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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**  
 May 28, 1953 (Thursday)  
 Voters of School District 49 have approved a \$1,283,952 budget for the Medford public schools by a vote of 383 to 25.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
 May 28, 1943 (Friday)  
 Twenty-two-year-old Medford woman acquitted of first degree murder of her 10-week-old son.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
 May 28, 1933 (Sunday)  
 Grants Pass residents asked to open construction of Tiller-Traill cutoff road.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
 May 28, 1923 (Monday)  
 Two new auto camps open for business in Medford.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
 May 28, 1913 (Wednesday)  
 First ground broken for new Medford trolley line.

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

1. Supply the missing word in this saying: "It depends upon whose - is gored."  
 2. Would you guess that Man O' War sired 84, 184 or 284 colts?  
 3. What is the zodiacal sign for persons born between Dec. 22 and Jan. 23?  
 4. Number 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is the address of which important place?  
 5. Locate these football stadiums - Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl, and Cotton Bowl?  
 6. Is it Jupiter or Saturn that is the largest of the planets?  
 7. The noted Carlsbad Caverns are located in which southwestern state?  
 8. Was George Eliot the pen name of a man or woman?  
 9. The first U. S. census was tabulated in 1790, 1800 or 1810?  
 10. Is bassoon the name of a type of monkey, musical instrument or receptacle?

Answers: 1. Ox. 2. 184. 3. Capricorn. 4. White House. 5. Miami, New Orleans, Dallas. 6. Jupiter. 7. New Mexico. 8. Woman. 9. 1790. 10. Musical instrument.

### On Book-Burning

In the Communications column today is a letter which calls for a book to be removed from the local library on the grounds that it is lewd and sacrilegious.

We acknowledge freely the sincerity of the writer. We also agree with her thesis that parents should know what their children are reading.

Our agreement ends there. We do not believe that the objections of one or even a group of people is adequate reason for censoring books, throwing them out of the library, or deciding for other people what they can or cannot read.

**THIS IS NOT** to argue the merits of the book. We have not read it, and do not, at this writing, plan to. We've got too many other things to read to devote time to a fictional, imaginative and philosophical version of the life of Jesus.

Still, if we wanted to read it, we would object violently to being told we could not — for our "own good."

If we resume the practice of banning books for religious reasons, we are back in the middle of the inquisition. In a land where freedom of religion is a Constitutional guarantee, such a reason is simply a non sequitur.

**AS FOR THE** other attributes of the book, we are not competent to make answer, although the passages quoted in the letter would not, we feel, of and by themselves serve to corrupt anyone.

It may be that parents would disapprove of their children reading a book of this type. If so, it is up to them to prevent it, not for the library to succumb to pressure to remove the book.

Presumably the decision to purchase the book was made by competent authority, acting on sufficient information. Certainly, simply because a book is controversial is no reason to ban it. If all controversial books were banned, our reading would be limited to "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" and others equally bland and innocuous.

**TO SUM UP:** A book — any book — must be judged on its own merits. If it is judged worthy of purchase, it should be purchased for the benefit of those wishing to read it.

Those who disapprove of it do not have to read it. And, as parents, it is their privilege — rather, their duty — to see that their own children do not read what they, as parents, do not wish them to read.

The Constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion means the freedom to write, and to read, books which others may consider sacrilegious.

If obscenity is a consideration, the proper place to go is to the courts.

Let us have no vigilante book-burning here. —E.A.

### The "Race Assembly"

News coverage of the recently-concluded general assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. tended to emphasize the decisions which called for complete separation of church and state, and for the end to Bible reading and prayer in public school classrooms if they are "devotional acts," in which cases they tend toward "indoctrination" and "meaningless ritual."

Because of this emphasis, other equally important decisions of the assembly tended to become obscured.

In the eyes of some observers, the actions taken by the assembly on racial matters were even more significant than the church and state issue.

**ONE** observer said, "... there was little doubt that this year's week-long meeting will be remembered as 'the Race Assembly' of the ... church."

A press release from the church's office of information said:

"Dr. Scott (the retiring moderator) insisted that the crux of America's racial problem is found—not in Birmingham, Alabama—but in the type of neighborhoods where Presbyterian flourishes. 'The core of the racial situation in the United States lies in the all-white residential communities that circle our cities,' Scott maintained. 'Said he: 'It is exactly in those communities where there is the loudest talk about freedom—and the most shouting about communism—that the very fundamentals of our constitutional system and our Biblical faith are most vigorously violated.'"

**FOLLOWING** debate, the assembly then voted to propose a series of changes in the church's constitution which would make integration mandatory in all United Presbyterian churches throughout the nation.

It also: —Petitioned President Kennedy to call a White House Conference on civil rights.

—Voted to establish a special Commission on Religion and Race and allocated \$500,000 to get the program in motion.

—Agreed to study the possibility of making mortgage monies available to individuals who fail to get such loans elsewhere because of their race.

—Directed its boards and agencies to make certain that they were not doing business with firms whose practices are not consistent with the church's stand on integration.

All in all, we'd say the assembly put in a good week's work. Presbyterians—and others—can be proud of them.—E.A.



### ... 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.

#### Inconvertible

To the Editor: Answering Lydia Burnham's Tribune article, 5-23-63, about the resurrection of Christ. Since God does not reveal the date of his only begotten Son's birth or the date of his resurrection, those dates should not concern us. (Deut. 29:29) The thing that should concern us is the fact that He was born, lived his sinless life, then gave it a ransom on the cross to pay the penalty God's broken law demands of us. The birth, the life and the crucifixion, Lydia and her Unitarian writer freely admit. The resurrection they deny with antipathy.

Jesus answers them as He did the Sadducees: "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God." (Matt. 22:23-33) From 1910 through 1916 I believed much as Lydia does. I studied the Bible to show how wrong it was, I discovered the wrong was all in me. There are hundreds of Scriptures that prove the authenticity of Christ and His word, the Bible. In the great prophecy of Daniel 9:26, Christ was to be cut off 3 1/2 years after the time He had begun His public work. By the slaying of the passover lamb, every year on the 14th day of the month, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, (Exodus 12:6, margin).

The very year, day, and hour of Christ's death was foreshadowed for 1,500 years before it took place. (1 Cor. 5:7; Matt. 27:45, 46) I want to point out just one more prophecy. Only a few hours before He was to die a sacrifice on the cross fulfilling the above prophecy to the letter. He said: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:14) As He said these words He stood rejected by His own people. Soon He was to be rejected, abandoned and betrayed by His own disciples, all foretold by the prophets hundreds of years before, at that time being fulfilled to the very letter. He has made a record of it all in His Book, the Bible, which is found in all the world as a witness. In it He warns us that we are without excuse. Even the Devil himself cannot controvert such a record.

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#### First Principles

To the Editor: It would appear to have been better to make no comment on my communication letter last week in the MT, for it was strictly a personal letter to the Editor for clarification of issues between us, not the public, violating as it did the Editor's No. 3 precept, "all in good taste."

But, if it's inclusive meaning was a bit of mischievous satire with no retaliatory implications, then we can settle for that. For the mere mentioning of the May 27 U.S. News and World Report in the findings of U.S. Federal District Judge Frank M. Scarlett's ruling that point so markedly to the reversal of the Supreme Court's 1957 "legislated" ruling in the forced integration of Negro pupils into white schools, plainly against the will and judgment of so large a segment of our population, was the all in all to me. For my very best effort had been to phone people to read and consider the District Court Judge's ruling, as this racial issue is a pressing moment for people to stand up and be counted.

Stand up and be counted, like long ago Jason Lee at old Champsoog where the covered-wagons had gathered, in a 4th of July picnic. Boot-heeling a long mark in the white drifts and there, fiery Jason Lee shouted:

"You people who have been siding in with the Hudson's Bay and want this part of the British Empire along with Canada, stand over on that there side of the line. You folks who want this Oregon Territory to be a part of the USA, stand here with me and be counted."

That most of them were counted with Jason Lee, and with the plowing and planting settlements pioneered by Dr. Whitman, made Oregon with Idaho and Washington part and parcel of the USA, for which we can all be duly thankful.

Recognizing that this USA was first taken over from the native tribesmen by a white Protestant people, dedicated to the proposition that all mankind are created in the sovereign right of each in economic survival, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and freedom in choice of religion or none at all, it would seem to be high time we stand up and be counted on those first principles. This so ably and courageously expressed in the MT Friday editorial, even though the title could well have been in the last four words, "priests, preachers and parents." Like locking the back door, as well as the front door.

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#### "Vile Book"

To the Editor: Mothers and fathers, do you know that your most priceless possessions, your children, have access to a book in our public libraries that is so vile that it could have been conceived only in the depraved mind of one who is obsessed, for truly it is the work of demons.

Through 496 pages, Nikos Kazantzakis, the author of this book, "The Last Temptation of Christ," casts our sinless, precious Redeemer in the role of a carnal minded, lustful degenerate of the worst type. The angels in heaven blush when they view the poison that flows from the authors pen and they are shocked and grieved as they behold just how low human beings, God's earthly creation, have really fallen into sin and depravity.

Following are quotations from the book. It is embarrassing to write them but how else can I tell you the shocking but true facts.

Page 88 - "Magdalene lay on her back, stark naked ... wrestling with men on this bed since dawn had tired her out."

Page 87 - "Lord O Lord," the son of Mary murdered again, "give me the strength to stay until my turn comes."

Page 491 - (Jesus speaking), "As he faced the cross this fake Messiah went dizzy and fainted. Then the ladies got hold of him and installed him to manufacture children for them ... is that the way to conquer death by making children?"

#### Delinquents

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## U.N.'s Successes in Countering Red Policies Cited; Finances New Tactic

By PHIL NEWSOM  
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If the Soviets could reduce the U. N. to an impotent debating society simply by withholding funds there is little doubt that such would be their course.

On the other hand, it is not believed that the Communists are ready yet to abandon their place in the U. N.'s world forum, leading to a conclusion that their present maneuvers are to establish a bargaining position.

But, meanwhile, the U. N. is approximately \$130 million in the red. And the prospects are that, so long as the U. S. considers the United Nations an important arm of foreign policy, it will continue to pay a disproportionate share of the world organization's costs.

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