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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. Jan. 6, 1945. Army Capt. Robert W. Sleeter and Mrs. Sleeter return to Medford to visit his mother; Captain Sleeter just back from 33 months in the Pacific.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Outdoor enthusiasts of both genders are yearning for a chance to slide down a mt. on skis.

20 YEARS AGO. Jan. 6, 1935. Medford Fire Chief Roy Elliott reports the city's fire loss of \$11,171 in 1934 was the lowest in years.

Elmer K. Hull, former manager of Modoc orchard, purchases Sunset orchard north of Medford.

80 YEARS AGO. Jan. 6, 1925. (It was Tuesday) E. C. Ferguson elected Big Eruption of Craters club; other new officers include Bill Warner, Skipper of the Phantom Ship; Herb Grey, Keeper of the Trail; "Peachy" Lemon, Skipper, and Buck Buchter, Pilot.

Medford High school's second and third string basketball teams defeat Newburg, 25 to 8; Medford first team sits out entire game because Ashland coach is in audience.

40 YEARS AGO. Jan. 6, 1915. (It was Wednesday) G. R. Satchwell and George H. Millar complete platform for Medford Socialist party; includes better working conditions in area.

From the Local and Personal column: During the visit of the alumni football team to Grants Pass a taxi cab bill was contracted, and now stands unpaid, the owner threatening suit for \$100.

What's the Answer? (Can You Get 4 of the 77) Copr. 1954. Editorial Research Report

1. Jan. 1 has been observed as New Year's Day longer by Christendom than any other date; right or wrong?

2. About 25,000, 250,000 or 2,500,000 color TV sets were produced this year?

3. The American Farm Bureau Federation, largest body of U.S. farmers, is for rigid or flexible farm price supports?

4. All present members of the Supreme Court come from large states; right or wrong?

5. National-wide prohibition ended some months before or after F. D. Roosevelt became president, or at about that time?

6. Most legal terms come from the French, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, or Latin?

7. Busch Stadium (baseball park) is in Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit or St. Louis?

The Answers: 1. Wrong; March 21 was New Year's until a few centuries ago. 2. About 25,000. 3. Flexible. 4. Wrong. 5. Some months after. 6. Latin. 7. St. Louis.

The 5th Amendment

We are glad to see that a federal court has ruled on the controversial Fifth Amendment issue as far as communism is concerned.

It seems an Electrical union charged General Electric with violating this provision in our bill of rights, when it discharged workers who refused to answer the question of affiliation with the communist party on the ground it would—or might—incriminate them.

Federal Judge McLaughlin denied the union claim, in the following words:

"The Fifth Amendment does not guarantee that a person who invokes it will not be subject to an unfavorable inference. The court concludes that it likewise does not guarantee the person who invokes it shall be continued in his employment."

IN OTHER words if a person refuses to answer a question for fear that if he does that will incriminate him, he is entirely without his rights, but this does not mean, that such action will not lead to the conclusion by others that he is guilty of some wrongdoing, or he WOULD answer.

And if an employer doesn't want to have anyone on the payroll who is under any such suspicion, he has a perfect right to fire him.

That seems plain enough, and just.

WE HAVE never, in fact, been able to understand the attitude of those who claim they have never been communists, yet refuse to declare that fact under oath. This is particularly true of those who take such action on the ground that such an answer would—or might—incriminate them.

How could it? Unless of course they are communists.

WE SELDOM agree with the Red baiter tom-tom brigade, but on this Fifth amendment technique, we regard their stand as correct. The accused is within his rights to refuse to answer, but he can't expect to be, as Judge McLaughlin states, free from the "unfavorable inference."

In short he can't have his cake and eat it too. He can't escape answering by declaring that his answer would—or might—incriminate him, and then be free from all suspicion that his reasoning is correct! —R.W.R.

Prize for Asininity

A correspondent in the Oregonian nominates for the "most asinine statement of the year" the remark attributed to Senator Neuberger when en route to Washington he found more people in the day coaches that voted for him, than in the Pullman cars.

What is so "asinine" about that? Senator Neuberger was a newspaper man before he became a Senator and once a reporter always a reporter. He was merely stating the fact that more of the second class passengers supported him than the first, which would be expected—one reason being there are many more of them.

But from this factual statement the correspondent scents a diabolical demagoguery, and concludes that as far as any benefits to the state of Oregon are concerned from Senators Neuberger and Morse, Oregon "might as well secede from the union," for only "busted ne'er-do-wells" or members of the C.I.O. can expect any favors from this time henceforth.

IS HENRY Ford 2nd a "busted ne'er do well?" How about Nelson or Winthrop Rockefeller. Then there is Barney Baruch "the richest man now living on Fifth Avenue," and the President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, who at last report, wasn't exactly on relief.

WE DOUBT if Senator Neuberger will grant any of these multi-millionaires any "SPECIAL" favors—or anyone else for that matter—but he will be found working for the principles they advocate—and others like them—including the reciprocal tariff, foreign aid, farm supports, the United Nations, and other vital principles of national policy.

The national prize for asininity and demagoguery as far as this particular incident is concerned, should not go to Oregon's new Senator but to the author of such a ridiculous childish statement?—R.W.R.

How About Senator Morse?

A correspondent wants to know if Senator Morse can change his party and keep his seat.

The answer is "yes." At least it has been done in the past, and there is apparently no law against it. Senator Shipstead was elected by the Farmer-Labor party but changed to the Republican party and no questions were asked.

George Norris of Nebraska was elected by the Republicans and like Senator Morse resigned, and became an Independent.

Both the LaFollettes were elected as Republicans, but changed over to the new Progressive party in Wisconsin.

So if our senior Senator wishes to accept the invitation of the Democratic party in Oregon to join their ranks he can apparently do so without resigning his seat.

Whether he will or not remains to be seen. One thing certain, the Republicans—at least all those we have heard express their views—would be overjoyed to get rid of him, and the Oregon Democrats officially declare they would be equally overjoyed to have him join their ranks.

What a rare state of peace and harmony political-ly then would exist. Both parties agreed regarding Oregon's former junior Senator!—R.W.R.

Benson Proposes Presidential Board Be Named To Look Over Federal Employee Security System

By LYLE C. WILSON, United Press Correspondent, Washington (U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has proposed in "high places" that a presidential board be named to review the Eisenhower administration's federal employee security system, presently under a Democratic attack.



Lyle C. Wilson

Benson has been badly mauled in the dispute involving Wolf Ladejinsky, a long-time government agriculture expert who was discharged on security grounds when his office was transferred from the State to the Agriculture Department. He had been secure enough for state Secretary John Foster Dulles.

Senate Democrats seized on this conflict in judgment by the two departments and promised a congressional investigation of the Ladejinsky case as part of an overall inquiry into the administration's security risk firings—what the Democrats derisively refer to as the "numbers game."

Sen. A. S. (Mike) Monroney (D-Okla.), of the Senate Civil Service Committee, said the Ladejinsky case proves there is "something wrong" with the administration's security program. Both he and Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D-S.C.), new chairman of the committee, said the case emphasizes the necessity of establishing uniform standards for passing on the security of federal employees.

Single Agency Suggested. One congressional suggestion is that a single agency be set up to pass judgment on the security of all federal employees, rather than leaving clearance to individual boards and persons within various agencies as at present.

The Ladejinsky case burgeoned into a king-sized headache for Benson—especially after his executive assistant, Milan Smith, made public a letter written by George N. Vitt of the "American Exporter" endorsing the Agriculture Department ouster of Ladejinsky and referring to Russian Jews (Ladejinsky is a Russian-born Jew).

The letter touched off charges of anti-Semitism. These Benson denied and deplored Wednesday and previously in statements and a news conference while expressing full confidence in Smith and his security officer, J. Glenn Cassidy.

Benson told reporters Wednesday that Smith "used poor judgment."

"He is sorry," the Secretary added, "and so am I."

White House OK's New Post. Meantime, the White House, in effect, repudiated Benson's security finding by approving Ladejinsky's appointment to a Foreign Operations Administration post dealing with land reform in Viet Nam.

His salary will be \$11,800, about what he was getting in his old job as U.S. Agriculture attaché in Japan. This represented a calculated White House retreat before the developing Democratic attack on the Eisenhower security system as a whole and the Ladejinsky case in particular.

Benson did not budge on his security judgment of Ladejinsky. Instead, he proposed that the administration take another look at the security system which permitted and almost encouraged honest men to arrive at wholly different judgments, as did he and Dulles in this instance. He told his new conference he had expressed his views privately and that they were under consideration in high places.

The United Press understands that Benson said the situation was more serious than a mere political dispute between Democrats and Republicans, although he recognized the fact that the administration's opponents were beginning to make a hot and forceful issue of security, with the President and his cabinet on the defensive.

Believes U.S. Interest Involved. Benson considers this to be a matter involving the best interests of the United States and the confidence of the public and of government employees in a security system which should be a mighty factor in national safety.

Moreover, he believes the security issue should be met head-on with a review of the system because the standing of the administration itself with the people is involved. The system was set up by Mr. Eisenhower under executive order 10400. The need for a security system has been forced on the unsuspecting and unwilling American people.

can people, Benson argued, by the cold war espionage of the Soviet Union and its allies. It is something alien to the United States but now necessary for the national good. But the nation's welfare requires, also, that the administration shall utilize every means not only to protect national security but to safeguard individual rights and the human dignity of men and women.

Recommends Survey. Benson recommended appointment of a presidential board to survey the whole situation, with special emphasis on human rights and the maintenance of the highest possible morale among federal employees as well as the highest possible standards of personnel among them.

He felt that a study of this kind would have the added political advantage of shooting the ground from under Democrats whom he contends are seeking to make political capital in an area which should be above politics by reason of its close relation to national security. Such an inquiry, Benson believes, would re-assure right thinking citizens as to the objectives and methods of the Eisenhower administration both with respect to security and to the dignity of human rights.

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

Wants Dentists to Join Doctors. To the Editor: A news item, appearing recently in the Mail Tribune, informs us that the Medical Association has submitted to the State Welfare a new schedule, giving physicians their first raise in pay (for care of welfare supported persons) since 1937. Certainly this is long overdue.

Now if only the dentists of our state, in consideration of the many state supported youngsters who suffer more than they realize, would only get together and agree upon a minimum fee and submit it for approval, how many hours of pain they could eliminate!

At present and under existing circumstances, the possibility of a child supported under G. A. or A. D. C., receiving dental care, is remote. There are a very few dentists who, through mere human kindness, will accept welfare fees as they are presently allowed.

Overheard last week was one of these fellows saying — "it would be well if every dentist had just one good terrific toothache!" I agree. Then they would rush their negotiations with the State Welfare Commission to prevent this same misery in our State Welfare recipients.

Mrs. Virginia Card, 617 1/2 N. Bartlett, Medford, Ore.

The Bible and Flag Saluting. To the Editor: In my letter which appeared in your paper Dec. 20, 1954 I raised the issue as to the correct date of Jesus' birth. Points of Bible evidence as well as the circumstances surrounding his birth, were mentioned which very strongly indicate that Jesus was actually born about October 1st.

When Jesus was on earth, his chief mission was to bear witness to the truth. In His preaching, He backed up what He taught with the word of His Father, with reason, and the known facts of His day. For this reason the Bible states: "For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." (Matt. 7:29). The truth necessarily exposed the error into which the Jews had fallen. The Scribes and Pharisees, who were the priests of that day, were unable to successfully refute the truth of Jesus' message. In order to turn the people away from Him, they raised the issue of His loyalty to the Roman government. At their instigation, He was finally put to death on the false charge of sedition.

The preaching of the truth today also exposes human errors and traditions. Like the Scribes and Pharisees, some persons today raise side issues to divert the people and to attempt to bring into disrepute those who preach the truth. The injection of the wholly irrelevant issue of flag saluting by Mrs. Santo in her letter which appeared Jan. 2nd is a case in point.

The issue as to whether or not persons in the United States could, for conscience sake, refrain from flag saluting, was settled in the Supreme Court more than ten years ago. Loyal Americans abide by that decision.

T. R. Thompson, P. O. Box 361, Medford, Ore.

The Modern Loaf of Bread. To the Editor: A little more than two-score years ago, it was my habit to press a nickel firmly in my 4-year-old son's hand to bring a loaf of bread from the nearby two blocks distant grocery store. The pride of accomplishment shining in his face was reward enough for the sharp reproofs directed my way from my wife and others for placing such responsibility on one so young.

Though that loaf was unaliced and generally unwrapped, it was of good size and well baked, enough so that the young provider was able to swing it threateningly at a pup-dog that dared challenge his right of way up the old plank sidewalk. He might have dropped the loaf on occasion, but if he had, he would have been pretty sure to tell me.

Pardon my er, transgression, we'll get back to the loaf and what a change to the one now that commands nine five times the price. And imagine trying to club off a nose dog with one. Why say, one of these, "oh so super super fresh" loaves you must balance carefully on the flat of your hand with no pressure from fingers or there will be permanent odemic depressions left in it. No come-back there.

But what really gets me down, is these truck loads of unsold bread, exactly like the part left of that loaf you bought a day or two ago, still in cellophane wrappings, hauled from the bakeries for pig-feed, truck loads of it. That's one reason why we pay almost a quarter of a dollar for today's loaf of bread. One bakery sells their returned bread at half price. When we fail to make it there on time, that bakery's brand is the one we buy fresh. A time or two through the toaster or seasoned a couple of days and it's good eatin'.

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Red China Expected To Reopen Question Of Peace in Korea

By CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Foreign Analyst. By agreeing to discuss the imprisonment of 11 American air-men jailed as spies, it seems probable that Red China is attempting to reopen the entire Korean peace question.



Charles M. McCann

Both the Chinese Communists and the Russians were deeply disappointed when the Western allies broke off the stalemated Korean negotiations during the Geneva conference last year.

The talks between United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai gave the Communist side an obvious chance to raise again the whole Korean situation.

Hammarskjold's instructions from the U. N. General Assembly are simply to seek the release of the airman and of other U. N. war prisoners still held despite the Korean armistice. Will Probably Listen.

But there is nothing to prevent Hammarskjold from listening to whatever Chou may say, and reporting back to the U. N. on it.

Chou, in agreeing to receive Hammarskjold, told him that the imprisonment of the airman was none of the U. N.'s business.

But Chou also disclosed that the Chinese Communist government is still keenly interested in the over all prisoner situation.

"The case of the United States spies has nothing to do with the question of the prisoners of war in Korea," Chou said.

"It is the United States and the U. N. command side which has violated the Korean armistice agreement."

Chou charged that the United States "connived" in the release by South Korea of more than 27,000 Communist prisoners before the armistice. He charged the U. N. command with "abducting" the more than 20,000 Communist prisoners who refused repatriation after the armistice.

"Up to now these cases are not yet accounted for," Chou said.

This is a clear indication that Chou will raise the issue of the Communist prisoners when Hammarskjold talks about U. N. prisoners.

It must be remembered also how vigorously Chou and Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov protested when the Western allies broke off the Korean talks at Geneva last June 15.

Tired of Talks. The allies had held out for all-Korean elections supervised by the U. N. They finally got tired of talks that led nowhere.

Chou tried desperately to prevent a complete break. He tried to get the Western allies to accept a resolution by which the conferees would have agreed to continue their efforts to reach a Korean settlement. The resolution provided that "The time and place for resuming negotiations shall be decided by the states concerned."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS. Here's news from Washington that MIGHT be interesting—and HOPEFUL. It could hold the promise of a future brighter than anybody has ever dared to hope for.

A congressional committee has called on the United States to launch a positive, bipartisan political offensive against the international Communist conspiracy. In a formal report, the committee says:

"The time was never more opportune for the free world (led by America) to initiate a bold political offensive as the only course which gives reasonable hope for avoiding all-out war."

That is to say: If we could only bring to the world the TRUTH about the advantage of the free way of life as contrasted with the Communist way of life, this foul thing that we call Communism would eventually fall by the weight of its own foulness.

Then there might be peace. HOW shall we go about it? I'll confess I don't know. But this I'm sure of: SOMEHOW we must find the way to restore to our people the dynamic FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF AMERICA that animated our forefathers. In all the history of the world, there is no brighter chapter than the story of the growth of the 13 struggling little colonies along the shore of the Atlantic into the great FREE nation that now reaches from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Those ancestors of ours who first fought for and won their freedom and then plunged into the forests and on across the plains and the deserts to found the greatest and the freest nation the world has ever seen had FAITH in the future of their country.

If — somehow — we can restore that faith, there is NOTHING we can't do. One of our present troubles is that we have too little faith and too much cynicism.

Violent Storm Lashes Central Philippines

Manila (U.P.)—A violent tropical storm lashed the Central Philippines early today, killing about 13 persons, injuring 20 and damaging crops and property.

Gales up to 55 mph were reported in Northern Mindanao and the Eastern Visayan islands as the storm howled westward toward the China Sea. Three persons were known dead and 10 fishermen were believed killed.

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