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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 11, 1953 (Wednesday). Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay said emergency repair work on Savage Rapids dam will start immediately.

20 YEARS AGO: March 11, 1943 (Thursday). Estimated income from agriculture in Jackson county last year was highest on record.

30 YEARS AGO: March 11, 1933 (Saturday). City improvement plans considered in order to give employment relief.

40 YEARS AGO: March 11, 1923 (Sunday). Gold Hill barbershop is robbed of \$15.

50 YEARS AGO: March 11, 1913 (Tuesday). Emil Britt elected mayor of Jacksonville.

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

1. In what song is the line: "Then conquer we must, for our cause is just?" 2. What is the last word in the New Testament? 3. Correct the following sentence: "I wish one of my brothers were coming." 4. What is the national game of England? 5. What two nationally observed holidays in the U.S. always fall on the same day of the week? 6. In contract bridge, the winning of two games by one side constitutes a...? 7. What does the "A" stand for in Thomas A. Edison? 8. The city of Adelaide is in Australia, or New Zealand? 9. How many times did William Jennings Bryan run unsuccessfully for President? 10. Where were the Olympic Games held in the summer of 1936? Answers: 1. Star Spangled Banner. 2. Amen. 3. Is correct; subjunctive mood. 4. Cricket. 5. Labor Day and Thanksgiving. 6. Rubber. 7. Alva. 8. Australia. 9. Three. 10. Berlin, Germany.

Frenetic Drivel

This newspaper does not publish anonymous letters in its Communications column. Even when signed "Name on File," the identity of the writer is known to the editor (except in those rare cases when a deliberately false signature slips by.)

But below is an anonymous letter. A name was typewritten under it, but we assume the name to be false. There was no address.

The major portion of it follows:

Dear Editor: Well again you hit the editorial section with your undying devotion for the Negro. Don't you think it's about time you devoted more time to yourself, and your own condition?

The day is coming when there will be no more Catholics and no more Negroes. We have a way to make all the integrationists real unhappy, and as time goes on we hope to see you as miserable as your so-called friends here in the valley.

Let them take out their phones. We will always be in a position to annoy and aggravate them no end. You said once that you throw all anonymous letters in the waste basket. So do a lot of other people, but we are still there.

You should do a little more investigating and before it's too late, stop defending the Negro and the Catholics.

Don't you worry all the Catholics and Negro lovers here in our part of this lovely valley have found things so unbelievable and as time goes on will continue to do so. There are always means to get them unemployed, and you wait, we will get to you yet... Others in our circle... have succeeded in their efforts to destroy the Negro lover and all the Catholic followers. Don't try to shove anymore of that old hokum down our necks. Sure you have the pen, but we have our own campaigns. And you have no way of ever finding us. We haven't failed yet in destroying your friends, and who knows the one we have been concentrating on lately may even take their own life.

So Mr. Editor, if you have any compassion for your poor neglected Negro and Catholic friends, forget it. Let them all call on Kennedy. Maybe he can help.

It is terribly sad that some people are so filled with hate that they degrade themselves by putting out this frenetic, neo-Nazi sort of drivel. —E.A.

Because It Is Right

"Our Constitution is color blind," wrote Mr. Justice Harlan before the turn of the century, "and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens." But the practices of the country do not always conform to the principles of the Constitution...

One hundred years ago the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by a President who believed in the equal worth and opportunity of every human being. That Proclamation was only a first step—a step which its author unhappily did not live to follow up, a step which some of its critics dismissed as an action which "frees the slave but ignores the Negro."

Through these long one hundred years, while slavery has vanished, progress for the Negro has been too often blocked and delayed. Equality before the law has not always meant equal treatment and opportunity. And the harmful, wasteful and wrongful results of racial discrimination and segregation still appear in virtually every aspect of national life, in virtually every part of the nation.

THE Negro baby born in America today—regardless of the section or state in which he is born—has about one-half as much chance of completing high school as a white baby born in the same place on the same day—one-third as much chance of becoming a professional man—twice as much chance of becoming unemployed—about one-seventh as much chance of earning \$10,000 per year—a life expectancy which is seven years less—and the prospect of earning only half as much.

No American who believes in the basic truth that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights", can fully excuse, explain or defend the picture these statistics portray.

Race discrimination hampers our economic growth by preventing the maximum development and utilization of our manpower. It hampers our world leadership by contradicting at home the message we preach abroad. It mars the atmosphere of a united and classless society in which this Nation rose to greatness. It increases the costs of public welfare, delinquency and disorder. Above, all, is wrong.

THEREFORE, let it be clear, in our own hearts and minds, that it is not merely because of the Cold War, and not merely because of the economic waste of discrimination, that we are committed to achieving true equality of opportunity. The basic reason is because it is right.

The cruel disease of discrimination knows no sectional or state boundaries. The continuing attack on this problem must be equally broad. It must be both private and public—it must be conducted at national, state and local levels—and it must include both legislative and executive action.

In the last two years, more progress has been made in securing the civil rights of all Americans than in any comparable period in our history. Progress has been made—through executive action, litigation, persuasion and private initiative—in achieving and protecting equality of opportunity in education, voting, transportation, employment, housing, government, and the enjoyment of public accommodations.

But pride in our progress must not give way to relaxation of our effort.—President John F. 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. 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.

Dying Valley: To the Editor: The enclosed poem written by my husband in April, 1960, seems quite appropriate at this time, during the air pollution controversy in your paper. (Mrs.) Gerald H. Edwards 1541 Oregon ave. Medford.

OUR VALLEY: In this beautiful Rogue River Valley, So peacefully nestled, it seems, Surrounded by towering mountains, Nourished by myriad streams.

Blessed by a river of beauty, That travels its roguish way; From end to end of our valley, It makes its mad-cap way.

A sight for the eye to behold! Proud nature at its best; A beautiful place to live, Till, at last, Eternal rest.

The Douglas Fir, the towering Pines, Surround our lovely homes. The deer, the bear, the wildlife, Within this realm do roam.

Many a year has now gone by, Since first we saw this vale; And now our thoughts grow bitter, As we unfold this sorry tale.

For our valley slowly is dying, Dying from lust and greed. The human race is taking toll, What matter, there is no need.

To put a blight upon us, For, with less of greed and gain, Our valley would not suffer This excruciating pain.

With pain and suffocation here, We slowly will expire, Like the pre-historic beast, Caught, in the vicious mire.

Burners from the sawmills Belch forth their filthy smoke, While other forms of business Have furnaces to stoke.

To cap the awful climax, The orchards lend a hand, With a foul and awful blackness That's a curse upon the land.

It seems, with frost approaching, And the Pear trees in the bloom, They must light the smudgy oil-pots, And give them ample room.

To permeate our valley; With putrid, vicious smoke, It penetrates to the very core, And makes us gag and choke.

The once green lawns are ebony black, Our once white dog the same, We cough and retch and sputter, But, such is the human game.

Our beautiful valley, be d... d, you know So loosen up your tie, Breathe deeply of this putrid air, Someday, we all, must die.

continued support of our boys' and girls' work and maintenance of the Kiwanis Dental Clinic.

Jennings Pierce Publicity Chairman 1963 Kiwanis Kapers Medford.

The Church in Russia: To the Editor: The state approved visit of 20 Russian clergymen as the guests of the hierarchy of the World Council of Churches has engendered considerable verbal strife because of the allegation made by some that these men are actually spies sent here to propagate Khrushchev's tranquilizer of "peaceful co-existence" through American pulpits. As a result there is considerable confusion in the minds of many. This is being written to present the actual status of the church in Russia.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1959, Mr. Petr S. Deriabian, formerly a major in the Russian security police (NKVD), a defector to the West, appeared as a witness before the subcommittee to investigate the administration of the Internal Security Act and other internal security laws, of the committee on the judiciary of which Senator Dodd was chairman. The subject under investigation was the status of the Orthodox church in Russia. In his testimony Mr. Deriabian stated categorically that no man could be a priest in Russia without also being a trained agent of the NKVD. Gen. Karpov is head of the NKVD and he also controls the Russian Orthodox church. To be a believer and to ask people to join the church is to engage in anti-Soviet activities. If a man refuses to become a spy he cannot become a priest.

The present Metropolitan of Russia is Archbishop Nicolai. At the All-Union Conference in Moscow of the "Patriarchs of Peace," he said among other vilifying words: "The greedy tentacles of the overseas octopus (the United States) strive to enmesh the whole globe. Capitalist America, that fornicatrix of the resurrected Babylon, having arranged a world market, attempts to seduce peoples, pushing them on to war. But the simple people of all countries draw away their eyes with repugnance from this shameless nakedness."

"The overseas Freedom sings of 'freedom' to violence, to kill—this is their 'freedom.' " "We shall not distribute arms to young men that they shall kill one another."

A copy of this hearing can be obtained by writing Hon. Robt. Duncan, House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. Anna M. Sireed 38 North Peach st. Medford.

Loss of Freedom: To the Editor: In this era, Freedom in every corner of the world has become the greatest desire of mankind. No period in history has recorded more demands from the people everywhere to cast off the yoke of oppression, a time when dictatorship is making a last stand, and we, as a nation are spending ourselves into poverty to maintain what little we have left

Foreign News: Macmillan May Postpone Elections; Marx Anniversary Thursday

By WILLIAM J. FOX Notes from the foreign news cables.

British Politics: There is considerable British newspaper speculation that Prime Minister Harold Macmillan will step down soon and call general elections. But insiders in London say this is not in the cards.

Marx Anniversary: The 80th anniversary of the death of Karl Marx, father of Communism, will be marked this Thursday, March 14. And it is expected to bring a new spate of indirect Red Chinese-Soviet bickering about who is the most faithful to the tenets of Marxism-Leninism.

Colton Controversy: The United States and Japan are engaged in some bitter in-fighting over U.S. proposals to reduce imports of Japanese cotton goods. The

bounce back from their present low point.

come to realize that these older women are to be respected and admired for their abilities and ambition. B. L. Johnson 1017 West 10th st. Medford.

Working Women: To the Editor: To the lady who is under the illusion that all Medford women are too elderly to work, and "They do so to escape boredom, or to buy a new car, or rug for their homes."

"The Middle Aged": I imagine there are quite a few of this age-group working in offices and stores. I fact, I know quite a few, but I assure you I hardly think they work for the reason you mention. In the place where I work, with the exception of three or four, the complete staff, each and every one, maintain the full support of their homes.

These students you have worried about—I'm sure if they have the intestinal fortitude along with their faith they will manage without too much difficulty. All they would have to think about to give them an extra lift, is to thank God they didn't have to work and go to college in the middle thirties. They can take my word for it. It was more than rugged. Please don't sell these youngsters short. They have a lot of ambition and those that have what it takes will make it. They have every chance in the world. With this atomic age they will have opportunities we never dreamed of. All they need is the guidance and training of loving parents to cope with this old world.

Mrs. A. F. Martin 1685 Minear rd. Medford

Big Lies: To the Editor: Our State Legislature appears to have come up with a "magic" formula to "painlessly" extract another \$50 million or more per biennium from Oregon taxpayers by placing them under the temporary anesthesia of deception. The false story is being circulated that the extra tax will in fact come from the federal government and not from the individuals against whom it is to be levied.

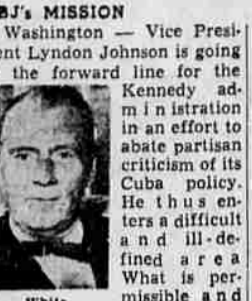
This deception is based upon the following three big lies: 1-State income tax that is allowable as a deduction on the federal return; 2-Everyone will qualify for this deduction on his federal return; 3-The Oregon income tax will reduce federal income tax in equal amount.

The truth of the matter is this: 1-With a few minor exceptions, any state or local tax assessed against the individual is deductible on the federal return (state income tax is no different in this respect from other types of tax); 2-No one can deduct his state income tax or any other state or local tax without first

United States doesn't see why Japan should be concerned about losing \$2 or \$3 million worth of textile sales, since it has the fastest growth rate of any industrial power in the world. But Japan says the loss would be more like \$10 million, which it considers a drop in the bucket to Wash-

Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate



LBJ's MISSION: Washington—Vice President Lyndon Johnson is going to the forward line for the Kennedy ad-

What is impermissible partisanship? And what is its source? For the question is not merely what is being said; it is also who is saying it. The reasons for this self-imposed assignment are clear. For eight years as Senate Democratic leader under the Dwight Eisenhower, Johnson consistently refrained from attacks on Eisenhower policy "beyond the water's edge."

MOREOVER, to the best of their ability they sought to restrain intemperateness among the Democratic rank-and-file in Congress. And they notably reduced the effectiveness of partisan assaults on General Eisenhower's conduct

giving up his right to take the 10% standard deduction. In fact where the personal deductions include medical expense, they do the taxpayer no good at all unless they exceed 14% of his "adjusted gross income"; 3-The Oregon income tax or any other state or local tax will reduce federal income tax, if at all, only to the extent of the federal rate for his bracket. In the bottom federal bracket each \$1 paid in allowable taxes will reduce federal tax by only 20 cents.

The master logic in the move to disallow the federal tax as a deduction lies in that it can be expected to do to discourage high income individuals from coming to Oregon. The present state top bracket is 9 1/2%. For an individual in the 50% federal bracket the new plan would double his rate making it 19%. For one in the top federal bracket of 91% the Oregon tax on his \$9 remaining after federal tax would be \$9.50, or 105.5/9%.

Earl Glidewell 1090 North First st. Hermiston, Ore.

Poor Practice: To the Editor: I wish to commend the gas company on the way it left the road after laying the gas pipe on Reager st., and the safety program they took as far as letting the kids play around the big ditch digger.

I thought it was about absolutely zero. Reager st. had been a good road before they sloped the pipes on the left hand side, then cut across the street and left that in a mess too.

I wonder if they intend to repair this mess they left the road in? I know for sure it will be one hell of a mess this coming winter if it is left this way.

David J. Sletten 121 Reager st. Medford



"Listen to this—The first condition of immortality is death.—How true, how true!"