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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: Jan. 4, 1953 (Friday) Ashland prepares for advent of television.

20 YEARS AGO: Jan. 4, 1943 (Thursday) Medford Mayor C. A. Meeker leaves for Seattle to attend regional meeting of federal housing authorities.

30 YEARS AGO: Jan. 4, 1933 (Saturday) Snow reported to be eight or nine feet deep at government camp in Crater Lake National park.

40 YEARS AGO: Jan. 4, 1923 (Sunday) State Sen. George Dunn of Jackson county named chairman of legislature committee on elections and privileges.

50 YEARS AGO: Jan. 4, 1913 Page from a fashion magazine dated 1863 found imbedded in center of oak tree cut down by Harold Corliss near Phoenix; page said in good condition.

Vote Counting Research

Recently, in commenting about the complexity of state government as revealed in the Governor's proposed budget for the coming biennium, we mentioned, in passing, that the secretary of state had received an appropriation of \$12,500 for the current biennium for research on vote counting procedures, and that he had spent \$800 of that amount.

Secretary of State Howell Applling Jr. happened to see the editorial, and wrote to give more details about the item.

His letter is so interesting that we print most of it below:

"Since a research project is, in a very real sense, the search for an unknown, it was impossible when we embarked on this program to predict exactly where it might lead. One of our fields of investigation was that of the design of some sort of a device for use at the polling place to enable the voter to register his voting choice mechanically. After study we concluded that a better solution was to be found along the lines of electronic detection and tabulating of a mark made manually by the voter, just as he now does, with either an indelible pen or a special marking device.

We also found that a great deal of research was being done in the general area of electronic sensing and tabulating of marks by the established electronic equipment manufacturers, such as IBM, Remington Rand, National Cash Register, and others.

Therefore, since the time our research reached that stage, we have devoted our efforts to working in cooperation with such firms mentioned in the foregoing in an effort to persuade them to adapt their own research developments to the task to vote tabulation, rather than attempting to do original research and development ourselves.

I am sure you will recognize that any research and development we might do within the limits of \$12,500 would be but a drop in the bucket compared to that which can be accomplished by such internationally recognized firms as IBM and National Cash Register with their tremendous research and development staffs and facilities.

Therefore, it is for that reason that we have neither expended the \$12,500 appropriated to us nor intend requesting additional funds. Such funds as will be expended will be in the nature of travel to confer with the research directors and staffs of these firms, as I did some three weeks ago on trips to Dayton, Ohio, and Yorktown, N.Y.

We are quite encouraged that in time a modernized system will be developed through this effort...

WE SINCERELY appreciate Mr. Applling's interest in giving this additional information and clarification.

Moreover, we wish him every success in his quest for speedier vote counting equipment. It is an anachronism that, in a day when automation and computers are more and more taken for granted, we still vote in the same horse and buggy fashion that our grandfathers did, and that it is long hours, and in some cases days and weeks, before the outcome of an election is known.

The approach being used is logical and economical, too.—E.A.

Radio Logs Popular

The other day we inquired editorially whether the radio logs printed in the Mail Tribune serve a useful function. We asked readers to drop a note or a card to let us know how they feel.

The result was truly heart-warming. Letters and cards started pouring in, and they're still coming. They are running more than 10 to 1 in favor of keeping the radio logs.

Here are a few random quotations:

"When the Tribune arrives I look first at the headlines, then for the scissors to cut out the programs for TV and radio, which I keep on the table beside me."

"Thank you for the radio log. I use it every day and would be lost without it."

"My wife, a nurse, tells me that many patients in the hospital clip (the logs) out and keep them on their bedside tables."

"When we had a (Mail Tribune) motor route, we had customers stop the paper, then after a short time would start it again, saying they missed the radio and TV logs."

"If I had to make a choice of either one or the other, I would pick my radio rather than my TV."

"Consider the many people who are your subscribers too far away to receive the TV programs, and the many who prefer radio to TV."

"We do not listen to the radio continuously as some do, and depend on the radio log for special news, etc. We do not have a TV, so our radio is our main source of latest news."

"I, for one, am getting to the age where I have a better forgettery than memory. I simply wouldn't know which, why, when or where without your radio log. It's a must for us oldsters."

"If the radio sections isn't always quite the way it should be, I know it isn't your fault. So we hope you'll continue to print it."

"Possibly the broadcasting stations should be required to pay for this service."

THE few dissenting cards and letters either indicated that radio logs serve no useful function, or that it is a matter of indifference.

One of the more interesting of the dissents said:

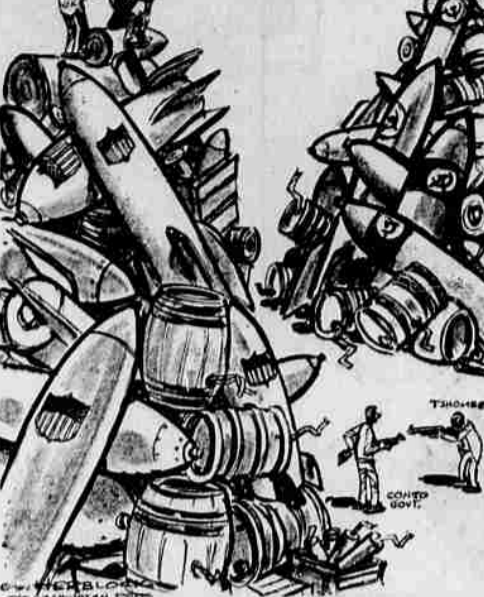
"We appreciate your position regarding unpaid space for radio and TV logs."

"Due to adverse influences upon both children and adults, we have laid away our sets until such a time when the broadcasters may decide to sweeten our atmosphere with worth-while, educational seeing and hearing. We love good music, too."

But such views constituted a small minority of the returns.

Thus, at least for the time being, we shall continue to publish the radio logs. It should be noted that the Mail Tribune cannot accept responsibility for their accuracy, only making those changes supplied by the radio stations.

'What's It To Us What They Do Down There?'



Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises, Inc.

SOMEBODY ELSE: The proper way to compliment a woman is not on what she has or is, but on what she has not or wants to be.

genius for granted, on the other hand, and yearned for immortality as a scientific innovator - he foolishly thought that his 'theory of light and colors' would outlast his poetry, and wasted a great deal of time in defending his trivial discoveries.

Isaac Newton, on the other hand, thought that his profound scientific work was less important than his research into Biblical history, which any schoolboy could have emulated.

Sir Arthur Sullivan dismissed his music for the Savoy operettas as airy nothings, and hoped that his fame would rest on his more ambitious works; but he has reached immortality only as the latter half of Gilbert & Sullivan.

In our time, Arthur Schnabel, the eminent pianist, desired praise not for his incomparable renditions of Mozart and Beethoven, but for the atonal modern music he composed, which is not worth one cadenza of a Mozart concerto.

The man who makes vast sums of money wants to be regarded as a discriminating art collector; the Shakespearean actor wants to be thought of as an astute financial manipulator. And who knows what dreams Einstein had when he picked up his fiddle and scratched out a tune?

When General Wolfe conquered Quebec, he sighed that the would gladly have given up all his military victories if only he could have written Gray's 'Elegy.' Likewise, Frederick the Great scorned those who praised his martial feats; he wanted to be a French literary man rather than a Prussian general - or, at any rate, a part of him wanted to be, and deeply desired assurance that he could have been.

Goethe took his literary

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

San Francisco nursed a municipal hangover Tuesday following one of the rowdiest New Year's Eve celebrations in years. "The trend of the times is outright defiance of authority," said Police Chief Thomas Cahill, "and that's what we had Monday night."

CHIEF CAHILL said it was the roughest New Year's Eve in five years, and offered this as a sample of what went on:

Police Officer Frank Wilson came across a bunch of young thugs beating an elderly man in front of the Embassy theatre. When he went to the aid of the victim, the gang scattered but he managed to catch one of the young toughs in a nearby alley.

Suddenly, Officer Wilson was surrounded by a mob of defiant youths and young men shouting "Let's get the cop!" It was estimated that there were about 250 people in the mob when five officers with police dogs moved into the fray, split the mob into two groups and rescued Officer Wilson.

FROM Reno: Revelers in a downtown casino area welcomed the New Year with a swelter of beer bottles and cocktail glasses here early Tuesday, doing about \$10,000 damage to huge neon signs.

Police moved into the mob of some 3,000 persons and scattered it. When the crowd was subdued, Assistant Police Chief Bill Broadhead commented angrily: "The disturbing thing was that men and women on the sidewalk were APPLAUDING THE MESS."

AND so on - from all over the nation. And, likewise, from all over the world. This, for example, from Rome:

Exactly at midnight, people began hurling old pots, pans, dishes and other rubbish from their windows, which in Italy

Columbo Plan's Success Only 'Moderate' In Increasing Asian Economic Activity

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst: Back in 1950, Britain and members of the commonwealth set up a program known as the Colombo plan. Its aim was to aid the economic development of the countries of South and Southeast Asia, most of whose populations were desperately poor but which embraced a total of more than 600 million people, soon to be close to a billion.

Washington Report

By William F. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

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.

When the forest's last monarch has fallen When the last log is hauled to the mill When the last board is drawn at the dry kiln When the rip-saws all stand mute and still When the last labeled box end is made When the last whistle blows at the factory When your debt to the juggernaut's paid What then?

Are you making provision for rest? You will need when the day is o'er? Have you thought of the cost if you fail? To find the right way and the door? A tree bore the burden for man-kind A tree in the shape of a cross Thus provision was made for you, son Take heed and you'll suffer no loss.

James Williams P.O. Box 441 Jacksonville, Ore.

Missed Contest: To the Editor: We are a family who was missed during the lighting contest in Medford. If we were missed in the judging, there must have been others who were also. I wouldn't feel badly about it except for the fact that I phoned the Robert Burton home as the paper said to do. Even though I did so, the judges did not judge our home, and we are inside the city of Medford.

If anyone came down Table Rock rd., our home couldn't be missed. It was the one with the illuminated Santa on top of the chimney, and was visible for almost two miles away. Next year I hope that regis-

trations will be required as they have been in past years. Then perhaps, homes will not be missed.

This was our first effort to enter the home lighting contest, and was a great disappointment to all of us. Next year I shall call more than just the chairman of the event to get results.

Mrs. Herb Gifford 2336 Table Rock rd. Medford.

Possum Pie: To the Editor, and Mr. Snider: I do so appreciate the ex-mayor's proclamation. I have always felt it was wrong to tax the Poles and let the Russians go free. And I especially appreciate the open season on possums. It has been a long time since I enjoyed a possum pie. I recall the little stuttering Negro who used to sing Possum Pie:

Pee-ppppp, deeeeee double-s, U-uuumm, Of all de eatin dat am de bes; Um possumum pie, I could eat yu tttill I die, Podouble-s-um spells possum ana pie spells pie.

Now, thanks to the proclamation, I can, as we say, kill two birds with one stone: I can have my possum pie and stop their scampering around on my roof at night and also their meow-meow-meowing under the floor.

L. G. Weaver, 301 Haven st., Medford.

Invisible Government: To the Editor: The Congo battle is again at white heat. And the UN policy is to force Katanga back into the Communist controlled Congo Republic, no matter what the cost. To break down Katanga's resistance hospitals, homes, schools and industrial plants have been bombed. And UN troops, including uncivilized India Gurkhas and Ethiopian tribesmen, have committed unbelievably horrible atrocities against doctors, missionaries, women, and children. While lawless, drunken bands of Congolese troops, paid in American tax dollars nearly three times as much as American soldiers get, are still terrorizing the country pillaging, raping, and killing.

Why is the United States financing and supporting this incredible policy in the Congo, so wrong, so shameful, and so helpful to Communism? The 9-24-61 Star Ledger of Newark, N.J., gives it to us straight: Last June, a group of private Swedish and American financiers deposited about 100 million dollars in Swiss banks in preparation for a Katanga take-over. As the combine was formed three months ago, it seems likely that the UN war was being planned in secret at that time, or even earlier. If the Tshombe government falls, the new (Swedish-American) combine plans to move in to take over the fabulously rich Katanga mines.

After much thorough investigation Congressman Donald Bruce of Indiana came up with the fact that two Americans of the American-Swedish corporation are very highly placed in the foreign policy making agency of our Government, Fowler Hamilton, Director of Foreign Aid, and George Ball, Under-secretary of State, who directly helped establish our policy toward Katanga. Now the U.S. sponsored UN in Katanga begins to make sense. Both of these men, Smoot Report 380 states, "are members of the Council on Foreign Relations whose key members have become the INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT of the United States. Their purpose, which can be proven by their own words and deeds, as shown in my (Smoot's) book, The Invisible Government, is to make America a Socialist unit in a one world Socialist system. Why should they want to do this? They 'are building wealth and power for themselves.'"

Are these international financiers (the CFR) using American tax dollars the UN army, and Communism to

pan's permanent representative to the United Nations. His own country had shown the most spectacular growth in national output - a whopping 9 per cent. Formosa came next with 8 per cent, and other good ones with growth rates of 5 to 6 per cent were the Philippines, Thailand and South Korea. Unfortunately, the lowest growth rates were recorded by nations with populations exploding at a rate nearly nullifying the gains they made. This is an area of glamor-

Washington Report

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IRRESPONSIBLE LABOR

Washington - However unpleasant the subject may be in this gray morning of the new year, the harsh and undeniable fact is that government must face up now to the necessity of curbing the power of irresponsible labor.

Few politicians, even among the conservatives, really relish the notion of reopening the sweaty, immensely difficult and ill-rewarding field of labor legislation. There are many reasons not to do so - the main one perhaps being the violent and unreasoning response which will inevitably come from the great voting blocs within organized labor.

But there is a single, compelling reason to do so. This is, simply, nothing less than the preservation of basic national interest. It is the greatest domestic issue before this country.

THOUGH it made some improvements in 1960, Congress has not enacted any general labor legislation since the Taft-Hartley act of 1948. This act went far toward restoring a fair balance between management and labor. Labor for a decade under the Wagner act has passed from its old position of undue lack of power relative to management to a position of undue power not only over management but

also over the interests of the general public. Taft-Hartley was a reasonable response to years of labor union excesses, as the Wagner act earlier had become an extreme response to generations of management excesses. But Taft-Hartley is, demonstrably, no longer adequate. There must be a new and fully effective weapon against which might be called the intolerable, the public-b damned, strike.

The intolerable strike is defined here as one in which the fundamental rights and necessities of the people themselves are denied, by labor stoppages which menace not merely some corporation or other but the general welfare itself.

SUCH an intolerable strike - by the longshoremen - is now going to paralyze, first, the east and gulf coasts, and, second, the whole national economic interest. Such a strike is now going on in New York City. It has closed nine newspapers covering a metropolitan area where 13,000,000 Americans are being shut off from the world by a printers' union whose demands upon the publishers are demonstrably unreasonable by any standard acceptable to reasonable men.

And such a strike for weeks has also closed the only two newspapers in Cleveland. This one involves the odorous teamsters union and the American Newspaper Guild - which surely can hardly take pride in the nature of its ally in this enterprise.

This columnist all his adult life has been a member of what is called "the working press," meaning the non-owning, non-management part of the press. He owns no newspaper stock. He claims no detailed knowledge of the issues in Cleveland, as distinguished from those in New York.

He KNOWS for a fact, as a working newspaperman, however, that to block out a whole vast community is to go far beyond a legitimate economic struggle into something which is destructive of more than the press itself. It is to hit also at the very life spirit of the people. There is a darkness here that is more than economic; there is a paralysis here that is more than a paralysis of the marketplace; a paralysis of the mind, of the common culture.

As to the dock strike, the deepest economic interests and the highest foreign policy designs of a whole nation are put to peril. After months of anxious debate this country has at last been prepared legislatively to enter upon the brave new world of expanded trade which is being opened by the European Common Market. Unless the maritime unions are brought under some rational form of check, they can smash this brave new world so far as we are concerned.

And with this they can all but destroy the very underpinnings of the foreign policy of the United States of America.

Fire Thanks: To the Editor: Because of the recent fire in the Big Y Shopping Center, and particularly because my beauty shop was involved, may I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the following:

My first thanks must go to Gordon Barker, and the wonderful men of the Medford fire department, who helped long and hard to salvage the contents of my shop.

The operators whom I employ, and I want to further thank all the people at City Hall, my banker, the State Board of Cosmetology, the owners of other beauty shops who offered their services, and the host of friends who are making it possible for me to open temporary quarters at my home on 2049 Gary st., until my shop is rebuilt in the Big Y Shopping Center. Their cooperation and help will be forever appreciated.

Elva Penwell, Owner Big Y Beauty Salon Operators: Aletha Hall, Linda Sechler, Bonnie McKeen

BASEBALL MAGNATE? HUH?

SHERMAN DUFFY, recalls John McPhoul in his book, "Deadlines and Monkeyshines," was a Greek and Latin scholar with a Phi Beta Kappa key who turned sportswriter because he believed it was the easiest way in the world to make a living without working.

Duffy once lambasted the owners of the Detroit Baseball Club so hard that they sued him for libel. Duffy promptly received this wire from Hugh Fullerton, dean of all sportswriters: "Congratulations! I've been trying for a decade to libel a baseball magnate."

Leopold Godowski, the famous composer and pianist, was subject to insomnia. His son, living with him at the time, was, on the contrary, a sound sleeper. It was Godowski's amiable habit, when he was having a particularly bad night, to stamp into his son's room, shake him vigorously until he opened his eyes and then demand, "What's the matter, son? Can't you sleep either?"

"My sponsor threw me a big dinner on the fifth anniversary of my television debut," reminisces Milton Berle, "but it didn't hit me."

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"You're right—the continental cut is not for you!"

