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

10 YEARS AGO: Feb. 21, 1953 (Thursday) Frank J. Van Dyke, Medford attorney, has been elected president of the Medford Rotary club.

20 YEARS AGO: Feb. 21, 1943 (Tuesday) D. O. Graham, James Hoey and William F. Scheuman, all of Medford, leave for San Francisco and Tacoma to take examinations for entrance into U.S. Military academy.

30 YEARS AGO: Feb. 21, 1933 (Thursday) Jackson County Sheriff Gordon L. Schermmerhorn, Chief Jailer John Glenn, Ashland, and others jailed as ballot theft suspects.

40 YEARS AGO: Feb. 21, 1923 (Friday) First "nightriding" case expected to get under way soon on circuit court in Jacksonville.

50 YEARS AGO: Feb. 21, 1913 (Sunday) Medford Street Commissioner Owey Patton reports approaches have been filled for new bridge over Bear creek on East Main st.

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

1. Identify these Toms; the skeptical Tom of the Bible, the Jarcenous Mother Goose Tom.

2. A fish cannot live in water that has been boiled; true or false?

3. Do the tradewinds blow from southeast, southwest, northeast or northwest (two)?

4. What presently imprisoned labor leader's name rhymes with the term for eight quarts dry measure?

5. What famous Revolutionary War lady bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Griscom?

6. In the nursery tale, who went to London to see the Queen?

7. What state is directly south of South Dakota?

8. Is Springfield, Ill., or Memphis, Tenn., further west?

9. According to legend what infants were suckled by a wolf and fed by a woodpecker?

10. What historic and poetic event started on April 18?

Answers: 1. Doubting Thomas, Tom, Tom the Piper's son, 2. True, 3. S.E. and N.E., 4. Dave Beck, (Peck) S. Betsy Ross, 5. Pussy cat, pussy cat, 7. Nebraska, 8. Memphis, 9. Romulus and Remus, 10. Paul Revere's ride.

Let It Die

A legislative committee has tabled the so-called "Liberty Amendment." It is to be commended.

This bit of know-nothingism is the tired old "23rd Amendment" dressed up in new clothes, and, despite the fact that it has been approved by legislatures in a few less enlightened states, deserves short shrift from anyone who knows, or cares, about the realities of the world of today.

In brief, it would repeal the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolish the income tax, and take the federal government out of all enterprises not specifically mentioned in the Constitution.

It would, in short, effectively disarm the nation, turn the nation's economy into a tailspin, and disrupt everything from the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, to the space program.

WHAT is it doing in the Oregon legislature? Well, knowing full well that no Congress would ever pass such a suicidal and asinine proposal, the proponents, stemming from the ultra-conservative end of the political spectrum, are using the device of getting state legislatures to petition for the enactment of the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

If two thirds of all the states make such application Congress must convene a constitutional convention. Should this convention then adopt such an amendment, it would be returned to the states for ratification. If ratified by three fourths of them, it would be adopted as part of the Constitution.

ONLY a few more things need to be said: This proposal is ludicrous; it would make a shambles of orderly government at a time when we need every bit of intelligence and balanced authority we can muster in a dangerous world.

It doesn't stand a prayer of being adopted by two thirds of the states, let alone being ratified by three fourths of them.

Because of these facts, the Oregon legislature would do well to save its breath and let the silly thing die swiftly.—E.A.

Tax Filing Fee

We received a friendly note from a reader the other day, which read, in part, as follows:

"I wonder if you will do a favor for a lot of us common folks; use your pen to blast the contemplated \$5 tax filing fee. Tell them to get on the tails of those chaps in Salem and kill the bill. Not too many of us have an extra five floating around, and when the Mrs. and I do, we'd damn sight rather spend it on a needy neighbor kid than send it to Salem for so-called expenses."

Well, offhand, we find it impossible to fulfill this request, and for several different but related reasons.

One is that we know, for a fact, that the state's need for additional tax funds for the coming biennium is real, not phoney.

IN LAYING out a tax program, it is easy to say "soak the rich," and "tax according to ability to pay." But this doesn't always make for a good and fair tax program, nor, equally important, does it always raise the amount of money needed to operate the state and the services it performs, the most important of which is in education.

A \$5 tax filing fee may or may not be a fair way to "spread the burden" and "broaden the base," or even to obtain tax income from those who otherwise would pay nothing as their share of the state's expenses.

Of and by itself we see but little merit in the proposal. But, in combination with other tax program features, it might very well be desirable. We'll have to examine the recommendations of the house taxation committee before we are in a position to judge.

This much we do know, however, and it is that all Oregonians had best be prepared to pay somewhat more in taxes, unless they are also prepared to see state services—notably education—damaged.—E.A.

Deer Guard

Who among those who have driven western highways at night has not had the startling experience of seeing bright and shining eyes staring from the highway or roadside ahead?

Deer, when blinded by headlights, usually "freeze." And if they do so in front of a speeding car, the result can be disastrous, not only for the deer but for the motorist, too. Quite a number of night-driving motorists have been killed when their car struck a deer.

No one seems to have thought of a way of countering this danger, except to put up warning signs in areas where deer frequently cross the road.

IN THE Netherlands, however, it seems they have the same problem, and have come up with an idea which reportedly helps.

The National Wildlife Federation reports that the wily Dutch are mounting small mirrors on slender posts placed in twos across the highway from each other in places frequented by deer. The mirrors are angled so that they reflect headlight beams into the woods. As a car approaches, these reflected beams sweep through the trees.

At a distance of about 30 feet, the beams are greatly enlarged, and, the report continues, "when the deer get such a flash of light in their eyes they freeze, and the accident is prevented." Wonder if it would work in Oregon?—E.A.

High-Price Spread



Touchy Problems Remain, But Improved Japan-Korea Relations Remain Possible

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

Former President Syngman Rhee of the Republic of Korea used to blow on his fingers in subconscious memory of Japanese torture during his days as a Korean revolutionary under Japanese occupation.



Hatred of Japan has, in fact, been a constant in the Korean emotional structure ever since the end of World War II which took Korea from the Japanese and made it an independent republic. It was Rhee who set the line on Korean fishing waters 60 miles off the Korean coast and regularly seized the crews and vessels of Japanese fishermen who violated it. After Rhee fell, both the civilian

and military regimes which followed continued the policy.

A resurgent Japan, on the other hand, with the vigorous support of the United States, was setting about to patch up war wounds, following a policy of conciliation and friendship with the Nationalist Chinese on Formosa, the Philippines, India and former victims in between.

Chief holdout was Korea. Yet establishment of at least a sort of normalcy between the two was important. Korea represented the last important free world foothold in that portion of Asia and was a natural strategic stepping stone to Japan.

Japan was a northern anchor of an anti-Communist line extending around the Asian perimeter to Pakistan. In late 1962 it appeared

that progress was being made.

Then in early '63 came the internal political ruckus in Korea which nearly toppled retired Brig. Gen. Kim Chong Pil from his assigned job of establishing the political party by which Korea's military regime hopes to transfer itself from military to civilian rule.

When he survived there was a long, if silent, sigh of relief in Japan.

For Kim had been Korea's chief negotiator with Japan and the Japanese source of hope that reconciliation at last could be achieved.

Key to the settlement was conditional approval of a \$500 million settlement reportedly worked out by Kim and Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Chira. According to the terms, in

return for the 35 years of harsh Japanese rule, Japan would extend to Korea \$300 million in grants and \$200 million in long-term loans.

It was feared that if Kim were to fall, the agreement he had negotiated would fall with him.

Final terms still will lead to many a heated wrangle both in Japan and Korea, but as of today there is hope that another of the problems left over from World War II may be settled in the near future.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From London: British Foreign Secretary Lord Home says the United States carries TOO MUCH of the load for European defense and urged a reappraisal of the burdens. He went on to say: "In 1962, the total defense expenditure of the NATO alliance was about \$73 billion, of which the U.S. contributed a little over \$34 billion. These figures show very clearly the immense size of the American effort, which makes the contributions of the rest of us seem puny by comparison."

LET'S put it this way: Total cost \$73 billion. America's share \$34 billion. What that means is that of every dollar spent last year by NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization), whose basic purpose is the defense of Western Europe, the United States contributed 74 cents. If that isn't generous, there is no such thing in the world as generosity.

LET'S pat ourselves on the back a little more. After the end of World War II, Western Europe was a shambles. Its great cities were masses of rubble. The soil of the U.S.A. was practically untouched. Recognizing this fact, the United States made the most generous offer ever made in the history of the world. It said to its comrades in arms in Western Europe: "You have borne the bulk of the physical damage resulting from the war. Recognizing this fact, we will supply the bulk of the funds necessary for your physical rebuilding."

That, in substance, was the Marshall Plan.

LORD HOME added: "I would feel that the United States has a grievance at the relatively heavy payments she is making to Europe and that this is a subject that needs re-examination. The reconstruction of Europe in prosperity in the past 10 years has created a quite new economic situation within the alliance."

"WORDS pay no debts," as Will Shakespeare remarked in his Troilus and Cressida—but when they are kind words, true words, generous words, they create a lot of good will.

Thank you, Lord Home.

CULLED from the news: A hike-happy nation set another blistering pace over the week end. And blistering it was for the feet of all who tried. The blistered feet included those of Nevada's Governor Sawyer, who trekked from Carson City to Gardnerville, a distance of 25 miles, and at the end of the jaunt remarked: "The last thing I would do in the world is to challenge another governor to go through this thing."

WHEN a lad gets started in the United States of America, it has to run its course, but personally I hope this marathon business doesn't reach the point where in order to be able to hold up our heads in the community we'll all have to lay up our ears and WALK TO WORK.

... 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.

Differing View: To the Editor: I notice a great many letters reach the editorial desk which place great emphasis upon religion as a restorative for man's many ills. Usually, the Bible is quoted stressing this bit of literature as "the Word of God."

I, too, find a great deal of interest in religion, and in the book that largely upholds the Christian religion, along with that of Israel. Very good, I am sure! However, I am one who does not regard religion as it reaches man as being imposed upon man by God Himself. I verily believe that all religions, past and present, have served and do serve a very good purpose for man's uplift, easement of care, and useful as well, in many cases, as a guide book for living life to the best advantage.

But I consider the "salvation offering" they carry as largely temporal. Pardon me for differing with so many of you.

F. C. Esteb, P.O. Box 342, Medford.

and poisons in the body. People died from the treatment, but they died for a medical principle, so it was thoroughly worthwhile.

In 1838 the Jesuits in Peru discovered quinine and had remarkably good results with it, but the U. of Paris declared its use unconstitutional and banned the drug. Fortunately, unlearned people kept forgetting the great moral principles involved and used it when concealed in other substances and administered by quacks.

Nowadays physicians are more concerned with scientific techniques, but the old way controls most of our thinking about the body politic today. Techniques are overlooked in a search for universal, eternal truths.

Your approach was different.

Frank Crum, White City, Ore.

Science Is for the Girls: To the Editor: Things have been added, as years go by.

To keep us together and please the eye: There's a glow to our powder and tint on our hair, And bumps for the bumps that just are not there. There's pills for the liquid that used to be blood, And pep pills to take to "cut up that rag."

With all that to help and more on the way, Why worry for tomorrow—let's live today.

P.S. This is what happens when the fog rolls in and the office isn't washed and the boss is out of town.

Florence Deemer, 242 Vashti Way, Medford.

Stop Worrying: To the Editor: So many people are worried about the possibility of over-population in the near future that I offer this comforting thought to allay their fears.

Automation will take care of that problem. With automatic gadgets doing most of the work in homes as well as in offices and factories, children will become more and more a nuisance. There won't be anything for them to do. They will be in the way.

Of necessity, families will be smaller. Stop your worrying.

David Frisch, P.O. Box 292, White City, Ore.

Climate Is Changing: To the Editor: Fremont followed Jedediah Smith across "Great American Desert." The Bible Toter camped where now is Sacramento State college. Its Arboretum grows Fremontia californica, also Fremontia. Thereby a tale—

Fremont crossed the Sierras. He reached a mountain later named for him, "Mt. Fremont." In 1880s, writer, botanizing, found growing there this plant botanists had christened "Fremontia."

It is U.S.A.'s only member of the native Order Sterculiaceae Paleobotanist T. A. D. Cockerell, discoverer of 2 Dawn Roses found, however, fossil sterculias in the Colorado Miocene of 30,000,000 years ago. This with Dawn Elephants, Dawn Camels, Dawn Horses. His predictions about a Miocene tsetse fly ending their existence alone would make him famous.

This botanical family now is practically tropical. Republic of Panama's national tree is a Sterculia. The order includes the cacao which yields our chocolate.

Old Timer complains, "Climate is changing." Perhaps not in his generation. A paleobotanist, however, wonders

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop (c) New York Herald Tribune Syndicate

KENNEDY AND THE AMBASSADORS

Washington—Curiously little attention has been given, as yet, to the grand review of American policy in Europe which the President has been laboriously conducting. To begin with, this long series of unpublicized White House meetings has high interest, in and of itself, as an indication of the way the President's business habits have changed in these last two years.

In the dawn of the New Frontier, after all, even the gravest problems were briskly tackled, without weeks of delay for all-embracing consultation and minute study.

In the present instance, however, the President ordered the convocation of what can only be called a study group shortly after Gen. de Gaulle's brutal veto on Britain's entry into the European Common Market. Where to go next, and how to get there, were the questions to be answered.

THE composition of the study group offered another contrast with the past. Until rather recently, the Kennedy administration enjoyed the peculiar distinction of having ambassadors of better quality and paying less attention to their opinions than any American Administration in recent history.

Now, however, the opinions of the ambassadors were in immediate demand. David K. E. Bruce was called from London. Foy Kohler from Moscow, Walter Dowling from Bonn, and Frederick Reinhardt from Rome. An illness excused Charles E. Bohlen in Paris; but no other excuses were accepted—to the point that poor Reinhardt left Rome the night before he and Mrs. Reinhardt were giving their one and only dance.

Another innovation was the request of the ambassadors to read themselves into the mind of Washington, in the most literal sense of the phrase. All the relevant policy papers of the National Security Council, the State Department, and the White House staff were offered for their perusal and comment.

BESIDES the ambassadors, the principal members of made by N. F. Simpson: "Each of us as he receives his private trouncings at the hands of fate is kept in good heart by the moth in his brother's parachute, and the scorpion in his neighbor's underwear."

It seems to be the essential irony of the human condition that we have been given just enough intelligence to manufacture the tools for our dominance of the earth, but not quite enough intelligence to prevent us using these tools to oppress, exploit and exterminate one another.

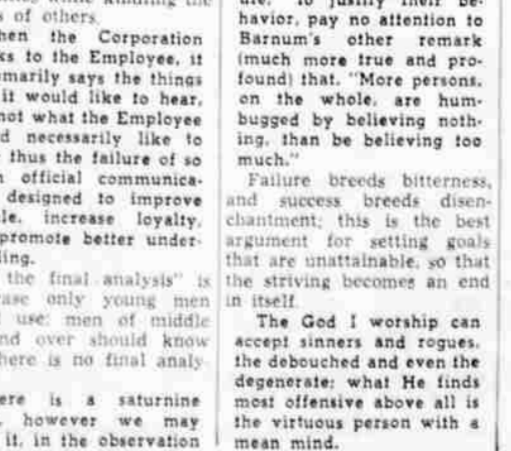
Con men and cynics, who are fond of quoting Barnum's famous phrase, "A sucker is born every minute," to justify their behavior, pay no attention to Barnum's other remark (much more true and profound) that "More persons, on the whole, are humbugged by believing nothing, than by believing too much."

Failure breeds bitterness, and success breeds disenchantment; this is the best argument for setting goals that are unattainable, so that the striving becomes an end in itself.

The God I worship can accept sinners and rogues, the debauched and even the degenerate; what He finds most offensive above all is the virtuous person with a mean mind.

There is a saturnine truth, however we may deny it, in the observation

What will, Kennedy's got the country on the move again — with vigah!



Strictly Personal

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

PERSONAL PREJUDICES

To ask the right question, it is necessary that we already know much of the answer; and those who do not know are perpetually condemned to be asking the wrong questions and getting no satisfactory replies.

One can always tell when a criticism strikes home, for the person criticized promptly gets angry and counterattacks; when it misses its mark, the person merely shrugs or smiles or calmly ignores it.

Some people are incapable of assuaging their own secret doubts until they have persuaded others; in the very act of zealous conversion, they are stifling their own uncertainties while kindling the beliefs of others.

When the Corporation speaks to the Employee, it customarily says the things that it would like to hear, and not what the Employee would necessarily like to hear; thus the failure of so much official communication designed to improve morale, increase loyalty, and promote better understanding.

"In the final analysis" is a phrase only young men should use; men of middle age and over should know that there is no final analysis.

There is a saturnine truth, however we may deny it, in the observation

What will, Kennedy's got the country on the move again — with vigah!

Well, Kennedy's got the country on the move again — with vigah!

