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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

May 12, 1942
(It was Tuesday)
Second fatal accident in week on construction of Camp White occurs when railroad brakeman hit by train.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The sheriff, who has no competition at the polls, reports he misses running for office without shaking a hand or leg. He will come out of the campaign full of confidence instead of Grange chicken dinners.

20 YEARS AGO

May 12, 1922
(It was Thursday)
Infant son of Col. and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh found dead near parents' New Jersey estate; widespread hunt begins for killer.

Cut in local costs of refrigerator car leasing expected to save thousands of dollars for Rogue valley orchardists.

30 YEARS AGO

May 12, 1922
(It was Friday)
Students in Medford's Jackson school give up candy, moving pictures, gum and ice cream for one week to aid starving orphans in the Near East.

Federal government reports a cut in expenditures of \$1,600,000 during fiscal year 1921-1922.

40 YEARS AGO

May 12, 1912
(It was Sunday)
Medford Commercial club discusses means of promoting construction of railroad from Rogue valley to Crescent City.

Survey by Greater Medford club shows sanitation in city "needs some correction but in general is good."

Communist Casualties

Total 2,534 in Week

Seoul, Korea.—(U.P.)—The U. S. 8th Army announced Monday that 2,534 Communist soldiers were killed, wounded or captured in fighting in Korea during the week of May 1-7.

Of this number, 1,149 were killed, the 8th Army said.

The battlefront Monday was quiet. United Nations artillery repelled a series of light enemy probing actions northwest of Yonchon, west of the Mundung Valley and northeast of Kunhwa. In the air war Sunday, 19 Sabrejets pounced on a flight of 10 Communist MIG-15's, damaging two of the Russian-built jets in an aerial battle.

Mothers Day Presents

Handed Out by Judge

New York.—(U.P.)—A magistrate gave 41 mamas a Mothers' Day present by releasing them from jail cells where they had been held overnight on gambling charges.

As the women, ranging up to 75 years in age, left the courtroom, Magistrate Joseph A. Martin, who had dismissed disorderly conduct charges against them, shouted: "And a happy Mothers' day to you."

Spokane.—(U.P.)—Saffy Johnson, 17-year-old theater employee from Soap Lake, ruled Monday as queen of the Columbia Basin water festival.

Do You Believe It?

After writing our Sunday editorial declaring there had been no refutation of the original charge made in this department regarding the District Attorney race, a communication from Murphy, Oregon, was received claiming to provide such refutation.

We don't usually print communications from non-residents of Jackson County, regarding purely local issues; but this one was so extraordinary that we felt a portion of it at least deserved comment.

Here is the portion, quote:

Recently, I have been upset by the assertions on the front pages of your paper and by radio talks, saying that the County is wide open for organized gambling. I do not believe that this is a tough community but I have been a law enforcement officer for so long that I know that statements like this encourage and invite organized gamblers to come in and establish their business. If these stories are repeated much more they will go up and down the entire coast and I can guarantee that you will see organized hoodlums attempting to make these stories come true. I know that organized gambling is unable to establish itself in this County because of our efficient police organization and the District Attorney's office but I know that when the hoodlums come in to our County because this kind of publishing has continued and the result will probably be that a police officer is injured or killed. This is too high a price when there is no basis for the statements we are hearing.

Now that is something to frame and put up in the Sanctum Sanctorum for perennial reference!

We have heard many "alibis" for the non-enforcement of the gambling laws by our present District Attorney, but that the elimination of such a situation (which is the only purpose of the assertions in this newspaper to which our Correspondent objects) would INCREASE the violations, and make Jackson County a mecca for gamblers and organized hoodlums, marks a new high not only in the realm of what isn't true, but the EXACT reverse of the truth!

WE DON'T know much about this man who CLAIMS he is an ex-law enforcement officer in Jackson County, or how familiar he is with other law enforcement situations in the state, but we would advise him to take a trip through the state and Southern Oregon before he makes any further pronouncement on the advantages and disadvantages of law enforcement.

We would suggest particularly he consult Mayor Lee and District Attorney John McCourt of Portland (where the laws against gambling incidentally HAVE been enforced and without signed complaints); also Charles P. Pray, former chief of the Oregon state police; Attorney General Neuner and Governor McKay in Salem; not overlooking the FBI state headquarters, where he can find a complete list of the gambling houses and devices NOW OPERATING IN JACKSON COUNTY—and licensed to do so although against the state laws!

ALSO he might stop in and consult the editor of The Oregonian as to the effect of Mayor Lee's crusade against the gamblers "in that metropolis"—also what the situation was when Mayor Lee started, as to the number of "hoodlums and slot machines" in the city limits, and what the situation is NOW. If our correspondent is so sorely upset by the front-page assertions in this newspaper, we wonder in what state of mind he would have been had he read the front pages of the Portland newspaper when the boss of the gambling ring made the same statement he now makes that there was "no organized crime" in fragrant and beautiful Multnomah!

We believe The Oregonian editor would tell him what the result of the drive to enforce the state gambling laws—ALL the laws—was up there.

The gamblers and the hoodlums apparently did not migrate to Southern Oregon but they did get out and took their paraphernalia with them—or at least most of them—and here is what The Oregonian recently had to say about it, quote:

When Mayor Lee took office the police department was weakened by politics, factionalism and tolerance of gambling and vice. One of her first steps was to call out of retirement Charles P. Pray, ex-chief of the Oregon state police, under whose direction many changes in assignments were made and civil service restored. His successor, Chief Donald I. McNamara, apparently has carried on.

One hears Mayor Lee criticized as a "blue nose" because there has virtually disappeared from the city, during her vigorous administration, such devices and amusements as slot machines, gambling games and book-making parlors. It has coincided with the enforcement work of District Attorney John McCourt. But that was anticipated and, we think, desired by the voters when they elected her. Portland actually was ahead of the nationwide revolt of the people, dramatized by Senator Kefauver's committee, against the inevitable and costly alliance of gambling and politics. We doubt that Portland wants to become, as it was in wartime, a city in which "anything goes."

There is a very important and pertinent point—the voters of Portland WANTED organized gambling stopped when they elected Mrs. Lee.

Well WHAT do the people of Jackson County—or at least the Republicans—want when they elect a District Attorney for another 6 years?

BUT WHAT'S the use?

Anyone who, like our correspondent, can seriously claim that the way to keep gamblers and gangsters OUT of Jackson County is to elect a "D.A." who won't enforce the laws against them; and the way to keep them HERE is to enforce the laws to keep them OUT—anyone with that sort of reasoning process certainly is beyond the reach of any arguments or facts this department could present.

However, to those who haven't carried hypocritical partisan rationalization to the point of complete assiduity, we would like to propound this query, to wit:

How many of the ancient and honorable order of "One-Armed Bandits Inc." would be working their heads off (and their hearts out) for the reelection of District Attorney Haviland if they thought after election he WOULD enforce the laws against them and against gambling?

Think that over Mr. and Mrs. Voter!—R.W.R.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"A peach ceiling, eh? You got a couple of peaches around that we could use for inspirations?"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

BEHIND THE KOREAN CRISIS

Washington.—Behind the new crisis in Korea, there is a tragicomic story. After months of hopeless heckling, our negotiators were at last convinced—and with good reason—that the Communists genuinely wanted to end the fighting in Korea. Every outstanding disagreement had at least been compromised, and then the Communist prisoners in our hands in effect rejected the compromise by an overwhelming vote.

A month or so ago, when there were such high hopes, there were only three disputed points on the agenda. These were the supervision of the Armistice, the construction of additional airfields in North Korea and the return of prisoners.

With hard-headed realism, our policy-makers concluded that it did not matter much whether Poland or the Soviet Union supervised the Armistice on the Communist side. They also concluded that it did not matter much whether the Communists promised to build no more North Korean airfields, since they would cheat if they could get away with it. Hence, they decided to offer the compromise disclosed by President Truman, ignoring the airfields issue, letting the Communists save face on their nomination of Russia as an Armistice supervisor, and insisting only that no prisoners would be forcibly repatriated.

ALMOST immediately, Gen. Nam Il and the Communist negotiators indicated that his "package deal" would probably be satisfactory to them. Even in the matter of the prisoners, which they had pressed most violently, they receded from their former position. By an elaborate system of juggling, the Communists were to retain some South Koreans, while we were to retain the Chinese and North Korean captives who chose our side. Previously the Communists had demanded that ALL prisoners must be exchanged, at gunpoint if need be.

At this point, ironically enough, both the American and Communist negotiators thought that the proportion of prisoners wishing to stay with us would be relatively small.

We have 170,000 prisoners, of which 132,000 are uniformed combatants. Out of the 132,000 combatants, our people and their Communist opposite numbers both thought only a few thousand Chinese and North Koreans would refuse to go home—the figure of 2,500 was officially quoted in Washington. But our negotiators were convinced that if we could return even as many as 110,000 combatant prisoners (thus retaining 22,000), all could somehow be arranged.

The suggestion for screening the prisoners emanated from the Communist side, underlining their confidence in the outcome. On our side, we did everything we could to justify this confidence. We gave the widest publicity to the Communist assurances that all returning prisoners would be treated like the prodigal son. And we just about asked the prisoners, "You do want to go home, don't you?"

The results, again ironically, horrified the American policy-makers as much as it enraged the Communists. A large majority of the total prisoners, including three-quarters of the 20,000-odd Chinese in our hands, chose to stay with us. The result was a situation where face saving and juggling were no longer possible.

THE interesting aspect of this wry little story is, very simply, a clear proof of the Communist desire to bring the Korean fighting to an end. They were not—they almost certainly are not—willing to end the fighting at the expense of an enormous loss of face, any more than we are willing to do so at the

expense of using more than 100,000 men in our hands for human sacrifice—which is what forcible repatriation would amount to. But an end of the fighting was unquestionably desired by the enemy, as by us.

As these words were written, the American policy-makers are uncertain of the outcome, but dimly hope against hope that world opinion would persuade Peking and the Kremlin to accept a heavy loss of face after all. Our allies, particularly the British, are optimistically suggesting "rescreening" the prisoners, on the theory that the problem may thus be brought within manageable bounds. Yet they support us on the basic principles. We do not intend to take the initiative in ending the haggling at Panmunjom, since we have no clear idea what to do if the truce talks break down. And the odds are quoted at about two-to-one against the other side breaking off the truce talks and resuming the offensive.

Thus the chances are that the whole ugly, costly, dreary business will simply drag on, at least until a new American president has been elected. Yet the inherent danger of the situation must not be forgotten. The Communists now have a million troops and an air force of 2,000 planes ready for action in Korea; and while building up all stockpiles, they have also accumulated powerful armored forces and reserves of artillery. They probably will stay behind their fortified lines, but they may attack. If they do so, the war will hardly be possible to localize any longer. When you have got to skate on thin ice, it is well to remember that this seemingly solid substance can crack and dissolve in an instant.

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West Germany Riot Causes Fatality

Essen, Germany.—(U.P.)—One person was killed and two others wounded seriously Sunday in an exchange of gunfire between police and 30,000 Communist-led demonstrators protesting the Allied peace contract with West Germany.

Eight police were hurt less seriously in the skirmish which also was marked by stone throwing and fist fights.

The fatality was the first to occur in such demonstrations in West Germany since the war, and the clash marked the first time Communist demonstrators had used gunfire against police.

Thirty alleged ringleaders were under arrest and scheduled to appear in court. Another 218 suspects were released after being held briefly.

The victim was said to have belonged to the forbidden Communist "Free German Youth."

Unrepaid Political Loans Bill's Target

Washington.—(U.P.)—Rep. Carl T. Curtis, R-Neb., has introduced a bill making it illegal for taxpayers to write off unrepaid loans to political parties as bad debts.

The legislation grew out of recent charges by Sen. John J. Williams, R-Del., that the Internal Revenue Bureau had permitted three wealthy men to deduct unrepaid loans to the Democratic party from their income tax returns. The bureau said the rulings were "based on application of the law to the particular facts."

The Mail Tribune Recommendations for May Primary

REPUBLICAN

For President: Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Republican National Committeeman: Jesse Gard, Multnomah, No. 12.

Delegates to National Convention: Wm. McAllister, No. 47
Senator Wayne Morse, No. 53
Governor Douglas McKay, No. 48
Howard Belton, No. 17
H. Clay Myers, No. 54
Lamar Tooez, No. 65
Robert Elliott, No. 25
Frank E. Fowler, No. 29
Mark Hatfield, No. 35
Samuel H. Martin, No. 45

District Delegates to National Convention: Mrs. C. L. Hopkins,
G. R. Brantley

Alternate Delegates: Catherine Holtz
Gordon Orput
J. O. Johnson
Mrs. C. E. Miller

State Treasurer: Fred E. Robinson.

Attorney General: Leonard I. Lindas.

District Attorney: Walter D. Nunley

County Assessor: Robert (Bob) Fowler.

DEMOCRATIC

For President: Estes Kefauver.

National Committeeman: Monroe Sweetland.

Delegate to Convention: Nancy Honeyman Robinson.

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.

Booster vs. Knocker

To the Editor: In your paper a few days ago I read that a gentleman from California came here to get away from the smoke they have there. He started to knock the valley at once without even investigating the place to see if everything suited him. Not even had he a guardian to advise and protect him. Dear old California is full of very fine people, and most of them I think can take the bitter with the sweet. Snudge smoke is a bitter pill, but on the other hand, what state or city is there that is just right in every way. If that were true, there wouldn't be enough room for all the people who would want to come to live there.

The longer I live, 73 years now, the more I appreciate seeing the beautiful green fields, mountains, rivers, wildflowers—everything put here and everywhere else for all the people to enjoy and appreciate.

God made all these things. They didn't just grow. Everything alive must have a start in the beginning.

I might advise the people who so dislike the smudge to go farther north to Roseburg, or else. I wonder in that case would they soon want to return where they could be sure of three square meals a day if they chose to work a little.

T. A. Culbertson
Sticky lane, Box 213
Medford

Favors DST

To the Editor: I have sat around and read the articles written by a few grippers around this town squawking about DST. What have they got against DST? Are they a little bit afraid they will have to get up an hour early in the morning?

It looks like the only way a working man can get enough time in the evening to do some work for himself. It's either get enough daylight in good weather or hire it done. Of course some people have the money to hire it done or are too lazy to do it themselves!

I can't see where DST is helping the Main street business men any more than the ordinary person.

Let's hear from a few more in answer to these grippers.

Art Johnson
838 South Riverside
Avenue

Who Is Slinging Mud?

To the Editor: A man can't really sell his product unless he believes in his heart what he is saying, and these people who have been attacking our public authorities over a criminal situation they claim they have just recently discovered, don't sound

EDITOR'S NOTE—We have

received a number of communications directly endorsing candidates in the Primary from residents who will not allow their names or addresses to be used, but ask to have them placed on file.

Although this permission has been granted under normal conditions, as noted above; it has not been granted in any hotly contested political campaign, and can't be in this one.

In other words communications of a highly personal and controversial nature—particularly of a political type must include the writer's name, and proper identification of same.

to me like they believe what they are saying themselves. Before you try to walk yourself into the job by using another man's good reputation for a door mat, your attack on him ought to be so sincere that it is a heart stimulant instead of mouthwash.

Before a newcomer candidate tries to make up the county's morals he ought to make up his own mind first and so far as I have been able to see, the only thing that the one who is slinging all the mud is sure of is that he wants the job.

I don't personally know either of the candidates for District Attorney but I must say that Haviland is still earning my respect and my vote because he hasn't gotten down on the same level and rooted around in the mud with the other fellow. Nobody ever convinced me that he himself was particularly worth while when he tried to do it by telling me how rotten he thought the other fellow was. It always makes me want to say "look who is saying what about who."

Elwood V. Best
1245 South Riverside
Avenue

Kerosene-Kindled Fire Fatal to Four

Lima, Ohio.—(U.P.)—Authorities said Monday a father's attempt to kindle a fire with kerosene caused an explosion and fire that killed four young children and injured five other persons in a crowded two-room house.

Harry Cavanaugh, 53, the father, said that once the blaze started, it moved "so fast" he was unable to save his children. Cavanaugh is in "fair" condition in a hospital here with burns he suffered.

Dead line Sunways Classifieds is 11 noon Saturdays

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Communist war prisoners on one of our prisoner-of-war islands off the mainland of Korea captures an American brigadier general and held him as a hostage to enforce demands they seem to be making on us in connection with the truce negotiations.

They must have been reading about these penitentiary revolts in Michigan and New Jersey.

I SUSPECT there is quite a little in this business that hasn't met the public eye. Before forming an opinion, we'd better wait until the censorship turns loose a little more information.

IN BERKELEY, at 1 a.m. the other morning a 46-year-old woman answered a ring of the doorbell. No one was in sight, but on the doorknob was a plain white envelope containing \$11,700 in cash—exactly the amount she lost two weeks ago in a San Francisco bus terminal.

She says she's not answering any questions.

REMEMBER the case of the painters who were moving stuff around in the attic of a Los Angeles home they were painting and came across \$90,000 in cash—which they turned over to relatives of the owner, who was away on a trip?

As I recall it, the owner asked no questions in that case.

AND do you recall the fellow in Reno whose house was robbed of umpteen hundred thousand dollars worth of property, including quite a wad of ready cash in bills of large denomination?

As I remember the circumstances, he displayed no great amount of curiosity and asked few questions.

WHAT'S happening?

Is money of so little use to people in these days that they leave large sums of it lying around and display little or no curiosity when it disappears?

I SUPPOSE I could ask other questions, but I might get sued for libel if I did. Nobody likes to be suspected of trying dodges to evade taxes.

These people might all have so much money that the loss of a few tens or hundreds of thousands makes little difference to them.

THAT leads to another thought:

We'd ALL have plenty of money in these days if we could just keep old Uncle Sam from reaching into our pockets.

Man Bitten by Snakes

Protests Assistance

Lyon, France.—(U.P.)—Miguel Miccollozo, 34, went to a side show tent Sunday, lifted the lid of a snake cage and let several vipers bite him.

When attendants rushed him to a local hospital, he protested: "I have the right to die in my own way."

She Gave Most

Geo. N. Taylor

Of old, God's Chosen People gave 1/10 of their fruits, vegetables, money—gain into the Lord's treasury. Then came Christ who pointed to the poor widow who poured in her last penny. She gave more than they all, said Christ.

Many of the Lord's people today give a tenth but Christ gave His all. For ever and ever He was God. But in the fullness of time He stripped off His glory, took human birth, proved Himself to be God by raising the dead up to life. Then He stepped into our shoes, took our sins and God the Father counted Him a sinner in our place.—Christ has once for all suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.—1st Peter 3:18. For God so loved you that he gave His Only-Born Son that if you should believe on Him, you should not perish but have eternal life.

A Seattle family would have you know all over again, how God saves Mr. Respectable as well as the down and outers.

Adv.



Keep An Experienced Man On The Job!

VOTE FOR J. B. COLEMAN

REPUBLICAN for COUNTY JUDGE

CONTINUE BUSINESS—LIKE PROGRESSIVE ADMINISTRATION!

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