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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
March 19, 1940
(It Was Tuesday)
Union Good Friday services to
be held in First Baptist church
Friday afternoon.

Carl Reich lectured president of
4-H Livestock club and Janice
Pitts of Room Improvement club
in Oak Grove district.

Plane owned and operated by
John Dallaire Jr. wins Prop Nuts
flying contest.

Mutual organization of all tele-
phone lines in Applegate valley
advised at meeting in Grange
hall.

Upper Rogue Community club
of Bellview district elects Mrs.
Floyd Samford president.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 19, 1930
(It Was Wednesday)
Gene Thorndike and Clarence
Meeker named to fill vacancies
on city council.

New City ordinance keeps dogs
out of business district.

Length of teachers' skirts ar-
gued in Oak Grove district school
dispute.

New ordinance says all store
awnings must be seven feet,
seven inches from sidewalks.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 19, 1916
(It Was Sunday)
Ashland Presbyterian church
chorus organized under direction
of George Andrews, Medford.

Harry Murphy placed in
charge Bernard Motor company
branch at Ashland.

Orchards of all kinds in valley
reported in full bloom.

**Air Show Seeks New
Name For St. Helens**

St. Helens, Ore. Mar. 18—(U.P.)
Residents in this Columbia river
town were a little green today—
but not because of St. Patrick's
day.

A telegram to Bill Campbell,
manager of the St. Helens sal-
mon derby which starts April 1,
was received from Ed Bailey,
promoter of the Truth or Con-
sequences radio show.

Bailey offered the townspeople
two publicity favors in re-
turn for a little favor. The
prizes:
Broadcast the T&C program
from St. Helens April 1 in con-
nection with the derby and
guarantee of four pages in Life
magazine of the salmon derby
and the town.

The little favor:
Change the name of St. Helens
to Truth or Consequences, Ore.

Wall Street
New York, Mar. 18—(U.P.)—
Stocks maintained a firm tone
in quiet trading today around
their best levels since mid-1946.

Leading issues in the indus-
trial group registered small net
gains with auto, steel and chemi-
cal stocks best performers.
Studebaker featured the autos
by rising to a new high for the
year.

Sales totaled 610,000 shares,
compared with 520,000 last Sat-
urday.

Dow Jones closing stock aver-
ages: 30 Industrials 208.09, up
0.52; 20 railroads 55.70, un-
changed; 15 utilities 43.69, un-
changed; 65 stocks 75.13, up
0.11.

Sacramento had 9,000 resi-
dents when it became an incor-
porated city in 1850.

Editorial Correspondence

New York, N. Y., Mar. 15—The zero hour for income taxes is due at midnight. To escape the statute of limitations Uncle Sam has presented 43 indictments of evasion to Judge Medina of Communist-trial fame. Comparisons are odious but reading the list of the New York violators sounds rather like a list of Manhattan fellow-travelers—or the Notre Dame football team.

What next? Valentin Gubitchev has decided to stay in jail instead of sailing Monday for Russia as a deportee, and a return to his beloved native land, a free man. At least free as far as United States federal prison is concerned.

We wish we could say the "little man" has decided jail in the U.S.A. with a good bed and decent food, would be preferable to Soviet Russia as a discredited spy.

That may be a factor but the reasons given by Gubitchev's attorney, Abraham Pomeranz, justify a different interpretation. Uncle Sam insists that if the Russian espionage agent does accept deportation, with his sentence of 15 years in prison suspended, he forfeits his right of appeal. In other words if the sentence should be upheld by the appeal court, there would be no way of effecting a judgment with Gubitchev back in Russia. Pomeranz, on the other hand, maintains his client has a right of appeal under the American constitution and refuses to forfeit that right.

There appears to be a rather fine legal point involved here. Our guess is not only Pomeranz but Miss Coplon's "smart trio," feel there is good reason to believe an appeal will be granted if the Russian sticks around and not such a good chance if he accepts deportation. So why not remain until this issue is decided and if the conviction should be upheld, then apply for deportation?

Whatever the final outcome there is no doubt of this: even as stalwart and uncompromising a Communist as Gubitchev, does not yearn for a return to his native land, as a citizen of any free, democratic country would. He might not be liquidated or sent to the Siberian salt mines, and he perhaps handed over valuable information to the Politburo, but there is no acceptable alibi for failure in the police state. To get caught, according to the Moscow line, is to fail.

Speaking of the "police state" there is one factor in this "cold war" with Soviet Russia not sufficiently emphasized, namely: The increasing hostility to the police state system, not only this side of the iron curtain, but the other.

We have been reading a recent book by Louis Fischer, who lived 14 years in Russia, speaks Russian fluently and has a Russian wife, entitled: "13 Who Fled." It recounts the experiences and motives of 13 Russians taken at random who risked their lives to escape the tyranny of their native land. They were not "White" Russians either, but largely members of the worker class, who started out as enthusiastic communists, but have found existence intolerable. These case histories are unquestionably authentic—and while only 13 are set down in this little book, as the author remarks, there might be 13 million if a careful census could be taken.

With such a spirit of latent revolt the other side of the iron curtain, imagine what would happen if Russia should go to war and put guns in the hands of these malcontents—not only guns but a certain freedom of action? When Hitler invaded Russia nearly a decade ago, literally thousands of Stalin's soldiers went over to the enemy in preference to defending their communist tyranny—and had Hitler been anything but a homicidal maniac, he might very well have capitalized this defection to gain an overwhelming victory.

Don't think for a minute that foxy old "Uncle Joe" doesn't appreciate all this. He talks tough, and rattles the old scabbard from time to time but as time goes on there is more and more reason to believe that at heart the powers-that-be in Moscow don't want war now any more than the leaders of the democracies do.

Times change.

Take the tallest office building in the world, for example—the Empire State building. We remember only 10 or 15 years ago when that imposing monument to the late Al Smith was a terrible headache—a white elephant of white elephants. Now it is a gold mine, scarcely a vacant space and they are erecting a new 300-foot tower on top. Why? ANOTHER tower? The television companies want to get up there so they can "shoot the works"—NBC, ABC, Columbia—all the big boys in this rapidly growing visual entertainment development. We don't know what the broadcast boys are paying for this privilege, but as the saying goes, "it ain't hay." Imagine the cost of erecting special towers of that height—over 1000 feet straight up.

Yes, television is growing by leaps and bounds—it is the big radio development of the future—no doubt of that. But to date it isn't paying. In fact, according to the grapevine, one of the largest broadcasting hookups in the country is near the financial breaking point because of its TV over extensions. They spread out too fast in too short a time.

The biggest item is the initial cost. Radio development is a penny-ante game compared to television, and while the latter is increasingly popular, its value as spot advertising is another kettle of fish.

One of our older girl friends here in New York threw light on this problem the other day. Said she: "I have a television set in my home but seldom use it. Why? Well, because I have housework to do in the morning, usually go out in the afternoon, and at night unless there is something VERY unusual on TV, I prefer solitude or canasta. I put on the radio because I can listen to that and sweep, or take a shampoo, or even play cards, but if it's a television show, I must attend to that and nothing else."

We believe the boys who think television is going to be the advertising gold mine radio has been, have something to think about here.

We were all wet in our recent rain prediction. We opined there would be no airplane rain-making with the reservoirs over half full and spring precipitation in the offing. But the New York Board of Estimates yesterday appropriated \$50,000 for "cloud seeding and radar plane equipment" to start rain making operations within a week. One inch of artificial rain, it is estimated, will bring an added 15,000,000,000 gallons to the city reservoirs—over a two-week supply.

Well, we shall see what we shall see. We still think there will be complications, politically speaking. Not only from up-state farmers with their hay down, but the younger fry who have their hearts set on a picnic in the country on the week-end the city fathers decide to put on a down-pour!

It is undoubtedly wise to defer judgment on this alleged Communist expose by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin until his testimony has been completed. But if aforesaid evidence from now on isn't more convincing than what has thus far been presented then there is no doubt this table-pounding freshman senator is either having his leg pulled, or is simply a d.f.—perhaps both!

P. S.
The following from the World-Telegram-Sun may be interesting assuming it reaches Medford before the second income tax installment is due:

It all began just 36 years ago.

In 1914 the first federal income tax was collected on single incomes of \$3000 and up and on married incomes of \$4000 or better.

The rate was a whopping 1 per cent, with crushing surtax of 1.6 per cent on incomes over \$200,000.

Only 600,000 people filed that year, half of them from New York City.

A married man with a \$5000 income paid about \$50 in income tax.

The same man could buy a custom made suit for \$35.

He could travel to Europe first class for \$75.

He could rent a five-room apartment on the East Side for \$60.

He could see a Broadway matinee from the front row for \$1.50 and buy gin for the same price.

He could get a small car for \$750.

Naturally, he paid his office boy only \$5 a week.

His stenographer after seven years had risen to \$25 a week. (She began by working her first month free!)

IN 1950
A married man making \$5000 pays about \$544 in income tax.

If he is extravagant enough to want custom made suits, he pays \$125 to \$200.

A first class berth to Europe costs him \$365.

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"Takes him a long time to make up his mind, but that's his MOTHER'S influence."

COMMUNICATIONS

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Morse And The T-H Law

To the Editor: Wayne Morse delivered a broadcast from KVCJ Tuesday. I hope for the sake of his campaign for reelection and those who support it, not too many registered voters listened.

Main point of his broadcast was his placing of the national good above party lines. He vividly described the manner in which he has taken every bill before the senate, studied it and voted on merit alone. He told how he dashed to the floor when votes were taken and even with republican floor leaders breathing down his neck and threats of reprisal before him, he raised his hand for justice—be it republican or democratic.

That's good stuff. In fact, I had begun to have visions of an Abe Lincoln from Oregon, a man of the people, barefoot in the snow. Then 45 seconds later the moderator asked a question: "Senator Morse, why do you favor repeal of the Taft-Hartley law?" And in defense of his best-known piece of voting the senator answered, substantially, thus: "First thing, it is absolutely necessary to get the Taft-Hartley law off the books if we're ever going to get the labor vote and we've got to have the labor vote to get a republican administration. I voted against the Taft-Hartley law. It's bad republican politics."

As a republican, I wonder. In Mr. Morse's extensive practice of law he could no doubt quote many precedents where a well-aimed prosecution has shattered an admirable defense but I doubt if he could find another instance such as this. A case where the lawyer stood before the jury, opened his mouth, stuck his foot in it and then plugged himself squarely between the eyes.

Mrs. Jack Gillarpie.

Against D.S.T.

Dear Editor: Here is an open letter to Honorable Mayor Flynn and his councilmen. Just why should a petition signed by 40 people disrupt the lives of thousands of residents of this valley who already work from daylight to dark to make an honest living by their own endeavors?

The youngsters in school are already on a schedule which would be disturbed by the daylight saving time as planned.

The farmers' milking schedule would be changed so the cows wouldn't give their average of milk as it takes many weeks of training to get the cows regulated. They just get back into routine production when time is changed back, so it is no benefit to the dairymen or farmers in the community. The loss in production will be quite a bit and make his income less and production costs higher.



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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

GOVERNOR McKAY, putting in a plug for national wildlife restoration week, tells us in a statement issued in Salem that Oregon's wildlife resources are important economically as well as recreationally. He says:

"During last year's deer season, 170,000 hunters killed 44,000 deer, with a MEAT VALUE of \$4,000,000."

I DON'T DOUBT the truth of the governor's statement—which indicates that about one hunter out of four got his deer. But I can't help wondering what the out-of-pocket cost of the meat was.

I've always estimated that mine cost me around \$5 a pound, at the very least.

SPEAKING of food, this one has just clicked off the teletype: It comes from the town of Poole, in England.

"A baronet's wife has just started a roadside snack bar to help pay for upkeep of the 2,500-acre family estate, which is hard hit by high taxes. She is Lady Lees, wife of Col. Sir John Lees, and she will put in her week-ends selling cold sausages, pork pies, jellies and soft drinks to motorists from a roadside stand outside their 45-room house, Lytchett Manor.

"She'll do some of the cooking herself. A relative and an Estonian cook will help."

DO YOU reckon it's the real thing?

Or is she doing it for a stunt? I wouldn't know, of course, but even if she is doing it as a stunt it's a more useful one than this Larry Hightower's, of Elensburg, up in the state of Washington. He's pushing a wheelbarrow over the United States, and has just toiled the thing up to the 14,110 foot summit of Pike's peak. It took him five days to make the ascent, and he figures he'll come down in two.

It certainly takes all kinds of people to make a world.

PROBABLY the day's grimmest joke is the New York taxpayer who listed his state senator and his U. S. CONGRESSMAN as dependents on his income tax return, explaining: "My taxes support them."

That's too true to be even funny.

(His claim, by the way, was disallowed by the income tax people.)

IN NEW YORK, the biggest income tax payment received on Wednesday (the fatal Ides of March) was a check from a corporation for 36 million. It was the first quarterly payment, and the district collector says the firm's tax for the whole year was \$144 MILLION!

WHEN YOU think of that as a tax PAYMENT earned by the sweat of workers' brows and the toil of managers' brains, it sounds simply staggering.

But our national administration proposes and our congress appropriates tiny little items of \$144 million as casually as you

and I put a penny in a parking meter.

THAT, by the way, is one of the rime reasons why prices stay high. Taxes, whether we believe it or not, are included in the cost of everything we pay money for and so HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRICE.

If taxes were lower, prices would be lower.

TYPEWRITER BITES COP

Miami, Fla. — (U.P.) — Husky patrolman L. F. Gracey Jr., who weathered many a tough beat, required hospital attention after tangling a finger in the keys of a typewriter.

Mountainous Japan has 17 million acres of agriculture land out of a total of 81 million acres.

DREAM TOO VIVID

Roseville, Mich. — (U.P.) — Charles Cheek dreamed his house was on fire, jumped out of bed and smashed a window with his fists. He was hospitalized with a badly cut right arm.

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