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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
May 14, 1940
(It Was Tuesday)

Rotterdam falls to nazis; backbone of Dutch defense broken.

County's share of receipts from national forests total $5,604 last year.

Midget cars to open racing season at fairgrounds tonight.

Musical society of Medford to give public spring concert at high school.

Elk Creek P.-T.A. installs Mrs. Helen Axtell president.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
May 14, 1930
(It Was Wednesday)

Darwin K. Burgher, University of Idaho football and basketball star, named coach at Medford high.

Norton L. Narregen, first master of local Masonic lodge, dies of heart failure.

Vivian Beach to open watch and clock repair shop in Jacksonville store soon.

Rotary club presents official charter to Boy Scout troop.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
May 14, 1916

Dry land dredge to handle 100 yards of dirt a day to be installed in Applegate river near Ruch.

H.W. Bigham, F. Corning Kenly and Frederick H. Hopkins elected directors of Rogue River Fruit and Produce association.

Central Point high baccalaureate service will be in Cowley hall today with the Rev. Harry Tucker, Medford, as speaker.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words

Boys' School Conditions

To the editor: Are you completely aware of the undermining conditions of our reform schools across the country?

The superintendent and overloaded staff have a fine objective—a merit system, arts and crafts, music lessons, a chorus, outdoor activities and more in mind to develop, depending on more money plus badly needed staff.

Here are the boys, scads of boys of various degrees of goodness, closely confined at first. Tempers flare, personalities clash; there are regular fights out of sight of busy supervisors, and many a boy gets hurt bad. If among them there is a boy who makes every effort to keep his record good, every trick that boys know is turned on him in particular to get him in trouble. They nag at him, make fun of his religion, taunt him in every way for being there if he is so pure. Could that be mental cruelty?

Next step on the way to becoming a better citizen — they move on to another cabin, one or two at a time. Start to school, and have more campus privileges, much more freedom of movement, and run right into a vicious set-up, a "Little Gang" condition.

The older and bigger and worst of the boys are in charge here, not the school. In fact, they are so clever, so well organized, that no one seems to know. Each new boy is subjected to various pressures quite unbelievable and unprintable in their scope. There is no mean and underhanded thing left undone, no petty annoyance overlooked, to make life miserable, and now what becomes of your good boy?

A boy who is there because his parents neglected him, or a boy from a broken home, a boy on his first offense, a boy with one weakness, and by no means least a good boy who has had moral and religious training but not a happy home life and made a mistake.

What happens now to those really good boys? They get "special" treatment. I have seen the mental suffering on my own son's face; seen the black and blue bruises on his body. I have seen another cocky red-headed kid cowed to the point where he is ashamed to look you in the eyes. I have seen a boy wandering about the halls in the Ad building. He sneaked in there to keep from being beaten any more. They are not supposed to talk to visitors about their troubles; nor are they supposed to go to the superintendent. You know what happens to "squealers" don't you?

There is much more to this than I can tell in this space. This truly is a condition that should not exist in America.

Mrs. A. M. D.
(Name on file)

Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N. Y., May 10—According to our old friend, Congressman Harris Ellsworth, mystery still surrounds "WHY" China fell into the hands of the Communists.

Perhaps, he continues, the sub-committee hearings of Senator McCarthy's charges against the state department, pointing the finger of well-founded suspicion of communist sympathies—if not worse—against members of that department will eventually solve the mystery.

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Mebbe so.

But we doubt it.

In fact, we fail to see any great mystery about what happened in China.

If Congressman Ellsworth will read up on the history of the Russian revolution of some three decades ago, perhaps he will be less mystified.

There is a striking similarity between the two uprisings. In both countries the Communists won essentially because of two things, to-wit:

1. The Communists had the "WILL to win" and backed up that will with well organized force.

2. The MASSES—the rank and file—of the country supported them.

That, in a nutshell, is what happened in China, and why.

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A bit of research will also show the United States did not like to see Greater Russia fall into the hands of the Russian Reds any more than it likes to see China fall into the hands of the Chinese Reds.

In fact, to prevent the former this country went further in one direction in Russia than in China.

Not in the direction of money and supplies. But the United States did sent troops to join with troops from England, and other allied countries to aid Baron Wrangel and other counter-revolutionary leaders in the organized anti-communist resistance movement.

This effort failed. The failure was also due to the two items above mentioned and the added fact that Russia was thousands of miles away and the allied countries had had enough war—too much, in fact. Such a foreign military venture, therefore, had no popular support.

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If we understand the McCarthy viewpoint correctly—it is not easy to understand—the Wisconsin Senator believes that but for Communist influence in the State Department, the United States would have sent a large expeditionary force to China to help the Nationalists under Chiang, and thus prevented a Communist victory.

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One thing is fairly certain. No step short of that would have had the slightest chance of stemming the red revolution that swept over China, as a similar revolution had swept over Russia 30 years ago.

But could even that effort, involving the expenditure of more U. S. billions of dollars and thousands of lives, have driven the Chinese red armies out of the country and placed Chiang and the discredited Koumintang back in power?

It is exceedingly doubtful.

It is even more doubtful that such an effort, which after a careful study of the situation in China, Gen. George Marshall so vigorously opposed, would EVER have had the popular support in this country so essential to its success.

During the period of time when any such armed intervention could have been effective, the people of this country again had had enough war—too much, in fact—and there was no popular desire to extend its area or its sacrifices.

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SoOoOoOoOoOoOo—

This department can see no impenetrable mystery regarding China which can only be explained by the smear campaign of the "Honorable" Joseph McCarthy.

It can be explained, we believe, by the fact that insead of continuing on his original line of reform as initiated by Sun Yat Sen, Generalissimo Chiang deserted that liberal line, went over to the reactionary forces represented by the Koumintang, and thus gave the Chinese Communists the battle-cry they needed and the popular support they had to have.

At least this is the view of a vast majority of all Americans, military and civil, who have been in China, have carefully studied the conditions there, and have any kind of impartial and objective viewpoint regarding that country.

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Kerensky was the first "master" of Russia following the October revolution, but he made the same mistake Chiang Kai-shek made and met with much the same fate, though in a far shorter time. For three decades now a social and economic revolution, in many ways similar to the French revolution, has been sweeping over this world, east, west, north and south—those who have tried to turn it into reverse, have had no more luck than King Canute had when he tried to sweep back the tides with a broom, and for essentially the same reason.

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Revolutions, however, don't last forever.

They also are subject to the eternal laws of action and reaction—of ebb and flow. As has been noted before in this column there are signs that the revolutionary flow politically has about ended and the ebb started in.

The defeat of Senator Pepper in Florida is a feather in the wind. The Communist issue beat him.

Now watch out boys and girls. If you are in public life and ever washed down a caviar sandwich with a glass of vodka, better mind your p's and y's. Thar's dynamite in them thar hills, politically speaking, for anyone who has ever sung the "Internationale" or suffered from a pink tooth-brush.

We have never been strong for Pepper of Florida—classified him with the lemons down there rather than the grapefruit.

But the fact remains he was beaten on a phony issue, and when the present hysterical anti-communist hurricane blows itself out—as it will—this fact will be generally recognized.

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Owen Lattimore made a splendid impression when he first appeared before the Senate sub-committee, not so good on his second.

Granted the Johns Hopkin's professor had plenty of provocation, yet he weakened rather than strengthened his case by name-calling and intemperate vituperation.

His charge that Budenz lied and is a "paid informer" may be true, but he will have to supply more convincing evidence than he did, to convince this department—or we believe the American people.

The man did protest TOO much.

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In fact, we wish the entire inquiry might be called off as far as the Senate sub-committee is concerned, and the question of espionage and disloyalty in the State Department, or any other government agency, be placed in the hands of a non-partisan committee made up of citizens of the highest type, working constantly with Edgar Hoover and the FBI.

All right thinking people want the truth. They also want any government employee who is a Communist or in sympathy with communism, kicked out. But they DON'T want partisan witch hunting or partisan white-washing to prevail.

They would gladly follow the recommendations of any group as outlined above. They will split a hundred ways to Sunday regarding any verdict this senate sub-committee may now hand down.

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Stalin did look a stricken man in his 70th birthday celebration but apparently King Richard is himself again in the May Day reviewing stand. Perhaps he merely suffered from what has been so prevalent hereabouts—virus-X infection.—R.W.R.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe

"As you can see, George, Emmitt is going to be very busy this afternoon."

Pickin' Pears

News, Gossip, Comment From Camp White

By J. J. "Tick" Malarkey

Eight "Bamboos" from Camp White went to call, and two "Greybeards" tagged along—one as an attendant the other as scribe. Three ladies of the Red Cross drove their cars.

Thus the lineup for the party Ira Jones threw out on the pear orchard and farm where this 90 year wonder and Mrs. Ira make their home with Mrs. A. E. Brockway, one of their daughters, and her husband, "E. A."

Like a kid at his first circus this writer stood around goggle-eyed at what he saw. Hundreds of clay figures that had been moulded by the host; dozens of beautiful hook rugs, the work o Mrs. Jones; scrap books of poems, pictures of the war years —Spanish and World Wars I and II. And a spacious and gracious home which just seemed to abound in hospitality.

The Jones and the Brockways like, and know how, to entertain.

Leaving Camp White the caravan of three cars were driven by Miss Charlotte Rodgers, center Red Cross executive, and Mrs. Al Littrell and Mrs. Sam Colton of the Medford Red Cross pool. With some wheel chairs aboard, the "Old Boys," as they are affectionately called, sat at ease—William Babcock, William S. Shaw, Fred T. Boyd, John Wesley Bearden, Charles Lundquist, Robert A. Griffies, John J. Miller and Charles Gordon.

Greybeards Malarkey and Ed Landes didn't count. It wasn't their party.

Queens of the kitchen were Rosa Gilliland, J. C. Sparks and Mrs. A. E. Brockway. Heaps of ice cream, dozens of home made cookies and gallons of coffee at mess call. Nothing wrong with Bamboo appetites — even if the average age of the youngsters of the war with Spain is now pushing 79. Seconds and thirds came along.

Songs and stories by Bamboos featured the social hour. And through it all and the life of the party was Ira Jones, 90, and Mrs. Jones 89.

They have been married 67 years. All five of their children are living and today 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren have blessed the marriage.

When recall sounded each trooper thanked his host and hostess and the lovely ladies which made the visit possible. They all have the enthusiasm of youth—even if some of their steps are a little slow and a cane or wheel chair were needed. And they are going to call on Ira again. That is for sure.

There is this mark of distinction about a Bamboo. When he went to war there was no draft or selected service—he up and enlisted.

A word about Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sparks, now of Medford, once of Astoria.

Old and good friends. They have been in the Valley of the Rogues about five years—came here from Astoria, where at one time "J.C." was assistant city manager. We are to have a "yak yak" session soon. Oregon is really a small state.

The lady has the evidence; a picture of the salmon—weight 27 pounds. It was her first time out after the royal and fighting chinook of the Rogue. She connected after 30 persuasive minutes with the visitor from the Pacific ocean.

Robbie Robbins, charming secretary to Dr. William White—chief medical office — did this much to the red faced chagrin of the gentlemen anglers on the station.

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News of 4-H CLUBS

CENTRAL POINT CROP CLUB

Reporter: Paul Williams Jr.

The meeting of the Central Point Crop club was held at the Paul Williams place.

A suggestion was made that we work out a pattern or design for display at the fair.

Also it was decided that the club would buy film with club funds with which to take pictures of our various projects. The pictures and newspaper clippings are to be kept in a club scrap book.

Qualifications necessary to win a summer school scholarship were discussed.

Next crop meeting is to be held June 13.

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Rural School Voters Asked To Approve Budget Expenditures

Voters in most of the county's school districts will be called on Monday to approve expenditures by the county rural school board three-quarters of a million dollars in excess of the six per cent limitation. Ballots will be cast in the usual school election polling places from 8 p. m. until 10 p. m. (DST).

The election is routine, in compliance with the law, and will have to be held each year until some way is found to establish an adequate levy base through new legislation or constitutional amendment, according to County School Superintendent C. R. Bowman. Failure to vote the levy, he said, "will mean that about three-fourths of the money required to operate local schools will have to be levied against property in the individual districts and will not be equalized over the county."

Vote Always Necessary

The rural school board has been in existence three years and has always had to submit its budget to vote authorizing expenditures over the six per cent limitation.

In explaining the perennial dilemma, Bowman said that when the rural school board began its work and prepared to make the first county-wide equalized levy, it had as its levy base the sum of the bases of all the school districts in the county except Medford and Ashland. Of these districts, 19 had already lost their levy bases and, therefore, added nothing to the sum total of the bases.

Lost $60,000 of Base

During the current year, the rural school district lost approximately $60,000 from its levy base by the withdrawal of the Central Point consolidated district which is now a first class district.

The net result to date, Bowman explained, is that the rural school board now has a levy base of $237,797. The 1950-51 budget, rigidly pared, shows a minimum need of $951,553.62 or $713,756.20 above the levy base. If voted, that sum will be raised by an equalized levy spread over the county.

Wall Street

New York, May 13—(U.P.)—A strong rally in television shares enlivened an irregular and otherwise dull stock market today.

Thirty industrials, 217.76, up 0.15; 20 rails, 55.44, off 0.01; 15 utilities, 43.50, up 0.05; and 65 stocks, 77.02, up 0.04.

Sales declined to 570,000 shares today from 910,000 last Saturday.

Six Accordionists in Portland Vacation Show

Six members of Mrs. Eve Prentice's accordion band left Medford by Trailways bus Friday for Portland where they were to participate in the Travel and Vacation show at the auditorium there Saturday. A seventh member, JoAnn Anderson, joined them by plane yesterday.

The group, which was to return this morning, included Carol Davis, Charlotte Grigsby, Barbara Ragsdale, Donna Gober, Dolores Davis and Dale Ward.

Munich, May 13—(U.P.)—Pauline Straus, 87, widow of Composer Richard Straus, died today of pneumonia.

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DAVE HOOVER FOR SENATOR

The undersigned committee favors the nomination of Dave Hoover for Republican Senator because:

1. He stands for individual freedom versus a Government controlled economy.
2. He has pledged to work for a balanced budget and the retirement of the public debt.
3. He recognizes that the government has nothing to give to the people except that which it first takes away from the people.
4. He will be guided by the interests of the people of the State of Oregon and the United States and not be dictated to by pressure groups.
5. He favors the protection and preservation of free enterprise and the rights of all workers against the encroachment of any kind of bosses, factory, corporation, government or labor bosses.
6. He will not be a party to the confirmation of any Federal Executive who does not have an unblemished personal or political record.

Senator Wayne Morse, by the record, does not stand for any of the above principles. If you want further information on any of the above write or call on the committee chairman at the Medford Hotel.

The records show that Senator Wayne Morse voted identically with Senator Claude Pepper of Florida on 16 important Fair Deal Senate bills.

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