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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. 11, 1945  
 (It was Thursday)  
 Dr. L. D. Inskip, Medford, reelected vice-president of Oregon State Board of Health.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column. Most of yesterday was bright as a Christmas necktie, several of which were heard in the business district long before they turned a corner.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
 Jan. 11, 1935  
 Ed Hanley home on Ross lane destroyed by fire.  
 Roy Pruitt purchases Bark-dull building on North Central avenue.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
 Jan. 11, 1925  
 High water in Table Rock district took thousands of digger squirrels; flood damage in Willow Springs area being repaired.

Mervyn Chastain leads Medford High school basketball team to 22 to 15 victory over Eugene.

**Jan. 11, 1915**  
**40 YEARS AGO**  
 Cashier M. L. Alford becomes president of First National Bank of Medford following resignation of F. K. Deuel.

From the Local and Personal column: An unknown vandal Tuesday operated upon the streets, his specialty being the casting of an unholy smelling liquid upon the clothes of anyone in range. Several were annoyed, and the scent of a high power drug clings to them yet. There is no way to catch the fiend, and no punishment if he were.

**What's the Answer?**  
 (Can You Get 4 of the 7?)  
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- Which one of these is not a permanent member of the U. N. Security Council: U. S., Great Britain, Soviet Union, Poland, France, China?
  - Loss of seats in the new Congress by the party in power was higher or lower than average for midterm elections, or about average?
  - The U.S. dollar is selling at a premium or a discount for the Canadian dollar, or at about par with it?
  - Clare Boothe Luce, U.S. ambassador to Italy, was once in Congress, a state governor, mayor of Greenwich (Conn.) or had never before held public office?
  - Unions expelled from the C.I.O. as Red-dominated have many more or many fewer members now than on expulsion, or about the same number?
  - Will the South have disproportionately many of few chairmen of important committees in this Congress, or just about its proportionate share?
  - "In the course of human events" is a phrase from the Declaration of Independence, original Constitution, Bill of Rights, Farewell Address or Gettysburg Address?
- The Answers: 1. Poland. 2. Lower than average. 3. At a discount. 4. In Congress (the House). 5. Many fewer. 6. Disproportionately high number. 7. Declaration of Independence.

## Is Dixon-Yates Purely Politics?

In the January Atlantic there are two articles on the Dixon-Yates contract, one is "pro" the other "con."  
 Senator Kefauver takes the "con" side, Roscoe Drummond of the NY Herald Tribune, the "pro."

DRUMMOND'S main argument in favor of the contract is that the argument against is purely political—he maintains there is really nothing vital to criticize in this deal and if there had been no national election there would have been none.  
 There have been other contracts to supply AEC with private power declares Drummond and they were less favorable to the government than this one. Moreover the others were made during the Truman administration.

DRUMMOND is a good reporter and his facts no doubt are correct. But to call an argument political does not necessarily refute it. The tariff issue is purely political and seldom discussed except during political campaigns.

That does not mean, necessarily, that those who oppose a high protective tariff are wrong. Or that those who favor such a tariff are right. It merely means there is a division of opinion between those who believe in a high tariff and those who don't.

But Drummond, by implication, takes the contrary view and because the fight over this power contract with TVA has been a political fight and promises so to continue, those who oppose it must be merely playing politics and therefore must be wrong.

THIS sort of reasoning isn't up to the Drummond standard.

In fact the former Christian Science correspondent, refutes his own argument when he states Senator Kefauver is a strong believer in public power and he (Drummond) admits the Dixon-Yates contract curtails public power and increases private power in the Tennessee Valley area.

That's the whole point!  
 Those who believe that there is something essentially wicked and slightly UnAmerican in public power, that TVA should be cut down to size to prevent the "growth of socialism" there and elsewhere in the country will, as he does, approve this Dixon-Yates contract.

Those who don't feel that way, WON'T.  
 That's all there is to the argument,—as has so often been remarked in this department it is not a question of law or morality, but of belief.

IN FACT Senator Kefauver in his article, makes no charge of crookedness, moral turpitude or bad faith, doesn't even intimate anything illegal in the arrangement. But he does oppose it, because of the higher cost involved, because there was no competition in bids, and quote:

"From my point of view the most serious objection is the joining together in another tier of holding companies—with a long record of intent to cripple the TVA and thereby remove the salutary effects of competition which the TVA has been giving. . . . If this contract goes through—if TVA is thus made dependent on Dixon-Yates . . . then I think the real significance is that in future years the private utilities will again be dictating their own terms to municipalities and rural electric cooperatives who have been showing the country how the electric business can be and should be conducted."

THERE is the entire issue in a nutshell.  
 Those who agree with Senator Kefauver regarding TVA and public power under similar conditions in other river valleys, will agree; those who don't, those who believe the less we have of this sort of "creeping socialism" in this country the better, won't.

This isn't playing politics. It is merely taking different sides on a very important public issue.  
 —R.W.R.

## More About 5th Amendment

A comment we recently made on the 5th amendment issue of the constitution particularly as it applies to communism, was apparently misunderstood by many readers judging by several communications received.

These communicants somehow got the idea this paper did not approve of the protection this item in the bill of rights, gives.

This was not—and is not—our view.  
 We approve of this protection, just as we approve of the assumption an individual is innocent until his guilt is proved beyond all reasonable doubt.

BUT we did agree—and do agree—with the federal court that held this protection does not guarantee that the person invoking it will not be subject to "an unfavorable inference."

In a jury case the court usually makes it plain that the refusal of the defendant to take the stand should not be held against him. But the fact remains that such refusal does influence the opinion of most jurors just as the defendant who does take the stand and makes a good or bad impression influences them. There is no provision of the law that can prevent this. And as the main object is to get the truth there should be none.

IN other words there was no disapproval of the 5th amendment in the editorial nor of the protection it gives. It is up to the inquiring body to get the facts of guilt, not the accused to give them if he doesn't want to. But to refuse to give them on the grounds of possible incrimination does lead to the conclusion that the defendant had SOME foundation for his fear, or he wouldn't have acted on it.

— This we believe, as a practical matter is unavoidable and the ruling of the court we thought was entirely correct.—R.W.R.



**FROUDEST MAN IN NEW YORK** is Dominick Lupiano, 83, former New York Supreme Court elevator operator, as he returns to plot son, Vincent, on way to formal induction as new State Supreme Court justice. Dominick toiled many years on elevators and as porter, maintenance man to educate son. (International)

## Largest Communist Parties in Western Europe Quite Unhappy

By CHARLES M. MC CANN  
 United Press Foreign Analyst  
 The two largest Communist parties in Western Europe are quite unhappy.

In both Italy and France the Reds are losing strength and fellow-traveler appeal.  
 They still have strong representation in Parliament, and draw votes far in excess of their card-carrying membership.

They still control powerful labor unions.  
 But where a few years ago the Italian and French Reds were a real menace, today they seem more of a nuisance.

They were even unable to extract much propaganda profit from the ready-made issue of West German armament despite the fact that many anti-Communist Italians and Frenchmen also fear what may happen if Germany again becomes a military power.

As the result of their bad situation, both the Italian and French party leaders are squabbling among themselves.  
**Leaders in Bad Health**  
 Palmiro Togliatti, the Italian party leader, and Maurice Thorez, the French leader, are in bad health and are unlikely to improve. They are no longer party dictators, and discipline is bad.

Dispatches from Rome told how Luigi Longo and Pietro Secchia, the No. 2 and No. 3 men, sat in sulky silence Sunday.

## 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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

### Why Not a New Calendar?

To the Editor: When man eventually has everything of an inventive nature applied through modern knowledge of streamlining methods relating to chronology; and discovery of inadvertence in the present calendar, why not make the change to a world calendar?  
 As we take most of our instruction for granted we are by nature slow to accept any kind of new changes.  
 All we know is by reading and comparing recorded history written by man and natural forces.

It is scientifically known that the ancient race of people, the Mayans of Central America, used a stone calendar more accurate than the one we use today.  
 When man looks upon his improvements, he may rejoice and say with pride, "it was very good."

Perhaps true science today has access to more knowledge than was discovered for the past thousand years. We are only speculating that our views will change materially as the universal challenges new ideas for mankind.  
 Indications are, generally, adjustments will be adopted by a world council before the present century closes.

Bert Kissinger,  
 520 Boardman st.

## Phoenix Councilmen Delay Police Action

Phoenix—A special council meeting called for last night was postponed when a full council couldn't be present. Consideration of a permanent appointment for police chief was on the agenda.

The matter was continued until the next regular meeting, Feb. 7, unless a special meeting is called before then.  
 E. J. (Jim) Perry was given a temporary appointment as police chief at the regular meeting this month, following seven oral objections by citizens. He has served the city for about 2 1/2 years, being appointed after the resignation of Marvin (Curt) Fisher.

## New Insurance Firm Will Open Office

An office of the Oregon Development Company, Inc., an insurance firm, will be opened in Medford this week, according to an announcement made in Salem where the firm's headquarters are located.

William D. Healy, president of the company, is the author of a new kind of insurance—automobile title insurance which will be written by the Insurance Company of Oregon.  
 In addition to automobile title insurance, the Oregon Development company will engage in a general insurance business, plus some activity in real estate and investments.

## Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop  
**GIGGLES IN BANGKOK**

Bangkok, Thailand—In Bangkok, where they like to laugh, the current joke in the more literate circles is the cover of an American news magazine, showing a handsome portrait of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles with the legend, "He strengthened the outposts."  
 For Thailand is the richest prize in all the vast, rich southeast Asian area which is now the primary target of world Communist infiltration and aggression. And the outposts hereabouts have not been noticeably strengthened.

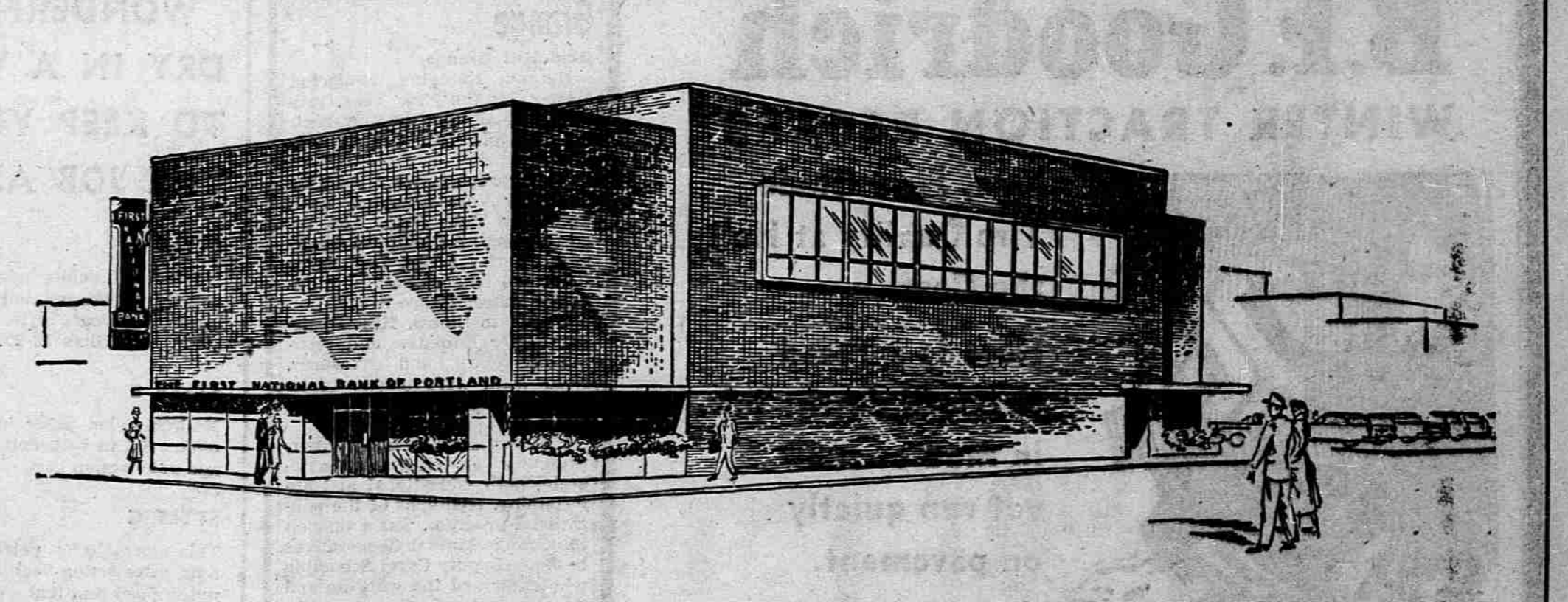
Despite the contrary advice of Secretary Dulles, one key outpost, northern Indochina, has already been surrendered. The enemy has been virtually handed the keys to two more outposts, southern Indochina and the offshore islands of Formosa.

The sacrifice of the other Indochina outposts has placed the two weak but strategically vital border states, Laos and Cambodia in most deadly danger. If both Laos and Cambodia are allowed to fall, no one in his senses there thinks this charming, feckless, oddly governed country will be able to withstand the resulting increase of Communist pressure. And so the chain reaction will proceed with mounting force.

At home, perhaps, the prospect of this vast upheaval in the world balance of power may still seem comfortably remote. It does not seem so here, for several different reasons.  
 The first is the simple reason of geography. Back in the bad old imperialist days, when the French seized Thailand's border provinces to form Laos and enlarge Cambodia, they drew the new frontier with the purpose of preparing their next planned move, which was to have been a grab for Bangkok itself. Thus any force concentrated at Sipsophon on the Cambodian border, looks right down the throat of any government in Bangkok. It is only 168 miles, and easy walking or driving distance all the way, with no natural defense positions anywhere, between Sipsophon and this city.

WHEN the time of more acute danger may probably begin, a couple of years from now, the army of the Viet Minh will comprise somewhere between 15 and 20 tough regular divisions. The present Thai forces, which are not likely to be effectively increased, comprise an army of about 50,000 combat troops and approximately 15,000 paramilitary police. Hence the unbalance will be overwhelming.  
 Consequently no allied SEATO or other force could arrive in time to save Bangkok from a determined Viet Minh attack from Sipsophon. A relieving force would only "liberate" Thailand after it had been subjugated, pillaged and purged. This being a prospect which few Thais enjoy, the mere appearance of an enemy force at Sipsophon, the mere threat to invade, might well bring Thailand down as Joshua's trumpets

brought down the Walls of Jericho.  
 "Massive retaliation" will be complicated to employ in these circumstances. It is much wiser to stop talking about massive retaliation, and to face the hard fact that if Cambodia falls, it is almost sure to be fatal to Thailand, one way or another.  
 As for the loss of Laos, it will be enormously dangerous but it may not be fatal. And it is just as well that there is this much difference between Laos and Cambodia; for whereas Cambodia is virtually free of Viet Minh infiltration, the Viet Minh stooges, the "Free Laos" are strongly established in two Laotian provinces. The country has been utterly disorganized by the Indochinese fighting. And the non-Communist Laotian government is just as disorganized as the country it seeks to govern.  
 The border between Laos and Thailand is very long. It is not effectively patrolled—I went from Nongkhai up the Mekong river to Vietiane in Laos in a border patrol launch, and since we went around three times, patrolling can hardly be a regular activity. . . .  
 FURTHERMORE, on the Thai side of this border with Laos, there is the northeastern Thailand region, already somewhat disaffected because it is drought stricken and poorer than the rest of the country, and containing two ready-made fifth columns. One of these fifth columns is a group of about 45,000 Viet Minh refugees from the French. These people were admitted to Thailand eight years ago by the then Prime Minister Pridi Phanomyong, who is now a Communist stooge in Peiping.  
 I saw these Vietnamese when I was in the North. The vast majority of them are absolutely controlled by an underground Viet Minh government, with its own Communist headmen, its own police and even Communist courts. The Viet Minh grip is such that even the Catholic Vietnamese around Nongkhai are politically ruled by the Communists, and their priests can do nothing about it but wring their hands. The Thai government is trying, rather vaguely, to repatriate the Viet Minh fifth column to their own country. But in northeast Thailand, you also find the admirers of a magnetic local chieftain, Tieng Sirikhond, who may have as many as three or four hundred thousand followers in these provinces. After being rumored dead, Tieng Sirikhond has turned up with Ho Chi Minh. He is now trying to recruit bold spirits throughout northeast Thailand, for training with the Viet Minh as future infiltrators.  
 For the reason given in a previous report, that the mass of Thais hate the Chinese and Vietnamese and regard Communism as an enemy export, the situation may still be rescued if Laos falls. But it will not be rescued if the facts are not faced; if wordy boasts continue to be substituted for serious policy making; and if we fail to show the kind of preparatory foresight so remarkably demonstrated by the activities of Tieng Sirikhond, whose monsters have already instructed him to lay the groundwork for the push in Thailand he knows is still some years ahead in time.  
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The way you responded to the "housewarming" for our new Medford Branch was wonderful!

We're always glad to see our neighbors, so we had lots of reasons to be glad yesterday. In the rush and hurry of greeting more than 10,000 visitors, we hope one of us here at the bank had time to stop and shake hands with you. If we didn't get the chance to greet you in person, we'd like you to know we wanted to.

We also hope you had time for a full tour of the vaults, offices, and other parts of the bank. If you have any questions about banking, or didn't get a chance to see all the facilities here, please come in anytime so we can show you around. We're always glad to see our neighbors.

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