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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. 10, 1953 (Thursday)
The U.S. Senate has voted to strip Sen. Wayne L. Morse of the seat he formerly held as a Republican on the Armed Services committee.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 10, 1943 (Tuesday)
Dr. A. E. Merkel, Jackson county health officer, issued statement denying there is an epidemic of spinal meningitis in this area.

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 10, 1933 (Thursday)
Judge G. F. Skipworth of Lane county denies motion sought by Sheriff Gordon L. Schermerhorn to quash petition seeking recount of ballots for former sheriff Ralph G. Jennings.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 10, 1923 (Friday)
Incendiarism suspected in the \$10,000 fire west of Talent.

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 10, 1913 (Sunday)
Adam Sisemore, Gold Hill, born in Kentucky in 1837 and a resident of southern Oregon since 1862, dies after lengthy illness.

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

1. Are the Federal Reserve banks owned by the U. S. Government?
2. Was Peru once ruled by the Aztecs, Mayans or Incas?
3. The short full skirt worn by Greek men is called a pantanella, fustanella, or skirtlet?
4. What is the purpose of the ostrich sticking his head in the sand?
5. In what New England state is Plymouth Rock?
6. A document which shows the transfer of ownership of real estate from one person to another is known as what?
7. Under which President did Henry Wallace serve as Vice President?
8. Do various insects have varying numbers of legs?
9. In what state are the famed Carlsbad Caverns?
10. What seal appears on the back of a one dollar silver certificate?
Answers: 1. No. 2. Incas. 3. Fustanella. 4. To seek water. 5. Massachusetts. 6. Deed. 7. F. D. Roosevelt. 8. No, all have six legs. 9. New Mexico. 10. Great Seal of the U.S.

Highway Finance Problems

This newspaper has strongly opposed the approval of bond issues for construction of specific stretches of highways during the past three sessions of the state legislature.

For years Oregon has financed its highways on a pay-as-you-go basis, relying on the gasoline tax—which, incidentally, Oregon was the first state to adopt.

The first breach in this policy was, if memory serves, a \$12-million bond issue to finance badly-needed reconstruction of segments of Highway 101 along the coast.

OTHERS leapt into the breach. Subsequent legislatures were bullied and teased and lobbied into approving other bond issues—\$26-million for the Columbia river bridge at Astoria; \$4-million for Highway 42 improvement; and \$0 ON.

The bonding raids promise to continue. Now it is most understandable that standard road areas want their highways brought up to an acceptable standard. And it is understandable that they should not be too concerned about the methods used.

But the inevitable result is that the heavy bonding has brought with it high amortization costs—so high that they threaten to cut down seriously on the amount of money needed to keep the regular highway construction program on schedule.

THUS we have the two propositions—first, that the 90-member state legislature is a lousy highway commission, and second, that excessive bonding is a dangerous threat to the continued well-planned program of highway construction, designed to meet the needs of all the state without unduly favoring any section.

The state highway department figures that there is a backlog of \$500-million worth of highway construction and improvement that badly needs attention. With its present revenues it can only whittle away at this backlog, a little bit each year.

This is the reason that the bonding proposals keep coming up. It is also the reason that a 1 cent per gallon increase in the gasoline tax has been proposed.

The most recent proposal combines these—the suggestion that the 1 cent per gallon tax increase be applied to pay off future additional bonds.

OPPOSED as we are to additional bonding, we would support this suggestion, with two provisos, namely:
1. That new bonds issued do not exceed the repayment amounts available from the gas tax increase;
2. That the funds derived from the new bonds be spent solely at the discretion of the highway commission.

Such a measure would enable the commission to cut down more rapidly the huge unmet highway construction needs. And it would eliminate the log-rolling, pork-barreling kind of highway programming which is inevitable when the legislature gets into the act.

WITHOUT these two limitations, we strongly disapprove of any additional bonding for highways. It is destructive to the overall good of the state's highway program.

We particularly oppose bonding for specific projects, for these are unfair to other sections of the state equally needy, but perhaps not as skilled at political techniques to persuade the legislature. We repeat, the legislature is a lousy highway commission.

But, if Oregon's highway needs are to be met, within the foreseeable future, something must be done. A 1 cent per gallon increase in the gasoline tax would help. So would bonding—so long as it does not interfere with the planned and orderly program of highway construction already laid out.

Combine the two, and we think the way would be clear for a more massive attack on cutting down the backlog of unmet highway needs. —E. A.

No UFO's, Alas!
(In September of 1960, a number of Unidentified Flying Objects—UFO's—were being reported. At that time we composed the following bit of doggerel, which we now reprint in view of the interest stirred up by a feature story in last Sunday's Mail Tribune and subsequent letters.—E.A.)
Though UFO's may flit and fly
And make their way across the sky,
To date, thus far, I've been denied
A chance to see them, though I've tried.
I'd love to see a UFO,
I've heard it said, "My! How they go!"
But never, never have I seen
A flash, or blip on radar screen.
Some folk will swear they've seen them fly
At night, across a starry sky.
But as for me, I've missed, alas,
They're always other things that pass
In regal state across the blue:
A jet, balloon—no FO (U).
I'll keep a watch upon the sky—
I'd like to see one going by. —E. A.

"You're Out Of Order"



Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop
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THE GREAT ROW'S NEXT STAGE

Washington—With bated breath, the Western students of Sino-Soviet demography are waiting for the next stage in the great row between Moscow and Peking. The scene is expected to be the East German Communist Party Congress.

Another even more lurid act in this strange political drama is thought to be insured by the recent resumption of Sino-Soviet name-calling.

All of Communist terminology's equivalents of four-letter words have now been used by the Chinese, to describe the sins of Nikita S. Khrushchev. "You're another," the Russians have replied in effect, in the official Pravda.

In this new outburst of political billingsgate, the Chinese were the aggressors. A furious denunciation of "the modern revisionists"—meaning Khrushchev—was published in Peking on Dec. 15.

These two articles in the People's Daily were then reinforced on Jan. 6 by an article in the Chinese Communist army paper, R-d Flag, which bore all the marks of hysterical fury.

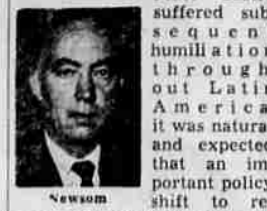
It is likely that the Chinese decision to return to the attack with increased violence had an important hidden motive. The Chinese Communist armed forces are still almost wholly dependent on the Soviets for their heavier and more complex weapons.

Hench the sorely strained Chinese economy must be strained still further, in order to manufacture spare parts for existing equipment, and to produce the replacements that will later be needed. In these circumstances, the suspension of arms exports is a grave provocation.

MORE open provocation of the Chinese at the East German Communist Party Congress is anticipated for two reasons. On the one hand,

Castro Said Seeking To Rebuild Prestige Through Agitation in Other Latin Lands

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst



When Nikita Khrushchev's scheme to set up rocket bases in Cuba and Fidel Castro suffered subsequent humiliation throughout Latin America, it was natural and expected that an important policy shift to restore lost prestige would follow.

First tangible evidence came when Venezuela reported intercepting a coded signal from Havana radio directing Fidelista-Communist agents in Latin America to step up their campaigns of subversion and violence.

Last week, Peru's ruling military junta suddenly carried out a vast roundup of Communists, Castroites and fellow-travelers on charges that they plotted a simultaneous break-out of violence throughout the country in order to pave the way for a Communist government controlled by Moscow.

That the arrests were not merely acts of oppression by

a frightened military dictatorship was confirmed in Washington where worried officials had been warning the Lima government for weeks that just such a plot was in the works.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil, UPI correspondent Joseph Brant interviewed a secret police inspector. The inspector, Alcides Cintre Bueno Filho, charged that Soviet bloc arms for a projected Brazilian peasant league uprising are buried in secret caches "all over Brazil."

The inspector led the investigation which uncovered two such caches in late December. Czech-made arms were wrapped in Havana newspapers dated Feb. 24, 1962.

Since Brazil still maintains diplomatic relations with Cuba, the movement through the country of Castro and Communist agents traveling

on Cuban passports is relatively easy.

Despite removal of his offensive missiles, Castro still has plenty of weapons left with which to encourage revolt among peoples already discontent as result of unbalanced economies, hunger and galloping inflation.

Estimates as to the worth of Soviet-bloc arms in Cuba range all the way from \$100 million to \$400 million.

... 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.

Shirt Prices
To the Editor: In reference to Mr. Jenny's letter of Jan. 6, 1963, concerning shirt prices charged by Medford laundries, if he would have taken the time to run down the facts, he would have learned the following:

"That the long sleeve cotton sport shirts require 30 per cent more labor to finish than a dress shirt. The assembly line unit of presses was designed primarily for the ironing of dress shirts and can only be used in part to finish a sport shirt. Additional labor in the form of hand ironing and touch up is necessary to make a sport shirt presentable.

Our company can iron three dress shirts in the length of time required to process one sport shirt.

There is no additional charge levied for returning either type shirts on a hanger in a plastic bag.

If Mr. Jenny can spare some of his letter writing time, I'll be happy to take him on a tour of our plant and then he can see first hand the labor problems involved.

Murray A. Dumas
Sales Manager
Dumas Domestic Laundry
30-32 North Riverside ave.
Medford.

Taxes
To the Editor: I read with a good deal of interest the article by Cleo Canose in Monday's paper, as this is along the same lines I have been thinking, only I was thinking too of all the new taxes the state of Oregon is going to try to add to all us already overburdened taxpayers.

When they are getting so desperate as to try to collect taxes off a few men working for the state of Washington, when these men live in Washington, besides, then they must be getting awfully desperate I would say. But so long as we the people sit quietly in the background and allow them to, things will continue to get worse instead of better, and it seems the present ones heading our state government are sure tax happy people. They tell us they need this money for better government but it seems to me unnecessary spending rather than asking more taxes.

Well, folks, perhaps there is some hope for us taxpayers, if you can call it that. Maybe after they finally take all our paychecks they will issue us certificates for food and housing, etc., etc. Anyway that

high anticipation of meeting us.

What young people fail to realize is that candor without kindness invariably defeats itself, for no one will take to heart any criticism that seems inspired by malice; "telling the truth" with ill will is only telling part of the truth, and most ineffectively.

To marry without physical attraction is a crime against the body; to marry for physical attraction alone is a crime against the spirit; and both crimes eventually exact a heavy punishment, of different sorts.

Those who profess to desire pleasure often do so because they obtain more pleasure from despising than they would from enjoying.

An ideal parent is one who knows when the child wants to be forced to do something against his will.

COMMENTS ON LIGHTING
Pittsburgh—(UPI)—Allegheny County Commissioner John Walker has commented on the need for improved lighting in Common Pleas Court. "While justice is supposed to be blind," he said, "there's no reason why the judges should be confronted daily with eye-strain."

way we will be giving them money and in turn they can put us in welfare. Yours For What It's Worth. (Name on File) Eagle Point, Ore.

Demonic Forces
To the Editor: Concerning the article in last Sunday's issue about the alleged flying saucer seen and ridden in by a scientist now living at Merlin, Ore., I would like to point out that such incidents, if they happen at all, are according to God's Word, brought to pass by the enemy of our souls—Satan.

Before I refer to the Bible texts I would like to quote some words from a lecture given some time ago by Dr. Herbert Butterfield, professor of modern history at Cambridge university. This man is also a recognized authority in the fields of philosophy and theology. He declared:

"Christianity, as it operates on mundane events, conducts the battle in behalf of righteousness in a manner that is its own, not in the manner of the men of the world. By the very definition of the situation, our fight is not against flesh and blood, but, to use the New Testament phrase, against principalities and powers—meaning by these, not states or political bodies, and certainly not human beings, but pervading systems. Our fight is against some devilry that lies in the very process of things, against something which we might even call demonic forces existing in the air. The forces get men into their grip so that men themselves are victims in a sense, even if it is by some fault in their own nature—they are victims of a sort of possession."

To me this would seem an apt commentary on the words of the apostle John, who in his opinion, having seen Satan "cast out into the earth," declared: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Rev. 12:12).

John again describes the judgment to come upon men in the seven last plagues by saying: "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon (Satan) and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophets. For they are the spirits of devils working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." (Rev. 16:13, 14).

Scientists, commentators, and statesmen have been telling us repeatedly that the threat to modern man is found in the explosive heavens above us. We would like to magnify these warnings by saying that the even greater danger is that represented by "the prince of the power of the air," or, as Dr. Butterfield states it, "the demonic forces existing in the air."

Let us suggest in closing, that instead of colonizing in isolated spots for survival in

I say take the banks over, pay the bankers dollar for dollar for their assets, then let the government loan the money and collect the interest. Then and not until then will the people of the U.S. own their country. Let's divorce ourselves from the international banks and run our own show. Why should we have to borrow and pay interest on something we manufacture ourselves? It looks a little stupid to me. Think it over, I am now on my way to see my banker for a friendly loan. You know, they just love to loan.

Roy Pritchard, 414 South First st., Central Point, Ore.

Take Over the Banks
To the Editor: Floyd McCabe in a letter to the Editor 1-7-63, "What's a Bank?", could open the eyes of a lot of people if they would just take time to find out how our monetary system works. Henry Ford once said years ago, when they had him hanging on the ropes, that if the American people knew how our monetary system really worked, there would be a revolution before morning. I think that still goes today.

How many of us have taken time out to do a little investigating for ourselves? There is nothing about it that makes sense. It is too bad we did not have more Aaron Burrs and not so many Alexander Hamiltons. We rant and rave about our forefathers. Well they left us saddled with a monetary system that is strictly for the birds.

The government operates the post office department at a deficit. That is fine. Now I say why can't the government operate the banks and let that interest go into the U.S. treasury? That will balance the budget and also cut taxes. We own the mints and make the money and money is just as good as the government that is back of it. What investment do the bankers have? Quite a business, don't you think?

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Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
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PERSONAL PREJUDICES
The next time, before you blame your child for "not listening to reason," take a look around the world and count the number of adults who habitually listen to reason.

Speaking of that uncommon trait, might we not define an "unreasonable" husband as one who wants his wife to look lovely without taking the time that loveliness requires?

A venal police force is a greater threat to liberty in a society than a nest of subversives; subversives can be dealt with by the law, but who is to deal with the law?

The line between discretion and cowardice is exceedingly fine; and man's worst sin is the negative one of failing to speak up for justice when it cries out for support. Nothing we do is half as bad as what we do not do.

Best and tersest explanation for the steady output of creative productions was given by Auerbach, when he wrote: "The little dissatisfaction which every artist feels at the completion of a work forms the germ of a new work."

The cultural snobs who sneer at the masses for being "victimized" by bad Hollywood films are themselves victimized more often than they know by bad foreign films whose miserable lack of technique masquerades as "realism."

Hostesses who bring strangers together at a party by saying brightly, "I'm sure you two will find a lot in common," have already put a damper on the relationship; for nothing makes us more ill at ease than the feeling that some other person has a

ment, though there are believed to be 16,000 to 17,000 Russian soldiers still on the island. . . . For this and other reasons, a State Department representative told the Organization of American States, the communist beach-head in the Caribbean REMAINS A THREAT. And, the U.S. spokesman added, the problem is one that must be tackled jointly by the American republics.

Adlai Stevenson, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and director of the U.S. negotiations, gave a closed OAS meeting the SOMBER news that the talks are being terminated with no agreement about the troops (meaning the Russian troops remaining in Cuba) and on two other remaining questions.

WHAT are we and the Russians still dickering about? This appears to be the nub of it.

1. We are trying to get ON THE GROUND verification that all nuclear missiles and other offensive weapons have been removed from Cuba. 2. The Russians are trying to obtain from us a pledge that there will be no invasion of Cuba to overthrow the communist dictatorship of Fidel Castro.

The important point seems to be that the Cuban situation ISN'T all ironed out.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Big question in the news: Did British Royal Air Force jet bombers slip through our defenses, including our Far North radar screen, UNDETECTED, and make a mock attack on our cities?

A RELIABLE British newspaper, the London Express, says they did, and it adds that it published the story yesterday after receiving firm confirmation from the British Air Ministry. The Express reporter is Keith Thompson) has rejected denials by the British Air Ministry in London and the Pentagon in Washington. He adds: "The fact is that the V bombers have penetrated U.S. defenses—and RECENTLY."

THIS contradicts a statement by a Pentagon spokesman who says No British bombers have participated in U.S. defense exercises since 1961. The Pentagon spokesman says the Express report and similar reports in other British newspapers are without foundation.

The London paper's defense expert says the denials followed the "standard pattern of U.S. pressure being applied to save face in Washington and to 'save faces' in Whitehall (the British Pentagon)."

WHAT really did happen? Did bombers come through our radar screen, undetected, and fly over American cities—where they COULD have dropped nuclear bombs if they had been so minded? Presumably the facts will come out in the course of time.

FROM Washington: U.S.-Soviet talks on Cuba are ending with no final agreement.



"First it was the Jackie hairdo - now this! Women are getting crazier, and hairdressers are getting richer!"