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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. 23, 1943 (Wednesday). A large truck "camped" on its side inside the "Camp With Us" grocery store and service station yesterday in a fruit-littered accident.

20 YEARS AGO. Sept. 23, 1933 (Thursday). Per pupil costs of educating county students shown as \$145.73.

30 YEARS AGO. Sept. 23, 1923 (Saturday). County court would have power to name representatives in legislature in bill to be proposed.

40 YEARS AGO. Sept. 23, 1913 (Sunday). Prink Callison, new Medford high coach, arrives to take over duties.

50 YEARS AGO. Sept. 23, 1903 (Tuesday). Medford factory manufacturing auto accessories.

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

1. Reno is the capital of Nevada, true or false? 2. Is the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Sea, or Red Sea? 3. What is numismatics?

4. Five presidents of the United States have borne the name of James; can you name three of them? 5. How many acute angles in every triangle; two or three, two, three, or one? 6. Who discovered the law of gravitation? 7. Who named the Pacific Ocean? 8. Who was the first vice president of the United States? 9. In the Bible story, who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage? 10. Is the official height of a basketball hoop 8, 9, or 10 feet? Answers: 1. False (Carson City). 2. Red Sea. 3. Science of coins. 4. Madison, Monroe, Polk, Buchanan, Garfield. 5. Two or three. 6. Sir Isaac Newton. 7. Balboa. 8. John Adams. 9. Esau. 10. Ten.

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Partisanship vs. Statesmanship

Nelson A. Rockefeller, who can be identified these days more as a candidate for president than as governor of the State of New York, said in an Illinois campaign speech: America is bogged down in terms of our world leadership, and it is bogged down at home. All of this has happened under an administration whose most vaunted boast was that it would get the country moving again.

THE PURPOSE, of course, is clear. After frustrating the administration's efforts to achieve what may be laudable ends, the spokesman for the opposition can take to the hustings in the next election year to point to the failure of the incumbent party.

Such a self fulfilling maneuver may appear to the partisan extremists to be good political strategy. Maybe it wins some votes. But stymieing good legislation for narrow partisan reasons can be dangerous to the progress of a nation.

THE NATIONAL welfare must be put ahead of partisan extremism. This is a measure of true statesmanship. Honest opposition is one thing and is to be encouraged.

But to contrive to bring the nation to a dead stop in order to gloat over the administration's inaction is good neither for the political "outs" nor the country.

True political statesmanship in fact calls for doing more and doing it better than it is being done by the other party. — Sacramento Bee.

High Price

In some Oregon high schools almost twice as many seniors will graduate next June as last June. That's because 1964's 17- or 18-year-old represents the first wave of the real baby boom, the bumper crop born the year after the old man trudged home from the wars.

Now it faces the possibility that voters may repeal the last Legislature's tax program. That would mean the board would have to cinch up its belt another notch.

THE ONLY answer: Educate fewer kids. Tuition could be raised again. But at \$330 Oregon already has the highest tuition in the West. To raise it to \$445 a year is to say that only the children of well-off families can go.

In Balance

It's an old story: The squabble of the day blots out the achievements of the age; what is wrong with the world takes precedence in the headlines over what is right; what divides men and nations, no matter how trivial or transitory, tends to conceal the much larger objectives that united them.

This is one price of the referendum next Oct. 15. — Eugene Register-Guard.

"Who Do You Think You Are — Indonesians?"



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.

Negroes and God. To the Editor: I will start by saying I am not opposed to Negroes having their rights as Americans, but only when they are ready to accept those rights as Americans, and a small minority are ready now.

What a striking and truly heart-warming contrast was provided in your issue of 9/2 by Nancy Duncan's magnificent declaration of true Americanism and Christian witness! Daughter of Congressman Robert B. Duncan and recent honor graduate of Medford High School, Nancy movingly described her participation in the March on Washington—which Time Magazine in its issue of 9/6 called a "triumph" — a day that would never be forgotten; and which an editorial in the Christian Century of 9/11 called "a religious event of first importance (whose) effect will be felt far beyond the political arena."

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owned graveyard! Any town in dry California would feature even a brook in a public park. Why not boast of a stream and call it Bear Creek Park or Streamside City Park? Please, let's leave out the memorial and give the graveyard a break. By the way, whose memorial?

Anti-Comm. To the Editor: What an anticlimax that our President could spare only 15 minutes for the whole state of Oregon. Yet he has days for red carpet receptions honoring Tito, Sukarno and Mme. Nhu.

Our Lord's constitution is even more adamant, with no amendments, no repeals. It is the Ten Commandments, plus one: that we love one another, our neighbor as ourselves, our enemies, everyone. Supposing we were to ask Him what He thought about it. It is very probable that He would reply, "My concern is are you a nation of Christians? Who are my mother, my brothers, my nation? Those who keep my Father's Commandments, plus one."

A New Day Dawns. To the Editor: What a miserably distorted view of the civil rights issue Ralph McKinnis presented in the MT of 9/18! And what a tragic and pitiful exhibition of his own extreme racism that prompted it!

Fall Arrives; But Congress Shows Little Hope of Civil Rights and Tax Legislation

By ARNOLD SAWISLAK. United Press International. WASHINGTON (UPI)—Fall's official advent brought home to Congress today a chill realization that it probably can't complete action this year on both the tax and civil rights bills labeled 1963 "mustas" by President Kennedy.

Final action on taxes this year has been a prime target of the Kennedy administration since January. Three months ago, the President added civil rights to the priority list for this year.

In the Day's News. By FRANK JENKINS. There's NEWS today. Maybe BIG news.

AT UNITED Nations, in New York, President Kennedy calls on the communist world to BURY THE COLD WAR and engage the West in a contest of achievement instead of a contest of intimidation.

Speaking before the 18th General Assembly of U.N., he said he welcomes such a contest between "those who envision a monolithic world and those who believe in diversity."

He outlined the areas where the Soviet Union and the United States, together with their allies, could achieve further agreements — agreements which spring from our mutual interest in AVOIDING MUTUAL DESTRUCTION.

IN the field of space, he said, where the United States and Russia have a special capacity, there is room for new cooperation — including the possibility of a JOINT EXPEDITION to the moon.

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Communicable Diseases Listed. Only nine cases of communicable diseases were reported in Jackson county last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, medical health officer.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF. AN INEXPERIENCED nursemaid, taking a baby for a ride in the park, encountered a friend of the family, who peered inside the carriage and observed, "I see the poor little thing has his father's nose."



A chap in a big testing laboratory — obviously a very busy fellow — has been devoting quite some time to figuring out just how loud a human snore is. He now announces that at its maximum, it is equal in decibels to the bellow of an angry bull.

Some civil rights backers currently suspect that when and if the choice is made, taxes will get the nod. That could set off loud and long objections from civil rights supporters.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris. (c) Field Enterprises Inc. In one sense, great art is timeless; in another, it is the product of its times. Bach's music could not have been written except in an extremely religious atmosphere.

MODERN ART. Attending the opening of an art exhibit some time ago, I overheard a sweet little lady protest to the painter: "Why is modern art the way it is?" To which he politely shrugged, and murmured tactfully, "Why is modern life the way it is?"

"If our art seems violent, it is because we have perpetrated more violence than any other generation. If it deals with weird dreams, it is because we have opened up the caverns of the mind and let such phantoms loose.

He offered Moscow as a site for such a meeting. The correspondents report that his speech was generally mild in comparison with Soviet declarations, and add that he stressed repeatedly what he called the "changed international climate."



"What's the sense in doing a cartoon on the bombing in Birmingham? It'll only be seen by people who wouldn't think of doing such a thing in the first place!"

Non-Violence Is Too Good for Us

By Arthur Hoppe. When I first read about the bombing of the Birmingham church I was sitting in the kitchen drinking coffee. I heard how four Negro girls were killed by the explosion. And I was, like most of us, I suppose, filled with rage.

As I read I tried to visualize the men who could throw such dynamite sticks from a passing car. I saw them as typical of the rabid segregationists I have met: justifying themselves by their doctrine of superiority, armored in their sullen righteousness. And I could hear the man who threw the dynamite saying defiantly to himself and humanity and God: "That'll teach them uppity Niggers."

But into a church. To kill children. And at that moment I wanted to kill those men. I wanted them dead.

But then, on an inside page, I read about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and how he was flying to Birmingham "to plead with my people to remain non-violent." To preach in the ruins of that blood-spattered church, the doctrine of love and peace and non-violence. And I wondered at the man.

For I think each of us, despite our failures, must go on aspiring to the beautiful doctrines of love and peace and non-violence. Not despite the fact that they are better than most of us. But because they are.