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Flight o' Time: Medford and Jackson County history from the files of The Mail Tribune

10 YEARS AGO: Feb. 18, 1953 (Monday) Medford wrapped up its first Southern Oregon conference basketball title since 1946

20 YEARS AGO: Feb. 18, 1943 (Saturday) Registration scheduled to start at Medford schools for ration book No. 2

30 YEARS AGO: Feb. 18, 1933 (Monday) Local Lions club members request city to provide soup kitchen for city's unemployed

40 YEARS AGO: Feb. 18, 1923 (Tuesday) Residents of area of Fourth and Peach sts. ask city council to take action to halt "nightly eat concerts" in their neighborhood

50 YEARS AGO: Feb. 18, 1913 (Thursday) Owners of Medford trolley franchise report that they plan to start work "within the time limit"

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

- 1. You eat Sukiyaki but what would you do with Kabuki? 2. Does the evaporation of water exert a cooling or heating effect? 3. What would you call an inflamed swelling of the sebaceous gland on the eyelid?

First Family Spends Week End at Estate: Washington—President Kennedy and his family returned to the White House Sunday night after spending the week end at their estate near Middleburg, Va.

The Seven Ponder The Six

The meeting in Geneva today has to be viewed as something more than a get-together of the nations which have been barred from the exclusive fraternity of the European Common Market.

FOR example, the Manchester Guardian Weekly stresses the need for an alternative. "The arrangement," it hazards, "would have to be something like an industrial free trade area, covering EFTA and EEC and perhaps eventually North America."

A SIMILAR sort of arrangement has been advocated elsewhere, most recently in Cologne on Feb. 10 by the Danish Premier, Jens Otto Krag. "The seven EFTA nations will be well disposed to an association request from the Common Market," Krag said.

BRITAIN is not without strong support within the Common Market Six. Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg have reaffirmed their desire to see Britain admitted, and with Britain, presumably, the remainder of EFTA.

Belgium, for one, already is well pleased with progress under the Common Market. Exports of the Belgian-Luxembourg Economic Union (BLEU) for the first 11 months of 1962 were running 10 per cent ahead of the 1961 rate.

Col. Glenn's Orbit

A year ago Wednesday John H. Glenn, Jr., took what James Reston of the New York Times described as "the greatest American ride since Paul Revere."

Later Project Mercury flights by Malcolm Scott Carpenter (three orbits on May 24) and Walter Schirra (six orbits on Oct 3) were so much icing on the cake.

NEXT on the agenda for America's space program is the 22-orbit flight of L. Gordon Cooper, Jr., originally scheduled for next April 2. Troubles with the electrical system of the Atlas rocket vehicle have delayed the flight until at least mid-May.

"That's The Way It Goes, Cap'n"



... 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.

Two Prime Instincts: To the Editor: Man possesses two prime instincts. First, the instinct of self preservation, providing food, clothing and shelter for himself and dependents.

Most Will Resist: To the Editor: Sen. Strom Thurmond is about to blow the lid off of the fact that President Kennedy's "great victory" did not stop the Soviet military build up in Cuba.

Rather Myopic: To the Editor: The editorial in the paper, written by G.H.B. — whoever he might be — in regard to the new sign along the freeway, struck me as being rather myopic.

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Foreign News: Franco-German Treaty To Be Signed After Committee Groundwork

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst



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Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

HAM-HANDED ACTION: Washington — This country's problem in dealing with Castro Cuba has now been further be deviled by an extraordinarily ham-handed action within the United Nations.

THE very note of our State department "regretting" this action calls attention to Cuba's "persistent policy of hostility towards its neighbors."

ALSO comes precisely at the moment when American efforts are directed to explaining to other nations in Latin America that Castro is an outlaw and that anti-Americanism is not a useful line to take up in this hemisphere.

separate department to catch stray cats. We called the dog pound a short time ago about some stray cats. And they came right out after them.

There must and will be signs. The problem seems to be how can we, within fairness and reason, effect a realistic control of this method of advertising.

The sign industry has long maintained a position of hostility and defiance against any efforts to regulate their product. This is not hard to understand when we realize that if the extremes of the majority of various anti-sign groups became law the sign companies would shortly be out of business.

I believe that we in this industry have matured enough to appreciate the concern of all persons interested in the prosperity and co-ordinated growth of our city.

We would like, very much, to work with these responsible people in effecting some sense of order and good taste. Frankly we have never to my knowledge been asked and because of long standing hostilities on all sides we have been reluctant to volunteer.

The problem exists. Part of the blame we accept. The rest should be accepted by people like yourself, who criticize bitterly, but make no suggestions other than the complete elimination of signs.

Puzzled Over Need: To the Editor: I am puzzled why there is a need of a

not too happy about being dependent on Washington for it.

Common Market Talks: President de Gaulle's government is casting around for ways and means to get Common Market talks started again with Britain.

Tokyo Troubles: Japanese Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda recently canceled a get-together of leaders of his Conservative Party, ostensibly on the grounds that it would look bad for any kind of a deal on his successor to be made in a smoke-filled room.

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Nevertheless, the thing has been "implemented" all the same, and with nothing more than a timid "objection" filed back in 1961 by the United States delegation to the United Nations State department informants privately concede that there was nothing in UN procedure to have prevented the United States from having demanded, in 1961 or now, that this grant to Castro be set aside.

They add that it was "apparently our conclusion" — meaning the conclusion of our UN delegation in New York — that we could not marshal the required two-thirds vote within the governing council which is supposed to direct the policies of the special fund.

But it is conceded that we never at any point so much as asked for a roll call or lobbied to raise up the necessary majority.

IN SHORT, it is perfectly obvious, on the basis of State department information, that the 18 nations supposedly running this fund are not running it at all but are leaving it to the managing director, Paul Hoffman. It is no less obvious that a mere salaried bureaucracy in the UN is able, in this instance, to flout the central foreign policy designs of the very country that is carrying the bulk of all the financial load for the agency this bureaucracy administers.

Finally, it is also perfectly plain that senior people in the State department itself are chagrined by this almost incredible episode. How long before the U. S. delegation to the UN under Ambassador Adlai Stevenson is made a part of the United States government? How soon will it cease having a foreign policy of its own?

And how long before the UN right-or-wrongers, who presently will tolerate no criticism of it at any point for any reason, will realize that the good in this institution will not in the end survive by mere passionate refusals to see the follies that are perverting it out of all rational shape?

They won't even celebrate the new year in the American Way and in what has come to be the accepted Christian spirit. The police blotter on any holiday — Chinese or Western — is almost totally devoid of their names. And the family court and welfare agencies are shamefully smothered by them.

I think we have a sacred obligation to send more missionaries to these benighted people. True, they seem to be backward in picking up our civilized practices, but with a little guidance and good will, I am sure we can get them to take part in our communal activities.

And when they have forsaken their old-fashioned heathenish ways, maybe next year, or the year after, they will join us in proclaiming the Christian new year as a decent, forward-looking people should — hats, horns, hooch, homicide and all. We can but hope.

Strictly Personal

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

HEATHENISH WAYS: The Chinese community in Chicago — and in New York and San Francisco, and other cities that have one — celebrated its New Year on Jan. 27. And what a bust it was. The Chinese New Year festivities included three days of introductions the year of the rabbit, 4660. But it wasn't anything like the way in which we celebrate the Christian era in 1963. I guess the Chinese just don't know any better.

There were no wild parties, no drunkenness, no automobile collisions at high and erratic speed. Instead, the heathens had a parade, followed by special movies and a Chinese opera.

The men didn't put on silly hats and slobber all over a night club table. Instead, following an old pagan tradition, they paid off their outstanding debts to meet the new year with a clean slate.

And the women didn't even have sense enough to get loaded on champagne and ruin their new party gowns. Instead, they made their homes spotless, preparing to greet the new year by turning a new domestic leaf.

There were also absolutely no reports of Chinese juvenile delinquents hitting the beer bottles, filching their parents' cars, or similarly celebrating the Christian era's welcome to the year 1963.

For a long time now, the Chinese community has been a blot on the civic records of American communities. They just don't seem to want to participate in our national folkways.

They refuse to accept their rightful share of our alcoholics, our delinquents, our prostitutes, our reeliners, our deadbeats, our criminals, our reckless drivers, our fraudulent insurance claimants, our whole resplendent tapestry of urban living.



"I believe the missiles are gone from Cuba. Anybody who says different is undermining my faith in my government and had better step outside!"