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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 30, 1953 (Saturday) High cumulus clouds, threatening thundershowers and hail kept pilots for the Rogue River Valley Traffic association in the air for 3 hours, 39 minutes today.

20 YEARS AGO

May 30, 1943 (Sunday) Two slot machines and cigarettes taken in burglary at Prospect store.

30 YEARS AGO

May 30, 1933 (Tuesday) Judge Skipworth of Eugene appointed to hear ballot theft trials here.

40 YEARS AGO

May 30, 1923 (Wednesday) Fishing still poor in Rogue river due to melting snow in mountains.

50 YEARS AGO

May 30, 1913 (Friday) Bolt of lightning kills horse in Jacksonville as hot weather ended by thundershowers.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. Perpetual motion is mechanically impossible; true or false? 2. Which former heavyweight boxing champ was nicknamed "Madcap Maxie" because of his frequent clownish tactics?

Bureaucracy At Its Worst

The city of Alba, Italy, is Medford's "sister city." They have exchanged many evidences of good will. One of their citizens, Pino Dutto, visited with us last year. Another young man is coming this year. Many Medford people have visited in Alba.

THE most recent exchange was to have been of a cultural nature.

Ten artists of the Medford area painted original paintings. These were suitably mounted, and mailed to Alba.

Ten artists of the Alba area did likewise. After struggling with a certain amount of red tape, the paintings arrived in Portland.

There they sit. They are tied up in a skein of red tape and misunderstanding that no amount of explanations have thus far been able to satisfy.

Customs officials have made absolutely no effort to even find out what the true situation is, let alone to be cooperative with an international gesture of good will.

IT IS a gross and insulting example of arrant bureaucracy.

The Acting Commissioner of Customs, who conducted what might laughingly be called an "investigation" at the behest of Sen. Wayne Morse, said "The collector of customs at Portland . . . has advised us that the importer of the paintings has stated that they will probably be sold."

They will NOT be sold. They will be exhibited as a matter of international friendship.

If the paintings finally are admitted to duty-free import (which at this writing is doubtful), there is another hooker. Customs says, "However, under this provision, free entry cannot be extended to the frames for such paintings. The frames will be subject to duty according to their component material of chief value under the appropriate provisions of the tariff act."

Does the customs department think that the People to People Committee of the city of Medford is a bunch of crooks?

Frames!!! Hellfire and damnation.

SO, GOOD people of Medford, if you never see those paintings that the artists of Alba painted specifically for your enjoyment, you will know that a two-bit suspicious-minded bureaucrat with the imagination of an earthworm and the soul of a dessicated boll weevil has "interpreted" the regulations to prevent it.

And, good people of Alba, we hope you enjoy the paintings which were sent to you. We're sorry we can't see yours—unless our volunteers post all sorts of bonds (to insure, presumably, that the frames will not be sold!!) and fill out all sorts of forms.

This may be done, eventually. But meanwhile we accuse the United States Bureau of Customs, Department of the Treasury, with stupidity, pig-headedness and an arrogant disregard of the good intentions of the people of Medford.

—E. A.

Useless Dialog

The undersigned editorial writer is "ignorant, hot-headed and biased."

We have this on no less an authority than Columnist Charles M. Hills of The Clarion-Ledger, of (guess where?) Jackson, Mississippi.

We feel rather complimented—considering the source.

But we'll say one thing for Columnist Hills. He did reprint a considerable portion of a recent editorial in which we replied to an insulting and hypocritical letter from a member of the White Citizens' Council.

AND for a paper in Jackson, Miss., to do so is rather extraordinary, since the editorial in question called for the extension of civil rights and equality of opportunity to every American citizen, regardless of race or color.

After the reprint, the columnist continues, in part:

"It would be useless to tell this obviously hot headed and biased Oregon editor that the Negro who vacated the jungles as a head-hunter and a cannibal has progressed farther in the South than any race in history in short time, with the help of the Southern white man . . ."

And so on. He's right. It would be useless.

IT IS also useless for this biased editor to tell the columnist anything.

We prefer, however, our way of thinking to his, and we find ourself in excellent company.

Among them is Pope John XXIII, who has said "the conviction that all men are equal by reason of their natural dignity has been generally accepted," and "racial discrimination can no longer be justified."

We have great sympathy with the people of the South, both black and white, during this time of travail. But it will not be solved by dogs, fire hoses, bombs and beatings.

Jackson Clarion-Ledger, please copy.—E. A.

"That Was for Paving the Road, Not Blocking It"



... 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.

Memorial Day - 1963

To the Editor: The observance of Memorial Day has become a sacred trust to members of The American Legion.

Legionnaires know that any meaningful observance of the day must serve the dual purpose of a remembrance of those who have made and kept America great, and a reminder to those who are about to assume the awesome responsibility of maintaining and furthering the cause for freedom.

Since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, more than 30 million Americans have borne arms in the defense of their country in time of actual war. Nearly 3 million have shed their blood in the cause of freedom and more than a million Americans have made the supreme sacrifice that liberty might live.

It is to these valiant men and women that we pause on Memorial Day to pay special tribute. It is from their memory and the knowledge of their fine deeds that we should draw new strength for the task that lies ahead.

The cost of winning and holding freedom in human life and suffering alone has been staggering enough, but it is only a part of the total cost. It is often said that which is easily obtained is lightly regarded. Let this Memorial Day serve once again as a reminder to all Americans that the heritage which we cherish was not easily obtained, nor is it easily preserved.

Despite the terrible losses which mankind has inflicted upon itself through the ages, by attempting to settle differences through armed conflict, men still have not learned to live at peace with one another.

It is not inappropriate on an occasion such as this to call attention to the major threats to freedom as they exist in the world today, and which would destroy the very virtues for which those whom we honor this day gave their lives to defend.

Every American has a direct and personal challenge to measure up to the highest standards of citizenship and patriotism if we are to meet and overcome the challenges of communism. Every citizen must respond with a personal devotion to the causes for which more than one million Americans have died.

The American Legion has every confidence in the ability of the American people, individually and as a nation, to measure up to whatever commitment is required of them to achieve that glory. For it is our firm belief that the wave of the future belongs to those who would seek to ennoble the spirit of man, and not to those who would degrade and enslave it.

Ralph Ettel, Post Chaplain, American Legion, Post 15, Medford

Law of Vibration

To the Editor: We were asked a rather provocative question recently. The question was, what would space exploration of any scientific discoveries amount to?

At first thought, all discoveries originate from some human being's idea to search for the unknown laws of the universe. First man is born with the instinct of being curious about the universe in which he lives, as well as wonder and ponder over the visible and invisible laws. In other words, discovery, experience and investigations

have always been a part of human trait.

Man is simply born with an ever inquisitive mind from babyhood to the end of his earthly existence. Seems a few advanced human souls all through the annals of recorded history have been aware of the natural law of vibration. The Holy scriptures mentions the names of a few men who probably were adept in using the fine art of the mysteries. That is the reason for man to be forever seeking new knowledge. He lives to learn - (or is supposed to).

Bert Kissinger, 322 South Riverside ave., Medford

One Memorial Day

To the Editor: May perhaps I'll paint a picture

Of the scenes along the way, As we travel down the Freeway, On this Decoration Day.

Dull and cloudy is the morning As we start upon our way, But our hearts are glad within us, For this is a day of play.

Down the roughish Rogue we travel, Toward the mountains by the sea, Going to the Illinois All God's scenery is free.

Bill has often mentioned flowers In this valley midst the hills, So I'll see the white azaleas By the river's rippling rills.

We have passed through miles of forests, Wending first this way then that, I'm just soaking up the beauty So I can't say where we're at.

Flowers, flowers, flowers, flowers, Strewn profusely by the way; Should I name them it would take me Quite a portion of the day.

Every color of the rainbow And they blend in with the green, With the rocks and stumps and streamlets, In this ever changing scene.

Yes, it's all a great big play ground By the Great Designer made, Vegetation in profusion Covers fence and tree and glade.

Mother sheep, with each a lambkin, Browsing lazily on the green, While the poppies bloom beside them, With their brilliant, golden sheen.

With the homes that dot the hillsides, All this beauty gladly share, And the trees and grass, and flowers Show the blessed Master's care.

Now we're near Eight Dollar Mountain Where the Cobra Lilies bloom, With their roots in clear, cool water, Flowing from the mountain tombs.

Yes, the earth, is clothed with beauty, By the Master's hand divine, I just gaze at it and marvel For He tells me, "this is mine."

Lillian Underwood, 1985 Dale st., Medford

Would Add To Roll

To the Editor: Memorial Day has been a time to honor the soldiers who have given their lives in warfare for our country. I believe that we ought to honor those who

Aldo Moro Given Job of Forming New Italian Government Before JFK's Visit

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

Aldo Moro is a tall, shy, big-boned man of 46 who has been given the job of forming a new Italian government in time for President Kennedy's scheduled visit to Italy in June, President Antonio Segni's appointment of Moro was with the state of Italian politics because Moro is noted as a compromiser. And in the hedge-podge of Italy's political parties it will take a compromiser if the country is to avoid chaos.

The government he is being called upon to head is to replace the left-of-center regime of Amatore Fanfani, who has been widely blamed for heavy Christian Democratic losses in the April elections

and correspondingly impressive gains by the Communists. Moro's fate will depend largely upon his negotiations with Pietro Nenni's left-wing Socialists, whose passive support also was the keystone of the Fanfani government, For Moro's first attempt will aim at a government which also will be left of center.

The question will be just how far left. The Fanfani government's nationalization of the power industry frightened some industrialists and other land, a definite program of economic planning, and agricultural and school reforms.

Other, less drastic, measures taken by the CDU-Socialist allies included an old-age plan for housewives, some minor tax reforms and an increase in the age for compulsory schooling from 11 to 14 years.

Results of last April's elections have been a matter of interpretation. Christian Democratic conservatives blamed party defections on the Socialist alliance.

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Strictly Personal

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

PERSONAL PREJUDICES The chief difference between art and entertainment is the demand that each makes upon us: entertainment permits us to remain passive, while art requests that we meet it at least halfway; it should be no wonder, therefore, that the great majority should always take the line of least resistance, and prefer the passive receptivity to the active approach.

Some languages can be learned, and others only imitated; I am convinced that French cannot be truly learned after the age of 10, but only poorly imitated, because the lips, the tongue and even the nose are uniquely positioned in speaking the language properly.

Seeing a revival of a Eugene O'Neill play reminds one how much our psychological grasp has expanded in the last 30 years: half of what he says is already common place knowledge, and the rest has been discarded as obsolete.

To those who ignore the Biblical record of the whole gospel story this may sound plausible but "how can we escape if we neglect so great salvation," Heb. 2:3. "And if Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. . . ye are yet in your sins" 1 Cor. 15:14-17.

It is the empty tomb that proves most truly and incontrovertibly that Christ was the Son of God. Paul relates the facts that after His resurrection He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once" 1 Cor. 15:6. Yes, Christ lived again to declare "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen: and have the keys of hell and of death" Rev. 1:18.

If space would permit many ringing testimonies of former degraded heathens could be recited to prove the cleansing power of our risen Lord.

Their lives have been reshaped by a living resurrected Lord who stands to help and redeem all those who call upon Him. This is the distinctive difference between our Saviour and all those who have claimed to be a savior of mankind. It is the open tomb that bears witness to the resurrection of the triumphant Lord, and continually reminds us that we serve a living Christ. One who abides with us in spirit, One who some day will come in glory to take us unto Himself.

Harold J. Reith, 113 Briggs Building, Shady Cove, Ore.

Humpty Dumpty

To the Editor: Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. Can all Orville's menning, and all of John's men put Humpty Dumpty together again? The price of wheat may go up or down, but Humpty Dumpty has broken his crown, and great was the fall thereof.

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The Nenni socialists blamed the big Communist gains on government support of any new government. In the end, the price may be too high. Nenni's hand has been strengthened by the fact he also is being wooed by the Communists, who are proposing a renewal of the old popular front.

Neutral Stand In the last campaign, Nenni demanded a wider degree of regional self-government, controls on ownership of homesites and other land, a definite program of economic planning, and agricultural and school reforms.

The Socialists, once bitter foes of NATO, agreed to take a neutral stand toward that

alliance providing the government missed no chance to press for world peace and some kind of accommodation with the Communist world.

As secretary general of the Christian Democratic party, Moro had a large hand in swinging a large majority of the party in January, 1962, behind a left-of-center policy and an "opening to the left."

He has, however, managed to escape blame for April's election results, most of which fell on Fanfani.

Moro first came into the government as minister of justice under then Premier, now President, Segni.

As an orator he is noted more for his sincerity than his skill.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop (c) New York Herald Tribune Syndicate

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