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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 28, 1953 (Sunday)
Secretary of State Earl T.
Newby in touching on the
controversial Hell's Canyon
dam issue said, "In the Baker
area, and throughout Eastern
Oregon, many men dream of
a multiple purpose dam in the
Hell's Canyon of the Snake
river. He added a debate is
waging between private and
public ownership of power
developments."

20 YEARS AGO
June 28, 1943 (Sunday)
San Quentin prison escapee
hunted in southern Oregon.
From Arthur Perry's "Eye
Smudge Pot" column: "The
fair sex are now tanning their
shapely shanks with the
contents of a bottle procured at
the drugstore. Some of the
jobs are enough to make the
sun hide behind a cloud when
one shows up."

30 YEARS AGO
June 28, 1933 (Tuesday)
Bud Hoover, son of C. C.
Hoover, wins valley milking
contest title.
Half a million dollars allocated
to Jackson county for
relief road work.

40 YEARS AGO
June 28, 1923 (Wednesday)
Standard service station
opens at Crater lake.
Real estate reported active
in Eden precinct.

50 YEARS AGO
June 28, 1913 (Saturday)
Department of agriculture
completes soil description map
of valley.
All kinds of flowers wanted
for Fourth of July flower
show.

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

- 1. Complete the following
Mother Goose line: "Johnny
Shatto's gone to sea. . . ."
2. Name the famous Roman
who was assassinated on the
Ides of March.
3. "Cape Cod Turkey" denotes
what piscatorial food?
4. The maximum adult life
of some may flies is approximately
six hours; true or
false?
5. What does "Indian file"
denote?
6. Add the next two numbers
to this series 4 8 13 16 10
15 8 12 17 10 . . .
7. In the human body,
which organ secretes bile?
8. Is a chanter a type of
dwelling, a sailor's song, or a
deep baked apple dish?
9. Name the lower branch
of the English Parliament.
10. Two vowel sounds,
which follow one another so
closely as to form but one
syllable are called a d-h-g.
Answers: 1. . . . silver
buckles on his knee. 2. Julius
Caesar. 3. Salted codfish.
4. True. 5. Walking in single
file. 6. 14 19. 7. Liver. 8. Sailor's
song. 9. House of Commons.
10. Diphthong.

The People and the Court

The U. S. Supreme Court's history has been varied. There have been periods of relative quiet, and periods of flaring controversy and criticism. We are now in one of the periods of controversy, which has been raging since the 1954 school desegregation decision.

In the eyes of some, the Court can do nothing right. Even the motives of its members are suspect by some ultras of the right, and the John Birch society has prepared an "Impeach Earl Warren packet," which relates the supposed transgressions of the Chief Justice.

Justice Tom Clark breached this tradition recently to give some of the Court's background thinking on the 1962 school prayer decision. He was moved to do so largely by the uninformed attacks on that decision by people who either misunderstood it, or who deliberately misconstrued it simply for purposes of attack.

A President or a Congressman can speak out in defense of his actions, and even take the offensive. But the Court, restrained by traditions of dignity and judicial constraint, cannot.

THIS does not mean that the Justices ignore such attacks, or are not injured by them. In 1913, Justice Holmes said:

"It is very painful, when one spends all the energies of one's soul in trying to do good work, with no thought but that of solving a problem according to the rules by which one is bound, to know that many see sinister motives."

On the other hand, the Justices are little influenced in their deliberations by such attacks. New York Times Reporter Anthony Lewis wrote recently:

"One thing that can be said with certainty is that exaggerated criticism, personal attacks and ignorant mouthings have no influence on the Justices. "The Justices know that they are least trying their best to do an honest job, and so they can hardly admire those who attack their motivations."

WHILE the Court can shrug off such know-nothing slanders, it is not impervious to the broad trends and changes of public opinion. It may not be true, as Finley Peter Dunne's "Mr. Dooley" remarked, that:

"No matter whether th' constitution follows th' flag or not, th' Supreme Court follows th' illicion returns."

But it is true that the temper of the times and the feelings of the broad majorities of the people do, inevitably, affect the thinking of the Court. It is right and proper that they should, because, even though the Court is bound to make its decisions on fact and on law, the facts and the laws change under changing conditions. Even the Constitution is sufficiently flexible to permit differing interpretations in different centuries.

AND, while the Court's rulings become the "law of the land," no law can stand in the face of a widespread or near-universal public feeling that it is wrong. The directives of the court are not self-enforcing. They must have at least a certain degree of support and concurrence from the people.

The storm over last June's Regents' Prayer case has largely subsided, and that which flared up over this month's Bible reading and school prayer cases has been less widespread and less violent.

At least in part this has been due to the work of devoted churchmen who have thought about the implications of government-imposed religious exercises in the public schools, and have concluded that a true separation of church and state offers the greatest hope for strength and vitality within their own churches.

IT IS our belief that the consensus of Americans will support the school religion decisions. Ours is probably the most pluralistic of all nations, both in origins and in faith. There are literally hundreds of different denominations, and well over one-third of the population — the largest identifiable religious minority — has no church ties whatsoever. We do not foresee the development of a consensus which demands the intrusion of what is essentially a personal and private matter — religion — into the public educational system.

It also seems to us that in making its ruling the Court sensed this. And, while the decision is fully justified on Constitutional grounds alone, it is also justified by the temper of the times.

THE school desegregation decision of nearly a decade ago may have been a bit premature, when judged by the standard of a national consensus. Certainly it was far from coinciding with the views of a majority of white southerners. And throughout the nation, sentiment was slow to crystallize behind the Court's decision. It is now beginning to do so, impelled, in part, by the fact that Negroes themselves are at long last demanding justice, and their demands are being recognized as legitimate and right, part of the American credo of equality of opportunity.

Thus the Court was ahead of the people in this one instance, as it has been in others. It has served as educator as well as adjudicator. In its own unique way it provides a function of leadership. The Court has no troops or police to enforce its decrees. But when it speaks out to say that the great Constitutional guarantees mean what they say, it is serving American purposes in a way of which all Americans can be — SHOULD be — proud.—E.A.

A Time for Greatness



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.

Olympic Benefit
To the Editor: As you may have been informed, a large group of organized skiers from the Portland area have embarked on a state-wide promotion for funds for our United States teams going to the 1964 Olympic Games in Innsbruck, Austria.

Few people realize that athletes from many other countries are subsidized or supported by their governments, their training and coaching are paid for; literally, they are being paid to become the best in their field. In the United States, however, our athletes must depend on their own resources and relatively few donations from interested parties. There have been many instances where potential Olympic competitors have been unable to meet the expenses involved for travel and training camps, or even qualifying meets; hence they are lost to the U. S. Many of our star athletes are forced to turn professional at the height of their powers and we must send over relatively inexperienced competitors to the Olympic Games. When they are beaten, the foreigners naturally assume that our country's best have been defeated. With a little public appreciation, these stars might be persuaded to keep their amateur standing.

We cannot overlook the fact that foreigners view our athletes as official representatives of our country; in essence, they become our ambassadors to the world. As Mr. A. O. Duer, secretary-treasurer of NCAA, puts it: "The Olympic Games are second only to the space challenge as the major issue in the cold war." Can we, as citizens, feel right if our teams are not as well trained and experienced as they might be with more funds and public support?

The people of our state should feel double responsibility to the Olympics next year. Jean Saubert, born and raised in Oregon, has been named to the Olympic Ski Team. Qualified people have named her the "best woman slalom skier in the world," but far too little publicity has been accorded this honor. What better time for Oregon to prove itself as a progressive state to the nation, that we're behind our athletes and sports programs, and indeed, would be vitally interested in promoting Portland and Oregon as a future site for the Summer Olympics?

We'll gladly accept any donations sent to P. O. Box 7151, Portland 19, Ore.; we'll send a button by return mail for any donation of 99 cents or more. As much as we hope to reach our goal moneywise, if we can say we have enlightened our people to the needs and the responsibility of our Olympic program, we'll feel we've accomplished the most important thing.

Jeanine Sperr
Portland Winter Olympic Benefit Committee
P. O. Box 7151
Portland 19, Ore.

Is the Bible True?
To the Editor: May we thank our friends, through your paper, for their interest in our letters? And for watching for them in the M. T.? Sorry we have been so slow in writing, but we were delayed in different ways. Our subject this time, is the Bible true and did Jesus resurrect?

In St. John (7:16-17) Jesus told us His doctrine was not His but His Father's, also stated that if we will do the

will of God we shall know that it is true. So when we find some who do not know that it is true or think it may be misinterpreted, we know they are not doing God's will. If so, they would know it is true. That would make them stop and think. (St. John 3:33) He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.

I John 5:10, He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not, God hath made him a liar. How? Because he believeth not the record that God gave of his son. (2-Corinthians 4:3) But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them who are lost. Why? (Verse 4) In whom the god of this world (satan) hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine upon them.

Christ is the truth (St. John 14:6), so if we will not believe him God will send us a strong delusion, and allow us to believe a lie and be lost. (2-Thess. 2:7 to 13). Why? Because some will close their eyes and ears, and harden their hearts lest they should be converted and be healed. (Matt. 13:11 to 18).

Since the Bible is true, then Jesus did resurrect as recorded. Lazarus and others were just raised from the dead. Some just fail to believe and understand the Bible and greatly err, thereby becoming the Sadducees. Jesus commands us to beware of their doctrine. Mrs. G. C. Cunningham, 748 Maple St., Central Point, Ore.

New Orleans View
To the Editor: I read the exchange of letters between you and the White Citizens Council of Greenwood, Miss., which due to Senator Morse appeared in the Congressional Record.

Have you given any thought as to just how incongruous the whole situation appears to the South? In 1863, the South was forced to free the totally unprepared Negro. During the next 100 years, we have lived with the great majority of the Negro population. I'm sure you will agree we should know and understand the Negro better than any section of our country. Today, you sit serenely at the opposite corner of our nation, with a tiny Negro population — never experiencing life surrounded by millions of Negroes, and calmly tell us what we should do. You freely admit you are not confronted by these problems and that you expect trouble when and if the time comes, and what's more you don't want a Negro influx! Maybe I'm wrong, but we are the ones confronted with integration socially, and we don't want it; we are the ones who know the Negro best — yet you, free of any responsibility, tell us how we should live.

We are overburdened. It seems the least you could do, if sincere in your concern for the Negro welfare, would be to locate jobs and homes for some of these unfortunate people and invite them to your state. You are evidently ready and willing to accept the Negro socially while the Southerner is not. What could be more just? Let's face this problem squarely if your Senators are going to vote to force us to accept integration—I think you should give us a hand

Kennedy, Khrushchev, De Gaulle All Seeking Favor of West German People

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
President Kennedy has gotten in his licks in West Germany and next week it will be President Charles de Gaulle's turn.

And if it is any balm to the German ego, another distinguished visitor also is proving to the German people that they are indeed "wanted." This latter is Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev who ostensibly is to help East Germany's Communist strong man Walter Ulbricht celebrate his 70th birthday. Khrushchev will stay on the eastern side of the wall, and so his route will coincide neither with that of Kennedy nor of De Gaulle.

Yet there is a suspicion that his motives are not too different from those of the other two. In the West German press there is speculation that Khrushchev already has made preliminary moves toward a contact with West German Assistant Chancellor Ludwig Erhard who is scheduled this fall to step into the shoes of outgoing Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

It is speculated that a first move was made through Berthold Beltz, a representative of the German Krupp industries, who recently talked with Khrushchev in Moscow and followed that up immediately with long, and so far secret, talks with Erhard in Bonn.

A further preliminary was Moscow's clear indication that it hoped to step up trade with West Germany. The Soviet-German trade agreement expires at the end of this year and must be renegotiated.

All this leads up to Khrushchev's current visit, and the further interesting line of speculation that results from the wall which the Communists threw across Berlin on Aug. 13 two years ago, have not been entirely as expected. In an earlier visit to East Berlin last January, Khrushchev conceded that the wall had created "certain discomforts."

But a more troublesome aspect of what the Hamburg newspaper Die Zeit calls the "wall complex" appeared in the cool reception given by West Berlin businessmen to Soviet attempts to increase contacts either by diplomats or trade missions. The "wall complex" also clearly must affect Soviet relations with any West German government, whether it be Adenauer's or Erhard's.

It seems possible, therefore, that beyond helping Ulbricht to celebrate his birthday, Khrushchev also will tell him that some of the harsh conditions pertaining to the wall must be relaxed. This is not to imply that the wall will, as did the walls of Jericho, come tumbling down.

The Communists in recent weeks broke one additional hole through the wall to provide access to East Berlin's Schoenefeld airport. Another step may be to lift at least partially the present total ban against West Berliners wishing to visit the East Zone. In his own German visit,

cheery, "Your approach to the questions of the press," the official Army directive goes on, "should emphasize the positive aspects of your activities and avoid gratuitous criticism. Emphasize the feeling of achievement, the hopes for the future and optimism in general." Or else.

Well, you may not believe this, but we faced the very same situation in the neighborhood of West Vhtnning, the only nation on which I'm an expert. The results were most peculiar.

It was in the 18th year of President Ngo Mahn Ngo's lightning campaign to wipe out all Moscow-trained peasants. His 16 divisions of U.S. military advisers were all in the front lines, giving advice, tooth and nail. Indeed, they would occasionally even try dragging a loyal royal troop up to the front lines to advise personally. But it didn't work very well. Every time they'd advise a loyal royal troop to stick his bayonet in a fellow Vhtnngian, he'd swoon.

So the Pentagon issued an official directive saying: "If you can't say something nice about somebody, it's 30 days on the rockpile." The very next day, U.S. military adviser first class Homer Crabtree was interviewed in the front lines by ace newsmen, who asked his assessment of his Vhtnngian comrades in arms.

"Gentlemen," said Mr. Crabtree, thinking carefully, "in my 50 years of soldiering, I never did see more lovable fighting men than these loyal royal troops. Why, these tough jungle warriors can compose sad love songs 48 hours straight on a handful of rice. When it comes to love, they can take it and dish it out, no matter how heavy the enemy fire."

So the stories started pouring in about how lovable the Vhtnngians were and how lovely love was. And even some people in Washington began to wonder if loving people wasn't better than sticking bayonets into them. Indeed, there was talk of cutting \$86.19 from the Pentagon's budget to establish a bureau of love. What a crisis!

But just when all looked hopeless, the Pentagon's Assistant Undersecretary for Improving the Image of War came up with a radical solution. The first directive to our adviser in West Vhtnning was canceled and a second issued which said: "Henceforth, when asked your opinion of the war itself or of the fighting capabilities of the loyal royal troops, say exactly what you think."

And it worked! For while our GIs expressed their opinions to our ace newsmen in thousands and thousands of words, not a one of them was printable.

Three Women Join Capitol Guide Staff
Salem - 678 - Three women have joined the capitol guide staff for the summer tourist season, the state highway department announced today.

The three are Mrs. Ted Gooding, Miss Maria McVay, and Miss Sally Jochimsen, all of Salem. The guide service is a part of the highway department's travel information division.

President Kennedy sought to reassure the Germans specifically and Europe in general that they never would be abandoned by the United States. De Gaulle's position that the opposite might eventually be true gave, he said, aid and comfort to the enemy.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
Field Enterprises, Inc.

HARRIS'S REPLY
I am in receipt of a letter from a ladies' club in Kansas, which runs as follows:

"Dear Mr. Harris: We are a philanthropic group, and would like you to speak at our fall banquet. Unfortunately, we cannot pay a fee, since our funds are allocated for various children's charities. Sincerely . . ."

My reply, as always, was prompt, courteous, and (I hope) definitive: "Dear Madam: Thank you for the kind invitation to address the fall banquet of your worthy group. I am delighted to learn that your funds are allocated for various children's charities, and I should like to take this opportunity to tell you about the Harris Foundation.

The full name of this enterprise, which is wholly non-profit, is the Carolyn, Michael, Barbara, David and Lindsay Harris Foundation for Deserving Children. It operates at a staggering annual deficit.

"Any funds contributed to this project are allocated 100 per cent to the children themselves, with no costs deducted for overhead, promotion, publicity, mailings, balls, banquets or bazaars.

"The funds go directly for the following purposes: college and school tuitions, orthodontist's fees, medical bills, clothing, shoes, chemistry sets, rocking-horses, Raggedy Ann dolls, and bicycles.

"In addition, a small but constant sum is set away monthly for future contingencies, such as measles, birthday parties, falls from trees, small dogs, tropical fish collections, broken windows, lost gloves (192 pair since 1955 alone, as you can see from the attached statement of operating expenses for the last decade, included in the annual report), and allowances, which grow in geometrical proportion while the children grow only in arithmetical proportion.

"Our books have been audited and verified by the U.S. Collector of Internal Revenue, District of Northern Illinois — who, however, has persistently refused to let the Foundation be incorporated under state or national laws. I am currently engaged in taking this case to the highest court in the land, and have hired for this purpose an attorney with eleven children of his own.

"As you can see, the Harris Foundation is unique among all the groups to which you have been contributing, in that not one penny is diverted to pay the expenses of the administrator, who happens to be a newspaper columnist of the utmost probity, frugality, and self-sacrificing to the point of sainthood. His name will be sent upon request, if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

"Thanking you again for your inquiry, I remain very truly yours, Sydney J. Harris."

IN GERMAN cities, the President of the United States is getting the most wildly enthusiastic reception ever given in Europe to the head of a foreign state. It is CERTAIN that he is receiving the warmest reception ever given in Europe by a conquered people to the leader of their conquerors.

IN BONN, the capital of the West German Republic, the Germans turned out in droves to greet him with wildly enthusiastic cheers. In Frankfurt, the dispatches tell us, he was literally engulfed in a human sea. Before making his speech, he walked into the crowd and shook hands with some of the people. At times, he literally disappeared from view. Then his head would reappear, turning from side to side as the German crowd wildly chanted his name.

In West Berlin he was almost deified. He tells the West Berliners in German: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner) and they go literally wild with enthusiasm.

WHY is the President of the United States in Germany? Why—in particular—is he in Western Germany? WELL, he is there because of the seeming madness of a strange and mystic Frenchman — Charles De Gaulle, President of France.

France's president has seen fit to cast doubt upon the integrity of America's leadership in Western Europe and the PERMANENCE of American assistance in resisting the spread of COMMUNISM throughout Europe.

President Kennedy is there to reassure the people of free Western Europe that we will NOT leave them to stew in the corrosive juice of communism. He is there to tell them that to prevent such a catastrophe we will risk the nuclear destruction of our country. That's about the long and short of it.

WHAT of De Gaulle? He is a strange and mystic character. From time to time, France produces such characters. There was Napoleon, for instance. De Gaulle is a soldier. He knows the importance of the ancient maxim: DIVIDE AND CONQUER. If you can get your enemies divided, you can conquer them. He knows that if communism can divide the Free World, it will have a good chance to conquer the Free World.

Yet he is doing what he is doing. THERE are many strange things in this world. For example: We have fought the Germans in two wars. We have fought the British in two wars. We have fought the Spaniards in one war. We have fought the Japanese in one war. They are all NOW our friends and allies. WE HAVE NEVER fought the French. We have never fought the Russians. But Russia is the leader of world communism, which is committed to DESTROY us. And here is a Frenchman who seems to be committing himself to an effort to DIVIDE THE FREE WORLD — thus (possibly) enabling communism to destroy the Free World.

