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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 29, 1942

(It was Friday)

Alterations and repairs underway on new United Service Organizations (USO) building at Main and Bartlett streets.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Prices of women's dresses have been "frozen" at the fall prices of 1941. This leaves the garment and the wearer in approximately the same fix.

30 YEARS AGO

May 29, 1912

(It was Sunday)

Cooperative logging plan starts in Butte Falls area; workers to receive 60 per cent of maximum wage scale plus 50 per cent of all proceeds above that.

Eugene contractors lease 30 acres near Ruch for mining venture to be operated on royalty basis.

30 YEARS AGO

May 29, 1922

(It was Monday)

Medford men over 17 years of age urged to join the National Guard so they can get "a free vacation" to citizen's training camp at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Bill Kamm, San Francisco third baseman, sold to Chicago White Sox for \$125,000 in "biggest deal in history of organized baseball."

40 YEARS AGO

May 29, 1912

(It was Wednesday)

Rogue valley fishermen protest against decision by Oregon attorney general which allows the sale of salmon caught with rod and reel.

Medford residents approve bond issue to pay for construction of bridge on East Main street by margin of 416 to 81.

Convention Trip Offered Young GOP

An opportunity for some young non-voter in Oregon to attend the Republican national convention in Chicago in July is being offered by the Young Republican Federation of Oregon. It was announced today.

The plan will memorialize the late Bill Duffy, a young Republican who was killed in Korea before he became old enough to vote. Some young Republican will be sent to the convention "in his name and in his stead."

Those applying for the chance must be under 21 years of age on July 7, and should write a letter of not more than 1,000 words "telling why you are going to register as a Republican when you become 21 years old."

Letters may be addressed to the Duffy Memorial Fund, care Donald C. Walker, Equitable building, Portland 4, Oregon. They must be postmarked before June 15, 1952, and include the names of two references who know the applicant personally.

Spokane — (UP) — Arthur L. True, 77, former state legislator and co-founder of True's Oil Co., suffered a fatal heart attack at his home here Tuesday night.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, May 27— "LEST WE FORGET!"

Not very long ago a hearing was held before the California Public Utilities Commission in Dunsmuir regarding the elimination of all S.P. passenger traffic between Southern Oregon and California, to and from.

We have forgotten the exact figures quoted by the S.P. experts, but they were so impressive one of Medford's leading financiers informed the writer he did not blame that "billion-dollar railroad" for stopping the trains and substituting buses—"seeing as how" they were losing so much money on this 100-mile operation.

It was stated in this department at the time that this passenger service AS A WHOLE (the Shasta Daylight service to and from S.F.), was EXTREMELY profitable, that the Medford-Dunsmuir portion was merely a "small feeder" to same, that it was as silly to base rail service on the profits of this single link in the chain as it would be to base interstate service on the Overland route upon the profits of that short portion of the S.P. between Indio, California, and Yuma, Arizona.

In short, it was all nuts, a phoney and a hold-up! But no one paid much attention to this protest—least of all the S.P. and the PUC of California.

But what do we see now, boys and girls?

The S. P. has so much surplus cash-money on hand, there is to be a fat two for one stock-split, the regular dividend is to be raised, and the stock that was quoted at 8, not so very long ago, has now passed \$75 and is approaching \$100.

That is nice news for the stockholders, of course! But how about the poor devils, who when they travel to California, have to take a bus, that loosens their bridge work—if they have any—dislocates their recently adjusted spine, and around the curves induces a mal-de-mer that spoils their appetite for dinner?

Well, it's a sad story, mates, but they — the poor passengers—just don't count!

We have never met the new President of the S.P. but have a certain pride in the fact he is an ex-Jacksonville boy. He rose from brakeman, or newsboy, or was it fireman?—on the J-Ville "Cannon ball," to be President of the Southern Pacific. That places him above the class of Abraham Lincoln, who only rose from a log cabin in the foothills of Kaintucky to the White House! We have met his vice-President, Claude Peterson, and we wager they would both agree one of the great dangers to the future of this country is INFLATION!!

Gladly we OK that. BUT— Might we inquire what COULD stimulate U.S. inflation MORE, than for one of the largest corporations in the country, instead of reducing passenger and freight rates when profits soar to unprecedented heights, asking for a raise in those profits from the ICC—getting the raise!—and as the money pours in—and in—discontinuing a needed public service to Southern Oregon to slightly increase that golden stream, so dividends may be boosted higher and higher, and the stock structure, ditto!

We would like to have Messers Russel and Peterson answer that one, but doubt if they ever will!

We don't like that Koje prison situation a little bit. Not so much because it indicates a woeful lack of power and discipline on the part of the U.S. army prison system—which it does—but because it indicates a spirit of fanatical devotion to communism, on the part of a vast majority of the prisoners. When men of any race, color or breed, are willing to fight with their bare hands against control by any armed authority, there is a spirit that is inspiring in a good cause, but very ominous in a bad one.

Averill Harriman, candidate for President, arrived in S. F. last night and will start his campaign today with a speech before the Commonwealth Club. He is supposed to be President Truman's candidate and an effort will be made to beat Kefauver in the primary. About as much chance, we would say, as the Taft delegates have of beating Governor Warren's delegation, to the Chicago convention.

The anti-Warren Republicans have headquarters across the street and many pictures of their leader, Congressman Werdel pasted up, which won't win many votes on looks—about as prepossessing as the Rogues Gallery exhibit down at the 7th street postoffice.

Last night movie-veteran Adolphe Menjou opened the radio campaign here with a blast at Warren, playing the same squeaky record used in the gubernatorial contest led by Jimmy Roosevelt two years ago. Perhaps Werdel will do better than Jimmy, but we doubt it—he could hardly do worse. Because Governor Warren believes in social progress, he is called a socialist; because he favors federal aid in the matter of health, he is for socialized medicine; because he supports General Eisenhower, he is a militarist, etc. etc. ad nauseam. Menjou has a good voice and forceful delivery, so will probably have a job throughout the campaign—which is something—but we don't believe he will ever be named GOP ambassador to France, as he hopes!

Took on a doubleheader across the bay between Oakland and San Diego which the Padres won hands down, much to Mel Ott's disgust. We can't qualify as a baseball FANatic, but a few years ago we did predict a giant first baseman on the San Diego team, by the name of Luke Easter would not stay in San Diego long, but would soon be in the "Big Time." He was, the next year, and now is a star on the league leading Cleveland Indians.

Now we predict a giant catcher on the San Diego team by the name of Lonnie Summers will soon follow Easter's example. Summers knocked a homer over the left field fence with the same ease and smooth-swing exhibited by Easter, only the latter preferred right field. Both men are colored—in fact, we have a hunch when it comes to baseball STARS, the Caucasians are in a minority—or close to it. For example, look at the Giants and Brooklyn.

Incidentally, Eisenhower is not entered in the California primary, but there are plenty of Eisenhower buttons about. A vote for Warren will be a vote for Eisenhower in reality, for while the Governor has refused to come out publicly for the General, it is known, his delegation when released (uninstructed), will at once move over into the Eisenhower camp.

Feels like old times once more—the morning and evening fogs have come back!—R.W.R.

Food Price Indexes Differ On Fluctuation of Costs

By UNITED PRESS

A market reporting firm said wholesale food prices have dropped for the first time in a month but another index said overall consumer prices were nearing the all-time high of January, 1952.

The Dun and Bradstreet wholesale price index dropped three cents this week to \$6.45 from \$6.48 last week. It stood at \$7.16 last year.

Housewives Warned

However, the National Industrial Conference board's index rose one per cent to move within 0.2 per cent of the January record.

Housewives were warned, meanwhile, that higher prices on frozen foods and many canned goods will go into effect next week upon authorization by the Office of Price Administration.

Four food distribution groups said the increases will have little effect on the total cost of a family's weekly market basket. They said OPS was using "scarce tactics."

Potato retailers complained they can't buy at ceiling prices because wholesalers are demanding up to \$12 a bag for spuds. Government officials said some retailers were going directly to farmers for potatoes at normal prices.

Three complaints were filed in the federal court at St. Paul, Minn., charging violations of potato price ceilings. More complaints were expected.

OPS officials also began investigating reports of a black market in potatoes in northern Illinois. Activities in 34 counties were under scrutiny.

Man Asks Voters To Follow God's Knowledge

Des Moines, Ia. — (UP) — Herschel Loveless, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, cut his speech to the state convention Wednesday to only one sentence.

"When you enter the voting booth next Monday, the only ones there will be you and God," he said, "and God knows I need your vote."

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"You've mowed your lawn twice this week—don't you think she'd be just as aware of you if you were on this side of the fence mowing your OWN lawn?"

Matter of Fact

by Joseph Alsop

THE DESPERATE ACT

Mineral Wells, Texas—An important Republican gathering in Texas used to seem about as likely an event by the ancient rules of American politics, as a synod of atheists in St. Peter's Cathedral. Yet the Republican State Convention held here in this rather bleak, little resort town in Texas hill country can quite easily turn out to be a major turning point in the party's history.

There has been more here than a bitter and crucial contest between the supporters of Sen. Robert Taft and General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower. Behind the usual facade of willed delegates, usually banners of party managers exuding false self-confidence, people here have been arguing bitterly about what sort of party the Republican party ought to be.

The simplest way to describe the concept of the Taft faction is to say they appear to believe that Republicanism is almost like the British peerage, a rare, hereditary privilege. The best symbol of this viewpoint is National Committeeman Henry Zweifel, who has driven the Taft steamroller here.

Zweifel is a graying, aging Fort Worth lawyer-businessman who was a United States Attorney in the happy Republican years of the '20s. He took the lead in the campaign of naked religious prejudice that won this state for Herbert Hoover on the only occasion when Texas has gone Republican. He inherited the state leadership from the late Col. R. B. Creager, whose name carries the tradition back to another big Taft convention, 1912, when the word "steamroller" was added to the American political vocabulary.

THE Zweifel political approach is disclosed by his public declaration that he would rather "lose with Sen. Taft" than sinfully compromise with Republican principles by nominating General Eisenhower. Like Creager before him, Zweifel has run the Texas Republican Party like a small private club.

Like Creager, to be sure, he has also issued pious statements, before each national election, that now was the time for a two-party system to develop in Texas. But in fact, the emergence of a two-party system in Texas is the last thing Zweifel wants. His sole distinction, the only thing that sets him apart from Texans, is his post as National Committeeman. And if the Texas Republican Party here were anything but a small private club, the competition would be too stiff for Henry Zweifel.

Senator Taft long ago sewed up Zweifel and the other Southern leaders like him, whose support in fact was classed as a prime asset in the original Taft plan for victory. It cannot be imagined, then, with what horror Zweifel and most of the other Republican club members heard the sudden knocking of uncontrollable masses of Texas voters on the club doors.

This was the Eisenhower surge in Texas. Certain Republicans, like the former candidate for Governor, Alvin Lane participated in the movement. The great mass of the Eisenhower rosters was composed, however, of former Democrats, or independents, or of younger men and women who had never troubled to vote. They had two things in common. They wished to get rid of the Democratic National Administration. And they saw in General Eisenhower a Republican candidate they could vote for with enthusiasm, a man offering them final escape from the one party prison in this state.

AS THE law here requires, these Eisenhower enthusiasts paid their poll taxes; they signed the necessary pledge of Republican allegiance; and they flocked into the Republican precinct meetings. In the majority of counties, they overwhelmed the Zweifel organization by sheer weight of numbers. In big Dallas county, for example, attendance at Republican precinct meetings actually ran higher than attendance at the Democratic gatherings; and the Eisenhower enthusiasts polled close to 80 per cent of the Dallas county Republican votes.

The riposte of the Zweifel organization has been, very simply, to ignore the majority against it. The State Executive Committee has seated pro-Taft delegations. Those delegations chosen at the National Convention will hardly represent more than a third of the people who have signified their wish to vote Republican by signing up and going to the precinct meetings. The pro-Eisenhower contesting delegation will represent the other two-thirds.

The Zweifel tactics have been countenanced and approved by Senator Taft's personal representatives on the spot. David Sinton Ingalls and Brazillia Carroll Reece. They too have said that the pro-Eisenhower people were "not read Republicans" and could thus be ignored. But it is pretty hard to see how the Republican Party is ever to amount to amount to anything in Texas, or carry the country in a national election, for that matter, if this kind of exclusiveness is to be practiced. And it is pretty hard not to feel that this sort of defiance of majority will is anything but a genuinely desperate political act.

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Congress Informed Most Potent Bomb To Be Ready Soon

Washington — (UP) — Air Force magazine said Wednesday congress has been told there "soon" will be a single bomb with explosive power exceeding that of all the bombs dropped in World War II.

Only one weapon could fit that description—the H-bomb. The U. S. air force alone dropped more than 2,500,000 tons of bombs in World War II.

Reported by Authority

The magazine, published by the Air Force association, a veterans organization, said the report was given to a congressional committee by "an eminent authority," but was censored from published records of the committee's closed-door hearings. This quotation was attributed to the authority: "Soon a few men in one airplane, flying at sonic speeds and never seeing the ground, will be able to drop anywhere on the face of the earth a single bomb containing an explosive power far greater than the total dropped during World War II."

Superior to A-Bombs

Such a bomb would be equal or superior in destructive power of 100 atomic bombs, the magazine said.

The magazine said "it's a good guess" that the United States is "not too far away" from its H-bomb goal. But it said there is increasing evidence that Russia "is as near or nearer."

Dead line Sunday. Classifieds is at 3:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The news as this is written is mixed — bad and worse. Not much this is good.

IN KOREA, we've been marking time for the better part of a year, trying to get a truce. The net result of it, General Ridgway told us a few days ago, is that the communists we're fighting there have GREATLY INCREASED their military strength.

We can't hope now to drive them out of Korea. The best we can expect is to hold our lines if they attack us.

GENERAL RIDGWAY arrives in Paris to take command of NATO military forces which haven't been created yet. The purpose of these forces is to defend Western Europe against Russian aggression. He signifies, as General Eisenhower has, the protective might of America, which is accepting the role of leader in the battle to save Western civilization.

When he lands at Orly airport, the field is black with French police assembled there to snuff out any communist demonstration. Twenty thousand more police are massed along the route from Orly to Paris to prevent communist devilry.

That gives an idea of the problems we face over there.

THE tragedy of it is, as you must have gathered from your reading, that instead of welcoming us as deliverers the Europeans are AFRAID OF US. They fear we're going to start a war with Russia. They don't want war with Russia—or anybody else. They are sick of war.

IN WASHINGTON, the house of representatives cuts foreign aid spending and draws a blast from President Truman who says:

"This was a foolish, reckless act. It jeopardizes our defense build-up. It may require us in this hour of peril to demobilize a substantial part of our armed forces."

He then adds: "There are some people who would rather play politics than to give us strong defenses. They would rather embarrass the White House than to checkmate the Kremlin."

THOSE are strong words from a president whose administration refuses to cut political spending in order to increase the amount available for defense spending. One's impulse is to rush to the defense of congress.

BUT— It is hard to forget that the house of representatives voted a week or so ago to give itself a raise in pay in the form of a stiff exemption from taxes.

If we charge the president with reckless spending, we have to remember that before the president can spend it congress must APPROPRIATE it.

WHAT raises this question: Who is playing politics? About the only answer that seems reasonable to us is that EVERYBODY IN WASHINGTON is playing politics.

That answer shakes our faith in our country and leaves us feeling scared and helpless.

WHAT shall we do about it? I think I can answer that question best by relating here a little tale that has just come over the wires from Durham, N.H.

At the University of New Hampshire, located in Durham, the male students had just started another of these fool lingerie raids on girls' dormitories. Robert N. Merchant, retiring president of the student government at the university, acted promptly and decisively.

Climbing up on an automobile, he gave the milling throng of male raiders a tongue-lashing of sorts. "GROW UP AND STOP WASTING YOUR TIME," he told them.

The crowd of party-snatching students DISPERSED!

WHAT was LEADERSHIP. Sound, practical leadership. It brought those who heard him to their senses.

Sound, practical, courageous leadership can bring us to our senses and can stop the foolishness that is sapping our national strength in the face of the gravest emergency we have ever faced.

Court Records

POLICE COURT

Lillian Lowery, expired mot. vehicle license, \$5.

William L. Stark, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.

Edward C. Blackwell, violation of basic rule, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT

Albert Lee Wilcox, passing with insufficient clearance, \$7.50.

Walter Allen Buckner, overwidth, \$6.

Norman Bernard Garren, violation of basic rule, \$13.50.

John Alvin Curtis, no operator license, \$6.

Bernice W. Van Gruthuyssen, improper license, \$15.

Ray Woodrow Turpin, overload, \$25.

Marvin R. Hogue, improper muffler, \$5.

CIRCUIT COURT

Jessie L. Myers vs. Kenneth O. Messers, divorce complaint.

Earl Stephenson vs. Dorothy Stephenson, divorce complaint.

Another Break Due In Korean Situation

By PHIL NEWSOM

United Press Foreign Analyst

Another break is about due in Korea.

It cannot be expected that the United Nations will stand indefinitely the Communists' campaign of vilification and abuse at Panmunjom, or permit them continued use of the truce table as a sounding board to exploit further the unfortunate events at Koje Island prison camp.

The real tragedy of the Koje Island incident is just becoming apparent.

It threw the United Nations truce negotiating team on the defensive just when it seemed success might be in its grasp.

It gave the Communists a rich new propaganda source against the Allies, and it brings to the fore again the fact that in Korea political rather than military considerations often are the deciding factors.

Political Question

Thus, while the question of guarding Communist war prisoners is a military one, the matter of their voluntary or involuntary return to North Korea or Chinese hands is a political one, decided by the member nations of the U. N. force involved.

So, too, while Gen. James A. Van Fleet commands Allied forces in Korea, it is not always his to decide how his troops will be utilized. For example, Canada's request that its Korean forces remain together as a unit, instead of a portion being used as Koje guards.

From the U. N. standpoint, any early move in Korea also must be political.

Possibility Discussed

One possibility, already being discussed, is to put the whole question before a general U. N. assembly, including the prisoner issue.

Another, but very unlikely one, would be a decision by all the nations involved to resume all-out warfare. It would be a decision which very easily could lead to World War III.

When Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway denied that he had a plan for winning the Korean war, he did not mean there was such a plan. He simply was underlining a belief that far-reaching political decisions must come first.

There Is a Plan

But there is a plan. That's what our chiefs of staff and military planners are for, whether it's a war in Korea or anywhere else in the world.

Some of the conditions of winning have been widely discussed. First, we would need a force approximately twice the size we have there now, with an accompanying doubling or tripling of our fire power.

Second, we would have to make up our minds to wiping out the enemy's Manchurian bases. Conceivably such a move would include use of some kind of atomic weapon.

China Strangulation Necessary

Third, the necessity for strangulation of China, presumably by naval blockade which might also include Russia's Port Arthur.

Fourth, a willingness to accept enormous casualties when our troops hit Communist defenses, which have been strongly reinforced in depth and firepower in the last year.

It is unlikely we would be willing to accept either the risk or responsibility for such a development.

It appears we will continue to work for peace by peaceful means and that if a world war is to start, the Reds will have to start it.

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.

Garden Show A Treat

To the Editor: To those fortunate enough to view the garden show, held last week in Jacksonville, it was an eye-opener. Primarily it was an iris show so one side of the long hall was given over to prize blooms so artistically arranged that the all over effect was breath taking. In addition there were scores of flower arrangements—from huge baskets to corsages. Wild flowers were also featured. A doll collection was outstanding in the original costumes, miniature furniture, a display of dolls made from dried pears, beautifully done.

As one onlooker said, "If only the schools could bring the children to see this, what a lesson in pioneer history."

Among