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Early Portland Hop Urged

With the advent of better flying weather the Mail Tribune has been asked to urge upon the United Air Lines the need for an early morning flight to Portland. Only two planes leave here for the state metropolis on the present U.A.L. schedule—flight 159 departing at 1:20 p.m., and flight 175 at 6:15 p.m.

SOUTHERN Oregonians having business to transact in Portland are usually unable to get much done after arriving at 3:25 on flight 159, this meaning that they must stay overnight, spending the whole afternoon and night away from home without accomplishing anything except travel and kill time. The later flight, 175, does not help matters particularly, except that a smaller portion of the day is lost at this end of the line.

AN EARLY morning flight, which got travelers to Portland for nearly a full day of business, was tried last year but with indifferent success as to patronage. The lack of passengers on that flight was probably due to failure to fully acquaint people of this area with its advantage, or so say those interested, who hope to see the experiment tried again. —E.C.F.

A Good Man For The Job

The recent appointment of Al Crose to succeed Claude Murphy as real estate commissioner for Oregon meets with general approval throughout the state and especially here in Medford where Crose resided for a number of years before going to Salem in 1928.

THE new commissioner has a splendid background for his position. He was engaged in the real estate and insurance business here and upon going to Salem served as property manager for the old World War I veterans state aid commission for a time. Later he was with the state land board when it handled the winding up of the former agency and in later years he has been in the state department of veterans' affairs where he has had charge of lending.

The appointment by Governor McKay, which is in the nature of a promotion, comes as well-merited recognition of many years of efficient and conscientious state service. —E.C.F.

Seaside Had Sea Monster Too

Final identification of DeLake's sea monster as a badly beaten up portion of long defunct whale, recalls to Harold Haynes, Astorian Budget columnist, a somewhat similar Seaside visitor.

Back in 1920, says Haynes, the granddaddy of all sea monsters came rolling in from the ocean's depths to uncoil its 35 feet of slithering tentacles on the sands about 2000 feet south of the Turnaround.

THE Seaside monster was unlike anything known to local ichthyologists or mammalogists. It had a cow-like head and its nightmarish body was covered with tawny hair or fur.

Unlike the DeLake arrival, the Seaside monster defied all efforts at identification and after being viewed by thousands of townspeople and visitors there was agreement on only one phase, the "whatzit" was, beyond all doubt very, very dead. Acknowledging the soundness of the latter finding, the mayor called a city work crew and ordered the remains interred. —E.C.F.

Biggest Flag-Burning Since 1912 Seen If Two New States Admitted

Washington, Mar. 14—(U.P.)—The United States may be headed toward the biggest flag-burning since Arizona joined in the Union in 1912.

If the congress decides to grant statehood to Hawaii and Alaska, that means a new flag. A new flag means that it's bad manners to fly an old one any more.

Problems Posed The only decent thing to do is to burn the old ones. It's against the law to touch an old, Old Glory to the ground and it's considered unpatriotic to pitch it on an ash heap or sew it up into a nightgown.

All of which poses a lot of problems. I called C. R. Beard, a vice-president of Amun and Company in New York. Amun makes more flags than anybody.

Beard was in a great old tizzy. "We don't know," said he, "whether either Hawaii or Alaska will be tacked onto the Union. But if one or the other—or both—are, we've got a big job to do."

Heaven knows, he said, how many flags there are in the country—half a billion, maybe. He added that he wasn't too much worried about the new business that could come his company's way if the flag takes on another star, or two. Everybody would have to have a new flag. Adding a star at a time would be fine with Beard, because it would add up to good business—double business.

Looks Future In Eye Beard is a man who looks the future squarely in the eye. He's already got up a couple of samples.

If only one new state is added it would be comparatively simple, since any college graduate knows that seven times seven equals 49. That would make seven rows of stars.

If both Hawaii and Alaska are added to the Union at once, Beard apparently a math shark, has that all figured out, too. "We'd have five rows of stars with 10 stars in each row. Both of these flags look mighty pretty—mighty pretty."

Crosstown by Roland Coe



"Any time my sister's boy friend has the price of a movie he goes HIMSELF!"

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS This is from Washington: "Dr. Karl Fuchs, confessed Russian spy, may have stripped the United States' scientific cupboard bare of all its latest atomic secrets."

The dispatch adds that it is considered likely among those in the know that he could have passed on to Moscow some "highly educated guesses" as to the rate of U. S. A-bomb production and the size of our stockpile of bombs.

THE atom bomb was the most elaborately "kept" government secret since the world began. But it seems to have leaked out. Secrets are hard to keep.

DID you by any chance read that tale in the Saturday Evening Post a while back about the butler in the British embassy in Ankara (capital of Turkey) who looted the ambassador's safe every night and peddled all the allies' top secrets to the Germans for a good stiff price?

He gave our enemies the low-down on about everything we were doing and we were going to do. The way he did it was good. Pressing the ambassador's pants one night, he found a key and made a duplicate of it. It turned out to be the key to the legation's MOST SECRET SAFE.

The foxy butler rifled it every time the lights were turned off and kept the krauts right up to the minute on everything we had up our sleeves.

HOW did he keep on getting away with it? Well, it seems that British ambassador HAD ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE IN THE BUTLER'S INTEGRITY. Whenever he'd put two and two together it would look to him and to everybody around him like there MUST BE A LEAK, but he just couldn't bring himself to believe that his butler was off color.

This created the PERFECT atmosphere for the butler to work in.

THIS screed today isn't political. It is intended to be philosophical and reflective. So I hope I won't be accused of seeking to blacken Mr. Truman's administration when I suggest that State Secretary Acheson's supreme confidence in Alger Hiss falls into the same class as the British ambassador's supreme confidence in his butler.

We admire men who have supreme confidence in their friends. That is the way human relations ought to work. When we have confidence in a man, we ought to be willing to go the whole road for him.

The British ambassador went the whole road for his butler. As a result the Germans kept right on getting the lowdown on our inside secrets. The British had supreme confidence in Dr. Fuchs. They trusted him with all the inside stuff on the atom bomb and sent him over here with their stamp of approval and we gave him the lowdown on our stuff.

But he turned out to be a spy, just like the butler in Britain's embassy at Ankara. Secrets are just hard to keep.

HERE'S a thought: In spite of the butler who was tipping the Germans off to all our top-drawer-in-the-private-cupboard stuff WE LICKED THEM IN THE END.

We did it by out-producing them. ONE can't help wondering if we wouldn't have been better off in the long run if we had been less elaborately secretive about the atom bomb and had devoted the energy we spent on SECRETIVENESS to building up our capacity to make the bombs faster and better than anybody else on earth, including the Russians.

Card of Thanks Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended cordial sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses we are deeply grateful. George T. Cook, Roland Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Cook, and Mr. and Mrs. Mylo Cook.

Slain Witness (Armo. Telephotos) Above key witness in a Federal narcotics case against Joe Sica, was "sund slain in his home in Fresno, Calif. Davidson, once an associate of Mickey Cohen, recently left Cohen to join the Drama "gang." Sica, an associate of mobster Jack Dragna, was indicted by the Grand Jury as the leader of a Southern California narcotics ring and is to go on trial in April.

Salvation Army Board To Meet Tomorrow The annual meeting and dinner of the advisory board to the Salvation Army will be held at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow, it was announced today by E. B. DeVoe, chairman.

Cub Scouts Visit Mail Tribune Plant Cub scouts of Den 2, Pack 6, accompanied by their den mother, Mrs. Einar Larson, visited the news, business, advertising and production offices of The Mail Tribune yesterday afternoon.

Pope Pius Observes 11th Year Of Reign Vatican City, Mar. 14—(U.P.)—Pope Pius XII celebrated the 11th anniversary of his reign yesterday in a solemn ceremony attended by thousands of Holy Year pilgrims and the highest church aristocracy.

Quake Recorded New York, Mar. 14—(U.P.)—Fordham university seismologists reported today they recorded two earth shocks last night, occurring 3,200 miles south of New York, probably near the border of Ecuador and Peru.

World Communist Party Organization Is Subject of Anti-Red Leader's Speech

The communist party is a world organization, despite open claims to the contrary, and the ultimate aim of communists in this country is overthrow of the present government by force and violence, Capt. William D. Browne, chief of Portland police detectives, emphasized to armed forces organized reservists, national guardsmen and other residents of the vicinity in a talk at the junior high school last night. In his lecture on "Truth About Communism," and in a later question and answer period, Browne said that there are 275 "professional revolutionists" in Oregon by a party leader's own admission. He said that communists in Oregon are scattered among 60 to 65 communities and that he would not be surprised if there are communists in Medford.

"General Staff" The cominform is a "general staff" for world revolution and the communist party of the United States is a part of the world organization, Browne said. He said American communists would like to have the public believe they have no connection with the cominform and the Soviet union but he pointed to Red publications that show the tie.

Browne, an army reserve lieutenant colonel who has been fighting subversive elements for 30 years, used communist textbooks and literature to illustrate the strategy, tactics and ultimate aim of party members.

He outlined methods by which the communists plan to create demoralization among leaders of the country and insurrection among the "masses," leading to union of the workers and soldiers, the arrest of the officers of the government and the setting up of a new regime.

Get Training Communists are trained to live and breathe the science of Marxism, he explained. They are taught the necessity of revolution to destroy the bourgeois state. To them reform is only a product of revolution, according to Browne's information. Members of the party are instructed to use the elements of surprise, and they pledge themselves in case of war to rally the masses to defend the Soviet union, he stressed.

In event of war against the Soviet the task of communists in the enemy country is to incite strikes, to urge workers to prevent government use of transportation facilities and to do revolutionary work in the armed forces.

Communists in this country today are entering politics heavily, according to Browne. He said names in the progressive party are associated with some of the topflight leaders of the communist party. Reds are encouraged to run their candidates for election as a means of getting larger audiences, the speaker revealed.

Not Peaceful Do not believe it when the communists tell that they are a peaceful organization, Browne said. He pointed out that they have one story for the people and one for the comrades. The Soviet union seems bent on convincing the world that the United States wants war and the Soviet is trying to preserve peace, Browne declared. The communists preach United States disarmament when actually the Soviet has more divisions.

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ing that the communists of the Soviet are not a majority and that the majority have no say in government. Browne advocated support of the Mundt-Ferguson bill as a means of making communists show how they get their money, where they spend it and who the members are. He stated that there is no law against being a communist party member, that to publish names of members invades the privacy of the individual, but that the names are known by the right people. Browne's Medford appearance was sponsored by units of the armed forces organized reserve.

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10 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 14, 1940
(Ir Was Thursday)

Irrigation supply for valley at lowest in two years; snow still below normal at high elevations.

Kenneth A. Wells, Portland, named executive of Crater Lake Boy Scout council.

S. M. Tuttle, Medford, named to represent agriculture and orchard interests on state economic council.

PEO chapter BE elects Miss Annette Gray president.

Frank Rengstorff, Roy Pruitt, Floyd Sayre, Eddie Stillwell and Deb Day win bowling honors at district tournament.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 14, 1930
(Ir Was Friday)

Fire destroys Grange hall at Eagle Point; damage high.

Japanese and American delegates to naval disarmament conference reach agreement; three-power pact may be formed.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 14, 1916
(Ir Was Tuesday)

Clint Gallatin seeks democratic nomination for assessor.

Amona class of Baptist church to meet tomorrow with Mrs. E. J. Stewart.

J. C. Alter takes over as frost observer at weather bureau.

New York Bishop To Address Meeting Here

Bishop Titus Lowe, New York City will speak at the First Methodist church, West Main and Laurel streets, at 7:30 p. m. Thursday.

Shipments of New K-F Cars Due Here Soon

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