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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. 6, 1925
(Mt. was Tuesday)
Mrs. Mae Richardson, Central Point; Mrs. Margaret Mann, Bellview, and Mrs. Edith Thompson, Phoenix, to be discussed leaders at meeting of Jackson County Primary Teachers council.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 6, 1915
(Mt. was Wednesday)
Medford city council accepts bid for widening of East Main st. at Bear Creek bridge.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 6, 1905
(Mt. was Friday)
"Page corner," at Main st. and Riverside ave., subdivided and building to be constructed as soon as plans can be made.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 6, 1915
(Mt. was Saturday)
Mollie Towne, Phoenix, only woman member of Oregon state legislature, wins victory when bill giving women teachers same pay as men.

Josephine county officials object to use of state money for work on Siskiyou highway.

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
Copr. 1935, Editorial Research Report

- 1. New chairman of the Senate permanent investigating ("McCarthy") subcommittee is Sen. Johnson (Tex.), Flanders (Vt.), McClellan (Ark.) or Mundt (S.D.).
2. Farmers do or don't have a later deadline in 1955 than non-farmers for fourth-quarter payments on 1954 income-tax?
3. The Southern Presbyterian churches have voted for or against merging with the Northern Presbyterians?
4. The Railway Express Agency is owned and operated by the railroads, is an independent concern, or is part of the American Express Co.?
5. More men than women in the U.S. are considerably overweight, more women than men, or about the same number of each?
6. U Nu is prime minister of Burma, Ceylon, Indonesia, North Korea, the Philippines, or Thailand?
7. An actuary is apt to work in the theatre, for labor unions, in holy orders, for an insurance company, or in a laboratory?
1. Sen. McClellan. 2. Farmers do. 3. Against. 4. Is owned and operated by the railroads. 5. Many more men than women. 6. Burma. 7. For an insurance company.

AS we see it, if the UN fails to act, and act quickly, if and when it is apparent no "cease-fire" can be arranged, its greatest opportunity to date to perform the service which it was organized to accomplish, will have been tragically missed!—R.W.R.

"No Alternative to Peace"

As far as results are concerned war resembles Mark Twain's weather. There is a great deal of talk about it, but very little done.

General MacArthur was not only eloquent on his recent birthday regarding his chosen profession, but 100% correct. Said he:

"We should now proclaim our readiness to abolish war in concert with the great powers of the world. The result would be magical. The public opinion of every part of the world would be the great denominator which would insure the issue—each nation would so profit that it could not fail eventually to comply."

WAR—modern war—is outmoded, out-of-date. As an item of national policy it should be abandoned for it no longer works. It can't work in this atomic age or be MADE to work—profitably at least even for the victor.

As President Eisenhower recently said on two occasions in this modern age "there is no alternative to peace."

There is none—in the sense of any desirable alternative. There is just as much reason for the civilized world to tolerate war, as to tolerate a return of the black plague.

ALL of the above is true—and generally acknowledged by all thoughtful people to be true. Moreover, we have in the United Nations an organization designed for one main purpose, through action by a concert of powers to prevent war.

YET what sort of a situation does the world face today?

More money is being spent for waging war, more weapons of wholesale destruction are being produced, especially by the world powers; fear of war, particularly in the Far East, is greater today than it has been since the end of World War II. And irony of ironies, each and every nation claims it is increasing its war potential to the limit of capacity for one reason and one reason only—to PREVENT war. Or if it can't be prevented to wage a war solely of self-defense against some aggressor—some other nation always being the aggressor.

IT does border on the absurd, the ridiculous and inane.

But what can be done about it? It is OK to TALK about proclaiming our "readiness to abolish war," but WHO IS GOING to DO ANYTHING about it—including ourselves?

We wish General MacArthur had given his answer to this question.—R.W.R.

What Is Cooking Anyway?

Chiang Kai-shek in his first public announcement in some time, declares the invasion of the Chinese mainland is not far distant. We quote:

"Formosa has entered a state of war. The day for launching a counter-attack on the mainland is drawing near."

Whereupon three waves of his bombers attacked Red China invasion "build-ups" in the Tachens and it was announced Chiang would not evacuate his troops from that island, until he had a solemn and binding pledge from the United States that he would receive all-out aid in defending Quemoy and the Matsus.

WHAT is going on here anyway? According to a London dispatch in spite of Red China's spurning of a "cease fire," the effort to secure a cessation of hostilities has not been abandoned, and it was believed the Chinese Reds would agree if they were given certain mainland islands now held by the Nationalists.

CAN'T the chief participants in the China sea area get together and come to some sort of an understanding, as to what is cooking and what isn't.

Certainly the Chinese Reds don't intend to sign any cease fire agreement, and Chiang Kai-shek doesn't if he says his attack on the Chinese mainland is imminent.

Yet according to London the effort for cease fire has not been abandoned! Someone is off base here badly.

Moreover, according to reports from Washington, President Eisenhower has refused to make any pledge to aid Chiang in the defense of the mainland islands, other than that implied in his original statement that whenever he believes Formosa is threatened, he will do whatever he then considers necessary to remove the threat and save that bastion of U.S. defense. This, it is stated, doesn't satisfy Chiang Kai-shek.

ALL of which is as clear as mud. The only clarity in the situation in fact is that the war in the China sea is getting hotter by the hour, and the dangers of U. S. involvement more and more threatening.

AS before stated here is a situation made to order for the United Nations.

As there seems no chance of the "cease-fire" effort succeeding why not put the Formosa crisis, as a whole, on the U. N. agenda, and do it now?

Talking the problem over from every angle might not completely solve it, but at least it might prevent the present war from becoming a World War. And that would be something—in fact a great deal.

Far better a war of words than a war of atomic weapons.

OTHER disastrous examples might be cited of the same error, such as Gen. MacArthur's "home for Christmas" attack toward the Yalu. And in the present instance, the conviction that the Chinese Communists will

Oregon's New Senator Gives Good Impression To Newspaper Writer

By ROWLAND SAWYER of Christian Science Monitor

Washington—About this fellow Neuberger, the new senator from Oregon: Washington isn't quite sure. Here's a man who says what he thinks. Literally. Don't senators say what they think? Well, let's not be too literal. Sometimes a senator or a congressman says what somebody else wrote. A New England senator is reported to have remarked in a moment of candid exasperation at the height of a recent campaign, "The things they put in my mouth for me to say." But nobody puts things in Dick Neuberger's mouth—nobody, that is, except Mrs. Neuberger.

Take this Formosa affair and the President's message to Congress. What did Dick Neuberger think about that? The senator was sitting before an open fire in a Washington living room. His hands were wrapped around his knees and his head was bent down. He rocked back and forth a moment. Well, he said, the newspaper boys knew a lot more about that than he did. They'd been around Washington; he'd just arrived. The senator just didn't know what to say except that he wanted to think about it awhile.

Some people in Washington say the junior senator from Oregon has said quite enough already for his freshman year. When at the congressional dinner of the Women's National Press club he said that he thought politicians should practice the Sermon on the Mount and the Ten Commandments in their campaign speeches, Washington and senators usually don't say things like that, except on the floor of the House or Senate, where it is recorded for publication in the Congressional Record.

Mr. Neuberger, before he had hardly unpacked, had the courage—or the temerity, depending upon one's viewpoint—to make a long speech on campaign morals before many high government figures. He used plain words, like Mr. Peepers of the TV whom at odd moments he slightly resembles. He said he thought it was time to end "campaigns of character assassination" and that this was the way to do it.

The circumstances created quite a furor. Some of Mr. Neuberger's anecdotes exposed him to criticism on the grounds of taste, which added to Washington's uncertainty about the new senator.

What, the senator was asked, was so surprising about that? Mr. Neuberger, rising from his sofa, turned the tables on the questioner. Did correspondents allow dispatches which they did not write to go out under their names? Well, no... hardly. Then why should a senator say something he didn't write. Well, a United States senator is a busy man. The freshman senator from Oregon shook his head; it all seemed very strange. Mr. Neuberger is, of course, an eminent journalist in his own right and penning a speech may not be difficult for him.

Obviously the impact of this senator on the gray, somewhat cynical community of Washington is going to be interesting. There's likely to be a test of strength between this able publicist of the tall timber and the customs which seem indelibly established in the veneer-paneled drawing rooms of the Capitol.

Just now the senator lives alone at the Congressional Hotel. Mrs. Neuberger has returned to Oregon for the winter where she has her own political job to fulfill as a member of the state legislature. There are 3,000 miles between this excellent husband and wife team. To hear Dick Neuberger talk of his wife on a quiet Washington evening, gently, with restraint, and yet with meaning, is to know that she is his mainstay and prime support.

It's a good bet that Oregon's "Mr. Smith," this man of deceptive talent, will be a prod for good works and new concepts in Washington for some time to come. If he should not be underestimated, the thanks, he would tell you, must go to Mrs. N.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

WE ARE NOT THEY. Taipei, Formosa—Here is one point, at any rate, on which President Eisenhower and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek appear to be in agreement.

Judging by the soothing statements emanating from Washington, the American Administration is convinced that the Chinese Communists will not press the Formosa crisis to a warlike conclusion. The Generalissimo also believes that the Communists will even refrain from attacking Quemoy and the Matsus Islands if they are firmly and clearly told that this will mean war with the United States.

Thus high level judgment may be said to be all on one side. It is at least worth noting, however, that the visible hard facts of the situation are all on the other side.

No single piece of tangible evidence discoverable by this reporter supports the official judgment in Washington and Taipei. This judgment of the Formosa crisis has been reached, very evidently, by calculating what we would do if we the Chinese Communists ruling in Peking. But it is always well to remember that we are not they.

This was forgotten in 1941, for instance. The American leaders were then chiefly conscious of the strong opposition at home to any involvement in the war. Therefore they could not believe the Japanese would commit the folly of forcing America into the war. But the Japanese were chiefly conscious of the American naval threat on their Pacific flank. They could not believe they could move southward with safety without eliminating this American threat. And here, and not in any silly talk of plots, was the real explanation of Pearl Harbor.

Finally, there are excellent reasons to believe that Chou En-lai had exact advance knowledge of the contents of President Eisenhower's message to Congress on the Formosa treaty. If there was any lingering doubt about the American military guaranty of Formosa, that message should have removed it.

THE forces for an attack are in place. Meanwhile, the Peking government has been promising its people to take Formosa this year at the top of its voice. The Peking leaders have also been assuring leaders of neutral nations, like Burma and India, that they mean every word they say about taking Formosa.

There is an even bet either way (for this year). But a Communist grab for Formosa is a virtual certainty next year or the year after that, if we do not strengthen our shockingly weakened defenses on this side of the Pacific and if we fail to find some better Asian policy than piece-meal retreat.

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Honest Review Appreciated

To the Editor: As a member of Footlighters I read with much interest your review of our current play, "A Bill of Divorcement." May I take this opportunity to thank you for your honesty in reporting what you felt to be the truth about the production. It always takes more courage to write unflattering criticism than it does to praise a performance.

Your fine comment commending our presentation of the comedy-drama "Morning's at Seven" last fall, and the generous space and consideration the Mail Tribune has given the Footlighters has been sincerely appreciated by the entire group.

I think you might have been gratified to overhear the remarks of the cast on the second night performance of "A Bill of Divorcement." Gathered in the dressing rooms before curtain time, the discussion naturally centered around the review. It is not easy to play to a small audience. We all knew what effect the review would have on the size of our house for each of the four remaining performances. We had worked hard for six weeks, rehearsing, learning lines, constructing the set, and doing all the other chores that go into getting a show "on the boards." Then there's the matter of royalties! But in spite of the disappointment, spirits were high, and there was nothing of bitterness nor condemnation in the way the review was written.

The only dissenting opinion voiced by the cast was that a reviewer cannot honestly judge the production as a whole on the performance of the first act alone. In your article, of course, you pointed out that you had done this.

We are looking forward with eager anticipation to a steady gain in membership and in showmanship in our new location. Our great and sincere desire is, of course, to bring to Medford and the Valley good theater. The great majority of our shows have been warmly received, and to our great pleasure we've played to completely filled houses—even to turning people a way. We know the Mail Tribune is sincerely interested in our future growth, and we are keenly aware of our civic responsibilities. We know we must produce good entertainment in order to survive as a theater group. As happens on Broadway with the very best of professional talent, not every show is a hit, but the actors don't quit. The Footlighters, too, can rise above justly-deserved criticism and go on to more successful plays, and we hope to justly-deserved praise. "The play's the thing!"

Mrs. Ivan (Frankie) Burton, 26 Richmond, Medford, Ore.

Footlighters Profit

To the Editor: As president of the Medford Footlighters (whose recent production, "A Bill of Divorcement" played for five nights at the Fairground theater) I have been besieged by both the indignant and curious to "answer" the review of our play by Eric Allen which appeared in Wednesday's paper.

While often "the truth hurts" we realize it is only by facing up to objective, unvarnished appraisal that the performer can get true perspective and hence improve his work. So we are not angry, but grateful.

We feel it is a compliment that a busy editor of The Mail Tribune has taken in as many of our productions as he has and genuinely enjoyed the majority of them. It is equally flattering that he considers the Footlighters mature enough to accept constructive criticism (however devastating) rather than expect such tongue-in-cheek praise as one would deal out to small children.

I am proud of the attitude of the cast and Footlighters members over the review. The general

Yet the Chinese Communist Prime Minister having this knowledge, at once reaffirmed the Chinese purpose to take Formosa this year.

It is really hard to see why the brilliant Chou En-lai should thus engage Peking's prestige to the very hilt, if the threat to Formosa is a mere vainglorious maneuver, intended to extract some other concession from the West. In fact if Washington and Taipei are right about the real Communist intentions, you have to conclude that Chou En-lai is a mere boastful muddler.

Such is the conflict of evidence. This reporter's opinion, which is worth little, is that the thing is an even bet either way (for this year). But a Communist grab for Formosa is a virtual certainty next year or the year after that, if we do not strengthen our shockingly weakened defenses on this side of the Pacific and if we fail to find some better Asian policy than piece-meal retreat.

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Statesman Comments On Talent Fund Lack

Failure of the federal budget to include any appropriation for the Talent reclamation project authorized by the last Congress gave Senator Neuberger an opening. He promptly took advantage of it to assert that the authorization was window-dressing for the Cordon campaign. Rep. Harris Ellsworth bristled at this statement and replied that the omission was a mistake which was being rectified. Glenn Jackson, Medford's fireball promoter, has been back in Washington turning on the heat to get a provision for Talent in a supplemental measure. At this distance it looks as though there was poor coordination among the Oregon delegation in Congress, the Department of the Interior and the budget bureau.

Checking further into the matter we learn that the budget bureau has been critical all along of the economics of the irrigation features of the project. It has relied on estimates from the Department of Agriculture which put a cost of \$708 per acre on the development and said the return would be only 1.7 per cent on the investment. The saving feature of the project however is the power plant for whose electricity California-Oregon Power Co. has made a firm offer.

The local office of the Reclamation Bureau which has had charge of surveys on the Talent project, has gone over its estimates and revised its projections of realizable benefits. One thing which the Area Engineer, Lee McAllister, finds, is that present index of construction costs permits a reduction of \$1,100,000 in former cost estimates. According to his present revised figures the benefit-cost ratio for the irrigation side of the project whose estimated costs is \$10,855,000 is 1.39; for the power plant, costing \$9,685,000, the ratio is 1.45; for flood control, costing \$387,000 the ratio is 1.30.

The congressional authorization contemplated a payout by water users in 60 years. The power feature would be paid off in 50 years. This plan would still be useful for generation of electricity so that in the longer period returns would be increased and continuous. If after receipt of the revised estimates no action is taken by the budget bureau or the Congress it will look as though the authorization was merely a political gesture. We do not believe that was the intention of Senator Cordon; and do not believe Congress will now fail to follow up its authorization with appropriations first for planning and then for construction.—Editorial in the Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Seventh Fleet Ready After Long Practice

(Editors Note: The United Press Manager for Formosa William Miller, has joined the U.S. Seventh Fleet in preparation for the anticipated evacuation of the Nationalist Chinese garrison at Tachen Island. In the following dispatch he describes fleet preparations and says it is "easy to see that the fleet is ready for anything that might come.")

By WILLIAM MILLER United Press Correspondent

With the U. S. Seventh Fleet Off Formosa—(U.P.)—The United States Seventh Fleet has made practice "dry runs" for the long-delayed evacuation of Tachen Islands.

Veteran Navy pilots have swarmed off American aircraft carriers north of Formosa in carefully planned sorties designed to give maximum air coverage for the withdrawal of Nationalist troops. Each ship down to the smallest destroyer escort and support vessel has an assigned part in the operation. No Orders Received

And these plans have been closely knit with the wing of American F86 Sabrejets now stationed in Formosa.

The actual composition, position and immediate mission of Adm. Alfred M. Pride's Seventh Fleet was a strict military secret today.

Pride himself, however, had told reporters the fleet could move in "a very few days" to help evacuate Tachen, if the orders came down from above.

That was two weeks ago and Pride's ships were still maneuvering in Formosan waters.

Adm. Felix B. Stump, Pacific naval chief, had pinned it down even further and said the fleet could be ready to go "within six hours."

Aboard the carrier Yorktown Saturday it was easy to see that the fleet was ready for anything that might come.

Banshee, Comcar and Panther jets were coming constantly in the air, sweeping wide areas of the fog shrouded seas for "enemy" intruders.

Aboard the warships themselves life was routine for the officers and men of the world's best Navy.

"We are doing just about what we would be doing off the coast of California or North Carolina," cracked one Navy flier. That was the repeated practice, drills and alerts over and over again which kept the fleet at razor sharp edge ready for any emergency.

You get the impression here with the fleet that no one was particularly looking for a war—most were mainly interested in getting back to the West Coast of the United States to waiting families—but if war comes the Seventh Fleet is ready.

DA Seeks Order for Destruction of Slots

Newport, Ore.—(U.P.)—District Attorney William Hollen Saturday sought from the Lincoln county Circuit Court for an order authorizing destruction of four slot machines seized a year ago at a private club in Toledo.

Toledo Justice of the Peace Wally Tindall had refused to issue a destruction order on grounds the machines had been seized illegally. Tindall contended the raiding party had no right to take the machines because the officers had no search warrant.

However, last week Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton in an opinion said a search warrant was not necessary in such cases. It was on the attorney general's opinion that Tindall filed his action in Circuit Court.