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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. 22, 1945 (It was Thursday) Technical staff for Red Cross benefit play to be given at Holly theater include: Richard H. Alley, Mrs. Tom Emmens, Mrs. Wilton White, Mrs. Fred Greene, and Mrs. Deborah Tummy.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot Column: Owners of cocktail shakers have sent them to war. They double as churns. The buttermilk therefrom is used in pancake batter, and the butter used to grease finished product.

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 22, 1925 (It was Friday) Enrico Caruso Jr., son of famed tenor, to present concert in Medford at Craterian theater.

Washington grade school wins city grade school basketball championship with team composed of Frank Dixon, Jack Stillwell, Billy Thorndike, Frank Rogers, Glen Jewett, Dee Parker, Vern Kellenbeck and Donald Wood.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 22, 1925 (It was Sunday) Pair held in Mexico as De-Autremont brothers, sought for Siskiyou tunnel holdup and murders.

"Bobbed hair" style adopted by scores of girls and women in Medford area.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 22, 1915 (It was Monday) Excavation work starts for new Federal building at Holly and Sixth sts.

Medford Jitney club presents a social dance at St. Mark's hall.

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

- 1. More or less than three-fourths of all workers in large-city factories are union members? 2. Which had the longest run on Broadway: Abie's Irish Rose, Life with Father, Oklahoma, South Pacific, Tobacco Road? 3. Minimum pay for an enlisted man in the Army is now more or less than \$75 a month? 4. Which has the highest dollar sales: Allied Stores, May Stores, R. H. Macy, J. C. Penney chain, Marshall Field's? 5. The "Black Sox Scandal" of a generation ago was in baseball, national politics, basketball, Wall Street, or college football? 6. Average unemployment benefit now being paid in the 48 states is around \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, or \$35 a week? 7. A Cosmetologist works in a physics laboratory, fireworks factory, dressmaking shop, observatory, or beauty parlor? The Answers: 1. More than three-fourths. 2. Life with Father. 3. Slightly more than \$75. 4. J. C. Penney chain. 5. Baseball. 6. Around \$25 a week as national average. 7. Beauty parlor.

A USEFUL SIGN Huntingdon, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Eldon Roark had no use for a used yard sign which read "The Eldon Roarks" and mailed it to a stranger with the same name in another city 100 miles away.

Russian Communism Fails

Once upon a time, long long ago, it was stated in this department that the totalitarian government of Russia had within itself the seeds of its own destruction.

Well it has taken a long time to materialize but it really looks now as though there might have been some truth in that declaration.

FOR IF the current reports are true — or a majority of them, — the motive force of the Russian world revolution is steadily declining.

For that force was based upon the claim that the so-called "dictatorship of the proletariat" would bring a new and better day for the human race; not for the privileged few, but for the masses, and as the masses in every country comprise a large majority, communism would therefore sweep over the world, and what is known as private capitalism, would disappear.

THAT BELIEF, — the corner stone of communist propaganda and doctrine, — has now been tested for over 35 years, and instead of being confirmed has been discredited, instead of improving the conditions of the Russian people as a whole, the reverse has been true.

That at least is what one gleams from the statements made, not by enemies of Russia, but by the Russian leaders themselves, explaining the recent demotion of former Premier Malenkov.

AGRICULTURE particularly has declined. Yields per acre and total yields have gone down. There are fewer cattle in Russia today than there were before the revolution. In some districts there have been famines, and meanwhile the millions of Russians in exile or slavery camps, have steadily increased, adding to popular misery and discontent.

NOW THE proof of the pudding is in the eating. Even if these reports have been exaggerated — some of them probably have — there is no reasonable doubt of one thing, to wit:

That during the past 35 years, the standards of living and social conditions in the free democratic world have improved amazingly, while the same conditions in Soviet Russia have remained relatively stationary or have declined.

And where the individual has enjoyed well being and personal liberty under democracy there has been a complete absence of both under the Russian dictatorship.

IT WOULD be foolish to claim — and we are not claiming — that the Russian communist regime is now on its last legs, or promises to be overthrown tomorrow or next day — or so long as it controls the police and the army for that matter.

But we are claiming — and the evidence we believe is convincing — that communism as a desirable or successful government, in this modern world, has failed to redeem its claims and promises, and unless some unlikely miracle is performed, is therefore eventually doomed.

RUSSIAN propaganda is devilishly clever, and the truth about Russia is hard for the outside world to obtain, but the "Big Lie" in the long run can no more be successful over there than it has been over here.

So when the TRUTH is known — and some of it is now being admitted by Russian leaders themselves — the jig will be up as far as this dream of world conquest by Soviet Russia is concerned, for the very simple fact that nothing succeeds like success and nothing fails like failure — including forms of government.

Totalitarian communism as practised in Russia has been tried out in the crucible of experience for nearly four decades now, and in competition with free democracy has FAILED.—R.W.R.

Disgraceful

The people of Oregon can well be proud of their Board of Higher Education and the liberal and truly American policies of the institutions it governs.

The people of the state of Washington should be ashamed of both!

FOR THE President of the University of Washington was recently upheld by the Board of Regents in his denial of free speech, by refusing to allow the famous nuclear scientist, J. Robert Oppenheimer, to deliver a lecture before the students of that institution of learning. The students rebelled as did many members of the faculty, but the apostle of bigotry and prejudice — as well as guilt by association — now at the head of this great institution of learning stood firm, and he has apparently won out.

IT IS BAD enough when emotions prevail over reason, passions and prejudices over truth and justice, in the POLITICAL field, but when they invade the field of higher education and there gain control, the situation is really appalling.

FOR UNLESS education in this country is dedicated completely to the pursuit of truth, regardless of all other considerations, but especially political ones, then we might as well call in some modern Hitler, to burn the college books and close the gates to our institutions of higher learning.

IT IS, as stated, a source of real pride and satisfaction that those in control of higher education in this state, refused to follow the state of Washington's deplorable example.—R.W.R.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

FOR KNOWLAND AND ATTLEE

Taipeh, Formosa — The amount of drivel being talked at home about a Formosa cease-fire really exceeds the reasonable public drivel allowance by many decibels. Judging by the echoes here, both sides of the debate have achieved an almost total disregard of the on-the-spot facts.

Presumably what they are arguing about is a guaranteed cease fire down the middle of the Formosa Strait. The Chinese Nationalists would give up their remaining offshore islands. The Chinese Communists would give up their ambition to conquer Formosa and the Pescadores.



Joseph Alsop

And this arrangement would be guaranteed by other powers, with America and the Soviet Union in the lead.

Those like Sen. Knowland, who turn purple and bellow "appeasement" at the mere mention of such an arrangement, have forgotten the real facts of the Chinese Nationalist situation.

The offshore islands are only important to the Chiang Kai-shek government if one of two things is going to happen: if there is going to be an immediate battle for Formosa itself; or if the re-invasion of the mainland is going to be attempted. But the object of the cease fire proposal is to avert a battle for Formosa. And the talk about re-invasion of the mainland is dishonest, or moonstruck, or both at once.

In the first place, as Sen. Knowland must know, Chiang Kai-shek has now been carefully re-leashed. The secret protocol of the Formosa treaty absolutely forbids any Chinese Nationalist attack on the mainland without American consent. American consent will certainly not be granted unless there is a general war.

In the second place, the Nationalists would not be able to attack the mainland without the most massive outside help, even if Chiang Kai-shek were unleashed all over again. Despite the inflow of American arms in fact, the Chinese Nationalists are steadily growing weaker in relation to the Communists.

THE PEKING government today has something like 250 divisions of all kinds, and it is strong and growing stronger in the air. The Generalissimo's government has not more than 24 divisions, with a very small air force. Even Chiang's navy is now inferior to the Communist navy. What honest man can talk seriously of re-invasion when this is the balance of strength? In addition, the General-

issimo's soldiers from the mainland are aging fast. Replacement with Formosan recruits has already started.

The Formosans appear to be increasingly reconciled to the Taipei government. The American military advisory group thinks they will make good soldiers. But they have no personal attachments to the mainland. And Formosan troops will surely balk at any such hair-brained adventure as a re-invasion of the mainland that is not part of some much larger effort.

These facts bluntly indicate what should be the real role of Formosa. On the one hand, there should be a strong military force here, not for dream invasions, but to constitute a permanent threat on the Communist flank just in case the Peking government decides to start a general Asian war.

On the other hand, Formosa's primary aim should be that "political re-invasion" of the mainland which Prime Minister O. K. Yui himself admits must precede the military re-invasion. Conditions on the mainland are bad and growing worse. The Chinese people are like camels, bearing heavy burdens for long periods but finally rebelling at last straws. When and if the Communist last straw comes, Formosa should be able to offer the people of the mainland a hope and an alternative.

Such are the only practical aims for Formosa today. To these aims, continuing, crisis-producing occupation of the offshore islands will actually be a hindrance. And after the first severe psychological shock, a cease fire will be a help if a real cease fire can be obtained.

BUT THE error of Clement Attlee, Sen. Morse and even President Eisenhower is to believe that a cease fire can be obtained by wishing for it. It should not be necessary to answer the Attlee-Morse theory, that the way to do business with Communists is to be nice to them — to show goodwill by giving them the offshore islands as a gracious present.

Unfortunately the theory of the President and his policy makers does not seem to be much more workable than the Attlee-Morse theory. Judging by the Communist's demeanor, there is almost no hope of getting a cease fire on the present system, by muzzling that we just may fight for the offshore islands if we happen to feel like it that day.

There will be more hope of a cease fire if we say that unless we get one, we are ready and willing to fight for the offshore islands, period. But even then, alas, the odds will only be even. The ugly truth is that a cease fire may well be unattainable until the conventional moment, which is after there has been some firing. (Copyright, 1955, New York Herald Tribune Inc.)

President of France Waits End of Crisis To Return To Routine

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst

President Rene Coty is making one of his rare appearances in the political limelight during the French Cabinet crisis.



Charles McCann

When Premier Pierre Mendes-France was overthrown, it became Coty's duty under the Constitution to nominate a successor.

But as soon as he has nominated a man who can get confirmed by a majority of the National Assembly, Coty will settle back in his normal presidential routine, a routine of peace and quiet.

For the President of France is not, like President Eisenhower, a chief executive. He leaves it to the government to run the country, and thus his job approximates that of Queen Elizabeth II.

French presidents are not even elected by popular vote, they are elected by the two Houses of Parliament in joint session.

Coty was elected President, for a seven year term, on Dec. 23, 1953, with the right to seek reelection for one term.

He had been in politics, first local and then national, for 46 years.

But as soon as he entered the Lysee Palace, after his inauguration on Jan. 16, 1954, he became a figure above politics.

Like a constitutional monarch, he became a symbol of national unity. His duties as president are largely ceremonial. He gives state dinners, pays official visits to French Cities in his six car special train, and conducts correspondence with other chiefs of state on occasion.

But when a top-level diplomatic conference is held, the president of France remains at home. The Premier represents the country as its real chief executive.

As President Coty gets a salary of only \$11,500 a year. But he also gets an allowance of \$128,500 a year to maintain the beautiful Elysee Palace, his official residence.

Nixon Relays Peace Note To Costa Rica

San Jose, Costa Rica — (U.P.) — Vice-President Richard M. Nixon has relayed to Costa Rican President Jose Figueres, Nicaragua's offer to bury the hatchet, informed sources said today.

Nixon flew here yesterday from Managua with what he said were "solemn assurances" from Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza that Nicaragua will do nothing to create "further tension and disturbances along its common border with Costa Rica."

Nixon said he was authorized by Somoza to convey the assurances to Figueres. The touring U. S. vice-president and Figueres conferred last night.

Editorial Comment He'll Be Hard To Beat

Gov. Paul Patterson in Salem this month commented that "Next year's elections will be won this year." By "elections" Republican politicians mean the 1956 race against Wayne Morse. Then came a report that President Eisenhower wants Gov. Patterson and Washington's Gov. Arthur Langlie to run against Sen. Morse and Sen. Warren G. Magnuson.

This puts the governor up front in the growing list of possible, all of whom have been gossiped about, compared, evaluated, and dismissed at one time or another as "impossible possibilities." The truth is that, except for the governor, Oregon Republicans are mighty hard up for a candidate. The "possibles," even the eager ones, are wary, as well they should be.

It won't be easy. It's customary at Republican rallies to say funny things about the senator and to dismiss him as a person of little consequence. However, no Republican who has all his marbles will indulge in such a luxury when it comes time to find a candidate. We've traveled about with Morse on his campaigns, and we testify that nobody — absolutely nobody — can match him for energy, endurance, stamina, talkativeness, "rising to the occasion," and sheer drive. Finding a man to "keep up with Wayne" must be the first step in finding a man to beat him. Ask Dave Hoover or Edgar Smith.—Eugene Register-Guard.

THESE ARE THE JOKES

Bangor, Me. — (U.P.) — An 11-year-old girl walked into the public library here and asked for Victor Hugo's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." The librarian asked for whom the book was intended. The girl replied: "My younger brother. He just loves football stories."

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In this space yesterday, I discussed the growing use of jackpine (lodgpole) in the Spokane area, where it is proving to be a perfectly satisfactory material for the manufacture of pulp and paper.

WHERE there is a market for it, how is jackpine being harvested? The gyppo contracting system seems to be the prevailing method. That is to say, independent operators take contracts to cut it. These contracts provide employment for a lot of labor. Much of this employment comes in the winter season.

A dependable source of winter employment is a useful asset anywhere in the West. JACKPINE, you see, after lying out in the rain and the snows of winter and the hot sunshine of the summer and being looked upon as a pest tree to be got rid of if possible, is beginning to shape up as a VERY CONSIDERABLE asset.

FEP Administrator Will Be Church Rector Selam — (U.P.) — W. E. Van Meter, Oregon Labor Bureau administrator of fair employment practices, has resigned to become rector of St. Pauls church and special consultant to the National Council of the Episcopal church in New York City.

Van Meter was appointed in 1949 to administer the newly enacted FEP law to guarantee equal job opportunities in Oregon. He is an ordained Episcopal minister.

Betty Hutton To Wed Record Firm Executive Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — Betty Hutton, Hollywood's exuberant musical comedy star, says she will marry record company executive Alan Livingstone within a week or as soon as he gets a Mexican divorce.

Miss Hutton was granted an uncontested divorce on grounds of mental cruelty yesterday from her second husband, dance director Charles O'Curran, to clear the way for her marriage to Livingstone.

AT SPOKANE, I was told that jackpine is selling readily at railroad in the Spokane area at about \$11 per cord and is being shipped some 250 miles to Puget

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 initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Park Viaduct Opposed To the Editor: It appears that an elevated freeway to be built on Highway 99 along the east side of Bear creek in Medford, over and through Hawthorne park. Two traffic lanes would be built at first with four lanes the ultimate aim. Access would be limited to two places, near the north and south city limits — one at each end of the elevated.

Parking under the freeway is proposed. The whole purpose of the plan would be to pass traffic through Medford rapidly. This proposal should be cause for alarm to all residents of Medford who love Hawthorne park, its pool, picnic area and overall beauty. It would occupy a substantial portion of the park area and take up a great deal more land if parking of cars is permitted under the freeway. A group of public-minded citizens bought the park land, gave it to the city, which since then has expended large sums of money on the pool and park at large to bring it to its present condition. No other park of its kind exists in Medford and a comparable park site is not now available.

This elevated freeway would have a generally adverse effect on that part of Medford. It would be noisy, unsightly, make that area undesirable and unattractive and would reduce property value there. The Boy and Girl Scout headquarters will be seriously affected by the noise and elevated structure. Some people feel it would help business but it is difficult to see how. Access to and from the freeway would be limited to the two mentioned places, one at each end of town. It seems that this would make it more difficult for tourists to stop and shop. A freeway is designed to pass traffic rapidly through an area. This freeway, if built, should by-pass Medford completely as was done at Salem. A freeway on the proposed route is unthinkable. Why destroy a goodly portion of Hawthorne park and adversely affect the area around the freeway when it can be avoided by locating same outside of Medford?

Everyone who loves our park and who objects to this elevated freeway should write letters to the Medford city council and State Highway commission for Oregon at Salem, voicing a strong protest against the same. Do it now!

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Eisenhower's Rosy Economic Picture Declared 'Hoax'

Rome, Ga. — (U.P.) — Sen. John Sparkman (D-Ala.), said last night the "rosy atomic picture" painted by President Eisenhower is a "hoax."

Sparkman, 1952 Democratic vice-presidential nominee, told a Democratic rally that "in reality, we haven't been making sufficient progress to match our increased population and better productivity."

Speaking to a \$10-per-plate Jefferson-Jackson day dinner sponsored by the Floyd County Democratic association, Sparkman rapped the "widening gap" between high income groups on one hand farmers and small businessmen on the other.

"The result of this widening gap," he said, "is bound to be unemployment and distressed industry." He predicted "unemployment pockets" rather than widespread unemployment.

He said the administration admits its farm program will mean less income for the farmer "and it comes when the farmer is in the worst squeeze since before World War II."

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