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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
April 16, 1953 (Thursday)
 Ownership of the public housing project, constructed during the war on West Jackson st., has been transferred from the federal government to the Housing Authority of Jackson county.

20 YEARS AGO
April 16, 1943 (Friday)
 Congressman Harris Ellsworth reports Charles Reese Braley Jr., Medford, heads list for appointment to U.S. Naval Academy.

30 YEARS AGO
 Applegate region to get first Civilian Conservation Corps camp.

40 YEARS AGO
 Sunday hottest day of year with temperature of 85 recorded; highways and roads crowded with motorists.

50 YEARS AGO
 Erection and operation of \$50,000 cement plant assured at Gold Hill as Beaver Portland Cement company files articles of incorporation at Salem.

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

1. For what act committed on August 20, 1940, did Roman Mercader spend many years in a Mexican prison?
 2. How long is the term of a patent?
 3. What relation to you is the daughter of your first cousin?
 4. Name the states of the Union which have names beginning with the letter E.
 5. What time of day is spelled the same backward and forward?
 6. John Chapman wandered extensively through Ohio and Indiana during the early 1800's; what did he do on this hike?
 7. Shakespeare was the Bard of Avon; who was the Bard of Ayshire?
 8. Who wrote the tragedy "Mourning Becomes Electra"?
 9. In what sport is the term riptose used?
 10. For which U. S. President was the capital of Liberia named?
- Answers: 1. Assassination of Leon Trotsky. 2. Seventeen years. 3. First cousin once removed. 4. There are none. 5. Noon. 6. Planted apple trees (Johnny Appleseed). 7. Robert Burns. 8. Eugene O'Neill. 9. Fencing. 10. Monrovia after James Monroe.

'Inexcusably Irresponsible'

House Speaker Clarence Barton, Democrat from Coquille, is a pleasant-spoken man with political ambitions. Speaking from the podium afforded by a daily morning press briefing, he has been hitting the front pages of afternoon newspapers with some regularity. This is a pretty good deal for a man with an eye on higher elective office. Recently, though, he's put his foot in his mouth with such regularity that he's beginning to make Republican Governor Mark Hatfield look a lot better than he has looked before.

THE Governor is seen to emerge as the staunch champion of higher education—despite the fact that he and his financial advisors cut the higher education budget far below that submitted by the state board of higher education. The Governor is now defending his own budget from the slashes threatened by some of the ways and means committee. In doing so, he is making Barton and other critics look like parsimonious enemies of education.

Barton and the others disclaim this role. But they are not at all convincing. One wonders how they can justify this attitude—that higher education can be cut drastically—with the education plank in the 1960 Democratic party platform: "The Democratic Party of Oregon believes that the crisis in American education still exists and that continued evasion of the crisis is inexcusably irresponsible in light of our national needs and world obligations."

BY THEIR own actions and words, then, the Democrats who are dragging their feet are "inexcusably irresponsible." By any standard one can use—financial, social, cultural, or economic—investment in education is the best investment we can make.

Higher education, better education, education for more young people—these are the imperatives of today if we are to meet the challenges of the cold war, of automation, of a changing society, and of a civilization which grows in complexity from day to day. Penny pinching parsimony in education—if allowed to happen—will haunt the members of this legislature for years to come.—E.A.

Legislator as Educator

The current dustup centers around a statement made by the board of higher education as to what they would do if the governor's budget for higher education was cut by \$5 million.

Note, please, they were ASKED for this by members of the ways and means committee. When they gave it members of the committee exploded in outrage. What did they expect? Chimes? The board is charged by law with the administration of higher education. The members spend uncounted hours sweating over the manifold problems confronting them, year in and year out. Yet when, in response to a direct request, the board tells what in its best judgment it would have to do to meet a \$5 million cut, they are roundly criticized by those who asked for the statement.

GOVERNOR Hatfield called the board's statement "careful, realistic, forthright and honest." We agree heartily. We also consider the reaction of the legislators to be just the reverse—careless, unrealistic, devious and something less than honest.

House Speaker Barton declares, with what sounds suspiciously like sanctimony, that the legislature is "the voice of the people." Baloney, three times over. It is their elected representatives, not their voice. If Barton would stop thinking in terms of talk, and start thinking in terms of constructive action, he'd command greater respect.

LEGISLATORS come from all walks of life. Just because they are named by the people to represent them does not make them experts on anything and everything. The board of higher education is also a lay board, but it spends vast amounts of time studying the problems of education, far more than legislators can. It has the assistance of dedicated, intelligent men who have devoted their lives to the field, who know the special problems, and in many cases the best answers for them. If the legislature wants to run the state's colleges and universities, it can abolish the board. But it is mean and petty to carp at the board for doing its job the best way it knows how.

WE HAVE said frequently that the legislature is a lousy highway commission. As a state board of higher education, the legislature would be a revolving horror.

If the ways and means committee is serious in cutting the higher education budget to below the already inadequate level recommended by the governor, let it ponder this: Economists estimate that education is directly responsible for between 30 and 50 per cent of America's growth and productivity. The individual with a college education can be expected to earn some \$400,000 during his lifetime; the high school graduate will earn some \$258,000; the elementary school graduate will earn some \$182,000—or well under half of that of the college graduate. It is a fact that higher education in Oregon is acclaimed for excellence nationwide. If a combination of politicking and stupidity in the legislature compromises that excellence, and if it reduces the educational opportunities of Oregon's youth, it will be coming dangerously close to malfeasance in office.—E.A.



How come your profession doesn't give annual awards for achievement like everybody else?

... 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.

A Matter of Pride

To the Editor: The Moscow press in Russia has been asking that our House Committee on Un-American Activities be abolished. And its American counterpart here in the U. S., including the Communist Party, "People's World" and "The Worker," have also been beating the drums for abolition.

The House Committee wrecking crew in America consists of the Communist Party, U.S.A., and practically every Red front and pro-Communist organization in the nation. As of now, this wrecking crew is headed by "The National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee," the executive director of which is Frank Wilkinson, who recently served a year in prison for contempt of Congress.

About 95 per cent of the American people have the same affection, admiration, and respect for our world famous, pro-American, "Committee" as they do for J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI. And they'll proudly defend it. For they know that it is a mighty bulwark against Communist treason in America. For 25 years it has stood between America and Red disaster. For 25 years it has kept the Reds at bay. No wonder they want to get rid of it. And no wonder we Americans are so proud of our "Committee."

Yet last year Oregon suffered the undying shame of having one of the six Congressmen who voted against this Committee. While this is your our shame is greater than ever. For Bob Duncan, our new Congressman, has also voted against our staunchly loyal "committee." All of you nice, but apathetic, people who so carelessly voted Mr. Duncan into office should be right "proud" of yourselves.

Frank Koch
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Dictatorship

To the Editor: If the Legislature of Oregon is determined to have the proposed new Constitution defeated in referendum at the first submission to the people they need only continue with the scheme to make the Governor dictator of Oregon. It is true Oregon has too many semi-independent commissions and boards, the most objectionable of which is the Board of Control, which should be abolished in the new Constitution. Other boards having too much power can be curbed at any time by act of the Legislature.

We, the people, hold the Legislature responsible for the state treasurer's office for which they can provide an auditor when necessary, and would look with considerable fear on the type of financial dictator contemplated in the proposed Constitution, who would appear to be almost impregnable once he is in office.

There is a school of thought that considers the Attorney General only a legal adviser to the Governor but I believe there is no doubt that to most Oregonians he is the interpreter of the law for all of the people and that his election as a constitutional officer is a necessary part of the system of checks and balances that are needed to continue democratic government. Most of us can remember that in recent years the fact that the Attorney General was of a different party than the Governor has been of tremendous value to the people of Oregon.

Those of us who have lived in a state where a political machine operated under a strong Governor learned by experience to distrust a system that gives too much power

er to any one official

would oppose the plan for an all-powerful Governor surrounded by yes men. Oregon has always been a two party state and in late years a concerted and planned effort has been made to make these parties unified, responsible organizations. To concentrate power in the hands of one man is efficient, certainly, the world dictatorship have proven that throughout the years, but it is not democracy, it is not rule of the people.

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Editor's note:

The President of the U.S. (and his "spare tire," the vice president) are the only nation-wide elected officers. Why are there no cries of "dictatorship" concerning the federal government then?

Back Pat

To the Editor: As we go through life it is well to pause a moment to give someone a pat on the back—as per enclosed letter.

David Frisch
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Dear Mr. Frisch: Thank you for your letter of March 26 addressed to the Administrator commending Mr. Robert G. Tugman upon his leaving the Veterans Administration to join the University of Oregon.

We are pleased to know that our employees get along well with domiciliary members. We agree with you that his assignment to this new position is well deserved.

John W. Walsh, M.D.
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 Restoration Centers
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 Washington, D.C.

Revamping Needed

To the Editor: From whence came the familiar phrase: "Nero fiddled while Rome burned?" Well, something tells us the economy is sagging, or is it just getting lopsided and a bit threadbare from over-production or under consumption, as the case may be?

Some 11 million citizens who are 65 years old and over could not afford to pay a sales tax on food let alone a higher tax contemplated on cigarettes now suggested.

No wonder we see so many personages in the news pictures smoking their favorite brand pipes. What our economy needs is a revamping to sustain the present frontier. (Name on file)
 Medford.

Let 'Em Guess

To the Editor: My letter on busybodies caused real home discussions. I'll answer in this corner if I may.

Recent Easing of Tensions in Western Alliance More in Attitude Than Reality

By STEWART HENSLEY
 United Press International
 Washington—(UPI)—The tension and confusion within the Western Alliance appear to have diminished somewhat in recent days, but the change is one of atmosphere rather than substance.

American officials hope to take advantage of the new mood to restore some of the momentum in NATO planning which was lost under twin military and economic blows from French President Charles de Gaulle last January. Washington realizes, however, that the opportunities are limited and the approach must be devious.

The improved atmosphere in the alliance seems to stem from two factors, both of them somewhat intangible:—Renewed French cordiality toward Secretary of State Dean Rusk and British Foreign

Minister Lord Home during allied consultations in Paris last week.

Increased evidence that other European members of NATO resent De Gaulle's tactics and are not willing to support his efforts to create an inward-looking Europe removed from U.S. and British influence.

The second factor may have had some effect in bringing about the first.

In any event, the Kennedy administration is pushing plans to give NATO programming the appearance of forward motion, despite some criticism that the United States is resorting to "gimmicks" as a substitute for policy.

Faced with De Gaulle's flat refusal to help create a NATO nuclear force and his insist-

ence on going ahead with independent plans, Rusk came up at Paris with a flanking move which may or may not succeed.

The new idea is to coordinate under the NATO commander, subject to U.S. veto, targeting plans for some British nuclear bombers, three U.S. Polaris submarines and aircraft of eight other NATO countries which have arranged to secure U.S. atomic weapons for some of their planes. France is among these eight, since she agreed recently to take atomic weapons for two of her fighter bomber squadrons based in Germany under NATO command.

This end run, if successful, would create what Rusk now calls the "interallied nuclear force." Its effect would be principally psychological. It

would be a pale shadow of the "multinational" force envisaged by President Kennedy and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan at Nassau.

The force would add nothing to the nuclear striking power of NATO. Its warheads, except for those of the British, would have to remain in custody of U.S. military officials until Kennedy actually ordered a strike.

However, coordination of the force, limited though it might be, would save face by providing something which could be called a NATO nuclear group which might satisfy to some extent demands of European allies for an increased voice in nuclear strategy. They could participate, on the NATO staff, in plotting the targeting for an interallied nuclear force.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
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WHICH MAN IS THE "SENTIMENTALIST?"

One man is opposed to capital punishment. Another man is in favor of it. Question: Which man is the "sentimentalist?" Most people would answer, I think, that the man who opposes capital punishment is the sentimentalist. He is the "bleeding heart," the idealist, the one who is "soft on criminals."

This is how words continually betray us. For all the facts we have available indicate that the man who opposes capital punishment is the realist, while the man who favors it does so for emotional reasons and no other.

In a new pamphlet, "The Unexamined Death," an analysis of capital punishment by Hans W. Mattick, formerly assistant warden of the Cook County Jail, the author states in his conclusion, "The evidence indicates that those who favor capital punishment are sentimentalists, pure and simple."

The hard-headed and practical people are those who have actually examined the evidence and found that "capital punishment is irrelevant to the homicide rate." It is indefensible on any rational grounds, and is simply a form of legalized vengeance or "corporate murder."

There are, I believe, good moral and psychological reasons for abolishing the

death penalty. But I am not concerned with them here; what interests me in Mattick's brief and pungent study of the subject is the overwhelming evidence that capital punishment prevents no murders. It does not do the one thing its proponents insist it can do.

What capital punishment does do is to provide society with an unjust and irrational outlet for its anger and fear. Furthermore, it permits us to close our eyes to the multiple causes of crime by getting rid of the symptoms only. Meanwhile, the crime rate continues to increase everywhere, despite more stringent penalties.

I have argued the case against capital punishment in previous columns, and I have never seen a factual refutation of it. But what is most ironic in this whole controversy is that the label of "sentimentalist" should be attached to the opponent of capital punishment, while the proponent smugly believes himself the "realist" in the matter.

If realism means understanding cause and effect, if it means proportioning the methods to the ends, if it means being for something because it really works in fact, if it means refusing to be swayed by emotional considerations—then it is the opponents of the death penalty who are realists, in any meaningful sense of that abused word.

(For a free copy of "The Unexamined Death," write to the John Howard Association, 608 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, 5, Ill.)

The Natives Are Getting Restful

By Arthur Hoppe

Macuto, Venezuela—There you are, loafing around the beach. And here I am in the thick of things, fighting communism. Just like Mr. Nixon.

Mr. Nixon, as you may recall, came down here as Vice President to fight communism and cement the bonds of Venezuelan-American friendship. And Mr. Eisenhower had to call out the Marines.

So, with Mr. Nixon's example in mind, it was with some inner queasiness that I stepped off the VJASA jet airliner—better equipped though I was in my football helmet and drip-dry suit. Somebody cleared his throat. "Hit the deck," I cried. And then seven of them rushed me.

Three just wanted to shake hands. A fourth gave me a bottle of Venezuelan rum. Another presented me with a souvenir corkscrew and a battle opener. And the last handed me a punch. In a tall glass with a cherry in it.

But you know why they love me? It's because they recognize a dedicated Communist-fighter when they see one. And that's exactly what I am.

It's economics. You see, President Betancourt, who is a Good Guy, has got a couple of mountains full of iron, plus oil all over the place. But he's got to "broaden Venezuela's economic base" (whatever that means) to eliminate poverty and defeat the Communists. So he's opening classy hotels around the country to "attract tourist dollars."

Which are the best kind. Therefore, if you have any old tourist dollars lying around the house, it is your bounden duty to come down here into the front lines and

fight communism. Personally, I'm entrenched at the Macuto-Sheraton hotel and I can honestly say I've never seen a better place to fight communism.

Built under the old regime of dictator Marcus Perez Jimenez (a Bad Guy), the hotel has been standing vacant for the past five years and is just now opening under lease to the Sheraton people. It's got 17 kinds of Italian marble and cost a reported \$40 million to build. Or better than \$100,000 per guest room with lanai. But the rooms rent for \$10 a day. So being a dedicated Communist-fighter is not only patriotic. It's relatively cheap. And you can't beat that.

Of course, fighting communism is not without its hardships. There are grave decisions. Should we sit on the lanai looking up at the towering green Andes? Or in the patio looking out over the blue Caribbean? And which of the two huge pools should we dip into? Or the crystal waters lapping the private beach? Ah, me. And what kind of wine, do you feel, goes best with the filet de boeuf? Should we golf this afternoon? Or time before cocktails to . . .

Hold it. A gentleman just room carrying a bottle of walked into my \$100,000 Scotch, two bottles of mineral water, a fresh pineapple and a bucket of ice. I don't know about Mr. Betancourt, but I think I'm winning.

And now, if you'll excuse a dedicated old Communist-fighter who is trying to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Nixon, I think I'll go out on the lanai and get stoned.

