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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

Feb. 3, 1945

(It was Saturday)

Mark Goldy named chairman of Rogue River water committee, succeeding H. B. Murphy, who resigned because of the pressure of business.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A series of showers, plus a couple of warm days, and the first toad stool to be picked for a mushroom would be reported, with the patient recovering as well as could be expected.

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 3, 1925

(It was Sunday)

Dr. Edwin Durno, Medford, former University of Oregon All-American basketball player, named to Pacific Northwest all-time all-star team by coaches in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

Mrs. E. E. Gore and Miss Dorothy Gore to organize girls civic orchestra.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 3, 1925

(It was Tuesday)

Home of Charles A. Wing entered and \$12 stolen.

Mrs. J. W. Jacobs presents a bunch of pussywills gathered on Bear creek to Chamber of Commerce.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 3, 1915

(It was Wednesday)

Attorney E. E. Kelly writes a letter describing "my first ride in a Cadillac," and says he was "astounded, awed, and thrilled."

From the local and personal column: Medford police have found a woman's hat on Main st., and the owner can have same by applying at the police station.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

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1. When the U.S. began under its present Constitution in 1789, its capital was Washington, D.C., right or wrong?

2. The track mileage operated by U.S. railroads as a whole gets greater or less every year, or stays the same?

3. President Eisenhower wants the present 750-an-hour federal minimum wage lowered, or kept the same, or raised to 90c, or \$1, or \$1.25.

4. Which member of the present U.S. Supreme Court was once a member of the Ku Klux Klan?

5. A half-nelson is a maneuver in boxing, basketball, football, wrestling, or chess?

6. President F. D. Roosevelt accused Red China, Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy or militaristic Japan of plunging a knife into the back of its neighbor?

7. Puerto Rican migrants to the U.S. last year were sharply or slightly up, or sharply or slightly down.

The answers: 1. Wrong; it was then Philadelphia. 2. Gets less. 3. Raised to 90c an hour. 4. Justice Hugo L. Black. 5. Wrestling. 6. Fascist Italy. 7. Sharply down.

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What Is "Co-existence"?

Certain "die-hards" in the congress are still claiming that co-existence with Soviet Russia is "unthinkable."

In fact some of them maintain co-existence is a synonym for appeasement.

Why don't our political brethren take a breathing spell and look up the word in the dictionary.

"Co-existence" merely means what it says: existence TOGETHER,—presumably at the same time and on the same planet.

The only way to end it would be to get off the planet.

BUT until then we would like to see the word barred in congressional debate, at least during the present crisis.

"Co-existence" is here whether we like it or not. We co-existed with Germany through two wars; we co-existed with Russia when it was a slave state and a Communist one; we co-exist today with Yugoslavia, which is Communist, and we co-exist with various and sundry small dictatorships,—without serious difficulty, or injury.

Until Uncle Sam gets off the earth, he has to live on it and co-exist with the other nations that do.

It seems to this department the time has come to recognize the facts of life, Webster's unabridged and geography—even if it hurts.—R.W.R.

What Is Appeasement?

Another word we would like to see dropped in political debate for a few days is "appeasement."

Every time any suggestion is made that Uncle Sam doesn't WANT to fight Red China, the pro-Chiang lobby in Washington headed by Senator Knowland of California cries "appeasement."

This was the objection to the "cease fire" proposal of President Eisenhower, and as usual the Republican leader had his way, persuading the Foreign Relations committee to withdraw support of it.

WHAT has the senior Senator from California got that is not visible at this distance that makes him so effective in opposing the leader of his own party and subject to so little criticism, as he persists in that course.

If any other Senate member should dare oppose the administration's foreign policy as persistently and vigorously, there would be wild cries of opposition and resentment. But the Californian gets away with it and no one says a word.

WHAT Senator Knowland apparently wants is the return of Chiang Kai-shek to control over China, and if that involves World War III, OK, the results will be worth the price. Anything short of it in fact is "appeasement."

SO THE failure to cross the Yalu and instead secure an armistice in Korea was "appeasement." The failure to aid the French in Indochina and failure to bomb the Chinese mainland then was "appeasement." Also as stated, everything short of war to conquer China for Chiang Kai-shek is "appeasement."

Now if the Eisenhower cease fire attempt should succeed, and peace in the Far East should reign,—for a time at least,—that we assume would be "appeasement."

THE term has been so overworked, and so twisted from its proper meaning, that for the sake of clarity, and a better understanding not only in this country but in foreign lands, it should be given a rest for a time. Let's hope it will be.—R.W.R.

A Good Word for Morse

Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Independent, was thinking out loud for a great many of us when he posed to the Senate, as it began debate on Formosa, the dilemma of widening the defense of that island to Quemoy and the Matsus along the mainland.

He bespoke the worries that plague many of us when he showed how we ourselves might be hailed as aggressors, contrary to international law, should our military leaders interpret the vague language of the Eisenhower policy resolution as authority to strike at the mainland and thus involve us in an Asian continental war!

It may turn out to have been a historic speech.

OF ITS courage there is no doubt, if you appreciate the tension now in this city. The Senator spoke up boldly where so many of us let our desire to conform silence us, and that last seems to be true, in fact, of many members of the House who went along quietly to pass the resolution, as well as of the Senate.

It was quite an experience to sit in the Senate gallery and listen to the slender, earnest Oregon Senator. For he was giving voice to the anxieties in your own mind. He was saying what you had thought as you looked at a map and saw how close to the great body of China cling the islands which now are in all our headlines. You tried to imagine yourself way over there on that other side of the world, and wondered what you would think if you had always lived on that continent, on the other side of the Pacific Ocean, about the intentions of another great nation far across that ocean which now had its warships deployed along the coast.

THE MAN with the map who bespoke our fears and tried to express our best instincts, may be bowled over in the melee—but we are glad he spoke up, even if he has to wait for history to mark his act and raise a memorial.—(Extract from article by Tom Stokes, well known news commentator in the Washington (D.C.) Post)

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

SIDELIGHT ON FORMOSA — Hong Kong — For what it may be worth, the Chinese Communist leaders have solemnly declared their intention of taking Formosa this year to high officials of the Burmese government.



Joseph Alsop

This reporter learned this remarkable fact from an undoubted source just before leaving Rangoon. Superficially, it may not seem to add greatly to the loud protestations that "Taiwan must be ours" which have been heard on the Peking Radio for the past year.

But in reality there is a wide difference between a radio barrage with all its varied domestic and other motives, and a confidential disclosure to leading men of friendly governments. Indian officials are reputed to have received the same disclosure as the Burmese.

There is further significance in the disclosure's timing. It was made in the midst of, indeed as an incident of, the elaborate Chinese Communist courtship of the Indians and Burmese. If Chou En-lai and his colleagues were just hunting for convenient dupes, it is rather hard to see why they chose the two chief Asian governments which have approved Premier Chou's "Five principles of co-existence."

There are good reasons to believe, in fact, that the disclosure to the Burmese was made in the course of Prime Minister U Nu's elaborately organized state visit to Peking. As already reported in this space, the great Chinese Communist theme with U Nu was that China was being "encircled" by American bases; that the American intention was to destroy China in the end; and that China would therefore run any risk to destroy these hostile bases first.

It can now be stated, however, that responsible Chinese Communist leaders went even further with members of U Nu's party. They pin-pointed Formosa as the "American base" they were most determined to destroy. They stated that they meant every word of their radio propaganda about taking the big island, without qualification. And they even discussed the nature of their plan.

THE Burmese officials evidently inquired how the Chinese leaders could conceivably hope to take Formosa proper, with so many miles of open water between the big island and the mainland. The reply was that air warning on Formosa was poor; that the morale of the government and people was low; and that Formosa would be softened up for the final attack by powerful air bombings of Taipei and other centers.

Whether this assessment is still correct, this reporter hopes to find out on the spot in a few days. It was certainly correct last year. The Chinese might have added, and perhaps did add, that against land based IL 28 jet bombers and bomb carrying MIG 15s, our aircraft carriers in the narrow waters of the Formosa Strait would have a very hard time indeed.

There is no hard information as to whether this latter point was made. In any case, the Chinese convinced the Burmese they meant business and were willing to risk American reprisals. In Rangoon, in fact, a quiet warning of bad trouble to come in China was recently given to a friendly neutral diplomat leaving for Peking on an entirely peaceful and irrelevant special mission.

Having spent the last two months studying the Communist danger in Southern Asia, this reporter can make no attempt to evaluate the danger to Formosa. It is simply worth noting that the Chinese leaders declared their warlike intentions with such positiveness and in such detail to the Burmese whom they are courting.

They may have been seeking to frighten the extremely stout hearted and astute Burma government, for they have reason to fear that the Burmese will abandon what may be called the Nehru position if Communist pressure in South Asia goes much further. Or the Chinese may simply have been unburdening themselves of their real plans.

If a complete shot in the dark is permissible, these Chinese warnings to the Asian neutrals, mere bluster though they may be, have probably produced one very important result already. For the news has surely been passed on to Washington, through London or by some other route. And such news would be just the kind of secret lever that could shift the President from his firm former position, and lead him to the new decision to include Quemoy and the Matsus islands in the Formosa defense perimeter.

THE general confidence that the Chinese do not mean

business about Formosa proper has been squarely based on the same habit of thought that was the real explanation of Pearl Harbor—the habit of thinking out what the other fellow will do on the basis of what you would do if you were the other fellow. The news here given, whether it means anything or not, would be likely to raise a question mark among those thinking along these lines in Washington. And the natural result would be a bolder and tougher policy.

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Meetings Helpful

To the Editor: I have received so much spiritual help from the series of meetings being held in the Free Methodist church this week that I feel compelled to tell others about it. If anyone is spiritually hungry, I invite them to come, for if one can receive good spiritual food, without a doubt it is there for others too, for God is no respecter of persons.

Mrs. Everett H. Malott, 1902 Elm St., Medford, Ore.

Give 'Em All A Chance

To the Editor: The past few weeks my wife and I have been attending the grade school basketball games. Besides having a wonderful time watching the little shavers play we have noticed a striking difference in the coaches.

One coach in particular struck a responsive chord with us. I won't mention his name, but it does my heart good to see a coach who thinks more of his boys than running up impressive victories. He, also, has 5 wonderful little players that I feel could probably win most of their games, but he makes sure that every boy on his team plays in each game. So his victories aren't very impressive.

I can understand high schools and colleges trying their utmost to win all their games, as their box office brings in an impressive amount of revenue for the school. But in the 5th and 6th grades, I feel that the competitive experience that the boys get is much more important than the ability to say "We beat such and such school."

I take my hat off to this man. We sure wish there were more like him, and hope that he never changes his attitude.

A Fan (name on file).

Ike Needs Help and Sympathy

To the Editor: While the President did not need the endorsement of the Congress he thought it wise, because of the horrible precedent that had been set by three Presidents before him in saying one thing, and doing another. Wilson told the Germans we were too proud to fight. Roosevelt said our mothers' sons would never fight on foreign soil, and Acheson said we would not defend Formosa or Korea.

As these statements resulted in three wars, the President wanted to make sure that there would be no mistake about him doing what he said he would, if he tried to take Formosa.

There was no need or excuse for any argument, only to create confusion. However, it gave an opportunity for the man holding the record of making the longest speech ever recorded, without changing a single vote, to demonstrate to his friends and coworkers in state owned industry that he was trying to protect them from our war-mongering President.

Our President is overloaded with responsibility and needs all the help and sympathy his friends can give him. His enemies are not all in Russia, or China. A good way to persuade the commies that they do not want any more of those islands around Formosa would be after evacuating, slip an H bomb in and then warn them to keep away.

Ira C. Jones, 2325 Stewart ave., Medford, Ore.

'Linda Bowen Fund' Benefit Dance Slated

Gold Hill—Plans have been announced for a public dance to be held in the Gold Hill Grange hall Feb. 19, with all proceeds going in to a "Linda Bowen fund."

Linda is the 11-year-old girl who suffered serious back injuries last fall when she fell from a tree while attempting to rescue her kitten. She has been paralyzed since, and has undergone extensive hospitalization and medical treatment. It is hoped the money raised will help pay for her treatment.

Four organizations are sponsoring the dance. They are the Odd Fellows, Grange, Lions and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Committees have been named, with H. D. Force, Gold Hill postmaster, as general chairman.



EVACUATED FROM TACHEN ISLANDS, these Chinese orphans are greeted by Mme Chiang Kai-shek, wife of Generalissimo, as they arrive at Taipei, Formosa. (International Soundphoto)

Red China Expected Eventually To Turn Guns on Hong Kong

Editor's note: In the absence of Charles M. McCann, who is ill, the following special dispatch is substituted for his foreign news commentary.

By EARNEST HOBERECHT United Press Correspondent Taipei, Formosa.—(U.P.)—Red China's repeated claims that Formosa and all other Chinese soil will be "liberated" by the Chinese Communist armies have raised a question about the future status of Hong Kong.

Chinese Nationalist sources are speculating that Britain may have good reason to be concerned for its small but rich and strategic colony in the Pearl River delta.

Many important sources here are convinced that the Chinese Reds are merely biding their time before grabbing the British colony. Some are suggesting that the Peiping regime will turn its attention to Hong Kong if they are convinced they cannot seize Formosa.

One prominent Chinese Nationalist official said today: "We think the Communists first will try to maneuver Britain into giving Hong Kong back to them. If political maneuvering fails, it's a good guess the Chinese Reds will try to take it by force."

Nationalist quarters point to Communist broadcasts from Peiping which have rejected the Formosa cease fire plan, which was strongly recommended to Peiping by Britain. These broadcasts, they add, have stressed Red China's determination to continue military action until they get Formosa.

These propaganda thunderings lead informed quarters here to believe Peiping does not want to become bound by any cease fire or other formula which would limit or deter Red expansion plans.

Talent Project Still Given Fair Chance, Ellsworth Believes

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, MC

Washington.—If Federal projects could be built in Oregon by speeches made on the Floor of the United States Senate our worries would be over. They cannot be built that way.

Over \$400,000 Available The fact is that \$84,000 was allocated last year for work on this project and that the new budget calls for \$352,000 for the most urgently needed work provided for in the Talent authorization. This money will be used toward the rebuilding of the Medford and Rogue River Valley irrigation district facilities. Another \$30,000 was budgeted for further planning.

Secretary McKay urged the inclusion in the budget of \$2,500,000 for construction on the major works of the project. The Bureau of the Budget did not put that amount in. In November I was informed that the figures in the hands of the Bureau were all in good order. The project is a sound one and clearly stands on its own feet with respect to repayment of the money to the Treasury. When the item did not appear in the budget I asked the Bureau what happened. Here is the story revealed by a conference with Budget Director Hughes and his technical people:

The project was set aside for further study by the Bureau because the data in their hands indicated an amazingly low benefits to cost ratio—which in simple language means that the government appeared to be footing part of the cost as a subsidy whereas irrigation projects are required to pay out with a margin to spare.

Simple Typing Error Upon comparing their data with figures furnished me by the Interior Department and by the Talent district, it was discovered first of all that a simple typing error in the report submitted by the Department of Agriculture reduced the per acre return several dollars. Then it was discovered that more than 8,000 acres of land to be irrigated were classified as grass lands with low income return per acre

Another factor pointing to trouble for Hong Kong in the not too distant future is the attitude of Chinese Communists toward all foreigners on their soil. It is reasonable to assume that they resent the presence of the British in Hong Kong. Even the Nationalists, before they were driven from the mainland, were bringing pressure on Britain to recognize the crown colony as Chinese and return it to China.

Would Look for More "Nationalists realize that the Reds will take all they can get and would soon be looking toward the Philippines, once Formosa fell," a government official said.

Outwardly, at least, the British in Hong Kong appear to view the situation calmly. "Maybe they are right," the same Nationalist leader said. "Maybe they have nothing to fear. But the record of the Communists to date would lead one to believe otherwise."

"Since 1945, Communist controlled territory has been expanded by military efforts by more than 3,891,000 square miles." Hong Kong's 32 square miles would be a mere drop in the bucket in terms of real estate. But it would be a gigantic plum for Peiping's prestige and it has strategic importance as well.

The biggest factor weighing against a Red move on Hong Kong is its importance to the Communists as a base for trade—both in goods and information—with the West.

If Peiping decides the advantages of seizure outweigh those of keeping that "window" open in Asia, it is believed here that a move against Hong Kong will not be long coming.

What a gall! What a PRESIDENT!

AND— In Akron, O., an 18-year-old boy got into court on a charge of breaking and entering. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced immediately. Here's what the judge prescribed: "A spanking with a ping-pong paddle until his seat is pink red."

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The father said he could, and would—and then he did.

UNORTHODOX? It certainly is. But I can't help thinking that the boy himself is better off and his parents are better off, and his community is better off, and his STATE is better off than if he'd been sent to an orthodox prison—which far too often is just a finishing school from which petty criminals graduate as skilled and competent criminals.

REGULATION New Haven, Conn.—(U.P.)—The Greater New Haven Restaurant Association disappointed some with its lack of originality when it announced the menu for its annual banquet. It served fruit, cup, soup, salad, chicken, ice cream and coffee.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The Soviet newspaper Pravda (which prints only what the Kremlin tells it to print) describes as a "rude provocation" the congressional resolution that authorized President Eisenhower to use armed force in guarding Formosa.

It adds: "The United States is following a criminal aggressive policy directed toward aggravation of tension in the Far East."

BAD? I think not.

That's the way Pravda and the other mouthpieces of the Kremlin have been talking for years, and the Russians have done no BIG shooting yet.

Look out, though, if the commies start talking NICE.

A FRIEND writes from Lima, Peru:

"Senator Morse is referred to down here as 'Man Who Hasn't Made up His Mind yet.' Who says these South Americans aren't politically astute?"

IN THESE chronicles, I've spoken frequently of the temperamental robot we call a teletype. The teletype says:

"Scattered precipitation is reported in Washington and Oregon today—with snow in the inland mountains. The precipitation is being triggered by cool / !!! 928 & 533 O-8?? & JSIO4A (0) \* \* \*"

Succinctly and accurately put, I'd say, after a look out of the window.

THIS modern world note: In a big Chicago high school, breakfast is now being served in the school cafeteria to the students before classes begin.

(Presumably, they get up too late for breakfast at home, and the school authorities have the sound idea that one does better work on a full stomach.)

IF GRANDPA reads that item, he'll be cynical. He'll recall the days when he arose at 4 a.m., lighted the kerosene lantern and started his chores. He went to school later on in the day as a kind of afterthought.

And— Husted home in mid-afternoon to get his night chores started.

Who says the world isn't getting better?

WHAT brings up the high school girl in Reese, Mich., who whispered to a scottie during class and as a punishment was required to copy by hand President Eisenhower's State-of-the-Union message—all 7500 words of it.

She did, commenting later that Ike could have covered the same ground in fewer words. She sent the copy to the White House, along with her comment, and a few days later along came a note from Ike acknowledging that after all the message WAS longer than it really needed to be.

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