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Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Cal., May 20th:
One hears all sorts of wild rumors.
Went out to the Cliff House for dinner which incidentally is no relation to the Cliff Hotel here in San Francisco, for many years a Medford favorite.

And there we met a newspaper man, who informed us that the plane we were observing winging its way over the ocean toward the setting sun carried none other than Senator Tydings of Maryland who is flying to Manila to get the low-down on the situation there.

That may be true. On the other hand it may not be.

The same newspaper man informed us that he had talked with Walter Davenport of "Colliers" who had just returned from Okinawa and that in Walter's opinion the colors internationally speaking were mixed to wit:

The Nazis were "yellow"; the Japs were not.
The Nazis with 3,000,000 well-equipped troops QUIT!

The Japs, with less than 20,000 troops on Okinawa refused to quit. So, our informant maintains, the war in the Far East won't be over until 1946!

There was a plenary session yesterday—the first in two weeks. But it was—to be frank—a flop. People with tickets which had been n. g. such a long time, got up at sunrise and waited until the doors of the Opera House were opened and then jammed the place, except for those sections reserved for the delegates and the press, and listened to unimportant and unimpressive remarks in French, Spanish and everything but AMERICAN.

(And let it be stated here and now that here in San Francisco what might be termed Oxford English is also rated a "foreign" language.)
So they were very MUCH disappointed.

Well, as far as that goes, everyone was.

In fact just WHY they held the open session is not clear, unless it was to mollify the various and sundry holders of admission tickets in San Francisco and environs, who have not been able to use them.

For awhile the judicial commission reported that the old Hague World Court would be abandoned and a new world court formed for League of Nations No. 2; there were so many other important matters NOT decided, that—at least from a news standpoint,—the open session might just as well have been postponed, until the slate,—so to speak,—had been completed.

Moreover the conference is at a sort of dead-center now.

There is a tide in the affairs of men, and this gathering is definitely at a low "ebb" and has been for several days.

The reason,—as usual,—is Soviet Russia.

Soviet Russia can't—or hasn't,—made up her mind (that should be HIS!) as to regional agreements or trusteeships. As a result nothing can be DONE and the anti-Russian feeling that has existed since the show started is now near the boiling point.

In fact in certain quarters there is definite fear that the conference will break up with the Russian delegation climbing aboard their vodka ship and setting sail for home.

Well, that COULD happen,—ANYTHING can,—but we wager a bucket of pearls against a can of fish worms it won't.

But the Russian issue is, we grant, getting more serious hour by hour rather than less so.

You should listen to some of these British newspaper men talk,—off the record. We have an idea Messrs Mallon and Pearson listened to them and then speculated about the defeat of Germany the second time, following the pattern of her defeat the first time when, as everyone knows the allies took on Red Russia before their armies had been disbanded.

Again that COULD happen. If as some philosophers maintain, war is merely an extension of political strife,—well, there is plenty of political strife not only under the surface here, but above it between the Kremlin and 10 Downing Street.

But once more we wager almost anything against practically nothing it WON'T!

Our belief that all this is an ebb-tide that will soon turn to flood, is based upon the conviction, that within REASON, Russia will be given anything she demands here and her demands will ultimately be granted as "REASONABLE" by a majority of the powers assembled here. (The word for such action was once upon a time termed appeasement, but appeasement as a term is no longer fashionable in allied circles!) R.W.R.

San Francisco, May 21st:
If former President Roosevelt were only here!
What a different situation there would be. For he would immediately sense the fundamental difficulty and in a trice correct it.

And how readily he could do it. We seriously doubt if anyone else in the U. S.—or any other,—delegation can.

Yes this impasse, as it now exists at least, would be made to order for F.D.R.

Remember that speech at the time of his inauguration over a decade ago—"There is nothing to fear but FEAR!"

How true that was psychologically speaking, and how miraculously it cleared the atmosphere. The entire country was a different country the next day.

Well, all that is needed here is that same speech, slightly altered to fit international rather than national conditions. Then, combined with the former President's dynamic leadership and firm grasp of international problems. (After all neither this department, nor any other, ever opposed Franklin Roosevelt on his INTERNATIONAL policies) and needed miracle would be performed.

Yes, in the wink of an eyelash what a change there would be!

For all the trouble here can be placed directly at the doorstep of FEAR,—fear of this, fear of that, fear of something else again.

First and foremost, of course, comes the Russian fear,—a fear that has dominated and determined Stalin's policy from the outset. Fear of another "cordon-santaire"—or in plain English, an alliance of the United States and Great Britain against Russia now that the German menace is out of the way.

And no fair minded—or informed,—person can deny that judging the future by the PAST, there is some justification for such distrust,—such suspicion.

That is what happened after the 1st World War, how can Stalin be certain it won't happen after this one?

And then there is the Anglo-American fear.

This is not officially admitted but it exists nevertheless, particularly in the subconscious of one Winston Churchill, namely:

That having rid Europe of one totalitarian menace, Britain will have to face another and more formidable one,—Communist Russia.

And who will deny that on the surface at least, the Russian attitude toward not only Poland, but all her border states down to the Dardanelles is strikingly similar to the old Hitler attitude toward her eastern borders.—Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland, before the present war started.

Look at the situation in Trieste as this is written!

And Tito's explanation is almost IDENTICAL, with Hitler's when the latter marched into the Sudetenland,—again fear, fear that if he didn't, the allies or some other power,—would!

Then there is the fear here in San Francisco on the part of the small countries, that this pact is going to make them mere pawns in the hands of the Big Three. And the fear of the Big Three that if they don't absolutely control all vital decisions, they will be forced some day by the numerical superiority of the minor powers into taking action they do not wish to take,—even to the extent of fighting a war to pull some small nation's chestnuts out of the fire.

From the outset that fear has almost entirely controlled the attitudes of the smaller nations here.

Fear,—fear,—fear!

Why does the United States,—now ardently backed by William Randolph Hearst and his newspapers,—insist upon taking over certain island bases in the Pacific, and having complete and absolute control over them, the new League of Nations notwithstanding—

Why?
The fear that if this is NOT done, some other nation or group of

nations, in some distant future will threaten this country's security and survival as Japan has so recently threatened it.

And the Big Five veto,—one of the weakest points in the entire covenant as now proposed,—at least as we see it.

Why do the Big Five, and especially Russia insist, upon the retention of this veto power?

Fear again,—only fear!

Fear that if this is NOT done the spirit of that old "cordon sanitaire" will again come to life, and Russia may face interests and her wishes. Fear,—fear,—fear!

Eliminate fear,—and we refer now merely to the unwarranted types of fear,—and this conference could write a new charter of peace tonight and present it to a grateful world, at a plenary session tomorrow!

And we thoroughly believe that if President Roosevelt were here today in person, he could,—and would—do it.

Perhaps some other person or group of persons will, before the session ends. But we doubt it!

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

May 24, 1935 (It was Friday)

Congress agrees on 21 months of NRA to save New Deal 'face'

Fair, High 79, low 41 degrees.

Efforts renewed for settlement of upstate timber strike.

Mussolini boasts Italy is now ready for any trial, as soldiers are massed for Fascist holiday.

Mid West farmers plan to march on Washington, D. C.

Ex-President Hoover spends night in city en route east by auto.

Quiet at Cottage Grove mill after strike disorders.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

May 24, 1925 (It was Sunday)

Still no word of North Pole flyers.

School teacher indicted in Tennessee evolution case.

People urged to get their dog licenses now.

Local speeders fined in justice court.

Paving of Crater Lake Road to start July 1.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY

May 24, 1911 (It was Tuesday)

King George of England driving auto in London hits woman.

Ashland man cuts down electric line pole when put in front of his property.

Life of Seattle woman is spared when enraged suitor fires bullet, that is deflected by corset stay.

Gold Hill

Geo. A. Gilman left Saturday evening for Seattle on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Bush of Tucson, Ariz., visited over the week-end with Mrs. Bush's aunt, Mrs. Hannah Routh and other relatives.

Mrs. Vista Turner of Washington is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Hayes.

Mrs. Joe Hope of Medford visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lance and Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wertz are enjoying a visit with Mrs. Wertz' mother, Mrs. A. Doty of Helena, Mont.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chisholm of Richmond, Calif., came Wednesday for a short visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Janet Chisholm of Portland spent Friday and Saturday here with her brother, Pfc. Stuart Chisholm, who is enjoying a short furlough here with friends and relatives. He will leave Tuesday for Gainesville, Tex.

Miss Jill Martin of Medford visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wirt of Trail were attending to business and visiting friends in this city Tuesday.

Mrs. Milton Steinmetz and son Harry Lee, left Friday, May 11, for San Francisco. En route they picked up Mrs. Steinmetz' mother, Mrs. M. L. Cooper of Weld, who accompanied them to San Francisco for medical attention. They returned May 17 accompanied by Mr. Steinmetz who will be here for a short visit.

The annual health meeting and luncheon at which Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar was speaker was attended by the following members of the Gold Hill Health Unit, Mesdames Gail, Morris, Walton, McDonald, Stevens, Hill, Jean Boye, Anna Boye, W. F. Boye, Kofahl, Long and Wilson.

Mrs. Aimee Ross entertained Friday evening in honor of her son Pat's 10th birthday. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by Donna and Anne Centers, Jean Reynolds, Lolita Routh,

Honor Society Takes Five New Members

Five new members, Bonnie, Richard and Edward Conklin, Ronnie Richardson and Barbara Johnson were initiated at the meeting of the Degree of Honor Junior club held Saturday at the Lincoln gymnasium. Plans for marching in the Memorial day parade were made at the meeting.

A musical program was given, with vocal solos by Mrs. Ida M. Wilson, director of the club.

Assisting with the meeting was Mrs. Sam Miller of Central Point and Bertha Miller presided over the meeting and served refreshments. Next meeting will be June 9 and will be a picnic at the Boy Scout park.

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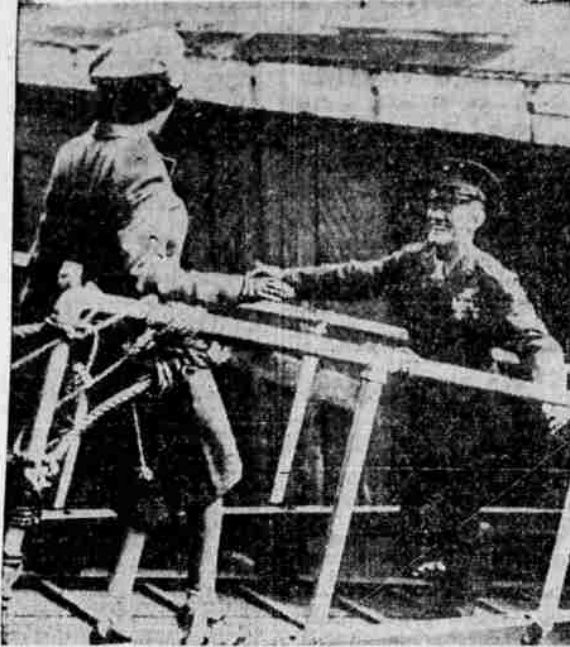
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Marine Gunner Sgt. Charles A. West races up gangplank to welcome his New Zealand-born bride to the U. S. after her ship docked at a West Coast port. U. S. Navy photo.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Tribute to Neighbor Boys

Fifteen, twenty years ago, inclusive, there was a group of boys like most boys of 1945, gathering together on a vacant lot—playing ball and marbles, losing balls in neighbors' gardens, and getting "balled out" when they tried to recover them, picking cherries in yards unlawfully, and receiving reprimands from law officials, going to school, and playing hooky sometimes, living through the hardships of depression, guided and loved by understanding people—of such boys is our armed forces made up.

These boys grew up to early manhood, until about 1940-44, when they each offered their services to Uncle Sam — air corps, army, navy, marines, and some in essential war industries.

Several of these boys will never come home again, giving their lives to protect the people whose neighbor boys they were.

Most of the people of this county have groups of boys in their neighborhood such as these — whom we can give honor to. So let us all do everything we can to help them get home safe and sound.

MRS. M. MORGAN.

MURRAY FOR RISE WAGE CEILINGS

Washington, May 23 — (U.P.) — President Philip Murray of the Congress of Industrial Organizations today asked President Truman to raise wage ceilings 20 per cent to ease unemployment problems during reconversion.

Murray said the President assured him he has the subject under consideration and plans to talk it over with Fred M. Vinson, director of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

Murray said he urged an immediate change in national wage policy. He advocated maintaining earning levels to stimulate purchasing power and keep employment high when industry cuts back from the 48-hour week.

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CUT WAC AGE LIMIT
Washington, May 23 — (U.P.) — The war department announced today that the enlistment age limit of the Women's Army Corps has been reduced from 50 to 38 years.

Calcutta, May 23 — (U.P.) — A British launch sank five patrol craft loaded with Japanese today.

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What the local and valley males were doing, 34 years ago this month, as revealed by the files of this paper:

Bob Ebel leads a party to top of Table Rock in one hour and 15 minutes. . . John A. Perl made a trip to the Applegate. . . Harvey J. Field visited in Central Point Sunday. . . John J. Wilkinson gets a three base hit in game against Grants Pass. . . Ed Gore takes family and friends to dinner at Eagle Point hotel. . . "Togery Bill" Isaacs' auto narrowly escapes burning up in blaze at Valley Garage. . . Col. Tou Velle, the hustling Buick agent leaves on a business trip to Portland.

Attorney Porter Neff returns from legal trip to Salem and Portland. . . Shorty Miles almost beat Grants Pass in the ninth with a triple. . . Farmers urged to water their horses at front water trough on South River. . . Corza M. Kidd pays visit to his ranch near Central Point. . . Citizens call on city council and demand sidewalks on North Central. . . Bob Dowd of Jacksonville pays city a visit. . . T. E. Daniels and wife motored to Butte Creek Sunday. . . Seven Sutterland Sisters give demonstration at Leon Haskins' drugstore next week. . . P. M. Kershaw leaves for Redding on a business trip.

Carl Von der Hellen of Eagle Point spends day in mine. . . Fred Kelly gets mine on Elliott Creek. . . Gilbert Stuart, is one of the boys graduating with the largest class, numbering 26, in Medford school history. . . Ralph Burness is following the advice of 'older heads' and will pitch against Grants Pass Sunday. . . Local men are swindled by short change artist. . . Commercial club members back Crescent City flight for harbor. . . T. E. Daniels, second high in gun club shoot. . . Ralph Woodford catches fish Sunday near Ray Gold Dam.

Straw hats are again in season. . . Mr. W. F. Quisenberry of Medford made a trip here yesterday—(Central Point item). . . John C. Mann named chairman of Fourth of July decoration committee. . . Earl Tummy in party of young people who spent Sunday in Ashland park. . . Frank P. Farrell was in from his ranch near Phoenix to today. . . Colored gentlemen fined in justice court for fighting on Front street, one armed with corkscrew, the other a baseball bat. . . Bill Brown of Eagle Point sells one of his lots here. . . Clarence Hutchison to leave next week on business trip through eastern Oregon. . . Virgil Strang home from his studies at Oregon Agricultural college. . . Fred Fick of Jacksonville returns from Rose Carnival at Portland. . . Wig Ashpole selling pure lard at 12 cents per pound at the Economy market.

Herb Alford and Horace Bromley win Junior mixed doubles in tennis tournament, captured by Talent. . . John Tomlin leaves soon on a business trip to British Columbia. . . Forecast 100,000 boxes of pears will be harvested in valley coming harvest. . . Guy Tex of Central Point is spending the week in Portland. . . Espee officials expect Medford to be city of 45,000 by 1920. . . Rogue river fish very poor, Ament Dam blamed.

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