FAIRCHILD recalls the story of the village priest who told his congregation, "Next Sunday I propose to give a sermon about liars. I suggest that before then you all read Chapter 17 of St. Mark's."

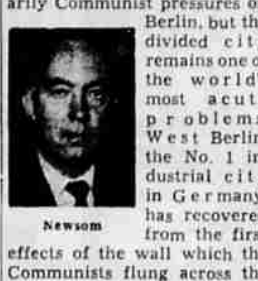
Came the following Sunday, and the priest began, "Will all those who obliged me by reading Chapter 17 of St. Mark's please raise their hands." Every right hand in the congregation shot up.

Observed the priest, "There happens to be only 16 chapters in St. Mark's. I will now deliver my sermon on liars."

Cuban Affair Eased Berlin Crisis, But It Still Is One of Toughest Problems

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst Berlin - UPI - The Cuban crisis may have eased temporarily Communist pressures on Berlin, but the divided city remains one of the world's most acute problems.



West Berlin, the No. 1 industrial city in Germany, has recovered from the first effects of the wall which the Communists flung across the city on Aug. 13, 1961.

Orders are being filled and goods are moving steadily on the railroads, highways and canals. About 15,000 new workers have come into the city to make up partially for the 80,000 lost when the wall went up.

The wall itself is a symbol of a fear which West Berliners will have to live with until some solution is reached to the entire problem of Berlin.

For Berlin, to live and prosper, must have guaranteed access to the outside world.

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"As you perhaps know, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has gone on record a number of times in favor of the increase of hospital facilities at White City, Ore.

"You may be sure our V.F.W. Legislative Service will work as diligently as possible to bring about such an establishment.

"With kind regards, I am sincerely yours, "E. L. Jenkins, "Assistant Adjutant General-Admin." Submitted by David Frisch, White City, Ore.

Appreciation To the Editor: Just a brief note to express our sincere appreciation for the excellent support the Medford Mail Tribune and Rogue Valley sports fans gave our Thanksgiving Day "Battle of Champions" football game between Whitworth College and Southern Oregon College.

The Medford Kiwanis club was delighted to have had a part in bringing this action to Southern Oregon. We also would like to express our thanks for the vital part that SOCS played in presenting this game—without their effort the game simply would not have been possible.

Thanks again to your fine newspaper and all those who had a part in making this game a success. In looking forward to more of this type of entertainment, we remain, Billy D. Blackstone, DMD, club president Herb Partridge, Game Chairman, Kiwanis Club, Medford

Copy Cats To the Editor: Can you or anyone give us the reason why the "copy cats" of California and Washington who worked so assiduously before our election recently, have retired from copying from the above named states?

I saw one of their programs on television, a picture portraying California and Washington to be such beautiful clear states, and our state, Oregon, was dark and streaks across it. I never thought I'd see the day when an Oregonian would display his or her state in such bad repute. I'm not an Oregonian by birth, but 42 years ago I adopted Oregon, or rather Oregon adopted me.

Now, if these people are so happy with the laws of California and Washington, why are they not campaigning already to get the laws of the clear states incorporated in

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