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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

Nov. 18, 1944

(It was Saturday)

Bob Watson, Gerald Postwick and Jim Clark star as Medford High school football team defeats Coquille, 32 to 14, in first round of state championship playoffs; Medford to play Gresham in second round.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Frosts the past week put a kibosh on many pastures, and some stockmen have started feeding their hay shortage to their beef shortage.

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 18, 1924

(It was Sunday)

Delegation of 30 Hillah Shriners, headed by Illustrious Potentate O. O. Alenderfer, leaves by special train for Sacramento to attend western states ceremonial.

Medford voters to cast ballots Dec. 4 on \$78,000 for modern sewage disposal plant.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 18, 1924

(It was Tuesday)

Acme Motor company in Medford offers 1924 Chevrolet for \$475, 1924 Essex for \$500, 1920 Oakland for \$250, and 1923 Baby Overland for \$350.

Miss Claire Hanley, chairman of a Mah Jongg party being given at the Holland hotel by Mrs. Eric Wold, county health nurse.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 18, 1914

(It was Wednesday)

Medford city council grants extension time for S. S. Bullis of Southern Oregon Electric company to construct two miles of trolley track and place trolley in operation; company now making preparations for laying 3,500 feet of track on West Main st.

From the Local and Personal column: The home of Jay Baker on Roxy Anne was destroyed by fire day before yesterday at about 6:30 o'clock. The loss is about \$500. The family were eating when the roar of flames was heard in the front room. All that was saved was the telephone jerked off the wall by Baker.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

Copr. 1954, Editorial Research Report

1. Widespread use of atomic energy for industry, say most scientists, will come any day now, or fairly soon, on only after a long time?
2. A taxpayer can or can't, under the new income tax law, claim as a dependant a person supported in his home but not related to him?
3. The U.S. spent in foreign aid last year about \$2½, \$5, \$7½, \$10, or \$12,000,000,000.
4. The Hatch act is on corrupt political practice, selling liquor illegally, white slavery, immoral movies, or trying to overthrow the Government?
5. More farms get electricity from public bodies, including the R.E.A., or from private utilities?
6. The now discontinued Rockne car was made by General Motors, Chrysler, Ford, Studebaker or Hudson?
7. Soviet-controlled East Germany contains many more or many fewer persons than the West German Republic, or about the same number?

The Answers: 1. Only after a long time. 2. Can. 3. About \$5,000,000,000. 4. Corrupt political practices. 5. From public bodies. 6. Studebaker. 7. Many fewer.

Lawrenceburg, Ky.—(U.P.)—It wasn't hard to find a motive when thieves broke into the Fairmont and Shiloh churches during a heat wave. The robbers carted off large window fans.

THE Knowland Mystery

There is only one way to explain the strange behavior of Republican Senate Leader Knowland, of late—or for the past two years for that matter.

That pesky and poisonous presidential bee must be buzzing in his bonnet. No other explanation we can see, makes sense.

If this were not his affliction, he would hardly, as leader of his party in the Senate, go out of his way so frequently to oppose the policies of President Eisenhower.

KNOWLAND'S latest offering in this direction, has his recent declaration that the administrations present foreign policy is a policy playing into the hands of Russia, which as time goes on, will lead to American defeat. So he called for a halt, a resurvey of the administrations entire policy toward the USSR, so disaster may be AVOIDED BEFORE it is too late.

That is certainly a most extraordinary statement for a Senate leader of any party to make against the policies of his own party, but especially at such a critical time as this, when unity not only within the Republican party but in the country at large is so necessary to US and allied security and success.

As remarked above there is only one explanation, this department can see, and that is the virulent effects of that presidential bee bite.

Any other explanation would reflect even more seriously against Senator Knowland's loyalty to his party and devotion to world peace than is now the case.

So by a process of elimination the "bee" must be it.

AS stated, that assumption alone makes sense. For Knowland to become the Republican presidential nominee in 1956—President Eisenhower must somehow be discredited, especially within the Republican party, and particularly among the delegates at the next convention.

And toward this end the obvious strategy would be to appeal to the reactionary and isolationist minority of the party, as represented in particular by Colonel McCormick of the Chicago Tribune.

The obvious strong point of attack from this same angle would be the Eisenhower foreign policy.

So not only this amazing indictment of the Eisenhower policy, by the President's party leader in the Senate but the latter's previous criticisms direct and implied when he called for an immediate break with Russia and U.S. retirement from the United Nations—both contrary to his party's announced policies—add up to the same fundamental purpose—a break within the party which would give the President's Republican enemies a chance to name the candidate two years hence.

Senator Knowland wants to be that man.—R.W.R.

Postscript

The Mail Tribune believes no one can beat out President Eisenhower for the 1956 Republican renomination but Dwight D. Eisenhower. And then only by a firm and uncompromising refusal to be a candidate.

But this view of the Republican party situation—like some others entertained in this department,—is not necessarily upheld within the party unanimously!

Those who disagree, incidently, will find support and comfort by subscribing to the Chicago Tribune, U.S. News and World Report, and a few other newspapers and magazines that might be mentioned.

BECAUSE of the cohesive action of the recent election, and the potency of Ike's coat-tails, no rift in the GOP ranks was apparent, for the supreme desire of the Republican,—as well as the Democratic,—politicians was and is,—to get elected,—or re-elected—as the case may be.

But now, with the battle over, the tension ended, and two years before the next national election, certain disruptive forces it may be assumed, will soon present themselves. And the group of die-hard ultra-conservatives to whom Senator Knowland is now appealing, will be among them.

THE plain truth is that in certain sections of the GOP, the defeat of Senator Taft by General Eisenhower has never been forgiven. Wounds caused then have never entirely healed. And there is another member of the U.S. Senate beside Knowland who intends to take advantage of this fact,—his name is Joe McCarthy and he comes from Wisconsin.

If added evidence of this rift within the Republican ranks were needed the attempt by members of that party to bring about the defeat of Progressive Senator Case, Republican of New Jersey, would supply an interesting and convincing exhibit.

So while the anti-administration actions by Senator Knowland are surprising,—and for a senate party-leader, we believe, unprecedented,—it all makes sense when one takes the trouble to discern that while the grand Old Elephant seemed united and in good health during the recent campaign, the tranquility was only skin deep for Jumbo is really suffering from a split personality, and has been for some time.—R.W.R.

FAMILY GOLF

Potsdam, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Richard and Diane Elliott, brother and sister, have won the Potsdam Country Club golf championships again. They did the same thing four years ago. Diane has been women's champion for the past six years—winning her first title when she was 17.

Queens, B. C.—(U.P.)—Gold fever was revived in this town recently when a bulldozer opened a trench for a water pipe and prospectors started panning the gravel. But the holes were filled before any "strikes" were made, and it's probably just as well, for the law forbids mining inside the city limits.

Indications Increase That Russians Really Desire Co-Existence

CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent

There are increasing indications that Soviet Russia may really desire "peaceful co-existence" with the free world for a while.



That is asking a good bit. World Communism is based on aggression.

But right now, the Kremlin is plainly worried over the way things are going. It has good reason to be. For once, it is on the defensive.

Ratification of the treaties under which Western Germany is to be rearmend is all but certain. West European unity has reached a new high.

The Western policy of making strength the first essential in any diplomatic dealings with Russia is paying off.

Top East-West Parley Hinted
As things are shaping up, it would not be surprising if President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill decided to hold a conference with Soviet Premier Georgi M.

Robert M. Beeman Earns Promotion In Forest Service

Robert M. Beeman, Butte Falls district ranger for the Rogue River National forest since 1948, has been promoted to fire control officer of the Wenatchee National forest in Washington, it was announced today.

He and his wife and daughter Gloria, 12, and son Bruce, 8, will move to Wenatchee about Nov. 26.

A native of Seattle, Beeman graduated from the University of Washington in 1932, and earned a master's degree in forestry at Yale the following year. In 1933 he entered the forest service on the east coast, serving in eight national forests as timber cruiser and in fire control planning. He returned to the Pacific Northwest in 1938, and in 1939 became assistant ranger on the Willamette forest.

Served in War
He joined the Army in 1941, and rose from private to major in four years of service, serving in Germany and the Philippines. In 1946 he became Prospect district ranger, moving to Butte Falls two years later.

The Beeman family has been active in civic affairs in the upper Rogue area. He is a charter member of the Prospect Community club, the Butte Falls Grange and the Lions club, and is active in the Society of American Foresters. Mrs. Beeman served three years on the school board, is past president of the Butte Falls Parent-Teachers association, and belongs to the Lady Lions.

No successor has yet been announced.

Writ of Mandamus Denied by State Court

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Supreme Court yesterday denied a petition for an alternative writ of mandamus to require Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg of Klamath Falls to hear and decide the motion of Andrew Joseph Bushman to set aside an indictment.

The district attorney had previously filed an application for change of judge, to which the plaintiff objected, but Judge Vandenberg had disallowed his objections. The Supreme Court in an opinion by Justice James T. Brand said the petition for the writ of mandamus failed to set forth facts sufficient to show Andrew Joseph Bushman would be entitled to relief sought, and pointed out that if Judge Vandenberg had voluntarily disqualified himself there would be no constitutional issue.

MATS TV

Westover Air Force Base, Mass.—(U.P.)—The military Air Transport Service's headquarters here announced that a "Tom Thumb" television station is being set up at Lajes Air Base in the Azores to help amuse GI's stationed on the lonely island.

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France has been more or less left out of speculation about such a meeting. But Premier Pierre Mendes-France has increased his country's prestige so greatly that if he remains in office and gets his Parliament to ratify the German armament agreements, he probably would be included.

Any Big Three or Big Four meeting, according to talk in Washington and London, would be a highly secret and informal one. No sweeping agreements on specific issues would be expected.

The object would be a broad agreement on what the Russians call peaceful co-existence and President Eisenhower has called a modus vivendi, a way of living.

German Arms Pact First
But any conference would be held only after the ratification of the German armament agreements.

Russia may be expected to keep trying to sabotage these agreements up to the last. But the men in the Kremlin seem to feel that they will fail.

The Russians call for an "all-European security" conference was a feeble attempt at sabotage. Its rejection by the allies was certain from the start.

There is talk now of an alliance of East European Communist countries as an answer to West German armament. It would be but a gesture. The Communist countries are allied now—the satellites do what the Kremlin tells them to, and their armies are auxiliaries of the Russian army.

There is talk also that the Russians may arm East Germany. A big East German army might well turn out to be a greater menace to Russia than to the allies.

At the moment, the Kremlin seems to need peaceful co-existence.

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 initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

What Is A Politician?

To the Editor: The late election farce-comedy provides more and more chores for the independent observer, as the wailing of the Ancient Order of Sob Sisters and Stuffed Shirts is heard once more in the land, and the members of the Alibi Club work overtime.

Well sir, I've read a lot of alibis in my time but the top prize in this department must go to the right honorable gentleman who made your front page with the masterpiece of rationalization for 1954.

"I lost the election," moans this present political refugee from the Washington madhouse, "because I am not a politician!"

"Ain't that a nifty?" We must concede, of course, that a man cannot be blamed too much for attempting to deny the title of politician. At best the trade of politics is a shabby one while at worst it breeds more hams and phonies and professional rogues than any other calling. But to deny our trade because we lose? Well, you name it. I pass!

After all, our only honest politician of record is Abraham Lincoln who served fair warning to the electorate that the aims and self-interests of politicians are directly opposed to the best interests and welfare of the people. "And being a politician myself," quoth Honest Abe, "I believe I know whereof I speak."

For us independents the matter is quite simple. When the pot and the kettle start calling names, we believe both sides. Whatever the party brand, a politician is a politician. Whoever is elected, the cost of government always mounts, taxes whoop ever higher, skulduggery grows more prevalent, while you and I get the same old run-around. What?

Jeff.
Ashland, Ore.
(Name on file)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

President Eisenhower, addressing the convention of land grant colleges and universities in Washington, says:

"One of the problems of the world is lack of Russian understanding of American motives, and lack of appreciation in the United States of the Russians' culture and history."

PUT it this way:

When you're suspicious of a person, and know very little about him, you're always expecting him to do you dirt. Every time you see him you brace yourself and get ready for a fight.

Often, when you come to know him, such a person turns out to be quite all right.

WHAT Ike is saying is that before we start dropping atom bombs we should make a serious and honest effort to UNDERSTAND the Russians. Maybe, in the process, the Russians will come to understand us better.

Remembering that when we start dropping atom and hydrogen bombs the world as we and our forebears have known it will come to an end, that idea makes a certain amount of sense.

Speaking of modern dangers:

The foggy streets of London were patrolled early today by groups of SMOG MEN—civil defense volunteers carrying instruments which test the make-up of the acrid plume hanging over the great city.

This research aims to learn what is in the smog in order to develop methods of combatting it. The British government began this type of research as a result of London's disastrous five-day smog in December of 1952.

Some 4,000 persons died in the city during that brief period.

OUR modern industrialized civilization tends ever more and more to concentrate in vast industrial CENTERS. Chemistry is entering more and more into our modern industrial processes.

The result is CONCENTRATION of deleterious substances IN THE AIR over these areas where huge smoke-and-fume-belching industries are packed together like sardines in a can.

Hence—

SMOG!

PREVAILING thinking, in this country, is along the line that dangerous smog conditions tend to occur in heavily industrialized mountain-rimmed areas where normal air drainage gets out of kilter at times.

This reasoning is a little upset by the fact that the London area is as FLAT AS A FLOOR. Yet London gets dangerous smog.

SMOG control is presently believed to involve two steps:

1. Find out what causes it.
2. If dangerous fumes are the cause, require the offending industries to provide equipment to remove the fumes.

(IN Los Angeles, backyard trash burners are under suspicion. If these contribute to the smog, they'll have to be done away with.)

A COUNTRY boy's thought:

Why not solve the problem by DISPERSING industry? By getting it out of the huge, concentrated, poisonous-fume-breeding great cities and into the open country?

Harmon Trophies Presented To Fliers

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower presented the Harmon aviation trophies for 1954 to Air Force Maj. Charles E. Yeager and Jacqueline Cochran Odum yesterday.

Yeager was cited for flying the X-1A rocket research plane at a world's record speed of 1650 miles per hour at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., in December, 1953.

Mrs. Odum won the aviatrix trophy for being the first woman to break through the sound barrier flying over a closed course and for setting a woman's speed record of 652 miles per hour in a F86 Sabre jet.

Albany — (U.P.) — The annual meeting of the Highway 20 association will be held here tonight.

Matter of Fact

HIDDEN CRISIS

Washington—The sinking of a Chinese Nationalist destroyer-escort by the Chinese Communists points up the existence of a grave concealed policy crisis.

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The crisis began to come to a head in early September, when the Chinese Communists first heavily shelled the island of Quemoy. At this time, as first revealed by Washington Post and Times-Herald reporter Chalmers Roberts in a story that rocked official Washington, the Joint Chiefs of Staff proposed a bold course of action.

They proposed, by a three to one majority, that Chiang Kai-shek's air forces should bomb communications lines in China, to forestall an assault on Quemoy. They further proposed that American planes also bomb inland China, if an attack on Quemoy or the other Nationalist islands nevertheless developed.

Admirals Radford and Carney, and Gen. Twining, reasoned that the off-shore islands could not be held without bombing the mainland. Admittedly, the islands could almost certainly not be held by Chiang's forces alone, even if the mainland were bombed, and might not be held even with the intervention of American air and naval forces.

But the determination of this country to intervene if necessary, the majority reasoned, was very likely to deter the Chinese Communists from attacking at all.

Gen. Ridgway dissented from this view. He asserted that there was no such thing as an "immaculate war," and that American ground forces were inadequate for any such commitment. The issue was put before the National Security Council, at a mid-campaign meeting in Denver on Sept. 12.

AT THIS meeting, the President vetoed the Joint Chiefs' majority proposal. The veto, it can be stated on high authority, is not final—there has been no formal decision under no circumstances to intervene to save the islands. But it is probably final in practice. For the President vetoed the proposal of the Joint Chiefs, not simply because he agreed with Ridgway, but also on the much broader ground that the course proposed by the Joint Chiefs involved a clear risk of world war.

The basic intention now is, in short, to avoid becoming involved directly in a battle for the off-shore islands. The obvious alternative was put up to Chiang by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on his trip to Formosa. Dulles suggested—in far more polite terms—that it might be wise for Chiang to

get out of the islands before he was kicked out.

The Generalissimo's reaction was angry. He said, in effect, that it would be better for his forces to die fighting for the islands rather than to give up without a fight. One can sympathize with this reaction. But it is also easy to see why Dulles hinted at a voluntary withdrawal.

If the islands are not to be held under any circumstances, there are positive advantages to a Nationalist withdrawal under American pressure. Such a withdrawal would at least knock the props out from under the Communist and neutralist line, effective in both Europe and Asia, that America is thirsting for war.

Moreover, a firm American guarantee to Chiang to fight to hold Formosa and the Pescadores has been in the works for weeks. This guarantee, it has been suggested in the State Department, could be tied into an agreement by Chiang to withdraw.

At the same time, the Generalissimo could and would save face by blaming the abandonment of the islands on the United States. Under such circumstances, voluntary withdrawal could hardly hurt morale on Formosa as much as a bloody and inevitable defeat.

THIS third alternative—a bloody defeat for Chiang's forces, administered by the Communists while this country held aloof—is quite obviously the worst possible outcome. Nothing could do more to convince all Asia that this country is a "paper tiger." For this reason, the possibility of persuading Chiang to undertake a voluntary withdrawal from the islands is being rather wistfully considered in official circles.

But strong measures would be needed to persuade Chiang to change his mind. And such strong measures would in turn arouse such powerful Senators as Majority Leader William Knowland. So once again, as in the period before the beginning of the Korean war, American policy is in danger of falling between two stools, the one marked "Fear of Congress" and the other marked "Fear of general war."

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Mother Good Scout For Youthful Hunter

Austin, Tex. — (U.P.)—Texas Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd had flu this week and couldn't take his 12-year-old son Johnny hunting on the first day of the season.

Mrs. Shepperd filled in for Johnny's ailing father. Johnny came back with two wild turkey gobblers and a four-point buck deer.

ACTRESS TO MARRY

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