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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. 17, 1945 (It was Saturday) Jean Eberhart, former basketball coach at Southern Oregon college, now Navy lieutenant, named head coach of Kingsville, Tex., Navy basketball team.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Orchardists are girding for the frost and fret season and are getting ready to control insects with spray. No solution has been discovered that will put a hex on humbugs.

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 17, 1935 (It was Sunday) C. M. Hurd, manager of Rogue River Chevrolet, Inc., announces his firm has received a shipment of new Chevrolet Standard automobiles, which will sell for \$652 in Medford.

U. S. Senator Hughie Long receives a package postmarked in Medford, Oregon, and containing a dud bomb. Medford Postmaster Frank DeSouza says local postoffice has no record of package being sent from here.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 17, 1925 (It was Tuesday) E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of schools at Heppner, named to head Medford public schools system starting next fall.

Chris Gottlieb defeats R. Maru in city billiard championships; G. Fugli and Dan Watson scheduled to play in other semi-final game.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 17, 1915 (It was Wednesday) Medford Masonic lodge moves to new quarters in the M. F. and H. building.

Medford police round up four horses which have been pasturing on East Main st. lawns.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. If and when the House is to vote on a bill reported from committee is decided by the Ways and Means committee, the Speaker, the Rules committee, or a caucus of all majority members?
2. Do more people in the work speak Chinese, English, Hindi, Russian, or Spanish?
3. A silver maple leaf on an Army uniform denotes a first lieutenant, captain, major, lieutenant colonel or colonel?
4. Of all office workers in large U. S. cities, many more or many fewer than 15 per cent, or about 15 per cent, are union members?
5. Of all students graduated from high school, about one-third, one-half or two-thirds enter college?
6. Which famous baseball player of the past was the "Georgia Peach"?
7. An ecadyst is a religious teacher, strip-tease performer, medical specialist, some one full of zeal, or delighter in inflicting pain?

More Baloney

A new book entitled "Billions, Blunders and Baloney" is creating considerable interest in political circles.

The book's author is a retired movie producer from Hollywood by the name of Castle, and he wants President Eisenhower to abolish the "U.S. Information Agency" and the "Foreign Operations Agency." The author claims they are wasting billions on propaganda that is making enemies of our former friends abroad and putting Uncle Sam nearer and nearer bankruptcy.

HOWEVER, Mr. Castle has little hope of the President complying, for Milton Eisenhower, the President's brother, he claims, is all "hopped up" on this spend-thrift propaganda line. "Tke" while "a good man," has little business sense, and less sales resistance when it comes to pressure from people he likes—and he is devoted to his brother,—and the rest of his family, official and otherwise.

So the only way out, says the author, is to put pressure on the congress which the author hopes will be done, as a result of the researches he has made, and the facts he has presented.

WELL, perhaps something will be done. For some time there have been complaints in congress regarding the "waste of the taxpayers' money" particularly via the U.S. Information agency. The charge that it all adds up to "Billions, Blunders and Baloney" in fact, is not a new one.

But as we see it the baloney is not all on one side. For any one person, like Producer Castle, for example, to make the claim after travelling through Europe, that all these billions HAVE been wasted, and instead of making friends have made enemies, should come under that heading also.

For the net result of these programs of financial and economic aid, seasoned with information regarding the true nature of American democracy can't be accurately assessed by any one-man survey, nor in any 20 or 30 months.

It is a long-time proposition—at least a longer time—and to dismiss it all as propaganda when the world is allergic to propaganda, is a very superficial judgment to say the least. Much that is desirable and helpful can properly be called propaganda where international relations are concerned.

There is no doubt billions have been spent and some of that undoubtedly has not been spent as wisely as it should have been. There is no doubt of some inefficiency and waste in all these organizations.

But some waste is an inescapable part of any large federal project in a new and untried field, and should not necessarily discredit entirely the effort as a whole.

WE DO know this.

The officials of practically every government in Europe,—and some in Asia—that has received U.S. economic aid, have testified repeatedly to the great benefits resulting to their country and their appreciation of it. There seems little doubt that the prosperity now enjoyed in western Europe has been largely due to what the United States has done, by what has been called "one of the most beneficent and unselfish crusades of betterment to other nations in the history of the modern world."

Billions have been spent, blunders undoubtedly have been made, the programs have not been perfect by any means, but to dismiss it ALL as baloney, before more facts are in, and more comprehensive surveys made, is in itself "baloney," and we believe President Eisenhower and the congress, will so regard it, as far as taking the drastic action urged by movie Producer Castle at this time is concerned.—R.W.R.

Prohibit Wire-Tapping

There is a bill before the State Legislature to prohibit wire-tapping or the introduction of wire-tapping evidence in Oregon Courts.

We are glad to see State Senator Phil Lowry of Jackson County is one of the co-authors of the measure.

The prohibition applies only to unauthorized tapping, and not to such "tapping" that is necessary in normal operations of the telephone or radio business.

AS the late Justice Holmes declared, many years ago "wire tapping is a dirty business." It is. If expressly permitted by law, no one talking over the phone would be safe, and telephone privacy would be impossible. It would be an invitation to every busy-body and black-mailer in the state to get himself a "tapping set" and go to it, for his particular pleasure and profit.

There is enough malicious snooping around these days, without legalizing and augmenting it.

ONLY three years after Oregon became a state, the legislature passed a law protecting the privacy of citizens by prohibiting the unauthorized interception of telegraphic messages, but that was before the telephone was invented.

The same protection should now be given the citizen of today when he uses a phone. Senate Bill No. 165 should pass.—R.W.R.

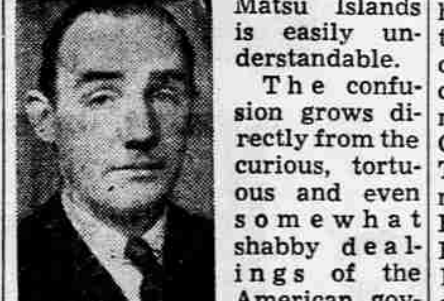
Snowstorm Halts Search for Plane

Rome—(U.P.)—A blinding snowstorm today prevented search planes from investigating an oil slick spotted on a lake in the area where a Belgian airliner vanished Sunday with 29 persons aboard. Officials said the storm sealed the fate of the 29 persons, including four Americans, of the Sabena Airlines plane. They feared none of them could have survived the weather for four nights even if any survived the crash. Snowstorms also forced patrols searching by torchlight across the waist of the Italian peninsula to seek shelter and call off their search.

Matter of Fact

THE REAL QUEMOY, MATSU STORY

Taipei, Formosa — The controversy now raging in Washington about the real status of Quemoy and the Matsu Islands is easily understandable.



Joseph Alsop

The confusion grows directly from the curious, tortuous and even somewhat shabby dealings of the American government with the Chinese nationalist government on this vital issue.

Originally, as the whole world knows, President Eisenhower's policy, adopted against the recommendation of three of the four Joint Chiefs of Staff, was to defend none of the offshore islands that constitute the Formosa approaches. This decision was taken last September, at the famous Security Council meeting in Denver, after the first major Communist shelling of Quemoy had brought the problem of the offshore islands to the forefront.

How or why this original decision was changed in January is not known here. It is suspected, however, that the lever of change was a growing conviction that the Chinese Communists seriously intended to attack the Pescadores and Formosa proper, which in turn made the defense of the more advanced positions seem more logical and important. At any rate the original decision was changed, and the new policy was a dropped of abandoning the Tachet Islands but assisting, if need be, in the defense of Quemoy and the Matsus.

This led directly to the President's request to Congress to pass the so-called Formosa resolution, and to the key scene in the discussions of the problem of the offshore islands between the Chinese and American governments. This key scene was a meeting between Chinese Foreign Minister George Yeh and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles while the Formosa resolution was pending and shortly before Secretary Dulles' departure for his Caribbean holiday.

AT THIS meeting, Secretary Dulles informed Foreign Minister Yeh, without qualification or equivocation, that President Eisenhower would issue a statement in effect guaranteeing Quemoy and the Matsus as soon as the Formosa resolution had passed the Congress. The statement, Secretary Dulles asserted, would specify Quemoy and the Matsus as being "related areas" essential to the defense of Formosa. It would thus put the Chinese Communists squarely on notice that an attack on these islands would bring the United States into the fighting.

There was no possibility of misunderstanding about this promise made by Secretary Dulles to Foreign Minister Yeh. Official State Department minutes were taken of the meeting between the two men, and a copy of these minutes was given to Foreign Minister Yeh. The minutes clearly recorded that Secretary Dulles said the President would issue a statement effectively guaranteeing Quemoy and the Matsus in the manner described above.

On the basis of this apparently solid commitment, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek then agreed to the evacuation of the Tachet Islands, as Secretary Dulles had requested. The plan here was to coordinate the Generalissimo's order for evacuation of the Tachet Islands with President Eisenhower's expected statement on Quemoy and the Matsus. As late as a week ago Friday, U. S. Ambassador Carl Rankin had no idea that Secretary Dulles' promise to Foreign Minister Yeh was about to be broken. He even held a press conference cheerfully stating that Quemoy and the Matsus were now covered by an American guarantee.

At this very late date, however, Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson informed Foreign Minister Yeh, one assumes with some embarrassment, that there had been a little misunderstanding between the State Department and the White House. The President was not prepared to keep the promise that his Secretary of State had made.

Foreign Minister Yeh produced the minutes of his meeting with Secretary Dulles. Assistant Secretary Robertson showed the minutes at the White House. But all to no avail. Apparently the President had hedged his position, in order to undercut the Senate opposition to the Formosa resolution, in a way that made it impossible for him to do what Secretary Dulles had said he would do.

ON RECEIVING this news, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek refused to keep his part of the bargain either, with the result the world knows — the long delay in the Tachet evacuation. These days of delay were occupied by the Chinese in pressing the President to keep the Dulles' promise, and by the

Communications

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Sugar, Sly Trickster

To the Editor: Reader Harvey Dutton who wrote a letter to the Editor, asking about the potency of sugar, good? or bad?—has hit the head of a No. 1 health problem. This item also, is highly pernicious in children's sound-tooth conquest.

Naturally, sugar is supposed to be good. It seems not only to be a basic stimulator of Nature, but it is instinctively enticing to taste. Sugar, by the way, has increased in national annual consumption from George Washington's time when it was eight pounds per person, to now at the present, well over 100 pounds!

Sugar is not a food. Sugar, especially refined sugar, is only a constituent, a teasing delight, a sly trickster whetting your appetite, inviting you to consume more and more, but doing nothing, but after supplying its flash-heat and energy, by dint of its over-dosage of large quantities of solution in the system, knocks out of control normal body processes.

Pure sugar—sucrose—is a villain to the body because it is pure. It robs from the body what it needs to work. On the other hand, natural more complicated sweets like raw cane sugar, fruits, maple syrup, and honey contain an accompaniment of mineral balancers, evasive enzyme elements, and natural salt and protein substances which all sort of interact, making for close to the kind of activity a natural food has to provide. The body isn't made of sugar and can't live on sugar. Refining cane sugars, and beet sugars mainly leaves you this much sought, sucrose only.

The piercing frontier into the dental picture for one thing, found that sucrose, or our common sugar, is amongst all of the other classifications of sugars, the most vicious in promoting downright deterioration of the tooth structure.

Morse Continues Working To Meet School Shortage

By SEN. WAYNE MORSE

Washington— "Establish the law for educating the common people. This is the business of the State to effect and on a general plan," wrote Thomas Jefferson some 150 years ago. For many years, I have worked with others in the Congress and in education and citizens' organizations to have the Federal Government assume its obligations to meet the critical school shortage throughout the country. We have made some headway—but it has been slight.

In the last two Congresses, I have battled for adoption of the Hill "oil-for-education" amendment which would apply Federal receipts from offshore oil leases to aid to the states for education. My 22 1/2 hour speech in 1953 was in opposition to the tide-lands giveaway and in support of the Hill proposal. We were successful in limiting the giveaway to the submerged lands immediately offshore and retaining jurisdiction over the so-called continental shelf.

Federal leasing activity on the shelf has been in progress only a few months. Already, \$144,000,000 has accrued to the Federal Treasury for drilling rights alone. It is anticipated by the Department of Interior that Federal revenues from oil leases will exceed \$6,000,000,000.

Once again, I have joined with Senator Hill and others in introducing the oil-for-education amendment (S. 722). This measure would provide the revenue for an adequate Federal aid-to-education program to be administered by the States free from Federal domination. Oregon urgently needs the help it would provide.

The Hill bill could provide the financing needed for direct state aid for school construction as proposed in two bills which I joined in introducing—S. 5 (for emergency school construction aid) and S. 686 (for a long range plan). In addition, I am working on a general Federal aid-to-education measure patterned on the Taft bill of a few years ago.

The Senate Labor Committee has made them its first order of business and properly so. Favored action on these measures is overdue. The school children of America have waited too long already.

It is obvious that a strong

Ellsworth Points To Improvements Made In Present Draft Law

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, MC

Washington — By a vote of 394 to 4 the bill to continue Selective Service for four more years was passed by the House. This bill, if it is not greatly changed when passed by the Senate, represents many improvements over the present draft law. The changes and improvements are too many to discuss fully in this letter. As soon as the bill becomes law, so that we know the complete and exact text of it, I shall be glad to send a copy of it with a summary and explanation to anyone who would like to have it.

Young men and their parents may also be interested in another type of service which is preceded by an excellent educational opportunity provided by the government. Educated and qualified men are needed in our Merchant Marine. The United States Merchant Marine Academy located at Kings Point, New York, prepares men to become officers in the U. S. Merchant Marine and in the Naval Reserve. It is similar in character to the Army, Navy and Coast Guard Academies in that it is a military school. It is an accredited four-year, degree-granting college like other Federal Academies.

Qualifying examinations of candidates for appointment to the Merchant Marine Academy will be held April 11 at Eugene, Medford, Roseburg and Coos Bay. Applicants must have high school education or its equivalent and must be at least 16 1/2 years of age but not yet 21.

Those who are interested should make application promptly to the Maritime Training Officer, Maritime Administration, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. Information and blank forms are available by writing to my office.

BOGUS GENEROSITY

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Paul Carroll, 42, of Chicago, was arrested after treating four Marines to dinner. Carroll allegedly paid for the meal with a \$20 hot check.

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