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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 24 years ago

10 Years Ago Today

January 23, 1940

(It Was Tuesday)

More than 2,300 registered in city schools for spring semester, a decline of 100 from year ago.

Local Kiwanis club history related by H. J. Warner, first president.

Circuit Judge H. D. Norton, withdraws from third term try.

Jacque Lenox and Thelma Bender new members of local Zenith club.

A. H. Banwell resigns as manager of county chamber of commerce after seven years in position.

20 Years Ago Today

January 23, 1920

(It Was Thursday)

Eighteen inches of snow that covered Applegate for two weeks disappears.

Local pool assured 22,000 pounds of turkeys to be shipped east.

Cold retreats and breath of spring comes to valley.

Lower Columbia river towns isolated by winter storms, approach crisis as food supply runs low.

City council to discuss need of survey of civic needs.

34 Years Ago Today

January 23, 1916

(It Was Sunday)

Commercial club elects A. L. Hill president and C. M. Thomas vice president.

Phoenix segment of Rogue River Canal company's irrigation system to be completed in February.

G. W. Ager, Talent; J. Percy Wells, Medford, and F. C. Smith, Jacksonville, to seek county school superintendent post.

Boy's Heart Stitched Following Accident

Norristown, Pa., Jan. 23—(U.P.) A surgeon used four stitches last night to close a wound in the heart of a 15-year-old boy stabbed accidentally while playing with a high school classmate.

Medford Mancini, of Plymouth township was reported in critical condition at Montgomery hospital but physicians said he had a "good chance" of surviving because of his youth.

The boy and three companions were walking home after watching a television show when Jamie Graves, 15, began playing with a pocket knife. Mancini lunged for the knife playfully and the 3 1/2 inch blade pierced his chest, police said.

Indian Republic Elects President

New Delhi, India, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—Dr. Rajendra Prasad, 65, veteran congress party leader failed four times for anti-British activities, was elected first president of the Indian republic today without opposition.

The new republic, with its American-type constitution, will be inaugurated here January 26.

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Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N. Y., Jan. 19—By the time this item is published the Hiss verdict will undoubtedly be known. (For some reason it takes air mail four or five days to reach Medford these days where the time consumed used to be less than half as long. Perhaps our new postmaster can remedy this if he puts his hand to it.)

Since our last report the situation has changed considerably as far as the Hiss outcome is concerned. This is especially true in the press-room down the hall.

Press men are sometimes sentimental and even idealistic about their heroes—and heroines—but never about their betting where real money is involved.

The odds are approximately 100 to 1 as of today regarding acquittal. In other words the newspaper men think acquittal is OUT—they can't see such an outcome in view of the evidence in this second trial.

They still regard a hung jury as possible, but no longer as probable as it was a few days ago. In other words the rebuttal testimony of the government has been pretty devastating to the defense. Those who still believe disagreement probable can get odds of two or three to one.

The majority opinion, in short, solidly backs conviction on about the fifth ballot, and some are willing to give odds that it will be on the first.

Sooooo—

It may be interesting for the T-G syndicate to check the above and figure out how the press boys came out in their predictions. Incidentally while the N. Y. reporters earn two or three times as much money as they did in "the good old days" they don't bet as generously as they used to. Five bucks are about the limit while the average, we should guess, is one. Nor do they play as much stud poker in recess periods.

We don't believe the press boys are wrong—far wrong at least. Most of them have attended the trial from the start, and the first trial as well. None deny the government's case in the latter has been materially stronger than in the former. We would still regard a hung jury as somewhat more probable than the press-room thinks; but with the summations still to go—and Murphy is conceded to be far stronger in this direction than Cross—a conviction does seem to be the most likely and fairly prompt outcome.

The government's rebuttal testimony was damaging because it did materially impair the testimony of the Hisses, particularly Mrs. Hiss. And then Sen. John Foster Dulles came on and denied the factual truth of some of Mr. Hiss' statements. While the senator agreed he had, as Hiss had claimed, endorsed the defendant as head of the Carnegie foundation, and up to the time of the trial conceded his reputation for loyalty, veracity and integrity to be excellent, he did not agree that Hiss had offered his resignation at least intimated it would be sporting of Hiss to offer it. This was not so vital except from the standpoint of the importance and prestige of former Senator Dulles—the jury woke up when he took the witness stand and were unusually attentive throughout—so the net result was a considerable moral defeat for the defense.

The testimony of a pert, sharp-voiced, rather frail colored woman who had been in the Chambers household for a considerable time 15 years ago was more damaging. Her name was Edith Murray and she proved to be a valuable witness for the government. Mr. and Mrs. Hiss had both declared—the latter emphatically—they never visited the Chambers in Baltimore, while Mr. and Mrs. Chambers claimed they had.

Mrs. Murray was very positive that the Chambers told the truth. She was a cook in the Chambers household when Mrs. Hiss visited them in Baltimore, at least "four times" on one occasion spent the night. She also said Mr. AND Mrs. Hiss visited the Chambers once. She admitted that when the FBI first showed her a picture of Mrs. Hiss she thought she was a movie actress, but when Mrs. Hiss was brought to the U.S. federal court here in New York all doubt was removed, she recognized her as the person who had visited the Chambers—then going under the name of Cantwell—in Baltimore around 1935 or 1936.

Attorney Cross worked hard to elaborate on the "movie" theme, trying time after time in his plotting, persistent way to give the jury the impression that until the FBI showed her the picture of Mrs. Hiss, this domestic did not know her, and her recollection was therefore synthetic. But he failed to get very far.

In this direction, as in so many others in this puzzling case, we don't pretend to know the exact truth. But we do know—beyond any case Mr. and Mrs. Hiss had either forgotten the incident of 14 years ago, or had not told the truth, while this colored maid had. It was at any rate another ten-strike for Boxer Murphy and bad news for the Hiss camp.

Speaking of the "Hiss camp," there are plenty of charter members and very loyal ones. In fact, what you may about the Hisses there can be no denial they have known how to make friends and keep them. Mrs. Hiss was once a school-teacher in a well known private school here in New York. We met one of her former young boy pupils the other day—member of a prominent DP family from Austria. He was trying to get into the Hiss trial and finally succeeded by some fast foot-and-mouth work. We talked with him during the noon recess and he was not only absolutely convinced of the innocence of Mrs. Hiss but was ready to fight and die for her. Unlucky reputation if called upon. All of her former pupils and all the school faculty for that matter are equally loyal—or so he said and we don't doubt it.

We have met some college professors from Columbia and New York university—one of them a distant cousin—and they are also a unit solidly behind the Hisses. A few who have followed the two trials closely admit to doubt as to acquittal, but they simply REFUSE to believe that Mr. and Mrs. Hiss could have been or are guilty of the charges brought against them. "People like the Hisses just don't do such things," is their argument.

Meanwhile some close friends of the Hisses have been requesting donations for a defense fund during the past few days, one member of the Medford group having been solicited. The woman who asked for aid is well known in New York and Connecticut, a woman of unusual intelligence, refinement and education. She explained the Hisses have spent everything they have and have had to go into debt to defray the immediate costs of this second trial—anything would be welcome from \$5 to \$500. She, too, had no more doubt of the innocence of the Hisses, than she had of the moral validity of the 10 Commandments. There must be hundreds of people in New York who feel very much as she does. We fear they are due for a severe disappointment this coming week-end.

Finally we have not changed the view expressed in this column some time ago that Alger Hiss is innocent. Or is the greatest actor since Edwin Booth and the greatest liar since Ananias.

We have observed him carefully during the past few trying days—trying for the defense at least. Not once, not even when John Foster Dulles was testifying against him did Hiss show the slightest perturbation, or was there any perceptible change from his cool, calm, relaxed and perfectly poised demeanor.

When the former Chambers maid testified, Mrs. Hiss visibly "froze" and when the maid in typical "darker" fashion, related some incidents in a very amusing way. Mr. Hiss showed all his strong, well-brushed teeth in a hearty grin, but not the trace of a smile flickered over the countenance of his attractive young wife, who early in the trial was described as a "Quaker Mona Lisa."

Her pale severe gravity was quite conspicuous for even the judge smiled at several members of the jury had difficulty in maintaining their customary dignity. We wish the psychiatrists who reported on Chambers had also studied Alger Hiss. This much is certain—his powers of self-control (or dissembling) surpass anything along that line your correspondent has ever seen in a court room! It surely isn't, EXCEPT on the assumption of innocence, NORMAL!

—R.W.R.

Reconditioned Tanks Arrive In Formosa

Taipei, Formosa, Jan. 23—(U.P.) A cargo of 75 reconditioned U. S. tanks will be brought ashore at the Kaosung docks today to bolster the defenses of Formosa.

Another shipment of 200 tanks will arrive within the next 30 days. The new tanks include some M-8 types, armed with 75 millimeter cannon, which will provide the nationalists with some of the heaviest firing power ever used against the communists.

The tanks were purchased with nationalistic government resources through private agencies in the United States.

The nationalist air force meanwhile attacked Chinese communist shipping over the week-end from Amoy and Shanghai inland along the Yangtze to Nanking. A communique said 50 steamboats and junks were sunk.

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Monmouth Schools Again In Session

Monmouth, Ore., Jan. 23—(U.P.) Schools in Monmouth and Independence, including the Oregon College of Education, reopened today after a shutdown since Thursday when Monmouth's water system broke down.

Repairsmen yesterday completed a new water line on a suspension bridge over the Little Luckiamute river, where the torrent carried out the permanent bridge and the main pipeline supplying this area.

Jap Model Arrested For Robbing Artists

Tokyo, Japan, Jan. 23—(U.P.) Model Hatsu Kawaguchi, 22, was arrested today on charges of robbing artists for whom she posed in the nude.

Before her arrest, police sent out an alarm saying the model could be identified by her "large busom."

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"What d'you want the whole terrace cleaned off for—you plannin' on having a garden party?"

.... AROUND HOLLYWOOD

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON

United Press Correspondent

Hollywood, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—A revolution shook Hollywood today. The Brown Derby shuffled its caricatures.

These line drawings of who's who in Hollywood have been hanging on the same hooks since 1929. And when Owner Bob Cobb unveils his new ranking of who's who in Hollywood, the Brown Derby press agent said.

The change'll probably create a lot more ulcers than it cures. Cobb fears, among angry celebrities who find themselves on the back wall instead of up front with Bing Crosby.

Tourists Complain

"Up to now, we've put the new pictures as they come just wherever we've had space," he said. "A lot of tourists complained. They never could recognize anybody. The only pictures they could see from their table were writers, directors who died 10 years ago and somebody's dentist."

"When we took the pictures down, there were some even we couldn't recognize."

Under the new plan, the faces everybody knows—Betty Hutton, Clark Gable, Joan Bennett and Jimmy Durante (the only face to be continued on a second picture)—are all around the booths at eye level. Newcomers in movies, radio and television are above them, and dead greats at ceiling level.

Greats In Lobby

Miscellaneous pioneers, dead and alive, are on the front wall. Lesser lights are on the back. And out in the lobby where tourists cue up for hours for a Derby dinner, are all-time greats like Carol Lombard, Wallace Reid, Tom Mix, Fatty Arbuckle and Sid Grauman, whose picture was the first of the 1930s.

A caricature of the Italian poet Dante and 380 other obscure leftovers will be tossed in the basement. Dante never was a guest, anyway.

Plans Discussed To Refloat Battleship

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 23—(U.P.) High and harassed naval officials clustered aboard the USS Missouri today to map plans for the next attempt to refloat the 45,000-ton battleship.

They seemed to be the only mental casualties of Big Mo's fruitless six-day battle with a stubborn Hampton Roads mud-bank.

Some 750 sailors whose morale aboard ship was considered "excellent" through the frantic push-and-pull operations were ashore to boost it higher. More will follow tomorrow.

Before high tide February 2, when the navy's only battleship is expected to try to literally null itself from the mud, all the Missouri's 1,400 sailors will have tasted liberty.

Portlander Found Dead In Gas-Filled Room

Portland, Ore., Jan. 23—(U.P.) John W. Price, 30, was found dead in his gas-filled apartment yesterday by firemen and police.

Two other persons in the apartment were revived by the George L. Baker first aid crew. They were Mr. and Mrs. William Bishop.

They said they were spending the night with Price and had fallen asleep. They were taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

Roosevelt Receives Blame For Trouble With Russia

By Edward V. Roberts

United Press Correspondent

Washington, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—Bainbridge Colby, oldest living former secretary of state, believes the late President Roosevelt made one of the most serious mistakes of history in recognizing Russia.

"All our subsequent troubles," he said, "stem from that misguided action on the part of Mr. Roosevelt."

The 81-year-old one-time diplomat, who served as secretary of state for one year under President Wilson, included the present crisis in Asia among the "subsequent troubles" resulting from Soviet recognition.

Colby favored a strong U. S. stand against the maltreatment of Americans abroad, such as the communists' imprisonment and trial of Angus Ward, consul general at Mukden, Manchuria.

As a guide, he cited the words of William Learned Marcy, who served as secretary of state from 1853 through 1857.

"I deem it my duty to make the United States respectable and respected throughout the world," Colby recalled that Russia's first bid for U. S. recognition was rejected during his tenure as secretary of state.

Request Ignored

Moscow sent a representative to the United States in 1919 to seek recognition but its request was ignored for more than a year. When the major European powers asked this country for its views on the subject, Colby stated them in full in a note handed the Italian ambassador here on Aug. 10, 1920.

His views, which closely paralleled those held by many American leaders today, were that:

"It is not possible for the government of the United States to recognize the present rulers of Russia as a government with which the relations common to friendly governments can be maintained."

Aim Explained

His note said the red regime "has for its openly avowed aim the promotion of bolshevism, outrages throughout the world, and that it intended to use its diplomatic corps as a 'channel for intrigues and propaganda of revolt.'"

The Soviet government, he said, was based "upon the negation of every principle of honor and good faith... underlying the basic structure of international law."

Minister Criticizes Truman's Language

Boston, Mass., Jan. 23—(U.P.)—President Truman's language has been criticized by a Baptist minister.

Commenting yesterday on the president's recent press conference remark that former Secretary of State James P. Byrnes "can do as he damn pleases," Rev. Thomas E. West of the Dudley Street Baptist church said Mr. Truman "has again cheapened the high office of the presidency."

"It had been hoped by all of us that Mr. Truman, in receiving protests from every part of the nation concerning his last unfortunate and shocking remark of several months ago, would refrain from the use of words that are not becoming to a Baptist churchman," Rev. West said.

Nationalists Arrested For 7-Year-Old Death

Hong Kong, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—A communist source said today that four former Chinese nationalist officials had been arrested for the slaying seven years ago of Mao Tse-tung, brother of Chinese Communist Leader, Mao Tse-tung.

The source said Mao died in a prison in Sinkian province and that those under arrest were a former deputy police chief, the head prison guard and two judges.

U. N. Consultant's Car Is Stoned In Manila

Manila, P. I., Jan. 23—(U.P.)—Unidentified persons stoned the automobile last night of Mrs. Irene Murphy, sister-in-law of the late U. S. Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy.

The judges said that Mrs. Roosevelt's column effectively revealed and contained against discrimination of all kinds, emphasizing the "American democratic spirit and temper at their best."

Treating Of Cancerous Mice Brings Results

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 23—(U.P.)—Dr. Hugh J. Creech, of the Institute of Cancer Research, said today he has achieved "dramatic" results in treating cancerous mice with multiple sugars produced by a common variety of bacteria.

The results to date are far from a cure for human cancer," he said, "but partial destruction of certain tumors has been noted."

Creech said the sugars, known as polyaccharides, poison cells, attacking the fast-growing cancerous cells before striking at normal tissue.

Navy Seeks Way To Strengthen Pacific Fleet

San Diego, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, chief of naval operations, says the navy is seeking ways to strengthen the Pacific fleet.

Any ships that become available probably will be assigned to Asiatic waters, he said.

Sherman told a news conference yesterday that the Pacific fleet now includes two aircraft carriers, the Boxer and Valley Forge, a third, now under construction, the Oriscani, will be assigned when completed, he said.

The newly-appointed naval chief, on his first visit to the west coast since taking the office, conferred with his two top Pacific admirals—Vice-Adm. Arthur Radford, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, and Vice-Adm. T. L. Sprague, air commander in the Pacific.

It was believed he made the trip for the express purpose of talking with Sprague, who just returned from a tour of U. S. bases in China and Japan.

En Route To Washington

After the news conference, Sherman left for Washington by airplane, and Radford left for Honolulu.

Sherman, although refusing to comment on the China situation, revealed that the Boxer is en route to the western Pacific on an undisclosed mission.

Allis-Chalmers, Nash To Cut Production

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 23—(U.P.)—Allis-Chalmers and the Nash Motor company said today they may have to cut production because of coal and steel shortages.

An Allis-Chalmers spokesman said the company's plants have only a three-day inventory of sheet steel. The spokesman said the coal shortage is getting worse.

Allis-Chalmers has plants at West Allis and La Crosse, Wis.; Gadsden, Ala.; Springfield, Ill.; La Porte, Ind., and Oxnard, Cal.

Elmer Barnett, manager of the Nash plant at Kenosha, Wis., said supplies of sheet steel "thin" at the firm's Kenosha and Milwaukee plants.

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