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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. 23, 1944
 (It was Saturday)
 Miss Nancy Swem installed as queen of Medford Bethel of Daughters of Job.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: It's Christmas again, and nothing is supposed to be stirring, not even a mouse. All the kids have written letters to Santa Claus. Many can't read their own writing, but expect him to.

20 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 23, 1934
 (It was Sunday)
 Series of meetings to be held to acquaint farmers of Apple-gate valley with plan to construct irrigation project at Barr ranch at Watkins.

Five hundred people turn out at Oriental Gardens to see Ash-land American Legion performance of "Ten Nights in a Bar-room."

30 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 23, 1924
 (It was Tuesday)
 Salvation Army holds Christmas party at old Methodist church; Santa Claus adds "much to the children's pleasure by playing the mandolin."

Mervyn Chastain stars for Medford High school basketball team in 28 to 15 victory over Eureka in first game of season played at Army.

40 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 23, 1914
 Registration of voters for Medford city charter election nears 1,200 as deadline approaches; backers of charter change say measure will pass by substantial margin if total registration reaches 1,200.

From the Local and Personal column: Two intoxicated gentlemen were landed in the city jail this morning, being the first arrest for drunkenness in 10 days.

What's the Answer?
 (Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
 Copr. 1954, Editorial Research Report

- The U.S. accounts today for a larger or a smaller percentage of all autos in the world than it did 25 years ago, or for about the same percentage?
- Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant fought on the same side in a war; right or wrong?
- Soldiers hidden in a wooden horse captured ancient Athens, Sparta, Rome, Troy, Jerusalem, Carthage, or Bagdad?
- Ambrose Channel is the entrance to the port of Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, New York, San Diego or San Francisco?
- George Washington signed the original draft of the Constitution; right or wrong?
- Before becoming Vice President Richard M. Nixon was a U.S. Senator, Representative, F.B.I. agent, Governor of California, or state judge?
- By what name was Philip Nolan better known?
1. For a smaller percentage. 2. Right (the Mexican war). 3. Troy. 4. New York. 5. Right. 6. U.S. Senator. 7. The Man Without a Country.

WEATHER BY UNITED PRESS
 Northern California: Variable cloudiness north and mostly fair central portion, with occasional rain extreme north.

When Fear Is a Blessing

A correspondent in the Oregonian maintains America's greatest and most powerful weapon is "not hydrogen bombs, but brotherly love."

That is an appropriate sentiment, particularly at this time of year, but we fear it will not be taken any more seriously than the prediction from Chicago that the world is coming to an end next Tuesday.

The American people are essentially a practical people and while sentimental regarding such things as Christmas, they are very careful to draw the line between feelings and facts where important matters and problems are concerned.

HOW much "brotherly love" would be unearthed, for example, if a survey were made of Main street, and inquiries regarding our love for Soviet Russia or Red China were presented from door to door! Assuming this admirable quality is our best weapon, one fears there wouldn't be enough collected to load grand-paps' shotgun. The truth is, there is no brotherly love for the Red governments here in Medford or anywhere else in the country, and if there is any over there for us no convincing evidence has been presented.

So, except as a Christmas card sentiment, or a part of the Christian ritual are concerned, we might as well forget it. If brotherly love did prevail, through the world, everything would be transformed of course, and all to the good; but one has only to keep one's ears and eyes open to know that isn't the case.

IN fact the truth is that our most powerful weapon at the moment is not brotherly love, but the hydrogen bomb—and the fear of a hydrogen—or atomic—war.

Had these weapons of massive diabolical destruction never been invented, and the free world did not now possess them, World War II would undoubtedly be going on today, for the elements of such a war are now present — only fear of its consequences is preventing it, especially as far as Soviet Russia is concerned.

THIS is the ONE reason, in fact, why President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles are both so confident that the prospects of world peace are better today than they were a year or two ago. Not perfect—but better.

Thanks to these incredible weapons of destruction the horrors of war have, in the human imagination everywhere, including Russia, so outbalanced any possible benefits to either participant, that national self-interest, which in the past produced our wars, now is the outstanding deterrent against them.

It is surely something at this joyous Christmas season for which to be thankful. It doesn't mean peace on earth, good will to men are here; it does mean, war has moved further away, and the further it does go the better the prospects of increasing world good will and brotherly love.—R.W.R.

Asia for The Asians?

In spite of the unlikelihood of a global war Secretary Dulles is undoubtedly right in maintaining that Soviet policy has not changed fundamentally. The Kremlin is still bent on dividing the free world powers if it can, and thus increasing its world control.

This promises to be particularly true in Asia. Any war on a large scale over there is highly unlikely, but conquest by sabotage and infiltration isn't. In fact there is some evidence the Red infiltration in Indonesia has already started, and the problem is, how can it be stopped?

As has been previously remarked in this department, we can see only one way—to build up and strengthen resistance to this "peaceful conquest" among the Asians themselves.

If the people of Asia don't want independence and freedom and are not willing to fight for it, if given the necessary aid, then it can't be forced upon them by this country or any other.

A preventive program has been called a "Marshall Plan for Asia," and has already aroused strong opposition among the congressional isolationists of both parties.

Senator Byrd, Democrat of Virginia, for example, turns thumbs down for giving away any more financial aid to any foreign country, for any reason.

BUT what is the alternative?
 Must we sit by supremely while Red China and Russia take over?

That is the only answer most observers can see. And then what would become of Japan and the Philippines?

IT'S a tough problem, we admit.
 But, as the true situation becomes better known we believe it will be more and more clear, that from the standpoint of self-interest, the United States should do everything in its power to build up effective resistance to Red aggression in Asia, not by sending an army over there, but by giving the money and materials to the Asians so they can form their own armies and fight for their freedom from foreign domination, THEMSELVES.—R.W.R.

Firm Lists Advice For Avoiding Lightning
 Schenectady, N. Y. —(U.P.)—Sailboats can be hit by lightning. To avoid damage, General Electric suggests this:
 1. Run a No. 6 wire from the top of the guys to the top of the mast—and even a little farther.

2. Run another wire from the bottom of the guys into the water, or to a copper plate at the bottom of the hull.
 That will give the lightning a safe metal path from top to bottom.

SUGGESTED BIBLE READING

The American Bible Society, the Medford Ministerial Association and the Medford Council of Church Women are cooperating in sponsoring the daily Bible reading in the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 The suggested scripture reading for today is: Hebrews 11.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 This changing world note: Television cameras will be used for the first time in Canada's senate chamber to record the opening of the Canadian parliament in Ottawa on January 7.
 A spokesman said that Canadian Governor General Vincent Massey, who will read the speech from the throne at the opening, has given his approval.

GOOD?
 Or bad?
 I think it's good.

IM sure it will be good if the TV cameras are handled with decorum and good taste, keeping sharply and clearly in mind that their purpose is to let the people of Canada know what an opening of parliament looks like.

The more the people know, factually and truthfully, about their government, the better it will be for everybody.

THERE are dangers in the use of television in reporting matters of public importance. Sir Gladwyn Jebb, of Britain, pointed out one of them some time ago in commenting on the use of TV at United Nations sessions.
 He said:
 "How are you going to get grave and decorous handling of United Nations business when everyone present and taking part in the sessions knows that every time he scratches his head a hundred million people will be watching?"

What he meant was that in the glare of television publicity those who are taking part in the sessions that are being covered by the TV cameras will become self-conscious and will tend to become ACTORS rather than serious participants in important deliberations.

I WAS fortunate enough to sit in for two or three days on the McCarthy hearings in Washington last spring. It was a fascinating experience. But it was also a disillusioning experience. It wasn't a serious and decorous public hearing, designed wholly to give the people a clear and accurate and uncolored picture of what was going on in a matter that concerns all the people. It was a HOLY SHOW. Everyone present at the hearing was PLAYING TO THE CAMERAS every minute of the time.

Let me sketch the situation briefly.
 The large room in the senate office building where the hearing was being held was half filled with the technical equipment necessary for the broadcast. Every participant sat in the hot white light of the klieg lights. Everyone knew that half the people in the United States were looking on.
 The result was a lot of PLAY ACTING rather than a serious investigation into what goes on in our government. My judgment of it at the time was that it was a scandalous thing.

AND YET—
 I imagine the people who watched, sitting quietly in front of their TV sets in their homes got a better understanding of what really was basically a three-ring circus than they could have got in any other way.

THE time is here when the camera is already as important in the telling of the news as the pencil, the notebook and the typewriter. My personal feeling is that it mustn't be barred from our court rooms and out legislative halls.

What we must do is to learn how to use the camera to give the people a better understanding of what is going on than it has ever been possible to give them before.

IM sure that can be done (in time) without violating any canon of decorum or good taste. Already we newspaper people are learning that we do not have to use the exciting and distracting flashbulb. With new and better lenses and new and better film we can get pictures that will tell the story without popping flashbulbs that distract attention from what is going on.

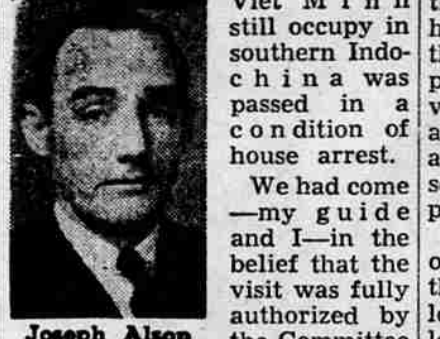
The television people can learn in time to handle their more complicated cameras in the same manner.

GOOD TIP
 Jackson, Miss. —(U.P.)—T. B. Hilton, long-time elevator operator at the Hinds County courthouse, has directed hundreds of couples to the marriage bureau with this advice: "If you can remember the way you feel right now, then you will have a happy marriage."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

THOUGHTS UNDER GUARD



Saigon, Indochina—Most of this reporter's recent visit to the independent states which the Viet Minh still occupy in southern Indochina was passed in a condition of house arrest.
 We had come—my guide and I—in the belief that the visit was fully authorized by the Committee of the South, which is the ruling Viet Minh organ in southern Indochina. But the authorization, promised in a way that parodied the novels of Andre Malraux, turned out to be a parody too. I had no right to be there; and so, having got there, was politely but firmly confined to a palm hut on a canal bank in the straggling village of Vinh Phong.

If I had not been reasonably lucky, I should certainly have seen more hard core Communists than I had any desire to see. But in the end I was treated as a merely embarrassing visitor, to be rapidly got rid of, with false papers which would not publicize the intrusion of an American into Viet Minh territory. So the hard core was hidden from me.

On the other hand, the people of Viet Nam are traditionally hospitable. Furthermore as the second civilian Westerner to penetrate this region, in nine years—the first was Max Clos a French newspaperman—I was such an object of curiosity that the simple people would come up to stroke the hair on my arm and burst into roars of incredulous laughter. The Western viewpoint interested the Viet Minh "cadres" just as much as Western hairlines astonished the peasants, so I did not lack visitors in my partial confinement.

There was one main question I wanted answered in my many hours of conversation with such Viet Minh personalities as my guide, who was an important professional cadre; my chief guardian, Pham Thieu, leader of the "peace loving" socialist party and secretary of "The Front of National Union," and the man who gave me my peculiar exit visa, Dr. Vinh, chief of the Civil Affairs bureau and Secretary treasurer of this southern Viet Minh state. The question was, "how did the Communist do it?"

Babson Forecast To Appear Dec. 31

The Mail Tribune will publish Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1955 on Friday, Dec. 31. It is written by Roger W. Babson, internationally known business commentator and investment adviser whose weekly column appears in this paper.
 From 1939, when his predictions were 89 per cent accurate, through 1954 when his average was 86 per cent, Babson has enjoyed an accuracy of about 86½ per cent. His weekly releases are used by over 400 newspapers and his financial reports are used by 20,000 corporations and estates. His research work is carried on by a large staff of workers.
 Babson founded Babson Institute for Men and, in cooperation with his wife, developed Webber College for Women, both nationally-known educational institutions. Later he established the Midwestern Institute of Business Administration at Eureka, Kan., and has been active also in establishment of another medium of service to the public, the Gravity Research Foundation, at New Boston, N.H.

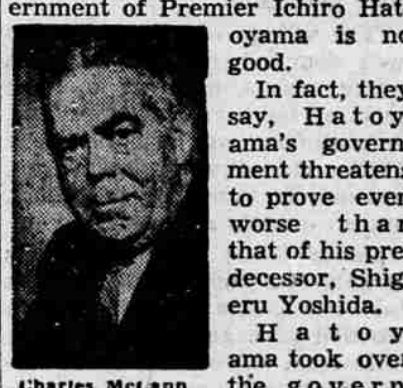
Knowles Attorney Appointed by Judge
 The Dalles —(U.P.)— Judge Malcolm W. Wilkinson yesterday appointed a local attorney to act as counsel for Harry C. Knowles, who faces second degree murder charges for the 1953 strangling of Albert C. Stuart near Shaniko, Ore.

Knowles was brought here Tuesday night from Sacramento, where he faced a Federal Court sentence for transporting an auto stolen from Stuart across the Oregon border into California.
 When arraigned in Circuit Court, Knowles said he admitted the murder and did not need a lawyer, since he wanted to get his punishment "over with as soon as possible." The court appointed Sam Van Vector as defense counsel to notify Knowles of his own rights.

PEDESTRIAN KILLED
 Portland —(U.P.)—Cass A. Bolster, 85, was killed last night when he walked in front of an automobile on Southwest Harbor Drive here, police reported. It was Portland's 35th traffic fatality of 1954.

Japanese Government Of Hatoyama Not To Communists' Liking

By CHARLES M. McCANN
 United Press Foreign Analyst



The Japanese Communists have decided that the new government of Premier Ichiro Hatoyama is no good.
 In fact, they say, Hatoyama's government threatens to prove even worse than that of his predecessor, Shigeru Yoshida.
 Hatoyama took over the government three weeks ago today after a months-long political crisis. Since then he has made it plain that he will proceed with Japanese rearmament, continue close relationship with the United States and proceed cautiously in any dealings with Soviet Russia and Communist China.

Before he took office, Hatoyama said he saw no reason why Japan should not have better trade and diplomatic relations with Russia and Red China.
 Mamoru Shigemitsu, Hatoyama's foreign minister, confirmed this in a policy statement after the new government took office.
Molotov Takes Cue
 Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov was prompt to take advantage of this statement. He said Russia was willing to negotiate for better relations if Japan was.

However, Molotov made an important qualification. He called attention to a joint policy declaration issued after the Russian-Chinese Red conference in Peking in October.
 This declaration expressed the hope that Japan would "liberate itself from foreign dependence" — meaning close cooperation with the United States.
 There also had been a qualification in Shigemitsu's statement. Shigemitsu said that any closer relations with Russia and Red China must not prejudice Japan's basic collaboration with the free nations.

The response to Molotov's offer was hardly enthusiastic. Shigemitsu said the Japanese government had no intention of seeking negotiations with Russia.
 When they repeated this spell, their very voices changed, quite plainly echoing the chant of innumerable meetings and rallies and it was just the same whenever they were discussing any subject whatever on the party line had been laid down. Whether the topic was international relations or local land reform, the phrases came pat and cut and dried, always in the same order, always with the same incantatory tone, never varying from one conversation to the next.
 If the Communists could transform such men as these into faithful automatons, and if they could construct, as they did construct, an entire military and civil administration out of such men as these, admitting the harder minded to the party, and using the purer idealists as instruments, the triumph of the palm hut state was not so hard to understand after all.

But that still left the question, how had the Communists gained their empire over such men as these? Obviously, the party's brilliantly astute use of Asian nationalism was part of the answer. But in our long hours of talk, I concluded it was the lesser part.
 The larger part, I feel sure, lay in the Western impact upon Asia. In brief, the old Asian order of society from which these men sprang had utterly crumbled under the impact of the West. Here in Indochina, French colonialism provided a kind of armature which kept life going in an orderly manner until the armature was broken in the second war. But fundamentally all values, all relationships, all beliefs and standards were at first transformed and then hopelessly disorganized.

In this state of disorganization of values, relationships and standards, in this cultural mush, was the only thing that was hard and certain and utterly organized. Organization will usually triumph over disorganization. A hard minority, however tiny, will usually dominate a mushy majority. And this, alas, is the central point of the gigantic problem of halting the onward march of Communist imperialism in Asia.

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on the basis of Molotov's statement.
Will Await Development
 Instead, he said, Japan will await further developments.
 It is understood that Hatoyama and Shigemitsu also assured United States Ambassador John M. Allison that Japan would make no commitments which would conflict with American-Japanese agreements.

Hatoyama's government may turn out to be only a caretaker one. When he was elected Premier he had to promise the Socialists, who supported his new Democratic party, that he would hold a parliamentary election in March.
 Hatoyama is out in central Japan now campaigning for votes. It is an open question whether he can win sufficient backing to keep the job of prime minister.

But it has become pretty certain that whoever is Japan's leader in the months to come, it will be a man who will keep his country on the side of the free nations.

Judge Hanna Declines To Wear Black Robes

Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna does not plan to wear black judicial robes while presiding in court here.

Judge Hanna stated that the recent action of the judges in recommending the wearing of robes in courts is advisory in nature, and not mandatory.
 He declared that he feels, along with other judges who have expressed an opinion, that a court can have dignity without the use of the black robes, and that a court does not necessarily have dignity when they are used. Respect for the court is earned by the demeanor of the judge, not by what he wears, Judge Hanna indicated.

Portland Centennial Plans Receive Jolt

Portland —(U.P.)— Plans for a 1959 centennial in Portland were given a jolt today because of word from Houston, Tex., that plans are underway there for a world fair in 1959.

James Mount, manager of radio station KGW and head of a 40-member governor's committee named to study centennial plans, said he had written Houston for more information about that city's plans.
 "If they intend to go ahead with a world's fair in 1959, it probably will mean a change in our thinking on the centennial," he said. But he added he didn't think Oregon should abandon its plans for studying a world's fair until it knows definitely whether Houston proposes to go ahead with its project.

CAUGHT IN OWN TRAP
 Haverhill, Mass. —(U.P.)—Omer C. Trotter, 51, who recently signed a petition urging police to curb fast driving, was fined \$5 Wednesday — for exceeding the speed limit.

**May the Peace which comes of Faith,
 The Courage that's born of Hope,
 And the Joy which dwells in Love
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