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Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County His-
tory from the files of the Mail
Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years
ago.

10 YEARS AGO
April 22, 1942
(It was Wednesday)
Jackson county merchants no-
tified they must pick up data on
food rationing program as use
of first ration stamps scheduled
to go into effect May 5.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: Farmers
are planting their corns and
crows are after the kernels with
more rapacity than robins after
strawberries, when and if.

20 YEARS AGO
April 22, 1932
(It was Friday)
Classified ad in The Mail
Tribune offers "Modern five-
room bungalow, beautiful
grounds and trees, three acres
irrigated lands, fine neighbor-
hood, near school, total price,
\$1,650.

Ashland public schools an-
nounced that starting fall term
they will cut teaching staff and
salaries in effort to keep within
budget.

30 YEARS AGO
April 22, 1922
(It was Saturday)
New York fruit distributors
predict "very good year" for
sale of Rogue valley orchard
products.

William von der Hellen and
Raymond Reter start construc-
tion of large new fruit ware-
house at end of South Central
avenue.

40 YEARS AGO
April 22, 1912
(It was Monday)
Medford residents organize
Driving club to place fairground
track in "first class condition,
holding matinees and maybe
schedule races on July 4."

Medford rancher reports his
110 hens produced 5,600 eggs in
90 days.

**Boys Said No Threat
To Jean-Clad Girls**
New York—(U.P.)—The tighter
the blue jeans, the harder it is
for a girl to sit down, but that's
the only danger she's in, accord-
ing to various experts.
From sportswear designers to
chorus girls, local authorities dis-
agree with the Lodi, Ohio, school
board's claim that blue jeans "in-
vite familiarity," and inspire
boys to pat and pinch.

"Who wants to pat a girl, real-
ly, I mean, in blue jeans,"
shrugged chorus Pat no kidding
Hardy. "We wear blue jeans to be
one of the boys."
When she heard that the Lodi
teen-agers were ordered to wear
skirts and not blue jeans to class
the 21-year-old brunette beauty
giggled. "Tell that fellow out in
Ohio that a pat in blue jeans is
just a way of saying hello. Pats
in shorts or dresses are for real."

Bobbing Bob and Jumping Joe

The views of Senator Taft, good and bad, are well known to the country; he has spoken out—sometimes wisely, some-
times not, but always forthrightly—on every major issue of
the day. It would be hard to see how Senator Taft, at this
late date, could add anything appreciable to the picture
familiar to the voters, Republican or otherwise.—Wall
Street Journal.

No one should be surprised that the "Wall Street
Journal" has a very high idea of Senator Robert
Alonzo Taft. He is "Wall Street's" "favorite son."
But to anyone who has tried to chart the Taft
record for "forthrightness" since he became a candi-
date for the presidency, attributing this quality to
"Mr. Republican" is surprising.

SENATOR Taft has weazled, wobbled, and double-
talked on practically every important issue.
We wish the Journal would tell us, for example,
what Senator Taft's opinion of Senator McCarthy
and McCarthyism really is?

In Wisconsin the Ohio Senator embraced both,
with a warmth and enthusiasm, which was as surpris-
ing in a man of his type and character as it was
shocking.

Even one of his former admirers, Richard H.
Rovere, gifted author and Washington correspond-
ent, couldn't "take it," and shortly thereafter in Har-
pers Magazine had this to say, quote:

"It is doubtful if American history provides an instance
of a man comparable in stature and prestige to Taft, saying
anything as subversive of democratic values, and the values
of any sort of civilized human society as the words of en-
couragement offered McCarthy by Taft."

But when Taft was confronted with this whole-
sale endorsement of the Wisconsin senator he denied
he had ever given any such endorsement and de-
clared the reporters had misquoted him.

THE Associated Press, United Press, the New York
Times, and finally Philip Potter, a Baltimore Sun
correspondent, denied Taft had been misquoted, the
latter in fact stated that Taft after urging McCarthy
to, quote:

"Keep talking, and if one case doesn't work out, proceed
with another."

—remarked to Potter that he was pleased to see the
reaction to McCarthy was, quote:

"Pretty good on the whole except here in Washington."

Senator Taft has never made any protest to Pot-
ter regarding this statement.

YET "Mr. Republican" at another time, when asked
his opinion of McCarthy and "McCarthyism," told
his press conference that he had no particular faith in
the accuracy of McCarthy's information, that while
he approved of his drive against communism he be-
lieved he often went too far and definitely he did
NOT approve of McCarthy's attacks on General Mar-
shall.

THIS so enraged the Wisconsin "smear-artist" that
he told his press conference the next day, he did
not believe Taft had ever said such a thing, and would
not until the Ohio senator told him it was true to his
face.

If there was ever a "face-to-face" confrontation,
the present writer could never find a report of it. But
it seems fair to assume, that Taft must have convinced
his colleague and political "alter ego" IN SOME
WAY, that his remarks did not mean what they seem-
ed to mean—otherwise the subsequent Taft-McCarthy
love-feast in Wisconsin would hardly have occurred.
—R.W.R.

What Does 'Forthright' Mean?

As a postscript to the above here are just a few
of the political contradictions and inconsistencies, of
"Mr. Republican" as he has staged his non-stop pre-
sidential campaign from coast to coast, from the Cana-
dian border to the Rio Grande, Senator Taft:

One day declared Russia did not have the long-distance
bombers to make any attack on the United States, and an-
other day he said Russia DID.

Advocated an all-out invasion of Communist China by
Chiang Kai-shek in Seattle.

In Portland the next day said he was not for an "all-out
invasion" of the Chinese mainland, but only an attack for
"diversionary purposes."

When he got to Pocatello, Idaho, he was opposed even to
this, unless the Red Chinese should move into Indo-China.
By the time Mr. Republican got to Denver, however, he
had dropped Chiang and returned to his position of many
months ago, that while he favored sending arms to south-
east Asia, under no circumstances would he send American
troops "unless we were absolutely sure of winning." (How
any nation could be absolutely SURE of winning any war in
this day and age and especially against the hordes of uncon-
quered China, Taft never explained.)

Asked later on if he would aid Chiang in Taft's proposed
invasion of China if the Nationalist leader got into trouble,
Mr. Republican replied: "No if that happens he would just
have to fall." (What Chiang thought of this proposal has
never been reported.)

In his book defining his foreign policy Senator
Taft proclaimed the following 5 points he favored:

- (1) Rearmament, (2) economic aid to non-communist
countries, (3) military aid to anti-communist countries, (4)
warn Soviet Union aggression beyond certain lines would be
regarded as cause for war, (5) sending U.S. troops to nations
threatened by Russia or under actual attack.

All these proposals had been adopted by the present ad-
ministration yet all of them were OPPOSED AT THE TIME
OF ADOPTION by Taft, and all appropriations to finance
them he wanted materially reduced. He continued, however,
to declare the Truman foreign policy, wasteful, undesirable,
resistance to Russian aggression in Korea a colossal and
ghastly blunder, UN action in Korea ineffective and the UN
a washout.

BUT the Wall Street Journal insists the views of Taft
are well known and always forthright!
What brand of dictionary does the Wall Street
Journal use?—R.W.R.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I'll just about balance this month's food budget. Tom's away
for two weeks and the children have had a lot of
invitations to eat out."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and
Stewart Alsop

THE EEL BARREL

Washington—Democratic party
politics, which have resembled
nothing so much as a barrel of
eels for the last week, are again
beginning to resume an intelli-
gible pattern. It is a very queer
pattern, to be sure, but at least
one can guess where it may lead.
A dominant figure in this pat-
tern, curiously enough, is Presi-
dent Harry S. Truman. He was
supposed to lose all his influence,
according to the traditional rules,
the moment he declared he
would not run again. As things
have turned out, however, the
President will probably have a
considerable influence, and he is
planning to use it to the full.

IN BRIEF, the President intends
to do everything he can to get
the Democratic candidacy of W.
Averell Harriman off the ground.
He has already gone infinitely
further than President Roosevelt
did, in the rather comparable
time when he was seeking to pro-
mote the candidacy of Harry L.
Hopkins. Truman will continue
in the same vein. And he will
be helped by the New York lead-
ers who have now made Harri-
man their favorite son, and by
the other northeastern chief-
tains who have been left with no
where else to go by the defection
of Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of
Illinois.

But if the Harriman candidacy
fails to develop popular appeal,
and if the Republicans seem at
all likely to nominate Sen. Rob-
ert A. Taft, the President can be
expected to take a new look at
his problem. In the event that
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is
the Republican choice, the Presi-
dent may well be willing to see
Sen. Estes Kefauver carry the
Democratic standard, on the as-
sumption that Kefauver will be
beaten anyway. But Truman is
known to think that the election
of Kefauver will be a national
tragedy, and to regard the elec-
tion of Taft as a national catas-
trophe.

Nonetheless, if Gen. Eisen-
hower is the Republican nomi-
nee, Stevenson will almost cer-
tainly refuse even the most insis-
tent draft. But if Taft is the oppo-
sition choice, the Democratic con-
vention looks like being pretty
interesting after all.

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Six New POW Camps Opened in Korea

Panmunjom, Korea—(U.P.)—
The United Nations Command
disclosed that it has opened six
new camps for Communist war
prisoners in South Korea.

The Allies gave the location of
the new camps to the Commu-
nists at a truce negotiating ses-
sion Tuesday and promised to
hand over later the names of
prisoners who have been trans-
ferred there.

Moving Inland
It was believed the UN com-
mand is moving inland those
prisoners who wish to return to
North Korea and Red China. The
move also will break up bands
of Communists believed respon-
sible for the riots at the Kojie
Island prison camp.

Col. George W. Hickman of
the UN said after the hour and
40-minute meeting that both
sides still are exploring ways to
reconcile the UN demand for
voluntary repatriation of pris-
oners with the Communists' insis-
tence on the return of all cap-
tives.

In an adjoining conference
tent, an Allied staff officer ac-
cused the Reds of not even try-
ing to negotiate an armistice.

UNFORTUNATELY, it seems
to be the consensus of the
politicians and observers that
Harriman's New York speech,
while every way admirable, did
not light the fire which was
hoped from it. Probably the trou-
ble was that he tried too hard,
for he is conscious of his peculiar
problem, and he works over his

Meet the Candidates

Editor's note: This is one of
a series of statements furnish-
ed by candidates for local of-
fice in the primary election
May 16. They are being pub-
lished by The Mail Tribune
as a free service to the candi-
dates, and for the information
of readers wishing to inform
themselves of candidates' po-
sitions relative to their candi-
dacy.

By PAUL HAVILAND
Republican
for District Attorney

As Jackson county takes its
place as an increasingly import-
ant population center, the po-
sition of the District Attorney also
becomes a more important fac-
tor in our way of life.

There are ever changing prob-
lems in a well organized commu-



PAUL HAVILAND

nity which affect many human
lives. The District Attorney must
face these problems without
fear, hesitation or consideration
for special privileged groups.

My early legal education and
training in Oregon, my expe-
rience with the Federal Bureau
of Investigation and my service
with the District Attorney's of-
fice have made me conscious of
a public official's responsibility
to the people who have elected
him to represent them, not as
individuals, but as a group de-
siring good government.

Should the voters, after care-
ful consideration, elect to retain
me as District Attorney, I shall
continue to conduct the office
for the protection of the inno-
cent and prosecution of the
guilty, regardless of creed, color
or political affiliation.

He is finding a sympathetic
audience, moreover, since Ste-
venson's New York appearance
convinced the assembled Demo-
crats that the Illinois Governor
was THE man who can prevent
their expulsion from the land of
milk and honey.

Congressional Quiz

Questions and Answers on What Goes on at the Capital
Furnished by Congressional Quarterly News Features

Q—Did the House approve
funds for a U.S. envoy to the
Vatican?

A—In passing April 4 the \$1
billion appropriation bill for the
State, Commerce and Justice De-
partments, the House upheld a
committee rider that said none
of the money could be used for
maintaining a foreign mission
prior to Senate confirmation of
an appointee to the mission.
(There is no Vatican envoy at
present.) Rep. John J. Rooney's
(D-N.Y.) motion to strike out
the section was defeated, as was
Alfred D. Slemenski's (D-N.J.)
amendment to exempt the Vati-
can.

Q—Does my boss have to let
me off so I can vote on election
day?

A—It depends on your state's
laws. The Supreme court March
3 upheld a Missouri law which
requires employers to give work-
ers four hours off with pay on
election days. Twenty-four other
states have laws requiring time
off for voting, but not all require
pay.

Q—How many lawmakers
made known their stands on all
roll-call votes this year?

A—Twenty-two Democrats
and 18 Republicans in the Sen-
ate did so on the 24 roll calls in
the first three months, according
to Congressional Quarterly's "On
the Record" compilation of votes
and declared stands. In the
House, 35 Democrats and 48 Re-
publicans missed no opportunity
to make known their roll-call
positions on the 22 roll calls in
that chamber. The average Sena-
tor went on record 89.8 per cent
of the time; the average for Rep-
resentatives was 82.4 per cent.

Q—Was anything done about
rumors that the Chairman of the
Congressional committee inves-
tigating tax cases had intervened

Locusts, Communists Factors in Iranian Economy and Future

Editors note: This is the sec-
ond dispatch in a series deal-
ing with the three great
prizes in the struggle between
East and West.

By PHIL NEWSOM
United Press Foreign Analyst
Whether Iran is to erupt in
chaos and eventually fall prey
to the Communists may depend
on the locusts.

Settlement of
Iran's oil dis-
pute with Brit-
ain also is a
factor, but ap-
parently not so
important as
had been
from the oil
thought. The
Iranian peas-
ant received
little benefit
income, anyway. Now, however,
for the first time in his life he
is becoming a landowner.
His entire future is tied up in
the land, and much of it in this
year's crops. That's why, under
the U. S. Point Four Program,
so much attention is being paid
to locust control throughout the
entire Middle East, and why
anxious eyes scan the skies for
the first sign of the great locust
swarms which destroy every-
thing in their path.

Target for Tudeh
Should the land reform pro-
gram fail or should the peasant
be wiped out by the locusts, then
he will become another ready-
made target for the Communist
Party, or, as it is known in Iran,
the Tudeh.

A Westerner finds it almost
impossible to understand the in-
ternal working of Iran.
In the main, Iran has been
owned lock, stock and barrel by
about 100 big landowners. They
own whole villages, and some
individual holdings are larger
than Switzerland. Shah Moham-
med Reza Pahlavi, one of the
richest men in the world, alone
owns 1,376 villages outright,
large portions of another 706
and nearly 2,000 vast land tracts
reserved for grazing.

Living Contrasted
The large landowners live
mostly in the cities in the midst
of great wealth, while the peas-
ant subsists in poverty on a diet
of a loaf of bread per day and,
if he's lucky, a little wine.

The landowners have resisted
the reform government strenu-
ously but are being forced into
it because it is being strongly
supported by the Shah, who sys-
tematically is distributing all his
holdings and giving the peasants
many years to pay for them.

A difficulty is that farming
methods are crude, and many of
the peasants, ignorant, and il-
literate, have fallen victim to the
Iranian version of the loan shark.
Land banks and other govern-
ment projects now are being set
up to protect him.

Red Party Active
Meanwhile, the outlawed Tu-
deh Party still is the most active
in Iran and provides Premier
Mohammed Mossadegh with one
of his greatest headaches. How-
ever, much of the steam has
been taken out of the Communist
sales talks by the land reform
program and by the program to
nationalize the oil industry.
If Iran is to stay out of Com-
munist hands, it appears the land
program must succeed and a set-
tlement must be found for the
oil problem. Iran's economy did
not collapse, as had been feared,
with the shutdown of the oil in-
dustry. But the loss of more
than \$100,000,000 annually in
income and wages definitely left
it shaky.

Gold Hill Improving Sewage Facilities

Gold Hill—Work will be com-
pleted in two or three weeks on
bringing the Gold Hill sewage
disposal plant up to state stand-
ards, City Recorder Ferd W.
Jones, said Monday.

Jones stated that the present
changes and additions were nec-
essary to meet state demands
and that, when complete, they
will provide a "well-equipped"
service "favorably meeting" the
requirements for such opera-
tions.

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steadying light that pierces
the dark. In heartfelt thank-
fulness they found comfort.
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which grief and loneliness
can no longer shadow.

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come that they might have
life, and that they might
have it more abundantly"
(John 10), now take on
fresh assurance.

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