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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. 11, 1953 (Sunday) City councilmen have indicated that Mayor D. L. Flynn will call a special session of the council this week concerning Howard I. Bobbitt's report on conditions in the city police department.

20 YEARS AGO Oct. 11, 1943 (Monday) Albert Burch, noted mining engineer, dies here. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Older Girls declare the current horde of houseflies are the most pestiferous in history. They are more plentiful than all OPA had 'frozen' all the swatters."

30 YEARS AGO Oct. 11, 1933 (Wednesday) Coast railroad opposed in report to ICC. Closing of booze joints in county held need to curb accidents on rural roads.

40 YEARS AGO Oct. 11, 1923 (Thursday) Posse scours Siskiyou for three bandits who slew Southern Pacific trainmen in holdup; no loot obtained. Klamath Falls starts opening of Natron Cutoff with big celebration.

50 YEARS AGO Oct. 11, 1913 (Saturday) William Walker, Vancouver, Wash., buys 1,000-acre stock ranch near Talent from George A. Morse. Seat sale starts for New York Giants-Chicago White Sox baseball game here Nov. 17.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. Which state names have only four letters? 2. Would you say that 20, 50, or 70 per cent of the world's population are non-Christian? 3. Did Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney contest against each other for the heavyweight title one or twice? 4. In which city is the U.S. Naval Observatory? 5. Washington crossed the Delaware in order to attack the British in which city? 6. In what country is the Chongchon River? 7. A clavichord is a bone in the human body, a forerunner of the modern piano, or a crossbow? 8. William Bradford was the governor of which English colony? 9. Were the famous clipper ships sailing vessels, or steam-propelled ships? 10. What river is often referred to as the Rhine of America?

Answers: 1. Iowa, Ohio, Utah, 2. 70 per cent, 3. Twice, 4. Washington, D.C., 5. Trenton, 6. Korea, 7. Forerunner of piano, 8. Massachusetts, 9. Sailing ship, 10. Hudson.

Nixon in the Wings

Richard Nixon, former vice president of the United States and once barely-defeated candidate for President, apparently is not dead politically, as was widely assumed after he lost the Governorship of California.

He has been conducting a lucrative law practice in New York, touring the world, writing articles for big-circulation magazines, and making speeches—lots and lots of speeches.

At this writing, Sen. Barry Goldwater appears to be the front-runner for the GOP nomination next year, followed by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, and some dark horses such as Romney, Scranton and Hatfield.

BUT increasingly, dispatches from Washington and New York tell us, Nixon is being mentioned as another possibility.

And it would also appear that Nixon himself is doing nothing to counter such gossip.

James A. Wechsler, editor of the New York Post, is no Nixon lover, but his comment on a recent event is instructive. He wrote:

"Richard M. Nixon, our youngest elder statesman since Tom Dewey grew up, performed his new act before the Women's National Republican club here the other day. It consists of throwing Nelson Rockefeller and Barry Goldwater into the ring, along with his hats, urging them to fight like gentlemen, and voicing hope that the best man will win. At the same time, amid earnest disclaimers of personal ambition, Mr. Nixon leaves the audience convinced that he will respond to the grim call of duty if the prospective nominees carelessly devour each other despite his solemn warnings against cannibalism."

WE ARE on record as believing that Sen. Goldwater has no chance for the nomination.

We could be very wrong. Certainly, every indication at the present is that he is well out in the lead. (Someone commented the other day that Newsweek already has Goldwater nominated next summer; Time has him elected next fall.)

Still, as the present front-runner, Goldwater is being subjected to increasing and searching scrutiny. His past speeches and columns and books are being examined with intensity.

Despite the fact that political figures are given considerable leeway, by the voters, for changing their minds, the Senator still will have to live with the record. And the record is not, in our view, one which the majority of the American voting public—or even a majority of the Republican party—could support.

IF THIS is true, if Goldwater does fade in his almost-too-early popularity, and if Rockefeller is unable to overcome the public distaste engendered by his divorce and remarriage, then keep your eye on Richard Milhous Nixon.

He is still the titular head of the Republican party, he is still a "political animal," he is still a highly popular figure with vast numbers of voters, and he did, after all, come within a hairbreadth of defeating John F. Kennedy.

What any of the GOP possibilities would be able to do against Kennedy after four years in office is another question, one not yet ready for more than pure and premature speculation.—E.A.

Welcome, Senator

There has been considerable talk in recent weeks of Senator Goldwater's "changing image"—that he is being drawn away from the extreme right and toward the center as the Presidential virus takes hold of him.

This may or may not be true, but there are evidences of it. Not long ago he inserted in the Congressional Record a speech made by one Gerald J. Skibbins, a Princeton, N.J., businessman. He said he was "in agreement" with Mr. Skibbins' remarks.

Among other things, the speech said:

"Many Americans squirm when they hear the label 'conservative' because they think of pre-World War II isolationism, John Birch Society members, America Firsters, segregationists, Ku Klux Klansmen, and many other little groups who feel that freedom means an extra-legal hunting or hating license rather than a responsible privilege held under law. Let us look honestly at the so-called radical right. First, it is not radical at all. Most of its elements either believe in the ancient rule of force outside the law, or else, they merely reflect an ignorant unawareness of their world."

SENATOR Goldwater himself, in commenting on this talk, remarked, "I've always said that extremism was a millstone around the necks of both parties—and that's just what he said."

And that's just about what we have been saying—sometimes a bit more vigorously—for a long time. It's a pleasure to see Senator Goldwater progressing from the days when he thought the Birchers were "mostly good people" to a clearer-eyed view of those who "believe in the ancient rule of force outside the law" or reflect an "ignorant unawareness of their world."

Welcome to the club, Barry.—E.A.

Kids and Taxes

Here is a thought for voters to ponder prior to the tax election Tuesday:

The last increase in Oregon's income tax was in 1955 (and that was decreased a bit in 1957). In 1955 there were 324,000 school children in the state. Today there are more than 413,000. In 1955 there were 17,000 students in Oregon's public colleges and universities. Today there are some 34,000.

How can anyone say an increase in taxes is "unnecessary"?

And in a country where per capita expenditures for cigarettes, liquor, cosmetics and entertainment are many times the per capita expenditure for all state government, let alone education.—E.A.

"Small World, Isn't It?"



... 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 Veto

To the Editor: At the beginning of the 1963 Legislature I recommended specific programs to deal with our budget and revenue situation. A great point was made that thorough tax structure overhauling was needed. It was not done. A cigarette tax was recommended. It was not passed. The people should have an opportunity to vote on new proposals during the legislative session, I advised the Legislature. But this, too, was declined.

What came about was a tax bill that was the best that 90 minds could hammer out in 141 days. It does provide for a continuation of services that the people over the years have asked of their government. Two-thirds of Oregon's budget is within ear-marked funds so that the Governor is denied allotment controls. This puts him in a fiscal strait jacket.

It is my opinion, conditions will not be improved by bringing back into session the same body which refused to adopt basic changes in our tax structure just a few months ago. Already individual legislators are announcing their intentions for widely-varying proposals should they be brought into a special session. In Oregon the purpose of a special session cannot be limited by the Governor. It could mean a simple resumption of the regular session, final days of the regular session. Whatever they come up with could, and probably would, be put in another state of suspension by the collection of 23,000 signatures.

If the people of Oregon vote "no" on October 15, it will be as though they were considering adding a room or two onto their home but instead they decided to demolish a fourth of the house they were living in. I did not veto the tax bill which came to my desk 11 days after the Legislature had adjourned in June because to have done so would have endangered the performance of essential state services. I do not believe the people should veto the tax bill now for precisely the same reason.

Mark O. Hatfield, Governor, Salem, Ore.

Story Said Distorted

To the Editor: I for one was very disappointed after reading your distorted and mixed up story in the Sunday, Oct. 6 Mail Tribune, concerning the "Patriotic Rally" held in Hoover school Sept. 14.

A journalist or reporter should in all fairness present both sides. Right? Especially when he considers the meeting not important enough to attend. You didn't quote one person of the opposite side and there were 200 or more there present. I could have been called to verify the facts as I am the person who sent in the cards to advertise the meeting.

It rather seems you only wanted one side. At least you could have got the opinion of one adult out of 200 present. Now the boys who told you they went there to get a report, told some of the ladies present that evening a very different story. They showed very little interest while the meeting was going on, sat there talking, (the three boys) didn't bother to salute the flag during the Pledge of Allegiance, or bother to sing the beloved hymn, "America." They showed no courtesy toward the speaker or the people on either side of them. The one boy jumped up angrily when he didn't approve of what was being said. Mr. Goff tried to be nice asking him to sit down. After he had to insist, when the boy didn't get a following from the crowd, after more

heckling the speaker, they got up and stormed out, saying we'll get even with you. This evidently was the reason some person called the police. The boys were waiting outside for quite some time. (Now if they weren't guilty, why would they take off?)

Now you say Officer Hurner pickup up some papers from the ground. For your information, he came inside with Mr. Huss and was talking to us. He said "This seems to be the season for rioting." Also picked up some pamphlets from the table. People who attend these meetings don't throw papers all over the ground, they only take or buy what they want.

So the whole article was evidently to smear Freedom Center or any other anti-Communist group.

Mrs. B. Lawton 1700 Prune St. Medford.

Idiotic Bill

To the Editor: While I hope that the majority of the citizens of Oregon will have the guts to vote NO on Oct. 15, I am deeply worried about the outcome of this expensive special election caused by an inept and incompetent legislature. Those who are promoting the passage of this bill have already enlisted on their side some of the most educated people in the state with their scare tactics. The emotional pull of the threat to our education budget, closure of state hospitals, that old folks on welfare will go hungry, and that some faculty members will be fired, is assinine.

The editor has apparently fallen victim to these scare tactics the same as many of my teacher friends who are struggling with this situation from a dual position: as teachers who have been threatened with a pay cut, and as taxpayers themselves. I certainly hope that regardless of the outcome of this election those responsible for this bill will not be returned to office by the voters. It should be obvious to anyone sincerely interested in seeing the state of Oregon grow and prosper that we will never gain in population with such a tax plan when people are free to choose to live in Washington or California, where the legislators have sense enough to spread the taxes out so that each purchaser pays a fair share. How much wiser it would be to have a sales tax here, and what a tremendous source of revenue is available from tourists, itinerants and those who do not own property, as well as the rest of us! E. A. says the Grange and Labor are against a sales tax... why? They are individual taxpayers too!

I have lived in Oregon for more than 25 years, but believe me, I know it is not the only pleasant place to live. I'm sure that I am not the only person who would seriously consider moving to California where the wages are higher and the taxes are assessed in a more equitable manner. This has long been one of the reasons so many Oregon trained teachers leave this state to practice their profession, and why industry has avoided this state like the plague.

Let's vote NO on this unfair tax bill, and demand a sales tax to be passed immediately. A few temporary cutbacks can't hurt too much, but this idiotic bill can ruin us all.

T. F. Rush Ashland, Ore.

Disease

To the Editor: This is in answer to E. Dykes in M.T. 10-7-63. In this letter you state that "the supposed cause of disease is limited to mere ideas." "The causation is from God." Neither statement is true. Ever since man has been in the garden of Eden he has not been

Military Take-Overs in Latin America Pose Dilemma for U.S. Policy-Makers

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

Disarmament though they may be, the dilemmas faced by the United States in South Viet Nam and Latin America have certain things in common. In both, the United States is so deeply committed that failure in either would be a heavy blow to its prestige and its global policy of giving support in democracies against communism.

In both, despite the vast sums committed, the U.S. finds itself in a role in which it can advise but cannot command. Thus success depends upon each partner acting with equal vigor. And hence the weakness of the U.S. position in both areas. America. The Alliance for Progress now is just over two years old. As

outlined by President Kennedy, it called for a \$20 billion investment in Latin America over 10 years, half of the sum to come from the United States.

Its purpose is to lift the living standards of 200 million Latin Americans and to strengthen democracy through peaceful evolution as opposed to violent revolution.

An important arm in helping to carry out the objectives of

the alliance is supposed to be the Organization of American States (OAS).

The OAS is committed against communism and to defend democratic regimes against attacks from either right or left—whether it be a Communist dictatorship or a military coup.

But it also is committed to a policy of non-interference, making it impossible to bring collective action against Communist Cuba or against a disturbing series of military take-overs, of which there have been four this year and six in the last two years.

Effected in such a way have been Argentina and Peru in 1962, and Guatemala, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic and Honduras in 1963.

The two most recent were the Dominican Republic and Honduras, and the United States has broken off its diplomatic relations with both and withdrawn its financial aid. In other instances, relations continued upon the promise of military regimes that they would hold free elections later. Examples were Peru and Argentina.

The fear, however, is that this succession of military revolts may be setting a pattern.

Violence against a weak government is on the increase in Colombia. Threat of a military take-over has been a prod to President Romulo Betancourt for increasing tough action against Communist-inspired violence in Venezuela.

In Brazil, President Joao Goulart has been unable to carry out either his promises of reform or government austerity. Last week he called for and then withdrew his request for declaration of a state of siege. He satisfied neither the political left nor right, nor the army. His government remains a candidate for overthrow.

For the United States the problem daily becomes more pressing. Military regimes provide a natural rallying point for Communists who claim that Castro's is the only way. On the other hand, the United States automatically condemns a military coup which takes over from a weak government which is itself potential prey of communism?

Strictly Personal

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

EUPHEMISMS At the airport the other day, I was informed that my plane was late because the landing-radar was "inoperative." This meant it was out of commission, not working, broken down. I picked up a newspaper while waiting, and read that some milk companies were not, as they thought, being boycotted — they were being subjected to a "selective patronage program."

There was some mail from the office in my briefcase, and I took out a communication from the "Council for Independent School Aid." In my day, these were called "private" schools; now, apparently to avoid the stigma of snobism, they are officially referred to as "independent" ones.

And so it goes. We live in an atmosphere of euphemism, of the soft phrase to cover the hard fact. Not only do we refuse to call a spade a spade (except when we are emotionally upset), but even the men who wield shovels for the city are called "sanitation employees" rather than street cleaners.

One of the most fantastic reversals of the English language in the last few years has been the word "exceptional," which is now applied to troubled or retarded children. In my time, an "exceptional" child was one who showed more promise, not less.

It seems that as we become more violent in our behavior, we feel the need to become more euphemistic in our speech. An honest despotism in the past used to kill dissenters; today, a totalitarian government merely "liquidates" its enemies. They "used to imprison foes of the state; now they are placed in "protective custody."

Governments, corporations, labor unions, institutions and collective entities of all kinds engage in mass euphemisms, to soften the impact of their desires, to disguise their inadequacies, to excuse their blunders, to shift the blame from the personal and the immediate to the vague, the abstract and the mechanical. The "system malfunctions" when the people in charge have goofed.

We spend the summers in the cherry orchard country of Wisconsin. I was explaining to my boy, during cherry-picking time, the various kinds and breeds of cherries, and the different uses to which they are put. "Those are sour cherries," I said. "They are used for canning or pie-making, not for eating directly."

"We don't call them 'sour' any more," said an orchard owner standing next to us. "We call them 'tart cherries.' People don't like the idea of buying sour cherries, so we changed the name."

That night I told my boy the fable of the fox and the tart grapes.

school, it is almost necessary to use a magnifying glass to find a word about them. Even the pictures of the students, any outside of Medford are all blurred up. If your sports writer has a special camera, he should use it on some of the kids on other teams.

If an article is written about all the schools in the conference, at all, it will be the last one in the article. But, believe it or not, if there is something of honorable mention about other schools, Medford players will be brought in some way.

I am not a parent, or mother, of any kid at Crater, but, sure am for fair play in the newspaper as well as on the field, on radio, or any place else. I'm just for the young folks. See that there are some "big" headlines about other schools as well as Medford. Look at the number of kids you can choose from. I wouldn't crow too loud if a Medford 200 pounder breaks all the bones of 165 pounder of other school. How about some sportsmanship off the field as well as on it?

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Sports Coverage Hit

To the Editor: This probably should go to the Sports Editor. There are a lot of people outside the city limits of Medford who are "fed up" with the "jealousy" or whatever word could describe it, with the way you "play up" all Medford games of any sort and when it comes to Crater, a newer

Yes, We've Got No Dictators By Arthur Hoppe

Our Alliance for Progress, which aims at social reform in Latin America, is certainly making progress. In a way, hardly a billion dollars goes by that some government down there doesn't get reformed. By its Army.

I'd like to explain this phenomenon, but I'm not an expert on any of our Latin American neighbors. So I've had to invent one. It's a lovely little independent republic known to our State Department as "Cosa Nostra."

Cosa Nostra lies just south of the docks and has a population of 3,000,073. Of which 42 are peons, 41 are soldiers and the rest are bananas. For years and years it was governed peacefully by General Cosa (The Ogre) Nostra. And there was never a complaint. Not from the General, who was happy. Nor from the soldiers, who were happy. Nor from the peons. Who knew what was good for them.

But things got more and more revolting until finally the peons revolted. The Army gave up without firing a shot. Mainly because their 1812 muskets all failed to go off. General Nostra fled into exile (after stopping at the bank). And a President whose name we never could remember was elected and began a vigorous program of social reform.

But then Castroism raised its ugly head. In Cuba. Our State Department was alarmed. "We must save Cosa Nostra from Castroism!" Washington cried. And the Alliance for Progress was launched. We sent 113 experts to Cosa Nostra to determine what was needed to stem the tide of Castroism.

"Well," says El Presidente

So the Alliance is making Progress. Every week, it seems, we produce another highly stable government supported by an awesome Army — an ally strong and powerful enough to defend forever the principles of democracy. If it had any.

THE INCOME TAX MEASURE This is one of a series of brief presentations of some little-known aspects of the income tax measure on which Oregon voters will decide at a special election on Oct. 15. A "yes" vote approves the law; a "no" vote defeats it. QUESTION I am the father of two teen-age boys who are starting college. It's always cost me taxes to have them work, but if they didn't work, they couldn't go to school. How will the new Tax Law affect me? ANSWER The new law will permit you to claim them as dependents, as under Federal law, even though they earn enough income to pay their own income taxes. They are now officially part of the family and you would get the tax benefit from the support you provide them.