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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: April 13, 1940. (It was Saturday) Medford high students win five first and three second ratings in southwestern Oregon band and solo contests.

Tornado trackmen capture Hayward relays honors for third straight year.

The Rev. Engvald Iverson to round out 40 years in Presbyterian church service by filling for moderator of Oregon synod.

Mail Tribune starts series of illustrated articles on possible auto trips through Rogue Wonderland.

Diamond lake highway open from Union creek to lake; 108 inches of snow at Crater lake.

30 YEARS AGO TODAY: April 13, 1920. (It was Sunday) Medford high band finishes third, Ashland high band fifth, in state contest.

Expect to ship 5,000 cars from area this year.

Gradual decrease in number of bounty payments by county noted this month.

Walter F. Brown and Carroll E. McMath elected elders of Presbyterian church.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY: April 13, 1916. (It was Thursday) Claude C. Ponting residence and contents, Portland avenue, burns to ground.

J. A. Westerlund and Benton Bowers elected to represent county taxpayers' league at state conference.

Foundations of new business block at Fir and Main streets being poured.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day. 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer.

In Argentina Too: To the Editor: Flying disks or saucers are becoming quite an issue.

In 1910 we lived in Washington and on a fifty acre dairy in April I heard a roaring noise and went out to see what it was.

Is This America?: To the Editor: Is this America, or just a disgrace to America?

Everybody LOVES PANLIE: In a Glass House: To the Editor: I believe a person living in a glass house should not throw stones. I am referring

Editorial Correspondence

New York, N. Y., April 9—Probably the New York Chamber of Commerce will deny this, but it snowed in New York on this Easter Sunday! The skies have now cleared, the annual Easter parade is on, but there is no suggestion of spring in the atmosphere.

It is a good thing New Yorkers don't pay much attention to the weather. If they did they would be in the same fix as the old chameleon on the Scotch plaid. We have experienced changeable weather before but never anything to approach the island of Manhattan the past six months.

Yes, the weather is completely cock-eyed. So is this poor sap from Wisconsin, Senator McCarthy. Some day his full record will be printed.

When it is, it will be as criss-crossed and crooked as the meteorological map for 1949-50.

It is as impossible to predict what the Wisconsin Senator will be saying a week hence, as what the weather will be.

Nothing could more clearly reveal the completely phony streak in this man than his grandstand play in New Jersey on Saturday last.

It was advertised, and announced by McCarthy, that he would come out from under his senatorial immunity, name names, put all his cards on the table and blow Owen Lattimore and his Communist buddies into the middle of next week.

Naturally with such a bellowing blurb, there was a large crowd in Passaic, N. J., and practically all the political reporters in Manhattan as well as the radio boys were on hand, prepared for an explosion and atomic reaction second only to the holocaust at Hiroshima.

But as John Peurifoy, deputy under secretary of state, remarked following the "dud" display: "McCarthy roared like a lion when he wore the cloak of senatorial immunity, now he discards his immunity, strikes the pose of a hero and bleats like a lamb!"

Many weeks ago McCarthy solemnly declared he would resign his Senate seat before he would say ANYTHING on the Senate floor he would not say outside.

As false in this as in everything else the Wisconsin mudslinger refused to passic, just as he has refused ever since the original charges against members of the state department, to repeat a single one of his accusations, outside the senate walls.

At Passaic:— Not a suggestion of Lattimore being the "top espionage agent" in the state department for Soviet Russia, not a word about Ambassador Jessup's Communist leanings, or Service's employment by the Russian foreign office and his stealing of secret U. S. documents—all the meat in what he originally dished out to gain the national limelight, eliminated, and yet there he was posing as the great crusader for righteousness and loyalty in this country, as he single-handedly waged war upon the traitors and perverts of the Acheson state department! WHAT a hero!

All that McCarthy's latest charges against Lattimore added up to was the latter's belief that it is too late to save Chiang Kai-shek in China and restore him to power, and also that it is of doubtful wisdom to make any attempt to hold Korea against the Chinese Reds. In other words, Lattimore believes the battle against the Chinese Communists is irrevocably lost because of Chiang's failure to institute needed reforms, and thus beat out the Communists for popular support. This result was and is deplorable. But there is, in Lattimore's judgment, no profit in trying to dodge the facts or seeking relief in wishful thinking. If we must fight Russia the place to fight her is in Europe, NOT the Far East.

Now Lattimore's analysis of the situation in China may, or may not be, the correct one. That is not the issue as far as McCarthy is concerned. The sole issue is, and from the first has been, whether or not as the Wisconsin senator charged, the State Department is riddled with treason and espionage, and the leader of it all—the one man on whom the entire McCarthy case stands or falls—is this man Owen Lattimore.

This was once McCarthy's own analysis of his own case. And yet when "called" on his charges, what does he do? He waffles.

He runs for cover while he pretends to be another Ajax defying the lightning. He removes everything from his former diatribes that COULD be defined as libelous and then pounding the table and frothing at the mouth, he dares his foes to take libel action.

What a four-flusher and double-talker, what a phony and cheapkate!

However, the skipper of this department is not as seriously concerned about McCarthy on the long-run view, as some of the pro-administration commentators are. He has done irreparable harm, and he is an all-around so-and-so. But we have no more doubt of his ULTIMATE fate than we had of Adolf Hitler's. Or we have of Generalissimo Stalin's for that matter.

For such faith in the final showdown, we return to our favorite quotation: "Truth crushed to earth shall rise again; The eternal years of God are hers; But Error wounded writhes in pain, And dies among his worshippers."

There seems to be some fundamental moral law at work in this world which gives political "disciples of the devil" initial successes, a brief spasm of glory and power, only to be followed without fail by final collapse and disaster.

So we have no more doubt of the ULTIMATE downfall and disaster of the McCarthy's and Stalins in this long suffering cosmos than we have that the sun will rise in the East tomorrow morning.

It may take time, more time and more sacrifice than seem right. But at long last "error" wounded WILL writhe with pain and die among his worshippers. What is true and what is decent and fundamentally right WILL rise again and WIN!—R.W.R.

One blind man and his blind wife playing musical instruments, picked up by one of our well known local law enforcement officers and taken away in a police car that we all help pay for.

Today we witnessed a young chap parading up and down Main street advertising a "flying saucer" show for one of the local theaters. This young man had two good eyes and seemed quite alighted. Does any of our local law enforcement officers attempt to stop him with a silly law?

We are ashamed to the hilt of our town this day.

George Cook Ted Woods

Editor's note: Police records show the itinerant couple was asked by the officer if they knew that those playing musical instruments on the street for the purpose of soliciting money are required to secure a license. The couple said they did not know of this requirement here but had found it to be the case in many other cities. The officer offered to take the couple to the city hall where they could secure a license upon payment of the \$10 fee. This offer they declined but asked if the officer would take them to their hotel. The officer, with commendable kindness, did so. The license ordinance, No. 4189, which is of long standing, does not apply in the case of the youth advertising the show as the theater pays \$50 annually which entitles use of such advertising method if desired.

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Wage Negotiations Dropped by Union

Negotiations between three Medford bakeries and their employees represented by Local 404, Bakers and Confectionary Workers International union, were broken off at a meeting here last night, it was reported this morning. Union and industry representatives were unable to agree on proposed wage increases.

Huge Tax Levy Set For Portland Ballot

Portland, Ore., Apr. 13—(U.P.) A multi-million dollar tax levy will be on the May 19 primary election ballot for Multnomah county voters to approve or reject. The special levy of \$2,443,000 compares with the \$1,175,000 passed by voters last year. Principal increases in the 1950-51 fiscal year budget are \$383,247 for public assistance, \$248,814 for county hospital, and smaller sums for the public library, indigent soldiers' fund, and the county school fund.

Repeat of Excise Auto Taxes Sought

Portland, Ore., Apr. 13—(U.P.) Directors of the Oregon State Motor association said today they had wired the state's congressional delegation this week asking for repeal of excise automotive taxes because the motorist gained no benefit from them. The house ways and means committee is considering the repeal of some excise taxes, and the association wants the average tax of \$100 on new cars put on the proposed list the committee is drawing up.

Portland Mayor To Miss Hearing on Gambling

Portland, Ore., Apr. 13—(U.P.) Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee said today she could not attend the U. S. senate committee hearing April 21 on a bill that would stop interstate transmission of gambling information. She said Portland's financial situation and current budget meetings would prevent her from making the trip. Congressmen want local officials to attend the hearing in order to get their opinions on the proposed bill.

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