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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. 9, 1944

Wrestler George Wagner, better known as "Gorgeous George," signs to wrestle at Medford armory, according to Promoter Mack Lillard.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Dewey Hill, the Prospect hired man, towed Friday and underwent a haircut.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1934

Representative of the National Council for the Prevention of War scheduled to speak at Holland hotel.

Bill Morgan, former Medford High school and University of Oregon football player, stars for New York Giants professional football team in victory over Chicago Bears.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1924

(It was Tuesday)

Department of Interior officials renew proposals to include Diamond lake in Crater Lake National park.

American Can company delivers 11,000 smudge pots to Rogue valley orchardists.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1884

(It was Friday)

County court, composed of F. L. TouVelle, William C. Leever, and J. C. Smith, approves county budget; special levy for various towns include Medford, 10.3; Ashland, 13.8; Jacksonville, 15; Central Point, 16; Eagle Point, 11; Phoenix, 15; Butte Falls, 18; Talent, 11; Gold Hill, 5, and Rogue River, 15.

From the Local and Personal column: Among the improvements in Ashland, the appearance of the baronial manor of Prof. H. G. Gilmore, a retired British officer residing on the Woolen street section of the scenic drive, has been much enhanced by the addition of a pergola.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

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1. West Germany is a member of UN and many UN agencies, or of UN and no UN agencies, or of many UN agencies but not UN?

2. There are more horses and mules than tractors on all U. S. farms, or more tractors than horses and mules?

3. Which one of these has the most members in the U. S. House of Representatives: Delaware, Nevada, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wyoming?

4. No other sport in the world draws as many spectators as baseball does; right or wrong?

5. Cashmere is wool from Near East lambs, South American llamas, African camels, Middle East goats or Scots sheep?

6. If you die intestate, you die childless, widowed, divorced, bankrupt, without leaving a valid will, or on a long-distance trip?

7. Parcel post is first, second, third or fourth class mail?

The Answers: 1.—Of many UN agencies but not UN itself. 2.—More horses and mules. 3.—Rhode Island. 4.—Wrong; soccer, for one, draws larger crowds in several countries. 5.—Middle. East goats. 6.—Without leaving a valid will. 7.—Fourth.

"Rule or Ruin"

How long is it going to take the leaders of the Republican party to see that McCarthy can't be appeased any more than Soviet Russia? Every time he is appeased he edges so much nearer his goal, which is supreme control.

It was stated in this department over three years ago that the Wisconsin demagogue was out to "rule" or "ruin."

His one great ambition was, and is, to occupy the White House. He intends to get the Republican NOMINATION, or have his man Friday nominated. In other words he is out to rule or ruin the GOP, and it is a mystery to this department why so few of the Republican "Old Guard" seem to realize this.

FOR now, according to the latest report from Washington, the word has gone out to let bygones be bygones as soon as the Wisconsin Senator returns from his "hideout," butter him up AGAIN, and thus avoid above all else, a party split.

That is a perfectly natural reaction and political aim of course. It is to the interest of any political party to avoid a serious division within its ranks.

But the only way to avoid it, after that declaration of war on President Eisenhower by the Wisconsin Senator, is, as we see it, to either kick Joe out or join him. There is no neutral ground. As far as President Eisenhower and the next convention is concerned, it is now a war to the finish.

IT is our prediction—and hope—Ike will win. But it won't be any cake-walk.

Although only one member of the Senate, had the nerve to publicly endorse McCarthy for his slanderous blast against the leader of his party and the President of the United States, Joe had plenty of support in the galleries and out in the hinterland, as the applause in the committee room and that truckload of anti-censure petitions indicated. And it is this frenzied and fanatical group country-wide the Wisconsin Senator is depending upon. It's the old Coghlan-Gerald Smith—Ku Klux story all over again.

IT will be interesting to see how the plot develops. Like all demagogues, McCarthy is a 100% opportunist, but it is hard to see how he can return now to the Eisenhower camp.

And it is even harder to see how President Eisenhower, in view of what has happened, can either be as naive or as foolhardy, as to make any direct effort to placate and reform the "Wild man from the wilds of Wisconsin." It just can't be done.

MEANWHILE, one remark the Wisconsin Senator made to the press after his outburst, we note from the wire, was not "lost on the newsmen." It shouldn't be. Here it is quote:

"I have no interest at the present time in a Third Party. I intend to work in the Republican party."

"At the PRESENT time," is the tip-off. But how about a year or a few months hence?—R.W.R.

Is This the End of "Mac"?

Speaking of "rule or ruin," this declaration of a one-man war against President Eisenhower by the rough neck Senator from Wisconsin should ruin the latter, politically.

And it may. One notes that even Senator Knowland refused to join the party member he refused to censure only 24 hours before!

SO that might be the handwriting on the wall as far as McCarthy's fate is concerned. For whether one likes or doesn't like Knowland—and we don't—there is no doubt he is a power in the Grand Old Party, and exerts considerable influence. If he didn't, he wouldn't be able to hold the job he does.

BUT our guess is even this "bull" won't ruin McCarthy. Not immediately, or completely, at least. The man is as resilient as a hard rubber ball and has about as many qualms of conscience.

He has moreover, gathered too much momentum. This unwarranted attack, upon President Eisenhower, as a result of personal pique will hurt him and slow him down, but we fear it won't stop him.

AND for this McCarthy continuance, there will be, we think, two main reasons:

No. 1: As indicated above, there will be every effort made by Republican leaders to patch up at least, a temporary Eisenhower-McCarthy truce, in view of the supreme need of party unity to go on successfully and win the 1956 election. This will bring strong pressure on both the President and McCarthy, to reach some sort of working agreement.

No. 2: The popular support the Wisconsin demagogue has achieved, throughout the country by his clever manipulation of the strong and prevailing anti-communist feeling into political support for himself, as the one man not only responsible for it but the only man who can successfully implement and lead it.

THAT is all a lot of hooey of course. But there are thousands of gullible voters who have not yet become wise to its falsity, and for the present at least, won't.

So with those two forces working toward the retention of McCarthy as a factor in American politics, added to the man's ambition and unprincipled resourcefulness, this department fears the political end of McCarthy, while ultimately certain, is still—well, some time in the future, at least.—R.W.R.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

GENERAL COLLINS' TASK

Saigon, Viet Nam—Here in southern Indochina there are a few months at most to glue something together that will hold against the strong pressure of communism's southward advance in Asia.

The attempt is being made, with a certain amiable desperation, by a model French-American partnership.

The partners are the wise and high principled French commander, Gen. Ely, and his old friend, President Eisenhower's special envoy, Gen. Lawton Collins. Two men could not work together more closely; and this is just as well, for the odds against Collins and Ely are just about ten to one.

Two little incidents will help to convey the difficulties of their task. The first concerns a very high French official who was giving a very grand official dinner. The dessert was a rich cake.

There was a good deal of eyebrow raising when the cake appeared with its top beautifully decorated in pastry cook's curlicues with the word "peace"—the word the Communists have inscribed on their propaganda banners and made, alas, almost their exclusive property.

All the same, the French official, not wanting to be against peace, said nothing until the same rather specialized decoration was applied in mayonnaise to a cold fish and in cut out trifles to a cold chicken. After the third dinner party with "peace" proclaimed from the platter, the official told his cook to stick to cooking and to leave the conversation to those at the table. The cook was not fired because he was a very good cook.

The incident is one of the current jokes of Saigon, but what it signifies is anything but comic. The cook, undoubtedly, was one of the millions of Vietnamese here in the south who have gone over or are inclined to go over to the Communists. The penetration is already very deep. Large areas of the countryside are already in Communist hands, with all real authority longed in the underground committees and courts of the Vietminh.

If this process of Communist penetration is not rapidly halted and reversed, the non-

Communist government here in Saigon will soon be nothing but a shadow. All of which in turn gives point to incident number two, which was a visit by this reporter to the brother and chief personal advisor of the head of the present Vietnamese government, President Ngo Dinh Diem.

Mister Nhu, as the President's brother is called by the peculiar Vietnamese name-system, is a slender, immensely polite man who looks as if he came, as in fact he does, from an ancient family of high mandarins. He lives in a way so humble as to be downright astonishing in Asia, where the brothers of heads of Government are seldom found in little houses in back alleys. But Mr. Nhu is not really very humble.

The subject of our conversation was the most urgent problem here, the problem of the army. Since the Geneva accords were signed only a few days ago, this country has been rent in twain and brought close to anarchy by the bitter, open, personal quarrel between President Diem and the vain, clever, ambitious army chief of staff, Gen. Hinh.

President Diem was virtually besieged in his palace. He only survived because he was given the most unqualified American support. Since the army is the sole effective instrument of authority in Viet Nam, the army-government quarrel opened the way for enormous Communist gains. Largely by the efforts of Generals Ely and Collins, however, Gen. Hinh has now been got out of Saigon and removed from the army command. Thus the opportunity now exists to bind up the old wounds, and begin in earnest the gigantic task of restoring order and halting Communist penetration.

The only trouble was, Mr. Nhu did not see the thing that way. The army needed to be purged and handed over to the favorites of President Diem. An army, anyway, was for defending frontiers. A new civilian system of administering the countryside had to be created, out of nothing to be sure. There was no great hurry because "the people of Viet Nam are for us."

SUCH were the themes of Mr. Nhu. The policy he described was certain to renew the old feud with the army with redoubled fury, and so to give the Communists a challengeable control of south Viet Nam within a few months. But Mr. Nhu continued to insist with elegant blandness, that his brother President Diem really had a duty to cut off his nose to spite his face.

Being an ardent nationalist under a strong colonial regime does not conduce, unfortunately, to political realism. And besides having to struggle with those who will not see the plain facts before their eyes, Generals Ely and Collins must also struggle with a quite remarkable collection of special interests, several of them with private armed forces.

The religious sects Cao Dai and Hoa Hoi each have armies of 20,000 men or so and exercise feudal power in about seven provinces. The so-called Binh Xuyen have an army of 5,000, own the fantastic gambling and other rackets of Saigon and also run the police. All these and other special interests talk "unity, unity" at the tops of their voices, but also hint loudly that they will fight if their preserves are encroached upon.

From this basket of evils, then, a strong, efficient, forward-looking government and administration must be formed to prevent the Communist advance into the key position in south Asia.

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Editorial Comment

The McCarthy Censure

Today it seems to us that the Senate vote of censure was essentially a decision to uphold standards of honor, accuracy, impersonal justice, reasonableness and responsibility which are in the highest American tradition. Are these ineffective qualities? We do not think so. They are far more effective against Communism than are questionable methods, personalized power, abuse of citizens, disregard of facts, reckless accusation and reasoning denunciation of all opposition, sowing suspicion, disunity and hate among Americans.

The Senate acted on specific charges and against one individual. But its vote carries a far wider meaning. It has taken its stand for qualities and ways of working which are fundamentally valuable to free self-government. We trust the American people will understand and uphold this reluctant but essential reaffirmation of basic standards.—Christian Science Monitor.

Police 'Arrest' Horse For Meter Violation

Columbus, O.—(U.P.)—A seven-year-old mare was taken to the police station when a patrolman found the horse tied to a parking meter in which no coin had been deposited.

Police decided against a fine when the owner of the horse showed up to claim her. The driver of the horse said he was making a telephone call when the horse was "arrested."

Portlanders Map Plans For Defense of Four

Portland—(U.P.)—A committee of citizens has been formed here to map plans for the defense of four Portlanders charged with contempt of Congress.

The Committee for Defense of Constitutional Rights, which did not list its sponsors or members, announced yesterday it would hold a meeting here Friday night at which the four men would speak.

TOO FAR TO GO

Dover, N. H.—(U.P.)—Paul R. Benoit of Concord was fined \$10 in municipal court here on a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. The place to obtain a license is in the State House Annex, just across the street from the State house where Benoit is employed.

Soviets Said Hiking Production Of Rocket-Powered Interceptors

London—(U.P.)—Jane's. All The World's Aircraft said today the Soviet Union is increasing production of rocket-powered interceptors and farming out manufacture of some jet fighters to satellite nations.

The authoritative annual review of world aviation published today also reported that Russia has developed a mother-bomber that can carry two MIG-15 jets or a twin-engine supersonic piloted rocket, although the experiments "did not seem to be on a large scale."

The plane that carries the twin fighters is a TU-4, an almost exact copy of the American B-29 but much smaller than the American B-36 which can launch and retrieve a jet fighter F84F Thunderjet. Jane's added that "It is quite certain that TU-4s were modified for airborne launchings of the DFs rocket R-346 built in the USSR."

New Bomber Drawings Produced

The publication produced drawings of the new intercontinental four-engine jet atom bomber that started Western military attaches when it flashed over Moscow at this year's May Day aviation parade.

Jane's said it was a midwing cantilever monoplane with the main bomb bay between the wing roots. Jane's said the four-engines powering the plane were unidentified and its armament unknown. The bomber was estimated to be 144 feet long with a wing span of 145 feet.

"Rocket development is outside the scope of this annual, but many German models of World War II origin, of all types from aircraft armament rockets such as the R-4-M to long range missiles have been used and improved upon in the USSR."

Jane's reported Russia had some 360 factories aircraft and components distributed from the Polish border to the Sea of Okhotsk.

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