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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 29, 1953 (Wednesday) Plans for a pictorial history of the railroads of the Rogue valley were announced here today by M. Dale Newton, 807 Grant st., author of "Steel Along the Rogue."

30 YEARS AGO July 29, 1923 (Saturday) Army recruiting reports difficulty in getting enlistments here.

40 YEARS AGO July 29, 1923 (Sunday) Salem Cherrians parade streets and thrill citizens.

50 YEARS AGO July 29, 1913 (Tuesday) Josephus Daniels, secretary of Navy, reserved by valley visit.

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

- 1. The well-known stadium in Pasadena, California is known as what? 2. A slalom is performed in what outdoor sport? 3. Name the mountain range extending from the Black Sea to the Caspian Sea that separates Europe from Asia.

Brave Days Over

Oneida, Wis. (UPI) - A squaw ruled the 3,500 member Oneida Indian tribe today for the first time in history.

Fertility Control

Editor's note: The Oregon Health Officers association met at Diamond Lake recently, and among other matters, "fertility control" was under discussion.

Until ten years ago family planning was of concern to very few people. Family planning is today a matter of world-wide importance to everyone regardless of race, creed or color.

From the dawn of time until 1960, we have arrived at three billion people in the world. If our present birthrate is projected into the future, the second three billion people will be here by the year 2,000.

Family planning becomes a problem when one considers that the upper income families around the world do not have large families.

A FURTHER problem in addition to lack of money is ignorance—first on the part of the patient who doesn't know that help is available, on the part of physicians who don't know the types of help that are available, on the part of governmental officials who fail to realize the financial savings that would accrue to government from family planning, and on the part of local religious minority groups who do not realize that all churches, including the Roman Catholic, are concerned about responsible family planning.

It is the feeling of planned parenthood groups that within the near future, planning must become an integral part of public health on the local level.

It is known from studies in Chicago that indigent patients in high density areas will travel only short distances for contraceptive information. This would lend credence to the belief that contraceptive information must come to the patient rather than the information.

THE public health departments have the organizational structure to cope with this problem, public health knows where the problem patients are, and public health is painfully aware of the cost of these patients to the people in their area. New contraceptive devices are available which are non-prescription items and which can be disseminated to welfare patients without an increase in medical personnel.

In a study of 235 welfare families in Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, over a three-year period, there were no unplanned pregnancies and the cost of the contraceptive information to the public health department was 1/25th that which would have been expected had the information and devices not been made available.

ROMAN Catholic patients should not be denied family planning information, but should, in all kindness, be given that which is morally acceptable to them.

Since unemployment and aid to dependent children doubled in the very prosperous 1950s, it would seem imperative that a forward looking state, such as Oregon, should proceed along the lines of family planning to provide the maximum advantages for all the people of this state.

Face the Facts

We recently discussed the problems touched upon in the article printed above with a woman who has been active in both welfare and public health activities. She said there is a crying need for family planning information for families receiving welfare and public health assistance.

She cited several instances of women with more children than the family wanted or could afford, who were still having them, and who did not know what to do to prevent it.

Assisting these people (only, of course, when such assistance is requested) would, she insisted, be of immeasurable benefit, both in humanitarian terms, and in terms of tax dollars.

A CHILD born into a family on welfare relief has two strikes against it to begin with, particularly if it is an unwanted child. Each such child costs the taxpayers far, far more over a period of years than would family planning or devices or advice.

But, because it is a touchy and controversial subject, such a step has, until now, hardly been discussed in public health or welfare circles.

The time has come to face the facts, and advance such a program, both at the state level—through the state board of health and the state welfare commission—and at the county level, through their local counterparts.

THE only ones who could object are those who believe that birth control, under any circumstances and using any methods, is wrong. This, we believe, would be a minority in today's society.

Such beliefs, of course, merit respectful attention. But they should not be allowed to prevail over the desires, needs and opinions of others.

Availability of information and advice on fertility control, family planning, birth control—whatever you want to call it—is desirable both from a cold dollars-and-cents angle, and because of simple human needs.—E.A.

A Place In The Sun



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.

Summary All Wrong

To the Editor: Your summary of the Constitution was all wrong. The first three words tell us of whom our Government consists. It is not the Supreme Court, nor Congress, nor the President.

Equally it is pretty hard to come by knowing that the authors of our Constitution were slave holders. The only equality and welfare is spelled out in the Bill of Rights.

Good News To the Editor: The President's message on the test ban treaty was good news for all the world to hear.

It means that, barring accidents, we will have peace on earth for quite a while yet. Even have peaceful co-existence with Cuba, for sure, as only an insane man could commit himself and his people to suicide.

It took Uncle Sam about five years to build the uranium bomb and light the fuse in order to save what was left of our Navy. Then the real atomic race started and kept on until as of last year we reached a real stalemate with Russia.

So now the action requested by the President for Congress to approve of the signatures in the test ban treaty will soon be given the O.K. as the subject transcends party lines.

Another sticker says, "keep prayer out of public schools." The first public school in America was opened by the American Sunday School Union. Its only text book—the Bible. The Supreme Court made a law. The Constitution says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of a religion."

That can only mean to advocate or support a given church or belief. J.F.K. violated that.

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Motion To Dismiss Race Hearing Loses

Portland (UPI) - State Labor Commissioner Norman Nilsen has denied a motion by the city of Portland to dismiss a complaint charging the city's park bureau with racial discrimination in failing to hire Negroes Sam Macon and Nathan Jones.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

AT A RECENT convention in the midwest, a very serious businessman arose to deliver a very serious speech that had been prepared for him that very morning and that he had not bothered to read over before he entered the convention hall.

Included in the speech was a ream of statistics. After quoting them, he read these lines from his typescript. "These are not my own figures I am quoting, gentlemen. They are the figures of someone who knows what he is talking about."

The resultant roar of laughter from the audience stunned the speaker so that he shut up abruptly and staggered to his seat on the dais. What happened to his ghost writer that very afternoon we leave to your imagination.

Bob Sylvester's tailor had an order for a \$300 suit recently with a special small pocket on the inside of the jacket just under the outside handkerchief pocket. The customer gave the exact dimensions for the extra-pocket he wanted—then disclosed the purpose thereof: that's where he proposed to carry his gold toothpick.

Sick cannibal joke: explorer in pot, about to be cooked. Chief asks victim if he has any last words to say. Explorer gasps, "Yes. I'm smoking more and enjoying it less."

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New Threats to Berlin's Access Routes May Crop Up at Meeting in East Germany

By WILLIAM J. FOX United Press International

Notes from the foreign news cables: Berlin Threats

Despite Nikita Khrushchev's warming-up tactics toward the West, there is speculation that new threats to Berlin's access routes may crop up at a meeting of the puppet East German Parliament this Wednesday at which Communist leader Walter Ulbricht will speak.

The speculation ranges from imposition of transit visas on West Germans when they travel to West Berlin or enter East Germany, up to new air traffic regulations

which could pose a threat to the three air corridors into the city. Also rumored is the possible incorporation of East Berlin formally into East Germany, ending the four-power status of the city and cutting off the right of Western garrison members to enter East Berlin.

Any of these steps would be taken as signifying that the Russians do not plan to extend the new thaw in international relation to Berlin.

Japanese Communists Japan's Communists are embarrassed by Red China's denunciation of the Moscow nuclear test-ban agreement.

Overall, the agreement is popular in Japan, the only nation ever to experience the effects of a nuclear bombing. The Japanese Communists, who lean toward the Peking line, went along with Red China's position on the test ban.

This stand was stated first last Friday by Kuo Mo-Jo, vice chairman of Red China's Standing Committee of the National People's Congress. He told a Peking rally then that the attempt by "a small number of countries" to control the world's nuclear weapons would be smashed in the near future—a reference

that Red China hopes to have an A-bomb weapon of its own regardless of the test ban agreement.

Nevertheless, the Japanese Communist party does not like being faced with a choice between Moscow and Peking. They get financial support from both sources, and if they line up solidly with either side in the bitter ideological struggle they will suffer.

De Gaulle Visit It is still far from official, but French President Charles de Gaulle's aides privately are pinning next January as a likely target date for him to make a trip to Washington. He has said it is his turn to go there, but has set no date for the trip.

However, the aides expect a round of lower level talks to pave the way first. Then, by January, 1964, they hint, things should be ripe for De Gaulle to call on President Kennedy.

Malaysian Formation Despite the blusterings of Indonesian President Sukarno, insiders look for the British-backed Federation of Malaysia to be formed on schedule Aug. 31. The biggest hurdle to the new nation was cleared in London earlier in July with the settling of financial problems among Malaysia, big brother of the federation, and its new partners—Singapore, Sarawak and North Borneo.

Informed observers do not believe Sukarno would risk the displeasure of the United States by using force to stop the birth of the federation.

Vatican Shakeup Several insiders are beginning to expect a reshuffle in the Vatican's administration before the end of the year. There is nothing definite yet, but an air of nervousness imperceptible to the inexperienced eye indicates many share the belief.

Resignation of Day Offers Kennedy Another Opportunity

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press International

The resignation of Postmaster General J. Edward Day offers President Kennedy another opportunity to indulge his anxiety for a Negro in the cabinet. Kennedy's first choice for that cabinet post may have been a Negro.

During the 1960 presidential campaign, the Republicans played politics in stumblers fashion with the idea of a Negro cabinet member. There was no need for candidate Kennedy to match that maneuver precisely during his presidential campaign.

Once elected, however, President Kennedy had Negro problems. He and his platform had promised—guaranteed—some instant civil rights. It immediately became obvious that the entire Kennedy legislative program probably would be scuttled if the new President proposed broad gauge civil rights legislation to the newly elected Congress.

The decision was to put off the issue. Negroes were pleased by Kennedy's selection of Negroes for well-paid federal jobs. They were equally pleased by constant evidence of the President's concern for Negro problems. Thus it was that the President-elect appeared on the porch of his Georgetown home in December, 1960, with Rep. William Dawson, a Chicago Democrat and a Negro. The President-elect told assembled newsmen—and Dawson agreed—that the congressman had been offered and had refused the postmaster general's post.

Here was another evidence of Kennedy's interest and confidence in Negroes—but was it? The question arose: Was the offer to Dawson for real? The Chicago Daily News printed an editorial under the caption:

"We Can't Believe It Dawson's record should keep him out of the cabinet."

The News pictured Dawson as the absolute political boss in Chicago of an empire of corruption, fraud and crime. If so, the nomination of Dawson would have invited severe scrutiny and, probably, rejection by the U.S. Senate. Kennedy scarcely could have

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Question: What of this test ban agreement that has been initiated by our Averell Harriman, Britain's Lord Hailsham and Russia's Andrei Gromyko—and presumably will be signed next week by our Secretary of State Rusk, Britain's Foreign Secretary Lord Home and Russia's Foreign Minister Gromyko?

WHAT does it do? It agrees to test nuclear bombs only UNDERGROUND—not in the air, in the water or out in space.

How good is it? It's as good as the word of the men who have signed it and the nations they represent—AND NO BETTER.

WHAT about this "non-aggression pact" between the Atlantic Alliance (our side) and its communist equivalent, the Warsaw Pact power, that Old Khrushch wants? How good is it? It, too, is as good as the word of the nations involved—and no better.

WHAT should we do about it? How about this: Sign it. Keep your fingers crossed. Keep your powder dry. It might work. It will depend on the GOOD FAITH of the nations represented.

HANKY-panky in the news: There's that suite at Otis Air Force base in Massachusetts. Somehow the reporters got the idea that it was prepared for Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy when he has a baby next month. They were assured, however, by Pierre Salinger, of the White House staff, that such was not the case. He described it as a residence for visiting Air Force officers—what in the parlance of the armed services is known as "transient officers' quarters."

These quarters for officers on transient duty are normally a bit on the austere side. Their furnishings are designed normally for exclusively MASCULINE use. Their normal occupancy is purely temporary.

THIS suite at Otis base is QUITE different, departing sharply from the accepted norms. It contains: Two elaborately furnished sitting rooms; a reception-sitting room; six bedrooms; a nursery; a recently modernized kitchen; two workrooms for NURSES; two areas for stationing secret service agents.

And—A simple room with a hospital bed, a color television set, oxygen outlets, glucose containers, an infant incubator, a bassinets and a baby scale. Every possible emergency that could be faced by an officer on transient duty, you see, has been provided for.

AH ME! How the military has changed. In the older, rugged world an officer on transient duty was lucky if he found in the temporary quarters assigned to him a folding cot, a couple of chairs (usually of the folding variety), a wash basin and a water pitcher, a cake of soap, a couple of towels and a basin (with a handle on the side) designed to be pushed under the bed.

This is indeed a posh world we are living in.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris

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THE WHITE CONVERTIBLE Driving up to the country, I stopped in a little town for lunch, and took a table near the restaurant window.

A white convertible drove by, with the top down; the occupants were two boys and a girl, a 11 about 20, during the half-hour I sat there, they cruised by four or five times. They apparently had nothing to do and nowhere to go; what struck me most forcibly about them was their heightened awareness of themselves.

Youth, of course, is the time for showing off—but this was something else. This was a kind of public imitation of joy and happiness, as though it were more important to convince the spectators than to convince themselves.

"Look at us," they seemed to be saying, "young and gay and attractive in our new convertible. Envy us, applaud us, make us bask in the radiance of your approval. We are having such a good time."

It all seemed so wistful and hollow to me. They were like marionettes, with no inner life of their own, who became animated only when public eyes were upon them. For their kind of intense self-consciousness is the deadly enemy of all spontaneity and genuine pleasure.

But these have become among the paramount values of our society: the substitution of the "image" for the reality, the taking of the shadow for the substance, the need to impress rather than the urge to express. The white convertible gave them a synthetic sense of identity that, by a cruel and familiar paradox, only served to blot out their individuality.

If you watch youngsters playing and enjoying themselves, you will see that they attain their individuality only by forgetting it—by throwing themselves into the activity, by giving themselves to it, by losing themselves. For the spiritual truth is a deep psychological truth as well that only by losing ourselves can we find ourselves.

As we grow older, if our personalities are not allowed and encouraged to develop in creative channels, we give up our center of gravity in ourselves and transfer it to other people. Then, what they think, how they respond, becomes the tremulous measure of our content.

There can be no permanent satisfaction in that, however; for after a while even the white convertible begins to pall, and the image needs to be enhanced by new supports from the outside. It is hard enough to witness the rat-race in the so-called adult world; it is dismaying to see the little mouse—race of the young people, who may never learn that you can't trade yourself in on a new model every year, no matter how much you are willing to spend.

Ex-Westinghouse Official Succumbs

Pittsburgh (UPI) - Mark W. Cressap Jr., 53, former president and chief executive officer of the Westinghouse Electric Corp., died Sunday in Presbyterian University hospital.

Cressap, who resigned from the firm only last July 13, was credited with streamlining the company's products divisions to give each more autonomy and closer access to markets.

Cressap underwent surgery July 17 for a gastric hemorrhage, and hospital officials last week said he was recovering well and appeared to be out of danger. However, his condition worsened Saturday, and he died the following day at 3:15 a.m.



"So they agree not to test in the atmosphere, in space or under water, but the arms race goes on. Fish got the best of the deal!"