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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
Dec. 10, 1952
Gene R. Brantley, 28, defeated
candidate for Jackson county
judge, was arrested yesterday
and charged with "publishing a
forged document."

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 10, 1942
Jackson County Chamber of
Commerce issued urgent plea
for listing of rooms available
for friends and relatives of men
stationed at Camp White.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 10, 1932
"Ten-foot neon sign, with
"Police" in 14-inch letters,
erected on side of Medford
police station at Fifth and
Central ave.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 10, 1922
University of Oregon football
coach "Chay" Huntington
agrees to coach Medford High
school football during illness
of Eddie Durno; Medford
High school authorities put up
guarantee of \$1,500 for game
with Scott High school of
Toledo, Ohio.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 10, 1912
Jackson county residents own
578 automobiles, 63 motorcycles,
five delivery wagons and two
motor trucks, according to state
figures.

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

1. Locate the Andes mountains
by continent and area.
2. Which President of the
United States had the most
children?
3. To what colors are partially
color - blind persons most
frequently insensitive?
4. Name the four qualities of
taste sensation.
5. About whom did Shakespeare
say, "This was the noblest
Roman of them all"?
6. What does gypsum become
when heated and reduced to
a powder?
7. Where was Solomon's
temple?
8. What separates the outer
ear from the middle ear?
9. During what century did
Kublai Kahn reign in China?
10. What metal has a higher
melting point than any other
known metal?

Not Angry--Disappointed

Her name is legion. She is graying, fifty-five and her shawl is pulled hard over her rain-wet hair, but her eyes have the tired and worn look of a person who has looked too long into the darkness and seen no ray of light or hope.

She came into the Reporter office and told this story: Her husband died recently of lingering cancer, a disease which had kept her for years at his constant bedside. Now she receives welfare assistance—aid to dependent children to help her care for a growing 14-year-old son.

BUT SHE'S not a "professional" welfare recipient. She feels she is able and willing to work, and earn her bread and butter—and that of her school-age son. She wants to work. She went out to seek work the other day, and went to the source, she thought, of a possible job—the state employment service.

They asked her what she could do, and she told them. Anything honest—housework, cooking, what-have-you. References? "I worked a year in 1945 for the Davidson Bakery Co., and later I helped my husband as an extra cooking for a railroad section gang," she said. "In the years that followed, I was taking care of my sick husband, and caring for my boy. I couldn't work."

SHE WAS told that without recent references there was no possibility of her being sent as a referral to an employer for a job. At that point, she became indignant and angry, and some sharp words were exchanged, as she tried to express her frustration at a bureaucracy which hands out a pittance welfare check for her growing son—"not enough to provide him with a warm overcoat"—and then throws cold water on her hopes of getting work.

She came to The Reporter office to tell her story, and then, thanking the newsman who had listened, she said, "I'm really not angry, I'm just disappointed. I don't enjoy being on welfare, but I haven't a chance to get off, it seems. I just wish there were someone who had work and didn't insist on an immediate past work record. I don't have any." —Portland Reporter.

Good Time Santa Claus

Some people around here seem to know what the ancient minnesinger who caroled about the 12 days of Christmas had in mind. People like Nieman-Marcus, Sulka's, Abercrombie & Fitch, Cartier, Van Cleef and Arpels—that bunch. What they have in store for you this year!

Nieman-Marcus is even taking some of the load off Santa's aching back. The Texas department store is offering a confidential shopping service for "customers who find themselves in the position of sending gifts to those in high position—kings, shahs, maharajahs, prime ministers and other dignitaries." Billing will be by telephone only and the nature of such gifts will be divulged "only on a court subpoena."

As usual, most of the Yule loot is fashioned for milady. Hattie Carnegie, for example, is offering a "Carole Lombard dinner pajama" at a swift \$275. But N.&M. makes that look like an outfit for a cheap date with its white cowboy (girl) chaps at \$1,875. They come with matching white silk satin blouse (\$90), satin pants (\$90), white kidskin belt (\$30), and cowboy hat (\$250). Honest to Pete, that's what the catalogue says.

THAT French perfume is still advertising itself chastely as the "costliest in the world." Cartier has for madame an "Indian Chief with emerald headband, sapphire eyes, and diamond moccasins" at a conservative \$985. Federal tax is included, natch. For something far out, a mail order jeweler will send you solid gold garters at \$15 each or \$55 for a set of four.

Not that old dad is being exactly shrubbed. A. Sulka & Company has issued its usual "list of immodest gift suggestions" featuring handsome leopard skin gloves priced at \$125. And Sulka always is ready to do up his-and-her lounging robes at \$1,200 the set. The material is vicuna (remember?).

For the outdoor type, Abercrombie has a gun at \$3,200 not including tax. Or how about N.&M.'s real Chinese junk at \$11,500, f.o.b. Houston? The International Silk Association has conned some necktie people into whipping up four-in-hands named for heroes of the arts. Sulka's Shakespeare comes at \$4.95, but for Chopin, Countess Mara wants \$30.

AH, HOW sweet it is! For the whole family Steuben Glass has an engraved glass bowl—Mother and Child—for a mere \$3,300. Most aquariums are prepared to sell you a pair of fancy gold fish for \$50. And today's canary cages come with 14-carat gold trim.

When Santa cranks up Rudolph the old R.N. Reindeer this year, he shouldn't forget a turnpike toll gun, this designed to shoot quarters and nickels with "heart-warming accuracy" into exact change toll baskets. An outfit which calls itself The Nineteenth Century can furnish him for \$149.95 a pair of coach lamps "like those which graced the carriages of French nobility."

And one last-minute gift. A New York store has come up—for \$25—with a Nothing Box. This is a device which has eight eyes which "wink in no recognizable pattern." It doesn't do anything else, but it's guaranteed to run for a whole year. You can't turn it off. Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat. Please to put a penny in the old man's hat. —E.R.R.

"It Was Right Here Just A Little While Ago"



... 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.

Feeble Attempt
To the Editor: Mr. Thomas J. Reeder's letter to the Editor (M-T 12-7-62) feebly attempts to justify his outspoken position at a meeting Tuesday night, Dec. 4, and is most amusing. Reeder states, and I quote, "By any valid criteria Mr. Madden had the outstanding qualifications for the appointment."

A most interesting question arises from this abortive statement, and that is—Was Mr. Reeder appointed as a member of the screening committee to evaluate the applicants? Since it is a matter of record and fact that he was not, what super-human sense qualifies him to insist and state that Madden possesses outstanding qualifications over all other applicants?

It is also a matter of record and fact that Super-Human Evaluator Reeder has never met all applicants for the postmaster vacancy, let alone interviewed them. Why not junk all that left of the nonsense of the "Spoils System," and rely upon the Merit System as Bob Duncan suggested to fill such vacancies?

I am convinced that Mr. Reeder, or for that matter any other person in business, hires and recruits on the basis of ability, rather than a verbal garbage. Ridiculous situation for our precious democratic form of government, isn't it? W. Hanson 353 Garfield Ashland, Ore.

Interesting Reactions
To the Editor: There should be some interesting reactions to recent events among those "Republicans" who were moved to support Mr. Madden for the office of county clerk.

The argument presented by Mr. Madden which seemed to have influenced their voting judgment is said to have been somewhat as follows: "Mr. Madden was young; he was a breadwinner; he was a husband and father; he was against home rule and he needed the job."

This then was proof that: "He would certainly be more interested in doing an efficient job and would be for more apt to remain on the job for the full four year term than would a 'white-haired, wealthy, retired' woman who did not need the job."

Mr. Madden, it seems apparent, has forgotten his newfound supporters. Also, Mr. Madden would appear to feel no moral obligation to fulfill the promise clearly implied in the statement required of every candidate under ORS 249-221; i.e., "that the candidate is willing to accept the election" and "will qualify if elected."

One wonders, would Mr. Madden if appointed postmaster feel any more binding the moral obligation to fulfill a pledge or oath required by the federal government than he would seem about to display toward the statement signed by him in his declaration as a candidate for the office of county clerk, to which he has been elected by the Republicans and Democrats of Jackson county? Bereth P. Hopkins 3775 Old Military rd. Medford

Same Spectrum
To the Editor: Have you ever wondered, as I have, why so many habitual "agitters" reflect the same curious spectrum of phobias: nudism, chlorination or fluoridation (often confusing the two), smoking, integration, Catholics, the UN or its related

agencies such as UNICEF, etc.? Some are obscurantists who cavil at our churches and schools and would limit their freedom of inquiry or right to teach the truth as they find it. Then there are the "Bible-thumping" writers (as one correspondent recently characterized them) who would "prove" the rightness of their own theories by citing Bible references taken out of context or badly misinterpreted.

Does this phenomenon suggest any correlation of factors? Perhaps some psychologist or social scientist has figured it out. It would be interesting to know. I hold no brief for nudism as applied to so-called "colonies" of "sun-worshippers." Over-exposure to the sun may result in severe burns or more serious skin disorders. From an esthetic point of view, adults who have lost their shapely youthful figures do not present a particularly lovely spectacle—not even in their abbreviated, if colorful, bathing togs. However, most tirades against nudism strike me as just plain prudish or censoriously moralistic—neither stance likely to prove very persuasive.

The important and indispensable work of the UN or UNESCO needs no defense. As for chlorination or fluoridation, each has its beneficial use for a different purpose, advocated by most public health authorities. That smoking is harmful has been established by medical researchers beyond any reasonable doubt. Most addicts, while claiming to "enjoy" the weed, would admit that the habit is times almost anti-social, when it causes others discomfort or even illness. But smoking in private—let it be their solace, or "funeral."

Anti-Catholics would be on better ground if they confined themselves to objective discussion of honest differences on subjects like birth control, church-state relations, theological doctrines, or persecution of Protestants in officially Catholic countries. Unbrotherly attacks upon fellow-Christians is unseemly and a denial of the gospel of love.

By the same token, segregationists should look into their own hearts for God "made from one every nation of men" (Acts 17:26 RSV) and Jesus' command (Matt 22:39 RSV) is to "love your neighbor as yourself." That includes all men, regardless of race or color. If God is our Father, all men are brothers.

Arnold Eugene Jenny, Rogue Valley Manor, Medford

By-Pass
To the Editor: The deadly sulphur-monoxide laden smog that is now lifting the six to eight nightly deaths of England's London up into the hundreds, should make us stop, look and listen to editorial warnings in our Mail Tribune, that we must ever be careful of job-carrying industries to be located here, though so necessary they need be. For ringed as our valley is by now snow-capped mountains, it provides a perfect setup for the air-stilled versions of autumnal days.

For we have had some warning of air pollution, when exhausts from car and truck, with that from the many city chimneys including saw-mills, takes away the joy of breathing our usually clean mountain-born air. As remembered, there were some editorial comments not too long ago, how the car manufacturers had come out

Foreign News: Japanese Military Snap; French Nuclear Power; Easier Relations

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
Notes from the Foreign News Cables:

Stars in the crown
Tokyo reports that Kenjiro Shiga, director of the Japanese Defense Agency, was impressed mightily during his recent United States visit by the U.S. defense establishment. Informed sources say he has no intention of emulating its size—a quarter-billion dollar Polar submarine would cost half of Japan's annual defense budget. But he has insisted since his return on more snap and polish by Japan's still de-emphasized military, starting with the hand salute. He also was behind the new regulation permitting Japan's top three-star lieutenant generals to wear four star stars as they can meet four star officers of other countries on more nearly equal terms.

Giving up
Indications are that the United States will make no further attempt at the forthcoming NATO council session in Paris to talk the French out of their nuclear striking force. Diplomats say the United States has concluded the French will go through with it regardless, and that

Strictly Personal
By Sydney J. Harris
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ACCELERATION
We are concerned, as we should be, about the delinquency problem. It is growing every year, and its prevalence and intensity threaten the whole fabric of society. But it is also wise to keep in mind the words of Dr. Lauretta Bender of New York university. Dr. Bender said in a speech some years ago:

"Far more children should be delinquent than actually are. They have an amazing capacity to tolerate bar parents, poor teachers, dreadful homes and communities."

As we look around at our disrupted social order, with its corruption, its fierce competitiveness, its nervous instability, its tremulous existence under the cloud of atomic catastrophe—if it can then be seen, more coolly and clearly, that young people do have an astonishing tolerance for growing up under adverse conditions.

For how can we compare the world today with the world in which we experienced our childhood? Within one generation, the world has moved a thousand times faster than in all the previous generations since Adam. Most of the familiar landmarks have disappeared—not only the physical ones, but the psychological, social and moral landmarks as well.

It is hard to believe that when I was a little boy, 40 years ago, there were virtually no automobiles, few telephones, the radio had barely been born, and the child's world was utterly divorced from the adult's world.

My playmates and I moved in a separate sphere; indeed, until the Great Depression of 1929, we were not aware of the adult world. Our diversions were different, the things we heard and saw were sharply marked off. There was no such thing as a "teen-ager" in my day.

Now of course, children are exposed to the adult world from the earliest age. The auto, the telephone, the television, impinge upon their senses from the time they can walk and talk. Crime, war, calamities of all sorts are now part of their natural environment. There is no longer a "world of children"; the ages have blurred together into one long continuum.

This fearful acceleration in the physical world has made for an equal acceleration in the emotional world; children become sophisticated before they become wise, cynical before they become knowing, jaded before they become satisfied, ambitious before they become able, and sometimes decadent before they become civilized. The real wonder and delight is that so many of them survive and flourish as decent human beings in the setting we have provided them.

The stockmen and farmers do far more for the forest lands than all of the tourists put together. B. B. Johnston Box 26 Applegate, Ore.

Merry Christmas
To the Editor: I have been reading with interest of the community Christmas tree in Medford. Such a fine location and it will bring pleasure to so many.

As a committee of one, I extend you an invitation to come to Prospect and share our tree with you. It has been about 12 years since the Lady Lions conceived the idea of a community tree in our little town and with the financial and manual aid of our Lions Club we have had the pleasure each year of lighting our tree.

We have one disadvantage, however, as ours is a living tree at the corner of the school, and it grows faster than our finances do. A very Merry Christmas to the town of Medford from the town of Prospect. Mrs. C. A. Larson Prospect, Ore.

"this is simply something we shall have to live with."

Burying the hatchet: Diplomatic relations between Indonesia and the Netherlands are expected to be resumed within the next few months. Mail and tele-communications already have been restored. It is easier for Hollanders to get visas to visit their former colony.

KLM, the Dutch government supported airline, is negotiating for landing rights at the Indonesian capital of Jakarta and economic relations are growing. Meanwhile, other reports say private enterprise will receive more encouragement from the Indonesian government. Also in the works is supposed to be a

new currency to be known as the "Indonesian dollar" and a reshuffle of President Sukarno's cabinet.

Concern
Reports that the United States intends to drop development of the 1,000-mile-per-hour, nuclear tipped Skybolt missile has aroused concern in Britain. The missile was to be launched from bombers against land targets and the British had counted upon it for their own air force, abandoning their own Blue Streak missile for the Skybolt. But the Skybolt has failed repeatedly in tests and the U.S. feels the land-based Minuteman intercontinental missile can do the same job better.

Washington Report

By William S. White
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CRITICAL WEEK
Washington - This may turn out to be a critical week in the life of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, that great but chronically incomplete shield of the West. In a meeting of the NATO Ministerial Council in Paris, American representatives will

make one more in a long series of efforts to persuade its other major members to make those proper contributions to its military and political strength which they have so long refused. There is, unhappily, little confidence here that this attempt will be any more fruitful than have been so many others. If this forecast turns out to be the melancholy truth, there will be no public gnashing of teeth in Washington. But such an outcome will move forward the day when the United States government is at last required to re-examine its whole policy toward an organization which has done much for the West but which so very easily could do so very much more.

THE words "agonizing reap-praisal" used by the late Republican secretary of state, John Foster Dulles, were virtually a withdrawal of the United States military from Europe, are not precisely applicable here. The Kennedy administration does not wish to speak, or even yet to think, in quite such sharp and somber terms.

All the same, our European allies can ignore only at their peril the existing realities within the American government. Washington is more than a little tired of the chronic refusal of others to supply their fair share in troops to a supposedly allied military force designed primarily for their own security.

The plain and unpretty truth is that among the principal members of NATO only two, the United States and Turkey, have delivered on their promises. French contributions are, to all practical purposes, absent, even though French troops have long since been brought home from the witches' cauldron which was North Africa before France at last submitted to "independence" for Algeria.

WEST German contributions are ungenerous; and there is strong suspicion here that they are ungenerous mainly because the Germans are reluctant to find and spend the necessary money for this common and urgently necessary enterprise. The explanation about financial embarrassment is not deeply moving here. What country really enjoys the drain?

THERE has been a lot in the papers lately about a Saturday Evening Post article containing charges that Adlai Stevenson went soft on the Cuban situation—that, among other things, he proposed swapping our bases in Turkey, Italy and Britain for the Russian bases in Cuba. It was even intimated that President Kennedy would like to get rid of Adlai if a good way could be found to do it. An so on.

Much more interesting, however, is another Post article on Secretary McNamara, and why, in McNamara's opinion, the Russians rushed in the Cuban bases, with their bombers and their missiles.

THE general drift of it was that by getting bases established in Cuba Russia could get around our Distant Early Warning system up in the far north, and so could have dropped nuclear missiles on us WITH NO WARNING THAT THEY WERE COMING.

IT WAS a cagey scheme. At any rate, according to this second Post article, the scheme was so good that we had to move INSTANTLY to counter it. We moved by telling Khrushch that we knew what he was up to and if he didn't get his bombers and his missiles out INSTANTLY we would move against him with everything we have—not only in Cuba but in Russia also. It seems to have worked.

British contributions in troops are negligible—and Britain, moreover, is developing extreme sensitivity to any criticism. Former Secretary of State Dean Acheson was not speaking for the American government in a recent address urging Western Europe to pull up its socks and do right by NATO—and thus by itself.

The British got into an extraordinary pet at this plain speaking. There was even talk that this notably pro-British, pro-West statesman was somehow now "anti-British."

BUT if Acheson was not an official spokesman, three vital points should be understood by the British and others: This man is one of the principal architects of NATO. This man's views are heavily influential in Washington, in the administration and in Congress alike. And this man's offense is only that of trying to save an irreplaceable defense instrumentality from its friends, including the British.

What Western Europe must grasp is that Western Europe must not continue to crowd the United States government into a corner from which there might be only one exit: A decision to pull out and leave Europe to the Europeans.

In the Day's News
By FRANK JENKINS
"Forty-two IL28 Soviet bombers aboard three Rus-ships headed eastward from Cuba were canted yesterday by U. S. Navy planes on patrol vigil, the Pentagon announces. Informed sources (meaning people who are willing to talk if their identity isn't revealed) at both the state department and the Pentagon said the Russians had told U.S. diplomats this is ALL of the 750-mile range jets the Soviets sent to Prime Minister Castro.

"Perhaps by coincidence, the 42 bomber total matches the total of missiles which the Russians previously withdrew from Cuba. . . . The figure 42 is the highest total yet provided for the number of IL28s sent into Cuba by Russia. They are being taken out at U.S. insistence that they are OFFENSIVE weapons with nuclear capability that peril the United States and other nations of the Americas."

