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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 25, 1940

(It Was Thursday)

State highway commission to  
file protest against government  
charges for autos merely passing  
through Crater Lake park.Otto Caster, Phoenix, Ariz.,  
announces candidacy for democ-  
ratic nomination as county com-  
missioner.Medford Craters baseball team  
may enter Oregon State league.Miss Laura York to speak at  
county primary teachers' council  
meeting Saturday.W. H. Harrison post, W.R.C.,  
at Central Point elects Iva Cop-  
pinger president.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 25, 1930

(It Was Saturday)

Frank Van Dyke, Medford, is  
member of Willamette university  
debating team.Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of  
New York foresees as democ-  
ratic candidate for president in  
1932.Closer cooperation between  
city and county urged at Pomona  
meeting of Grange.Eugene high defeats Medford  
in basketball here, 42 to 28.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 25, 1916

(It Was Tuesday)

More than 400 invitations out  
for dance sponsored by seventh  
company of state militia at arm-  
ory.Lorine Grigsby, Eagle Point,  
and Lewis E. Smith, Medford,  
married by the Rev. L. L. Sim-  
mons at Eagle Point recently.Lack of sidewalks in vicinity  
of Jackson school to be discussed  
by city council.

## Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N. Y., Jan. 22—Well it's all over! The Hiss verdict is guilty on both counts and we must conclude, somewhat regrettably, that "Alger Hiss is one of the greatest actors since Edwin Booth and one of the greatest liars since Ananias."

We must also grant this: Alger Hiss remained a great actor and liar to the end.

Mr. Hiss maintained the same air of self-assurance, dignity and stoical calm when the jury's fateful verdict was announced, as he had for the 40 days his inquisition lasted. As far as he, his reputation, his future, his place in history is concerned—if any—it was a death sentence. With that one word "guilty," all he had accomplished, all he had done, all he had hoped for, fell around him in ruins.

Yet, as far as anyone in that courtroom could determine, Hiss was no more disturbed or dismayed, no more crushed or cast down than he had been since the trial started. Outwardly he left the courtroom in the same quiet, unassuming way, with the same perfectly self-controlled, fluid-flow drive and self-respecting manner, maintained last November when he entered it.

No man could have appeared more relaxed, more self-assured, more poised and content last fall than Alger Hiss when we first saw him with Mrs. Hiss as they walked down the steps of the U. S. Court building in Foley Square to face the swarming squad of news camera men.

As far as Hiss was concerned there was not the slightest change as far as his demeanor goes when—again with Mrs. Hiss—he walked down the same steps yesterday afternoon, again to hail a taxi and escape from the reporters with a calm and pleasant voiced "no comment."

We can't say the same for Mrs. Hiss.

She did not break down, there were—in public, at least—no tears; but she had lost that Mona Lisa smile, and it seemed to take everything she had to maintain an appearance of outward calm. There was, however, a discernible tension, of great effort. One felt that at any moment, the strain might prove too much, that perhaps the firm grasp of her husband's hand alone was holding back the emotional flood that welled up within.

Not so with her husband. Say what one will about him—and plenty will be said—his powers of self-control, his calm under fire, his maintenance of perfect composure in the face of personal disaster and extreme provocation add up to something most extraordinary.

Even his enemies in the press room—and there were many of them—hand it to him on this score.

One of them maintains this unusual poise only proves he lacks the sensibilities his manner and bearing suggest, and thus explains the man's mendacity and treachery—that Hiss could only have done what the jury declares he did—because he has the cool nerve of the amoral personality, and at heart is really the criminal type.

Mebbe so. But we can't—and we don't believe many who sat through the trial, will—accept this diagnosis.

Frankly, we are stumped.

The Hiss trial is over, but the mystery lingers on. In one direction your correspondent agrees with Whittaker Chambers who, when interviewed doing his daily chores on his Maryland farm following the verdict said, with customary complacency: "It is not what the jury said, but what the jury could have done."

After the evidence presented and the story told by Chambers—which in its main contentions was never refuted—we agree.

The only hypothesis that made sense in view of the evidence and particularly the typewriter, was the guilt of Mr. Hiss.

Nothing else added up—nothing else was at all convincing.

We admit our SYMPATHIES were with Mr. and Mrs. Hiss—and still are. Throughout the trial we tried to arrive at some reasonable explanation based upon their innocence, but had to admit when the trial ended, the attempt had failed.

And yet the mystery remains. The feeling that people like Mr. and Mrs. Hiss (for if he is guilty she was surely an accomplice) could ever have done what the evidence proves they did, still refuses to jell in our consciousness. We could not credit it when the trial started, we can't—emotionally—now. It all remains unbelievable.

But there are the facts, most of them unrefuted facts. And while there is no doubt the chief, and practically speaking the only witness against the Hisses, Whittaker Chambers, perjured himself innumerable times, was a pathological liar and admitted it; yet there was at the end of the trial a great doubt that he did NOT tell, in the main, the truth about Alger Hiss, in THIS case.

And that is what convicted Hiss—the doubt that Chambers in this particular instance was lying. And the strength of that doubt made any REASONABLE doubt of Hiss' guilt, difficult if not impossible.

So at last we find ourselves in agreement with former Senator John Foster Dulles—a rare experience.

Dulles, who appeared against Mr. Hiss near the close of the trial, on being informed of the verdict said:

"The conviction of Alger Hiss is a human tragedy."

"It is tragic that so great a promise should have come to so inglorious an end."

"But the greater tragedy is that seemingly our national ideals no longer inspire the loyal devotions needed for their defense."

"SEEMINGLY"—yes.

But perhaps sometime in the future when, not only a clearer perspective but more of the facts of the case have been obtained; it will be realized that what SEEMED to be true as of today, was not completely true.

In other words, it may be found disloyalty, the calculated desire to injure and betray one's country were not the compelling motives in the Hiss (nor the Coplon) tragedies of this post-war era. It was rather a strange susceptibility to Communist propaganda that convinced so many of our most intelligent and sensitive young people, that not only was Communism the "wave of the future," but that to advance the cause of Soviet Russia (particularly at the time Hitler Nazism threatened to conquer the world) would be to ultimately benefit and perpetuate the cause of free democracy everywhere.

As World War II approached and Soviet Russia was for the first time recognized by the U.S.A., it is conceivable that Alger Hiss was not the only subordinate in the State Department—or other upper branches of the government—who swallowed this Soviet propaganda bait, hook and sinker, agreed with Whittaker Chambers that the end justified the means, and that to make Russian resistance to Nazi Germany stronger would be to make in the end, American democracy stronger—and thereby more secure.

We said "PERHAPS."

In other words it may become clear in time, that the real villains in these shocking adolescent dramas, were not the Hisses and the Coplons, but the Whittaker Chambers and other Soviet spies and conspirators, for they sowed the propaganda poison so cleverly, selected their victims so skillfully, and followed out instructions from the Kremlin so faithfully that they won sensational success in the most unlikely quarters, convincing not one but many groups of American youth, that to give aid to Soviet Russia clandestinely while not exactly cricket, was not morally wrong, for the net result would be to destroy Nazism, and advance the cause of human welfare and betterment, not only on the other side of the Atlantic, but this.

A bit far fetched?

Possibly.

But we might call to mind one well known American couple who, we feel sure, would not so regard it.

Please page Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh!

—R.W.R.

**Man Admits Trying To Kill Wife With Car**

Boise, Ida., Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Police Chief George Haskin said today that Carl Cannadaya, 29, Boise, admitted in a signed statement that he tried to kill his wife by running her down with an automobile.

Cannadaya's wife, Rose, 21, was in St. Luke's hospital here. Hospital authorities said x-rays are to be taken to determine the extent of the young woman's injuries. She was reported in "satisfactory" condition.

**Army Plane Crashes Near Missouri Town**

Mexico, Mo., Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—An army plane identified as an L-5 Stinson crashed in heavy fog near the north city limits of Mexico early today and state highway patrolmen said the two occupants were killed instantly.

Washington, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Karl R. Bendetsen, former San Francisco attorney, was nominated today by President Truman to be assistant secretary of the army.

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## Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"OF COURSE I didn't tell you this was going to be a Western picture—for the same reason you didn't tell me the one we saw last week WASN'T."

## On the Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

You should leave a man to guess by your blushing. And not speak the matter so plain; 'Tis man's part to woo and be pushing. 'Tis yours to affect disdain. That you're in a terrible taking By all these sweet oglings I see But the fruit that can fall with-out shaking Indeed is too mellow for me.

—Montagu.

"Trust a woman or an epitaph before you put your faith in critics." So advised Lord Byron. I do not share His Lordship's cynicism as to critics. As a theatrical fan of long standing I have put my faith in drama critics for many years. I have relied upon them to guide me to the good shows and steer me away from the bad ones. They have rarely failed me. However, some of the current crop of Manhattan drama critics have me slightly confused. Trying to figure out whether they consider a show good or bad is like battling with a crossword puzzle. Their reviews bring to mind that ditty of the yesteryear titled "She Wouldn't Say Yes and She Wouldn't Say No." For example, in reviewing the musical show, "Dance Me a Song," one New York drama critic concludes his

review with this summing-up sentence: "It may not be as entertaining as it seems."

As It Was.

Today I had a glimpse of the sports page of a New York newspaper dated September 1, 1899. At that time there were twelve clubs in the National League. What club do you think was leading the league on that day and date? Why, sir, none other than Brooklyn. At that time the Brooklyn team's nickname was not the Dodgers, but the "Superbas." The line-up of the Superbas on Sept. 1, 1899 was as follows: Fielder Jones, cf; "Wee Willie" Keeler, rf; Hughie Jennings, lb; Kelly, 2d; Daly, 3b; "Duke" Farrell, catcher; Hughes, pitcher.

**Auto History.**

Do you consider yourself well informed on automobile history? All right, tell us what was the lowest priced car ever sold in this country? Incidentally, in 1938 one automobile manufacturer announced his intention of putting on the market a three-wheeled car, which would go sixty miles on a gallon of gas and have tires guaranteed for one hundred and twenty-five thousand miles! This unusual automobile was scheduled to sell for three hundred and fifty dollars. The war stymied the manufacturer's plans.

**Asking.**

Queries from clients. Q. Do your Horses & Women experts believe short hair-dos more attractive for women than long hair? A. The majority of our H & W experts favor long hair for women. They maintain it is more feminine and has a greater male attraction appeal than the closely clipped style. Q. What is the origin of the expression "Pin his ears back"? A. Your query baffles me. Q. You are trying to think of a feminine night club entertainer whose height is six feet, seven inches. Isn't that Lois De Fee? A. No, sir. Lois isn't that tall. I think she is about six feet four. Incidentally there is a non-professional, a teen-age female of Spencer, N. C., named Melba Overcash, who is six feet seven inches tall. Melba plays for her high school basketball team. In a recent game she scored forty-five field goals and twelve free throws!

**Stogie Department.**

"Only two few hotels, the Statler in Washington and the Shamrock in Houston, Tex., have been built in this country in the past ten years." That's what Paul Reese, the genial sales management genius of Atlanta, Ga., recently stated. Ray Brady of San Francisco demands Paul forward him immediately one stogie carefully wrapped. Says Ray: "The Mapes Hotel, Reno, Nev., was built within the past ten years."

**Southpaws.**

There are over 50,000 left-handed golfers in this country. That's what E. T. Miller, of Baltimore, claims. He should know as he is one of the officials of the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers. Mr. Miller also says the southpaw golfers have a magazine all their own. He further states the reason there have not been many champion southpaw golfers is that naturally left-handed players were taken into being right-handed players by their instructors. Ben Hogan, says Mr. Miller, is naturally a southpaw. And there are many other outstanding golfers, some of them champions, who are left-handed but play right-handed.

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Now I will predict that those two gangsters will never see the judge. Not with those hillbillies down there. I will be willing to stake a bet that they will have a necktie party for those two guys. Kindly let us hear more of the news from down there?

W. H. TELL.

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## Education Speed-Up In Germany Planned

Washington, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—The United States plans a stepped-up program of education in democracy to beat a resurgence of nationalism in Germany.

Its plans were disclosed by John J. McCloy, U. S. high commissioner in Germany, in a report to the American people last night.

"It is my intention to re-invigorate our whole program in this field," he said in a radio address. "We shall use all our power and resources—and they are large—to help the schools and universities, the trade unions and churches, the press and radio."

He said this will help "encourage the best Germans," and put down the nationalism evident among both extreme rightists and leftists in western Germany.

## Administration Willing To Advance Only Economic Aid To Nationalists

Washington, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today the administration is willing to advance economic aid—but not arms—to Chinese nationalists on Formosa.

Chairman Tom Connally, (D. Tex.), said the secretary told the senate foreign relations committee that he was "agreeable" to extend until June 30 the availability of about \$108,000,000 in China aid funds now held by the economic cooperation administration.

Without congressional action, they will revert to the treasury on February 15.

**Agreement Seen Change**

Connally said that about \$28,000,000 of the funds appropriated by congress for China last year could be utilized for aid to Formosa.

Acheson's agreement to extending economic aid appeared somewhat of a change from President Truman's recent policy statement on Formosa. Mr. Truman said that only economic assistance already provided by congress would be available. But Acheson said the administration will yield to the extent of permitting extension for using the funds.

There was no indication that Mr. Truman's policy against direct U. S. military intervention, arms aid, or military advice for Formosa had been altered in any manner.

## Western Union Rates To Change February 1

The Western Union Telegraph company has announced that new rates will go into effect Feb. 1, 1950, to insure equal charges for equal distances and eliminate present inconsistencies in this respect.

The new schedules filed with