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Flight of Time: Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO: Fine hail which fell in scattered areas of the Rogue valley yesterday apparently caused no commercial damage to the area's pear crop.

20 YEARS AGO: Medford High school track team rolls up 60 points to take district title; Medford qualifiers for state meet include Steve Dippel, Jack Kresser, Frank Clark, Lowell Fleaser, Bill Bayliss, Chuck Braley, and Marvin Doty.

30 YEARS AGO: Dogs kill 63 sheep in Roxy Ann district. "Pussyfoot" Johnson, famous "dry" crusader, to speak in Medford.

40 YEARS AGO: Airplane, passing over Medford, is "viewed by hundreds"; craft is on way to Portland for mock attack to show how helpless the city would be in case of enemy attack.

50 YEARS AGO: New \$30,000 four-story brick warehouse at 12th and Front sts. completed; to be known as the distributing center of southern Oregon.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good. 1. On which coast of France is the port of Toulon? 2. Two presidents of the U.S. have been chosen by the House of Representatives because of no candidates having a majority in the electoral college; name them.

The 'Image of God'

From mankind's earliest beginnings, he has felt the miracle of creation, the forces of nature, the mysteries of the worlds unseen, and has called them God.

At first this may have been in the form of worship of the sun or moon, or even of a tree or rock, or all of these. Animals, too, figured largely in his concept of the supernatural.

As civilizations developed, more formal systems of religion evolved or were developed, and the mythologies of the Egyptians, the Greeks, the Norsemen, and the highly developed religions of Asia are still known to us.

THE concept of a monotheistic religion was relatively late in forming, but it did in Judaism, notably for our own western heritage, and in others.

As the concept of One God became ever more general, mankind visualized his Creator in a variety of ways. To some he was a great old man, seated on a golden throne in the heavens. In Christianity, the concept of the Trinity came to be co-existent with that of Unity. But the varying concepts of God are almost as diverse within Christianity itself as they are among other religions.

To some, still, he is the literal anthropomorphic God who created man in His own image, a Being of love and terror, who dwells in some vaguely conceived place called Heaven.

MORE and more, particularly within the last century, after the startling scientific revolution and particularly the writings of Charles Darwin, changed the scene, man's concept of his God has gone through even more variations.

Discussion of such matters, since they are highly personal and laden with emotion, has largely been confined to private talks, and within the churches. Few, indeed, who hold a vision of their God, will ever be "argued" out of it, and often those who bring up the subject are abused simply because they brought it up.

The most recent to do so, however, is Dr. R. John Robinson, Anglican Bishop of Woolwich, England, who in an article in The London Observer suggests that the "traditional image of God" as the "man up there" no longer accords with human knowledge.

THE reaction to his article was, "on the whole," temperate, according to Brooks Atkinson, writing in the New York Times.

He continued: "There was some righteous indignation from traditionalists. Dr. Edwin Morris, Archbishop of Wales, retorted that if secular man today does not accept Isaiah's vignette of God on a throne ('I saw the high and lifted up'), religious people need not conclude that Isaiah was wrong.

"Some of the others responded accordingly. For dogmatic religion frequently brings out the worst in men, as the crusades and massacres, the hangings and the burnings for heresy attest. Pride is the least of the deadly sins that dogmatic religion can foster. "But other British clergymen and most of the general readers agreed that the traditional image of God as the supernatural being 'up there' did not satisfy the understanding of either secularists or all religious people. Speaking as a scientist, Sir Julian Huxley pointed out that Dr. Robinson's thesis was not revolutionary in a century that had been consistently revising our knowledge of man's place in the universe. "What we have learned scientifically, specifically about evolution, does not eliminate religion. As Sir Julian remarks, 'There remains the fundamental mystery of existence, notably existence of the mind.' That is the wellspring of modern religion."

MANY people to whom religion is a meaningful concept—and this would include most people who have thought about it at all—could agree in large part with that final observation, although there will be some who would argue bitterly, and claim that anyone who deviates from orthodoxy—their own orthodoxy, of course—in any degree, are not, in fact, religious people. That we cannot, personally, accept, Atkinson puts it well when he says:

"... Not to be religious today is to be either very ignorant or very arrogant. And one need not adhere to any of the many orthodoxies to have an intensely religious outlook on life, which in essence is an acknowledgement of our dependence on powers beyond our control, and a special attitude toward and relationship with those powers.

IS SUCH a topic a legitimate one for public discussion, among the secular-minded as well as among the orthodox-minded?

Perhaps not. Perhaps it is too personal a matter for rational, intelligent discussion. Perhaps emotion is too vitally involved in the concept of one's God to permit quiet public consideration, let alone argument.

But the fact that the Bishop felt impelled to open a public discussion of such a sensitive matter, and the fact that the reaction was largely "temperate," may indicate that religion as a whole, and the image of God in particular, is not necessarily taboo.

IF WE are entering an era when religious animosities are dying down, and with the recent emphasis on ecumenism, both in the world of Protestantism and that of Catholicism, then there must be more such public discussion.

Without it, how are we to understand the differing beliefs and attitudes of our fellow human beings? And without that understanding, how are we to achieve a greater degree of unity—or, lacking unity, at least of tolerance and acceptance?

It occurs to us that the Bishop of Woolwich has, really, done us a favor by daring to challenge all of us to think about our own "image of God," and about the images held by others. —E.A.



"Instead of Churchill, they should make Khrushchev a citizen. This way, if he starts a war with America, we can shoot him as an insurrectionist!"

... 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.

The View From The Right

To the Editor: I see by your Editorial of 4/25 that you and Governor Hatfield have joined those who, after 20 years, are still beating on the dead body of Hitler and shouting dire warnings about "Fascism" and "Nazism," while seemingly unperturbed about a live Khrushchev and his Communist satellite right on our doorstep. Since you are both so "frightened" about the "Fascist" danger from the right may I remind you of the following:

It wasn't the right wing who promised aid to the Hungarian Freedom Fighters, then double-crossed and betrayed them—who allowed the Soviets to build the Berlin wall—who promoted Wieland and Rubottom after it had been alleged that they had brought Castro to power—who armed Communist Tito with our jet planes and taught his pilots to fly them at Texas air bases.

It isn't the right wing who pours foreign aid money into the hands of out and out Communists—who destroyed anti-Communist Katanga—who is selling wheat to Russia at less than cost—who allows U.S. Reds to get away with not registering as required by law and Supreme Court decision—who negotiates with the Kremlin butchers over how much more we are going to retreat. It isn't those on the far right who scuttled our "Sky-bolt" and are now trying to do away with our B70 bomber and our "anti-missile" missile—who are indoctrinating our troops with a "no-win policy"—who muzzle our patriotic officers and demoralize our whole armed forces.

And it certainly is not the right wing who are now proposing to disarm the United States and surrender our entire armed forces, our nuclear weaponry, and our sovereignty to the Communist controlled United Nations. Personally, I'm not letting ANYBODY get my eye off of the Communist murderers who have caused the blood to flow in country after country, with already one billion human beings under their Godless, brutal rule, enslaved, and in a constant hell of fear. The very cornerstone of Communist propaganda is to label anyone opposing Communism as a Fascist. Like Anna Streed, M.T. 4/28, I find it beyond comprehension that our governor and our editor as loyal Americans should be found parroting the Communist line. It is particularly distressing that they should be found inflaming minority groups of the nation with distrust and fear of the right wing. Do they not know that to "divide and conquer" is a basic Communist strategy?

Every right wing group in America is demanding a return to Constitutional government. And anyone with common sense knows that this is the direct opposite to Fascism, Nazism, and Communism.

Frank Koch 412 South First St. Central Point, Ore.

Always With Us

To the Editor: The word Socialism has a different meaning to different persons. The Socialist party formed in the U.S.A. in 1898, with E. V. Debs as its presidential candidate, stood for government ownership and operation of all industry. Debs was its candidate in five elections, 1900-1920. In the 1908 election a great many intellectuals took part, even Jack London made a couple of election speeches for Socialism. There was much flagwaving at the election rallies, even the red flag

was waved, and Debs received a vote of 1,100,000 against Taft, 7 1/2 million, Bryan, 6 1/2 million. After that the Socialist party died off, slowly, never to recover.

There are a great many letter writers in "Communications" who advocate a Socialist government. This cannot be done. We live under constitutional law which guarantees every individual his freedom of choice to make his living in the way he chooses as long as he does not step on the other fellow's toes.

The plight of Labor as of now you can blame on Labor itself in its selection of labor leaders. Look at Sweden, it has no labor trouble, no strikes. Its welfare system takes care of the unemployed. In 1909 there was a general strike in Sweden. It lasted a long time. But the Swedish employers formed a union. They appointed a spokesman to hold a confab with the union men. An agreement was reached and the strike ended. Then the Swedish workers got busy and elected their own candidates to the Swedish Riksdag. They even got a man named Branting into the Riksdag. He rose to Premier and he helped to formulate that welfare law which has now existed for over 50 years.

We could get the same results here if the Labor rank and file made a real effort to choose the right men for office.

To say that an unemployed and willing worker is entitled to a good living is a false premise, a chimera.

So, if the working people want to get greater security and better working conditions they have to make better efforts to choose their leaders and their spokesmen to deal with the employers. Naturally they must also engage in politics, which some of their leaders now declare taboo. Well, someone said "The poor ye always have with you" and now it can be said "The unemployed are always with us."

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What It's About

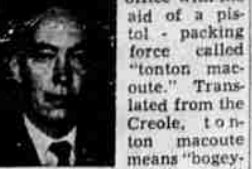
To the Editor: Really, Mr. Allen, I always thought you a well and intelligent man, but with some of the comments you have made recently and the ones 4/28/63 re my letter, some of us are beginning to wonder what it is all about.

I have always been taught our nation was a Christian nation. Imagine my being knocked for a loop when you said it wasn't. To be Christian, it must follow Bible standards. Ever notice our coins say "In God We Trust"?

How about our national anthem, the salute of our flag, America, etc.? So many called me who feel the same as I do, I felt I must write. God gives each individual a choice, either serve God or Satan. That can apply to a murderer. Either kill and pay the penalty, or not kill and be free. Although your comments had no connections with the subject you broke your own rule, thank you for mentioning minor matters as fluoridation. A can of fluoride is marked "poison". Again, it gives one a choice, to buy it at a drug store or not. But no one has the right to force it on someone else. Because of past illness it would be a detriment to some as well as those who are allergic. Those who promote it are committing a crime against his fellow man, and eventually have to pay the penalty for that crime. It has never yet been proven it is benefi-

Haitian Dictator's Regime Nearing End; U.S. Faces Dilemma on Course To Take

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst President Francois Duvalier of Haiti is a physician-turned-dictator who keeps himself in office with the aid of a pistol-packing force called "tonton macoute."



Translated from the Creole, tonton macoute means "bogeymen" and it is a fair description of the bully boys who swagger in blue jeans and sports shirts and who reportedly are adept at all forms of persuasion and "voluntary" contributions for Duvalier's personal projects to torture for his enemies.

Altogether, they total about 10,000 as compared to Haiti's regular army of 5,000, a force which Duvalier systematically has stripped of its best officers since he took office on Oct. 22, 1957.

Duvalier currently is observing a "month of gratefulness" for a bit of political sleight of hand which he executed two years ago and by which he declared himself re-elected for a new six-year term two years before his old term was to have expired. The old term would have expired this May 15.

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Mrs. Ernest Santo, 204 Lozier Lane, Medford

Rejoice

To the Editor: Oregon should rejoice because it looks as though our third largest industry will receive a major boost with the creation of the Oregon Dunes National Seashore. At the same time we should take pride in the fact that one of the most beautiful stretches of shoreline in the nation will be preserved for our children and their children to enjoy, just as we have enjoyed it.

A vote of thanks is due our public officials, both state and federal, who have essentially agreed to a compromise bill that is fair in all respects. It preserves the rights of private home owners and, at the same time, protects the undeveloped land from the ugly commercial exploitation that is blighting

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Log Missed

To the Editor: We miss the Channel 2 TV log that you had been printing. We get Channel 2 among a few others up here and we would like to see it back in the paper again.

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Editor's Note

Sorry. The station failed to send up-to-date corrections for the log. Too, there appears to be insufficient demand from enough readers to justify the space.

Strictly Personal

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

OPPOSITES We speak about the "attraction of opposites" in marriage and other relationships, but I have never seen anything written about the same kind of attraction in the literary and artistic field. It has fascinated me for years that so many of the men who become "experts" on a certain writer are diametrically opposed to the writer, in temperament and taste and outlook. This may explain some of their weird interpretations.

I have met men who are experts on such literary figures as D. H. Lawrence, James Joyce and Dylan Thomas. Almost without exception, these men would not have been given the right time of day by the writers they have chosen to "interpret" to the world.

The Thomas expert is a prissy soul, at whose pretensions Thomas would have hooted in derision. The Joyce expert would not have been looked at twice by Joyce. The D. H. Lawrence expert would have been dusted off by Lawrence in a few moments of conversation.

What attracts such dry, dreary and pompous scholars to such vital and iridescent writers is the familiar moth-and-flame syndrome, so common in love and in letters. These dry little literary insects love to singe

continued a 55-man Marine training mission in Port au Prince, partly on the theory that some of the best and most responsible men in Haiti were in its armed forces.

The U. S. remains in a dilemma in Haiti. But there also is the belief that eventually Duvalier must fall. The direction of that fall would determine the U. S. position—intervention if Communist, support if there seems a chance for a new democratic rule.

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann (c) 1963, The Washington Post

LUNCH IN PARIS

In Mr. Khrushchev's response to our call to check the Communists in Laos and to uphold the Geneva accord of 1961, we shall have a measure of his power and influence in southern Asia. Two years ago, when he met the President in Vietnam and agreed with him that Laos should be neutral and uninvolved in the cold war, Mr. Khrushchev was still the leader and big boss of communism in Asia.

Is he still the big boss and the leader? Much has happened in the past two years. The biggest event was the Chinese attack on India. There is reason for thinking that the disturbance in Laos as well as the mounting pressure of the guerrillas in South Viet-Nam are part of the same Chinese thrust to the south.

DOES Mr. Khrushchev still have the power and influence to overrule the Chinese? Presumably—for we can only speculate—the controlling fact is that the Russians and the Chinese, though they have conflicting interests and theories, cannot break with each other.

This probably means that the Chinese can go some way, but not a very long way, against India and Southeast Asia and, beyond that, against Indonesia. The Chinese cannot force the issue in Asia to a point where not only they, but the Soviet Union as well would be brought into a major nuclear confrontation with the United States.

On the other hand, the Russians cannot afford to exert the kind of economic and military pressure on China which will be needed to prevent the Chinese from nibbling their way forward into southern Asia.

IN THE short view, there is the possibility of a patched-up arrangement which will put off a showdown. Laos is still too far from everybody, from the Soviet Union, from

the United States, and even from China, to make it a good place for a showdown.

Although Mr. Khrushchev is losing control of revolutionary communism in Asia, the Chinese are probably not able to move precipitately. That seemed to be the lesson of their behavior when they invaded India and then stopped.

In the long run, the Chinese will surely keep on moving. With their birth rate and their poverty, they are sure to push outward. Assam, East Pakistan, Burma, Southeast Asia and Indonesia are rich, poorly defended, highly susceptible and very tempting. The Soviet Union will at the same time become increasingly concerned about its long frontier with China and about the security of the territories which were once under Chinese suzerainty.

WHILE these great developments are taking place in the Communist world, we and our allies have got ourselves into such a mess that France and the United States are seriously estranged. We ought both to be ashamed of ourselves. We have let our relations degenerate to a point where the President of the United States is planning to visit Italy, Germany and Ireland and to avoid London, lest a visit there would annoy the French, and to avoid Paris, because the general does not want to invite him.

There are a number of official explanations for this absurd predicament. One is that the American President was in Paris last year, and now it is the French President's turn to visit Washington, only he does not want to visit Washington. Another explanation is that the two Presidents cannot meet without making the whole world expect an agreement, which as a matter of fact is not now possible.

So far as I know, no one has ever explained why the two Presidents have to behave like two monuments rather than like two men. As men, it would be quite normal, since Mr. Kennedy will be within an hour of Paris, for the President of France to invite the President of the United States to lunch.

Close Air Support So Who Needs It? By Arthur Hoppe

Frankly, I haven't cared much for those ads our weapons makers are always running. On our money. You know: "Guardian of Our Shores—The Mighty Mammoth Missile!" With a picture and a message about how good Mighty Mammoth Missiles are for us. To tell the truth, I've found the copy pretty dull and impersonal. Kind of like public service messages.

So hats off today to the folks at Lockheed. For their new personal advertising campaign. Pitched right at you and me. Personally. I mean those current full-page ads headlined: "Need Close Air Support? Consider the Formidable New F-104."

Now that hit me smack between the eyes! With a shock I realized I'd never once asked myself if I needed close air support. And right away I considered the Formidable New F-104. There was its picture dropping a bomb. And the copy read better than an ad for a '63 station wagon.

"Look at the load it will carry. Bombs, rockets, napalm, air-to-ground missiles, frag dispensers, special weapons—any mix the mission calls for." And best of all, says the ad, "The F-104 Starfighter has already proven itself in limited war situations." Which are even more grueling, I'm sure, than the Mobil Economy Run.

Suddenly, I can see myself behind the stick of this 1963 Starfighter. Zoomoom... BOOM! Oh, the death and destruction I could wreak with the bombs, rockets and missiles in the roomy luggage compartment. I just hoped I'd be the first on my block to have one. What a status symbol!

Of course, some of the accessories seem questionable. Like napalm. I know it can't be beat for setting fire to thatched huts. Like in Vietnam, where I assume Lockheed means my F-104 has proven itself. But we don't have many thatched huts on my block.



Nor am I sure what Lockheed means by "special weapons." Probably those defoliants we've been using on the Vietnamese crops. To starve the peasants. But none of my neighbors is growing anything edible. And is killing flowers worth the added cost? One must watch the pennies.

So if you'll excuse me, I'm off to my friendly neighborhood Lockheed dealer. To kick the tires. But will he allow me Blue Book on my old '63 Hillman Husky? I doubt it. For while it's proved itself in limited collisions, I'm afraid it's never killed a soul.