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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 24, 1942
(It was Friday)
Children crowd Camp White
for a free ride in an army am-
phibious "peep".
From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: The weather
is slightly cooler but the no
frosts have been reported as
we go to press.

20 YEARS AGO

July 24, 1932
(It was Sunday)
Interest in Jackson county
politics rises as many independ-
ents file their candidacies.

Medford employers begin to
urge the employment of local
workers only.

30 YEARS AGO

July 24, 1922
(It was Monday)
The grand jury begins investi-
gation of three night-riding
raids; Klu Klux Klan suspect-
ed.

A joint forum of the Ashland
and Medford chambers of com-
merce is planned.

40 YEARS AGO

July 24, 1912
(It was Wednesday)
Mrs. George Burns is thrown
down a 25-foot embankment
when her team becomes fright-
ened and runs away; she is re-
scued and brought to the hospital
by a passing motorist.

The first large trout catch of
the season is reported as three
local sportsmen return from the
Rogue river with 16 steelheads
ranging from four to eight
pounds each.

Strange Message
Found in Bottle

Cannon Beach—(U.P.)—Lovers
of mystery will be happy to
know that C. A. Speer, Portland,
was in possession Thursday of a
strange note written 22 years
ago. He found the note in a bot-
tle while walking on the beach
near here.

The edges of the note were
worn by long bobbing in the sea
and some of the words were il-
legible.

The note was dated January
25, 1930 and it read in part:
"To whom it may concern . . .
You who discover this may like
to know something about me . . .
I am the exported ruler of Koo-
kie Island 1800-1820 . . . Since
the war between the Germans is
still on I cannot let anyone
know where Luchivick Andere-
ati is. But he is in my capture
... Help me friend of all men
be kind. I have found a real
fountain of youth. That is the re-
ward I will give you people."
The note was unsigned.

Helicopters Making
Flight to Europe

Goose Bay, Labrador—(U.P.)—
Two U.S. Air Force helicopters
were on the third leg of their
history-making hop-skip-and-
jump flight to Europe Thursday.
The first aircraft of their type
ever to attempt a transoceanic
flight headed through a thin
drizzle toward their next stop at
Narsarsuaq, Greenland, 770
miles away.

Editorial Correspondence

Chicago, July 22 (Special Air Mail)—The Chicago Tribune publishes a complete U.S. weather map every day—a very interesting feature these inclement times. For nearly a week Oregon has been white, which means fair; Illinois has been speckled, which means rain. IT'S THE CLIMATE!—over 10 inches in two days in Rockford wasn't bad. But you should see those corn fields—the corn has grown nearly a foot in the week we have been absent. And all of it that rich, dark, upright, lusty green! The Sucker State is going to be "corny" this Fall.

Speaking of the Tribune—Robert Alphonso was a good loser but the old Colonel isn't. Ever since Taft's defeat the Colonel has each issue taken some sort of dirty swipe at the Republican nominee, while it has printed every day at least a dozen letters, refusing support for the GOP ticket. Where is the Tribune going to go if it refuses to support Eisenhower and Nixon? (We know where it SHOULD go, but it is too much to expect it will.)

To date the Chicago Tribune treats the Democrats far more kindly than it treated the Eisenhower Republicans. In fact now and then it exhibits a bit of fairly good humor. Candidate Barkley this morning was characterized as "aged in the wood" for example, whose favorite libation is "MINK-Julep." A donkey symbol embellished this front page witticism. Ok, but even the Tribune, we wager, can't get Barkley's GOAT. For poise, combined with a sense of humor, Alben is tops.

A week ago we asked the NEA to solve the problem of the Chicago Tribune—explain how a newspaper so bigoted and unprincipled editorially, could not only overshadow all other newspapers in a great state like Illinois, but maintain year after year, its dominance.

After considerable research and analysis in the old-home-town of Rockford we believe we have the answer—and it isn't especially flattering to the boys—and girls—who write the editorials. This is the answer—the Tribune is the best NEWSPAPER in its field—with accent on NEWS.

The Tribune's society pages are far in the lead, ditto sports, markets, features, and illustrations.

Some of our friends in Chicago have refused to let the Tribune come within reading distance, because of its reactionary editorials and its slanting of political news. They have taken a stand which the undersigned heartily endorses. But they represent a decided minority. The Tribune maintains its prestige and its tremendous circulation not BECAUSE of its editorials, but in SPITE of them.

Along the line of how the Democratic party has changed through the years, the two principal speakers at yesterday's opening provided eloquent testimony.

We refer to Governor Stevenson and Senator Douglas. The former gave the official welcome to the delegates as head of the commonwealth, the latter delivered what was termed: "The truth about the Korean war."

They both gave what in "the good old days—before the war"—would have been regarded as typical Republican speeches. We mean: they were factual, rather than emotional; intelligent, rather than temperate; they sought to convince their listeners by lucid cerebral argument rather than by beating the drums of purely emotional appeal. That used to be the GOP technique, it is no longer, as their recent "free-for-all" demonstrated.

In fact your correspondent has come to speculate on an interesting question—do political parties, take form and substance, from circumstances? We mean by that: have the Democrats become spiritually, so much more like the Republicans because they have, like the GOP in bygone years, been in control of the government—the "Ins" for so many years—whereas the Republicans for a similar period, have been like the Democrats, from the turn of the century to 1912—the "OUTS."

Although, Oregon's candidate, Estes Kefauver, has a circus-callope to parade around the loop, instead of a common, ordinary sound truck, the sideshow "whoopie" to date has been far less vociferous and ear-splitting than the Republicans offered. Whether the answer is the absence of the "killer" element in this Bourbon gathering or not, we have yet to determine, but we do believe that it has been, and still is, a factor.

As we wired, yesterday morning, the one outstanding difference between this convention and the one a week ago, is that the present convocation's ONE purpose, is to secure harmony WITHIN the party; whereas the ONE purpose of the GOP convention was to decide, which faction—the old or the new—was to control. One or the other had to be licked.

That added up, naturally, to a dog-fight at the slaughter-house pavilion when the Republicans were there; an all-out, do-or-die conflict. The Democrats now gather to name a candidate, who will be best qualified, not to lead one faction over the vanquished Democrats but to lead a united party if that can possibly be attained, against the traditional enemy. So the latter is far less enlivening and dramatic.

While both Stevenson and Douglas got a good hand when they finished, there was no indication on the part of the delegates, that either one was the man on horseback. In fact Senator Douglas—regarded by most competent critics as the best Senator in the Upper House today—had to chide the delegates assembled for not paying closer attention to what he said. But he was saved by one of the outstanding heroes of the Korean campaign—a little man from Mississippi—who won the congressional medal by extraordinary heroism and lived to tell the tale. This tableau, your correspondent thought, was typical of the Democratic party—they may slip up here and there, but when the chips are down, somehow, SOMEway, they succeed in putting on a good show! The little hero supplied it.

Just as we finished the above paragraph word came to the press section via the grapevine that organized labor has officially informed VP Barkley that it will not support him for President. Why? Because he's too old—organized labor says it wants the Democrats to win and they don't believe the VP can do it. If this is true—and we have a hunch it is—then that would finish Alben. No candidate will be chosen by this convention without the endorsement of organized labor and H.S.T.—that can be put down in your notebook and kept there until the cows come home.

The Weather Man did a bad job for the GOP but he is starting out to do a worse one for the Democrats. It is now Tuesday and we arrived here Sunday noon. Haven't had a cool or refreshing breath night or day during that period—except in air cooled rooms.

How many members of the genus homo can live the year around in a climate like this passes your correspondent's comprehension. One of the smartest things ever done by the undersigned is when he shook the dust of the Middlewest from his brogans and started for the Pacific Coast to make his permanent home.

Came up on the "L" from the stockyards with an old newspaper friend of ours now a columnist on the Philadelphia Bulletin. He is pretty close to the Democratic "Higher-Ups," and he thinks it will be Stevenson in the end and for one simple reason—a majority of the delegates THINK Stevenson is the only candidate who could beat Eisenhower.

If that is true then as far as the race for the presidential nomination is concerned IT'S ALL OVER.

For when all is said and done this convention, like every other, ultimately chooses the candidate it believes best calculated to win. There is another fact which supports this conclusion—Stevenson has said a lot about not wanting the job but he has not to date, said that if drafted, he would decline it.

So if J. P. Morgan wants to make some more money he might take this tip from the horse's mouth—it's going to be Stevenson and Kefauver against Eisenhower and Nixon.

P.S.: It looks more like Stevenson by the minute. Barkley has dropped out of the race because of that labor opposition—giving the labor leaders a deserved rebuke for trying to dominate the Democratic party. He quits without any recommendation, but there is a strong rumor that President Truman has decided to give his ok to the Illinois Governor also. If this is true then your correspondent might as well pack up and get to some cooler spot if there is any in this part of the U.S.A.—R.W.R.

There are probably more species of insects on earth than of about 800,000 special have been catalogued in museums, says the all other creatures combined. National Geographic Society.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"If I could train my mother to bring out a hot dog every so often, this would be even BETTER than the beach."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

THE WOOD AND THE WOOLERS

Chicago—There are two important things about this Democratic convention. Most of the delegates are now strongly convinced that their party can win another national election. And the great majority of the delegates have an acute personal interest, of one sort or another, in keeping their party in power.

This is the true explanation of one of the most remarkable political phenomena of our times—the movement to draft Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois as Democratic nominee. This movement is again forging forward, despite Stevenson's anguished pleas, against all the common rules of politics, and in defiance of a horde of other eager aspirants.

If Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had turned out to be the magical campaigner originally envisioned, the supporters of Vice President Alben Barkley would have had a walkaway. They had a vastly popular man to run. They had the President's nod, in the form of a Truman statement that Barkley was entirely acceptable. They had the great advantage of Stevenson's reluctance. If the delegates had thought the nomination was not going to be worth very much, Barkley would surely have got it. They are very astute professional politicians, these Barkley leaders. They may have well brought off a Barkley nomination had Barkley not withdrawn. Yet the two central facts of this convention, already noted above, have nonetheless caught the Barkleyites between wind and water. The delegates came to town. They heard Barkley was ahead. At once they angrily protested that a Barkley nomination would throw away an excellent chance of Democratic victory. By the same token, they demanded Stevenson, "the winner."

The force of the grass roots sentiment among the delegates was plainly evident in the reception accorded to Governor Stevenson when he made his speech of welcome. "Spontaneous demonstrations," with cheer leaders, organizers and demonstrators paid \$5 an hour, have become a tiresome joke at our quadrennial political rallies. This demonstration for Stevenson was wholly unorganized. It made less noise than the planned and paid-for type. But it expressed real feeling.

What, then, is the secret of this Stevenson candidacy? A cynical and rather immoral old professional has argued to these reporters that the power of the Stevenson candidacy is another proof of what he calls his "theory of politics and love." He draws a dreary contrast between the eager, pouncing, sweaty-palmed young man, who goes after his girl so hard that he is always panting loudly, and the easy, unenergetic life-guard type, around whom the girls flock with cries of invitation. "Which guy gets the girls?" he asks, in his ugly way. "And which candidates get the nominations?"

There is a good deal of truth in this theory. For example, recall the time when Stevenson made his first statement that he would not be a candidate. It was only a few days before the great ceremonial dinner in New York in honor of Averell Harriman. Stevenson was scheduled to speak at the dinner. He tried to withdraw from the engagement. The dinner organizer pressured him into speaking after all, by saying that Stevenson's withdrawal would mean no free television.

When the dinner came, Vice President Barkley, Sens. Kefauver and Kerr and Averell Harriman, all wanting the nomination so badly they could taste it, each did his oratorical stuff. All of them utterly failed to impress the audience. Then Stevenson made a short speech, humorous, humane and elevated, which

convinced every Democratic jobholder in the room that here was the man to keep Democratic jobholders on the payroll. And the Stevenson candidacy, which had already died, immediately suffered a forcible resurrection.

IT HAS been like that all the way with this queer phenomenon of Stevenson's candidacy. Curiously enough, moreover, although one may be cynical about the motives of Democrats who wish to keep their party in power, this strong, grass roots support for Stevenson is also a tribute to our peculiar political process. For Stevenson is no rabble rouser, and no cheap demagogue. He is, if anything, too much an intellectual in politics. His attractions are simple. He is a warm, vigorous and intelligent man, liberal in spirit, moderate in method, who has shown that he is an outstanding executive in his terms as Illinois governor.

In short, so many delegates think Stevenson can win because they think that the American voter is decidedly discriminating in casting his vote. The judgment of the Republicans who chose Eisenhower paid the American voter the same kind of implied tribute.

The question remains, why Stevenson has been so desperately reluctant to take this assignment which so many are pressing upon him. One suspects that deep down, he too thinks the two-party system will be damaged if the Republican opposition is not cured by responsibility of its growing neurotic tendencies. One suspects, also, that he expects the final world crisis to come in the next four years, and that he fears the reaction of the electorate against the party then in power, if the opposition is led by the neurotics and extremists who may capture the Republican party if Eisenhower is defeated.

If this is Stevenson's reasoning—and there are excellent grounds for so believing—it is the reasoning of a large-minded and sensible man. If the opposing candidates in this election are to be Dwight Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson, one can at least feel the United States of America are doing themselves proud before the world.

Democrats Promise
To Support Statehood

Chicago—(U.P.)—A promise to support "immediate statehood" for Alaska and Hawaii was included Thursday in the Democratic party platform.

"By virtue of their strategic geographical locations," the plank said, Alaska and Hawaii are vital bastions in the Pacific.

"These two territories have contributed greatly to the welfare and economic development of our country and have become integrated into our economic and social life. We therefore urge immediate statehood for these two territories."



"Give him a pail of milk and he's off to have it made into Jorgensen's Homogenized Multi-Vitamin, Multi-Mineral Milk!"

In the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

Just a word before leaping off into the muddy waters of politics:

A flying saucer has been SPOTTED BY RADAR. Radar hits a definite TANGIBLE object and bounces back.

That does away with the theory of lights reflected from mirage-like layers in the atmosphere.

THESE are strange and GRAVE days we're living in. In such times, we need the BEST POSSIBLE leadership available. Regardless of what the politicians say (or do) that thought must remain uppermost in the minds of all good Americans.

NOW (holding our noses, perhaps) we can wade into the political stuff.

WHAT about this loyalty oath business?

This is the general idea: Anywhere save in the South, disgruntled Democrats could go home and vote the Republican ticket. In the one-party South, Republicans are dandyankies and if you vote for a dandyankie you're an outcast and a pariah. It was suspected (perhaps not without reason) that several Deep South delegations might go home and, using state laws, put Eisenhower on the ballot AS A DEMOCRAT. That is what started the shooting. The "loyalty oath" was designed to head that off.

WHAT about the "civil rights" business?

Some speaker (I've forgotten now who it was) let the cat out of the bag on that issue. In 11 key Northern cities, he said, the BALANCE OF POWER is held by the colored vote. The Democratic party needs to keep and the Republican party needs to get these key industrial centers. That's about the long and the short of it. As it comes up at the national party conventions every four years, there isn't an ounce of sincerity on either side so far as this compulsory "civil rights" business is concerned.

IF BY the power of moral rectitude, we're to lead the world on to better days, we've got to get rid of racial intolerances and prejudices here in our own country. We can't command the respect and the following and the cooperation of the colored races throughout the world (black, yellow and so on) if we're intolerant and unfair to members of these races here in America.

But we can't solve that problem by shady political finagling every four years for the racial balance of voting power in our big industrial cities. We'll have to go deeper than that.

That's flat.

AS THIS is written, it looks like Stevenson is it.

I don't doubt that he's a pretty good man. But I think this much is evident from the maneuvering that has gone on in Chicago:

It is the POLITICIANS who want Stevenson.

They're willing to take Stevenson to BEAT Kefauver.

I STILL hope the Democrats name their best man, run him on an ALL OUT New Deal-Fair Deal platform and make it a clear-cut contest. I think these are days when we need to know where we're at and where we're going. It seems to me from all the talk in Chicago that the politicians favor Stevenson because they think maybe they'll be able to campaign for him on both sides of the street.

The professional politicians aren't much interested in clear-cut issues. What they want is to STAY IN POWER.

I STILL think Kefauver would be the Democrats' best man. He has what it is coming to take in these times—which is the confidence of the people. He has demonstrated that over and over in the primaries, where the people simply go to the polls and vote their preference and the politicians can't do much maneuvering.

In the long run, as things are shaping up in this country, the confidence of the people is going to be more important than the backing of the politicians.

IDEALISTIC? Of course it is.

But we're beginning to need

Congressional Quiz

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

Q—Does the new GI Bill of Rights give anything besides free schooling? I'm a veteran of the Korean "police action" and I don't want to go back to school.

A—Yes. Aside from the educational benefits, the Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952 offers you: From \$100 to \$300 mustering out pay; unemployment pay of up to \$26 for 26 weeks; and the same housing and loan benefits extended to World War II veterans. These are available to persons who served in the armed forces after June 27, 1950.

Q—What's the latest on how small business is faring in the race for defense contracts?

A—According to the Senate Select Committee on Small Business, the Army and Navy are not giving small business its share of the military-procurement dollar. In a July 4 report, the Committee said the percentage of the military dollar in contracts awarded to small business had steadily declined since Korea.

Q—What happened to Congress' plan to exempt the first \$3,000 of Washington living costs from their income tax?

A—It became law as part of the Legislative Appropriations bill signed July 9 by President Truman. Rep. John W. McCormack, (D-Mass.), sponsor of the deduction amendment, said it was intended to remove a "discrimination against Members of Congress by the Internal Revenue Bureau," which ruled that for tax purposes lawmakers are residents of the Washington, D. C. area as well as of their home towns.

Q—How did the President fare this year with the GOP-Southern Democrat coalition?

A—He took a drubbing. On only five of 18 key votes chosen by Congressional Quarterly could the President claim even partial victory, despite the Democratic majority. Victories were in government reorganization, soil conservation and flood control funds, price-wage controls and foreign aid. But he also took losses on controls and foreign aid, as well as on the steel strike issue, St. Lawrence Seaway, immigration bill veto and seven other controversial issues.

Q—I hear that Congress has scheduled a Saturday session next year. Isn't that unusual?

A—True, Congress does most of its work Tuesday through Thursday and rarely assembles on Saturday. But at least once in 1953 it will meet on the sixth day of the week, when it convenes Jan. 3—a Saturday. Law specifies the Jan. 3 starting day, unless Congress beforehand agrees on another time. Congress adjourned July 7 without changing this date.

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Klamath Plywood
Mills Consolidate

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Two Klamath Falls plywood mills, closed since July 1, have consolidated and will reopen August 1.

Manager H. J. Widger of the Kalpine Plywood mill said Thursday his company had merged with the Southern Pacific Plywood company and would resume production August 1 as the Kalpine Plywood Company, a division of Plywood, Inc., of Detroit, Mich.

POWER CONTRACT LET

Portland—(U.P.)—Bonneville Power administration Thursday announced award of a \$300,255 contract for construction of a transmission line from Redmond to Klamath Falls to the F. E. Wilder company, Olympia, Wash.

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