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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 19, 1940

(It Was Friday)

County Commissioner Ralph Billings and County Assessor J. B. Coleman seek republican nomination for judge.

Fern Valley community club elects Miss Anne Kantor secretary.

Fifteen passengers, largest group to leave here at one time by plane, board United Mainliner here.

Dick Miller celebrates birthday anniversary at party.

Home Garden club, Antelope district, elects Mrs. Luther Haak president.

George Heryford, county sanitarian, to speak at public health association meeting here.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 19, 1930

(It Was Wednesday)

Eugene high basketball team defeats Medford high, 39 to 25, in rough game.

Owen-Oregon mill to go on six-day week basis as lumber demand drops.

Jacksonville to be terminal point for trucking ore from Blue Ledge mine.

Upstate area fears "silver thaw"; rains continue in valley.

36 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 19, 1914

(It Was Wednesday)

R. A. Johnson, local architect, writes leading article in west coast magazine describing local residence.

E. W. Hunter and Roy R. Peebles accepting offices in Southern Oregon Poultry association show here.

Snow at Crater Lake park reported at 10 feet 2 inches, or about 10 feet under usual depth for this season of the year.

Father Of 4 Admits Writing Bad Checks

State police yesterday arrested Charles Earl Lane, Butte Falls, and placed him in the county jail on charges of writing no-account checks. In a statement made to city police, Lane said he wanted to plead guilty to the charge and that he would "throw himself on the mercy of the court."

The 41-year old father of four small children admitted writing at least four worthless checks last fall and passing them at Rogue Service and Supply company, the Coats Shoe Repair shop, and the Western Auto store. Police here have been looking for him since then.

According to his signed statement, Lane had used the checks to buy necessary staples for his family. He said he has been out of work for some time. Each of the bad checks was signed with Lane's correct name and address.

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 19—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse is scheduled to discuss the oleomargarine tax fight in congress at the 56th annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association here, on January 23-25. President Arthur Ireland of Forest Grove announced today.

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Letter From Applegate

Dick Applegate, former Mail Tribune sports editor and in more recent years a foreign correspondent for the United Press, spent Christmas day watching the flight of Chinese nationalist troops across the Indo China-China border. Applegate, in a letter just received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Applegate of Medford, tells of a trip which he made from his office at Singapore, across the South China sea to Saigon, French Indo-China, up to Hanoi and thence to the nearby China border.

"It rained most of the time," wrote the correspondent, "and was miserable for the Chinese troops, except that no one was shooting at them. Some of them were barefoot, poorly clad and miserably housed in grass huts. They were accompanied by little kids as young as four and five years, all refugees from the communists. The moral: Don't lose a war if you can help it."

BACK in Saigon, where his letter was written, Applegate continues:

"On Monday I leave for Tonlee Sap, a wide lake in the Mekong river. So far as I know, no American correspondent has done a story on the lake, which is so full of fish that when the seasonal drop in the water comes—it is underway now—the people take the fish out of the shallows with pitchforks."

"I am making the tour with one Owen Richards, a geologist from Pottsville Penn., whom I hired as a special U.P. photographer. He went with me to the Chinese border. Oddly enough although he was equipped with a Leica, an Argus and a movie camera, I got better pictures with a little old folding German reflex camera, a Pilot, picked up in Malang, Java, some three years ago. Maybe the reason was that I know a news shot when I see it and he tries for the artistic effect."

"From Tonlee Sap we go to Ankor Wat. I have been kicking around this area for a long time now and have never seen it. Expect to spend several days there, then fly back here to Saigon, and then by sea to Bangkok and then again by sea back to Singapore."

"I've seen a lot of places lately I never heard of before. Flew from here to Hanoi, and then tried to fly to the border at Langson. The field was flooded so went to Haiphong instead, then by French navy launch to a place called Hongay, on the Bai d'Along, an incredible bay inclosed by the most peculiar rock structures anyone ever saw. They stick up out of the water by the thousands, looking like steep haystacks, some of them 2000 feet high. It's a favorite hangout for Chinese and Tonkinese pirates, although we saw none. The boat we were in mounted two machine guns, though, in case we did."

"Had gone to Hongay with the intention of going by road convoy up the line to Muong Djoung, where 23,000 Chinese soldiers and civilians were in an internment camp. Richards and I were prepared to spend Christmas eve out in the open, or at best in a tent, only to have the French resident, Marcel Senac, meet us at the boat, which beached right in front of his house. He invited us to stay with him and I was in the process of declining with thanks on grounds I wanted to push on to get a Christmas story at the camp, when he told me that 27 (count 'em, twenty-seven) Chinese generals were in a French villa on Vat Chai island, within spitting distance across the bay. He even gave us a jeep, a driver, an interpreter, and the use of the government ferry (which he summoned from the island with three shots from an army rifle) and within two hours of hitting Hongay I was talking with the generals. Consequently we spent Christmas eve snugly warm in front of a coal fire, and with venison and three kinds of French wines, including champagne, for dinner. I never saw such hospitality. Roughing it, indeed!"

"From Hongay we went on up by convoy to the camp, got a lot of pictures, and then back again by convoy to Hongay. That is a big coal region, with the only good coal in southeast Asia, and proved fairly interesting to Richards, who comes from the American coal belt, albeit it left me fairly cold. My contention is that when you've seen one lump of coal, you've seen them all."

"Our host, Senac, one of the most inate gentlemen I ever met, volunteered his Citroen sedan from Hongay back to Haiphong. I drove the car back the 80 miles, behind a slow-moving convoy."

"They sent out French and Algerian troops to deploy along the worst parts of the road—the Viet Minh nationalists have developed a disconcerting habit of shooting up the French convoys in those parts lately. We were also held up at four ferries. One of the ferries was poled across what seemed to be a lake; by two anemic looking little Tonkinese whom you wouldn't think could pole a canoe, although they had the Citroen, a jeep and a loaded truck aboard. All very interesting, and all very slow."

"We also drove from Haiphong back to Hanoi, with French outposts every few miles along the road. For miles telephone and power poles were down, dynamited by the Viet Minh. Looked like something out of Beau Geste, including those French hats that look like they were sawed off of stovepipes."

"Flew from Haiphong back to Saigon and have been here several days with me interviewing the local big shots and Richards dashing madly around town on a French bicycle he has bought."

"Saigon is a much more pleasant place than when I first came here in 1947. Then, I came down with my first bout of malaria while at the same time enjoying a spot of dengue (which has the interesting and informative name of 'bone break fever' in the West Indies) and the town was being shot up by Viet Minh practically every night. Then all the jeeps had wire-cutters mounted in front, and everybody packed a gun. Now the wire-cutters are gone and only patrols go armed, and although a few grenades were tossed around on New Year's eve—there was a 24-hour truce on Christmas—I have heard only a few scattered shots."

"Saigon is the most westernized of the Far East."

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"Think that will calm him down sufficiently, or shall we try something heavier."

ern cities I have seen, including Manila. The shops are all French, and on the main boulevards you actually see more French men and women than you do Annamites. The city isn't very big—I would place it at under 100,000, although the French say it is 500,000—but adjoining it is the biggest unknown city I ever heard of, Cholon. Cholon is practically all Chinese, nearly a million of them. That's where most of the gambling and night spots are, probably because the Chinese pay off to the Viet Minh and are allowed to operate at night, whereas the French do not, and are not.

"The food here is wonderful, though expensive. I have been stuffing myself with pate de foie au truffes (goose liver pate with truffles) and camembert and roquefort cheese, along with an occasional dollop of snails. The snails are magnifique, and not so revolting under the name of escargots. They are so drenched with drawn butter, garlic and other condiments that I haven't the faintest idea of what a naked snail might taste like, and am not so sure that I care."

—E.C.F.

ADVICE OFF RECORD

Spokane, Wash. (U.P.)—Louis R. Greenlee was on his way home with a stack of phonograph records when he lost control of his car. Although the car was demolished, Greenlee suffered only slight bruises. Every record was smashed except on titled "I'll Never Slip Around Again."

SEARCH SUCCEEDS

Boston—(U.P.)—When an elderly neighbor reported she had just lost \$281 in Christmas savings, Mrs. James Quinlan assigned her 14 children to the search. Each child was given a street to search and soon 14-year-old Joseph recovered the bag, its contents intact.

Washington Report

By Bob Dickey



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Washington, Jan. 19—Oregon's Senator Wayne Morse has turned his verbal guns on the newly formed "Taft committee" and the republican national committee. He is attacking them for "assuming authority to formulate a re-statement of the republican party's policy."

As is well known, Guy Gabrielson, the chairman of the republican national committee, recently formed a committee of various republican national committeemen to help him formulate a new credo for the republican party. Oregon's republican national committeeman, Ralph Calk of Portland, is among the group.

Gabrielson also called on the republican members of the house and senate to form similar committees to help in the policy re-formulation.

The republican members of congress responded and in the senate a committee was formed with Taft at the helm. Sen. Cordell of Oregon was selected as one of the members but the move to get Sen. Morse on the committee was aborted by his own dissension.

In the house of representatives, a similar committee was formed. Here again Oregon has representation, for Rep. Harris Ellsworth was tapped as a member.

This action by both the national committee and the republican members of congress was assailed by Sen. Morse. He maintained that neither of them has any authority to say what the principles of the republican party are or shall be.

Convention Sets Policy "It is the delegates of the registered republican voters selected to attend the national convention acting through their platform committees, who determine the republican policy," Morse declared.

In regard to the national committee, he tabbed it as "an arrangement committee," and said, "It never has been, and in my opinion, never should be given the power to declare what the principles of the republican party are or should be."

According to Morse, "the republican convention in 1948 adopted one of the strongest platforms that it has had in years and he for one would like to know what is wrong with it."

The Oregon solon said, "I do not think the republican national committee or any other group of republicans can rightfully assume unto themselves the jurisdiction to reject or add to that 148 platform."

"Furthermore," he added, "the republican national committee does not have to meet the test of a statewide election except in a few states such as Oregon."

As a consequence, he maintains they have no business determining the political policies on which republican candidates must run for re-election.

Apparently Morse is not alone in this belief. Even Sen. Taft, who is now heading up the senate policy re-statement committee, refused to go along with the idea at first. Finally, he did consent, but then only because he felt that there had been so much publicity about the issue that their failure to cooperate would hurt the party.

Others supporting the Morse view are Senators Lodge of Massachusetts, Milliken of Colorado, Hickenlooper of Iowa and Aiken of Vermont.

It has also leaked out that a good majority of the republican senators, who met in caucus to determine if they should form the Taft committee, were against the idea. But the consensus of opinion was: Such action will do no harm because all we will do is re-state the party platform adopted in 1948.

Morse still refused to have anything to do with the policy re-statement gesture. He said, "For my part, I am going to run for re-election on my record in the senate and on basic principles of the republican party's platform laid down in the convention in 1948."

Not Elected

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Japanese Mine Fire Claims Lives Of Six

Sendai, Honshu, Jan. 19—(U.P.)—Six miners were killed, 21 injured and one was reported missing in a pre-dawn fire 148 meters underground in a mine operated by the Matsuo Mining Industry company today.

The fire occurred at 3 o'clock in the morning in Iwategun, Iwate prefecture. National rural police said an investigation was underway to determine the cause of the fire.

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