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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 17, 1953 (Friday) Jackson county is one of six areas selected to test a program of special education for unusual children...

20 YEARS AGO

July 17, 1943 (Friday) Harry L. Holmes elected president of Rogue Valley Traffic association.

30 YEARS AGO

July 17, 1933 (Sunday) Miss Regina Johnson of Ashland and Assistant Attorney General Ralph E. Moody, ballot theft case prosecutor, united at surprise wedding.

40 YEARS AGO

July 17, 1923 (Monday) County to distribute 800,000 lady bugs in valley to curb pests and worms.

50 YEARS AGO

July 17, 1913 (Wednesday) Four mile lake stocked with 20,000 fingerling trout.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. Are ocean currents nearer the surface as they go toward or away from the equator? 2. Is mesquite an insect, a game, or a desert shrub? 3. Complete the proverb: "To know the road ask those who..." 4. What was the name of George Washington's mother? 5. Was Sir Walter Scott an English, Irish, or Scottish writer? 6. Correct the following: "I laid down on the couch to read." 7. In which state are the Black Hills? 8. Name the famous newspaper established by Horace Greeley in 1841. 9. Is a bloodhound a large, medium, or small dog? 10. What is the birthstone for December?

Hatfield and the Lightning

The fluctuating political fortunes of the two leading prospects for the Republican nomination for President—Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and Sen. Barry Goldwater—inevitably affect the political fortune of every other prominent Republican. And this includes our own youthful Governor, Mark O. Hatfield.

He has been "mentioned" as a possible GOP vice presidential candidate, and speculations about this possibility have been frequent in the press of this state and others for some time now.

MORE recent developments, however, have changed the picture. These include Governor Rockefeller's divorce and remarriage, which have substantially damaged his chances for the nomination, and Senator Goldwater's subsequent—and, as we see it, "too early"—rise in popularity.

These two developments combined have made it possible for some political observers to believe that some other candidate will get the nod.

AND THIS despite Hatfield's youth, the fact that he comes from a far-western and lightly populated state, and has yet to build a national reputation and national "image."

It does seem that these handicaps are too large to be overcome. But stranger things have happened, and despite the current odds, by the time of the GOP convention a year from now the picture could be completely altered.

Hatfield is vigorous, smart, a hard worker, and ambitious. He is cautious—overcautious, sometimes. But on occasion he can make a hard and unpopular decision and stick with it, which in the long run can win enough respect to overcome the unpopularity of any single action.

HE ALSO is playing his national politics very coolly. He is taking steps to increase his national exposure, to become known among party leaders, and to impress as many people as possible with the fact that he is alive, available and attractive.

He—and his alert and aggressive staff—have developed "positions" on most current public questions, and, while not always volunteering his views on controversial matters, Hatfield keeps informed about them, and if necessary is equipped to discuss them.

He is a trained and skillful public speaker, a good and fluent conversationalist, and does his "homework."

HATFIELD is, both by choice and by temperament, a moderate, a middle-of-the-roader. And, despite the noise emanating from the far right these days, this is the position of most of the thinking voters of the nation, Republican or Democratic.

He has, in recent months, disappointed some of his friends and supporters, at least in part because of his out-of-state trips. Some of them feel he should stay home and mind the store.

Others have been disappointed by certain of his appointments and other actions in office, notably the out-of-hand firing of two Industrial Accident Commissioners. Still others have been chagrined by his refusal to take action in some situations where they feel he should.

THESE drawbacks are not necessarily fatal, any more than his attractive qualities guarantee success.

Still, some of the Governor's friends think he should forget about the vice presidency, believing that way would lead to political suicide. As for the Presidency, they just laugh.

They feel that he should concentrate on being a good Governor, stay at home and keep his fences mended, and then run for the Senate seat now held by Maurine Neuberger, which comes up for grabs in 1966—the year Hatfield's term expires. They believe he would have an excellent chance of winning, if he did this.

BUT, WITH the Presidential lightning flickering on the horizon, what ambitious young politician, who believes there is an outside chance, can avoid exposing himself in the hope that it may just possibly be him that is struck?

What "political animal"—trained and experienced as student, teacher, legislator, secretary of state and governor—would hide from the lightning of that most awesome and powerful office? Certainly not Mark Hatfield.

If, in defiance of all political odds, the lightning should strike, he will be ready. Don't count on it. But don't entirely dismiss the possibility, either.—E. A.

Two Recollections

Two related items: Governor Hatfield's invitation to Rockefeller and Goldwater to debate in Oregon recalls that the Stassen-Dewey debates in Oregon in 1948 eliminated Stassen from the contest. Rockefeller and Goldwater COULD kill each other's chances by a debate.

No Governor of Oregon in this century has served out two full terms. All elected to two terms have either died in office or resigned.—E. A.



"You know, when you think about it, our flag is like abstract art. It means different things to different people!"

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.

Help, Not Hinder

To the Editor: In these days of tangled national and international affairs it seems pitiful that so many are pulling in so many different directions. Each group, and there are many of them, as well as a multitude of individuals, with equally as many divergent views who are not contributing to the solution of the problems.

It is a shame that we Americans cannot get together behind our President and give him cheer and acclaim as did the Germans and Italians, also the Irish, on his recent trip abroad. However, there is an understandable reason why the Irish greeted him with open arms, he is a direct descendant of those people, one of their own come home.

But, is he not also one of our own, a third generation American, raised a and educated in America, by and to the American standards? Has he not broken down the old religious barrier and shown us that church and state can and must exist separately regardless of the President's church affiliations?

Has he not gone farther than any President in many years by taking the stand he did on civil rights? Has he not placed his political future in jeopardy by this stand? What other President since Lincoln demanded that rights, as guaranteed in the Constitution, become a reality, not just a group of grandiloquent words in a sacred document?

The right of the people to express divergent views on any subject is our American heritage of free speech and free press, but it can, conceivably, lead to chaos if not used with discretion. By this I mean that we, as a people, can become so confused that our solidarity as a nation can be undermined and our freedom lost through a lack of unity in national affairs.

That the civil rights issue comes at this time is not the work of any group but merely a chronological cycle that is sweeping the world. To say, as some contributors to this column do, that the push for civil rights in the U.S. is communist inspired is about as ridiculous as possible, since it was written into the Constitution via the 14th Amendment before the writings of either Karl Marx or Friedrich Engels, the fathers of modern communism.

This can be more truly traced to education, whereby the oppressed became conscious of their rights while, in our country, and I am ashamed to admit, many white people are so ignorant as to either not know the Constitutional guarantee or could not understand it when read.

I am convinced the Cuban situation was handled in the most effective manner short of war and surely no sane person wants war. Our domestic economy has improved since Kennedy took office, so let us join ranks behind him and help rather than hinder.

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Judge's Advice To the Editor: Reading your paper and looking over the court records, I see so many of our young people applying for a divorce. This makes me feel sad. I think of an article I once read—it was unsigned so I do not know the author. I cannot quote, only give the message as it impressed me. It's something like this: A young man and his wife stood before a judge on the brink of a marriage abyss.

The wise old judge had called for and had assembled some of those young people who had gone through his court years before. He pointed to them and to the young couple said, "There is a pile of jumbled human wreckage, those wrecks were people like you. They loved, laughed and had high ideals, then selfishness blinded them; they met head-on, Pride in each other's ability is a shield for love, but they removed it and the blinding glare of ego brought them to the edge of ruin. Before you leap into this void of human wreckage try doing unto others as you would have them do unto you."

As I recall it this young couple went home and their marriage was saved. I feel that all of us, both young and old, could take this wise old judge's advice to heart and make our homes and lives a lot happier.

Mabel Harmon 1035 Cherry St. Medford.

Discontent With Baath Party Control In Syria and Iraq Seen Increasing

By RAY J. MOLONEY

United Press International Beirut, Lebanon—(U.P.—Sires) has appeared of a possible rising tide against the Baath party control in Syria and Iraq, both locked in a bitter ideological conflict with U.A.R.'s President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

Syria is now deep in a political crisis which has seen its Baath government maneuver repeatedly to avoid an open clash with the non-Baathists.

Iraq recently announced the crushing of "a vile Communist plot," but the reports reaching here indicate that the plotters were by no means only Communist.

In both Iraq and Syria observers believe the trouble stems from Baath insistence on placing its own men—however inexperienced—in key positions.

This policy is claimed to be fostering a steadily increasing anti-Baath attitude in the civil service and the armed forces, where seniority has sometimes been ignored.

The Syrian crisis began last month with a Baathist bid to clip the wings of Defense Minister Ziad Al Hariri, a man with a strong personal following in the army, by transferring abroad or discharging a number of his close army associates.

Hariri battled the move bitterly. But the National Revolutionary Council stripped Hariri of his post and sent him to European exile July 8.

The failure of the Baath to grant adequate representation to Syrian Nasserite elements in the post-coup cabinet sparked the crisis and put in doubt the establishment of the tripartite United Arab federa-

tion of Iraq, Syria and Egypt. The reasons for the clash are complex. Both support Arab nationalism and Arab unity but they differ diametrically on who should lead this part of the world.

No such figure as Hariri yet exists in Iraq. But there the anger against the "Baathisation" of the army appears to have been a major factor in the recent brief uprising at the outside El Rashid military camp outside Baghdad, according to reports received here through diplomatic channels.

The camp contains a large number of Communist and Kurdish prisoners, and the reports claim that most of these were released and armed by disarmed army units in preparation for a march on Baghdad.

Something like two-thirds of the Iraqi army is presently engaged in the campaign against the Kurdish nationalists in the north.

Any serious trouble in the remaining units could face the Baath administration with a serious danger.

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

MISSING LEADERS

The testimony of Governor Barnett of Mississippi before the Senate Commerce Committee, like a good caricature, reveals by its exaggeration and distortion the inner fallacy of the irreconcilable opposition to civil rights legislation.

The governor's theory is that the Kennedy brothers, acting under impulse from Moscow, have stirred up the Negro demonstrators. If instead the Kennedys would order the Negroes to desist, to shut up and be quiet, there would be no problem of civil rights, the racial conflict would disappear and the civilization of the white man would be preserved.

Stripped of the nonsense about Moscow, which only the lunatic fringe believes, there is a substantial minority in the country, perhaps even more than a minority in the deep south, who believe what Governor Barnett believes. That is to say they believe that the Kennedys are encouraging the demonstrations and that they could, if they wanted to, call off the demonstrations. This is what the most important southern leader, Richard Russell of Georgia, believes.

It is by way of being a national calamity that Senator Russell is using his great authority to prevent any important and responsible southern politician from taking a constructive and leading part in the solution of this national problem. To say that the problem would not exist if President Kennedy lectured the Negro leaders about law and order is for a man like Senator Russell to hug a fatal illusion. The fatal illusion is to believe that the Negroes have no grievances which they cannot be forced to put up with as long as it suits the white majority not to redress the grievances.

The fundamental and controlling fact of the matter is that there is a new generation of Negroes who will not put up with their ancient grievances. President Kennedy did not invent these new Negroes, and he does not now incite them. On the contrary, as the record shows, he intended to do nothing substantial by legislation in this session of Congress. He was forced by the Negro demonstrations in the spring to take charge of a menacing situation.

The President's assumption of leadership was not, as Governor Russell seems to think, a case of meddling with a situation which would best be left alone. The situation cannot be left alone. The Negroes will not subside. These demonstrations, which will intensify and expand, will incite counter-demonstrations by white people. All this, while it does not threaten the overthrow of the republic, does threaten the peace and order of American life.

Confronted with this national trouble, it is the duty of the national government to seize the situation firmly and energetically and, by insisting that evil be righted and that justice be done, to uphold law and order. Law and order will not be upheld by lecturing or arresting Negro demonstrators. It can be upheld only by redressing their undoubted grievances.

IT SHOULD be evident to anyone who examines the problem that the process of desegregating schools, jobs and public accommodations is in many respects complex and difficult. Undoing an old evil, which has the sanction of custom, often creates new problems. These new problems cannot always be clearly foreseen, and it is therefore of crucial importance that all the responsible southern white leaders should not disqualify themselves by dishonest opposition. These white leaders are needed to play a constructive part in the future.

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BACK in 1929, we thought we could get rich quick by big-time gambling in stocks—which, we were assured, would keep on going up and WOULDNT EVER go down because this was a rich and growing nation that would go on indefinitely producing more and more wealth.

We're going now on the theory that a nation can SPEND ITSELF RICH by the simple process of spending it high, wide and handsome and PUTTING IT ON THE CLIFF. We are assured in these days that our skyrocketing debt can never bother us because it will be taken care of by our skyrocketing production.

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Let's put it like this: THE HOPE OF OUR NATION LIES IN THE HARD-HEADED, COMMON-SENSE MIDDLE. The fringes on both sides are DANGEROUS.

Save the World For Fun and Profit

By Arthur Hoppe

The world, you will be glad to know this afternoon, is saved.

Oh, I know it was tough and go there for a while, what with everybody hating each other. The Whites and the Blacks and the Communists and the Capitalists and the North Koreans and the South Koreans and the East Berliners and, personally, I didn't much care for this kid next door who is learning to play the cornet. At all hours.

So there we were, all hating each other and vengefully arming ourselves with knives and rocks and fireknives and police dogs and thermonuclear bombs. Boy, we certainly weren't going to let them push us around. Whoever they were. And whoever they were, they felt the same way about us. With mustard on it. So it was pretty clear the race was on the verge of hating itself into extinction.

And then, just when all was darkest, a miraculous salvation appeared like a flash of golden light breaking through the swirling storm clouds of imminent disaster. Or, to put it another way, the anti-Penguin buttons have now arrived from the button maker.

The buttons, which the world had been awaiting with bated breath, are the membership lapel pins in the Love Everybody (Except Antarcitics) Crusade, the only crusade which is bound to save the world because it appeals to all that is base in human nature—hatred, intolerance, racism, superiority and snobbery. It simply directs these essential emotions toward a more reasonable target: Penguins.

So do your part. Send in a dime and a self-addressed, stamped envelope today for your all-new, 1963, anti-Penguin button. It boldly proclaims "LOVE EVERYBODY (Except Penguins)." And it has a picture of a Penguin on it with a knife sticking out of his back. In order to promote right-thinking among us do-gooders.

So be the first on your block to save the world. And please don't forget to enclose the dime. You can't save the world for nothing, you know.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris

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"IMAGE"

I was pleased to read that at a recent meeting of advertising people in New York, the director of creative projects at NBC news told the group that the worst word ever coined by advertising people is "image." As reported in Advertising Age, he said that "substance and truth are the important things, rather than image, even if the picture is at times unpleasant."

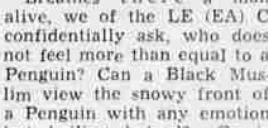
The "image" is what the public sees and hears; the reality behind the image may be quite another thing. If we labor heavily and expensively at the image, and make the public believe what we are not, then there is little incentive to change the reality itself.

There is the same difference between the old-fashioned words "character" and "reputation." A man's reputation is what others have been trained to think about him; his character is what he really is. If he devotes most of his efforts to improving his reputation, for his own sake, then his character will inevitably suffer.

"We must change our image" says a company—but an image must be a true reflection of reality, or it is a fake. And the only permanent, meaningful way to change an image is to change the



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