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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**
**Dec. 24, 1953 (Thursday)**

New transmitting antenna for KBES-TV is expected to be raised by sections this weekend and should go into service to broadcast New Year's Day bowl games.

Donald T. Wilkinson, an airman, arrived Saturday to visit for two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Wilkinson, 726 S. Keeneway Drive.

**20 YEARS AGO**
**Dec. 24, 1943 (Friday)**

Mrs. Edward C. Kelly leaves for Detroit, Mich., to spend holidays with her husband who is an Army captain.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "It is now too late to do your Christmas shopping early."

**30 YEARS AGO**
**Dec. 24, 1933 (Sunday)**

Ed G. Brown, Medford, injured in automobile accident on Ross Lane.

Black Channel mine sold at Sheriff's auction on the courthouse steps for $1,548.35.

**40 YEARS AGO**
**Dec. 24, 1923 (Monday)**

Medford Mayor E. C. Gaddis appoints himself as temporary city judge.

Former Mayor C. E. Gates talks to children attending community Christmas party in city park.

**50 YEARS AGO**
**Dec. 24, 1913 (Wednesday)**

J. Percy Wells, Jackson County school superintendent, elected president of western division of Oregon State Teachers Association.

Portland Attorney B. B. Beekman in Medford to spend holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beekman.

## What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Mozart had what given name?
2. Over what ancient country did the dynasty of the Pharoahs rule?
3. The title Dalai Lama suggests what central Asian country?
4. A "lift" is ordinarily found where in a shoe?
5. Name the longest river system in the United States.
6. For how many years did Jack Dempsey hold the heavyweight boxing championship title?
7. Are there approximately 2,000, 4,000, or 6,000 coffee beans in a pound?
8. Who was the male star of the motion picture "Ben Hur"?
9. Does a cat use a front paw, or a rear paw to scratch its head?
10. Is brandy made from vegetables, grain or fruit?

**Answers: 1. Wolfgang. 2. Egypt. 3. Tibet. 4. Heel. 5. Mississippi - Missouri. 6. Seven years. 7. 4,000. 8. Charlton Heston. 9. A rear paw. 10. Fruit.**

**FREIGHTER FREED**

POINT ARGUELLO, Calif (UPI)—The Greek freighter S.S. Ellin, struck on a sandbar near here for six days, was finally pulled free Sunday and went on to Los Angeles today under its own power for inspection.

## *Would We Crucify Him?*

To the Editor: Some of us here at the Manor were very deeply impressed by Sydney J. Harris's column, "Would We Crucify Him?" which appeared in your paper on Dec. 25, 1962.

Could it re-appear Christmas week, either as an editorial or as a special article? We believe it would be very worth while.

Loretta Smith
Rogue Valley Manor
Medford.

By SIDNEY J. HARRIS

If there should be, on Christmas night, a second coming — would there not be soon a second crucifixion? And this time, not by the Romans or the Jews, but by those who proudly call themselves Christians? I wonder.

I wonder how we today would regard this man with his strange and frightening and "impractical" doctrines of human behavior and relationships.

Would we believe and follow, any more than the masses of people in his day believed and followed?

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WOULD NOT the militarists among us assail him as a cowardly pacifist because he urges us not to resist evil?

Would not the nationalists among us assail him as a dangerous internationalist because he tells us we are all of one flesh?

Would not the wealthy among us castigate him as a troublemaking radical because he bars the rich from entering the kingdom of heaven?

Would not the liberals among us dismiss him as a dreamy vagabond because he advises us to take no thought for the morrow, to lay up no treasures upon earth?

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WOULD NOT the ecclesiastics among us denounce him as a ranting heretic because he cuts through the cords of ritual and commands us only to love God and our neighbors?

Would not the sentimentalists among us deride him as a cynic because he warns us that the way to salvation is narrow and difficult?

Would not the Puritans among us despise and reject him because he eats and drinks with publicans and sinners, preferring the company of winebibbers and harlots to that of "respectable" church members?

Would not the sensual among us scorn him because he fasts for 40 days in the desert, neglecting the needs of the body?

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WOULD NOT the proud and important among us laugh at him when he instructs the twelve disciples that he who would be "first" should be the one to take the role of the least and serve all?

Would not the worldly-wise and educated among us be aghast to hear that we cannot be saved except we become as children, and that a little child shall lead us?

Would not each of us in his own way find some part of this man's saying and doing to be so threatening to our ways of life, so much at odds with our rooted beliefs, that we could not tolerate him for long?

I wonder.

## *Christmas vs. Xmas*

We share a fairly widespread prejudice against the use of the word Xmas in place of Christmas.

But it is, simply, a prejudice. For the use of Xmas as a shorthand word for the day is hallowed by long and reverent usage, dating well back into the middle ages.

The use of the capital letter X was considered a sign of reverent reference to the Son of God by early Christians. In Greek, X is the letter "chi" which is the first letter in the word "christos," which is the origin of the English word "Christ."

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VARIOUS modifications of the X symbol have been used over the years, with all reverence. Some of them were quasi-secret in nature, during the period that the early Christians were being persecuted.

One of the symbols was that of a fish (which itself was one of the early forms of the X, used long before Christ). This symbol had special meaning, for the Greek word for fish was ichthys, and this in turn contains the letters of the name and title of Christ: Iesous CHristos, Theou HYios, Soter — Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.

Thus the symbolism of Christianity has long been with us, and remains so in many churches.

Still — we prefer Christmas to Xmas. — E. A.

## *Full Circle*

Each person, probably, has his own way of visualizing a year. Our personal version is a circle, with Christmas and the winter solstice at the top.

Now, as the days gradually begin to get longer, we descend through winter and spring, with the long, hot days of late July and early August at the bottom.

The long pull from Labor Day to Christmas is all up. We're glad we've arrived at the top.

Christmas is, to most of us, the most beloved and most joyous holiday of the year. To Christians it has special meaning. But even non-Christians can and do take comfort in its message.

Too, all the old legends — the Yule log, mistletoe, holly, the tree, the spirit of giving, the tinsel and glitter and subdued excitement — all the non-Christian aspects of the day, can be enjoyed by everyone. Anyone who doesn't must be an impervious old Scrooge. — E.A.

"You Don't Think He Means Us, Do You?"

## Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

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A DEBT IS OWED

WASHINGTON — In the last three years, the true shape of the world we live in has been radically changed by a new fact, which very few people know about even today.

The fact is that we now KNOW the true nature of the power balance between this country and the Soviet Union. Despite its closed society, the Soviet Union is now open to inspection — in the most literal sense. We could only guess before; but since August, 1960, we have KNOWN.

This is a change incalculably profound and far-reaching. It is also an incalculable gain for the United States. And this needs to be pointed out now because the man to whom this change and gain are largely owed is now leaving the public service, uncelebrated, unrewarded, almost unthanked.

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IF ANY member of the general public recalls the name of Richard M. Bissell, it will probably be because of the Bay of Pigs. Before that fiasco, Bissell was due to succeed Allen Dulles as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. But someone had to take the rap for this sorry failure, for which everybody from President Kennedy on down had a share of blame, and Bissell was chief among those who took the rap. Another job followed — a fairly big job, but one which is now ending for reasons which are not especially relevant. All that is relevant, at the moment, is to record just how the closed Soviet society ceased to be closed for all practical purposes.

This remarkable story began in the summer of 1954 when one of President Eisenhower's numerous special advisory committees, the Killian Committee on Surprise Attack, suggested building a reconnaissance plane of the type of the U-2. Such a plane had already been proposed to the Air Force by the brilliant Kelly Johnson of Lockheed Aviation, but the idea had been turned down flat.

By the intricate, half-accidental processes familiar in government, the Killian Committee recommendation brought together a three-star team, composed of Kelly Johnson, the famous E. H. Land of the Polaroid Co., and Bissell from the CIA, who was the friend of both the others.

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IN RECORD time, these three bulled the U-2 through from concept to reality. The strange new aircraft was thereupon assigned to the CIA. Bissell thus became commander of an independent U-2 air force, in addition to his other duties.

So much is fairly well-known to informed persons. What is not well-known (and would not be discussed in this space if the main facts had not already been published elsewhere) is the second chapter of the story that opened with the U-2.

Because the intervals between U-2 flights were unavoidably long, and for other technical reasons as well, the U-2 did no more than open a small chink in the Iron Curtain. Contrary to what many imagine the U-2 did not really replace guesses about the Soviet Union with true knowledge.

Yet the new plane's success was very great, all the same. And this success in turn directed attention to the reconnaissance satellite project previously initiated by the Air Force Research and Development Command.

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FROM this public project, until then rather languidly prosecuted, a chunk was quickly cut off, as it were. The chunk was strictly classified, but amply financed. And an all-out secret effort to build a workable reconnaissance satellite began.

This time Lt. Gen. Bernard Schriever of the Research and Development Command worked with Bissell. Brig. Gen. Oswald Ritland was Bissell's day-to-day partner. "Din" Land again lent a hand. And others might be mentioned.

Yet in the official Air Force account of this matter, the main credit for the success of the reconnaissance satellite is nonetheless given to Bissell. August, 1960, when the first of the new "birls" with seeing, remembering eyes made its successful flight, is a date that will be remembered in history books.

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IT IS A date with much bearing, to begin with, on the silly controversy about the missile gap. Until we KNEW the Soviets had not deployed the intercontinental ballistic missiles which they were entirely capable of producing, the only safe course was to assume that the Soviets were indeed producing and deploying these ultimate weapons. Their failure to do so was in fact a gigantic error.

But after August, 1960, we began to KNOW that the ICBMs were not there; and this in turn changed the entire strategic aspect of the world by the time President Kennedy took office. No historian or analyst can compute what this true knowledge has since been worth, in the desperate days of the second Cuban crisis, for instance, or much earlier, when Khrushchev at Vienna threatened a big war over Berlin.

Such, then, is the debt owed to Dick Bissell. As he happens to be this reporter's oldest friend, the debt is here asknowledged with pride. But every thinking American will surely wish to say, "Thank you and good luck," to this exceptional public servant who is now returning to private life.

"For some reason it doesn't seem as bright and merry as it should be."

# Pakistan Remains Unconvinced That U.S. Would Not Side With India in Dispute

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst

If surface indications may be believed, then Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor in his visit to Karachi had little more success than other distinguished Americans in reassuring Pakistan on the question of U.S. military aid to India.

Nor is it likely that he was any more successful in attempts to dissuade Pakistan from its increasingly close relations with Red China and other members of the Communist bloc.

Pakistan mistrust of India reaches emotional peaks scarcely even equalled by the people of divided Berlin and springs from similar sources.

India splits Pakistan into east and west in an arrangement based upon religious groupings rather than geographic practicalities.

Pakistan is convinced that India intends eventually to reabsorb Pakistan and that American arms flowing into India will help her to do it.

Reassurances to the contrary by the late President Kennedy and a personal visit to Pakistan by Undersecretary of State George W. Ball, all within the last few months, failed to convince Pakistan otherwise.

Typical of the Pakistani attitude was the comment of Karachi's English language Daily News regarding the Taylor visit.

The News said that while the United States is arming India against the Red Chinese "and is trying to convince the region of a threat of Communist aggression, Pakistan has no problem with the Chinese, nor does she consider communism a threat to Pakistan."

The News said that India's reported approval of visits to Indian Ocean waters by the U.S. 7th Fleet "is at least partly directed against Pakistan."

Diplomatic souces in Karachi and many Pakistanis insist that Pakistan's moves toward the Communist world are less the result of enchantment with communism than the fact that Pakistan will line up with any force against India.

In the last year, Pakistan accords with various Communist nations have come thick and fast.

Pakistan has reached a border agreement with Red China in her part of disputed Kashmir, has concluded air agreements with both Red China and the Soviet Union and entered into a number of barter deals for exchange of goods.

She will receive 100,000 tons of Chinese cement in exchange for jute, and has made similar arrangements with both the Soviet Union and Poland. She is working on other deals with Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

Despite press attacks and a continued cooling on the part of Pakistani leaders, the United States has been trying to restore relations with Pakistan to their old solidarity.

The United States now furnishes Pakistan with $350 million annually plus military supplies.

Toward the end of September, the two signed a $70 million loan agreement for U. S. iron, steel and other products.

Pakistan retains its membership in the General Treaty Organization and in SEATO. It has assured the United States it does not intend to enter any military pact with the Red Chinese.

However, the Pakistanis have hinted broadly that the Red Chinese would come to their aid if they were to be attacked by India.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Washington, Secretary of State Rusk urges the Western Allies to help Russia win its power struggle with the Chinese communists.

Question:
Is he right?
Or is he wrong?

SEEKING an answer, let's try another question:

Did you ever butt into a family quarrel in an effort to bring peace and tolerance?

If so, you will be prepared to say to Secretary Rusk: "You are wrong, sir. NEVER interfere in family quarrels. Both sides will gang up on you, and you'll come out of it beaten to a pulp."

Let's STAY OUT OF IT!

DOWN in San Mateo County, in the Bay Area, they have what is known as the honor camp system. Under the honor camp system, prisoners in the county jail go out each morning to work on various public projects. They give their word of honor that they won't try to escape. So they are not guarded while they work. In the evening, when their shift is finished, they come back to the jail house.

The other morning a crew of 70 was starting out to work. On their way to the job, they were led by a deputy sheriff, whose job was to show them where to work and what to do. He had the keys in his pocket.

Suddenly, he fainted — and fell and hit his head on the concrete floor, knocking him out completely.

WHAT did the convicts do? Three of them ran to the camp radio to tell the sheriff's office of the deputy's accident. Some of the rest gave emergency first aid to the deputy to bring him back to consciousness.

The rest went about their work assignments.

Not one flew the coop.

You never can tell about people.

AN ANCIENT question—

One that has puzzled us all at one time or another—

How does Santa Claus, who is reputedly round and rolypoly, with a waist measure that would shock the average tailor, get down the average modern chimney?

IT PUZZLED John Deodluc, aged 3, who lives down in Santa Clara.

So—

He decided the other day to find out.

HE LEFT his home in the late afternoon, climbed a six-foot fence and walked up the sloping roof of the empty house next door, climbed into the fireplace chimney and with no trouble at all he got halfway down.

Then—

Disaster struck.

He GOT STUCK.

AS A small boy should, he screamed for help. His mother heard him and called for the fire department. The fire laddies responded and with their help the reached the floor of the fireplace some two hours later.

As a special favor, he asked his mother to let him stay up ALL NIGHT on Christmas Eve so he could find out how Santa manages it.

# ...Communications...

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**Sourpuss**

To the Editor: With apologies to Gelett Burgess:

You sometimes meet a sourpuss,
Sometimes youeven see one,
But I'd rather see a sourpuss
Than ever have to be one.

Jo Hein
48 Morse St.
Ashland, Ore.

**No Spiritual Existence**

To the Editor: Referring to the letter written by Mrs. Frank M. Duncan which was published on Dec. 12, she says she is not a fatalist but still claims it was President Kennedy's "time to go." The reason as stated in her second paragraph reveals another false concept — the idea of a "soul." I explained in a previous letter how such an idea originated and that the true source was the mind. It exists nowhere else.

Her third paragraph is a contradiction of the first part of her letter. If Mr. Kennedy "could have averted his own destruction by adhering to the precautions set up by those professional authorities who were paid to guarantee his safety," the tragic event that occurred was not inevitable. It is not something that simply had to happen. Then why hold on to the absurd claim that it was his "time to go"?

Mrs. Duncan says that death is not a disaster. It's a graduation. Graduation to what? I can't imagine the average mixed-up person "graduating" to anything beyond the natural physical life on this earth. Death is as natural as life and there is no "spiritual" existence spart from the material body. Life is an inherent quality in matter. When the individual organic form is dissolved the end of that particular life has been reached. All that survives this dissolution is the life energy in the molecules and the atoms that compose the matter involved.

The anthropologists have shown that the belief in "spirits" came about by external impressions. It arose from physical phenomena, not so - called spiritual influence. Substance in some form is permanent. It is indestructible; therefore, it has always been in existence and was never created. That which had no beginning will have no end. But organized life had a beginning. Man did not always exist. He is not immortal. Organic life consists of birth, growth, decline and death. This is perfectly natural and is just as it appears. No one escaped from this earthly life to another in some fantastic beyond.

The universe consists of matter that is a substance without cause, without purpose, and originally without consciousness, and subject only to mechanical laws of attraction and repulsion, impact and pressure. Consciousness has been derived from this substance and perishes with the dissolution of organic bodies.

Sometimes you even see one, of nature, and if there is any purpose for life it's self-development — to give the best tha tis inus for the benefit of all humanity.

Lydia Burnham
814 Warne St.
Prescott, Ariz.

**Bless You All**

To the Editor: As a result of my letter you so graciously printed in Communications Dec. 12. I've received some calls and letters from persons evidently agreeing with me.

My husband and I, sincerely interested in these people's beliefs and their foundations, very carefully read some enclosed literature with questions and Scriptural answers. We took the trouble to look up these quotes, which were in many cases only parts of sentences, and found that after reading the verses preceding the quote, the quote often took on a completely different meaning.

If more people would take the trouble to look up the quotes that are "used" to prove or disprove some question, they probably wouldn't become so easily confused and as a result discouraged from all religion. Anyone can prove OR disprove ANYTHING with a quote directly from the Bible.

The Bible cannot be taken literally nor can it be interpreted by the quart capacity of man's mind. Very few possess the key to the true inner meaning behind the words in the Scriptures.

I did agree with one who wrote that only God can satisfy man's longing. It is a simple truth that EVERY man is searching for his true identity. Each man, being a pure cell of the body of God, searches for this God-part, consciously or unconsciously. Many go about it in the wrong ways and they always suffer for it. If they did not suffer, how would they EVER come to think of searching for the self in the right ways?

The day is here in which a large portion of humanity has already outgrown the old concept of Divinity. They have lost their faith in teachings based upon faith alone; they have learned that to be good in order to gain a heavenly reward after death, is a fallacy, a very low ideal, this idea of being good for the reward's sake, and the special privilege of playing harps and singing psalms forever. They have realized that this is an expression of self interest only, and completely foreign to the teachings of the Christ of God, the God-man fully alive.

The letter from Frances Ray in Sunday's Communications hits the nail right on the head! God bless you, one and all.

Mrs. F. M. Duncan,
114 Summit Ave.
Medford

**Farm Properties**

To the Editor: As a property owner of some river frontage and other attractions that go with woods and streams, we would like to express our appreciation of Senator's Morse's stand on the Dunes Park issue.

We feel that condemning property for no other reason than to add to what seems adequate is a rather poor way to enhance respect for government.

It seems to us that E.A. knows or cares very little of what all comprises a farm.

If he would look around the valley a little he would find that many going farms have been handed down from one generation to another.

Farms are not easily come by. To own one usually takes years of sacrifice and the ability to endure many hardships. And to pay out and develop a farm to near or full potential is apt to take two or more generations.

Most farmers that have put in most of their lives acquiring a farm have a very different (that E.A. perhaps can't understand), feeling toward it than they would for just ordinary property.

It has been the greater part of their lives and they look forward to seeing it carried on by their heirs.

It is not often that we agree with Senator Morse, but on this issue we agree with him 100 per cent.

We are also grateful that we have a Senator that is not afraid to look at the rat holes as well as the loop holes in our taxation.

As to name calling we think it would be a wonderful thing if a great many of us would take a few minutes to look in the mirror and repeat a few lines from Robert Burns, to the effect, "That the greatest gift that God could give us would be to see ourselves as others see us."

John L. Nealon,
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Central Point, Ore.

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Editor's note: No farm properties are proposed for acquisition for the Oregon Dunes National Seashore.

## Strictly Personal

By Sidney J. Harris

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**CONTRAST IN TV COVERAGE TELLS MORAL**

The magnificent coverage provided by television over that lost week end was a reminder of all that we are missing in the "normal" use and abuse of that tremendous medium.

Why should it take a catastrophe of such dimensions to unlock from the closet of talent so many programs of merit, thoughtfulness, maturity and illumination? Must the everyday use of this medium be dedicated so overwhelmingly to the service of depilatories and detergents and deodorants?

One does not ask the impossible; one does not ask, or expect, so relentlessly "serious" a diet of programming during ordinary times. But the contrast was so great, so vivid, so startling, that the sudden return to mediocrity and insipidity was as much an insult to intelligence as it was a surcease from tragedy.

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**It is perfectly true, as the broadcasters insist, that large numbers of people will not consistently watch programs of quality, and that advertisers do not find it economically feasible to sponsor them. But broadcasting is a public service as well as a private enterprise; and private enterprise always invites government control when it ignores it public obligations.**

**The surest way not to get government broadcasting (as many foreign nations have it, alongside private operations) is to undercut the need and demand for it by a more judicious balance of programs. From a purely practical point of view, the television networks can best maintain their profits by their willingness to give up a little, before more is taken from them.**

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There is, however, another and more important reason for changing the format of television programs. What the public learned over that week end should not be reserved for times of crisis. The talks, the panels, the serious appraisals of our national trends, are desperately needed as an integral part of our cultural diet.

We do not let our children munch sweets all day long, and at night make gluttons of themselves with peanuts, popcorn and pie. Yet this is exactly what television provides for adults — little that is nourishing for the mind and spirit, a great deal that is soft and sickly sweet and encourages apathy to the point of coma.

This is a luxury (and a false one, at that) we can no longer afford in the turbulent world of today. An informed and alert public is the absolute prerequisite for democratic survival. Without this, the networks and all the other media of communication cannot long remain free — for freedom basically depends upon a citizenry awake, not in a stupor.