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And Today is Navy Day!

Today is Navy Day. For the past 22 years October 27th has been observed as an annual day of tribute to America's fighting fleet.

OCTOBER 27th, in the days before the war, was a time for the public to visit the fleet; a day of oratory, pomp and ceremony. A decade ago this fleet, that might conceivably have preserved peace, was scuttled at the peace tables.

THEN came the Coral Sea and Midway victories. On through the Gilberts and the Marshalls smashed the fleet, with sailors, marines, coast guardsmen and soldiers showing real "All-American" teamwork.

AND today the Navy is celebrating its day in fitting style, pursuing a defeating enemy toward the seagates of Japan herself.

Yes, today, Halsey's bone-crushing Third Fleet is pummeling and hammering Japanese Imperial Fleet in a naval victory of unprecedented magnitude.

The great naval battle of the Philippines is still raging—and action like this is the kind of Navy Day celebration seafaring men really like.

It is a pretty safe bet that John Paul Jones, Lawrence, Farragut and Dewey would like to be riding the China Seas tomorrow with Halsey's hard hitting cruisers or Marc Mitscher's swift and deadly flattops; sending Nipponese to their swiftable ancestors! H.G.

"Donald Duck" is Slipping

One of the minor benefits of a change in Washington would be the elimination of Secretary of the Interior Ickes.

We have never shared the dislike of "Honest Harold" that has proceeded from his disreputable office.

The man we believe has been honest and reasonably competent, and his rough salty language, combined with a stubborn integrity, have rather endeared old "Donald Duck" to this department rather than the reverse.

BUT now we have had enough of him and believe the American people, as a whole, feel the same way about it.

For the plain truth is the man has outlived his usefulness. Like many of his associates in Washington he has been on the job—the same job—too long.

Not only are the people tired of "Honest Harold" but there are many indications "Honest Harold" is tired of the people—at least tired of public life and would like to retire to that country place in the woods, and like his chief compose his "memoirs" panning his many enemies in seclusion where they could not fight back.

THIS sign of old age was quite apparent at the Town Meeting of the Air last night, when Secretary Ickes and Senator Ferguson of Michigan engaged in a rather heated debate as to the respective merits of their party leaders, President Roosevelt and Governor Dewey.

In fact it was pathetic. Donald Duck had no comeback! At one point in fact he just quit and admitted that had he been President in those pre war years he would never have permitted the shipments of gasoline and scrap iron to Japan, as did President Roosevelt.

AT another time, instead of answering an extremely pertinent question regarding the fitness of Governor Dewey for high office, the veteran cabinet member ran for cover, and proceeded to lambast the interrogator for asking a question that was "unfair"—adopting the well known subterfuge of the slyster lawyer who having no case spends his time abusing the attorney for the other side.

Yes, all in all, it was a very sad performance. It demonstrated that not only would his retirement from high office be best for the country but would be best for the Honorable Harold Ickes!

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 27—Governor Dewey is confident; Mr. Roosevelt is scared. This may not mean much.



The president always gets scared just before election. Two weeks before the vote on the third term he grossly underestimated his own victory.

The touring may be doing him some good, but each word he adds to the debate is proving to be fuel on Dewey's fire. There is not much in the record of the last few years to make sensational democratic vote-getting material, and no grand promises could sound plausible in the confused state of the world.

I WOULD not vouch for any story about Mr. R.'s health in campaign time unless it carried affidavits from a disinterested group of physicians who made an examination. The following one, borne around Washington by authoritative tongues, is worth relating only as "interesting, if true!"

"I said the president's blood count is not high enough to warrant exertion and his advisors informed him they would not be responsible if he persisted in taking his current restricted campaign tour. His supposed reply is the interesting part of the story, something to the purport of that 'if I have to go I would rather go that way than any other.'" (This is not a health story in the usual partisan sense and did not come from partisan sources.)

THE Dewey people are genuine in their conviction that they will get at least five per cent more than the polls show as their vote—which would mean a republican landslide. They reason that at least that average number of votes are concealed by fears—C. I. O. men fearing Hillman, businessmen fearing income tax or labor retaliation, sailors fearing the admirals, etc.

Only a count of the secret ballots will disclose this inner balance of electoral power, they figure. Their estimate does not seem to be unreasonable.

I DO have definite information that Mr. Roosevelt will have grave trouble with his electors in some of the southern states if the vote count offers any opportunity for them to bolt. If he gets an overwhelming vote, they cannot do anything, but if the results are anywhere near close, there will be votes for Senator Byrd cast by some southern electors.

I know one southern state in which two-thirds of the Roosevelt electors today are anti-Roosevelt and awaiting an opportunity to express themselves. This election could become a more serious national melee than the Hayes-Tilden contest if the outcome is close enough to make each electoral vote of consequence.

THERE are electors who think they and their areas have been dictatorially shanghaied to support Mr. R., and they are capable of action which would throw the election into the courts, house confusion or the republican column, feeling as they do that they have aggrieved justification for nearly any step.

The extent to which the cheap grades of politicians deceive themselves and their people in their frantic search for any kind of argument to win an election contest is less noticeable this year than usual—but not entirely absent. Both sides have behaved rather well as a whole.

Stickup Artist Leaves Receipt After Robbery

Portland, Ore., Oct. 27—(U.P.)—Police are wondering if this stickup artist was accommodating or capricious.

The maurauder entered the downtown Commodore Hotel here early Thursday, threatened Night Clerk William C. Cold by keeping his right hand in his pocket as if holding a gun, and ordered Holtgrave to fork over the money from the till.

Then the assailant obligingly scribbled out this receipt: "Received of Hotel Commodore: \$65.54 (signed) Thief".

Chasing time for Sunday too late to classify 3:30 Saturday afternoon—please remember. See Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY October 27, 1934 (It was Saturday)

Crater lake has banner season with 118,699 visitors and large amount of improvement work started.

President Roosevelt urged by business and industry to give definite and clear statement on his money and domestic policies.

Discontent rife in Austria and Siam. Community Chest drive to start next Thursday.

Cloudy and continued mild. High 69, low 40 degrees.

Medford high defeats Klamath Falls, 20 to 0. "Leaping Leo" Ghicardi at start of half takes kick off for first touchdown. Pelicans outclassed after slow start. Oregon defeats Utah, 8 to 7. Washington State tramples Oregon State, 31 to 0, and Ashland beats Grants Pass, 25 to 0.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY October 27, 1924 (It was Monday)

Heavy rain falls all over state with high wind at Roseburg.

Prosperity is vital issue in presidential election, with President Coolidge predicted an overwhelming winner.

Test case of federal income tax law to be made before supreme court.

Rain. High 61, low 46 degrees; precipitation .71 of an inch.

County LaFollette club to hold rally in Rialto theater this week.

Gasoline price drops 3 cents in northwest.

Republicans to hold torchlight parade November 3.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY October 27, 1910 (It was Thursday)

Car of Hillcrest Orchard Company average \$10 per box in London.

Oswald West, Democratic candidate for governor, in speech here says Oregonian report on West's mileage to Washington, D. C., a "lying bit of libelous slander."

Movie opens in the Nat with three reels of pictures and illustrated songs.

CAL-OREGON SALE OF HEREFORDS AT K. F. OCT. 29-30TH

With the sale dates set for October 29-30, the Cal-Oregon Hereford Breeders' association show and sale this year will feature 150 bulls and 50 females, these being fixed as the limit for the sale to be held at Klamath Falls "air grounds."

Last year this sale set a Pacific coast record, according to John S. Day of Medford, member of the sales committee.

The annual show and sale brings many of the best Herefords of the Pacific coast to Klamath Falls and this year promises to offer greater opportunities to obtain top Herefords than ever before.

Auctioneer Freddie Chandler of Chariton, Ia., will again handle the sale. Ray Husted, western representative of O. M. Franklin Blackleg Serum company, will judge the show. Show manager is Mitchell Tillotson of Klamath Falls. Bob Fowler of Medford is secretary of the association.

There will be a large banquet held at the Willard hotel in Klamath Falls at 7:30 on October 29 at which place the leading livestock raisers and buyers throughout the country will have an opportunity to again get acquainted.

TAX FUNDS PAID JACKSON COUNTY

Salem, Ore., Oct. 27—(U.P.)—A total of \$230,000 with 40 per cent to counties and 60 per cent to the State Public Assistance fund, was distributed on Sept. 30, from revenue accruing from the state amendment tax. Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported today.

Of the amount \$92,000 went to the 36 counties, and \$138,000 to the state assistance fund.

The allotment to each county was based on the money expended by it for old age assistance for the year ending June 30, 1944.

Included in the amounts received by the counties was Jackson, \$3,474.87.

OPA HEAD SAYS CONTROL NEEDED FOLLOWING WAR

Declaring that "America must remain a 'land of opportunity,'" McDannell Brown, district head of OPA from Portland, speaking at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce last night, explained that price control must continue for a period after the war in order to curb inflation.

Brown drew an object lesson from the last war, when all economic controls were abandoned. Personal corporate reserves and then savings were nothing to what they are today, yet prices rose until this country was plunged into depression.

"Today's picture is loaded with even more dynamite,"

Brown said. "In this war we have more savings and more need for commodities now after the market. Farmers are paying their mortgage debts. There is a vast amount of potential purchasing power waiting to buy after V-day."

If the person who pays the most is permitted to buy the first automobiles and the first radios, the only result will be inflation. The only prevention for inflation, said Brown, is effective economic control. The job of OPA will be to maintain a national economy which will keep production to a maximum.

Mr. Brown warned against rising "V-day psychology." "If we abandon 'disagreeable regulations' too soon, we may face a worse depression than in the '20s. 'The OPA must be the 'army of occupation' on the home front," Brown said.

85TH YEAR FOR COLLEGE Chicago—(U.P.)—The College of Pharmacy of the University of Illinois is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Founded on Sept. 5, 1859, the college is the oldest

professional school in Illinois and the third oldest institution of its kind west of the Allegheny mountains. It is older than the University of Illinois itself with which it has been affiliated for the past 50 years.

Sacramento, Oct. 27—(U.P.)—More than 108,000 persons, most of them servicemen, have already voted in the Nov. 7 election. Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan disclosed today.

Great Way to relieve stuffiness. Invite Sleep if nose fills up Tonight. It's wonderful how a little Va-tro-nol up each nostril relieves stuffy transient congestion. Also relieves distress of head colds! Follow directions in folder. VICKS VA-TRO-NOL

Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

An irked and irate "Independent" voter called yes. He was too "independent" to register when he bought a hunting license at the chest last spring, so he was irked and irate.

"The name of the town is pronounced 'Sir-toggaen-bos' with the 'g' gargled." (Press Dispatch.)—Something to try on your gargler.

Mother Nature is viewing the autumn scene with alarm. Due to the absenteeism of her favorite decorator, Jackson Frost, leaves in these parts are shortage of red and purple tints. Mr. Frost is an artist and his delicate touch is needed to produce the traditional riot of color in the woodlands and put a quietus on geraniums in the backyards. He usually shows up around October 10.

NO PLEASING 'EM (Chicago Tribune)

"Now comes Fall, when every girl's ambition changes from wanting bare legs that look like they're stockinged to wanting stockinged legs that look bare."

J. Tannehill Walker, R., has staggered the Old Girl down-the-street with whom he has been feuding for many moons. He says she is "the queen of battles," recently mentioned by Gen. (B & G.) Patton in a compliment to the American infantryman in France.

The Japanese navy that has scored mythical victories in the Pacific for two years, has come forth in battle array. Henceforth, a goodly number of warships will no longer plough the waves for the Mikado, as there was nothing mythical about their sinking.

No gasoline will be permitted to take voters to the polls on election day. This may nip a number of plans to get there by way of a fishing hole or golf links.

PERILS OF THE TIMES (Holt (Mo.) Sentinel)

"By the time a person counts his exemptions and deductibles items, he finds that his contemplated Thanksgiving prayer easily is containable in one sentence. Anyway, counting blessings aloud these days is likely to attract attention from the Treasury Department."

Spain, a moth-eaten land whose dictator, Gen. Franco, for many weeks successfully played both ends against the middle by accepting favors from the Allies while extending them to the Axis, is in the throes of a near-revolt, long overdue. Franco was and is as able a strutter as Herr Hitler or Senor Mussolini but a slicker proposition than either. He is not on the United Nations' list of European gents awaiting a firing squad. It is now rumored Franco will make himself scarce at home and reappear in Argentina, as long as it was profitable.

"TAKE BACK YOUR GOLD"

"During a playing of a number on the piano by one of the performers at Fletcher's Opera house last night a gentleman sent up by an usher a \$20 gold piece. The money was laid on the piano by the boy and the performer evidently thinking it was a "knock for one drink" piece, knood it off on the floor. It was then returned to the liberal gentleman in the audience, who dropped it into his pocket where it fell with a dull thud which sounded much as though it felt rather insulted at being thus spurned by the theatrical man." — (Pendleton East Oregonian, 50 Yrs. ago col.)

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