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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

Dec. 2, 1944

Glen Bostwick and Marvin Doty score touchdowns, and Bob Watson kicks two extra points, as Medford High school football team defeats La Grande 14 to 0, in state championship game at Multnomah stadium in Portland.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Only one month is left on the current calendar, and citizens have started to wonder where they will get one for next year.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 2, 1924

Members of First Christian church of Medford hold mortgage burning at 50th annual meeting; among those taking part is Mrs. Margaret Fisher, only remaining charter member of the church living in Medford.

Cecil A. Poole, Medford, former principal of Griffin Creek school, appointed to national lecture board of Rosencrucian order.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 2, 1924

Jacksonville Postmistress Flo Thompson escapes injuries in automobile accident north of Grants Pass; story says her car suffered "two broken wheels and minor bruises and lacerations."

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 2, 1914

(It was Wednesday)
Medford city council cuts police force to one man; Chief Hittson to be both chief and patrolman; council names Mrs. J. T. Howell, W. T. York, and J. H. Bradford to city registration board.

From the Local and Personal column: Some of the high school vaudeville team returned from Klamath Falls to eat, after appearing twice in that city. They will never wander as far again from their base of supplies. Glenn Laidley, a very prominent young cartoonist, reports that he did not have anything to eat from Sunday noon till Monday night. The privations of Laidley were the worst. The rest were reduced to hush and coffee. The richest member of the troupe possessed a dollar. The team made \$4 apiece the first night, and a dollar apiece the second night. The gayety of Klamath Falls tempted the boys to spend their subsistence recklessly.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

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1. Alger Hiss went to jail for spying for Russia, libeling Whitaker Chambers, committing perjury, or filling the State Department with Reds?

2. The White House in Washington is on Capitol st., Pennsylvania ave., New York ave., First st., or Independence ave.?

3. Most cities and states have a constitutional or legal limit on how much debt they may run up, right or wrong?

4. Which of these has the largest permanent seating capacity: Cotton Bowl, Orange Bowl, Polo Grounds, Rose Bowl, Yankee Stadium?

5. The most common length in women's shoe is Size 6, 6½, 7, 7½, 8 or 8½?

6. The world's largest desert is in north Africa, north Australia, western U.S.A., south China, or northeast Siberia?

7. A stalemate is recognized under that name in the rules of what game?

The Answers: 1. Committing perjury. 2. On Pennsylvania ave. (No. 1600). 3. Right. 4. Rose Bowl. 5. 7½. 6. North Africa (the Sahara). 7. Chess.

Will Atoms End War?

In spite of the tough attitude of the Knowlands and the McCarthy's, so long as General Eisenhower is in the White House, there promises to be no Third World War,—none at least initiated by the United States.

And it is doubtful if any will be initiated by Red China, Russia, or any member of the Communist bloc, in the foreseeable future at least.

Why?
THE chief reason, we believe, is the very human trait that has started so many wars in the past,—FEAR.

It was essentially the German fear of being denied her "place in the sun," as it was the Japanese fear of being denied expansion—living space—that brought on World Wars I and II.

But with the advent of the atom and hydrogen bombs, a new world-wide fear has arisen,—namely not the fear of what war might do to a nation's enemies, but to the nation ITSELF.

IN fact it is highly probable that if atomic weapons of destruction had never been invented a World War III would be raging now.

The seeds of war are certainly present. The world is divided between the Communist nations bent on world domination; and the anti-Communist nations, seeking to prevent such destruction, and thus preserve their independence and their freedoms.

UNDER such conditions war in the past would have been a "natural." But we are now in the atomic age, and the entire nature of war—war on a world-scale at least—has changed.

For the stalemate that Senator Knowland so greatly fears, is already here. The USA may have a slight advantage, but it is too slight to be a decisive factor. Therefore the fact remains that not only is a "preventive war" out, but with atomic weapons, any profitable war to victor or vanquished is out also. In other words war has been outlawed by the development of war itself.

FORTUNATELY President Eisenhower sees this. So does Winston Churchill. And there is little reason to doubt that the leaders in China and Russia see it also. (If they don't and they start a war, they will soon find it out!)

SO in this day and age, national fears, instead of being the cause of war, have become the cause of peace—precarious though it may seem at the moment.

This doesn't mean there CAN'T be another world war. The world may blunder into it. Nor does it mean this country can afford to decrease preparations for such a catastrophe.

It does mean, that war has been prevented to date, probably will be for some time, not by any absence of the war-like spirit, but by an appreciation on the part of world leaders, that war is something to avoid in this atomic age, not because of any qualms regarding what such a war might do to the other side, but to the nation—or nations,—starting it.

AND that, we submit is something to be thankful for. The time may come indeed when instead of deploring the invention of these weapons of wholesale frightful destruction, the civilized people of the world, will call the inventors blessed for rendering war—ANY war—on a world-wide scale, so destructive to victor and vanquished alike, that by common consent, and plain self-interest, Old Man Mars and all his lethal equipment has to be kicked out of the cosmos onto some interplanetary ash-heap!

Certainly a consummation devoutly to be wished.
—R.W.R.

Hats Off to Watkins

Whatever happens to Joe McCarthy and the censure resolutions—as this is being written the vote has not been taken,—one principal member of the cast, will come out of it, with greatly increased stature and nation-wide respect.

That member is the committee chairman: Senator Watkins of Utah. When he was chosen he was practically unknown except in his own state, and not widely known there.

Today he is a national figure and one in which not only his constituents, but all good Americans may well take pride.

For the senator from Utah has shown qualities of moral courage, clear objective thinking, and a sense of fairness and judicial temper all too rare in the Upper House of the Congress,—especially where controversial issues are concerned.

He demonstrated also a fortitude and self control under unjustified and unwarranted personal attack, which can only be termed truly CHRISTIAN. While he never deviated from the line of duty and conscience, he never indulged in personalities, and even went out of his way to give credit to McCarthy for his anti-Red efforts, while deploring and condemning his methods.

THE MAIL TRIBUNE can only regret there are not more, of his stalwart Puritan type in the Senate, the need particularly in the present world crisis, is so great.

Perhaps there are more, but they never happened to be placed in the national spot-light, or be subjected to such a revealing character test, before such an audience.

All Americans who believe in the superiority of democracy over any other form of government yet devised, certainly hope this proves to be the case.
—R.W.R.

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

THE INNER CRISIS: II

Washington — A profound cleavage within the Eisenhower administration on basic issues of national policy—above all policy towards Asia—now unquestionably exists.

On the one hand there is the powerful group which views Communism as a great threat to the United States as Communist China must as Winston Churchill viewed Communist Russia in the period after the revolution, when he wanted to "strangle the baby in its cradle."

This group believes that the consequences will be fatal if the Chinese Communist regime is allowed to consolidate its power. Most of this group also believes that limited action by the United States can prevent the consolidation of Chinese Communist power.

This school of thought boasts a three-to-one majority on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at least one influential ally in the State Department, and strong support from the most powerful Republicans in the Senate. But Gen. Matthew Ridgway, Army Chief of Staff and the lone dissenter among the Joint Chiefs, also has powerful allies—apparently including the President of the United States.

President Eisenhower has twice supported Gen. Ridgway. The first time was when the majority of the Chiefs wanted to commit American air power to Indochina. The second time was when the majority wanted to commit American air power to the Chinese mainland, if necessary to hold the Nationalist offshore islands.

Ridgway opposed both proposals on much the same grounds. These grounds are reportedly about as follows: He does not believe that limited American action will fatally weaken the Chinese Communist regime. All military history, he believes, flies in the face of the theory of "the immaculate war," a war won by sea and air power alone.

Nor will the limited anti-Communist Asiatic ground forces suffice to challenge Communist China's unlimited manpower. If the challenge is to be made, American ground troops must be ready to back it up. If the challenge is to be made, in short, this country had better prepare to fight a serious war.

GIVEN American commitments in Asia and above all to NATO, the troops to fight this kind of war simply do not exist. Infantry divisions cannot be whistled up overnight. Thus, if the challenge is to be made, the first step must be the money and time to train at least six additional divisions.

Ridgway's is the basic position, but there are many variations on the same theme. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, for example, is very well aware of the volcanic reaction probable among this country's European allies if the United States blockaded China, for example, or intervened to hold the Nationalist off-shore islands. But he is equally aware of the volcanic reaction on Capitol Hill if, for example, his able Assistant Secretary of State, Walter Robertson, resigned in protest against the Administration's Asia policies.

Dulles himself, moreover, has had in the past strong sympathy with the views of the Radford-Robertson-Knowland group. The Dulles position, therefore, is seemingly betwixt-and-between, despite his strong sounding statements in his broadcast Monday night.

In point of fact, the Secretary of the Treasury is probably a more influential figure in this

conflict than the Secretary of State. Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey does not have to be a military expert to know that, one way or another, American military intervention in Asia is going to cost money—in the long run, probably a great deal of money.

Humphrey quite sincerely believes that "loose spending" at home represents as great a threat to the United States as Communist aggression abroad. He has therefore opposed taking any "unnecessary" military risks. Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson, his alter ego in the Pentagon, goes along with him.

HUMPHREY also has, of course, great influence with the President. One high official has remarked that Ridgway, in his conflict with the other chiefs, has had two key assets—"George Humphrey and the hydrogen bomb." As previously reported here, the terrible special characteristics of the hydrogen bomb have deeply influenced the thinking of President Eisenhower, just as they have influenced the thinking of Churchill.

As a result, as he has said, the President is seeking a "modus vivendi" with the Communist powers. But you cannot, after all, seek a way of living with the Communist world and seek to strangle the Chinese Communist baby in its cradle, all at one and the same time. And a powerful group within the Administration genuinely believes that, if the Chinese baby is allowed to mature, it will strangle the United States in the end.

Thus the stage is set for a major internal policy crisis in the Administration. Ordinarily, to be sure, the President's position would determine the outcome in advance. But the Chinese Communists seem determined to prove by their behavior that any modus vivendi with communism is inherently impossible.

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Canadian Officials Probe Bank Holdups

Vancouver, B. C.—(U.P.)—Police Chief Walter Mulligan started an investigation today to determine if "professional" criminals from the United States and Eastern Canada staged a \$50,000 bank robbery yesterday morning.

Mulligan said after an emergency police commission meeting last night that there had been a definite influx of professional criminals during the last few months when this city's crime rate reached an all-time high. He said, however, that he wasn't sure if outsiders were responsible for the \$50,000 job because "any member of local hoodlums could have done the job."

The \$50,000 robbery was one of two in the city yesterday that netted bandits a total of \$51,500. Two hours after the big robbery, a bandit got away with \$1,500 from the main downtown branch of the same bank.

Escapee's Truthfulness Cost Him His Freedom

Castaic, Calif.—(U.P.)—Frank Nemcek hitched a ride with a passing car.

"You're taking a chance picking me up," Nemcek told the driver, Walter M. Doughty. "I'm running away from the Castaic honor farm."

The mistake was Nemcek's. He was taken back to the farm by Doughty—a guard.

First rural free delivery mail routes in the U.S. were placed in operation in West Virginia, Oct. 1, 1896.

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Weather Follows Pattern

To the Editor: One of the most infallible winter weather prognosticators is the first three days of December. The first day foretells the general trend of the winter ahead for the present month.

The second day of December foretells what kind of weather will be due for January. The third day of December rules the kind of weather to expect in February.

This may seem to be unscientific yet tradition will sustain the above results as a general rule.

A note on the calendar for the first three days of December will be one way to test the unique method.

Why it has any significance is one of those old folklore tales covered with dust of the ages.

Bert Kissinger,
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Medford, Ore.

Faith is Needed

To the Editor: The swift fall of the slant-edged beheading knife has its evil effects, even to this day in France. During the revolution there, to survive, one had to denounce a neighbor, friend or family member with deadly regularity. As men and women of goodwill would refuse such villainous practices, they were the ones most denounced and most apt to fall victim to guillotine leaving behind too many of suspicious mind, and lack of faith in their fellow-men. So much so that establishment of a stable French government today is all but impossible.

Pope Finds Ordered Rest Difficult

Vatican City — (U.P.)—Pope Pius XII, disturbed by hiccups, is having difficulty obtaining the absolute rest ordered by his doctors, Vatican sources said today.

The doctors said the Pope had "some trouble sleeping" last night. He is still receiving nourishment indirectly and his doctors are maintaining their 24-hour vigil at the papal apartments in the apostolic palace of the Vatican.

The sources emphasized that there is no cause for alarm and that the current disturbance is less serious than that which afflicted him last winter.

The sources said the condition of the 78-year-old pontiff was unchanged in the past 24 hours. Yesterday they had reported a slight improvement.

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