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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: June 26, 1942. Excellent cooperation reported by Jackson county committee collecting funds for USO building in Medford.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Emidge Pot column: Wearers of ice-cream suits wish they were electrically heated and are viewing next winter's alleged fuel shortage with alarm.

20 YEARS AGO: June 26, 1922. Members of county Junior American Legion baseball team named: group includes Ed Simmons, first base; Galen Knox, centerfield; Robert Smith, centerfield and Thomas White, second base.

Major distributors here announce increase in price of gasoline to 23 cents a gallon.

80 YEARS AGO: June 26, 1892. Oakland, Calif., tourist reaches Crater lake by car after "battling through snow drifts for five days" on trip from Klamath Falls; receives silver cup for effort from Klamath Falls businessmen.

Temperature of 102 1/2 here establishes all-time high on local records; second day in row in which temperature reaches more than 100.

40 YEARS AGO: June 26, 1912. Local motorcyclist believed to have been traveling "as fast as 60 miles an hour" when chased by Medford police chief for speeding.

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VEHICLES MUST MOVE: Every county in Oregon is setting up civil defense mobile-support teams. In the event of a large-scale disaster, these teams—and other emergency vehicles—must be able to get to a point of need as quickly as possible.

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Give the Footlighters a Hand

Medford's Footlighters, the devoted group which for some years past has provided local people with excellent entertainment of the little theater variety, are becoming somewhat mystified.

Last fall, enthusiasm was so high that those interested secured one of the buildings at the county fairgrounds which they went to considerable expense to remodel and outfit for stage presentations.

BOTH the Footlighters and those who witnessed their earlier performances there were delighted with the new quarters. There is an air of authentic theater about the place, somewhat like the east coast's "straw hat" circuits where converted buildings of one type or another, including old stables, are visited even by high society, in quest of stage entertainment.

BUT the recent productions in the new Footlighter theater, despite fine acting, good stage management and other details which should please even the most exacting, have failed to lure sufficient cash customers.

The absence of that encouraging jingle in the box office cannot be explained on the basis of poor stories. "Suspect," the current offering, for instance, a gripping drama authored jointly by Edward Percy and Reginald Denham, is a proven success.

It isn't a matter of amateur talent either, for as presented here "Suspect" loses none of its interest because of inadequacy in that department. As a matter of fact, most of those in the Footlighter cast are capable and experienced actors, their work comparing favorably with a majority of the so-called professionals touring the country in road shows.

Nor can the setting be blamed. Scenery, lighting, properties and the various other effects are well handled, blending to produce the illusion of realism which spells art in any medium.

WHILE it may be that not enough people here appreciate good theatrical fare, we prefer to believe that the real trouble is not enough of us have exposed ourselves to stage plays in recent years to learn whether we like them or not.

"Suspect" will be presented again tonight and Friday and Saturday nights. Those who haven't seen the play should take time out and attend. They will find it highly diverting and their presence will lend encouragement to the Footlighters who are trying to give us a fine type of entertainment at a cost which all can afford. — E. C. F.

Alcoholic Deaths Decline

Either Americans are drinking less or their tolerance for alcohol is increasing, according to statistics recently made public by one of the country's largest insurance companies. Mortality from alcoholism in the industrial population has declined by 85 per cent over the past forty years, according to the insurance company, and the experience for the United States population as a whole parallels that of its policy holders, the company asserts.

DEATHS from acute and chronic alcoholism averaged 6.3 per 100,000 of the company's industrial policy holders in the period 1911-1917, and 0.9 per 100,000 in 1950.

The alcoholism death rate in the insured group fell sharply in the years just prior to the prohibition amendment, reached its lowest point of 0.7 per 100,000 in 1920, the first year the amendment was in effect, and then moved upward to a second, but lower, peak of 4.9 per 100,000 in 1926. From that point, through the years, a downward trend in the death rate has been maintained.

THE company's statisticians point out, however, that the present relatively low mortality is by no means an index of alcoholism as a public health problem which still causes this country an economic loss of almost a billion dollars a year.

The insurance concern's experts estimate that the use of alcohol is a more or less serious problem in the lives of about four million Americans, and that, of these, about 750,000 are true alcoholics—people who feel compelled to drink so excessively as to seriously harm their physical and mental health. E.C.F.

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.

Objects to Ads

To The Editor:

I am writing in reference to a matter which has been a grief to myself and to many others in Medford and vicinity.

In your paper appears at intervals a portion of a page devoted to an exhortation to the public to invite and take someone to church, and the returns for this to be richness for each concerned.

At the conclusion are these words: "Contributed in behalf of the Religion in American Life Program by Medford Mail Tribune."

No one of your readers can or would find fault with such an exhortation or advice. But many of us are justly indignant and sorry that in the same paper are inserted advertising cuts and persuasions for the use of intoxicants such as beer, wine and

liquor, the very agents of most of the tragedies and crimes recorded in the pages of your paper.

If you, Mr. Editor, and the rest of the staff set the example to your readers of that which you urge them to do, and take your neighbors to church, you would hear the minister reading or quoting such scriptures as the following:

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, and putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunk also."

"Let us not therefore judge one another any more, but judge this rather that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For

ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in."

Can anything be seen in the latter part of this quote for the editor and sponsors of The Medford Mail Tribune, especially if you attempted to do as you exhort your readers to do?

You cannot go in yourselves nor suffer others to go in when you virtually set before them wine, beer, and liquor to "steal away their brains."

It would be profoundly better for you and your readers if you would manfully refuse to advertise for the liquor traffic.

Rev. H. R. Bulman, Rt. 1, Box 316A, Medford, Ore.

REMAIN HOME: "Staying Put" after a disaster, especially during the first 24-hour period, is a major contribution to saving lives and getting a city back on its feet, reminds Civil Defense Director Colonel Charles E. Stafford. Don't get out on the highways.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS. New news from Korea: "Air force and navy fighter-bombers teamed up again today to hammer four of the five hydroelectric plants smashed yesterday in the biggest air raid of the Korean war (now two years old)."

"Nearly 200 navy planes from big fleet carriers off Korea's east coast joined air force planes from dozens of Korean bases to hit the shattered generating stations for the second straight day."

WATCH IT.

Watch also the fighting around T-bone Hill—where the reds appear to be employing much the same tactics they used back in the days when they were hitting us hard. They're probing our lines with many small attacks, hunting a weak spot.

When they FOUND a weak spot, back in those days, they hit with everything they had.

LET'S not forget this:

We smashed two big offensives, inflicting such losses on the communists that it looked for a while like they might be in a bad way. Communist dead littered the battlefields. Communist wounded swamped the communist hospitals. There was well-founded talk that typhus, the ancient scourge, was beginning to sweep the red armies.

Then— On July 10, 1951— The Chinese reds, through Russia's Jacob Malik, proposed a truce. Many competent observers have expressed belief that they agreed to talk truce ONLY SO THEY COULD BUILD UP THEIR SHATTERED ARMIES.

General Ridgway told us a few weeks back that they have now BUILT UP their shattered armies. They are stronger now, he said, than they have ever been.

ANYWAY, watch it.

The situation is much that a new phase of the Korean war could be beginning.

AT THE moment, watch the commie air force.

While we were smacking the power plants along the Yalu, more than 200 swept-wing MIG 15s were parked on a Manchurian air base just across the river, in plain sight of our pilots who were doing the bombing. Not a single MIG took off to flight back.

That means, only the reds know. But it isn't kosher. Something still is in the wind. What it is, time will tell.

AFTER that, back to politics.

The library of congress opens the doors today on an exhibition that it calls "campaign banners, buttons and badges." It is a review of the catchwords and symbols that have stirred the nation's political blood and helped make Presidents over the past 125 years.

One exhibit has to do with the campaign of 1840, when William Henry Harrison ran as a Whig against Martin Van Buren, Democratic candidate for re-election. The Whigs made an issue of government extravagance, pointing out that the cost of federal government was already \$8.25 per voter and charging that if Van Buren was re-elected the cost per voter would rise to \$17.77.

I wonder what would have happened if somebody then could have looked forward to the PRESENT cost-per-voter of the federal government. I'm afraid there would have been a lot of what were then called apoplectic strokes.

BUT THE big issue wasn't cost of government. It was the hates against the have-nots. Harrison, although he came from an old and distinguished Virginia family, was pictured to the voters as a rough frontiersman and soldier who lived in a log cabin and drank hard cider. Van Buren was painted as an aristocrat who wore corsets and silk stockings. Harrison licked the socks off of Van Buren.

HARRISON, when elected, took his responsibilities as manager of the White House quite seriously and insisted on doing the marketing himself. He would rise early in the morning and walk to the vegetable markets.

One chilly day (less than a month after his inauguration) he went to the market, basket on arm, without an overcoat and caught a cold that developed into pneumonia and he died of it. His administration (lasting only 30 days) was the shortest of our history.

It sounds like exhibitionist stuff, but the odd part of it is that Harrison was honest and sincere and really believed the people wanted him to get rid of inefficient and too-numerous government employees. His marketing stunt was designed to set an example of thrift.

Belgrade, Yugoslavia —(U.P.)— Yugoslavian newspapers reported Wednesday the strongest concentration of soviet troops in Hungary since 1945.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"But this is the way Pop mows the lawn, except maybe for the comic books."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

OUR PORTS, OUR AIR

Washington — A significant story is told by two allied, but in some ways contrasting, orders recently issued by the American government. The first is an order that was secretly issued to take effect June 1. It limits the use of our ports and the Panama Canal by Soviet and satellite shipping. And the limitations are so severe, in effect, the major ports and the Canal have now been closed to all vessels from the Soviet sphere.

The need for such an order has long been obvious. The Canal and the ports are almost certainly the weakest links in our whole defensive system. Let the Canal be blocked, and our naval strategy will be knocked galley west. Let the ports be put out of commission, and it will become impossible for us to supply our allies and sustain our own forces overseas. Moreover, the Canal can be blocked, and any of our major harbors can be rendered useless, by the explosion of a single atomic bomb, which any seemingly innocent freighter can conceal in its hold.

This danger has long been debated in the National Security Council and elsewhere in the higher reaches of the government. The question was resolved this spring, when the Coast Guard was told to safeguard the ports while the guardianship of the Canal was confided to the Navy. Enforcement of the order has not yet been necessary, since almost no Soviet or satellite vessels nowadays cross either Atlantic or Pacific. For the same reason, concealment of the order has been possible. And the purpose of concealment was to avoid stirring people up, here or abroad.

ORDER number two is more recent and is non-secret. It inaugurated the 24 hour air watch of our great urban and industrial centers. It has been much criticized just as the order for closing the ports would no doubt be criticized if it conflicted with the interests, or even the comfort, of any large group in this country. In the case of this second order, what has been concealed is the real motive for it.

The motive is all too simple. Six months ago, the Soviet strategic air force occupied its forward bases closest to this country in Kamchatka. Since then, active Soviet air reconnaissance of this continent has been detected on several occasions.

Anyone can purchase aerial photographs of every strategic area in the United States. Hence the object of this Soviet air reconnaissance is obviously to test the effectiveness of our air warning and defense system. None of the Soviet aircraft flying over Alaska and Canada has yet been intercepted. The main proofs of their presence have been the vapor trails they left behind. Hence our air warning and defense system is quite plainly far from satisfactory.

Under the circumstances, the order for continuous air watching was, if anything, rather belated. But the air watch will

be only partly effective, because the true motive for it has been concealed. For the same reason, the civil defense program has been gutted by the Congress. Again, the purpose of this concealment has been to avoid stirring people up.

WHAT strikes one in the histories of these two orders, in fact, is the peculiar schizophrenia that is revealed. The danger hanging over us is considered sufficiently great to justify the orders being issued. But the impulse to hide this danger from the country, the impulse to be bland and reassuring, is also so strong that in one case the order itself was muffled, and in the other the easy and natural explanation of the order was put under wraps.

In many other cases, this schizophrenia is producing even more unhealthy results. For example, the fact has trickled through the rather misty German segment of the Iron Curtain, that the Kremlin has placed orders in East Germany for no less than 8200 microwave transmission towers. This gigantic order will be sufficient to provide the whole Soviet empire with a closed microwave communications system. The cost of completing such a system will be astronomical.

The fact that such an immense investment is being planned by the Kremlin in turn reflects the Kremlin's concern about a very vital matter—namely, the ease with which all communications systems except the microwave system can now be jammed.

The jamming art was still in its infancy when the Kremlin jammers all but broke off communications between the battleship Missouri and the Navy Department, on the occasion, several years ago, of the Missouri's mission to the Dardanelles. The jamming art is in its infancy no longer. Our own communications, internal as well as trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific, are just as vulnerable as the Soviet empire. Yet the huge outlays to give us even partially safe communications will never be authorized by Congress, unless the danger is frankly confessed. Confession will stir people up. So no adequate effort to provide us with safe communications has yet been launched.

It is hard not to feel that telling the truth and taking the consequences is preferable to running the many risks of this sort.

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Fisherman Glad

Big One Got Away

Rolla, Mo. —(U.P.)—Vernon Frank can boast about the big one he was glad to let get away.

Frank had what he thought was an unusually big fish on his hook because he couldn't bring it in. The catch finally surfaced and Frank found a large beaver at the end of his line.

The beaver snapped the line and disappeared.

Russia's Surrender Ultimatum of War II Fails To Budge Reds

By PHIL NEWSOM

United Press Foreign Analyst: "We guarantee to all officers and men who cease resistance their lives and safety and after the end of the war, repatriation to . . . or any other country as desired by the war prisoners."



Phil Newsom

The missing word could be "China" or "North Korea."

As a matter of fact, it's "Germany."

The above is an exact quotation from an ultimatum issued to the Germans by Russia on Jan. 8, 1943.

A German army under Col. Gen. Friedrich von Paulus had beaten itself to pieces against the defenses of Stalingrad, and the Russians, "in order to avoid unnecessary bloodshed," issued their surrender terms.

They included eventual repatriation of the war prisoners to Germany "or to any other country" selected by the prisoners themselves.

It was a nice piece of work when Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison pulled that one out of the hat at the Panmunjon truce sessions.

It didn't still outraged Communist screams that voluntary repatriation was illegal and a violation of the Geneva Convention but it did knock into a cocked hat their claim, there was no precedent.

Initiated by Russia To make it more embarrassing, it was initiated by Russia, the Great White Father and mentor of the Chinese and North Korean Reds.

It was one of three bad turns for the Communists in recent days. Another was the high level United Nations decision to bomb the North Korean power plants supplying electricity to vast areas of Manchuria, including Antung, Mukden and Russian Dairen.

It was a freak of circumstance that the Yalu river power plants supplying Manchuria were located on the North Korean side of the river. They were built years ago by the Japanese who then occupied both Korea and Manchuria and did not foresee the

time when the two would be divided. The power went to the Manchurian iron, coal and steel industries and to the Mukden arsenal which at one time was the largest in China.

The power plants first were spared in this war as proof to the Chinese that we had no warlike intentions against Manchuria and to encourage them to stay out of the conflict. Why they have been spared since probably must await an explanation in the history books.

The third unpleasant event for the Reds has been the suggestion that five neutral nations, including India, Pakistan and Indonesia inspect the Kojie prison camps to disprove Red charges of mistreatment of war prisoners.

Of the three, only Pakistan has said definitely she would participate in such an inspection. Since Asiatics would be included in the inspection teams and since such an inspection certainly would expose the Red charges as falsehoods, the Reds have set up howls of protest about that one, too.

Temporarily, at least, our side has seized the initiative in Korea, both propaganda-wise and militarily. Once at Hiroshima we used force to encourage the Japanese toward an early peace. The attack on the Yalu power plants is something of the same thing.

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