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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. 8, 1953 (Tuesday)

Jackson county's forest fire situation appeared to be under control today, as all known blazes were either out or being mopped up.

Today was the opening day of school for a number of communities in Jackson county, with some already under way as early as Sept. 1 and some still due to start.

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 8, 1943 (Wednesday)

Italy unconditionally quits war. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Kap Kuhl of Portland is rusticated in the Applegate, a section where he first saw the light of day. He says he never felt better since he played first base for Jacksonville."

30 YEARS AGO Sept. 8, 1933 (Friday)

Gen. Hugh S. Johnson scents "big business plot" to wreck NRA. Pear shipments from valley to date total 304 cars.

40 YEARS AGO Sept. 8, 1923 (Saturday)

Mass meeting planned to raise Medford quota of Japan relief funds. Dr. R. E. Green and Bill Isaacs catch two steelhead near mouth of Little Butte.

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 8, 1913 (Monday)

Jackson county fair and pear show opens tomorrow. Burglars ransack two Medford residences.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. What nickname was given to King Richard the First, of England? 2. Was Silas a companion of Jesus, Peter, or Paul? 3. How many ciphers must be added to the figure one to express a quintillion? 4. Name the husband of Minnehaha. 5. A presently proposed treaty with Canada would increase what Pacific Northwest resource? 6. What is the meaning of the colloquial expression "staff of life"? 7. What was the previous name of Leningrad? 8. Does a victim have four, five, or six strings? 9. What is meant by the Fourth Estate? 10. In what city is there a great fish market known as Billingsgate?

Answers: 1. Lion Hearted. 2. Paul. 3. Eighteen. 4. Hiawatha. 5. Hydro-electric power. 6. Bread. 7. St. Petersburg (also Petrograd). 8. Four. 9. The Press. 10. London.

Why Barry Has No Chance

It has been said repeatedly in this column that Sen. Barry Goldwater would not have a chance of being elected President of the U.S. Why? Because—despite his own attractive personal qualities—he is a political troglodyte, whose philosophy of government is essentially negative.

Among other things, he is against federal civil rights legislation, Social Security (he'd make it "voluntary"), the graduated income tax, almost all government spending (except for the military), all farm subsidies, public housing, urban renewal, aid to depressed areas, medical care through social security...

What is he for? It's a bit difficult to pin down, for he is "for" a lot of high-sounding but nebulous moral strictures, without becoming specific about what he would do to solve this nation's most pressing problems.

In many other areas, if his speeches and columns are to be believed, he'd pull the government out altogether, with no assurance that currently successful programs would or could be continued.

Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution and a nationally-syndicated columnist, recently quoted an editorial by J. Roy McGinty, 77-year-old editor of a weekly newspaper in Callahan, Ga., who had been reading Senator Goldwater's writings.

"I just don't want to go backward with Goldwater. I don't want to go back to the 1890s, which may have been the golden age for a handful of Goldwaters but was pretty tough for a few million McGintys, Joneses, Browns, MacTavishes, Palewskis and other immigrants working long hours for a wage that provided bare existence."

These are the reasons—among others—that Senator Goldwater could never be elected President. This is the reason that he is not at all likely to get the Republican nomination.

It is even widely speculated that the Republican kingpins might—just might—allow Goldwater to take the nomination, but only if they were morally certain he would be soundly defeated.

Should leaders lead? Or should they stay "neutral" on matters of public importance when a controversy is involved? Gov. Mark Hatfield the other day berated a member of the State Game Commission for "straddling the fence" on a proposal to close Oregon's inland waters to commercial fishing.

Well, the tax referral is of "great public interest" too, far more so than the fish measure. But we haven't heard a peep out of the Governor in criticism of the State Board of Higher Education for refusing to issue a statement advising voters not to sign the tax referral petitions.

As a matter of fact, we're inclined to agree with the Governor (in the Game Commission matter) that public officials and agencies DO have a responsibility to make known their views. They, after all, are the ones who know, or should know, best what the issues are, and should make this knowledge available to the voting public.

We grant that it is risky to stick one's neck out in a controversial matter. But, as HST used to say, "If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen."—E.A.

Dear Nikita — It Was Interesting To See Your Test-Ban Treaty, Which You Can Put Away In The Same Place You Keep Your Missiles



Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann (c) 1963, The Washington Post

MR. KENNEDY ON VIET-NAM In his television interview with Walter Cronkite, President Kennedy said, so at least it sounded, that South Viet-Nam can win the war if the Saigon government reforms. It must recapture the popular support which it has lost in the past two months by "changes in policy and perhaps with personnel."

THE price of a military victory in the Viet-Nam war is higher than American vital interests can justify. The Chinese, of course, know this and fortunately they know, too, that the price of a military victory for them is prohibitive.

Speaking for ourselves, we have made it manifest that Indo-China is not a paramount interest of the United States by keeping our intervention in Indo-China limited and more or less undeclared.

It is a reasonably certain that the Communist guerrillas, the Viet Cong, cannot be defeated in South Viet-Nam as long as they have an open line to North Viet-Nam. The key question about WINNING the war is whether the Viet Cong can be cut off from its base of supplies in the north. If it cannot be, a military solution is most improbable.

WE can be sure that it is quite beyond the capacity of the Saigon government, or of any other Saigon government, to cut the supply lines to the north. Only the United States could do that, and then only if we were willing to pay the price. If we decided on a military

COLONEL DUFFY reports that on Route 66, near Bloomington, Illinois, a motorist pulled into a filling station and slipped the attendant a note and a dollar bill. The note read, "My wife is in the back seat, concealing under the car rug, a chair leg with a bent nail in the end. Whenever I go over 50 miles an hour, she wallops me over the head with the club." The attendant called the state police, who flagged down the car and confiscated the weapon.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

Duffy's caption for this story is "Wife Begins at Fifty."

Hank Meyer took his enchanting little three-year-old daughter with him into a voting booth. After he had pulled down a number of levers, he asked her, "See how it's done?" "Yes, Daddy, I see," she replied, her eyes shining. "Now where's the gum?"

Matter of Fact

IF THE ANALYSTS ARE WRONG NEW DELHI, India — If you ask the great but tired and disappointed man who leads India whether he expects another Chinese attack this autumn, he replies that he supposes the odds are about even. "I think they may do something," Prime Minister Nehru says in a tone of resignation. "But I am not sure. Nowadays, I have a bad half hour to get through every morning when I must read the report of our charge d'affaires in Peking."

THE more practical reasons for being worried were given in the previous report in this space. Recapitulating briefly, the Chinese have made all the necessary preparations for an offensive on a rather major scale. The Indians, meanwhile, being as yet unprepared for mountain fighting, have left a large part of the eastern frontier — the Northeast Frontier Agency — as a military vacuum.

THE analysts apparently base their judgment on two main sets of lines of reasoning. First of all, they use an astonishingly high figure for the tonnage of supplies consumed by a Chinese division in combat. On this basis, they dubiously argue that the Chinese cannot support a serious offensive effort on such a distant front.

SECOND, the analysts also argue, or so it is said, that the Chinese have much to lose and very little to gain, at least for the long run, by renewing their attack on India at this time. At this moment, one must add, a contrary judgment is even more easy to reach.

Later investigation revealed that a workman who had been tinkering with the big clock had gone off and left a paint brush in its innards.

QUESTION — Why does a cat purr? Did you ever ask yourself that one? WELL, West Germany's big Max Planck Research Institute has spent ten years trying to find the answer. The other

Monthly," put it well in saying of the General that "he has a tightrope walker's love for the vertigo of vast heights... it is... the impossible, the unheard-of enterprise, the seemingly unobtainable objective which have always haunted his imagination."

But all Western miscalculations of DeGaulle for the last 20 years spring from underestimating his belief in the political miracle and in himself, and his personal assumption that the two are synonymous. Curtis Cate, writing in the "Atlantic

GREAT IDEAS...

From the Great Books By Mortimer J. Adler (c) 1963, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

SEXUAL ABNORMALITY Dear Dr. Adler: Homosexuality is a topic that writers have only recently dared explore in our popular magazines and journals. It seems, from what I have read, that very little is really known about it. What do the writers and thinkers of the Great Books have to say about homosexuality? Is it considered a sickness, a community problem, or an abnormality that if given socially acceptable outlets is really no problem at all? Should it be subject to legal punishment or not?

Dear Mr. Fox: Sexual attraction between persons of the same sex has occurred in practically all times, places, and cultures. The numerous references to homosexuality in the Bible indicate that it was one of the facts of life in the ancient Near East. In the Old Testament, male homosexuality is condemned as an abomination meriting the death penalty, and there are several admonitions against male homosexual prostitution, which was a feature of some ancient pagan cults. The story of the men of Sodom in Genesis has traditionally been understood to refer to homosexual practices.

Other commentators see homosexual impulses as latently present at all stages of life. They become manifest under certain conditions — in prison, in our society, or in ordinary circumstances — in societies where homosexuality is permitted or approved. D. J. West, the author of a recent study of the problem, even contends that "exclusive preference for the opposite sex is an acquired trait, and involves the repression of a certain amount of homosexual feeling which is natural to the human being."

OLD cats that purr often, he says, are having a bad time. Purring during their advanced stage of life is a symbolic act — a retrogression to kitten-like behavior.

THAT a grown-up cat purrs to pretend it is a little kitten again. It does this to ward off potential danger — as if to say: "you mustn't hurt me — I'm just a tiny little kitten."

How aren't scientists wonderful? How could we get along without them?

America's replacement of France in what was Indo-China, but there is some cause for his feeling that a clear victory over the Viet Cong is not possible.

It may be somewhat unfair and oversimplify to say so, but the sum total of Gaullism outside of France seems to amount to the derailing of going programs, however badly they are going, without the provision of a workable alternative rail. An alternative in terms of an idea or a vision becomes only a distraction when there is not the power and resources to back it up.