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

10 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1953 (Friday)
A citizens' committee to work with the city council on problems of off-street and metered parking in downtown Medford was appointed this week by Jennings Pierce, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

20 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1943 (Saturday)
Liquor shortage predicted for Oregon as Washington residents cross state line to Portland to make purchases when their own stocks become depleted.

30 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1933 (Sunday)
Fishermen fear revival of mining will ruin fishing on Rogue river.

40 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1923 (Monday)
Removal of all telephone poles on Front st. between Main and Jackson sts. completed.

50 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1913 (Wednesday)
Skeleton, "a grim relic of some tragedy of former years," found buried under old barn near old Bybee bridge.

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

Black Becomes Gray
Those readers who, over the years, have noted our strong advocacy of air pollution control, might be asking why, this year, this column has not blasted the smudge smoke which hangs like a gray pall over the valley these cold mornings.

THE orchardists are trying, really trying, at great cost to themselves, to eliminate as much of this nuisance, this costly and dangerous bane of housewives and those with chronic bronchial conditions, as they can.

WE DO not foresee the day when smudge smoke will be wholly eliminated from the cold spring mornings. But progress has been made, so much progress, in fact, that one is led to hope that within the next two years, the smoke will be even a thinner gray than it is today.

Meanwhile we can recall that as much as we all hate the gray and noisome stuff, the orchardists hate the necessity even more, because it costs them large chunks of money which they dislike to see go up in smoke as badly as we dislike the smoke itself.—E. A.

Nixon on Cuban Raids

Speaking before the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington the other day, Richard M. Nixon sharply criticized the administration's Cuba policies — particularly those which involve the restraining of the Cuban exiles from hit and run attacks on their homeland.

HERE is what White said:
"Pinprick exile Cuban raids upon Soviet shipping in Cuban waters, and upon the shore positions of Castro himself, have got to stop, for all these reasons:
1. They are wholly ineffectual and serve only to help entrench rather than to weaken Fidel Castro.

2. They are both fatally weak and fatally irresponsible. There will be no getting rid of Castro, in a heavily armed island fortress, by small and gallant but also pointless sorties against a ship here and there, a coastal position there and yonder.
3. They embarrass the conduct of the foreign policy of the United States by its only rightful conductor, the U.S. government. No set of foreigners granted sanctuary by the U.S. has the right to involve this country indirectly in military adventures.
4. These unauthorized attacks may give the Russians some excuse to refuse to withdraw the balance of their troops in Cuba.
5. Apart from all this, there lies upon the U.S. a heavy responsibility not to allow cruelly false hopes of early deliverance to rise among the Cuban people.
6. There is an old frontier expression that only a fool draws a gun unless he really means to use it."

Idealism and sentiment aside, the realities of the matter command more respect than were accorded them by Mr. Nixon.—E. A.

Democratic Abuse

Every once in a while, in one part of the state or another, rumors—sometimes confirmed, sometimes not—pop up to the effect that various units of government are exerting influence on employees in political matters.

IN ONE Oregon school district, for instance, we have learned that one employee, a teacher, was given a harsh reprimand from the administration after voicing publicly an opinion concerning a forthcoming school election—an opinion, presumably, which did not jibe with the views of the administration.

"I Can't Wait To Save You"



By Bruce W. Munn

Reports Give Hope That U.N. Members Will Make Good on Delinquent Payments

By BRUCE W. MUNN
United Nations, N. Y.—UPI—Adlai E. Stevenson brought back encouraging news from Europe for the United Nations: He found a renewed interest in France in the world organization and a disposition among some of its members to pay up their financial arrears.

THE KENNEDY-KEATING CUBAN POLICY
Cuba got a good airing before the American Society of Newspaper Editors, and the significant fact about the speeches of the President, Secretary Rusk and Senator Keating was that there is substantial agreement about what the United States should and should not do. It is hard to say what Mr. Nixon's Cuban policy would be.

... 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.

TV 'Report'
To the Editor: On their TV's Sunday night, April 21, the people of Southern Oregon watched the United Nations Armed Forces blow the Republic of Katanga to bits.

grossman Ut's Bill out of Committee to the floor of the House. Then write your Congressman, Bob Duncan, same address, to support this Bill, H.R. 427. And tell him you're not fooling. Thank you.

Editor's note: We happened to see the film mentioned above. It was one of the worst examples of slanted and misrepresentational propaganda we've ever seen, with scenes out of context, atrocities (which admittedly did happen, some months ago) exaggerated and emphasized, and the historical context of the U.N. presence in the Congo grossly distorted or ignored.

Intra-Mural Squabble
To the Editor: This is an "off year," that is, no general election is scheduled, and politicians are supposed to relax, let incumbents, especially freshmen like Bob Duncan, have a honeymoon before the slings and arrows start flying next year.

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THE truth is that Mrs. Marvin (Marge) Madden was my Jackson county campaign manager in the primary last year and that Marv supported my candidacy. This kind of fact frequently is given weight in patronage decisions!

Q-Do the people differ, too?
A-Drastically. Those who live under good dictators are ignorant, lazy, lovable people unready for self-government.

Q-What about freedom of speech?
A-Bad dictators stamp it out because they fear the truth. Good dictators can't allow it because they fear a bad dictator might take over and stamp it out.

Q-What about foreign policy?
A-Bad dictators lust to conquer the world. Good dictators only wish to retake what is rightfully theirs.

Q-Well, thank you, Mr. Source. But it's awfully complex. Isn't there some simple method of distinguishing the good dictators from the rest?
A-Yes. They're the ones on our side.

Q-Mr. Source, shouldn't we object to all dictators?
A-Oh my, no. That would be naive. There are good dictators and bad dictators.

Q-How do you tell good dictators from bad dictators?
A-A good dictator heads Free World governments. Bad dictators rule ruthlessly over slave nations.

Q-Do they govern differently?
A-Certainly. Good dictators bring stability to the country and guidance to the people with the help of their loyal armies of dedicated fighting men. Bad dictators impose naught but tyranny at bayonet point.

No Money
To the Editor: The U.S. National Bank of Portland loves to loan money. That's what they say on TV. So I jumped in my car and drove down there to get this money they love to loan. I had this vision of getting this small loan on my signature. Ha Ha.

Let's face it, we played it dumb. If we hadn't dropped out of school, we'd have been in those TV toothpaste tests and be living off the residuals!

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris

LAWS AND MORALS
In my city of Chicago, which I dearly love, despite its syndicate bombings, its strong-arming, its dopus hers, its prostitutes, its policy rackets, its slum landlords, and similar civic excrescences, a peculiar thing happened last month.

A night club comedian was found guilty by a jury of uttering obscene words in his performance, and was sentenced by a judge to a year in jail and given a \$1,000 fine.

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If this is what they have in mind they are making an enormous guess. For nobody can possibly know what the Soviet Union would surrender its whole position in Cuba as it surrendered its offensive weapons last October.

THE President of the United States cannot play with an ultimatum to a government like that of the Soviet Union. He cannot use an ultimatum unless he is prepared to go through with it and begin a war. If he is not prepared to go to war, an ultimatum is a bluff, and everyone will soon see that it is.

WHILE the present policy does not promise a quick withdrawal of the Russians or the fall of Castro, it is surely not true to say that it is complacent, do-nothingism. To a degree which is just short of war, Cuba is being photographed, patrolled, embargoed, squeezed and isolated.

THE paper was studded with goodies that day, but the Chicago public has become resigned, not to say apathetic, toward what would be considered shocking activities in less sophisticated communities.

The night club comedian who talked dirty was only a transient in town, and therefore it may have been felt that he was not authorized to take part in the city's general air of raffishness, to use the kindest possible word.

After all, we don't want any aliens coming in and corrupting the pink seashell ears of our virginal daughters with such Anglo-Saxon vocabularies. With our young daughters (and sons) reading every day about some new depravity, or old offense, it would be simply too much to expose them to the blunt obscenities of a wandering jester.

We taught that dirty lesson. If the slum landlords would only use profanity in public, there might be some hope for this conviction.



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