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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County High-

ways from the City of the Mail

Tribune 16, 26, 36 and 46 years

ago.

10 YEARS AGO

February 27, 1942

(It was Friday)

Medford city officials ready

plan to change Crater Lake

highway, midway road, Central

avenue and Riverside avenue to

one-way streets.

From Arthur Perry's Ye

Smudge Pot column: The sap

has started to run in the trees,

and into them when going

around a corner too fast.

20 YEARS AGO

February 27, 1932

(It was Saturday)

United States circuit court of

appeals in Chicago sustains Al

Capone's 11-year jail sentence

for income tax evasion.

Henry Ford announces plan

to produce 1,500,000 cars a year

to start an "industrial revival."

30 YEARS AGO

February 27, 1922

President Warren G. Harding

urges passage of bill providing

\$32 million subsidy for United

States merchant marine.

Soviet Russian delegates to

Genoa economic conference ask

for "reconstruction" loans from

foreign nations to avert wide-

spread famine throughout the

Soviet Union.

40 YEARS AGO

February 27, 1912

(It was Tuesday)

Medford city planning group

starts plans for public market

building; city council preparing

ordinance providing for opera-

tion of market.

War department contemplates

calling Oregon National Guard

units if United States is forced

to intervene in the Mexican

revolution.

Morse Says Truman's

Budget Can Be Cut

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen.

Wayne Morse, R-Ore., says he

believes President Truman's

\$85,000,000,000 1953 budget can

be trimmed "to a round

\$70,000,000,000."

But he told the Senate Tues-

day that it should not do any-

thing to interfere with the build-

up in the air force. He called for

the immediate mass production

of aircraft.

Pedestrian Protection

FATALITY

RATE

VARIES

Some communities have a lot

fewer people killed in traffic than

others. Why? Their pedestrians

have learned to cross at corners, on

green lights and to obey other regu-

lations. Their drivers have learned to

respect rights of those about.

Their police supervise hazardous

crossings. Their engineers have de-

vised protective physical improve-

ments.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Feb. 25—There IS something new under the sun.

Namely: the SUN—with nothing under it but the hills of San Francisco.

A thick fog the other side of the window in the early morning suggested the same old dismal story. But by breakfast the sun was breaking through, and by 10 a. m. there wasn't a cloud in the sky. Walked up the hill to Huntington Square minus overcoat, and melted the Sunday collar. It was then over 70° outside, and around the boiling-point inside. (That's 210° F if we remember correctly.)

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All S. F. rejoicing—they haven't had any more sunshine than

Medford the last six months, and only a little more rain, which

is "UNUSUAL." The average precipitation here is officially twice

what it is in the valley. Also according to our favorite elevatorm-

didn't last long but it was some of E. C. Ferguson's snow—that

is the wet, sticky, nasty kind. "The worst winter since 1880 is

the verdict.

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We used to listen to (or read) Tex McCrary of the Herald-Trib-

une nearly every day when we were in New York. He is a nice

guy and so is his wife "Jinx." No one would deny they are "straight-

shooters." A week ago on "Reporters Round-Up" Tex accused

Senator Taft of distorting the facts—or lacerating the truth—

some sort of circumlocution, which means "YOU'RE A LIAR."

One of our pet aversions by the name of G. Sokolsky was also

on the program. He took exception to this reflection upon his

favorite candidate for President, and apparently there was quite

a row and a ruckus which the moderator (a gal known as Faye

Emerson) had a hard time quelling.

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From somewhere in Vermont, our perennial candidate for the

White House, registered an indignant protest and demanded a

retraction. Cried Robert Alonzo Taft, "He called me a liar! I demand

he retract." Rejoined Tex: "I won't and I challenge Senator Taft to

another broadcast not packed by his supporters when I will prove

the truth of my statement." Today we read in the Chronicle, Page

1, that Robert Alonzo refuses to accept the challenge.

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Senator Taft is smart.

As has been pointed out previously, Taft is not a congenial or

pathological liar like Senator McCarthy. But since he started on his

mad dash to get the GOP nomination—or ELSE!—he has indulged

himself in half-truths and quarter-truths and 5% truths—and

a man as smart and aggressive as "Tex" would only have to pro-

duce what Taft has said—and written—to prove his point. Taft

is wise to skip it.

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General Eisenhower will not enter the California primary on

the Republican ticket, so the Democrats (who don't want Truman)

have decided to enter him on their ticket. To support their deci-

sion they claim Oregon Democrats entered him in that state (this

is quite a compliment, coming from California). The news that

the Oregon Democrats have since rescinded this action has

not yet reached San Francisco apparently.

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But what interested this department was the announcement

which accompanied the declaration which went something like

this:

"This country faces a grave crisis: problem No. 1 is to so pre-

pare this country that Russia won't DARE start another war; No.

2 problem is to do this in time and yet not go broke.

"Eisenhower knows the military game frontwards and back-

wards, he is smart as to finances as his record at Columbia demon-

strated. He is, therefore, the one man in the country who can do

what must be done if this country is to survive."

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That is the best argument in favor of the hero of World War II

we have seen—it makes one of Eisenhower's chief weaknesses,

from a civilian standpoint, his chief asset politically, namely the

fact he is a military man. We are not so certain about his com-

petence in the field of high finance but there is no doubt his ability

to raise money was one of the reasons he was chosen for the Colum-

bia post.

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One of the few bright spots in the Korean picture is also one

of the chief stumbling blocks, namely the refusal of the Reds to

allow their prisoners a free choice when released by the U.S.A.,

as to their return to their own or some other country. When any

government, we don't care where or what it may be, must use

FORCE to keep the people within bounds, that government is

heading for the last round-up—and it's not too far away. The steady

seeping of refugees from the other side of the Iron Curtain to this

side, is only more evidence of the same thing—not only the Achilles

heel of totalitarianism, but the cancer that spells its ultimate doom.

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There was an article in the "New Yorker" recently which

failed to receive the attention it deserved. The author was a young

woman who coached M. Malik the Russian envoy to this country,

in English before and after the famous speech Malik made which

suggested Russia favored a truce in Korea. According to this young

woman, Malik had no idea that his reference to a truce would be

taken seriously as it was, the same merely being a sort of per-

functory gesture in his phony protestations of peace. Assuming this

is true, then Soviet Russia's playing a cat-and-mouse role in Korea

makes more sense. Their intentions were not serious in the first

place.

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An even more important point made in the same article was

Malik's scorn of American materialism, the absence in this country

of any devotion to a spiritual goal, the universal preoccupation with

things of the flesh—of pleasure for pleasure's sake, universal self-

indulgence. The Russians, he insisted, were sure to win against

such opposition, just as the Goths won over decadent Rome. Well

this idea is not new, and there is not as much to it as the Politburo

thinks but it is, this department believes, the strongest point Sov-

iet Russia has to capitalize on, and a weakness that the American

people should pay far more attention to than they do.

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By a coincidence there was another article in the same maga-

zine which brought out the same moral deficiency. This was an

account of a young Russian couple who fled from Russia for fear

they would be liquidated. The bride was a member of the Russian

nobility and proud of it—which was the chief reason they decided

they better get to the U.S.A. if they could. They succeeded, and

after a pretty hard struggle finally landed jobs which gave them a

good living. But they both missed one thing in their new coun-

try—and still do—an appeal, other than the strong material appeal;

something above material things which would satisfy their spiri-

tual natures. They did not crave a religion so much as a cause

other than mere money-making—a cause to which they could be

completely devoted and regard as eminently worthwhile. We could

suggest several things, but apparently they have to date failed

to find anything that satisfied them. These two articles might well

be studied, especially by those who believe Soviet Russia repre-

sents 100% Hell on Earth, and the U.S.A. 100% Heaven. Every-

one should realize there is nothing PERFECT in this imperfect

world.—R.W.R.

The Facts About Ike

Starting tomorrow, February 28, The Mail Tribune will publish the first of a series of 12 daily installments on Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, giving his opinions on national and international topics; his philosophy of life; his hopes for peace; his experiences as head of Columbia university, and his background in general.

Many voters are curious about General Eisenhower and for those who are for him, those for another candidate, and those as yet undecided, The Mail Tribune will offer as a special service the feature written by Kevin McCann, ex-member of the general's staff, a trained newspaperman and now president of Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio.

McCANN'S articles will appear later in his book "The Man From Abilene" which is to be published by Doubleday. For those who wish to know about General Eisenhower now, we recommend perusal of "Eisenhower's Political Creed," starting with the very first installment tomorrow.—E.C.F.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I wanted to make a SITTIN' snowman—and there wasn't any place for him to sit but right there on the front stoop!"

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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Love me little, love me long
Is the burden of my song.
Love that is too hot and strong
Burneth soon to waste.
Still I would not have you cold
Not too backward, nor too bold.
Constant love is moderate ever
And it will through life persevere
Love me little, love me long
Is the burden of my song