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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
July 8, 1953 (Wednesday)
Test holes at the site for the new First National bank building were sunk during the week end to determine the nature of underlying soil, bank officials said today.

20 YEARS AGO
July 8, 1943 (Wednesday)
Russell Brothers circus moves to South Riverside ave. site.

30 YEARS AGO
July 8, 1933 (Friday)
Oregon dries open drive to keep state dry.

40 YEARS AGO
July 8, 1923 (Saturday)
Fire in Eagle Point causes \$3,000 damage.

50 YEARS AGO
July 8, 1913 (Monday)
In the Claws of the Vulture, a gripping story in three reels, playing at Star theater. Admission 10 cents.

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

1. "Simon Legree" is a character in which famous book?
2. A fathom comprises how many feet?
3. Is a boa constrictor a venomous snake?
4. To be eligible for election to the Congress, a candidate must be a native-born citizen; true or false?
5. What governmental organization is charged by the law with responsibility for protecting the person of the President?
6. In governmental regulation, anti-trust refers to safeguards against what?
7. On which day of the week does Labor Day always fall?
8. Name the Roman goddess of wisdom.
9. Is the federal tax on jewelry a property, excise, or sales tax?
10. Does the U.S. Constitution reserve the "police powers" to the states or the federal government?
Answers: 1. Uncle Tom's Cabin. 2. Six feet. 3. No. 4. False. 5. Secret Service. 6. Monopoly and limiting of competition. 7. Monday. 8. Minerva. 9. Excise. 10. States.

What Is a Communist?
What is a Communist? We ought to ask again, because this label is being pinned on some people in this country more than at any time since the McCarthy era of the 1950s. Controversy over civil rights, economics, politics, welfare programs, almost anything, can easily end up with somebody shouting at somebody else: "What are you, a Communist or something?"

TO ANSWER THE question: What is a Communist? You can begin, of course, by citing avowed members of the Communist party. You may presume there are a considerable number of secret members, not to mention actual professional spies working for the Soviet Union. By the very nature of their purposes, they are not likely to wear red light bulbs over their heads. You can add identifiable persons who, while avoiding party memberships, nevertheless unmistakably serve the party's goals—as dictated by Moscow. Beyond these levels, identification becomes tricky and presumption dangerous.

FOR EXAMPLE, the Reds often try to adopt as their own a flock of foreign and domestic proposals which may accord roughly with programs advanced by legitimate political parties in the free democracies. As practiced under Moscow's guidance, this device is a conscious fraud. Its aim is to gain for Communism an identity with certain causes the Kremlin believes to be either popular or provocative in the free countries. People in free lands who let the Reds get away with this nonsense are just playing Moscow's game. It could lead us to such absurdities as having to oppose highway safety and better libraries because the Communists may say they favor them. You don't prove a man is a Communist because he says he favors six or eight or ten American-born programs the Communist Party also pretends it wants for the country. Programs in the Communist world are mere stratagems.

IT IS MORE fundamental to remember that a Communist is a person of totalitarian mentality. Whatever his programs of the moment, he is a man who:
• Brooks no opposition from any quarter, whether school, church, business community, other political party or what not.
• Wants not simply to defeat his rivals but to crush and eliminate them. Rule or ruin is the game.
• In support of these purposes, seeks to control both the thought and the action so that only his ideas, policies and program exist.
• Would bend every power element in society — every agency of the government and the economy — to this overriding goal. Let this distinctively marked shoe fit where it will. — Coos Bay World.

Federal Employment
It has become commonplace for the man in the street to speak of Federal agencies and employees as though they comprised an ever-spreading, suffocating blanket. The facts do not bear this out. As Congresswoman Edith Green points out in a recent newsletter to her constituents, the number of Federal employees is actually declining in relation to the nation's population. Where there were 1.6 Federal civilian employees for each 100 Americans in 1952, there are now 1.3 now or a decline of almost 19 per cent. And they are not widely spread. Of the 2.5 million Federal civilian employees, 1.8 million are in one of three agencies — Defense Department, Post Office, and Veterans Administration. The 0.7 million remaining in all other government activities are fewer than the total employment in the telephone industry alone. — Capital Press, Salem.

Safe Boating
Neglect of elementary rules of safe boating contribute to the annual loss of 1,300 lives in boating accidents. This is a heavy toll for the nation's "No. 1 family sport," which lures 40 million Americans onto waterways each year. The \$2.5 billion recreational craft industry in the United States now services a civilian navy of almost 7.5 million boats of all kinds, including 483,000 sailboats, 795,000 inboard motorboats, and 2,105,000 canoes, rowboats and miscellaneous craft. There are 6,250,000 outboard motors in use, of which 372,000 were sold in 1962. Last year about one out of every five persons in the United States went boating at one time or another. In their enthusiasm to get out on the water, too many people forget elementary rules of safety. Among the vignettes of death compiled by the U. S. Coast Guard is the incredible folly of a one-armed man who could not swim and who never wore a lifejacket but went to sea one day in a very small boat in very rough weather. He never returned from that trip. Most boating fatalities could be prevented simply by wearing lifejackets at all times. — E. R. R.



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 initials 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.

Quilt?
To the Editor: Are we going to belong all to the colored race? Are we, in a few generations, going to look into old photographic albums, and then look at one another and remark: "Mahl how we have all changed!"

At first the Negro popularized his garish art (Gay Ninety's), his noisy music (jazz: 1920's), and his amoral literature (pornographic realism: 1930's) among us. Now he is beginning to inbreed with us, demanding full social and political equality. But witness the words of Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, from a speech delivered at Charleston, Ill., in the year 1858: "I am not now, or ever have been in favor of bringing about in any way the social or political equality of the white and black races. There is a physical difference between the white and black races which will forever forbid the two races living together in social or political equality. There must be a position of superior and inferior, and I am in favor of assigning the superior position to the white man."

But the difference is more than physical. For instance, most Negro arts seem degenerate and revolting to the uninitiated, sensitive taste of a Caucasian. Next, if we are to sanction full civil and religious liberty, we must entertain voodoom among us, and, when we have succumbed to barbaric promiscuousness and lasciviousness, engendered of the above mentioned arts and religion, the uninhibited, irresponsible, strongly-sexed, inferior-feeling Negro male will aggressively propagate, and accelerate the process of "de-Caucasianization," even as our central government is today accelerating "de-Segregation."

From the same book as the above quotation, "Meet General Grant" by W. E. Woodward, we read: "The experience of mankind shows that in all slave civilizations the master eventually succumbs, morally and spiritually, to those held in bondage. . . . Slavery. . . did the Negro no permanent harm. . . . But it did the Southern White Man a great deal of harm. . . . (though) the terrific shock of the Civil War tore the two races apart and created a new and sharp antagonism." Also, "The American Negroes are the only people in the history of the world, as far as I know, that ever became free without any effort of their own." Can it be, as one Negro expressed it, that the Negro is a "guilt" of the white man — which he must atone for?

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Happy Ending
To the Editor: In June all the world seems to be in love. And the newspapers carry many announcements of happy engagements and weddings. . . . And sometimes proud mamas, perhaps recalling their own romances, get their metaphors slightly mixed when they compose the announcement of their daughter's engagement. This unforgettable classic appeared in the column "A line-a-type or two" in the Chicago Tribune some years ago: "Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gillett take great pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Gloria to Mr. Robert Bottomfeldt. Every young man may have his Gillett — but it is not every young lady who is so fortunate as to have her romance end so happily." Bruce V. Klein-Smith
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Was It Luck?
To the Editor: Mr. Wirth's letter of July 4th concerning the evils of profitmaking in industry was a fine letter, one which an embittered employee might be happy to see in print. It drew the usual picture of "them," those well dressed men in their expensive offices, feet propped on mahogany desks while their workers make money for them. These men are the prime targets of both the socialists and communists, and in Mr. Wirth's case, as in all such cases, the entire group of employers has been gathered into one vague gold-covered world and called "hoggish." It's true that some men inherit the reins of industry, but the laws of business survival usually make quick work of them if their weaknesses begin to affect the workings of their industrial machines. Trying to get "something for nothing," of which Mr. Wirth

Foreign News: De Gaulle's New Dilemma; Red Faction Break-Up; Japanese Rowdies

By PHIL NEWSOM
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De Gaulle Dilemma
French President Charles de Gaulle's next big press conference is scheduled for July 30 and is expected to reveal a softer tone both toward Great Britain and the United States. It was at a news conference last January that De Gaulle announced his veto of British

membership in the European Common Market, a move which has irritated his relations with his Common Market partners ever since. In last week's visit to Germany, De Gaulle failed either to reach accord with the Germans on the British question or on the question of ridding himself of French farm surpluses. Furthermore, he is nearing the time when he must get along with Ludwig Erhard, who is scheduled to take over this fall as West German chancellor. Therefore, it is expected that his next news conference will deal primarily with a defense

of the French position internationally, and especially on her relationship with the Atlantic alliance.
No Hope
Moscow dispatches now are referring to the "almost hopeless" attempt to salvage anything from the once monolithic Communist bloc that stretched from the Pacific to the Adriatic. In fact they are saying that the exchange of insults between the Soviet Union and Red China make it almost impossible for the two Communist giants to agree even on the simplest matters of normal diplomatic protocol. Moscow observers are predicting a complete Soviet ideological, political and strategic reorientation which may have its effect on the tri-power nuclear test talks to begin in Moscow July 15. U. S. delegate Averell Harriman is expected to arrive in Moscow at the end of this week for preliminary soundings on what appears to be a reasonable chance to break the nuclear deadlock and achieve at least a partial test ban agreement.

Unrest
The Russians are concerned about desertions of East German border guards, according to reports reaching West Berlin police. The Russians are said to believe that the desertions may show unreliability of the entire East German army.

Miss Mehitabel
And World History
By Arthur Hoppe



Young ladies of the evening seem much in the news. One's busy overthrusting the British Empire. Others are practicing the human brotherhood at the U.N. On a foe basis. And now the California State Capitol is rocked by the scandalous news that nefarious lobbyists are employing young ladies to influence our legislators. Which is certainly scandalous. If not news. But where, I ask you, will it all end? And if you're not worried yet, let me tell you what happened at last night's session of the Greater Southwest Centerville Sanitary Control District Board, which I was attending as an interested citizen. I was about to enter the august Board Chambers (a sixth grade classroom during daylight), when I was approached by a once-young lady in a black velvet evening gown, false eyelashes and a feather boa. "Honey," she whispered in a husky voice as she stroked my cheek and looked deep into my eyes, "buy Katzenbacher's Cast Iron Sewer Pipe. I go with it."

(The London Naval Conference. Those British sailors!) And when you read of how the League of Nations collapsed of sheer exhaustion, I can only say modestly that I was there, Toujours gai, toujours gai. "But now the times have passed me by and I am reduced to representing Katzenbacher's Cast Iron Sewer Pipe. And, honey, toujours gai Mr. Katzenbacher ain't?" I thanked Miss Mehitabel and said that, in view of the furor caused by the current scandals it was surprising to hear her type had been active in politics for years. "Honey," she said with pride, "lobbying is the oldest profession. And I personally have swung more issues than the League of Women Voters combined."

No offense, I said, but was it moral? "Moral!" she replied with an indignant flick of her ivory cigarette holder. "Nobody object when a lobbyist gives a lawmaker a free lunch, a free theater ticket or a free campaign contribution. Why such a fuss when he's given a free me?" Well, I'm sure none of us would agree with Miss Mehitabel's clearly immoral analogy. And I know you'll be happy to hear the nefarious Mr. Katzenbacher didn't get the sewer pipe contract. It went instead to a Mr. Graf-tendorfer, who presented Board Member Battersbee with a free case of whiskey, which, as you know, is perfectly acceptable these days. And it all goes to prove that under our code of public morality, virtue will triumph in the end. Either that, or it proves Miss Mehitabel is growing old.

Boisterous Youth
For the last two weeks, rowdy tactics of the minority Socialists have kept the Japanese Diet in an uproar. Opposed to them is a cynical and faction-ridden majority of Conservatives which can ram bills through at any time it wishes. Apologists for this sorry state point out that real parliamentary government in Japan is only 11 years old. Before that, the American occupiers and the emperor, respectively, held the ultimate control. Moreover, the minority Socialists have no chance of winning power in the near future, and this makes them irresponsible. The expressed hope is that in

Thank you, I said, but I didn't happen to need any sewer pipe at the moment. I was just a simple interested citizen. "Pardon," she said, squinting at me. "My eyes aren't what they used to be. I thought you were Board Member Alvin Battersbee. He's the swing vote on the new contract."

Seattle—Real Estate people and those in allied businesses from the states of Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Hawaii and Alaska are invited to attend a six-state education and sales conference here Sept. 11-14. The Washington Association of Realtors and the Washington State Department of Licenses, Real Estate division, will be hosts, to the sessions to be held at the Seattle Center, site of Seattle's 1962 World's Fair. Those interested are invited to write Fraser D. MacDonell, Chairman, Six-State convention, 531 First ave., West, Seattle 19, for descriptive brochures and detailed information.

Let's consider Joe, who owns the new restaurant in town. He hires, or "exploits," 15 workers. Was it luck that put Joe in his position? And what about Mack, who works in Joe's kitchen. Is it luck that keeps him there? Joe is in a profit-making position because of his own ambition and yearning. Mack, on the other hand, works in the kitchen because he has felt no urgent need to press on and into a position which would satisfy more than just his essential needs. It would be wrong to say Mack has failed—that is for Mack to determine. But it must also be wrong to call Joe an exploiter of humanity—a parasite—simply because he has had a yearning to spend his time on earth pursuing more than bread and wine. He has longed for and finally obtained the ownership of his restaurant. Perhaps his hunger will drive him on to more restaurants—more buildings and stools and tables and chairs which he can call his own. Doesn't Joe's spirit, that something that drives him harder than others, merit a profit for it's labor? "Profit does not add one whit to value. . . ." Mr. Wirth states. Perhaps the profit Joe makes from each bowl of soup does not add value to the dinner. It does add value to the effort Joe has put forth in building his restaurant. It increases in the eyes of Joe and others the worth of personal ambition and sheer Yankee guts. And remember, it was this ambition which brought about a place for the 15 employees to make a profit from their own labor. Frank D. Long
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quarreling like that. You should read Isaac Watts' Divine Songs, in which he says: Let dogs delight to bark and bite. For God hath made them so; Let bears and lions growl and fight. For 'tis their nature so. But, children, you should never let Such angry passions rise; Your little hands were never made To tear each other's eyes. Birds in their little nests agree; And 'tis a shameful sight When children of one family Fall out and chide and fight. STILL and all— If somebody has to chide and fight, let's be duly grateful that it's the commies who are doing it. There is an ancient proverb to the effect that when thieves fall out, honest men have a chance to come into their own.

INCIDENTALLY— The all time record for traffic deaths for a summer holiday week end was set on Memorial Day of this year—when 525 traffic fatalities were counted. The high mark for an Independence Day long week end was set in 1961, when 509 people died in highway crashes. FROM Moscow: The Soviet Union fired two blasts at Red China on the eve of peace talks between the two feuding communist powers in Moscow. The Russian communist party central committee issued a statement accusing the Chinese of slander, meddling and "aggravating relations." The Soviet Foreign Ministry later issued a sharp statement rejecting Red China's "tendentious lecture" over the expulsion last week of five Chinese from Moscow for distributing an attack on Premier Nikita Khrushchev's leadership of the world communist movement. The broadcasts said Communist China would reply to the latest Soviet blasts later when it meets the Russians face to face in the big power row. It termed the Russian charges "distortions of the truth." FIE! Fie! Children! You ought to be ashamed of yourselves, fighting and

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
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MAN IN THE MIDDLE
I was talking with a man not long ago, who turned out to be a John Bircher, and his conversation struck a reminiscent note that I could not recall until afterwards. Suddenly I remembered—a reminder of the occasional Communist I used to run into during the 1940s. In fact, he was the perfect "mirror image" of the Communist zealot. It was not merely that all his arguments were the Communist line turned inside out; it was also that his attitudes and reactions were the same as theirs, only "right-handed" instead of "left-handed."

He had what mother used to call "a plaster for every sore." His conversation was made up of a vast supply of cliches and labels and stereotypes to cover all situations. There was no doubt, no modifications, no qualifications, no admitting that problems are difficult and good men may not agree. Like the Communists, his world was divided into black and white; the "loyal Americans" and the "traitors," conscious or unconscious. He would yield not an inch, for he possessed the absolute gospel truth. Those who could not see it were fools or dupes or rogues. It is an interesting psychological fact the zealous on opposite sides of questions are more alike than they are different; they differ in abstract principles, but their motivations and attitudes are quite similar. Fascism and Communism are ugly twins, for they share the same deformation of the human spirit, only curved in opposite directions.

And it is no accident that the official title of the Nazi party was "National Socialist"—for Hitler was shrewd enough to appeal to both extremes of fanatical thought in Germany; to those who believed in "Germany Over All," and to those who wanted a collectivist society on a national level. Nor was it any more an accident that the Communists in Germany combined with the Fascists to vote against the Social Democrats and other moderate forces; for both extremes recognize that their true enemy is the humane spirit, and they despise the man in the middle more than they hate each other. The man in the middle is tentative, wary of generalizations, suspicious of slogans and rigid systems of thought, unwilling to condemn blocs of people for the faults of some in the group, and trusting in the essential decency of men rather than forces or repression. In these basic respects, the zealous on both extremes have more in common with each other than they have with the rest of us.

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"Romney marched. . . Barry has to march in a civil rights demonstration, too. So they'll call him a liberal! So what?"