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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: Sept. 6, 1953 (Sunday). Nearly 90 forest fires were started by the recent violent thunderstorm.

20 YEARS AGO: Sept. 6, 1943 (Monday). John Cogswell buys Parker store at Gold Hill.

30 YEARS AGO: Sept. 6, 1933 (Wednesday). Auto accident prevention campaign launched in state.

40 YEARS AGO: Sept. 6, 1923 (Thursday). Local quota for relief of Japan quake victims placed at \$3,500 by Red Cross.

50 YEARS AGO: Sept. 6, 1913 (Saturday). Two hundred cars of Bartlett pears shipped from valley at fancy prices.

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

- 1. What island in the Arctic region is famous for its hot springs? 2. Who is the dictator of Yugoslavia? 3. Who succeeded Abraham Lincoln as president of the U.S.?

Tri-Semester Plan Announced at Pacific: Forest Grove - Pacific university will in all probability adopt a tri-semester or some other type of year-round operation by 1966 or sooner.

Dr. Ritchie made the announcement in a statement of educational objectives to members of the university faculty.

No Excuse for Rioters

Apologists for that element of American youth whose misdeeds is a cause of growing alarm will be hard to explain away the Labor Day week end rioting in Seaside.

It was the second consecutive year that teenagers in that resort community have flaunted law enforcement officers and run amok, causing considerable damage to private property and injuring several persons.

Using the most charitable construction possible, one might be able to forgive last year's rioting as a spontaneous eruption in which responsibility for the unfortunate occurrence had to be shared by the youngsters and the town fathers of Seaside who permitted the explosive environment to develop.

One eye-witness to the debacle last year told us that the Seaside police and firemen, by the way they mishandled the whole matter, were as much to blame for what happened as the youngsters (mostly college students) were.

BUT in the aftermath of last September's riots, civic leaders in Seaside, as well as state officials, had taken rather thoughtful steps to insure against a repetition of the turbulence, and to handle it with dispatch should it recur.

City ordinances were revised and tightened up, providing for tougher penalties in case of infraction. During the summer an increased number of minors were arrested for possession of alcohol.

A new police chief, veteran of 30 years' experience with the state police, was hired, and he put out the word over two weeks ago that "If they come, we'll be ready for them."

But all the advance planning seemed to operate as a "come on" to the youngsters (an Oregonian editorial called them "punks"), and over last week end rioting broke out again, this time reportedly more vicious and better planned than last year.

THE whole fiasco, from any point of view, was inexcusable. But in particular, heavy castigation must fall on the youngsters.

High spirits in the young, especially in the spring, is expected and taken as a matter of course. But open and senseless defiance of the law, coupled with malicious and wanton destruction of private property and vicious attempts to do physical injury to the officers, is conduct which cannot be explained away.

That no one has been killed or seriously injured in these riots is a source of wonder. The students were hurling sand-filled beer bottles this year. Seaside police and firemen were swinging ax handles.

Individually, we're sure, most of them are nice kids, but collectively—there's no other word for it—they're a mob. The courts and the parents of these youngsters must see to it that such a disgraceful thing never happens again.—G.H.B.

But Cops Share the Blame

We agree with G.H.B.'s views expressed above. There is no excuse for such behavior.

But we'd like to elaborate just a bit on the point that the authorities—in particular the Seaside officers—were not wholly blameless.

Marge Davenport, a staff writer for the Oregon Journal, was on hand during the week end, and in part, had this to report:

"It seemed safer among the 'rioting teen-agers' at Seaside during the week end than with the almost hysterical, club-wielding, gun-toting Seaside city police. "In sharp contrast to the behavior of the Oregon State Police special riot squad, which was praised by nearly everyone including the teen-agers, was the behavior of the local police, its volunteers and the Seaside Fire Department. "The language of many of these men was abusive, whether they were addressing teen-agers or vacationing citizens who happened to be spending the week end at the resort city. Anyone who got in their way was liable to be 'rapped' regardless of his business and whether he was participating in the riot or just trying to get out of the way. "Monday, a local law-enforcement truck roared down the crowded street at open throttle without warning, as small children, teen-agers and other vacationers scurried for the safety of the curb. No one was rioting then and there had been no sign of violence during the day, although many teen-agers were milling in the crowd.

MISS Davenport actually was threatened with a "rap on the head" when she inquired the number of arrests that had been made. A newspaper photographer was struck on the head, despite the fact that he was clearly identifiable as not being a rioter.

The Seaside mayor at one point suggested that dance music be provided for the kids, to divert them to less harmful activities, but this was countermanded flatly by the police chief, who told the orchestra leader that he would be jailed if he or his orchestra played for the kids.

None of this is in any way an excuse for the youngsters' behavior. They need to be paddled.

But it is a fact that the ignorant, arrogant, bullying attitude of the small town cops must have been a real factor in provoking the kids into their inexcusable actions.—E.A.

We can see how little real meaning such words as "liberal" and "conservative" have, when today the liberal is clinging tenaciously to the strictest letter of the Constitution, while the conservative is busy trying to pry loose some of the nails on the Fifth Amendment. History loves to play havoc with our neat little pigeon-holes.—Sydney J. Harris.

"Bad News, Chief—Education Is Breaking Out In Another Area"



A Tough Policy Is Hard To Swallow

By Arthur Hoppe

Our State Department has come under fire lately for the way the Vietnam situation has been handled. If that's what you call it. But in all fairness and in hopes of reassuring a nervous American public, I feel we should pause today to salute the unsung heroes of our State Department. Like the dedicated little cadre of Policy Tougheners.

You obviously have read repeated casual statements by high State Department officials about how they plan to "toughen our policy" in this or that part of the world. But have you ever given a moment's thought to those who must do the actual work? Of course not.

On reflection however, it will come as no surprise to learn that in the bowels of the department's vast beehive sit 73 cauldrons of brine in which each of our policies is soaked for from one to six days by the busy men and women of the Policy Tightening Section—the length of time in the vast depository, of course, on delicate calculations as to just how tough we wish the policy to be.

From there, the dripping policy is carried to the Sight Setters, those highly trained specialists who must set our sights neither too high, for the benefit of the Department officials who feel "we must not set our sights too high," nor too low, for the benefit of the other extreme.

Each Sight Setter, of course, sets the sights (neither too high nor too low) on a rifle, rather than a shotgun, as it is traditional department procedure, as you know, to "shoot with a rifle rather than a shotgun." The policy, now riddled with rifle bullets, is rushed to the Effort Department, where the Effort Focussers, each with a graduate degree in optics, skillfully focus our efforts as spelled out in the policy. Once the efforts are focused they are immediately bent by the hard-working Effort Benders, diligent men who have been known in a crisis to bend every effort in the department in 47 minutes flat.

In the Day's News

In Modesto the other day, Professor Dwight Allen, of the Stanford Education faculty, told a meeting of local school officials that schools should run from 8 to 5 like businesses.

With a longer school day, he said, students would do their homework at school, where libraries and the competent help of librarians, teachers and other staff are available. The additional time, he said, would permit more individual instruction, more time for parent and staff conferences and more flexible scheduling of classes.

AND— He added— It would free parents from trying to help children with material they never studied themselves. Thus, he intimated, not only would the children be helped but the parents would be saved from a lot of humiliation.

PROFESSOR Allen might have gone a little farther. He could have added that a longer school day, a longer vacation period might put an end to shocking incidents such as the rioting that for the second year in a row accompanied the Labor Day week end at Seaside, in Oregon, and a somewhat similar ruckus at Ocean Park, in Maryland, clear across the nation from Seaside.

The fact that these incidents occurred so far apart seems to indicate that the problem is not local to Seaside, or to Oregon. They are apparently a byproduct of our modern world, with its growing abundance of idle youth. WHY these outbursts of rowdism? Well, some two centuries ago,

Tired Nehru Survives Disillusionment, Shock, During Year; No Successor Seen

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst For Jawaharlal Nehru, inheritor of the mantle of Gandhi and the only prime minister India has known in its 16 years of independence, it has been a year of shock and disillusionment.

First there was the massive attack on India's border by the Red Chinese. Nehru's cherished concept of the five principles of co-existence and severely testing his policy of neutrality and non-alignment. Then there was the motion of censure which his opponents in the Indian parliament were able to muster for the first time in all the 16 years.

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.

No Humility To the Editor: Thanks to the informative TV presentation, "American Revolution '63," many of the times, dates, places and incidents were put together. But the absence of any humility of the colored mobs and demonstrators or of their able leaders was alarming.

Nowhere was such if any thanksgiving shown to any of the responsible persons, peoples or administrations for the changes and improvements (however small and slow in coming) or that in time they will receive. I hope in its anguished exuberance the cause does not beget an unbending monster.

Highway Holocaust To the Editor: Another holiday has passed into history and left a disgraceful blot on our highway record for accidents. More than 500 killed and about 35 times that number injured.

Depending on its toughness, the policy is then stuffed in one of several pipelines, which are kept constantly free-flowing by the Pipeline Uncloggers (Local 695, Amalg. Plumbers Union, AFL-CIO). A soft policy, for example, would be dispatched to a Tie Mender, whose drudgery it is to mend ties, but only international ones. A tough policy, on the other hand, requires "an accelerated policy line." And this is then forwarded to one of the department's brilliant, but explosive, Linear Accelerators.

Space forbids saluting the hundreds of other behind-the-scenes departmental workers, such as the Course Charters, Bolt-neck Breakers, Fat Trimmers and Scope Expanders, to name but a few.

But I feel sure every American would sleep sounder if he but knew that these thousands upon thousands of unsung heroes stand ever ready to tighten, riddle, focus, bend, tighten, straighten, mend and accelerate our State Department's policy on Vietnam.

Remedies: Make and enforce a speed limit at 55 miles per hour. That would get a driver where he is headed about as soon as an erratic speed of 70 to 75 miles and save many lives. Second, apply a more drastic penalty for speeders, reckless and drunken drivers with no suspended sentences or probation without regard to juvenile or adult drivers. Third, make 18 years the minimum age for driver license. If 16 and 17 year old drivers are capable of driving they should be capable of being amenable to the law for infractions of driving regulations to protect themselves and other drivers.

Fourth, a major effort on moving violations by law enforcement officers. In one year there was more than 100 per cent increase in parking citations and about 10 per cent increase for moving violations. Fifth, cooperate with law enforcement officers at all times. Sixth, use the head in place of mechanical safety devices. Seventh, courtesy and consideration for other drivers at all times.

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Rabbi Rousing To the Editor: A reprint in the Eugene Register-Guard of your editorial "Lady, the Far Right Was No Misnomer," is an editor's opinion only, and has no fact or truth in it. You write "The radical rightists are not conservative because they do not wish to conserve what is good in America, but to destroy many of its institutions and traditions." May I ask, what institutions and what traditions we wish to destroy? And I want specific answers.

You write "They are subversive both in objectives and in tactics, and radical" in that they would make fundamental changes in American government and politics. What changes

Nehru's righthand man and defense minister, followed. But perhaps worst of all for Nehru was the fact that for help he had to turn to the United States and Britain, the very powers of whose world policies he had been most critical.

Nehru still clung to non-alignment because if he gave up that, he gave up the cornerstone of his whole philosophy. But his tried voice as he defended himself in parliament reflected both his shock and disappointment and the weariness that went with it.

All these also were evident as he defended himself against his critics in the debate over the motion of censure.

It was a political hedge podge arranged against him, and against the heavy majority of Nehru's Congress party it had no chance of success.

But it gave voice to the rising discontent against him and it was given further expression by demonstrators outside the parliament gates, shouting "Nehru get out!"

Among Nehru's opponents an immediate source of dissatisfaction were the new taxes imposed after the Chinese aggression and the lack of tangible evidence that the country was in much better shape than before.

There were other challenges. There was the poverty which after 16 years of independence remained India's greatest internal problem. There were charges of corruption and now also the failure of a policy which had given Nehru voice as the world's greatest neutral.

Nehru touched briefly on them all. The country, he said, was losing its vision and the government was tied up with humdrum affairs.

In the end the debate settled nothing. General elections are not necessary until 1967 but Nehru already is sending Congress party leaders into the field in an attempt to revitalize support.

Nehru will be 74 this year. He is tired and out of fresh ideas. But if the censure debate demonstrated anything it was that there is no one now to take his place.

Strictly Personal

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

INCENTIVES Have you ever noticed that it is generally the same people who talk about the need for "incentive" to make a man work successfully, who resent the idea of "incentive" to make a man think successfully? If incentive is important in the world of action, it is equally important in the world of thought. The human animal resists thinking

helped make musical noises. I didn't join any of the contests — not even throwing rolling-pins. I just might have hit a Republican, accidentally of course.

Now Everett, don't mind not having car windows when a pretty little skunk meets you more'n half way. After a midnight show in Texas, I helped wash a brand new Chevy at 3 o'clock one morning. It was driven back to College next day — still odoriferous. Windows wouldn't have helped, and if E.A. passes on all this information — it's proof that he sizes us Democrats up as worse than skunks and if he had publicized our picnic more I wouldn't be thinking what you think I'm thinking about what we'd do if we were skunks — or — looks as tho' we're in for rainy weather soon.

Ahem! I ain't signing my real name. Mehetable, Jacksonville, Ore.

Lost Dog To the Editor: This letter is written for help in finding our lost black Labrador dog named Jet. He became frightened during the thunderstorm last Friday night and ran away. The dog is all black except little white hairs around his mouth. He is 6 years old and has been my husband's constant companion, and my husband is lonely for his dog.

We contacted the Humane Society, dog pound and also advertised in your paper, but there has been no word about our Jet. If anyone knows the whereabouts of this dog, please call 772-7941 and help reunite a lonely family and their dog.

Mrs. M. R. Archibald 2451 Roberts rd. Medford.

Picnic To the Editor: The Democrats very kindly let our Social Security Benefit club horn in on their big Sunday picnic in TouVelle park and 90 of us turned out.

The day was beautiful and fun was there in all sorts of ways. I like to pitch quoits but I forgot my horseshoes and he people used the ones there, so I played ball instead. I happened to pitch a low one to quite a tall JVille man and when he dove to grab it, he became the most prominent person in our locality. His trousers' back-seam went floozy all the way. Now, Democrats usually do not carry pins to a picnic, but there must have been some Republicans there for those pants soon got pinned together, and the game went... I didn't write "on" because I had done left that place, for I joined the Jackson Creek Fifty-Niners and

As Randall Jarrell remarks in his excellent book, "Poetry and the Age," we cannot respect those who call modern poetry "hard" if they read outer poetry—Shakespeare or Milton or Shelley. But they read nothing of the sort, and use the "obscure" of the modern idiom as an excuse for intellectual sloth. Literature, like society, must be based on incentives; if you resent the "welfare state" which gives people something for nothing, you should resent "welfare art" which no lazy mind is entitled to accept. Freedom both of the body and of the mind depends on our willingness to work for it.



"Hollywood stars, opera singers, creative people — it's all right they get depressed. But a housewife, eh, no — we're not supposed to get depressed."