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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. 18, 1945 (It was Thursday) President of Pacific Synod of United Lutheran church arrives in Medford to install the Rev. Elvin S. Hansen as pastor of Zion Lutheran church.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot Clum: Intolerance is rearing its ugly head throughout the state. It has not been organized and capitalized as yet, with nightgowns and masks at \$16 per set.

20 YEARS AGO Jan. 18, 1935 (It was Friday) Ella M. Eaton named postmaster at Jacksonville.

Army engineers report that improvement of harbor at Crescent City, Calif., is unjustified.

30 YEARS AGO Jan. 18, 1925 (It was Sunday) Jacksonville orders former sheriff's bloodhound to be tied up, as he starts fights with other dogs.

Charge that horses are starving to death in Eagle Point area brings sharp denials from residents of that area.

40 YEARS AGO Jan. 18, 1915 (It was Monday) Battleship Oregon, refitted and repaired, sails from Seattle for Panama canal where it is scheduled to lead an international fleet through the waterway in celebration of its completion.

From the Local and Personal column: W. J. Bates left Medford yesterday on a trip by foot to Hornbrook, Calif., covering part of the distance by snowshoes.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?) Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

- 1. The U.S. occupation troops in Germany are in its northwestern, mid-western, southwestern or north-central zone? 2. ACTH has been found of especial value in treating polio, cancer, heart disease, arthritis, or pneumonia? 3. One, two, three, four, five, six or no members of the present Senate are entirely of Jewish blood? 4. "Enosis" is a hot issue in Cyprus, Egypt, French North Africa, India, Israel or South Africa? 5. "Ask the man who owns one" was an advertising slogan for the Pierce Arrow, Rolls Royce, Cadillac, Packard or Ford car? 6. What two large-selling American cigarettes are named for outstanding Englishmen? 7. A toxophilite is interested in poisons, archery, stamps, coins or stuffed animals?

The answers: 1. Southwestern. 2. Arthritis. 3. Two—Lehman (D-N.Y.), Neuberger (D-Ore.) 4. Cyprus. 5. Packard. 6. Chesterfields and Raleighs. 7. Archery.

THORNTON TO CONFER Salem — (U.P.) — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton leaves tonight to confer with district attorneys and law enforcement officers of three eastern Oregon counties—Wallowa, Union and Umatilla.

What Price Tax Cuts?

There have been a number of explanations of the present administration's failure to balance the budget. The main one advanced has been the cold war and the necessity of increasing national defense.

THE budget message, however, removes any such misconceptions. There is one chief reason why President Eisenhower failed to carry out his statements of February 2nd, 1953, when he stated, quote: "Reduction of taxes will be justified only as we can succeed in bringing the budget under control."

Whereupon the administration proceeded a year later, to reduce taxes to the total tune of over \$7,000,000,000. If this had not been done and taxes had remained as they were, the budget as of today would be balanced!—R.W.R.

How About a Sales Tax?

The Mail Tribune has for many years opposed a sales tax on the ground of its placing the tax burden too heavily on those least able to pay.

However most of the western states have adopted some form of sales tax to surmount their increasing financial difficulties, and Oregon after a thorough study of the situation may have to do the same, if it CAN.

ONE thing for sure:—The objection voiced by Governor Patterson that because a sales tax has been defeated many times, there should not be any more effort in that direction as far as the Legislature is concerned, does not hold water.

It took a couple of decades to get a federal income tax on the books, even the Supreme Court outlawed it two or three times.

There are some fanatics who want it outlawed now, but they represent a hopeless minority.

SO the old saying: "If you don't at first succeed, try try again" has a direct application as far as this proposal is concerned.

We still hope such a tax can be avoided. But if, in the judgment of our representatives at Salem it is the only practical solution of our financial difficulties, we see no reason why the people should at least not be given another opportunity to vote it down!

—R.W.R.

The Church Census

The query of a national magazine "What does the increase in church attendance mean?" has been answered by one observer, as meaning just what it says and nothing more,—there has been such an increase. There has also been a similar increase in population. There is no significance in either other than the country is growing.

WE can't agree with our cynical commentator. Any more than we can agree with the orthodox communists that "religion is the opium of the masses"—a sort of anodyne for the uncultured and the unthinking, something people with brains—especially communist brains—do not need.

There was another anti-religionist who dismissed religion as a "crutch" needed only by the crippled, and HE wasn't crippled!

THE sensational increase in church attendance as we see it, is a direct result of the threatening and confusing world situation.

The people of this country are more fortunate than those of any other, but still the future is distressing and uncertain, and more Americans than ever before, are worried about the future of their country and particularly the fate of the next generation, and the one after.

As a result they do feel the need of help, the aid of some force greater than themselves, they want reassurance, greater security, and most of them find it in their religion.

CALL it an anodyne or a crutch, few people go through life without at times feeling the need of one or both. Even in Soviet Russia, the old ban against church going has been modified and more and more of the common people there are returning to the peace and comfort of their "spiritual home."

It is, in other words, pretty much a universal human craving, and this need naturally is increased when conditions become unusually trying and in some cases even tragedy looms.

It is a natural reaction and a desirable and wholesome one, showing once more the law of compensation at work.—R.W.R.

Quo Vadis?

According to Joseph Alsop the situation in Eastern Asia is critical.

Reports from Korea are also disquieting. The communists in both areas are gaining ground day by day, and preparing to gain more.

Unless something is done and done quickly, Correspondent Alsop fears all will be lost, as far as saving Asia from communism is concerned.

In Korea there would seem to be no choice. If the North Koreans should attack as they did before and thus break the truce then the UN would be bound to send military aid, as soon, and in as great a force, as possible.

In Indo China and its environs the solution is not so clear.

Just another one of those knotty problems that the present administration sooner or later will probably have to face—and somehow solve!—R.W.R.

Parts of Germany and France Flooded by Overtaxed Rivers

Frankfurt, Germany —(U.P.)—The swirling brown waters of the Rhine, Danube and Seine rivers flooded parts of Germany and France today and threatened even worse devastation.

Official and unofficial watchers mounted anxious guard along the three great rivers as thaws in the wake of winter's worst storm sent icy water from melting snows into the riverbeds.

Catastrophe Threatened Germany's two greatest rivers, the Rhine and Danube, were rising ominously and catastrophe was threatened for hundreds of thousands of Rhinelanders and Bavarians.

Paris authorities prepared sandbag defenses as the Seine lapped at the concrete parapets of the riverside embankments in the heart of the city. Authorities planned to close an air terminal near the Gare des Invalides if the water rises further.

Clear skies and crisp weather replaced the savage gales which killed at least 16 in Germany during the week end and nine in France but the rivers still were on the rise.

Weather Halts Thaws The crisp weather halted the thaws in some areas, but the Rhine was rising three inches an

hour at Bonn and floodwaters were lapping at the basements of the German Parliament and American Headquarters buildings.

Duisburg, Europe's biggest inland port, was closed to all marine traffic in an effort to keep rising Rhine waters from the harbor itself.

Rhine river waters also hit France, and in the eastern part of the nation an embankment gave way at Lauterbourg, inundating the lower quarter of the town. Authorities dynamited a dike at Erstein to save the Alsatian capital of Strasbourg. Some bridges were washed out.

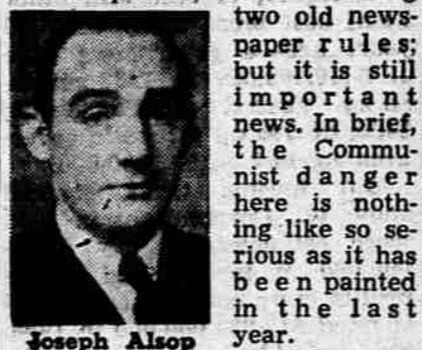
Record Snow in Britain Britain suffered from record snowfalls, and the Royal Air Force and Navy ordered out helicopters to help 17,000 persons cut off in the northern Scotland counties of Caithness and Sutherland by snowdrifts sometimes 20 feet deep.

Helicopters dropped 200 pounds of food Monday and new blizzards were predicted. Heavy snow blanketed the Scandinavian countries and most of Central Europe down to northern Italy. North Sea shipping was hard hit and airline schedules were disrupted.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

HOPE IN INDONESIA Jakarta, Indonesia—The news from Indonesia is both negative and unspecific, thus breaking



two old newspaper rules; but it is still important news. In brief, the Communist danger is nothing like so serious as it has been painted in the last year.

To be sure, Indonesian politics have a quality all their own. Everything happens slowly. Everything is indeterminate. A crisis that would tear another country apart in a week can last a couple of months here, and produce no very clear result when it is over. And all this makes analysis pretty difficult.

Yet the fact remains that there is little in the picture here to justify the pessimism about the Indonesian future that is so often voiced in Washington. On the contrary, if world communism is not flabbily permitted to take over the rest of Asia, there is every reason to feel hopeful about this remarkable new nation of 80,000,000 people, with its beautiful land, its vast untapped resources and its immense future possibilities.

Among the Indonesian people, 90 per cent of them devout Moslems, the Communists have gained no mass base except in the labor unions in the biggest towns. They are tolerated and Communist political support is accepted by the government of Prime Minister Ali Sastroamidjojo; but they have not yet got their hands on the police, the Army, or any other vital lever of power.

When this reporter was in Jakarta a little more than a year ago, the Army seemed to be in danger. The only seriously suspect character in the present government, Defense Minister Iwa Kusumasumantri, was seeking to get the Army under his personal control. And this attempt was causing a major crisis that filled all Jakarta with rumors of violence to come.

THE crisis ended with the semi-retirement of one of Indonesia's most impressive leaders, the former Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, Gen. Simatupang. But the way was still not opened to Communist penetration of the armed forces. The factions in the Army have drawn together, if anything, because of the potential attempts to play one faction against another. The Army remains a powerful anti-Communist force.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Ali's government, whose good faith on this point has been unfairly attacked, is now seriously preparing the first national election. Both Ali and President Sukarno are firmly pledged to holding the election this year, and it will probably come in late July or early August.

That means that the present artificial situation, in which all politics center in a parliament of arbitrarily appointed deputies, will shortly come to a welcome end. The people will have their chance to speak. There will be a chance for a more vigorous and confident attack on Indonesia's many difficult problems, among which the economic problem bulks particularly large. And as the national problems begin to be solved, the Communist danger should recede still further.

There are still very great difficulties ahead, of course. One of the most unpleasing characteristics of Dutch imperialism, which was generally unpleasing, was the extreme restriction of education. When the Indonesian Republic was established, 93 per cent of the people were illiterate, and the group of men with full, modern, Western education numbered no more than a few thousand.

However patriotic they may be, illiterates cannot administer one of the biggest nations of the modern world. The task of Indonesia's small group of adequately trained leaders has been quite breaking. The wonder is not that progress in Indonesia has been relatively slow. The wonder is, rather, that the nation has survived and gone forward.

These facts mean, in turn, that any judgment of this country has to be sympathetic in order to be realistic. When the beginning was so inordinately hard, a bad end cannot be predicted just because there are initial falterings. Men like Prime Minister Ali and President Sukarno should not be judged pro-Communist, because their present attitude toward Indonesian communism seems alarmingly amiable to many Americans.

Every brand new nation always has two traits. It is irrationally touchy and suspicious, as any reader of our own early history will surely have observed. And it needs time and more time and still more time to develop its own national political forms, its own characteristic national life and its own ways of doing world business.

If these things are remembered, and Indonesia is given both time and sympathy, this country can't one day become one of the great powers of the free world. But whether the time will be allowed, directly depends on what the responsible leaders of the free world do about the Communist advance in the rest of Asia.

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GM Giving \$2,000,000 Yearly To Education

New York —(U.P.)—General Motors Corp. today announced a new \$2,000,000-a-year program of financial aid to higher education—the biggest plan of its kind ever undertaken by a private company.

The bulk of the money would go into scholarships—some running as high as \$2,000 annually—for outstanding students. Colleges and universities would receive almost \$500,000 a year in "unrestricted grants."

President Harlow H. Curtice, in announcing the program, said the first 350 students under the General Motors scholarship program will enroll as freshmen in the academic year starting next September.

"When the program is in full operation 1,400 students and 306 colleges and universities will be receiving benefits."

Ex-Vatican Envoy Gives Sum To Church

New York —(U.P.)—Myron C. Taylor, former presidential envoy to the Vatican, and his wife have donated a \$1,000,000 to the Episcopal Diocese of New York to build and maintain a diocesan center on Long Island.

The gift was announced Monday night by the Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, bishop of New York. Bishop Donegan said the center would be constructed on six acres of the Taylor estate, "Killingsworth," at Locust Valley.

The remainder of the 20-acre estate, including the Taylor mansion there, will be given to the church later.

New Government To Greet Margaret on Jaunt To Jamaica

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst Britain's Princess Margaret will be greeted in Jamaica next month by a new anti-white

socialist government which wants self rule.

The chief greeter will be Norman Washington Manley, leader of the left-wing people's Nationalist party which has just won the Jamaican general election.

Watching from the sidelines will be Manley's first cousin and bitter enemy, William Alexander Bustamante, colorful leader of the Jamaican Labor Party who had been No. 1 man in politics for years.

Jamaica's general election for the 32 members of a House of Representatives got little attention abroad.

But it was bad news for Great Britain and for Queen Elizabeth, who counts the lush, mountainous island among her crown colonies.

Princess Margaret's visit will come during the celebration of the 300th anniversary of British rule in Jamaica. Lying 90 miles south of Cuba, the island is Britain's chief possession in the West Indies. Its population is about 1,500,000. Its colored people outnumber the white about 100 to 1.

Manley's Nationalists won 18 seats in the general election last week against 14 for Bustamante's laborites.

Manley, the new head man, is a brilliant lawyer and an Oxford University graduate. A left-wing socialist, he has made opposition to white supremacy a key plan in his political platform.

Immediately after the election, Manley said his first aim would be to seek self-government for Jamaica.

He said also that he would not press a nationalization campaign. But the big American and Canadian bauxite interests fear trouble. They include Reynolds Metals Company, Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. and Aluminum of Jamaica, a Canadian firm.

Back in 1938, Bustamante and Manley were allies. It was then

that Bustamante endeared himself to the natives by his leadership in a bitter dock strike. Later the two men split. They have not spoken for years. Some say Manley was jealous of "Old Busta's" hold on the natives.

Whether Bustamante's defeat means the end of the political road for him remains to be seen. He is now 69. He has been "chief minister" in Jamaica since 1949.

Towering, bushy-haired, dusky, he has had a colorful life. He was once a waiter in a Harvard University cafeteria. He has been a seaman and a Cuban policeman.

He is bitter in defeat. "What I have done for the working class of this country in 10 years, nobody else will be able to do in perhaps 100 years," he said when he read the final election returns.

Chamber Leaders From Wide Area Will Meet Here

Chamber of commerce leaders from throughout southern Oregon, and perhaps from northern California points, will meet here for an all-day meeting Sunday, Jan. 30, it was announced today.

Representatives from the chambers in Medford, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Grants Pass, Cave Junction, Ashland and possibly Crescent City and Roseburg are expected to attend.

The meeting is designed to assist chamber leaders—officers, board members and committee chairmen—in learning operational techniques of local chambers. Panel and roundtable discussions will be held on subjects such as building southern Oregon payrolls, the responsibilities of board members, successful retail events, experiences in chamber financing, area tourist promotion, and "agricultural gold."

Among panel leaders will be experts in all fields, including Guy Leonard, manager of the membership department of the Portland chamber; Harry Lintz, district manager of the Chamber of Commerce of the U.S.; V. A. McNeil, manager of the tourist convention department of the Portland chamber; and Eric Bergman, assistant director of the travel information department of the State Highway commission.

The meetings will begin at about 9 a.m., and will continue into the early evening. Sessions will be at the Jackson hotel. Programs will be available shortly at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce office.

Burglars Evade Hillsboro Police

Portland —(U.P.)—Washington and Multnomah county police today were hunting for two men who fled on foot after they were surprised in the fact of burglarizing a Hillsboro market early this morning.

The burglars fled into the nearby brush when a patrolman came upon them in Tipton's market shortly before 2 a.m. One of the pair shot at the officer.

Nearly \$2000 taken from the market was found in the burglars' abandoned car. Police said the car was registered to a Portland man paroled from a burglary conviction.

TEEN-AGE JOBS DECLINE

Salem —(U.P.)—Oregon's teenagers held 4600 less industrial jobs in 1954 than in 1953, the State Bureau of Labor said today. The figure indicates a 26 per cent employment drop in the 14 to 18-year age group during the past year but the last six months showed a 10 per cent upswing in the minors' employment pattern over the first part of the year.

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