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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. 20, 1945

Tony Manno announces plans to open a new hardware store, to be known as Acme hardware, at the corner of Main and Grape sts.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Gin is now rationed in this state. Addicts report some of it tasted like the manufacturers never got over the late 1920 trick of making it in a bath tub.

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 20, 1935

Bill Hanley ranch in Harney county sold to federal government for use as a bird refuge.

Willie Hoppe, famed billiard player, visits in Medford.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 20, 1925

New paved road to Jacksonville named Jacksonville Highway, a name proposed by Emil Britt.

Landslide near Gilchrist ranch in Sams Valley area attracts wide attention.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 20, 1915

C. C. Beekman, pioneer Jacksonville banker, reported to be dangerously ill.

Miss Nellie Corum stars for Medford high school girls' basketball team in 16 to 0 victory over Talent.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

- 1. On Feb. 14, 270 A.D. St. Valentine was born, died, became a Christian, was martyred, or composed a famous ode to love?
2. The newest large scaled armed forces maneuvers on nuclear weapons take place in Arizona, Nebraska, Nevada or New Mexico?
3. There were more or fewer business failures in 1954 than the year before, or about the same number?
4. More new Buicks, Oldsmobiles or Pontiacs were produced during January?
5. Production of wheat is highest in Illinois, Kansas, Montana, North Dakota or Washington?
6. Number of hotel rooms in New York City is about 25,000, 125,000 or 250,000.
7. A Nisei is a type of divorce, month in the Jewish calendar, prince in India, or Japanese born in U. S. of parents born abroad?
The Answers: 1—Was martyred. 2—Nevada. 3—More. 4—More Buicks. 5—Kansas. 6—About 125,000. 7—Japanese born in the U.S.

BPA Awards Contract For McNary Power Line

Portland — (U.P.) — Bonneville Power administration Friday awarded a contract for the 104-mile McNary-Maupin 287,000 volt transmission line No. 2 to Tye construction company of Seattle on a low bid of \$391,608.

A second contract for 1.3 miles of two 30,000-volt transmission lines at McNary switchyard was awarded to Fischbach and Moore, Inc., Seattle, on a bid of \$26,987.

A Great Victory

The selection of San Francisco as the convention city for the Republicans next year, is not only a great victory for the Golden Gate metropolis, but for the Pacific Coast.

For this is the first time in all history for the Grand Old Party to shake the dust and humidity of the East and Midwest from its brogans and come to the section of the United States, where Columbus would have landed, had he known the facts.

THE Democrats chose San Francisco once.

But that was 35 years ago, and didn't leave a very good impression for the ticket chosen there was one of the worst-beaten in recent history—Cox and Roosevelt. We were there, and well remember the eloquent fight put up by William Jennings Bryan against both the ticket and the platform. As usual he was wildly cheered by the galleries, but also, as usual, the delegates down below voted the other way.

THE selection of San Francisco was also a victory for President Eisenhower. For the alternative was Chicago, which is a hot-bed of opposition to him and for isolationism. The popularity of McCarthy and McCarthyism in that metropolis, and in the sanctum of the "world's greatest newspaper" (quote) may have been another factor; not a determining one, perhaps, but after all, political delegates are merely human, and the local press and pressures do sometimes have a bearing on convention decisions and results.

THE President and his supporters will escape all that in San Francisco.

And then there will be the weather. The convention date advanced from June to August may help slightly, but not much. Mid-summer in Chicago is usually about as bad climatically as the USA can get, while the Golden Gate area (also usually) is perfect. This action extending the date, incidentally, will shorten the campaign, which will be a blessing to all concerned.

And weather is important. It was a determining factor some claim in creating the weakness of the opposition to the nomination of Senator Harding, back in the distant '20s, and that was unfortunate.

SOME of the Eastern and Middlewest delegates will undoubtedly complain about the time consumed in getting to and fro, and also the increased expenses of transportation.

But in view of the overwhelming "Eisenhower prosperity" such a complaint should have little weight. We have never seen a delegate to a GOP convention moreover, who was short of cash or credit, and don't believe there will be many next year.

Then one should consider how the long-suffering railroads will benefit on the long haul. And the airlines too. The last Republican convention pledged support to both.

SAN FRANCISCO of course will be the chief beneficiary however. But many of the delegates will come or go home via Oregon. And that will widen their geographical horizons—some of them probably have never been west of the Mississippi before—and benefit the state economically and politically.

So it's all to the good. In fact the selection of the Pacific Coast for the Republican convention comes nearer absolute inspiration with a touch of genius, than anything the GOP national committee has done in a long time.

We take pleasure in extending sincere and hearty congratulations. —R.W.R.

Senator Morse, Democrat

As far as Senator Morse is concerned everyone, including Ted Lewis, should now be happy.

For several years now the Republicans have wanted to get rid of him. The Democrats, particularly in recent months, have wanted to get him in their fold.

Both have, with the Senator now registered as a Democrat, got what they wanted.

Why should there be further complaint? The answer is there shouldn't.

But our guess is the GOP leadership hatred of our senior Senator runs so strong and so deep, there will be.

AT least according to our representative in Salem, there is a movement on foot already to bring court action declaring Senator Morse's seat vacant, the argument being that a man elected as a Republican must remain a Republican or get out.

We will have to leave the decision up to the lawyers and the courts, but we can't believe Republican leadership in the state will ever OK a move as stupid politically as that. For nothing would assure the victory of Morse next year more positively and overwhelmingly than to deprive him of his seat by court action—for a few months.

If the Republicans are smart they will say nothing, take the blow gracefully, and get the strongest candidate they can to run against our senior Senator some 20 months hence. At best that is going to be some job.

ONLY those who place party above principle, devotion to a political organization above devotion to country, can have any legitimate criticism of our senior Senator's action.

On practically every important issue Morse believes as the Democrats do, and has for some time.

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

CAN WE RELY ON THE H-BOMB?

Washington — Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, has at long last told the American people the grim facts about the hydrogen bomb — facts which the Russians certainly knew already, and which were first reported in this space many months ago.

On orders from the President, Chairman Strauss has revealed that fall-out from the hydrogen bomb blankets an area of about 7,000 square miles with lethally radio-active material. (These reporters, for once in a way, were over-optimistic, when they reported the area affected as between 4,000 and 6,000 square miles.) By instructing Strauss to reveal the truth about fall-out, President Eisenhower has at least made it possible for the American people to consider their national situation in the light of reality. This must be considered a major gain.

In his Presidential-approved statement, Chairman Strauss has also answered a question which has been most anxiously debated in the highest government circles in recent weeks. The question is: Should we continue to test hydrogen weapons? The Eisenhower-Strauss answer is, in effect, "yes."

There is undoubtedly an element of risk in this answer, not only to living human beings but to their descendants, as the Strauss statement itself half-acknowledges. But it is no doubt the right answer all the same. It is the right answer for the same simple reason that the 1949 decision to make the hydrogen bomb in the first place was right — because we could not take the chance that the Russians would gain a decisive advantage over us.

When the first atomic bomb was exploded in 1945, the world set out on a new road, and no one can say where the road will lead. But the physicists—including Dr. Edward Teller, the peculiar genius of the hydrogen bomb—are sure that the hydrogen bomb is not the end of the road.

EVEN the monstrous Super-Super, the bomb with a power more than 20,000 times the power of the first atomic bomb, will not be the end of the road. And this country cannot afford to let the Soviet Union travel further or faster on this terrible road than the United States. We must be sure, to put it bluntly, that our weapons are at all times even more horrible than their weapons. And we cannot possibly be sure of this unless we constantly test our weapons.

Yet the Strauss statement leaves unanswered the most important question of all. This is, quite simply, whether we are right to rely on the hydrogen bomb as our principal offensive weapon.

There are experts who believe that there are universal and suicidal dangers in the hydrogen bomb, which are only hinted at in the Strauss report. For example, the report notes that radio strontium from hydrogen explosions could fall out at great distances "later to be eaten by humans or by grazing animals which, in turn, provide food for humans."

Radio strontium has a special affinity for bone. The human foetus is peculiarly sensitive to radiation. The danger here is that radio strontium fall-out on grazing areas might reach and destroy the foetus through a complicated grass-cattle-milk-bone-foetus chain-of-death.

The Strauss report notes that studies of this radio strontium danger are so far "reassuring." But would this be true of a full scale hydrogen war in which hydrogen bombs were used in great numbers? Might not this kind of war make still-births a universal phenomenon?

This suggests only one of the

reasons why some very distinguished scientists are convinced that the hydrogen bomb is a weapon with a suicidal backlash. Some scientists, for example, believe that large numbers of hydrogen explosions will greatly increase the incidence of cancer; or will cause mutations in later generations; or will even, in the word of Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Edgar Adrian, "lead to a degree of radio activity which no one can tolerate or escape," and thus "end the human race."

BUT suppose all these experts' fears are wholly unfounded. Suppose the only danger is the local fall-out described in the Strauss report. Will we really ever use a weapon which rains death on an area the size of New Jersey? Will we use such a weapon when we know that the enemy has it too? Indeed, might we not hesitate to deal such indiscriminate death, even if we knew that the enemy could not reply in kind?

No one in his senses will argue that we should stop making these weapons, as long as the Russians are making them. But relying on such suicidal weapons as the central element in our power is something else again. And it does seem time to ask whether we are right to do so. It is not at all an easy question to answer, but it is time to ask it all the same.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Britain discloses officially that she has the capacity to produce hydrogen bombs and will proceed to do so.

In the formal government policy statement that accompanies the announcement she says: "The H-bomb's power already is awesome—and there are no technical or scientific limits to the production of nuclear weapons. STILL MORE DEVASTATING."

"This fact by itself may keep the peace."

IT'S GOOD news — for two reasons:

1. Britain's participation will help to spread the odium. Only Russia and the U. S. presently have the H-bomb. That causes everybody to HATE AND FEAR US, as well as Russia.

2. Britain is an important industrial nation, and her production of nuclear weapons will help to keep the BALANCE OF POWER on the side of the free world.

THE Republican national committee ratifies San Francisco as the place and August 20 as the date for the GOP's Presidential nominating convention next year.

Goody! That means that a lot of us out here who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford it will get to see a big national party convention.

(In the flesh, I mean, and not just via TV.)

THE National Education association, in a statement presented to the senate labor committee, denounces President Eisenhower's program for federal aid to schools. The proposed aid by the federal government, the statement says, is much too small.

Senator Lister Hill of Alabama, the senate labor committee's chairman, says he feels the administration's program is "too little and too late."

IF I HAD to comment, I'd say that it's TOO MUCH AND TOO SOON.

Let's keep the control of our schools at home instead of sending it back to Washington, where we've sent control of nearly everything else.

AT FIRST thought, getting money for local purposes from our good old Uncle Sam seems like a rosy idea. There are two things, however, that should be kept in mind.

1. The only way Uncle Sam

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Why Be Pikers? To the Editor: Washington — (U.P.) — House members, emboldened by advice of their leaders, voted themselves a \$10,000 a year pay raise today.

Ten grand a year? A raise of only 68 2/3 per cent? Why are pikers about this thing? Why not make it double or nothing? A raise for what? For leading the country straight to the demtition bow-wow? They are lucky not to get a 20 per cent cut.

Oh well, if anyone has any doubt that Washington is a mad-house and congressmen a bunch of psychos—fugitives from a cosmic booby hatch—this should convince him. With the federal economy long since bankrupt, and their only out the coming repudiation of the federal debt (oh yes, that also is in the fire) what odds a few more million per annum for the hog trough?

This raise has been cooking ever since they whooped the president's take up into the stratosphere, with \$50,000 of it tax free. Remember that little steal? Excuse for that was that the head of our grand and glorious country certainly should receive emoluments on a par with England's royalty. If you have the figures handy, I wonder how this new steal, with House salaries raised to \$25,000 per year (plus expenses and other extras) compares with salaries of England's Parliament. Eh, what?

Well, we ain't seen nothin' yet. This congressional gravy train is just gettin' started on the most goshawful road of handouts in history. But if you editors and the rest of us let 'em get away with it, then we have truly become a nation of gutless, spineless dopes and we will well deserve whatever comes. (While the Russians laugh, in their wait to see us wreck our own economy.)

"Our enemy the state." Who said that?

Old Coderger, Ashland, Ore. (Name on File)

What To Eat To the Editor: I often read that there are three white foods that are a detriment to the health of America: salt, refined sugar, refined flour.

If anyone who is interested in the teeth of growing children, would take a trip about town at lunch time they could see why America uses ten times as much sugar as any other country.

Then there is the soft drinks that the children drink to excess. For example, I know a man who used to work where they make one and he said it contains an acid powder.

Foods containing elements recommended for the teeth are as follows: alfalfa, apples, all fishes, barley, beets, all nuts, buckwheat, brussels sprouts, brown rice, cabbage, celery, corn bread, cod liver oil, dates, goat milk, rolled oats, sauerkraut, turnips, watercress, prunes, egg yolk, and garlic. This element is a trace of flourine in vegetable form, not chemical, which is used to kill rats.

Mary E. Atkins, 1630 Orchard Home dr., Medford, Ore.

From Far-Off Maryland To the Editor: This letter is in regard to the article printed in the Washington Evening Star, dated February 10, 1955 which informed me of the plot to unseat one of this country's most learned lawyers, honest patriots, and fighters of freedom for equal justice under law, the Honorable Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon.

It seems that some Republicans do not want the American citizens of this country to have one of our cherished rights, and that is, freedom of speech which can get money, for ANY purpose, is to take it out of the people's pockets. (Federal taxes paid by Oregon people amount to considerably more than Oregon state, county and city taxes combined.)

2. When Uncle Sam puts up the money for any local purpose (even though he first takes it out of our pockets) he gets the idea that he ought to RUN THE SHOW.

Air Force Academy Has Many Applicants

Washington — (U.P.) — Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbot isn't worried about claims that young Americans no longer want to fly.

He said the applications of 5564 young men for appointments to the new U.S. Air Force Academy "seems an eloquent answer to the oft-heard claims."

The deadline for nominations to the academy passed Friday afternoon.

The first class of 300 cadets will enter the academy next July 11 at the temporary site at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo. They will be selected by competitive examinations from the qualified nominees and from applicants already in military service.

Potluck

By M-T Staff and Contributors

Many local women probably give their husbands Valentines on St. Valentine's day, but recently we heard about one who went about it in a little different way.

Six years ago she bought her husband a Valentine and gave it to him. He liked it, so she kept it, and gave it to him the next year. Again, he was appreciative, so she saved it and gave it to him a third time.

This got to be such a good thing that it went on for five years. Happened again this year, as a matter of fact. But, this year, said husband opened the envelope, took out the Valentine and said "This looks familiar."

All of which goes to show that husbands really aren't as unoberserving as their wives claim they are.

We know drivers who claim they've operated a motor vehicle for years without an accident, but after something we saw last week we're not sure that's legal.

A Medford youth was arrested, cited into court, and fined \$10. The violation—listed on the police citation slip—was wreckless driving.

Lucille Smith, a deputy clerk in district court, ordered a new car recently, and when it arrived at the dealer's showroom, it turned out to be blue and white. Lucille thought the inside of the car was beautiful, but she doesn't like blue.

So the dealer obligingly rolled the car, a 1955 model that had never been driven around the block, into the paint room and painted it black and white. Now Lucille thinks the outside looks beautiful too.

Sort of looks like a city police car, though, doesn't it Lucille?

The week's sad story has to do with the fleecing of a retired couple, residents of a neighboring town, who listened to the long distance telephone sales pitch of a Canadian "uranium mine" stock salesman. When the persuasive-voiced salesman's spell finally wore off, the couple instituted inquiry as to just what their "investment" was worth, they found they had been "took" to the tune of several thousand dollars.

Mail Tribune staff member, last week worked hard and got away from the old cliché "harbinger of spring" in a story about a flock of swallows. He struggled manfully for another word and proudly came forth with the rather obscure "precursors of spring."

Then the paper came out and precursor was spelled wrong in both the headline and the story. So, another staff member, in a helpful mood, came up with a list of 49 words that might be used in place of "harbinger."

So don't be surprised when a story about the first swallows of 1956 calls them "foreloppers of spring."

Formosa Said Key To Holding Reds

Honolulu — (U.P.) — Rep. Walter H. Judd, (R-Minn.), said Friday night Formosa is the key which the free world must hold to prevent communism from overrunning all of Southeast Asia—and Australia.

Speaking to a delayed Republican Lincoln day dinner, Judd said if the democracies can not find a way to break the Communist might on the mainland Japan will fall to Communism.

He said also that Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru once told him India could not defend herself from a Communist military attack.

Judd said he is greatly encouraged about the chances of peace in Asia "because we seem to have a global policy for the first time."

"It is clear this administration realizes the nature of Communism and will not again take words as substitutes for deeds. There will be no more conferences where we give away islands of our friends."

Florence Dean, 265 Janney Lane

Montana Senate Okays Interstate Compact

Helena, Mont. — (U.P.) — The state Senate Friday passed and sent to the House a bill for ratification of the Columbia Interstate compact.

There was no argument as the Senate gave final approval by a 30-21 vote to the bill which it had tentatively approved earlier in the week.

There were unique local wares? Where people do buying on trips is when they stay for a visit in places where they like to be or have things to see or do. Where people stay they are going to leave money for things they need. Let's not lose a lovely attraction!

Florence Dean, 265 Janney Lane