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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. 10, 1945. (It was Saturday) Medford high school basketball team clinches Southern Oregon conference title with 38 to 27 victory over Klamath Falls; Jerry Ross sparks Medford team with 14 points.

From Arthur Perry's 'Ye Smudge Pot' column: The Russians are driving for Berlin, the main root of Nazism, while Herr Hitler and crew plan to retire to a nice quiet spot where they can hide under the bed and yell "King's X."

20 YEARS AGO: Feb. 10, 1935. (It was Sunday) Glen Fabray takes his first solo flight at the Medford airport in a Waco F plane owned by instructor Fuller Arney.

Richard Sharpe Roberts, son of D. D. Roberts, Medford, named by Senator Charles L. McNary for appointment to West Point.

30 YEARS AGO: Feb. 10, 1925. (It was Tuesday) Medford merchants go on record in favor of installing entrance arches over Pacific highway at both ends of town "to give the tourists a good impression."

40 YEARS AGO: Feb. 10, 1915. (It was Wednesday) Sgt. Pat Mego of city police department warns that bogus nickels are being circulated in the city; story says that "out of three nickels examined at one of the local banks Saturday, two were phoney."

From the Local and Personal column: It is now believed by the police that the man responsible for the series of robberies in this county a week ago, culminating with the holding up of a telephone girl at Grants Pass, has left the country. The authorities have a good line on the culprit through a cap left behind after hitting Cecil Brown over the head with the butt end of a billiard cue.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. Credit unions among employee groups are increasing or decreasing over the nation, or staying about the same? 2. The U.S. has received more immigrants in the last three years from Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland or Italy? 3. Does any state provide unemployment compensation for an employee out of work because disabled? 4. We used to be told to reach for a Camel, Chesterfield, Pall Mall, Lucky Strike, or Raleigh instead of for a sweet? 5. The Knights of Malta are a Catholic, Jewish or Protestant group? 6. Oldest known written language is Arabic, Celtic, Chinese, Greek, Hebrew, Latin or Sumerian? 7. Supersonic refers to speed faster than sound, most of an aircraft carrier, high-fidelity music reproduction, or ultra-modern sports car?

The answers: 1. Increasing. 2. From Germany. 3. Four do—Calif., N.J., N.Y., R.I. 4. Lucky Strike. 5. Catholic. 6. Sumerian. 7. Speed faster than sound.

All to the Good

Bad news in Russia is good news in the free world. Although no one seems to know the exact significance of the Malenkov resignation it is certain that all is not well in the communist hierarchy or the "blow-up" would never have occurred.

Certainly there can be no reasonable doubt of one thing,—the Russian farm program must have failed. Had it succeeded, Malenkov would hardly have taken the blame for its failure, and debased himself as he did for inefficiency.

UNDER the circumstances, one is surprised that he was allowed to resign and accept a new job, for inefficiency in Soviet Russia has always been a capital crime. The procedure heretofore has been to arrest the suspected party first and let him confess thereafter, usually a few days before liquidation.

But the Soviet government can always be depended upon to do the unexpected and in the realm of keeping the world guessing it has a batting average of around 1000.

The world is still guessing as to the details and chief significance of this unexpected expulsion within the inner circles of the Kremlin, and just what is likely to be the net result as Russia's future actions are concerned.

There are today about as many views as there are experts.

President Eisenhower summed it up pretty well when he said that he would have to wait and see.

That is what everyone this side of the iron curtain will have to do no doubt,—and some of the boys and girls on the other side.

But as stated there can be little question that this is clear evidence of something wrong in Soviet Russia. Something wrong there is all to the good as far as the western world is concerned,—the more troubles they have the less troubles the rest of the world has to fear.—R.W.R.

More Good News

Speaking of experts regarding Russia, there seems to be a surprising unanimity among them regarding the significance of the new Premier being an Army Marshal.

Instead of this selection suggesting a military dictatorship and war, the exact reverse was the majority opinion.

Not only is Bulganin a political rather than a military Marshal, but it was stated over the air by two or three of the experts, that the Russian army leaders of today instead of WANTING another war, had all they wanted in World War II. They want a rest. In short they feel as Generals Eisenhower and MacArthur feel, that offense has so outdistanced defense in modern war and a world war would be so terrible for BOTH sides that in self interest they favor peace.

In fact one of the experts stated that the more the army has to do with the new government set-up, the less war,—war on any large scale at least—need be feared.

This, if true, is the best news regarding the likelihood of world peace "in our time" that has been announced since Germany and Japan surrendered.—R.W.R.

Something New

There IS something new in this world—particularly the world of journalism.

Certain leaders in a local drama enterprise "The Footlighters," have not resented but have welcomed a criticism in this paper of their initial performance.

One of them even declared that such criticism being constructive would be a help in their future efforts, and stimulate public interest which they desired.

AS FAR as reader-reaction in the non-metropolitan newspaper field is concerned, this ranks far ahead of "man bites dog" in the realm of news.

In fact as far as we can recall—and that's fairly far,—such a sensible and generous reaction to criticism, in the realm of amateur theatricals, has never before been recorded.

In fact some newspapers have long ago abandoned any sort of serious comment on local amateur performances because of the inevitable limitations of such efforts, and the grief invariably involved.

BUT now all that has been changed here in Medford at least, and it is a welcome change. We only hope it proves to be permanent.

For amateur theatricals are important in this community—and any other,—so an organization like the "Footlighters," which has a serious purpose and yet doesn't take itself TOO seriously, always placing emphasis on good, wholesome entertainment, for entertainments sake, and with no axe to grind, can render a most useful service, and certainly the Mail Tribune can help in this direction and is eager to do so.

BUT if indiscriminate praise for all performances is demanded, and when in the paper's judgment mistakes are made either in play selections or in dramatic action and treatment, these errors can not be frankly pointed out, without resulting in tears and lamentations as well as brick-bats and decomposed artichokes, then of course no such aid can be given, and the amateur theatrical column will have to be handed over entirely to the local press-agents.

Judging by the good sportsmanship and good sense displayed by certain members of the Footlighters organization, concerning the "critique" in question, this will not have to be done,—not in Medford at least.

And that is something for which we can all be thankful.—R.W.R.

On The Side

By E. V. DURLING (Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

I have a garden of my own shining with flowers of every hue. I love it dearly while alone. But I shall love it more with you.—Moore.

The Pub Users Protective Society. That is the name of a British organization that battles for a better deal for drinkers at bars and restaurants. Every member of the society carries with him a gadget known as a "beerometer." his is used to measure the size of drinks served. Any pub serving undersized drinks is reported to the Pub Users Society at the next regular meeting. That's a great idea. There should be a similar organization here. Each member could carry a beerometer, a jigger and something additional to use in checking on the water content of the drink of whisky served.

Guide to Guys

Men born under Libra (September 24-October 23) are the best dancers. They have rhythm. Virgo (August 23-September 23) males have a highly developed sense of humor. However, their wives get more laughs than loving. Men born under Virgo are rarely romantic or demonstrative. The worst "wolves" of the zodiac are the Leo (July 23-August 23) men. It was probably a Leo who originated the idea of a man inviting a simple, trusting female to his apartment to see his etchings. Or, so say the stargazers.

Please Note

The second hotel in this country to have a bath in every guest room was the Statler, built in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1907. Slogan of the Buffalo Statler in those days was "A room and a bath for a dollar and a half."

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. Am making a collection of poker stories. Do you know any? A. Well, sir, there is the one about the three men and a dog who were playing poker in a pub in Dublin. A man entering the pub gazed at the dog card player with wide-eyed amazement. "That certainly is a clever dog," he exclaimed. "Oh, I don't think he is so clever," said one of the players. "Every time he gets a good hand he wags his tail."

Blondes

In response to an inquiry from a young woman of Manhattan it is reported that on our Horses & Women Department's rating list of the sixty-nine varieties of blondes the ash-blonde is No. 32. The "Borgia blonde" is No. 11. The dishwater blonde is No. 69. The brown-eyed, honey blonde is still rated the No. 1 blonde.

Passing By

Hoagland Howland Garmichael, whimsical tunesmith. His first song hit was titled "Riviera Shuffle." Second was "Washboard Blues." The song, however, that made Hoagy wealthy and celebrated was that one titled "Stardust." It is interesting to note that "Stardust" was a flop until Mitchell Parish rewrote the lyrics. Once more proving that the words of a song can frequently be of more importance than the music.

Unusual Osculation

A hisping lass is good to kiss. . . Such is the contention of an expert on the subject of osculation. He further maintains that a man who had only one kiss from a girl who lisps will remember it for years. I am unable to deny or affirm this, as I have never known a girl who lisps that well. I have asked our Horses and Women experts to check on this fascinating subject without delay.

Nixon's Schedule

Heavy in Mexico. Mexico City — (U.P.) — Vice-President Richard M. Nixon today faced another busy schedule on the second day of his three-day visit to Mexico.

Nixon is on a 7,500-mile good-will tour of Central and South America. He arrived here Wednesday from Cuba.

Mexican Foreign Minister Luis Padilla Nervo and U.S. Ambassador Francis B. Inghel headed the official welcoming party at the airport. Other high Mexican government officials and diplomats also were on hand.

In a brief address at the airport, following the official 19-gun salute, Nixon said he came here "to hear the views of the Mexican government" on problems common to both the U.S. and Mexico.

Japanese Elections Almost Certain To Bring Conservatism

Editor's Note: The following special dispatch is a substitute for Charles McCann's foreign news commentary.

By RUTHERFORD POATS United Press Correspondent

Tokyo — (U.P.) — A conservative government, dedicated to alignment with the free world but pledged to seek peaceful co-existence with Japan's Big Communist neighbors is almost certain to emerge from the Feb. 27 national elections.

All advance indications favor popular endorsement of the two-month old caretaker government of Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama.

His policies and campaign platform have been carefully shaped for vote-getting appeal to all sections of the Japanese electorate. Among the interesting packages he offers the voters are a call for "independence" without "neutrality" in foreign affairs; revision of the "un-Japanese" occupation statutes and continuation of the current, generally popular economic policies.

Hatoyama's new Democratic Party and leaders of the nation's other conservative party, the "Liberals," have agreed in principle on a merger creating a strong conservative force immediately after the elections.

All Seats Open. If these plans materialize and the Japanese election forecasts pan out, Hatoyama will form the new party and organize a government backed by a comfortable 300 vote of the 467 members of the House of Representatives.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Big news. Malenkov is OUT! Bulganin is IN!

WHO IS Malenkov?

Apparently he is (maybe WAS) is a more accurate word) a boy who was sent to the mill. It looks like he flubbed his job. At any rate, he is (or WAS) a stooge.

WHO IS Bulganin?

He is a Communist from away back. He was a Communist before the Bolsheviks came to power in the revolution that did away with the czar.

During World War II, he ran the Soviet armed forces for Stalin—not as a soldier, but as what the Communists call a political commissar. As such, he told the generals where to head in when they got off the Communist party line. He has recently been Soviet defense minister, and it was from this post that he was pushed up to the top.

WHAT leads us to the \$64 question:

Who is the big boss in the shadowy background who has been running the gang since the death of Stalin? The best guess among informed people is that he is Nikita Khrushchev.

WHO'S Khrushchev?

That's an interesting question. Khrushchev is BOSS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. Stalin used the job of Communist party boss to make himself supreme dictator.

It looks like history is repeating itself. Khrushchev is generally described as a hard-boiled and capable hombre who knows what he wants and hesitates at nothing to get it.

WHAT was the play for which Malenkov was sent in? It was apparently a hidden ball trick. Malenkov, you will remember, talked mild. When he spoke, butter wouldn't melt in his mouth. He had much to say about a broader and richer life for the people behind the iron curtain. There was to be more CONSUMER GOODS (food and clothing and housing and all the things that make life more pleasant) for them. There was to be less heavy hardware (guns and tanks and planes and atom bombs.)

The HOPE was (let us guess) that America would fall for the rosy dream of peace and prosperity and happiness for everybody and would let down its military preparations.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

FROM INCHON TO TACHEN. Aboard Amphibious Flagship Estes in the East China Sea — It is wonderfully inspiring to see the armed might of the United States deployed for battle. But it is also a bit dispiriting to know that the purpose of this great show of force is to make sure that the enemy is given an important strategic position.

As these words are written, a great fleet is steaming towards the Tachen Islands in order to evacuate the Chinese Nationalist forces. The fleet's orders deserve consideration for they are a true military novelty. If the enemy resists a most valuable present, we are ready to fight him. But if he accepts the present gracefully we are to make the offering in the same amiable spirit.

At this writing, no one knows which case will arise, although it seems most probable that the Chinese Communists will accept the gift with a good grace. But we are certainly ready for the giving of it. A carrier task force led by the super Midway with four other great ships and a vast array of other vessels in its screen; an anti-submarine force of considerable strength; a surface air striking force heavy with the weight of metal it can throw; and this amphibious task force with its own tremendous apparatus of landing craft and ships of every sort, are all converging on the target area.

The number of vessels employed is larger than in any amphibious operation since the end of the second World War, with the sole exception of the Inchon landing of glorious memory. The movement orders fill books. The complexity of the operation—a delicate coordination of sea, ground and air efforts on an immense scale, with tens of thousands of participants performing thousands of different jobs—baffles the ordinary imagination. Yet all is order, all is sureness, all is efficiency.

INCHON, which this reporter cannot help recalling, was more confused and much less overshadowed by the threat of an enemy attack on the fleet exposed in narrow waters. And without making any invidious comparisons, the naval leadership at Inchon did not make the impression that is made by the commander of this amphibious task force, Rear Admiral Lorenzo S. Caban.

This lean, tough, laconic but decisive man seems to be formed to lead. You talk to him, and it is pleasant, it is comfortable, it is even reassuring to be aboard the Estes—reassuring at least in the sense that whatever its mission may be, the men and the ships of this fleet worthy represent the country that sends them to sea. But somehow the eve of Inchon, in the bleak bowels of a wholly blacked-out marine transport, with the beaches ahead and no one knowing just what they would be like, was really rather nicer than this.

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It is a partial history of American defense in the last fifteen years, including the hair raising passage of the wintry North Atlantic by the first flotilla of landing craft ever to make the ocean crossing; the landings at Sicily, at Salerno and on the Normandy beaches (who now remembers embattled Omaha and Grim Utah?); and all the mixture of assignment that promising officers receive in peacetime.

More recently, perhaps symbolically, Adm. Sabin had a different sort of assignment. Last August, in Japan, he got his new orders. The most vital strategic area in Southern Asia, the key to all that rich and ill defended promontory of the Asian land mass towards which the Chinese Communist are so eagerly reaching out, was also to be given to the enemy. Adm. Sabin's new assignment was to command the amphibious force assisting the French in the evacuation of Northern Indo-China.

In the admiral's briefing room—for assigned jobs must be done without complaint and as efficiently as possible—there is a recapitulation of huge tonnage of equipment and the nearly 200,000 people that he and his men transported from Haiphong southwards. (There is nothing, however, to suggest where the refugees from the Communist Viet Minh will be taken when and if the southern half of Indo-China also falls to the Communists.)

From this briskly performed but uninspiring task, the admiral and his ships were again called, once more with maximum urgency to make sure that another important position was smoothly handed over to the enemy. Now it was the Tachen Islands, the next (but will they be last?) on the list.

IN A PLACE of honor, the Estes also has a citation from the Korean government for its performance in the evacuation of Hung Nam, which was a kind of signal that we did not mean to win the Korean War. Looking at this, one of the ship's company remarked: "The old Estes has been through three of them, and the old man's leading his second one. We used to have great emancipators but now I guess we've got great evacuator."

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