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Flight of Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO Jan. 30, 1945

(It was Tuesday)

California Oregon Power company announces rate reduction amounting to \$325,000; President A. S. Cummins says home owners will get an average cut of 11 per cent.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The legislature proposes to do some fancy tinkering with the Knox liquor control law. One bit of proposed tinkering will enable speakeasies to make hay while the moon shines, it is claimed.

20 YEARS AGO Jan. 30, 1935

(It was Wednesday)

University of Oregon lettermen's association invites Burdette Kindred, Bob Hinman and Bill Bates, former Medford high school football stars, to spend weekend on U. of O. campus.

Story written by John Snider, Medford high school student, declares Sam Van Dyke and Bill Luman have been moved up to first string spots on the Medford high basketball team.

30 YEARS AGO Jan. 30, 1925

Measure giving city of Medford right to secure water from Big Butte creek introduced into state legislature.

Hot house rubarb, grown by H. F. Chirgwin, Willow Springs, to be placed on market in Medford.

40 YEARS AGO Jan. 30, 1915

(It was Saturday)

Mrs. Edna Isaacs, who started work with telephone company when there were only 49 phones in Medford, resigns as chief operator.

J. C. Barnes perfects plan for securing irrigation in Rogue valley.

What's the Answer? (Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

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The Ford Motor company predicts more Ford than Chevrolet sales this year, or about the same number, or almost as many?

2. Sen. McCarthy is now chairman of the Senate government operations committee, or only one of its members, or off the committee entirely?

4. The World Almanac is so named because it covers the entire world; right or wrong?

4. UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is a Norwegian, Swede, Finn, Dane or a naturalized U.S. citizen?

5. The order of the Purple Heart is bestowed by the Roman Catholic church, U.S. Armed Forces, British Crown, or Masonic Order?

6. Dred Scott figured 100 years ago in a famous battle against the Indians, Supreme Court decision, prize fight, or gold discovery in California?

7. A trichologist treats diseases of the eyelids, the hair, pigs, the digestive tract, or muscles?

The answers: 1. More Ford sales. 2. Only one of the members. 3. Wrong: it is so named because started by the old N.Y. World. 4. Swede. 5. U.S. Armed Forces. 6. Supreme Court decision. 7. The hair.

No Time for Haste

At least one historian has maintained that war with Japan might have been prevented, had not the Emperor of Japan and his advisers misunderstood a certain "ultimatum" delivered by Secretary of State Hull.

There are other historians who have expressed the opinion that had Hitler ever clearly understood what the American attitude would be in case there was another world war, he would never have attacked Russia.

These views may, or may not be, correct.

But they do emphasize the importance of international UNDERSTANDING and the real dangers of MISunderstanding, in the all-important matter of maintaining world peace.

THERE is no question that in asking the Congress to endorse military action regarding Formosa, if he should think it necessary the Presidents purpose was to prevent war, not cause it. No fair minded person in view of the President's record, could doubt his sincere devotion to peace. In fact at least once he not only opposed Senator Knowland, but the advice of his chief-of-staff chairman to bomb the mainland of China which might well have brought on hostilities in the Far East—perhaps another world war.

But as the senate debate showed, it was not the President's INTENTIONS that were at issue, but what the result of his declaration and request, as PHRASED, might be, particularly upon Far East and world opinion.

So various changes and amendments were proposed but none was passed.

This demand for clarification was condemned by some as "hysterical" and ill-advised. We regard it as neither.

The conditions in the Far East are so critical, there could be such devastating and tragic results if the American position should be misunderstood, that full debate, and the greatest care to make the resolution in question crystal clear to friend and foe alike, was in our judgment not only justified, but imperative.

We would have favored turning the entire matter over to the United Nations, but President Eisenhower felt there wasn't time.

But there was time to discuss the proposal from every angle, in an effort to clarify not only its declarations, but its implications.

We feel those members of the Congress who insisted upon this and took that time should be commended not condemned.—R.W.R.

Not Much Chance

The United States according to the latest report will join Great Britain in asking Red China to the United Nations to discuss a cease-fire in the China sea.

That's something new,—for the USA to invite Red China to the United Nations, even if only for conversation, after all the clamor about never giving her membership.

But even if Red China accepts, the chances are slim that either Red China or Nationalist China will agree to any cease-fire.

For such an agreement would recognize that there are two Chinas whereas both Mao and Chiang Kai-shek, maintain there is only one,—one that is legitimate at least.

Mao says China is his, by revolutionary right, and Chiang says China is his by moral right.

To stop fighting for what they claim is their right, would be as impossible to one as to the other,—for to them it would mean surrender.

It is OK to talk it over, but the chances of any success as we see it, are practically nil.—R.W.R.

Up to the U.N.

About all this China business there is a lot of hocus pocus and double-talk.

Cease-fire would not be an answer,—only a palliative. Formosa is the issue that must be settled before anything approaching peace in the Pacific can be obtained.

It is the old question of what happens when an immovable body is met by an irrestible force.

The immovable body is Chiang Kai-shek on Formosa, the irresistible force is Mao and his Red army.

The answer is war.

Why was the United Nations formed anyway? It was formed to prevent war. Not after the shooting had started but before.

Well, here is a situation in the Far East made to order for UN adjudication.

As we see it the only hope of avoiding war in which the United States would have to be involved, is to award Formosa neither to Chiang nor to Mao but to hand it over to a UN trusteeship, subject to a Formosan plebiscite.

That might or might not be the decision of the United Nations. But this much is as sure any anything in this uncertain world can be.

If the UN can't prevent war over Formosa, such a war, sooner or later is certain, unless there is a radical change in the Far East situation now existing.

—R.W.R.

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

LEGAL LYING

Washington — The youthful former Communist, former professional witness, and former aid to Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, is currently writing a remarkable political confession that may cause major explosions.



Stewart Alsop

For the author of this confession, Harvey Matusow calmly explains a business of bearing false witness; and how the American government made his business a profitable one, courtesy of the American taxpayer.

An advance draft of Matusow's book, each page signed by the author, has been obtained by this reporter. Here is an example of the sort of thing Matusow, who was a chief witness against Owen Lattimore, has revealed:

"I climaxed my testimony with the dramatic assertion that Owen Lattimore's books were used as the official Communist party guide on Asia. Once again, I told a complete falsehood. . . I didn't care what happened to Lattimore. I cared about what was going to happen to me. My unfounded attacks on Lattimore just placed me in the role, of expert of experts. I had reached the top of the ladder. Lattimore was later indicted."

LATTIMORE is still, of course, under indictments. Obviously Matusow's remarkable decision to tell how he lied, and thus risk going to jail for perjury, is likely to make a lot of extra work for the Justice department. Matusow has already signed one sworn affidavit in which he admitted false testimony in a case in which he was a chief government witness. No doubt there will be more such affidavits.

Legal lying by such professional ex-Communist informers as Matusow, which has been tolerated by all three branches of the American government, has done irreparable harm to the individual American citizens. But it has also done irreparable harm to the whole American political process.

Consider the following example of the political uses of the legal lie. Matusow was to testify before the McCarthy committee at hearings in Salt Lake City. His testimony was of course privileged, or libel-proof.

"I had also made up my mind how I would place in the record a statement of 'the number of Communists working for the New York Times and Time magazine.' I had previously discussed this with Sen. McCarthy and had his approval. Once the 'facts' were in the record, McCarthy knew that he could accuse the Times and Time magazine, Inc., of being pro-Communist."

OR consider this example, when McCarthy sent Matusow into Montana in 1952 to attack Democratic Senatorial candidate, Mike Mansfield:

"As I talked I reached in my brief case, using the same gestures I had seen Sen. McCarthy so frequently use. 'Now I have here in my brief case documented proof. . . I pulled out a photostatic copy of an old copy of the Communist party publication 'New Masses.' The impression was that it contained a by-lined story by Mansfield; that he had written the story and had actively, knowingly supported the Communist party. But I knew that the story was merely a re-print of his remarks in the Congressional Record."

There is no space here to convey the full, gamy flavor of Matusow's revelations. But the examples quoted suggest how incredible it is that Matusow should have continued to receive taxpayer's money for his services as an "expert witness."

It may be said, of course, that Matusow, having lied before, is lying now when he admits his lies. It may also be said that Matusow, having swung communism to McCarthyism has completed the circle — the fact that his publishers have a decidedly left-wing coloration will be cited in support of this charge.

CERTAINLY, on the record cited by Matusow himself, no one would be likely to claim for

him exceptional trustworthiness or political wisdom. Yet he has documentation for much of his amazing story. And the story is also inherently credible simply because Matusow himself is the chief object of his own accusations.

At any rate, Matusow's revelation simply cannot be ignored, either by Congress or by the Justice Department. In this sense, in writing his astonishing confession, Matusow may more than compensate for the harm he has done.

Obviously some ex-Communist informers have performed a useful service. But in the years since the trial of Alger Hiss, the cult of the ex-Communist, as the undisputed arbiter of the loyalty of other citizens, has grown like a cancer. Matusow's confession is likely to initiate a serious investigation of this new post-war profession of the informer, and this could have good results for the political health of the United States.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

George Turnbull, whose sparkling, gem-like editorials make the Albany Democrat-Herald one of Oregon's most dependably interesting newspapers, chose the other day to discuss what he calls the "old Charles A. Dana chestnuts" —

"If a dog bites a man, it isn't news; but if a man bites a dog— unlimited space!"

And— "Whatever the good Lord allows to happen I am not too proud to print in my paper."

GEORGE says: "Neither of these, actually rises to the stature of a journalistic rule. All Dana, famous New York Sun editor, was trying to do, probably, was to emphasize that the unusual is news and that Byron had the right idea when he wrote: 'With or without consent of friends or foes, I sketch your world exactly as it goes.'"

He goes on: "But at least twice within the last 20 years or so, when the wires have carried the news of a man's biting a dog, the incident was not heavily played. One such incident we recall got about a hundred words, and some of the papers ran it is a little 'boxed feature.'"

WELL, you know, a man once bit a dog in Klamath Falls. He was a very young man—the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bosworth (Harlan, more generally known as "Bos," was then Copco manager in Klamath; he is now a Copco vice-president in Medford).

The dog's name was Ring. He was what might be termed a patriarchal dog, kindly, tolerant, aloof to all the pettier reactions such as anger and retaliation. The young man, as I recall it, hadn't yet learned to walk. He and Ring got into one of those friendly man-and-dog scuffles in the course of which Ring nipped a little harder than he intended the calf of his companion's fat little lower limb.

The young man turned and sank his teeth in Ring's right front leg!

THE Herald and News, tipped off to what had happened, lived up to the man-bites-dog journalistic tradition in a big way, and rushed a reporter and a cameraman to the spot. We had to tinker with the news a bit, for Ring's wound wasn't deep enough or gory enough to be depicted by the camera—and we couldn't prevail on the pair of them to stage a rehearsal for the benefit of the press. So we put a white bandage on Ring's leg, and it showed up beautifully in the ensuing picture of the combatants posing together after the brawl.

It turned out to be big news, all right. It tickled the risibles of everybody in town and the Bosworths were swamped all evening with calls from kidding friends. That was back in the days when pictures were relatively new in the smaller newspapers, and we of the Herald and News were prouder than Punch of the achievement.

MAYBE I'd better tell you a little about George Turnbull. He was a member of the team of Allen (Eric) and Turnbull (George) that founded the University of Oregon school of journalism away back when.

They were a GREAT team. They worked together like a hand in a glove. They were good newspapermen, but they were something more. They were great MEN. They were inspired teachers. They turned out a generation of newspaper men who have made their mark all over the country.

Eric Allen went over the Great Divide many years ago, but his memory lingers. George Turnbull is still with us, for which I am grateful. He headed, for a while, the school of journalism he helped to found. He has taught with distinguished success at Stanford University and at Nebraska.

He is now a writer of distinguished editorials.

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.

Not Columbus To the Editor: Common usage or belief in a term is no guarantee of its truth. It could be a contributing cause of the cynical attitude of our youth to some of today's "learning," especially to those factually minded.

That's the why of this letter, for if two certain youngsters chance to read the editorial in Sunday's Mail Tribune wherein was stated "Columbus discovered America," they'll want to know, how come? For it is plain that Columbus did not discover America, in fact never set eyes on North America. He seemed to be more intent in availing it for there is evidence that he thumbed his way up to the land of the Norsemen to talk with descendants of Leif Ericson (ref: Early Rulers of the Sea) who tried settlement of Vineland (North America) some 3 or 400 years earlier like had been done in Iceland and Greenland.

One thing is sure, Christopher steered way south of the course taken by Ericson, to skirt the great land mass and find a sea route to "Old Cathay" (China), India and Asian lands where the silks and satins could be had, wondrous carvings in ivory, ebony and precious jades and the spices and other gastronomic delights to tickle the palates of Europe's nobility and notables.

Brigands and robbers had taken such toll of the overland camel caravans that it was no longer profitable, that way. And there was that little matter of the magic black powder that the Chinese had perfected that when touched with fire would erupt in flame, smoke and mighty roar, flinging a round stone shot to smash a ship or shore building a mile or more distant.

That interested Ferdinand of Spain, then top-dog among nations and might help him to bring enemy nations to heel, quite like the Red network nations would do today with mightier atom and hydrogen power. So King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella pungled up the grubstake for Christopher to go and get the loot in his three windjammers. And Columbus was positive to the day he died that he had reached his goal for he named the islands where he first landed the West Indies.

F. J. Clifford, 1211 W. Main, Medford, Ore.

They Have Cattle Trouble To the Editor: If any of your readers have the answer to this problem we surely will be grateful for the solution.

We live on Table Rock road, next to the Midway Meat business. We bought this 5 1/2 acres because it had irrigation water and to retire in what we thought would be peace and quiet. But no. It's been a headache. Why, because the meat owners never fix the fences properly to keep their cattle out grazing. Even an electric fence would be enough if they would put it up.

The cattle are always getting out on the neighbors property, even across the road.

Sunday, January 23, we were entertaining a business man and his family for a quiet dinner. When the meal was partly served and all were seated at the table many cattle broke through the poorly made fence. Both Mr. Morrison and I had to leave the table and chase the cattle off our flowerbeds.

I have been kind enough to go over to the plant at 8:30 of a rainy morning and tell them their cattle are out.

We have several expensive plants and flowers set out, and last Sunday those cattle trod down several which cost plenty. But the owner of this meat house refused to pay for damages and didn't even apologize to us or to our guests for the dinner interruption.

We have gone to town and when we return here are the cattle on our place. What can be done to force these people to use their own land?

We ourselves have nothing to disturb any neighbors and all we want is to use our own property.

Will surely appreciate all comments on same. Yes, we will sell to anyone having cash for our property.

The James H. Morrison, Route 2, Box 240, Medford, Ore.

DAV Aid Plan To the Editor: The Veterans' Rehabilitation Center, sponsored by Jackson county chapter No. 8, Disabled American Veterans, up to now in preliminary stages of preparation, is now ready to receive any discard articles from the public.

We will answer your phone call and pick up anything you have that is taking up attic or storage space, but can be reconditioned and made useful. We have some storage sheds built that will contain what we expect to have on hand at present, but

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

This is the remark we heard a woman make last Monday night, after she watched the fire which damaged Eads Transfer and Storage: "I was hoping the fire would spread across the alley so they'd have a fire sale at the liquor store."

Mrs. Betty Boyle, manager of the Jackson hotel, leaved during the same fire that playing the Good Samaritan can be costly.

When the blaze broke out, Mrs. Boyle called every room in the hotel to warn the occupants to get their cars out of a parking lot alongside the Eads building.

When the fire was out, she discovered that her brand new car was the only one damaged in the blaze.

A friendly contributor sent this one in, quoting a radio commentator: A certain city in this U.S.A. posted the following sign at its city limits: "Our speed limit is 25 miles per hour. Fine for exceeding that limit is \$3 for every mile in excess of that. Pick out a speed you can afford."

Staff member watched with interest last week as a merchant on Sixth street came out of his place of business, walked up to his car parked nearby, placed a parking ticket on the windshield, and went back to his store.

Well, it beats feeding nickels into the meter, doesn't it?

Restaurant waitresses are expected to have all the answers, but one was stumped the other day. Vesta Barnard, a Rogue river fishing guide from Prospect, reports she went into a local eatery with a friend. The friend introduced her to the waitress as "the first lady of angling." The waitress thought for a moment and then asked, "Angling—Where is Angling?" (Editorial query: Isn't that just north of the English channel?)

Paul Smith (of the Groceries) was smoking a mammoth pipe at a Kiwanis club meeting. He was accused by Sam

we expect to enlarge our storage capacity as this project gets under way.

The DAV has been inspired to inaugurate this project by the number of stranded non-resident veterans that accumulate in Medford during the winter months, by reason of not being able to gain immediate admittance to the domiciliary at Camp White, after travelling some distance in that hope. The waiting list is always long in winter-time.

The DAV is anxious to help any veteran in need, but no matter how anxious, it cannot be done without wherewithall. That is our reason for this attempt to set up a fund for relief of these unfortunate veterans. We expect to employ partially disabled men in reconditioning articles, sell the articles, and use all net proceeds for nothing but veterans' welfare, and assistance to their widows and dependents.

We do not intend to discontinue what aid we have been able to afford resident veterans, and we expect to continue our usual claims and welfare work. This new enterprise is in addition to what we have been doing; not a substitute for anything of the recent past. We are endorsed by men who believe that disabled veterans should be helped to help themselves.

Phone 2-8312, DAV headquarters; or 2-4192, DAV adjutant's home, or 2-5320, Little's motel, if you have something you wish to dispose of. Discarded articles of clothing, furniture, equipment, tools, or even scrap iron or paper.

We have received endorsement for the work from Governor Patterson, Secretary of State Newberry, County Judge Rodney Keating, County Commissioners L. G. (Shy) Morland and Chester H. Wendt, Sheriff Howard Gault, Mayor of Medford Earl M. Miller, Mayor of Ashland, R. L. Neill, Mayor of Central Point Donald E. Faber, Ex-Mayor Diamond Flynn, President, City Council of Medford, John Snider and City Manager Robert A. Duff.

Pat Graham, Adjutant and Service Officer, Jackson County Chapter No. 8, DAV, 1818 North Riverside ave, Medford, Ore.

Thanks M-T For Aid To the Editor: We, the freshman class at Southern Oregon college, wish to sincerely thank you for the space you so wholeheartedly donated to further the March of Dimes through our production "The Walking Stick Rebellion." We are glad to say that through your effort we received \$54.44 for the March of Dimes.

Again we thank you for giving us the opportunity to help support the current March of Dimes campaign.

Fredman Oregon Southern Oregon college Ashland, Oregon.

Taylor (of Elk Lumber company) of swiping and smoking the Elk Lumber company sawdust burner. Smith kept puffing, unperturbed, while the woods boss was fined for advertising.

Noted in our favorite weekly, the Roberts Road Record, published by Little Gerry and Montca Auel: EDITORIAL — Everybody should make resolutions. You should think about ways to improve yourself. If you are too busy to make resolutions, you should make a resolution not to be so busy.

RESOLUTIONS — Judy Nielsen: I resolve to wash my neck better in 1955. Eileen Nielsen: To do everything my mother wants me to do.

Mrs. Archibald: I resolve just to keep on doing the best I can.

Francis (Shorty) Hibbard, 1302 Saling ave., gives credit where credit is due—in this case to the postman who promptly delivered a letter, two days after it was mailed in Los Angeles, which bore the following address: Mr. R. (Shorty) Hibbard Medford Oregon

POSTMAN: — Mr. Hibbard resides on a street (name unknown) but which is located 1 block north of E. Jackson Street and running parallel with Jackson Street. His home is located on the south side of said street, and lies within the 2 or 3 blocks between Crater Lake Avenue and Bessie Street. The house in question is within the first several houses directly west of Bessie Street intersection. Thank you, Mr. Hibbard is a civil engineer and surveyor. Thanks.

Eugene Schoolgirl Gets Acquitted Eugene — (J.P.) — A 16-year-old Eugene high school girl was acquitted of manslaughter charges Friday evening in connection with the fatal stabbing of her stepfather last Oct. 1.

A Lane County Circuit Courting Ella Louise Starmer about jury returned the verdict favoring 6:10 p.m., after deliberating less than two hours. The trial began Tuesday.

Ella Louise testified in her own behalf Friday afternoon. She told the court she remembered nothing about the stabbing of Archie Swanberg, her stepfather with a 10-inch butcher knife.

The high school junior and her mother, Mrs. Anne Swanberg, told substantially the same story, that the stepfather had been beating Mrs. Swanberg, and the mother had called for help. The defense contended that Ella Louise went to the aid of her mother with the butcher knife.

Tanksley Sentenced To Three-Year Term Portland — (J.P.) — Roy Churchill Tanksley, 52, Redding, Calif., who last month pleaded guilty to theft of a safe from a post-office at Bly, Ore., was sentenced to three years in prison Friday.

U. S. Judge Gus J. Solomon ignored Tanksley's plea for clemency on the grounds that he had lost \$150,000 in a California logging venture and wished to protect timber interests in Mexico.