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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. 31, 1953 (Saturday) Mercy flights carried its 200th patient yesterday, a seven-year-old Medford boy who was flown to Portland.

20 YEARS AGO: Oct. 31, 1943 (Sunday) Medford elementary schools issue total of 16,841 ration books, according to figures released by office of E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of schools.

30 YEARS AGO: Oct. 31, 1933 (Tuesday) Eugene Thornedyke named chairman of Medford Community Chest, and Jack Thorpason and Larry Schade to serve as associate members.

40 YEARS AGO: Oct. 31, 1923 (Wednesday) Supt. Charles G. Thomson of Crater Lake National Park returns to Medford from national parks meeting at Yellowstone Park.

50 YEARS AGO: Oct. 31, 1913 (Friday) Dr. J. R. Reddy, promoter of Grants Pass-Crescent City railway, arrives in Medford to spend few days here.

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

- 1. What present independent state within the British Commonwealth was formerly called the Gold Coast State? 2. Josip Broz known better by another name, lives in which city and country? 3. Is the capital of Nebraska Omaha, Lincoln, or Hastings? 4. In which Asiatic country is Mt. Ararat? 5. For what does the 22nd Constitutional Amendment provide? 6. If you saw a dark cream colored bear in Colorado or Utah, what kind would it most likely be? 7. Who was known as the Man of Destiny? 8. A unit of weight for pearls equivalent to one-quarter of a carat is known as a g...? 9. Is Dale Carnegie most noted for his prowess in steel, speaking or farming? 10. People from which state say they are from the Beehive State? Answers: 1. Ghana. 2. Belgrade, Yugoslavia (Marshal Tito). 3. Lincoln. 4. Turkey. 5. No person shall be elected President more than twice, etc. 6. Grizzly. 7. Napoleon Bonaparte. 8. Grain. 9. Speaking. 10. Utah.

'Frills' in Education

During the recent election campaign, we heard much about the "frills" in education. What is an educational frill? You may say bus transportation is a frill, and that when you were a boy, you walked three miles to school and it didn't hurt you a bit.

But to a high school student living on the far side of the Jacksonville hill, bus transportation comes pretty close to being an absolute necessity. ELIMINATE athletics, you may say. But your neighbor, who may be a member of the Linebackers club, is absolutely convinced that a good athletic program is a necessary part of a well-rounded school program.

ALL RIGHT, then, cut out hot lunches. Surely, And let the youngsters whose only decent meal of the day is the school lunch (and they are not a few, believe it or not, in this fat and wealthy land) go hungry. Home economics? Shop? Drama? Choir? In each of these areas you will find adherents who believe that these subjects fill a very real need, and that to eliminate them would seriously deprive many children of instruction and training which they will desperately need in later life.

HOW ABOUT cutting down on the cost of new buildings? Why not make them more standardized, less expensive? There are two answers to this one. The first is that buildings recently constructed in the Medford system ARE pretty basic and relatively inexpensive. The second is that you're not going to save any really significant sums by cutting building costs, because they represent only a minute fraction of any school district's budget.

SOME OF the increases in school costs have come about because of inflation; some of them come by upgrading of materials and supplies and equipment; some of them come by bringing teachers' salaries up to a decent level. But the biggest reason, by far, is simply the fact that there are so many, many more kids now days to be educated. And the end is not in sight.

Catholics and Calendars

Every once in a while someone suggests that the human race tidy up some of its confusing methods of measuring things — such as adopting the metric system in place of the wild assortment of distance, weight and volume measurements now in use; or adoption of the decimal system for British money; or even a new calendar.

BECAUSE of the way things are, we'd guess that the new calendar proposal has the best chance of the three of becoming a fact within this decade. Calendar reform has long been needed, as practically everyone realizes, and dozens of proposals have been put forward. Adoption of a new world calendar has been, and will be again, considered at the United Nations. The action of the Ecumenical Council in voting its willingness to accept a new perpetual calendar will give this movement new impetus.

IT WOULD, of course, be a minor money-saver and convenience to most of us. But calendar manufacturers could be expected to object. They'd just print one calendar for everyone, and no more would be needed, since every year would be the same. Too, it would eliminate some of the glossy, often beautiful, and sometimes sexy calendars which businesses distribute to their clients and colleagues.

'We're Agreed, Then, That The Senator Is The Front Runner'



Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop (of) New York Herald Tribune, Syndicate

CUBAN SLEEPER: WASHINGTON — When Gov. Averell Harriman was in Moscow, Nikita S. Khrushchev twice assured him that all Russian troops would eventually be brought home from Cuba. "Why should we keep them there?" Khrushchev asked, and added that the men of the Red Army did not like being there, either, because of the steamy Cuban climate.

THERE is another question, furthermore, which also deserves examination. Reports from Eastern Europe persist that the Soviets, Czechs, and other Cuban trading partners in the Communist bloc have decided to be much less generous in their future dealing with the Castro government. These reports are given some color of probability by the niggardliness of the first Soviet offer of post-hurricane aid to Castro.

Meanwhile, Castro's need for handouts is mounting continuously, and not just because of the devastation wrought by the hurricane. The Cuban economy is in ruins. Misery is mounting. Under the prick of want, signs are beginning to appear that Cubans are far from ideal raw material for a Communist state. The possibility of a sudden change in Cuba used to be absolutely excluded, but now, although not exactly predicted, it is no longer ruled out.



China's Need for Aid Seen as Possible Clue to New Non-Aggressive Statements



Some odd sounds have been coming out of Peking lately. Among them has been the seemingly frank announcement that "it may take a few more years" before China is ready to explode an atom bomb.

Accompanying that disclosure by Red Chinese Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Chen Yi was the admission that Chinese industry at the moment simply is not up to the job. It would seem a galling admission of weakness by the normally boastful Communist Chinese leadership and a question arises as to why make it at all and what is to be gained by it.

Strictly Personal

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

PERSONAL PREJUDICES: What many employers fail to understand is that a subordinate who never finds fault with his superior is either a fool or a hypocrite; if a fool, he is useless; if a hypocrite, he is dangerous.

Nothing in the world is easier than to be radical when you have little to lose and conservative when you have a great deal to lose; we should pay careful attention only to those whose views seem to cut across the grain of their immediate self-interest, for then we may be reasonably sure that the personal equation is not the determining factor.

A man is always the same man and, on the whole, wants only to be the same man, with a few improvements; but a woman would like to be a dozen different women, a part of every attractive woman she sees; and therefore her insatiable need for more and more clothes can be understood not as the trifle joke it has become, nor as a matter of greed, but as her way of trying out different personalities and satisfying (however temporarily) her deep desire to assume every aspect of the Eternal Feminine.

All seeming "victories" over Nature are Pyrrhic victories for mankind. Nature returns in more subtle or potent form and takes its revenge — insecticides create a stronger breed of insects. It is fatuous sentimentality to expect, or to ask, people to like one another more; all we have a right to ask is that they act kinder to those they don't particularly like, and unless civilization can learn that kindness is in our power, while like as not, nothing but catastrophe awaits us.

Red Chinese delegate to the 13th Soviet trade union congress, even further. Red China, he said, favors peaceful co-existence and continued friendship with the Soviet Union. He added that: "Atomic arms are terrible and for this reason we have to forbid them." It came close to an endorsement of the partial nuclear test ban treaty which has been under unceasing Peking attack.

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.

Blame Satan: To the Editor: The writer is one who is thankful that he lives in America. This great country was founded on the principles of religious liberty. Our founders came to these shores to seek refuge from the political and religious tyranny of the old world. True, they failed to always practice what they preached.

No Salt: To the Editor: I must warn you that that salt business is simply superstition. I took salt along all right, but though a buck showed me which end his tail wuz on, he wouldn't stay still for me to put salt onto it. I got me a brand new second hand thirty-three from Bob Kennedy and it was patented 'way back in the early eighties before I — er — I mean, before I wuz born, and it has a hammer an' everything.

Two Items: To the Editor: A former editor of your paper once asked where I got so much information. I told him a lot of it came from your paper. The following two items from your paper make interesting reading. Taken from your Wednesday, Oct. 23, paper: "Ralph Miner of the Finance and Administration Department said an unexpected \$1.2 million balance from last biennium's basic school fund had been discovered, and that the money was being applied to ease welfare cuts, rather than to reduce the expected \$10.8 million cut in this biennium's basic school allotment."

In the Day's News: By FRANK JENKINS. In Washington, President Kennedy's foreign aid program came up for senate debate with an administration spokesman warning that any drastic cuts might endanger national security. At the same time, a powerful Democratic senator denounced the bill as SHOCKING WASTE and "a body blow to the most vital defense weapon the American people possess — namely, their own economy."

School Deficiencies: To the Editor: In a recent issue of M.T. there was a letter directed at a local citizen, and myself, for our criticisms of the present system of educating the children of this area, and the cost of same. The writer of this letter was a Mr. Randolph of the Mark Antony Hotel in Ashland.

Corrected Version: To the Editor: The master of Upper Applegate Grange put the ceiling last night when he read in the Grange News that "Booster night is open to all newcomers of the area and grangers." He calmed down when I showed him the original item as sent to you — which states "this is the annual public get-acquainted meeting and (he) extends a special invitation to all new comers to the area, on behalf of the grange, to attend."

WHAT of foreign aid? Well, back in the Marshall Plan days, it was wonderful. It amounted then to sharing with our comrades-in-arms who in a bloody war had suffered more grievously than we. In recent years, it has seemed to amount to BUYING MORE than an effort to BUY FRIENDS or to buy off enemies. All human experience tells us that that never pays.