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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. 14, 1945
(Mit was Wednesday)
Milo C. Ross, pastor of Medford Friends church, announces plans for construction of church building near north city limits of Medford.

From Arthur Perry's first Smudge Pot column: The first authentic sign of spring has appeared. A little girl was sighted in the west end of town, jumping the rope on roller skates, and not caring what happened.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 14, 1935
(Mit was Thursday)
E. M. Wilson, Medford, grand master of Oregon Masons, leaves for conference in Washington, D.C.

Charles Ray elected president of Medford Realty board.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 14, 1925
(Mit was Saturday)
Medford Postmaster William Warner, confined to his home by illness, reported improving steadily.

East Medford residents report seeing "fiery cross" burning on slopes of Roxy Ann.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 14, 1915
(Mit was Sunday)
Ed Andrews announces plans for national tour by Andrews Opera company. First performance to be held in Page Opera House in Medford.

From the Local and Personal column: The police have served notice on farmers that they are liable to arrest under the traffic ordinance if they stop their team in the middle of the street to hold a conversation. This occurred this morning when a farmer halted his wagon in front of the Nash hotel, and an auto was forced into the curb to avoid a collision.

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
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- 1. A state-supported university is found in every single one of the 48 states; right or wrong?
2. Construction costs on new houses are much or slightly higher this year than last, or the same, or much or slightly lower?
3. Largest U.S. labor union is generally said to be the Auto Workers, Steel Workers, Carpenters, Ladies Garment Workers, Teamsters, or Mine Workers?
4. Sexual impotence is grounds for divorce in most states; right or wrong?
5. Cornerstone of the Capitol at Washington was laid by Washington, Gen. LaFayette, Jefferson, city planner L'Enfant, or Chief Justice Jay?
6. The first state to ratify the Constitution was Delaware, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania or Virginia?
7. With what game is the "boneyard" associated?
The Answers: 1. Right; 2. Slightly higher, on the whole; 3. Teamsters; 4. Right; 5. By Washington; 6. Delaware; 7. Dominoes.

CONSCIENCE HURTS
Detroit—(U.P.)—Monroe Reaves couldn't find a driver for a bus parked in a terminal so he drove it home himself. He brought the vehicle back 15 minutes later because his "conscience hurt." He was charged with stealing a motor vehicle.

You Pays Your Money...

A ROUGH outline of Oregon's \$200,753,684 budget for the fiscal years 1955-56 was given in this space last week.

It was also explained that available resources are expected to total only about \$155,744,101—leaving a deficit of about \$45,000,000, although some estimates are that this deficit can be pared down to about \$42,000,000.

How did this come about? Why do the state's expenses total more than its income?

THE reasons for this go back to the wartime years, when high incomes brought a high rate of income tax return to the state, and wartime restrictions limited expenses. A healthy "surplus" was built up. It has been this extra fat on which the state has been living.

Because of the extra money in the bottom of the sock, it is also possible that some expenditures were approved which would not have been if it had been necessary to accompany them with an increase in taxes.

IN ANY event, the state's present level of spending is based on actual operating costs (which can't be pared down much more than they have been), and on outlays which have received the specific approval of the voters.

We can conclude, then, that state costs can't be reduced by any appreciable amount. If this is true, the state somehow has got to find an income of \$42,000,000 to \$54,000,000 more than it now has.

BUT that's not all. That extra \$45,000,000 will pay for state service at about the present level, but it will not provide for any needed expansion.

The people last November approved construction of a new mental hospital in or near Portland; new buildings are needed at the state university and state colleges; a new intermediate penal institution has been approved, and is needed; other new state buildings are necessary to keep up with demands on state government—all these would cost about \$18,000,000, plus upkeep. A proposed revision in state employees' salary schedules would cost still more; estimates range from less than \$1,000,000 up to \$5,000,000. It has been proposed to increase payments under the basic school support law.

These "extras," which many consider to be vital necessities, would cost up to \$23,000,000 or more—in addition to the regular operating expenses.

TOO, there are a number of other proposals now kicking around in the legislature for other activities which would take money, \$5,000 here, \$10,000 there, \$25,000 somewhere else. They include such things as interim committees to investigate this or that, and for other pet projects of legislators.

It has been estimated that overall state demands may run to as much as \$65,000,000 more than present income, and the total may even go higher.

HOW is this money (to keep present state services going at the present level, plus any additional which the legislature decides is necessary) to be raised?

There have been many proposals. The principal ones, together with estimates of the amounts they would raise in the two-year budgeting period, over and above present methods of taxation, are listed below. (And remember, we need somewhere between \$42,000,000 and \$70,000,000.)

- Removal of the provision in state law whereby state income taxpayers can deduct the amount of federal income tax they pay. Estimated increase in income: \$30,000,000. Increase of all income and excise tax rates 1 1/2 per cent. Increase: \$30,000,000.
Surtax on present taxes of 40 per cent (you figure your tax, and then take 40 per cent of it and add it to the total). Increase: \$30,000,000.
Removal of certain exemptions now allowed railroads and other utilities from corporation excise taxes. Increase: \$3,000,000.
Removal of exemption from corporation taxes from businesses deriving most of their income from real property. Increase: About \$330,000.
Sales tax of 2 per cent on everything except food and a few other necessities. Increase: \$60,000,000.
Cigarette tax of 4 cent per pack. Increase: \$14,000,000.
"Universal income tax"—that is, a tax which begins on the first dollar of income earned, with no exemptions or credit for dependents. Increase: \$55,000,000.
The "California system," under which a 3 per cent sales tax (exempting food) is used in conjunction with an income tax which hits upper-bracket taxpayers only. Increase: \$40,000,000.

PROBABLY one or more of these proposals will have to be adopted. Voters may be asked to pass on them. The old saying is, "You pays your money and you takes your choice."

In this case, "You takes your choice, then you pays your money."—E.A.



FINDING WAY HOME to Long Beach, Cal., from desert 200 miles distant where it was lost 14 weeks ago, Zipper, black cat belonging to Col. and Mrs. R. A. Taylor, enjoys sardine. (International)

Matter of Fact

HISTORY'S LITTLE JOKE
Tachen Islands—If you want the real measure of what has happened to the Eisenhower administration and American foreign policy in the last two years, consider the story of those barren, controversial rocks—the Tachen Islands. If it were not so serious it would be a cosmic joke.



Joseph Alsop

The background of the evacuation of the Tachens has been simple enough. It is no secret that for ten days or so, Chiang Kai-shek barked bitterly at a making a present of the Tachens to the Communists. The Eisenhower administration had to press Chiang very hard indeed to take his troops off the Tachens before the Chinese Communists attacked them.

The joke lies in the fact that just two years ago, the shoe was on exactly the other foot.

Those were the brave early days of Eisenhower policy-making. There was no talk then of cease fires and peaceful co-existence and the like. Instead the watchwords were liberation, dynamic new foreign policy, recaptured initiative and the "unleashing of Chiang Kai-shek."

President Eisenhower's dramatic announcement that after being wickedly held in check by the Truman administration, the Generalissimo had now been boldly unleashed by the Republicans, caused a wave of reaction that reached all the way to the rocky Tachens.

At that time, the islands were held by light guerrilla forces, hardly more important than those which fought for Yikiangshan through close to three bloody days. The Formosa government considered the Tachens too distant from the main island to be covered by air or supplied by sea. The Generalissimo and his military advisers did not wish to commit either their prestige or large components of their regular forces to the defense of the Tachens. In short, the islands were then being treated as expendable.

BUT President Eisenhower had given the watchword, Chiang Kai-shek was unleashed. The Tachens were doubly valuable as a base for irregular guerrilla operations on the mainland, and a forward radar warning point for both Formosa and Okinawa. So the American military advisory group on Formosa began pressing Chiang Kai-shek very hard to put regulars on the Tachens. This was one of the measures devised in Washington to give a little reality to the famous unleashing.

The Americans did not win their point with ease. The Generalissimo was extremely reluctant to put regulars on the Tachens. Certain key Chinese military leaders, particularly the Chief of Staff of that period, Gen. Chou Chi-jo, resisted the

By Joseph Alsop
American project to the end, advisers triumphed in the end. The 46th division was specially chosen to be sent to the islands. Even after the 46th had been installed and the defense positions had been organized, however, the American advisers of the Chinese government were still dissatisfied.

The commander of the Tachens, Gen. Hu Tsung-nan, was one of the old boys of the Chinese Nationalist army, with a record that did not inspire confidence. Once again heavy American pressure was put on the Generalissimo to replace the Tachen commander. When this reporter was in Formosa last year, the Americans had just won their None the less, as usually happens on Formosa, the American second victory for the defense of the Tachens. Gen. Hu Tsung-nan had been recalled and the able Gen. Liu Nien-li had just been given the Tachen command, which he still holds.

In those days, too, one of the real wonders of Formosa was the world's most uncovered covert operation, the American financed Western Enterprises. Western Enterprises combined the claim to invisibility with a private housing development, special PXs, social clubs and Gods knows what other rather conspicuous amenities. The whole town of Taipei knew that the spooks, as they were locally called, were helping the guerrilla operations based on the Tachens.

BUT now the spooks are folding their bedsheets and packing to go home. Western Enterprises, as any pedicab driver will tell you, is soon to be no more, and its assets, whatever they may be, are to be transferred to the Navy. This is in fact a significant move in the direction of the cease-fire down the middle of the Formosa Strait and the general acceptance of "two Chinas," which are the real aims of the Eisenhower administration Asian policymakers.

All of which is important for two reasons. In the first place, what are the unfortunate Chinese Nationalists to think, when they are first powerfully pressured to defend the "essential" Tachens at all costs, and then told that the Tachens are not essential after all, and please to evacuate at once? This reporter has never shared the Knowland-Robertson-Radford view of the unvarying rightness of Formosa. But in view of the past record, the Generalissimo and his advisers certainly seem to deserve some sympathy at this time.

In the second place, might we not be better off in Asia today if there had not been so much loud, empty talk at the beginning, and if there were a bit more boldness, spirit and determination in our policymaking today? Maybe it is impolite to ask the question, but the facts demand that it should be asked. (Copyright, 1955, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Screwball weather note: The temperature in Florida the other day was in the low 80s. The weather bureau said the next day in Florida temperature was expected to DROP 50 DEGREES, bringing it down into the low 30s.

This cold war business! Even the elements are getting into it.

KEEPING up with Ike: He and his treasury secretary got to Humphrey's Georgia ranch late in the afternoon Friday (they checked on the Formosa business before they left and decided it was safe to go.) They got two quail pieces before darkness caught up with them.

PRETTY soft, you say? Well, I think you'd have to try it before you could offer an informed opinion. We little people put in a good day's work. Then, when the clock says it's quitting time, we dust off our hands and have no worries until the next day.

For the greats of this world (the TRULY greats, I mean) there is NEVER any relief from the grinding burden of responsibility. TOP Washington officials reportedly are convinced that eventually there will be more trouble among the little group of men which rules Soviet Russia. These officials are said to regard last week's political shuffle in Moscow as the beginning of a third phase in the struggle for power that began with Stalin's death, reached its first climax with the "purging" of Beria and passed into its second phase with the "demotion" of Malenkov last week.

I EXPECT these officials are right. Let's put it this way: Here in OUR country WE have a constant struggle for power. But, in our case, the ruckus is settled BY AN ELECTION.

In Russia, there are no elections—free elections, that is. THERE THE BULLET AND THE DAGGER AND THE POISON CAPSULES TAKE THE PLACE OF ELECTIONS. SOVIET RUSSIA is a despotism. It is inevitable that in despotisms, which lack the safety valves provided in democracies by free elections, the rifles of firing squads must crack from time to time and blood must flow and aspiring politicians MUST DIE—suddenly and violently.

In despotisms, there is no other way by which the despot can clear opponents from his path and fight his way to the seat of supreme power. All history shouts that lesson at the top of its voice.

THAT'S why it seems to me that if we can stall off all-out war long enough this foul thing that we call Communism will fall of the weight of its own foulness.

It doesn't seem reasonable that in the modern world—even behind the Iron Curtain—men will tolerate indefinitely so foul a thing as this Communist despotism has proved itself to be. Surely the time must come when men there will say with Patrick Henry: "Give us liberty OR GIVE US DEATH."

All Major Oregon Roads Clear of Snow
Salem—(U.P.)—The unseasonal lack of snow left all major roads in Oregon open and chains were not needed on any routes still open for the winter, the state highway department reported today.

Spots of ice were reported at Warm Springs Junctions, Prospect, Santiam pass, Willamette pass, Chemult, Bly, Meacham and Seneca.

From what Dr. Brady has to say and from other articles I've read it has been pretty well established that a chemical used in the bleaching and/or refining of the raw sugar is what causes the trouble. It is claimed that in cane sugar raising areas the children chew the raw cane constantly with no ill effects, at least to their teeth.

The only question I can see to be solved is this: when does the A.D.A. call it sugar, before it is poisoned, or afterwards? Harvey Dutton, 2321 Capital ave., Medford, Ore.

Braille Aid Appreciated
To the Editor: As chairman of the recent Braille tournament, I wish to express my thanks publicly for the magnificent cooperation of everyone contacted in Jackson county who helped to make the tournament the success it was.

All citizens of this county are generous with their time and effort but I particularly wish to thank the newspaper for the great amount of space so graciously devoted to the cause of the visually handicapped. The television station and the three radio stations also were generous with their publicity. Mann's department store donated part of their regular advertising to this cause.

Frank Glanning of special services at Camp White, was most helpful with arrangements for the tournament.

Although I couldn't possibly name everyone who gave of their time and money to help the tournament, I do want to thank the local merchants who donated prizes to be awarded at our card party.

Then, last but not least, there are all the people who attended. As they know, all the money raised at the tournament is turned over directly to the blind program of Jackson county for use of the visually handicapped for our own community. I sincerely hope that they enjoyed their evening of cards and went home with the feeling that they not only had a pleasant time, but were also helping people less fortunate than themselves.

Mrs. Tom Fison, Chairman of the Braille tournament.

Chinese Communists Expected To Probe For US Defense Line

By ERNEST HOBERECHT
United Press Correspondent
Taipeh, Formosa—(U.P.)—Chinese quarters here predicted today the Communists soon will try to "smoke out" the line on which the United States intends to stand in protecting Nationalist offshore islands.

The Nationalists pointed out that the Reds will make every effort to clarify the exact intent of American promises regarding protection of such places as Quemoy, Matsu and Nanchi now that the Tachens have been abandoned.

Since the Americans have not drawn a firm public line, the Communists most likely will do some probing to find out where it is located.

More Stabs Expected
Now, the Nationalists fully expect the Reds to make some stabs at other Nationalist offshore islands to see what the United States is going to do about them.

"The Communists soon will smoke us out again just as they did at Yikiangshan. They will make another aggressive move and find out then whether they can take more territory for the asking or whether they have a real fight on their hands," one Nationalist official said.

American quarters here privately have been saying that U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles actually promised once that Quemoy and Matsu would be included in the "guaranteed area."

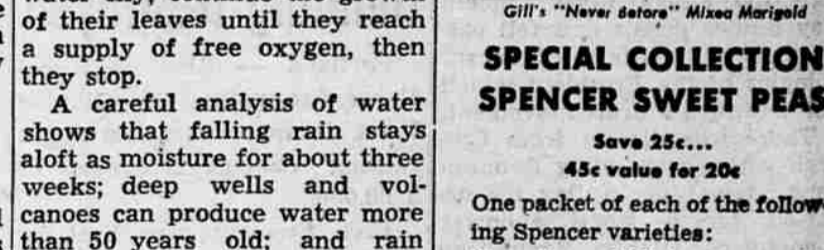
Dulles is supposed to have given this assurance to Nationalist Chinese Foreign Minister George Yeh during their Washington conversations, only to be subsequently overruled by President Eisenhower himself.

However, there are two schools of thought here in Taipei about Dulles. Some think he is playing politics with China. Others think he is one of the Republic of China's best friends and is working hard against the "Europe first" group which gets considerable support from Mr. Eisenhower and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Matthew Ridgway.

Golden Gate View
Romance Inspiration
San Francisco—(U.P.)—The view is a little too good for civilian defense observers here, according to Mrs. Pauline Gale, head of San Francisco's Ground Observer Corps.

Mrs. Gale said she has a major personnel problem because the beautiful view of the Golden Gate is constantly inspiring romances. "There have been three marriages recently," she said. "I can see two more romances coming up, and it isn't even spring yet."

San Francisco's city council adopted an official seal on November 4, 1852.



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