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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 June 3, 1953 (Wednesday) Paul Hutton, manager of the Camp White veterans domiciliary center...

20 YEARS AGO June 3, 1943 (Thursday) Medford graduates at Oregon State college include Lawrence R. Swanner...

30 YEARS AGO June 3, 1933 (Saturday) Gold dredge to operate on Jacksonville hill.

40 YEARS AGO June 3, 1923 (Sunday) High school bond issue debated at meeting of Medford Chamber of Commerce.

50 YEARS AGO June 3, 1913 (Tuesday) Total of 22 Jackson county residents seek pensions from county under new law.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. Carson City is the capital of which western state? 2. How long was Noah shut up in the Ark? 3. The initials WCTU identify what organization?

Forty Years Late Oneonta, N.Y. - (AP) - William E. Paul of Schenectady pledged \$400 in 1923 when plans were made to establish Hartwick College...

Legislative Arrogance

Barring some sort of legislative legerdemain, Oregon's proposed new Constitution is dead for the duration of this session of the Legislature.

The 1961 Legislature was instructed, by the voters, to do something about a new Constitution. Wisely, it recognized the magnitude of the task.

The legislators who scuttled the new Constitution did so because they didn't like it. But what they thought about it was really quite beside the point.

That was not the issue at all. The issue was permitting the voters of Oregon to say what they thought of it.

Conceivably, the people could pull this out themselves and somehow, perhaps through the initiative, get it on the ballot.

There may, however, be a silver lining in all this. By the time the two houses got through mauling the draft version of the proposed constitution, it was far from the real revision its authors had provided.

It was better than the present document, by a long shot, but not nearly so good as it had been before the mauling.

Perhaps now the next Legislature, which ought to have some shining new faces in it, will take a less arrogant view and will permit the voters to have their say about a model Constitution for a state that deserves it.

What Next for Constitution?

The proposed new Oregon Constitution has led an eventful life.

After passing the House by the required two-thirds majority, conservative opponents and liberal apportioners teamed up to defeat it in the Senate.

Senators rejected the constitution because more than one-third of the membership wouldn't go for sweeping reorganization of the executive department and centralization of power and responsibility in the hands of the governor.

The Oregon Constitution provides for an elective governor, secretary of state and treasurer. It specifies that the secretary of state shall keep records, act as auditor, and handle "such other duties as shall be assigned him by law."

But the legislature could abolish the Board of Control, through which the secretary of state and treasurer share with the governor administration of state institutions.

We believe the people of Oregon should have had the opportunity to debate its merits and accept or reject it. But we also believe that it's significant that 41 representatives and 17 senators appear willing to streamline and modernize Oregon government.

Eclipse



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.

Typical American To the Editor: In your paper on May 23/63 you stated that you have never read "The Last Temptation of Christ" and do not intend to, yet you go all out to write an editorial in defense of this book's presence in our public libraries.

Bounces Back To the Editor: If a spaceman hits a nail with a hammer, the hammer bounces back. You can't bust your thumb, all you can do is knock your teeth out.

Followed With Interest To the Editor: I have followed with interest the development of friendly relations between the citizens of Medford and the citizens of Alba, Italy.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Pasadena say they have made radar contact with Mercury, the smallest and the hottest of the planets (in the solar system, there are nine planets, including the earth).

It is believed that Mercury always keeps its sunny side toward the sun. The temperature on its sunny side is estimated to be between 500 and 770 degrees Fahrenheit hot enough to melt lead and tin.

THAT seems to head off any proposals to put a man on Mercury - which should be good news for the taxpayers. Still, you never can tell. Mercury's gravity at the surface is about one-fourth of the earth's gravity. So... a man weighing 150 pounds on earth would weigh only 40 pounds on Mercury.

Somebody might sell the present free-spending administration on the idea that Mercury would be a fantastically attractive place to start a weight-reducing salon... thus increasing vastly our national physical fitness.

IN JAKARTA, capital of Indonesia, President Sukarno accepts an offer from his congress that he KEEP HIS JOB FOR LIFE. The wires add that he then took off for a month-long vacation among the bright lights of Tokyo, Rome, Vienna and Paris.

As he departed he left this message for his people: "Do not expect the government and ME to become Santa Claus. YOU MUST WORK HARD."

(The Indonesians will have to work hard to pay Sukarno's bill. A gay time among the bright lights doesn't come for free.)

THIS Sukarno isn't dumb. For years, he has been playing the U.S. against the communists in Moscow and Peking. From us, he has received somewhat more than \$700 million in economic aid. His aid from the Soviet Union is estimated at around a BILLION dollars, along with a slew of MIGs and minor warships to enable him to keep his Indonesian Republic going.

This dictator racket is a pretty good one. THEN there's this fellow Duvalier, president of Haiti. His term expired several weeks ago, but he didn't let that bother him. He seems merely to have said to his people: "OK, you guys. 'I'm IT again."

HE THUS eliminated the BIG problem of holding public office - which is HOW TO GET ELECTED AGAIN. No electioneering. None of the grief of raising campaign funds. No tiresome \$100 to \$500 per plate dinners. It's a wonderful system.

BUT - it spells the end of democracy. History is rather positive on that point.

Children are reading, I say thanks. You say, you do not believe that the objection of one or even a group of people is adequate reason for censoring books, throwing them out of the library. I say public libraries belong to the people, are built and supported with the people's tax money and the people do have a right to say what type of books are placed therein. Is America no longer a land with government of the people, by the people and for the people?

You say, the passages quoted in my letter would not, you feel, of and by themselves serve to corrupt anyone. I ask, how vulgar does a quotation need to be to, in your estimation to serve to corrupt anyone?

The author of The Last Temptation of Christ spent a number of years in Russia. Russia boasts of their atheism. Lennin said if he could corrupt the youth of a nation the Revolution would be won. The Last Temptation of Christ is the Devil's masterpiece, written and circulated for the express purpose of (1) corrupting the morals of our youth (it is full of lewd sex), and (2) to destroy the very foundation of our Christian heritage and thereby everything that has made America great, by casting our sinless Lord and Saviour as a lustful degenerate. With these two things accomplished America will truly fall into Russia's lap like a ripe plum.

The righteous loving citizens in Santa Ana, Calif., forced the removal of this book from their library and a move is now on to have it removed from the Josephine county library and I hope and pray that the taxpayers in Jackson county will demand, and I mean demand, that this vile book be removed from our libraries.

Six crimes are at an all time high. Pornographic literature is a \$500 million a year business, juvenile delinquency increased 9 per cent in the last year and the best way for good people to do nothing about it.

Alice I. Black, 812 Newtown st., Medford.

UNION NEARS END Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia - (AP) - A conference will be held at Livingstone on June 20 to set the stage for the end of the federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, the government announced Sunday. The federation was formed in Livingstone 10 years ago.



"Maybe, if you had done a little marching in your youth, you and the world might be in better shape today!"

Our (Patriotically) Revised Edition

By Arthur Hoppe

Our superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Max Rafferty, says we shouldn't tell our children about Mr. Washington's temper, Mr. Lincoln's table manners or Mr. Ben Franklin's talents with the ladies. Because, he says, "that's not the way to teach patriotism."

And it certainly isn't. The way to teach patriotism is through my new revised history textbook: "Heroes of our Glorious Revolution." Allow me to quote.

Our first Hero was Hero President George (Smiling George) Washington, the most even-tempered man who ever lived. We tell many stories about him. When he was a little boy he stopped his father from chopping down a cherry tree. "Father," he said, "I cannot tell a lie. I am a conservationist." His father hit him with the axe, but little Smiling George, as usual, just smiled.

As you know, little Smiling George grew up to lead our glorious people's revolution. Which we won because we were all more trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent than the enemy. Just as we've been in every war ever since.

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Strictly Personal

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

"Enthusiasm" is generally cited as an absolute virtue by its proponents, who rarely bother to ask themselves whether there is an optimum point beyond which enthusiasm turns into a vice. Indeed, the line between enthusiasm and fanaticism is a thin one; and the too passionately held tend to deny the rights of any other beliefs. Sometimes, in fact, enthusiasm is a substitute for reasoned belief, rather than a consequence of it.

Some years ago, Bertrand Russell warned us that "The opinions that are held with passion are always those for which no good ground exists; indeed, the passion is the measure of the holder's lack of rational conviction."

It is sometimes said to be a weakness of democracy that those of us who profess it do not hold our convictions as ardently or tenaciously as those who subscribe to communist or fascist doctrines.

This is true,