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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
July 15, 1942

(It was Wednesday)

Three Rogue River men—
Ward H. Deimler, Buren G. Ken-
nedy and Lewis H. Smith—are
among a group of 156 civilians
captured on Wake Island; to be
interrogated by the Japanese at
Shanghai.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: Stern Park
Gardens, Ill., changes name to
Lidice, the Czech village razed
by Hitler in reprisal for the as-
sassination of his prize trigger
man, Moscow, Ida., points with
pride to its monicker, once mild-
ly regretted.

20 YEARS AGO
July 15, 1932

(It was Friday)

Medford's H. Chandler Egan
announces that he will compete
this year in the national am-
ateur golf tournament, a tourney
that he won over a quarter-
century ago.

Jackson county officials ex-
pect relief bill now before Con-
gress to "brighten the labor and
financial horizons and aid agri-
culture, horticulture, the stock
industry, road construction and
irrigation projects" in the coun-
ty.

30 YEARS AGO
July 15, 1922

(It was Saturday)

Local bootblack arrested by
police who find him with an
open razor; he explains he's
just looking for his wife.

Local merchants visit fair-
grounds and urge the immediate
construction of a merchants' in-
dustrial pavilion.

40 YEARS AGO
July 15, 1912

(It was Monday)

The Graham ginseng farm
north of Prospect condemned by
the health department when
great numbers of insect pests
found there.

Grants Pass takes advantage
of an oak tree on the sidelines
of the Medford baseball park to
win a 5-4 victory over Medford;
the tree converts a Medford
home to a double.

One Dead, Three Hurt
In Monmouth Crash

Salem — (U.P.) — Three per-
sons, including a 16-year-old
girl, were in critical condition
Tuesday as result of an automo-
bile accident which claimed the
life of another teen-ager Monday
night north of Monmouth.

Richard Stoffal was killed
and his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Leon Stoffal, were critically in-
jured when their car went out
of control and crashed into a
maple tree.

Attendants at Salem Mem-
orial hospital described the con-
dition of Mr. and Mrs. Stoffal
as only fair.

The girl, Mary Eads, was tak-
en to Providence hospital in
Portland where her condition
was listed as critical.

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Editorial Correspondence

Chicago, July 13—Congressman Bender of Ohio, who spurred the weary Taft supporters to exhaustion at Thursday night's demonstration, yesterday sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" to the man he tried so hard to beat, and replaced the soup-platter Taft button on his lapel to one reading "I like EVERYBODY."

Well—there is the perfect symbol of the convention aftermath.

It is a bit silly and doesn't fool any of the wiseboys, but it could no more have been avoided than the stampeaded after Ike's victory, to discard Taft insignia and replace same with Eisenhower emblems. We don't mean the Taft delegates. A surprising number of them stuck to their colors. But the masses as usual, wanted to wear the winning colors, and this convention on the surface at least, was "AS USUAL."

Underneath there were some new angles, however. For example—this is the first Republican convention we can recall, where the party organization had firm control and couldn't keep it. Even William Howard Taft, Robert's father, ran over the opposition here 40 years ago—and he was undoubtedly the most unpopular President in American history. But on every issue of importance at this gathering, the anti-Taft coalition made monkeys out of the organization by taking their grievances to the floor and pulverizing them.

Looking back, it is clear now that Ike's first victory on the credential rules was the tip-off. The undersigned so interpreted it, as the record will show, but Taft declared it really a victory for him, and much to our amazement, in his broadcast that night, our favorite news commentator Elmer Davis half-agreed with him. So did that big stuffed-shirt Sokolsky. We failed to see it then, and now NO one can see it.

The writing-on-the-wall, however, seemed plain to us after that vote. As stated, we did not mean Eisenhower was IN, but we did mean, he was closer to being in, than anyone would have predicted 24 hours before. As remarked, all Ike's forces had to do was repeat what they did that first day. Which was done.

Don't let them tell you rugged individualism and private initiative are dead. When the weary Taft delegates filed out of the stockyards Friday night a young man greeted each and everyone with a neat little souvenir-for-free. It was labelled thus:

"Snap back with Standback headache powders—the

Standback company L.L. Salisbury, N.C., U.S.A."

Standback is probably a Dixiecrat coming from South Carolina, at least, obviously NOT a New Dealer.

Another new angle.

Never before has an Oregon Republican delegation been so united and taken such a prominent part in the proceedings. Governor McKay as the chairman was especially in demand, being on several television programs, and selected as one of the honor-escort to accompany General Eisenhower to the platform. Senator Wayne Morse was a close second, in prominence. He was chosen for several television programs, and his name on at least two occasions (overheard by the undersigned), was taken in vain by some prominent Taft delegates. (Don't worry Wayne—your SUN is definitely rising, and the Taft sun has as definitely set.)

We also believe this is the first time a West Pointer—a professional military man—has been nominated for President since General Grant. We hope and believe General Eisenhower will destroy the widespread fear that military men always make poor Presidents—assuming, of course, he does win in November. The General is admirably fitted by temperament to unite his grievously divided party, and this will probably be his major and primary effort.

As his followers declared in the credential committee fights, however, "no party can compromise with wrong."

If General Eisenhower tries to COMPROMISE with McCarthy and McCarthyism, that will be doing what his followers declared should NOT be done!

Why was Senator Nixon selected as the VP nominee?

For the usual reason—POLITICS! Vice Presidents should be selected on the basis of their fitness for the Presidency, but if they ever have been, we can't recall when.

Senator Nixon is young, vigorous, a good campaigner, and is generally credited with being the first member of congress who DID turn his back on Alger Hiss. As the communist issue, headed by the Hiss case, promises to be an important "talking point" in the coming election, his value as a vote-getter was obvious.

But perhaps even more important, Nixon not only comes from the Far West—while Ike is a resident of Pennsylvania—but from an extremely important state, when the electoral votes are counted from Oregon's potent, populous and prosperous neighbor California. And the nomination of General Eisenhower did not please the present popular Governor of California—at least not the WAY it came about.

California should have put over that "ko" punch instead of Minnesota, but as it turned out the master opportunist, Harold Stassen did it and poor old Governor Warren was left asleep at the switch. Just how greatly this recognition of California's junior Senator will please and placate Mr. Warren is not clear at the moment. But the powers that be hope and pray it will be effective.

Speaking of Governor Warren—his wife and daughters had seats just above the press-section, and to your correspondent were a delight to sore eyes and day after day a cause of reviving hope that the country and the Grand Old Party, are not in such a hopeless mess, as so often appears—and never more often, than during the adolescent and depressing antics of a political convention.

Mrs. Warren looking younger and more attractive than ever—could pass as one of the daughters in a mixed assembly any time—and those girls, pretty as pictures, natural, wholesome, unaffected, full of good spirits and bounding health—how we wish old Uncle Joe could see them, along with those burly rowing-kids at the Worcester regatta! We are glad we did not see the girls that last night, however—can't bear to think of them ever being saddened.

—R.W.R.

Chinese Red Persecutions Close Catholic Missions

Hong Kong — (U.P.) — Four years of Communist persecution in China have created vacancies in more than half the ecclesiastical areas of the country, Catholic headquarters here report.

A statement said that of the 143 prelates in China, only 60 are new resident in their sees with nominal freedom. The others either have been expelled or jailed or died from imprisonment or prevented from proceeding to their sees.

The present box score is: 60 sees are still occupied by bishops, while the other 83 are vacant. Of the 83 prelates who have vacated their sees, 39 were deported, 20 imprisoned, 10 put under house arrest, six unable to return to their sees and eight died either in prison or shortly after removal from prison.

Restrictions Severe

The Catholic center said it is now impossible to consecrate new bishops for the vacant sees because of Communist restrictions. Heading the list of the 39 deported archbishops, bishops and prelates apostolic is Archbishop Anthony Riberi, papal internuncio to China. Among the imprisoned prelates is Archbishop

Joseph Chou Chi-shin of Nanchang, Kiangsi. He was jailed after he turned down a Communist "invitation" to become the "Pope" of the church in China.

The Catholic center said, "The arrested bishops were for the most part simply picked up by the Security Police and lodged in prisons. They have had neither trials nor sentences.

Ominous Silence

"Scarcely any information is available on any of these prelates, and it is a matter of conjecture whether they are still alive. Some have not been heard of for over a year."

The 60 prelates still remaining in their sees are not free to exercise their ministry. If they are not actually under guard, they may be forbidden to leave their compounds or are not permitted to have any contact with church members, or are not permitted to visit the other parishes in the see.

LEARNS GOLF FAST

Fort Worth, Tex. — (U.P.) — J. H. Hunsong made a hole in one only three months after he bought a set of clubs and started playing golf. What's more, it was on the 13th hole.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

LOOKING BACKWARD

Chicago — "It might have been" is always the theme of convention post mortems. But in the case of the Republican convention that nominated Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the presidency, the "might have been" were unusually significant. For example, Sen. Robert A. Taft might have been the Vice Presidential nominee on the ticket with Gen. Eisenhower.

The curious fact is that Sen. Taft wanted the second place on the ticket, or at least some of his leading supporters wanted it for him.

After the ballot that named Gen. Eisenhower, the floorworkers of Taft manager David Sinton Ingalls quickly passed the word among the delegations to "encourage" any sentiment for Taft for the second place.

Later, when the Eisenhower high commanders assembled to choose the Vice Presidential nominee, they received messages that the Ohio Senator would be available.

THERE WAS obvious purpose in this seemingly extraordinary suggestion of removing Senator Taft from the activity of the Senate floor to the customary impotence of the Senate rostrum.

The nomination of the Ohio Senator would have evoked a great convention demonstration, reasserting Taft's great popularity in the party. It would have constituted both acknowledgment and proof of the continuing power of the Republican Old Guard faction. It would have allowed the Senator, as Vice Presidential nominee, to hold the whole election campaign on the so-called "fighting" pattern that he favors. The Taft people calculated in fact, that Taft, in the second place might almost overshadow Eisenhower in the first.

Among the Eisenhower leaders, a considerable minority favored the choice of Taft as being likely to rattle the badly divided Republican party. But Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge and others, for the reasons above given, interposed a powerful and absolute veto. Gen. Eisenhower had deputed to them the right of final decision. And so Senator Nixon got the nod.

AGAIN, Gen. Douglas MacArthur came much closer to figuring as an important candidate than most people suppose. As first reported in this space, Gov. Fine of Pennsylvania had made his vital decision to throw his Pennsylvania votes to Gen. Eisenhower even before the convention opened. Yet Fine is a devoted MacArthur admirer, and there might still have been bad trouble in the Pennsylvania delegation.

There was bad trouble, of a sort, as a sequel to MacArthur's keynote speech. The same day, Sen. Taft's weakness had already been revealed by the vote on the Langlie rule neutralizing the contested Southern delegations. Certain Taft leaders, including Pennsylvania's G. Mason Oviatt and Joseph Pew, began to look with favor on a switch to MacArthur. To prepare the way, however, it was necessary to weaken the Eisenhower drive and this had to be accomplished in the oncoming vote as to which of the Georgia and other contested delegations should be seated.

Gen. MacArthur, who was escorted to the airport by Gov. Fine, seems to have used all his influence to secure Fine's help. There was a moment when Fine had given his promise to support Gen. Eisenhower on the Georgia issue and the first ballot. Yet the MacArthur danger continued in a different form.

NOW THE hope was for an indecisive first ballot, which would not nominate Gen. Eisen-

hower but would persuade Sen. Taft that he had better withdraw. After such a ballot, it was further hoped Senator Taft could be induced to escort Gen. MacArthur into the convention.

In circumstances of utmost drama, Taft was to transfer his support to the general. If this had happened, a great many Pennsylvania votes would have broken from Eisenhower to MacArthur on the next ballot. Whether or not with Gov. Fine's consent.

It was close enough to happening, at least, for the convention amphitheater management to be warned to prepare a guarded gate for the Taft-MacArthur grand entry.

Fear of this development largely influenced Sen. Lodge and the other Eisenhower leaders to avoid a first ballot on the night of the nominating speeches. That night, the Minnesota switch was not certain, and there were other doubts about Eisenhower's immediate success. If an indecisive first ballot had been taken, the MacArthur enthusiasts would have had time to work on Sen. Taft, who always resisted the proposal that he give his strength to the general. So the balloting was put off until the next day, when the Eisenhower gains made victory a certainty.

FINALLY, the whole course of the convention might have been changed at the start if Sen. Lodge had accepted the amendment to the Langlie rule offered by Rep. Clarence Brown. The amendment allowed voting rights to only seven Louisiana delegates of the grand contested total of sixty-eight. It looked like a very tempting sure thing.

Sen. Lodge, alone and unsupported, was high-pressured to accept this tempting sure thing by Rep. Brown, David Ingalls and three or four other Taft leaders. The meeting was in a stifling little cubby - hole behind the convention rostrum. Lodge was outnumbered. Exhausted and shouted down. Many men would have given away.

But Lodge did not. And so the famous first vote on the Brown amendment to the Langlie rule was finally taken, and the Eisenhower movement was triumphantly under way.

Two Pneumonia Cases Reported in Ashland

Two cases of pneumonia in Ashland were reported on last week's list of communicable diseases in Jackson county, according to the county health department. A total of nine cases of disease were listed.

Others included two of mumps in Medford and one in Phoenix; three of German measles in Medford, and one of septic sore throat in Jacksonville.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

"CLEAN-UP" WEEK
JULY 14-20
HELP KEEP OUR CITY



In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This is the picture Hal Boyle got of Ike after the vote had come and Ike was IT. He says, "I will never forget the look on the General's face as he sat by the side of Mamie on the convention platform, gazed at by thousands. From now on—win or lose in November—they will have a goldfish life."

"I thought there was a little sadness in his countenance when his famous grin relaxed, as if he realized that he now is really a kind of prisoner of the people he is campaigning to serve."

I THINK maybe, Hal, you sized him up a little wrong. I'd guess that there on the platform in Chicago Ike was going back to the day he arrived in London to take charge of Operation Overlord. The fate of his country had been placed in his hands—for if the invasion failed goodness knows what might happen. The failure of an operation of that size could mean total defeat. If the PLANS failed, the operation could fail. And it was up to Ike to make the plans.

Millions of men would be under his command, and tens of thousands of them must die in carrying out the orders it would be up to him to give. That is a sobering thought for anybody.

IT MUST have been a particularly sobering thought for the comparatively young man who had been only a colonel when the war began and now was a full general with the fate of millions of men hanging upon his ability to do his job.

WELL, THERE on the platform in Chicago, Ike was only a buck private in the POLITICAL world who had suddenly been elevated to four star rank. Do you blame him, Hal, for looking pretty serious as he sat there with the top insignia of his party freshly pinned upon his shoulders and the weight of his country's future resting on the back of his neck?

I don't. I think he was just being himself and acting natural.

IT'D LIKE to add that all Ike has to do from here on out is to be himself and act natural. That's what we all want him to do. We're sick and weary of politicians who think always of the POLITICAL thing to do and hardly ever of the right and necessary thing. That's what we want to get away from.

WHAT DID you think of young Richard Nixon?

I was immensely impressed with him. He stood in the glare of the spotlights and delivered his speech of acceptance as the Republican party's candidate for the vice-presidency easily and gracefully and courteously. His reference to Senator Taft was a masterpiece of gentle thoughtfulness. His pat on the back for rugged old Joe Martin was just right.

I think he's a comer.

AS A HUMBLE follower, I'd like to make a suggestion to General Eisenhower.

Don't set this gifted young man up on the shelf to be LOOKED AT but not trusted and USED. TRAIN HIM CAREFULLY for the job of President—which, you know, Ike, he might have to fill.

Handle him as you would a young officer on your staff who shows GREAT promise.

YOU KNOW how it is. If the captain gets the one that bears his number, the first lieutenant must have what it takes to handle the captain's job in the pinch. And so on up the steps of rank. You know how it was with you. If you hadn't been trained carefully for whatever might happen, you couldn't have taken over as you did when in an amazingly short time you rose from the command of a regiment to Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe.

IF WE HAVE made one minor mistake that is graver than the others, it is in the way we have handled our vice-presidents. In choosing them, we've never thought of them as anything but window dressing.

That's wrong.

South African Racial Problem Brings Start Of Civil Disobedience

By HOMER JENKS
UP Staff Correspondent

A group of 25 Negroes walked into South Africa's Port Elizabeth railroad station through an entrance reserved for white persons the other day. They were arrested.

Twenty other Negroes marched into a post office and tried to buy stamps at a window reserved for whites. They also were arrested.

Curfew Defied

Eighteen Negroes walked along a Johannesburg street at night in defiance of the curfew for non-whites. They, too, were arrested.

So were a dozen Negroes in Worcester, near Capetown, who refused to show police the identity cards all South African Negroes must carry.

All these Negroes deliberately broke South Africa's "Jim Crow" laws as part of a new campaign on non-violent civil disobedience against Nationalist Premier Daniel F. Malan's "white supremacy" government.

It is patterned on the late Mohandas K. Gandhi's successful civil disobedience campaign for Indian independence from Britain.

Altogether more than 500 South African Negroes have been arrested and thrown into jail since June 26 for their deliberate flouting of the apartheid racial segregation laws. More join them there every day.

This is only the beginning.

according to sponsors of the campaign. Dr. J. S. Moroka, head of the African Negro National Congress, says it will go on until South Africa's jails are full to overflowing.

"Nothing will stop the fight except withdrawal of the discriminatory laws which are the cause of the present action," he said.

Others To Fight

Also in the "battle" are half-castes and Indians, like the Negroes victims of apartheid, and the white opposition parties.

The Indians have joined in acts of civil disobedience, deliberately courting arrest. The half-castes are fighting for their rights in South Africa's courts, although Malan has tried to circumvent the courts by proclaiming Parliament supreme in matters of law.

Among whites, South Africa's Union Party, formerly headed by the late great Field Marshal Jan C. Smuts, the Labor Party, and an organization of 250,000 war veterans known as Torch Commando, have united for a campaign to thwart the government in Parliament and defeat it at the next election.

Civil War Feared

Malan's white opponents advocate a gradual lowering of the racial barriers. They fear that the Malan policy of cracking down ever more severely on the non-white population, slashing its housing appropriations and disenfranchising even half-castes has brought the country to the brink of civil war.

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.

Plea for Blood

To the Editor: I am writing this in the hope that it will reach the hearts and minds of the people of this and all surrounding cities.

I am asking you people as citizens to just stop and think for a few minutes of the boys over in Korea who are fighting and dying.

It is not money you are being asked to donate, nor clothes, but just a pint of blood.

During World War II, boys who had been on the front for days during heavy fighting just about to drop from fatigue, men who could go no further, crawled beside their wounded comrades and gave blood. Surely you people here can spare one pint.

In fact, you should be ashamed of the reports that are published in the paper after the mobile unit has been here.

You people here should get mad and demand the mobile unit to be held here two days and swamp it with donors.

Just what is it going to take to wake you folks up to the great need for blood? A few bombs on Portland, Eugene, Salem and other cities?

Must you have to see men, women and children lying in the streets hurt and dying to make you realize the need for blood?

But if you are afraid to give, please keep your rumors to your self or take them to the Red Cross center, they will be very happy to check and investigate.

People would not think of sabotaging mills, factories, bridges, so why spread rumors and sabotage a great work, a wonderful organization is doing?

Just close your eyes and picture young boys and men blasted by shrapnel, mortar shells, riddled by machine gun fire, shedding their blood by the quart, staining the sands red with their blood. I ask you, is a pint of your blood too much to ask for them?

John G. Dickson,
1129 W. 9th St.,
Medford, Ore.

Disgusted Fan

To the Editor: Here is one of the disgusted hard-top stock car fans of Medford. And here is why: After our own valley men

paid out to have a track made and started, the Sheriff's posse men, or our own Jackson county Sheriff let Yreka, Calif., bring their cars in the Rogue valley out on the posse grounds.

Come on Medford, what has happened to our Rogue valley fans? Are we going to stand for this when our own men are trying to make a sporting place for us, or let outsiders come in and take away the sport of our valley as well as the name selected for our new track? Maybe they aren't as efficient as Yreka, but after all, let's at least support our Rogue valley men instead of letting outsiders come in and do it.

Let's see if others feel the same way I do. Personally I think our sheriff, if he stands for Jackson county, could eliminate this or have I been misinformed?

A disgusted hard-top fan.
(Name on file.)

Trucking Problem Discussion Slated

The importance of the trucking industry in Oregon as related to the economic welfare of its citizens will be told at an open meeting scheduled at 8 p.m. Thursday, at the YMCA auditorium, under the