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10 YEARS AGO
Feb. 28, 1953 (Thursday)

Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 28, 1943 (Tuesday)

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 28, 1933 (Thursday)

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 28, 1923 (Friday)

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 28, 1913 (Saturday)

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

1. What is the largest lake in the world?
2. Which territory did the U.S. purchase in 1867 for \$7,200,000?

3. Is the earth, moon or sun in the center during a lunar eclipse?
4. Which of the following is not a vertebrate: perch, toad, sparrow, spider or seal?

5. Name four of the five top men in Russia since 1917.
6. What happened first: Italy's invasion of Ethiopia or the Spanish Civil War?

7. What was concluded by the Treaty of Paris in 1898?
8. What similarity is suggested by the list: physics, chemistry, peace, medicine, and literature?

9. What is the longest bone in the body?
10. Amorphous carbon and other substances resulting from incomplete combustion form the nuclei of what eye irritating vapor?

Answers: 1. Caspian Sea, 2. Alaska, 3. Earth, 4. Spider, 5. Lenin, Stalin, Malinkov, Bulganin, Khrushchev, 6. Ethiopia, 7. Spanish-American War, 8. Nobel Peace Prize awarded for achievements in them, 9. Femur (thigh), 10. Smog.

Smoot on Betancourt

It was bound to come, and it did. "It", in this case, is a letter which appears elsewhere on this page, damning President Betancourt of Venezuela as a pro-Communist, power-mad, would-be dictator.

In truth, of course, Betancourt is one of the staunchest foes of Communism in Latin America, has provided Venezuela with a relatively clean and democratic government, and is working, against the violent opposition of local Communists, to improve the economic and political climate.

It is interesting to note that the letter slandering President Betancourt is based on one of Dan Smoot's reports. SMOOT is notorious for calling anyone whose thinking varies to the left of Louis XIV a Communist or pinko.

But it is more than likely that he has special cause to smear Betancourt. He is sponsored, in large part, by Texas oil millionaires, whose political philosophy is virtually indistinguishable from the manic drivings of the John Birchers. And Venezuelan oil is anathema to them.

So it is logical that Smoot should apply his tar brush to the president of the country which poses the economic threat of competition to the oil barons who subsidize him.

Words, Words, Words

Columnist Sydney J. Harris frequently writes a column entitled "Anties with Semantics." Editor Bud Forrester of the East Oregonian in Pendleton did a similar piece the other day, with amusing results.

Billboard Hearing

It would be interesting to know just how many people in Medford feel strongly about our prospective new elevated "billboard alley."

'Who Said Anything About Driving Out Castro? We're Talking About Kennedy?



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.

A Whopper
To the Editor: Quote, M.T. 2/21/63. "Kennedy pledged his full support to Venezuela to resist the all out campaign of the international Communists to overthrow Betancourt's government."

Prescience
To the Editor: Prescience is a rare instinct that only a few human beings possess. Some seers, called mediums, go into a trance before they can express themselves; at least that is what they claim they have to do.

Don't Answer
To the Editor: One of your subscribers says he isn't afraid of Communism. He thinks he'd better wake up. Communism is like a stealthy disease that creeps in slowly but surely; not just creeping it is being pushed by some very strong, sly and extremely smart boosters.

Coach Appreciated
To the Editor: This is in recognition of one of the finest debate coaches ever. We of the Hedrick debate squad feel that Mr. McDougall deserves a hand for the fine work he has done this year and in the past.

New Labor Party Leader's Ideas May Not Be Welcome to Britain's Western Allies

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
Harold Wilson, a crumpled, pipe-smoking man with a cherubic face, is setting out with obvious determination to fulfill his new role as leader of Britain's Labor Party.



From Washington: President Kennedy said that he will support "whatever is necessary" to get a three-year tax cut of at least TEN BILLION DOLLARS.

In the Day's News

WHAT the President is driving at, of course, is a try-out of the theory (proposed by his bright young men) that if your taxes are cut you can safely go ahead and spend all the money you've saved by the tax cut to buy the things you want.

Strictly Personal

PERSONAL PREJUDICES
With most people, their religion is a substitute for religion, just as their sexuality is a substitute for sexuality; on both the spiritual and the physical planes, authenticity of feeling and expression is much rarer than we think.

SOME months ago, Yermenko published a book on the Stalingrad battle, in which he gave prime credit for the victory to that towering military genius, Nikita S. Khrushchev.

enough and often enough he will die. Thus, the moral of the Cain and Abel story is plain enough - man understands good and evil, but he does not understand the consequences of his impulses.

It is an irony of our nature that we cannot punish a bad man; we can only hurt him; in order to be punished, a man must have enough sense of virtue in himself to appreciate the justice of the penalty.

Matter of Fact

Another Red Army Day
Washington - It is curious and instructive to compare this year's and last year's reactions, here in Washington and in the world at large, to the annual brass-bellows on Red Army day in Moscow.

None of these matters is trifling or insignificant.

IN these strikingly odd changes, the demagogues see symptoms of a renewed dispute between Khrushchev, who would like to solve his pressing problem of investment priorities by shrinking the swollen Soviet armed forces, and the army General staff, whose members defeated Khrushchev's previous shrink-the-army scheme and no doubt are still determined not to demobilize a single man.

NOW, in sum, a nuclear confrontation of sorts has actually occurred, testing both the will of the United States and its government and the intentions of Khrushchev and the men of the Kremlin.

Among these changes traceable to Cuba, the grave difficulties that have arisen within the Western alliance must clearly be included.

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