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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: Oct. 1, 1953 (Thursday). An evening session was set today by Examiner David Don in the PUC hearing on the proposed 20 per cent rate increase by Copco.

20 YEARS AGO: Oct. 1, 1943 (Friday). Large barn on Jimmy Sutherland's burns; all livestock escaped.

30 YEARS AGO: Oct. 1, 1933 (Sunday). E. C. (Jerry) Jerome named general chairman of Diamond Jubilee celebration next June.

40 YEARS AGO: Oct. 1, 1923 (Monday). Arnold Bohner, Central Point, and Miss Eudora Evans, Medford, married in Ashland ceremony.

50 YEARS AGO: Oct. 1, 1913 (Wednesday). Tale and soapstone deposits plentiful in Jackson county.

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

Controls and Irritation

Both Win Marks of KBOY and Ray Johnson of KMED have called us in recent days to call our attention to a proposal that the Federal Communications Commission regulate the amount of time which can be allocated to commercials in any given period.

The National Association of Broadcasters is, naturally enough, fighting such a proposal as hard as it can. It should, too, and we agree that governmental regulation of the number of commercials than can be broadcast would be but a step toward government control of other things — program content, for one thing, and, later, perhaps even the expression of opinion.

It is our conviction that the broadcasters are wholly to blame for the fact that such a regulation ever was proposed in the first place.

For various reasons, we have been watching more TV in recent days than is our custom, for one thing to take in some of the new programs and the new series of older shows.

THE RESULT is that we have developed several severe bouts of commercialitis ad nauseam — a painful ailment affecting the gorge. At station breaks there are anywhere from four to six different commercials. Movies are interrupted at what seem to be five-minute intervals for three to six commercials, repeated to the point of insanity.

NO, GOVERNMENT has no business in telling a station how many commercials it may carry. That is the business of the station, and of the advertiser.

Speaking of the new TV season, it appears to be a mixed bag, as far as this viewer is concerned. The good is very, very good. The bad is horrid. The mediocre is, well, mediocre. As usual.

"BURK'S LAW" is a who-dunnit thriller, rather a cut above the usual, and with an off-beat twist. The cop is a millionaire, and rides to his detecting in a Rolls Royce.

Judy Garland (and we are of the generation which has seen "The Wizard of Oz" a dozen times and whose favorite lachrymal tune is "Over the Rainbow") was frankly a disappointment. She was a lovely child and is now a lovely woman.

A Big Little Thing: There are so many distractions and demands on one's time and pocketbook these days, it is easy to forget, sometimes, some of the really important things — important to the community, important to the individual, important to the well-being and self-respect of everyone.

"It's An Entirely Different World — Like Birmingham"



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.

Service Man's View: To the Editor: The views of one serviceman in relation to a recent directive to the Armed Services are expressed in the attached letter which appeared in the "Letters to the Editor" of the "Air Force Times."

BARNSDALE AFB, La. — I, too, question some of the proposals listed in the integration report as a result of the Gessell Committee findings.

Quoted in the article and interested young Negro males will find the Air Force has no racial barrier preventing them from entering the Air Force Academy.

How can a photograph in a Negro officer's selection folder affect his career? For example, officer promotion boards are not concerned in how they are chosen.

The periodic review of NCO promotions to assure that the Negro is being treated fairly is a disconcerting recommendation.

The Negro must not let himself become a political football, half in and half out of the clutches of the do-gooders.

Skidrow Dilemma: To the Editor: Knock out Front Street Skidrow and where will all the panhandlers, bums, winos and thieves hang out?

World Uncertainties, Shifting Alliances, Put Diplomacy in 'Suspended Animation'

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst



Perhaps not since the weeks immediately following the end of World War II has world diplomacy hung as now in such a state of suspended animation.

The Communist world has discovered there is no such thing as coequal dictators and the struggle for leadership has divided the Soviet Union and Red China.

In Europe there has been the gradual decline of the conservative parties which for years have ruled the destinies of the major powers and a stronger voice for socialism in Britain, West Germany and Italy.

And it is the collision between the towering remnant of the past and what other western leaders regard as the course of the future which today leads to a reassessment of Western policy, military, economic and political.

Still another force at work is the growing industrial might of nations now fully recovered from the damages of war.

After my letter was printed in the paper it wasn't long until a couple of teachers (?) called at the house while I was out of town and told the wife they wanted to talk to me and explain why my teenagers were compelled to have swimming and dancing lessons.

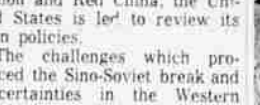
Like G. L. Murray says, teachers never had it so good, and what they teach now days anybody can be a teacher and not half try.

When I went to school there were 30 or 35 kids under one teacher and she taught the first to the eighth grade. We started at 9 a.m. and we let out at 4, and what I mean, we studied.

What's New? To the Editor: 5 weeks' newspaper in a county seat

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop



GRATITUDE TO CHAIRMAN MAO HONG KONG — The free world's free enterprisers would soon move a vote of thanks to Mao Tse-tung if they halfway understood the real meaning of this strange and wonderful city.

Any economist on earth, if asked to predict the results of such an influx would have confidently forecast death by starvation for more than three-quarters of the immigrants.

HOW MUCH SPEED—AND WHERE? The only disturbing aspect of an otherwise fine summer in the country was a new and menacing noise, heard over head almost daily.

Do we want or need such a project — except for the dubious reason of "international prestige"? Noise has already reached a highly objectionable level around airports.

Today I am wondering just how much of the truth we get from the various news media. On Monday last, Paul Harvey told of a speech by Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture under Eisenhower.

For some reason, I have seen no mention of such a speech by Benson in any paper, nor have I heard any other newscaster mention it.

Will Rogers used to say that all he knew about affairs was what he read in the newspapers. Sometimes I feel that the more I read in said papers, the less I know.

I am like the little boy who bragged that he and his Pop knew everything. The boys started asking him questions.

Two reports about the John Birch Society are submitted in California, one from a professional research company, the other by a sub-committee of the State Senate.

dustrious Chinese. Almost literally for the flight taking refuge in Hong Kong has mostly gone into real estate speculation.

The West German "economic miracle" is a poor, piddling, petty thing compared to this phenomenon of Hong Kong.

Very few parochial Westerners know it, but truth for close on 2,000 years, China was always the strongest and richest power on earth whenever China had a reasonably efficient central government.

But the cake of custom had all been in readiness for a new start by the end of the second World War.

These numerous Hong Kongs would in turn have generated, by the sheer suction of their own needs, a strong Chinese heavy industry based upon the plentiful resources of coal and iron which the Communists have never managed to exploit efficiently.

THERE are four, as follows: the family system, an incomparable talent for capital-creation; a proper respect for fertilizer; and the habit of working together, in labor corps or otherwise.

In truth, Mao's Stalinist-Communism might well have been specially designed to frustrate the genius of the Chinese people.

But Mao has not only frustrated the extraordinary genius of the people he leads he has also brought China to a worse pass than China has ever experienced from floods and droughts and wicked rulers and foreign invasions and all the other harsh chances of Chinese history.



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