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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 29, 1953 (Sunday) Residents observe Palm Sunday.

20 YEARS AGO March 29, 1943 (Monday) Meat purchases in the city are average, dealers report.

30 YEARS AGO March 29, 1933 (Wednesday) Evidence uncovered by state police, city police and district attorney's office shows that ballot robbery was plotted seriously at meetings in the courthouse a few days and hours before its commission.

40 YEARS AGO March 29, 1923 (Thursday) With Copee begging for workers and orchardists busy, there is no excuse for begging on the streets, the chief of police says; citizens warned not to help professional indigents.

50 YEARS AGO March 29, 1913 (Saturday) New Bybee bridge construction over Rogue river starts.

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

1. What two countries are connected by the Khyber Pass? 2. Which is higher in rank, an embassy, or a legation?

3. Has any President of the United States been married while in office, since 1900? 4. A figure of speech is called a metaphor.

5. In what state was the Battle of Gettysburg fought during the War Between the States? 6. What alcoholic mixed beverage has a name identical with that for a motorcycle attachment?

7. Who wrote the poem beginning "When the hounds of spring are on winter's traces"? 8. During World War II there were news stories about Big Inch and Little Inch; what were they?

9. Which of these famous men was born first: Thomas A. Edison or Robert Fulton? 10. What currently-made American automobile is named for an Indian chief?

Answers: 1. Afghanistan and Pakistan. 2. Embassy. 3. Yes (Woodrow Wilson's second marriage). 4. Metaphor. 5. Pennsylvania. 6. Side car. 7. Swinburne. 8. Pipe lines. 9. Fulton. 10. Pontiac.

Communications Problems

The day has arrived which we have been trying to postpone as long as possible, but can no longer.

It is the day when, reluctantly, we must announce a new and slightly more restricted policy on "Communications," or letters to the editor.

Ever since we have been in charge of this department, we have endeavored to print ALL letters to the editor, save only for those which were longer than our limitation of 400 words, and those which were in what we considered bad taste, or were libelous, or anonymous.

BUT, within the past several months, the number of Communications has increased so markedly that we no longer have space for all the letters that arrive, plus the regular editorial page features.

As this is written on the editorial desk is a folder containing 46 (yes, forty-six) communications submitted for publication. A number of them are by the same writers, who have submitted as many as four or five within the space of a week or two.

At most, we can publish only four or five or six on week days, and about a dozen on Sundays. Thus, the need for a new Communications policy.

- IT IS this: 1. We shall continue to print as many letters to the editor as space will allow. 2. Preference will go to those which are short, legible, fresh, interesting and timely. 3. We shall endeavor (as in the past) to see to it that no one individual will be accorded more than a fair and proportionate amount of space in the Communications column, although this will in no way prevent "regular" letter-writers appearing, but no more than at intervals of about once a week at most. 4. We retain the right to shorten and condense letters, both for clarity and for space reasons. In some instances they may be returned to the writers for the same purpose. 5. We retain the right to reject letters for the reasons mentioned above, or for other reasons we deem good and sufficient, without acknowledgment.

THESE, then, are the new "ground rules" for letters, along with the regulations which have been in effect all along.

Additionally, we shall give preference to letters from our own readers to those from elsewhere. We shall continue to permit letters to be signed with initials, pen-names or "Name on File," but we will not publish a letter unless we know the name AND address of its writer.

All this, boiled down, simply means that because of the volume of letters being received, we are being forced to exercise a tighter editorial control, and exercise a firmer editorial judgment, over the ones which are printed.

IT IS our firm conviction that the Communications column is one of the best-read parts of the paper. It is our desire that it remain so. We hope to continue receiving a goodly sampling of public opinion of a wide variety of matters of interest.

We hope that these few changes in the ground rules will not discourage letter-writers. Keep them short and keep them interesting. But keep them coming!—E.A.

Can Johnny Use Logic?

Why can't Johnny read? Why can't Johnny write? Why can't Johnny think? Have you heard of these complaints recently? Of course.

But it might not be as bad as reported. The Seattle Argus recently ran a brain-twister which, it said, is a "sample logic problem—not at all atypical—one high school teacher recently handed her algebra class."

IT GOES like this (and readers, young and old, of the Mail Tribune are invited to try their hands at it—as we—sob!—did):

Five men, each of a different nationality, lives in a different colored house, drinks something different, smokes a different brand of cigarettes, owns a different animal.

- Here are the clues: There are five houses in a row. The Englishman lives in the red house. The Spaniard has a dog. The person who lives in the green house drinks coffee. The Ukrainian drinks tea. The green house is just to the right of the ivory house. The man who smokes Old Golds owns snails. Kools are smoked in the yellow house. The man in the middle house drinks milk. The Norwegian lives in the first house. The Chesterfield smoker lives next to the man with a fox. The man who smokes Kools lives next to the man who owns a horse. The Lucky Strike smoker drinks orange juice. The Japanese smokes Parliaments. The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.

The questions: Which man drinks water? Which man owns a zebra?

THE clues offered are sufficient for the solution of the problem. No tricks are involved. We sweated over it for longer than we care to confess, and also most solved it, but dinner intervened. After dinner we showed it to a 17-year-old of our acquaintance. She solved it, correctly. Games, anyone? (The answer will be printed here in a few days.)—E.A.

"It Does Take Away A Little From The Grandeur"



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.

Rights of the People

To the Editor: An editorial in the Grants Pass Courier of March 25 relative to the transfer of certain functions of the sheriff's office to the state police should be read and reread by all interested in personal rights and liberties.

If your voting rights are not taken from you directly, you are subtly deprived of the same indirectly. The sheriffs are elected by the people while the state police are appointed. The same tendency is noted in the federal as well as the city, county and state governments.

The U.S. Constitutional provisions of powers not delegated to the federal government nor denied to it are reserved to the states respectively; also the provisions that no money should be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by law, and a regular statement and account of the receipts and expenditures of all public money shall be published from time to time, are both disregarded by Congress.

They are both supposed to protect the rights of the taxpayers from wasteful spending, also from a centralized dictatorial government. The utter disregard for the right of the people to economy in government is shown by the many brain storms in Washington as Alliance for Progress, Peace Corps, New Frontier, foreign aid, farm aid, etc. Also the junkies of Congress and their families and friends, also the acting as nursemaids to 95 countries of the world. Also internationalism in place of Americanism.

All contribute to depriving the people of the right to a sound dollar by aiding in reducing the purchasing power of that dollar to 30 cents. What has happened to the assets accumulated 30 years or more ago? The rights of the people to a stable dollar have been abrogated and the assets accumulated several years back have depreciated in accord with the depreciation of the dollar.

One cure for the discrepancies and failures of our Governments to protect the rights of the people is for the people to awaken to what is happening here is not too much different from what is taking place in Cuba, except their handouts come from Moscow instead of Washington.

Maybe we are more ripe for Communism than we would like to admit. If you do not think you want it, use the freedoms you still enjoy. Accept Jesus Christ and His teachings, which show us that material things are not the most important part of life. Notice that He shows us that we are not glorified animals, but we are children of God, redeemed souls who are precious. Let us live that way and give thanks and glory to that one who had redeemed us. Then also the other freedoms which we enjoy in this great country of ours will be more precious to us.

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Ugly Knees To the Editor: I am so tired of looking at women's knees, and would like to know when the people who started this fashion are going to come to their senses and put those hemlines below the knees?

No, I'm not a religious fanatic or a little old lady. It makes no difference how attractive the dress, with those ugly knees showing it spoils the whole effect. Some women may have at-

New 'Algerian-Type' War Threatened in Rhodesia; U.N. Committee Hears Leader

BY BRUCE W. MUNN United Press International United Nations, N. Y.—(UPI)—The Africans are talking of a new "Algeria-type" war against British control of Southern Rhodesia.

The 150,000 square-mile gold rich and fertile territory is part of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland established by a 1953 act of the British Parliament.

Britain contends that it is self-governing; London has authority solely for the territory's foreign policy.

Rhodesian nationalists object to a Constitution promulgated in 1961 on grounds that it is a "white supremacy" document. Their supporters fought through last year's

U. N. assembly a resolution calling for a new document guaranteeing the "one man, one vote" principle. Only Portugal and South Africa voted no in the 81-2 ballot. Britain refused to participate.

Current lion of the Afro-Asian group, which includes an even half of the 110 U. N. members, is a stocky Rhodesian named Joshua Nkomo, who wears a tribal headdress of leopard skin and feathers as he talks with diplomats in the delegates' lounge.

Nkomo is head of the outlawed Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU), Southern Rhodesia's chief nationalist party.

He came here to testify before the assembly's 24-nation committee on colonialism, a

group that looked like a pie-in-the-sky creation when the world parliament created it, with a strong push by Russia, two years ago.

The committee welcomed Nkomo with open arms, rhetorically speaking—as one often does here.

Nkomo denounced British policy, called for reforms and from a distance of 3,000 miles

issued a 48-hour ultimatum to imperturbable R. A. Butler, Britain's deputy cabinet chief who is seeking in London a way out of the Rhodesian puzzle.

Southern Rhodesia, he said at the height of his peroration, is "moving fast toward an Algeria-type situation."

The reference to the eight-year war that drained France and cost thousand of African and French lives in the struggle for Algeria's independence was intended as the ultimate horrific inducement for anti-colonialist support.

The committee members, unreluctant to take a crack at Butler, stood with Nkomo. Even the United States joined in, with Ambassador Sidney R. Yates observing that "the turn of the political wheel has given the reins of government to a party which seemingly favors maintaining the greatest extent possible existing social and political relationships."

Yates warned Britain against granting independence to Southern Rhodesia until there is a more satisfactory situation.

Washington Report

BY WILLIAM S. WHITE (c) United Feature Syndicate

END OF SERVILITY Washington—The moment of truth in which the United States must decide once and for all whether or not it will cling to the absurd line that there should be "no strings" anywhere on American foreign aid has been long delayed. But though common-sense in this field commonly runs a Perils-of-Pauline race with arrant nonsense, two current developments give some hope that the show-down cannot much longer be put aside.

One of these is a calm, clear-minded and adult series of recommendations to the president for putting complete rationality into the aid program. These have just been issued by a distinguished and nonpolitical commission of review headed by Gen. Lucius Clay. Among the great contributions of this hero of the Berlin Blockade is a firm warning that we must not continue to extend aid "which is inconsistent with our beliefs, democratic tradition and knowledge of economic organization and consequences."

Many of those who remain do not seem to mind too much that they are losing some of their freedom. Many of the children live away from home. Religious freedom is not discussed. Perhaps that made no difference to most Cubans, for Cuba had but few practicing Christians before the Revolution.

Now what concerns me is, how many Americans would not be just as satisfied under a Communist system of government as they are in a democratic form of government if their standard of living would remain the same? How many of our people appreciate and make use of the freedoms which we enjoy in our country? We have the privilege to vote for our own government officials, but if half the people who are eligible vote in an election that is regarded as very good. We have the freedom to attend the church of our choice and to worship according to the dictates of our own heart, but on an average Sunday only about 1 out of every 8 or 10 persons will attend a church service. And in Oregon the percentage is even worse.

Many of our freedoms we are ready to trade in for a subsidy or a handout from Washington, D.C. What is happening here is not too much different from what is taking place in Cuba, except their handouts come from Moscow instead of Washington.

Maybe we are more ripe for Communism than we would like to admit. If you do not think you want it, use the freedoms you still enjoy. Accept Jesus Christ and His teachings, which show us that material things are not the most important part of life. Notice that He shows us that we are not glorified animals, but we are children of God, redeemed souls who are precious. Let us live that way and give thanks and glory to that one who had redeemed us. Then also the other freedoms which we enjoy in this great country of ours will be more precious to us.

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Strictly Personal

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

WHY SAMMY RUNS "Why does he want more money?" said my friend at lunch, about a third man we both know. "He's got far more than he needs, and he'll just kill himself trying to double his fortune." This is a commonplace enough situation, and of course it is obvious to anyone that money itself is not what the man wants: it is the "game," the "thrill," the gratification of "winning" that makes Sammy keep running long after he has any need to.

What I think is less understood, however, is that a chase of this sort is essentially a substitute experience. And a substitute is always something that we can never have enough of.

ON those who have not thought it all through really believe we should demand total submission, every day and on everything, from the recipients of our assistance. For foreign aid, to the degree that it stabilizes conditions and avoids chaos which sometimes is followed by communist take-over, is indeed, in American interests.

But if it is not necessary for us to be liked, it is absolutely necessary for us to be respected. And only the incurably naive believe we should consistently subsidize governments which consistently take up positions contrary to those American interests.

Such people, however, do exist in the United States—as General Clay learned in the shrill winds of criticism now blowing from the American left because he dared to raise the slightest question of those one-way aid policies in which we are graciously permitted to pay for the privilege of being abused and obstructed.

STILL, the fact is that the Brazilian loan and this predictable tumult against it Clay from the old ladies of the left are more likely to be constructive than otherwise in the end. For reasonable people—and this definitely includes a great majority of both parties in congress—are simply not going to stand much longer for this sort of thing.

This sort of thing will hasten the day when public opinion will force one of two great decisions: either a cleansing of foreign aid of servile unwillingness to make any demand whatever upon its recipients; or the destruction of foreign aid itself.

If the Clay commission recommendations are ultimately ignored, it will be foreign aid itself which will fall. But because foreign aid—rational foreign aid, that is simply must not fall, the administration at last must rid itself of this servility. And the hero of Berlin will once again have served all the West even though the old ladies of the left—whose vehemently uncritical "support" of even the most indefensible forms of foreign aid is the program's worst enemy—will shriek against him to the end.

Has United Grocers helped their members in the fight against chain stores? A local chain store is doing one of the largest volumes in the state of Oregon and is building another store in Medford and one in Ashland. They have a new store in Grants Pass.

Some people make their living working for local merchants, but do all their trading at chain stores. Farmers will sell their milk to local dairies, yet trade at the chain food stores. Loyalty is almost a thing of the past.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has told senators he believes ONLY HARM can come from their stormy investigation of the TF-72 warplane contract award.

He added: "There is a lot of harm that will accrue from this investigation. I can not see ANY good that will accrue from it."

IF YOU are an average, everyday citizen, not too familiar with the technicalities of politics and legislation, you may wonder what this TF-72 business is all about. Let's see if we can offer a little clarification.

TF-72 is one of these fancy alphabet terms that Washington is so fond of. It means TACTICAL FIGHTER, EXPERIMENTAL. This TF-72 is a fighter plane so designed as to be usable by both Air Force and Navy.

The idea back of it is that such a plane would have an immense amount of money and if properly designed and built would be just as effective as SPECIAL planes built for each service.

It's obviously a good idea if such a plane can be produced.

SO—Proposals to design and build such a plane were invited. Two proposals were received. One was from the General Dynamics Corp., of Fort Worth, Texas. The other was from the Boeing Co., of Seattle.

After exhaustive investigation, the job was awarded to the General Dynamics Corp.

THAT'S where the ruckus started. It is a \$6.5 BILLION job. That's a lot of money. It represents an IMMENSE industrial development.

THE General Dynamics plant at which the planes will be built is located at Fort Worth, Texas. The Boeing Co. has plants at Seattle and at Wichita, Kansas. Boeing had announced that if it won the contract it would build the planes at its Wichita plant. Presumably, its Seattle plant would have benefited materially—by the making of parts, and otherwise.

Naturally, Texas was acutely interested in getting an industrial development of such magnitude. So... in the accepted American manner... it called on its delegations in Washington to give their utmost to get the \$6.5 billion job for their state.

Both Washington and Kansas were equally interested in getting the job for their states. So the Washington and Kansas delegations in congress came into the battle in a big way.

IT WAS an epochal fight. Defense Secretary McNamara was the umpire. He ruled for Texas and the General Dynamics Corp.

AS EVERY baseball fan knows, the umpire has a tough job. Secretary McNamara has a tough job. He is quoted as having said to the chairman of the senate sub-committee that held the final hearing and made the final decision: "Last night when I got home at midnight, after preparing for today's hearing, my wife told me that my own 12-year-old son had asked her how long it would take for his father to prove his honesty."

SO THERE'S the story of this TF-72 ruckus that has been filling the papers and clogging the air waves for all these weeks. It's quite a story, isn't it?



"We've seen the regular White House tour. Let's see what they couldn't show us on TV!"