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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 March 10, 1953 (Tuesday) Outlook for area's water supply remains "good" to "excellent."

20 YEARS AGO March 10, 1943 (Wednesday) Air raid siren tests held. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "A man has been found in New York who never heard of A. Hitler. Millions wish they were in his former heavenly state."

30 YEARS AGO March 10, 1933 (Friday) Medford's three banks await authorization from Portland regarding return to complete banking operations.

40 YEARS AGO March 10, 1923 (Saturday) Every doctor's office in Ashland is burglarized.

50 YEARS AGO March 10, 1913 (Monday) Horse runs away in downtown three times in 15 minutes; finally controlled by owner who drove him home "although the speed he registered broke all city ordinances."

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

1. With what strait do you associate white cliffs? 2. Identify the Biblical character whose name has come to mean a wicked or bold woman.

APOLOGIZES Burlington, Vt. - UPI - Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, 31 (D-Mass.), apologized by letter Friday to a Vermont news photographer for allegedly exposing a roll of film and damaging a camera at Stowe, Vt., Feb. 26.

Joblessness -- and Dignity

That excellent newspaper, the Sacramento Bee, the other day editorialized under the title, "In Every Job There Is Dignity." The theme of the piece was that "all work worthy of the name plays a part in maintaining civilization and the social order as we know it. Happy is the man who looks upon his work as a contribution toward that end."

This is a reflection of a philosophy which goes way back to pre-Biblical times, and has always been with us in one modification or another—that work is good, a virtue, in and of itself.

MOST men, indeed, feel the need to work, and particularly to work in a job which gives them the satisfaction of making a contribution, not only toward their own and their families' well-being, but also toward the good of the community and society.

Those who work without this feeling lack one of mankind's greatest rewards. And those who do not work at all—either through circumstances of birth, or circumstances of employment opportunities—are to be pitied.

THIS is one of the dimensions of the tragedy which lies behind the current unemployment figures, and the prospect that they will continue to increase. A UPI story the other day said: "An unexpected rise of 250,000 in unemployment during February boosted the nation's jobless rate to 6.1 per cent, the Labor Department reported."

At the same time, the total number of employed reached an all-time February high of 66.4 million. In other words, there are more jobs now, but there are also more people looking for jobs, and the latter number is growing more rapidly than the former.

THERE are a number of reasons for this. One is the fact that the nation's economy is not growing as rapidly as its work force. Another is that too many people are terminating their education too soon; are not equipping themselves to compete for jobs in an increasingly complex and mechanistic society.

Still another is the rise of farm productivity—largely the result of new techniques, in chemicals as well as in labor-saving machinery—which enables far fewer men to produce far more from the land than ever was produced before.

ANOTHER—and perhaps the most important, certainly potentially the most important—are the increasing strides in automation, where machines and computers are doing the jobs formerly done by men and women, with one automated machine performing work which once took hundreds of people.

THE STRIKES are, however, a symptom, and the most violent one to date.

Concern is being expressed elsewhere, as well it should. The Oregon Legislature now is considering making a two-year study of automation and ways in which to ameliorate its impact. Conferences on automation and unemployment are held with increasing frequency—and with uniform results, to the effect that something had better be done, and soon. But what?

A BEGINNING—a small beginning—in finding more permanent and satisfactory solutions can be seen in certain labor-management agreements which recognize that automation is here to stay and will increase.

The west coast longshoremen's union and the shipping companies recently agreed that the savings due to mechanization should be shared with the workers. The recent Kaiser Steel agreement provides much the same thing, and also guarantees that no one will lose his means of livelihood because of automation, but will be retained for other jobs, or, at worst, supported even if no work is available.

Shorter work weeks, longer vacations, increased and lengthened unemployment compensation benefits—all these are part of the trend, too, and will become increasingly necessary.

But again, all these will not be enough to do much more than cushion the shocks of adjustment to a world where there are not enough jobs to go around. The major adjustment, sooner or later, will be in finding dignity, security, self-respect and self-fulfillment whether or not one is productively employed. —E.A.

"On Second Thought"



Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann (c) 1963, The Washington Post

BLAND AND CHEERY WORDS It is necessary to take a closer look at the bland and cheery words of the President of the European Economic Community, Dr. Walter Hallstein.

WE ARE now in a position to see why we are advised to be patient for two years. During these two years, the agricultural policy of the Common Market, with France the main beneficiary and West Germany a lesser beneficiary, is to be formed without the British being present.

THE real question about the two-year delay in admitting Britain, and the reason why it is not easy to be cheery about it, is that the two years may be used to make the European Economic Community restricted, exclusive, largely self-contained and, with varying accompanying military and political agreements, a closed community under French control with German assistance.

WHY, we must wonder, will the bones have hardened in two or three years? The answer to this question is the key to much that is happening. This is the year 1963, and following Article 8 of the Treaty of Rome, the six are in the second year of this second of the three "stages" prescribed in the treaty. During this second stage, the veto, which might have delayed the ending of stage one, can be used only to prevent delay.

Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Dr. Robert Hutchins' "think factory" at Santa Barbara, John Cogley of that group asks the pertinent questions: "Are our problems so vast, the technical aspects of modern life so tricky, access to the facts so slight and the necessary knowledge so elusive that American democracy will become simply a matter of living one's private life and turning over the management of the public sector completely to professionals? Are we the people no more than a remote board of overseers, preoccupied with our private pursuits while experts carry on our affairs and make momentous moral decisions for us?"

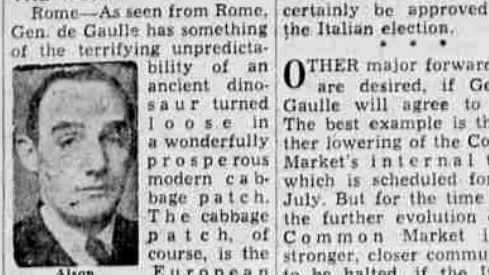
My own nagging fear is that the answer is "yes," it is soon going to become "yes." Not because the generality of citizens are less intelligent than they were. Not because they are less interested—they are more interested. Not because they are less well educated—they are better educated. But because, with the growth of education and interest and the mammoth bulk of matters, both domestic and foreign, now living within the realm of the "public sector," we have tried to take all such knowledge for our province.

In the first few weeks of the strike this was not the case; then, it was as painful as drug withdrawal. After that, most people felt no pain, indeed, they enjoyed a certain sense of freedom. This is something publishers, editors and writers must think about very carefully, as we struggle with the task of enlightening the American people, which is not the same as informing them. We might think about it in connection with a defiant, if not despairing, manifesto issued by the

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

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THE BEST AND THE WORST Rome—As seen from Rome, Gen. de Gaulle has something of the terrifying unpredictability of an ancient dinosaur turned loose in a wonderfully prosperous modern cabbage patch.



OTHER major forward steps are desired, if Gen. de Gaulle will agree to them. The best example is the further lowering of the Common Market's internal tariffs, which is scheduled for next July. But for the time being, the further evolution of the Common Market into a stronger, closer community is to be halted, if the Italians have their way, because they believe that in present circumstances any true evolution will end in a Gaullist Europe.

THE industrial north is boiling with prosperity. The tragic south is at last beginning to lose its strange aspect of an underdeveloped country in the midst of modern Europe. In Rome itself, the tide of wealth is threatening to submerge the city's ancient beauty in modern building.

BUT in this Common Market which has done so much for Italy, here is Gen. de Gaulle attempting to assert French hegemony in the Europe of the Six. Here is Gen. de Gaulle demanding an exclusive and protectionist European agricultural and trade policy. Here is Gen. de Gaulle proclaiming Europe for the Europeans, and quite probably seeking to get rid of the American military presence which is Europe's main defense.

THE chances are rather good, says one of the wisest and most influentially placed Italians, "that there will be no common agricultural policy this year or even next year."

These people simply do not have anything like the real-time and energy to manage their families and concern themselves with community affairs, and still work their way to the truth of DeGaulle and NATO, the disarmament, foreign aid, Latin America's bewildering predicament, Britain's lost position, the question of whether or not to cut taxes and whose taxes to cut, the meaning of the upheaval in Iraq, the best way to handle juvenile delinquency, overcrowded schools, immoral movies—you name it. They desperately need the aid of more skillfully edited, presented and explained news—not simply more news. There are only so many hours in the day; the more time spent scanning or hearing the cacophony of "hard news," the fewer hours there must be for understanding it.

Mr. Cogley's manifesto goes on—"We are saying that the judgment of the people is still to be trusted." Of course, it is to be trusted—on the great, simple and immediate issues. On a hundred other important issues it cannot be trusted, because such judgments, under present conditions, are not expressed, and they are not expressed because they are not formed. (Distributed 1963, by The Hall Syndicate, Inc.) (All Rights Reserved)

are failing at the first level, the communicators' level, because in the media of communication the swing to an emphasis on selectivity and constant explanation is too slow a swing. The daily neoclassical shower of unrelated facts still tends to create a steamy vapor, obscuring vision. We are failing at the second level of the "consumer," it seems to me, for two reasons related to this.



THINGS YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IF YOU HADN'T READ THEM HERE:

Not all books on canines at the public library are dog-eared but most canines are... Firecrackers are not permitted in Russia except on the Fourth of July... Salt water taffy was discovered by an inventor who was actually looking for a cheaper way to make upper and lower plates stick to each other... Dice started out as a rather dull game of square marbles until someone thought of adding spots for decorations... Most low slung sports car owners sleep under the bed and eat under the table... Elvis Presley gives half of everything he makes to a charity called Colonel Parker... No New York radio station has ever had a newspaper strike... Horsepower means how many units of energy it takes to move a horse seven feet... A new paint-by-the-numbers kit for color-blind people has just one number... The snake that bit Elizabeth Taylor in "Cleopatra" hasn't been a bit well since... Many babies (mostly boys) are being named after Hoss, the fun loving teenager on Bonanza.

CAMP WHITE, OREGON—WORLD WAR II G.I.'s everywhere were deserting their own outfits just to enlist in units headed for what was considered the country club camp of America. Never a drop of rain, a swell commanding officer who knew how much growing boys liked Spam, within easy walking distance of Medford where the soldier was king (at least on pay day), Camp White was a home away from home. One kid from Akron, Ohio, liked it so well that he stayed on in the valley and became mayor of Medford. Isn't that so, Sergeant Dunlevy?

ASIATIC FLU GUIDE Everyone knows the old saying, "Starve a fever and feed the Asiatic flu." We'll you'd better give it something it likes such as Egg Foo Yung, Chow Mein, sweet and sour spare ribs, and, of course, bean sprout pizza.

FORTUNE COOKIE MESSAGE "Don't leave. You'll be hungry again in an hour."

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR Thirty miles to the west is a city named after a famous general who later became president of the United States. Ikes Pass is known for its wonderful climate and is sometimes called "the city of 10,000 umbrellas." Nearby are extensive hop yards, the product of which causes people to skip and jump.

MENTAL NOTE Using a technique of hypnotic regression to take you back to your most primitive self, it is now possible to determine what kind of a person you would have been during the stone age. The operator hands you a rock and you decide if you feel like throwing it or crawling under it.

BOOK REVIEWS A number of new do-it-yourself books are now at your book dealers and we recommend a few we believe should be in every home. "How To Undo What You Did Yourself," "How To Cheat At Polo," "Predicting Things For Fun And Profit," "A Mess Sergeant's Guide For Making Everything Taste Like Sawdust," and "How To Knock Over Fort Knox, And Other Halloween Pranks."

SPACE SHIP STUFF 1st Spaceman: "It looks cold down there on that planet." 2nd Spaceman: "According to the instrument readings, it's 600 degrees below freezing down there which would certainly make it uninhabitable for life as we know it." 1st Spaceman: "Cool, man, let's get back to Venus where it's warm."

YOUR NAME HERE? Loom Aisles, Bobbed Uff, Palma Koy, Glenge Axon, Atomic Cloud, Bobbin Kuss, Huke Oalman, Bibb Arker, Eily Utbekon, Jahnew Ith.

"IF" DEPARTMENT IF we only had one eye in the middle, instead of the two where we have them now, glasses would look funny as the dickens. IF Columbus hadn't been such a boating nut, we would all still be Indians. IF people are always so upset about air pollution, why do they blow cigarette smoke in your face while they're telling you about it?



"I don't know what kind of generation we're producing, but kids don't want your autograph nowadays unless you're in the hundred-thousand-a-year bracket!"