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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

Medford High school basketball team runs its winning streak to 10 straight games with 46 to 21 victory over Grants Pass; Jerry Ross and Dick Fawcett star for Medford.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smude Pot column: Quite a few of the younger married girls have started rolling their own, due to the cigarette shortage.

20 YEARS AGO

Medford's Mayor George Porter issues safe driving proclamation.

Medford Kiwanis club installation committee includes Ted Gebauer, chairman; and Sebastian Apollo, Frank Perl, and Charles Butterfield.

30 YEARS AGO

A. S. Rosenbaum attends meeting of "Go Ahead club" in Gold Hill with Robert Boyd, secretary of chamber of commerce.

40 YEARS AGO

New city charter, proposing city manager form of government, defeated by voters; V. J. Emerick defeats C. E. Gates in race for mayor, and Frank Amy defeats C. L. Scheffelin in contest for councilman from Ward 2.

What's the Answer?

1. In the recession of a few months ago, greater unemployment occurred in manufacturing or in nonmanufacturing establishments?

2. The Democrats, in control of Congress in 1955, voted in 1954 for higher, lower or unchanged federal income taxation?

3. Does any state pay unemployment compensation as high as \$50 a week?

4. The percentage of working women who are domestic servants has been rising or falling, or staying about the same?

5. The number of cigars smoked in the U. S. every year works out to about 6, 16, 60, 160 or 600 for each adult?

6. U. S. public high schools as a whole have more men or more women teachers?

7. Tony Trabert is an outstanding golfer, baseball player, jockey, tennis player or football star?

The Answers: 1. In manufacturing. 2. For lower. 3. No. 4. Falling. 5. To about 60 per adult per year. 6. More women. 7. Tennis player.

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You Should Know

We can't go along with those who fear President Eisenhower's proposed reduction in the draft will endanger our national security.

In these parlous times there is some risk in almost any action taken. But in the field of MILITARY preparedness, we feel the President rates as an expert. He is also in a position to know more about the actual dangers of a Third World War than anyone else in the country—and we don't exclude the general staff or the Secretary of Defense.

So when the President recommends a reduction in the size of our army, and a consequent reduction in government expenses, this paper would put the burden of proof to the contrary heavily and directly on the shoulders of his critics.

It is ok to have a full and free debate on the issue. But there will have to be far more evidence than has been presented to date to sustain the claim that in this department, the leader of the American forces in World War II, and now our chief executive, in the matter of military defense doesn't know what he is talking about.—R.W.R.

Liberalism and Morse

The Oregonian doesn't see how Senator Morse can quit the Republican party and join the Democratic party, for it claims neither party qualifies as a perfect vehicle for "liberalism."

Not "perfect" perhaps, but as liberalism is generally understood we don't see—and haven't seen for some time—why Senator Morse hasn't joined the Democrats, and our prediction is he will.

For as was so clearly demonstrated in the recent election, the two parties are directly opposed on most of the important national issues, which come under the general heading of liberal and conservative.

For example there was the issue of foreign aid versus isolationism, here in Oregon between Gordon the Republican and Neuberger the Democrat. Also there was the issue between public power and private power; between Tidelands oil and oil for education; between lower tariffs or higher ones, between Theodore Roosevelt's theory of conservation and Secretary McKay's—and so on and so forth.

We fail to see how the Oregonian can fail to acknowledge that Cordon represented the ultra-conservative view point, and Neuberger the progressive and liberal.

We can see, however, why the Oregonian supported the Republican and opposed the Democrat.

That has been the Oregonian's policy since the Battle of Bull Run—or thereabouts. But why not admit that on the basis of political liberalism the Democratic party has, to say the least, the better claim to the title?—R. W. R.

Why Object?

In view of the prevailing political psychology in this state we are surprised the Oregonian should hesitate to accept the fact the GOP is the conservative party and the Democratic party isn't.

We are equally surprised the Oregonian should not welcome the entrance of Senator Morse into the latter party on these, or any other grounds.

For our Portland contemporary has as low and contemptuous an opinion of this so-called "Republican renegade," as the membership of the GOP Old Guard it so faithfully represents, and surely can't wish him to remain and contaminate the Republican ranks.

MOREOVER, throughout the country and especially in this state the title "liberal" in conservative circles has ceased to be a term and become an epithet. To be called a "liberal" is almost as insulting from the higher brackets as to be called a Communist.

So why not admit Wayne Morse is a liberal, and belongs in the liberal or Democratic party and should, as soon as he can, get into it?

That would seem the consistent and logical course, instead of "waiting and wondering" which way this wild Oregon bronco will jump.

Get him out of the party and good riddance. If the Democrats are as illiberal and badly split as the Oregonian claims they may be no happier with him than the party the Oregonian represents.—R. W. R.

Small Potatoes

The opposition of the Oregonian to Senator Morse is understandable but the opposition and hostility of the Oregon Journal isn't—unless of course, the switch in the recent election means our once leading liberal and democratic paper has gone over to the Grand Old Party for keeps.

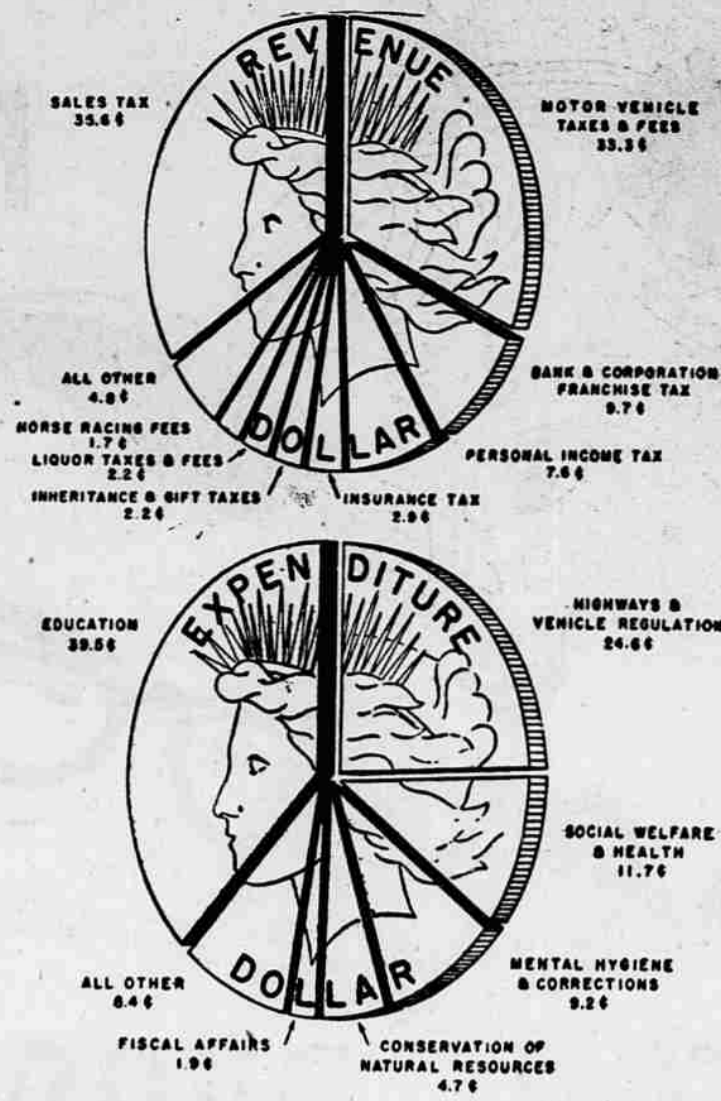
That this hostility exists, no one who reads the Journal can deny.

This even extends into censoring its news columns—something we believe the Oregonian has never done.

For example the Journal runs Drew Pearson's column daily. But recently when Drew Pearson gave his New Year's salute to various prominent figures, including Oregon's senior Senator, the editor—or whoever handles the editorial page—cut it out.

Here is the item that was blue-penciled, quote: "Salute to Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon—who despite bitter attacks from politicians in both parties never slackened his battle for the public good, never lost his sense of humor, never lost the earthy touch. After an all-night filibuster he went out to his farm next day to pack up his chickens for the Gaithersburg (Md) Fair, where they won 37 prizes."

Salutes for all the others but none for the senior Senator from the Journal's own state!—R.W.R.



CALIFORNIA COMES HIGH—Pie chart illustrates how Californians make and spend their money. Governor Goodwin Knight is asking for a record-breaking \$1,529,768,000 state budget and proposes to three-cent tax on cigarettes and higher luxury taxes to balance it.

Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH There is a certain grace about the way they do things in the south, even when the incidents involve transgressions of the law. George Tallmadge has met this challenge several times.

There is the time he acted the good neighbor to tow a stranded tourist into LA, and later to escort the party of burly men through police lines, only to find the beneficiaries of his assistance to be Al Capone and his gang.

A year ago George went down to Mexico to stay at his ranch across the border. He prizes this place very much, and while he doesn't stay there long, he likes the atmosphere for a while. He tells a story of the time he and the boys who run the place discovered a plot to steal the ranch by preempting ownership by possession.

"The oldest boy and I were in El Paso at the time, when I learned that certain parties were desirous of taking over our place thinking that with no one there to protect the women and stock they could get away with it.

"There were two ways to approach the ranch, one by a 14-mile trail up the side of a canyon, and the other was by air. Fortunately we were able to negotiate the distance in our plane. So that there were about 30 of us 'at home' when five rough looking fellows arrived at the entrance.

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 initials 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.

Job Needed

To the Editor: This is my first time to write to a paper but I have tried every other way to obtain a job but so far have been unsuccessful.

We have been in the Medford area since the last of July. Worked in the fruit and about a week before the fruit harvest ended my husband became seriously ill and it took all the money we had made. He was unable to work for three weeks and our three children and I were sick with flu for two weeks. The weather has been so bad he has been able to make little for food and gas to go to work.

I am not asking for charity but thought perhaps someone would read this and be able to furnish information as to where I could obtain some kind of work.

I worked for 2 1/2 years for Thrifty Drug, Inc., in California, for 1 1/2 years was manager of the candy department, also with the Gail Richard Cosmetic company of Los Angeles for nine months. I can do housework and sewing.

I helped out for a while at a dry cleaners, worked on the puffers.

I worked as a nurse's aide in the Lindsay hospital in Lindsay, Calif. I am not an expert cook but can prepare good wholesome family meals, and with three children of my own I feel that I am qualified to take care of children.

I can work at a full time job or part time, but of course would prefer a full time job.

Perhaps you are wondering why I don't place an ad. I could not pay for it. So if you can find space for this you can print it any way you see fit. I don't have a phone but we live just back of the Pan-cakehouse in Talent.

Ruth Pettitt General Delivery Talent, Oregon

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

SOUTH ASIA'S DRAMA Bangkok, Thailand—Here in Bangkok, it is easy to summarize the plot of the grand future drama of South Asia.



Joseph Alsop

Will world communism be able to cross the Great Divide that separates the Chinese Communists and the Viet Minh allies from the rest of this strategic ly vital region? Or will the Communist advance be halted at this natural border line?

These are the questions that have to be answered, in quite large part by American policy. The answers will determine the future, not of Thailand only, but of the whole trend of history in our times. But before anything else, the nature of this Great Divide in South Asia has to be understood.

In brief, the Vietnamese, who inhabit the coast of Indochina, can properly be regarded as southern Chinese. In language and in race, they differ less from the Cantonese across the border than the people of Peking. Their culture, from the most ancient times, has always been imported from China. And for more than two millennia they have usually been either subjects or tributaries of Peking.

Thus the Viet Minh conquest of the Vietnamese states of Indochina, Tonkin, Annam, and Cochinchina in the South, may be regarded as a flowing back of Chinese power into regions where Chinese power has always predominated.

The other nations of South Asia—the two other Indochinese states, Laos and Cambodia, this rich and smiling country of Thailand, Burma, Malaya and Indonesia have an altogether different character.

Chinese imperialism has often in the past been felt by these peoples, as it is being felt today. But the culture of all these nations is basically Indian, imported at different times reaching back into the remote past, beginning perhaps with the missionaries that the Emperor Asoka sent to all quarters of the world to spread the holy word of Gautama Buddha.

The peoples of all these nations also differ from the subjects of the Viet Minh in another important way. They not only lack close racial links with the Chinese. They also have good reasons for being bitterly anti-Chinese.

The history of the Thai people begins 2,000 years ago, for instance, in central China. Thence the expanding Chinese pushed them first into South China. And again, about a millennium later they were driven out of South China by another wave of Chinese expansion into this fertile valley of central Thailand.

The frontier that runs along the Chinese borders, and down the borders between the Vietnamese states and Laos and Cambodia, is thus a major dividing line in every possible sense. India's Prime Minister Nehru recognized this, and also emphasized India's cultural contribution, on his famous visit to Ho Chi Minh.

Nehru told Ho Chi Minh, in effect, that the Viet Minh victory on the Chinese side of the great South Asian divide was natural and acceptable to India. He added, however, that India would take it very ill indeed if there was a further push into the culturally Indian area—into Laos and Cambodia, for instance.

Ho Chi Minh's degree of respect for Nehru's warning is indicated by the violent Viet Minh push that is now going on in Laos. All the same, world communism has now reached the line where it is no longer possible to exploit the famous colonial issue—for the Laotians and Cambodians hate the Vietnamese much more than they hate the French. And world communism in this part of the world is more generally regarded as a Chinese product, which sets the other peoples of

South Asia naturally against it. Thus in theory it should not be impossible to halt world communism's onward march at the Great Divide of South Asia. But there are, unfortunately, some three practical difficulties of great magnitude.

FIRST, Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, the three countries most immediately threatened, are all soft and easily penetrable or at least easy to bully. Thailand, for instance, is an easy going Asian nation, in which the old forms of Asian society have utterly broken down. An amiable, money loving junta now rules Thailand as a sort of benevolent police state. But there is no unity between government and people, little enough unity within the government itself, and no visible national power to make a long, hard, grim effort of resistance.

Second, the keys to the Thai position are the even weaker nations: Laos and Cambodia, Cambodia being absolutely vital. The French naturally attached Laos and Cambodia to the rest of Indochina, transportwise and in every other way. Thus if either Cambodia or Laos is to be saved, a major, urgent and coordinated effort is needed, to render these two countries independent of Saigon and Hanoi, and to reorient their communications, economies and everything else towards Thailand. No such effort is being made.

Third, and most important, all three of these countries are now liable to fall before mere military menaces, as Jericho's walls fell to Joshua's trumpet. The only safeguard against this is to give these countries an ironclad Western guarantee with such strong teeth in it that they will feel there is no danger of attack. And the Thais and Cambodians are quite astute enough to see that SEATO as at present constituted is the emptiest sort of fraud and fake.

The first of the three difficulties can only be surmounted and perhaps disaster might thus be averted, by wise American policy. But alas, at the moment, there does not seem to be any American policy in this area except to float, to drift, to talk big, and to hope for the best.

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SWEET WOODCHUCK Allentown, Pa.—(U.P.)—A state policeman reported seeing a woodchuck sitting up alongside a nearby highway eating a lollipop which it held between its paws. William A. Moyer, district game protector, said the woodchuck has a taste for sweets and that the candy probably had been tossed from a passing auto.

In the summer of 1953 a uranium rush started in Canada's Blind River district east of Sault Ste. Marie. Within a few weeks 10,000 claims were staked.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS A new congress—the 84th—is just getting under way in Washington.

What is its mood? What is it thinking about? What does it plan to do in the way of providing continuing improvement in government for the American people?

HERE is an interesting—although, perhaps, not too reassuring—little item in the gist of news from the nation's capital: "So many investigators already have been proposed in the house of representatives of the new Congress that if all of them were approved THERE MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH CONGRESSMEN TO HANDLE THEM ALL."

WHAT do they want to investigate? Well, more or less everything, it appears.

One member proposes an inquiry into the "conduct of hearings by house committees." That is to say, he wants another investigating committee to investigate the investigators.

That's little like hiring a watchman to watch your place of business on nights and holidays and then hiring a super-watchman and a little later hiring a super-duper watchman to watch the super-watchman and the common, ordinary watchman.

WHY this yen for more investigating committees? Why not just let the ordinary committees of the congress, which are varied and numerous, do the investigating and the studying?

I'M AFRAID this is the answer: The established, routine, taken-for-granted committees do their work quietly and unostentatiously and their reports get comparatively little play in the news.

The special investigating committees GET THE HEADLINES. IS THE current rage for special investigating committees a trend toward better or isn't it? It's hard to say. But this, I think, is true:

HEADLINTIS is the most dangerous disease to which a politician can be exposed. It has made headline hunters of a lot of men who might otherwise have been excellent legislators.

WHO knows but what even Senator McCarthy might have made a pretty good lawmaker if he hadn't got TOO MANY HEADLINES?

TALKIES Chicago—(U.P.)—The Art Institute of Chicago is experimenting with "talking pictures." A touch of a button beside a painting brings a recorded two-minute talk about the masterpiece.

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