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Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

96 YEARS AGO TODAY

(Medford Mail-Tribune) September 10 is an important date in Rogue River valley history for it was on September 10, 1853—just 96 years ago today—that the treaty of peace was signed with the Rogue River Indians. We are indebted to Mr. J. M. Spencer of this city for calling our attention to the dramatic and important event which, as he points out, might be considered the base of every property right in the valley, for "on that day the Indians sold their title to all the land from the mouth of the Applegate river to the summit of the Siskiyou, along the divide to Pilot Rock, thence along the divide between the Klamath and the Rogue rivers to the upper Rogue and then west to the head of Jump Off Joe creek and back to the mouth of the Applegate, for the sum of \$60,000."

"Of this amount \$15,000 was to be paid to settlers for damage done by the Indians, \$5,000 was to be spent for supplies of immediate need, and the rest to be paid in 6 annual installments of cattle and supplies."

The Indians also agreed to turn in all but 14 of their guns and retire to a reservation about Sams Valley and Table Rock. Mr. Spencer, believing that probably only a small percentage of the people now living in the valley are familiar with the history of that long-ago period, supplied the information from which the following condensation is taken.

The treaty signing followed months of sporadic conflict and finally full-fledged warfare between the Indians and settlers and miners up and down the Rogue valley.

Fighting which immediately preceded the peace arrangement started after an Indian war party, passing near the new mining camp of Jacksonville, killed two whites. Farther up the valley, on Neil creek, several settlers had been wounded in a brush with Siskiyou Indians; Lieutenant Griffin and a small force of soldiers had been ambushed on the Applegate and badly defeated, and on Willow Springs along the emigrant road, two men had been killed and houses burned.

Soldiers were hastily dispatched from Fort Jones and Yreka to the south, others from Roseburg on the north, and these with miners and settlers who enlisted as volunteers, took up quarters at Fort Lane.

For some moments the lives of the whites hung in the balance and then General Lane, in a calm voice, began to speak. He assured the Indians that he would punish the armistice breaker but that it would be utterly foolish for the Indians to attack the council party.

Lane pointed out that although they were helpless and could save the Indians from utter extinction in reprisal. The choice was theirs, not his, he said, whether they should live out their lives in peace or be hunted like rabbits from hole to hole, finding no rest except in death.

A short period of time, as time goes, since September 10, 1853, but what a change could old Chief Sam see today were he to return from the Happy Hunting Grounds to stand on Table Rock and gaze out over the vast domain which he sold for \$60,000 only 96 years ago today.

Patriotic Pageant Planned At Grand Lodge Of Masons

A patriotic pageant will be presented Oct. 15 in the temple of Eugene Lodge No. 11, A. F. and A. M. It will be an "outstanding feature" in the education program of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Oregon, according to a statement issued by Elbert Bede, editor of the Oregon Mason.

Characters of the past and present will contrast subversive activities of the present against the ideals of the great patriots of the past, who gave this country a free government which has been the pattern for a world in which men struggle to free themselves from the shackles of totalitarianism in its several forms, said Bede.

Characters such as Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, Franklin and Lincoln will come to life in the roles they played in the founding of this country. At least three of these notables are known to have been freemasons, said Bede.

Lodges over Lane, Linn, and Douglas counties are expected to send large delegations to the pageant. Research lodge of Oregon has charge of its presentation. Loren C. Schroeder, Springfield, district deputy grand master has charge of the arrangements.

Murder Case Fugitive Found In Army Air Corps

PENDLETON, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Gerald Gause, 39, who was rear-end in the Richland country in Baker county and had resided recently near Ordinance, was under arrest in Cheyenne, Wyo., today.

Punchboard Licensing Voted By Eugene Council

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 28.—(AP)—By a 5-2 vote Monday night, the city council indicated preliminary approval of an ordinance providing for the licensing of punchboards for operation in the city. The same majority voted for passage of an ordinance to license punchboard operators and to tax the boards.

IT DIDN'T HELP

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—(AP)—In the recent national amateur golf championship at the Oak Hill Country Club here, George Victor, veteran golfer from Chicago, made one of the greatest shots ever seen in the tournament, but it didn't help much. Playing the 18th, in an all-even match with Bruce McCormick, Victor's second shot caught an almost unplayable lie on the edge of a trap. He was forced to hit the ball with a five iron, rolled it through the sand, up the bank, over the lip, through heavy grass onto the green and within two and a half feet of the cup. Then he missed the putt to lose the match.

Patient Little Animal, Isn't He?



A-BOMB DELIVERY—Disclosure of the Russian atomic explosion has set off speculation on her ability to "deliver" atomic bombs. Experts doubt that the best Soviet bomber—believed to be a modified B-29—could strike targets more than 2000 miles from the most advanced Siberian base and return. Thus, they believe U. S. cities are presently out of range. However, Red planes could conceivably fly one-way missions of 4000 miles over the U. S. ditch in the ocean and be picked up by ships. Upper arc on map shows present range of U. S. bombers. B-36's, able to fly 10,000 miles without refueling, could strike any target in Russia and return.

Senator Vandenberg In Michigan Hospital

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Sept. 27.—(AP)—Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) rested today in the university of Michigan hospital, where he is undergoing examination and diagnosis. The nature of his illness, his physician reported last night, "is not definitely known."

B-36 Bombers To Make U. S.-Alaska Flights

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Giant B-36 bombers soon will start making weekly trips between the United States and Alaska, the Air Force Alaska headquarters disclosed here today. One of the big six-engined planes arrived here Sunday from Fort Worth, Texas, and two others are due later this week.

State Office Building Sketch Receives Approval

SALEM, Sept. 2.—(AP)—The State Board of Control Tuesday approved preliminary sketches of the 10-story State office building which will be built in Portland. The building contains 176,000 square feet, and most of its outer walls are glass.

In the Day's News

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and make faces at us and call us names. But now that they have the bomb as well as we, Professor Hahn's idea appears to be, their inferiority complex has been removed and hereafter they can deal with us on the basis of intelligent equals. It would follow, of course, that any two INTELLIGENT equals would naturally get together and agree to outlaw such a grisly horror as the atom bomb.

It is a fascinating theory. Personally, I'd LOVE to be able to accept it. I can't think of ANYTHING so comforting as the conviction that NOW we and the Russians can get together and BAN THE BOMB.

That would mean that the world our children will live in would be something like the world we have lived in. None of this POOF AND WERE GONE stuff that seems to be inherent in atomic warfare. If from time to time we just have to go to war and if some of us have to get killed or maimed, it will be a good honest TANGIBLE bullet or shell splinter that does it and not a mushroom-shaped cloud spraying deadly radiation that not only wipes us out but maybe changes the physical shape and presence of generations as yet unborn.

To wake up and realize that all that was just a nightmare would be wonderful.

REVISION OF TAX LAWS PRIORITY'S TOP NEXT YEAR
WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—(AP)—A general revision of federal tax laws was assigned top priority Tuesday for congressional action in 1950. It may produce some new taxes in a drive to balance the nation's budget.

Whether the new tax law will bear any resemblance to President Truman's now-abandoned 1949 proposal for a \$4,000,000,000 increase — no one now can say. As a general rule, congress is not disposed to raise taxes in an election year — which 1950 would be.

There were indications that, while hunting for new sources of revenue, congress may actually reduce some levies — probably in the excise list. Some members believe the wartime excise rates to be burdensome both to taxpayers and to business.

House speaker Rayburn disclosed the tax bill priority for 1950 in calling for immediate house action on a pending measure calling for expansion of the government's social security program.

The idea, Rayburn said, is to clear the way for the house ways and means committee to tackle overall tax revisions early next year.

The speaker did not say definitely what he expects in the new tax law but he did comment, significantly, that the government cannot indefinitely continue deficit financing — that is, borrowing to pay for day-to-day spending.

This followed a recent statement by ways and means chairman Doughton (DNC), top democratic tax manager, that "I am opposed to deficit financing except in case of war or serious economic emergency."

A balanced budget in the near future, in my opinion, is essential to the economic stability and prosperity of the country."

Some experts are estimating that the government, in the current fiscal year ending next June 30, will go into the red by more than \$31,000,000,000.

NAVY ACADEMY PLEBS LIST NISEI, TWO NEGROES
ANNAPOLIS, Md., Sept. 28.—(AP)—The Naval Academy's 1037th academic year is under way, with an all-time high of 3,466 midshipmen enrolled.

Among the 1,131 new plebes are the academy's first Japanese-American and two negroes.

U. S. Planes "Escorted" By Russians Over Kuriles

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Sept. 28.—(AP)—A Northwest Airlines plane was "escorted" for several minutes last Saturday by a Russian fighter plane while flying over the northern Kuriles, a passenger told the Anchorage Times.

The newspaper said its informant was Bruce Aichison, Tokyo attorney and a director of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce American club.

Aichison said the fighter plane shot up from a huge airport on an island in the northern Kuriles. It flew alongside the NWA plane for several minutes, looking over carefully, but making no effort to change its course.

(In Tokyo, I. A. Groe, the manager, said similar experiences have been reported "perhaps five or six times in the last 18 months" by pilots. He said he presumed they were Russian craft on dawn patrol along the Kuriles.)

Military sources said unofficially that Aichison probably saw the Paramushiro airfield, and added that it would be normal procedure for a Russian fighter to look over any strange plane that came near.

For a quick four-o'clock pick-up on a warm day mix equal amounts of chilled prune juice and milk; add a scoop of vanilla ice cream to each glass, if desired, and serve with long spoons and straws.

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FROM THE NEWS OF 50 YEARS AGO

Upper Olalla Items
The fall rains have come again and the young grass is beginning to grow.
The J. G. Day Mining Co. has commenced work at their mines again. They have started their big saw mill to cut lumber for their mining flumes. They have in their employ now about six men, mostly men and boys of Upper Olalla. We understand they will finish their big ditch this fall which will cover the whole of their mining lands.

The Plainedealer
October 10, 1898.

How many people recall the days when this country was regarded as fine gold mining territory? Fifty years ago mention of gold mines was a casual thing. Gold mining can be a little uncertain but one thing that's reliable is good insurance. Remember... Noah built the Ark BEFORE the flood. Moral: Insure now—don't wait until it's too late. A phone call will bring us to your door to talk over your insurance program.

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Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

When the wind is in the East, Then the fishes bite the least; When the wind is in the West; Then the fishes bite the best; When the wind is in the North, Then the fishes do come forth; When the wind is in the South, It blows the bait in the fish's Mouth."

Everybody's talking of fishing these days. I suppose every Oregonian who is eligible for a "pioneer license" knows about the privilege? The other day Mrs. F. L. showed me her pioneer license with real pride.

"The only trouble with it is," said Mrs. F. L. "folks know you are at least 60 years old! For you have to have been a resident of Oregon for sixty years before you can apply for it." The fish license is only fifty cents; hunting license the same; both for one dollar.

Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

Three years chucked up already. Only 57 more to go and I can apply for mine. Until then—three dollars a year! I enjoy fishing so very much, so long as EJ appears to be having a good time. But for him to have a really good time the fish must bite! Not that he fusses if they don't. But we wivies can soon tell, even if no word is said, can't we?

"We may say of angling as Dr. Boteler said of strawberries: 'Tumblous God could have made a better berry, but doubtless God never did,' and so, (if I might judge) 'God never did make a more calm, quiet, innocent recreation than angling.'" Isaac Walton: The Compleat Angler.

Some of our happiest memories are of days we have spent in a boat—the Detroit river; later, the Pacific off Long Beach; and now the Oregon lakes with an outboard motor to take us away from the buildings to the quieter spots... and away, too, from daily routines, to return refreshed.