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Congratulations

Medford and Oregon are making up in basketball what they failed to do last year in football.

Medford High is rated No. 1, in her class in the state, while Oregon State won the coast conference title in two straight, from UCLA.

What the final outcome will be is not known as this is written, but it is a safe bet both teams will give good accounts of themselves in the final stanzas; win, lose or draw.

THE people of Medford, naturally, are proud of their High School team, not only for skill, aggressiveness and excellence in team-play but their constant and consistent good sportsmanship. Basketball is a great game, and while football still ranks tops in this department, basketball can boast greater national attendance, broader public interest and far fewer casualties.

WE take this occasion to congratulate both Medford Hi and Oregon State, and wish them both the best of luck in their remaining contests.—R.W.R.

Was There a Deal?

ACCORDING to the Oregonian there is no conflict between England and the United States regarding Formosa—they are merely working different sides of the same street.

In fact the Oregonian is convinced it was "planned that way." The west, in short, is playing two hands in the international poker-game, the aim of both being for peace, but England by conciliation and a cease-fire deal, and the United States by calling the Chinese "bluff," and risking war.

WE hope this is true for any serious split between this country and England over Formosa, or any other important international issue, would be catastrophic. This is a time for the English-speaking nations to stand shoulder to shoulder in opposing communist aggression, regardless of minor differences, for it is once more a question of hanging together or hanging separately,—with what might be termed "Reverse English."

BUT it is hard to believe it was "PLANNED this way." England wants a cease-fire, with Chiang Kai-shek abandoning Quemoy and the Matsus, while Red China, as a result of this concession would abandon any immediate designs on Formosa. If Red China should agree then England thinks she would be admitted to the United Nations.

If such a program should be accepted by Red China, and such a deal has been made, as the Oregonian suggests, then the United States would have to acquiesce.

BUT the Eisenhower administration has declared time after time, it does not and will not favor the admission of Red China to the UN. And it does not favor any deal whereby the off-shore Nationalist islands would be handed over to the Reds, for any concessions from them.

Would Uncle Sam eat his words and for the sake of a temporary truce go along with John Bull? It seems highly unlikely.

ON THE other hand, if the Chinese should meet the U.S. challenge and launch an all-out attack on these islands, thereby causing an outbreak of hostilities in the Formosa straits, would England join with the United States, with men and ships?

There would, if such an agreement HAS been reached, seem to be an inescapable moral obligation. Yet leaders of both parties in England have stated repeatedly, that if the United States should engage in a war with Red China over Formosa and Chiang Kai-shek, she will have to go it alone, as far as British aid is concerned.

SO WE can't believe there has been any such agreement reached. There is no doubt of the countries fundamental friendship; no doubt of their mutual desire to avoid war at "ALMOST any cost;" but it appears to this department that to attain such an end England has adopted one course, and the United States another, and conflicting one.

We believe the people of neither country, however, would strongly object to adoption of either policy,—or any other SELF-RESPECTING policy,—that would prevent war and bring to them and to the world a decent period of peace.

That is the big, over-all objective,—not precisely how it may be obtained.—R.W.R.

More Foolish Business

How silly can we get? A few weeks ago the state department barred Russians visiting this country from enjoying tourist privileges, and put them in bounds—an absurd and childish performance.

Now they have barred the circulation of the Moscow newspapers, including Pravda, in the U.S.A.

In other words, Soviet Russia is setting the pace on silly iron-curtain exclusions, and "the land of the free and the home of the brave," is sheep-like following her example.

THERE is some sense to Russia's "iron-curtain," for Russia has something—in fact a great deal—to hide. The less the free democratic world knows about the true conditions over there the better for Russia. But there is, as we see it, no sense at all in exclusion of foreign visitors to this country, including the Russians. The more they come over here and look around, the more they will know of free democracy, and the

less they will think of their own form of government when they return home.

In other words it is pro-American propaganda of the most effective type.

As for "Pravda," the more the people in this country read that paper,—assuming they can read Russian—the more they will know about what is really going on over there, what the temper of the country really is, what its current problems are, etc., etc.

The state department apparently acts upon the principle that the less you know about your enemy,—potential enemy at least—the better you are off. In other words they have come to such a pitiful pass that they have to fall back upon the antiquated and discredited ostrich policy in foreign relations.

If, as some claim unreasoning fear is a sure sign of weakness, then our state department must have had its morale so undermined by the Russian scare, that it is close to collapse!—R.W.R.

Too Much Peress

So they are going to hold more hearings on the Peress case. We are tired of the Peress case and believe most Americans are.

It was blown-up for political and personal reasons only by Senator McCarthy, far beyond its worth and should have been dropped and forgotten long ago.

However, as the hearing-time has been set there is no way of stopping it now, so the whole tiresome affair will have to be hashed over again, at a cost of many thousands of dollars.

There is one consolation. Perhaps this time the entire matter will be cleared up, so even the man who runs can read and understand it. If so then proper action can be taken, and the curtain pulled down on a controversy that was little more than a personal feud between "head-line hunter" McCarthy and certain officials of the U.S. army, in the first place. —R.W.R.

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

SNARK AND NAVAHO

Washington—Within the last year there have been vitally important technological breakthroughs in the art of the long-range missile. These breakthroughs have made possible a sudden spurt of progress in the missile art—progress described as "fabulous" by one authority not given to exaggeration.

As a result, there are now serious plans for launching an artificial earth satellite, if possible in two years. But the breakthroughs have also brought nearer the time of the true push-button war—the time when one continent can inflict a murderous hail of nuclear destruction on another.

Clearly, the whole national future is bound up in our progress in the missile art. This report and another to follow will therefore be devoted to the basic facts about our long-range missile program. What follows has, incidentally, been vested by competent authority to make sure that it contains nothing useful to Soviet intelligence.

The long-range missiles fall conveniently into three categories—the jet-powered pilotless aircraft, the ram jet, and the intercontinental ballistic missile, respectively known as SNARK, NAVAHO, and ATLAS.

With SNARK we have put at least a big toe over the threshold of the age of the push-button war. SNARK has intercontinental range—5,000 miles. And SNARK exists. The "bird"—to use the word of art of the missile men—has flown. The trouble is that it is not really a very useful war bird, although it is an impressive technical achievement.

SNARK—30 odd feet long, built by Northrup Aircraft—flies just under the speed of sound, which is barely lumbering along in the missile range. It flies high, over 50,000 feet, but not too high for the best Soviet fighters. A machine flying under the speed of sound on an undeviating, trackable course over hundreds of miles of heavily defended enemy territory is hardly a sure thing to reach the target—even assuming that it could be guided to the target with absolute accuracy.

FOR such reasons, there is a minority view in the Pentagon that the attempt to develop SNARK as a war weapon should be abandoned. This view has been over-ruled. But it is clear that, even if SNARK were fully operational and in quantity production—which it is not—the main striking job would still have to be done by Gen. Curtis LeMay's Strategic Air Command.

SAC's job will soon be made easier, incidentally, by RASCAL another missile name worth remembering. RASCAL is the short-range air-to-ground missile which will greatly complicate the task of the Soviet air defense.

With NAVAHO, we will step right over the threshold, into the age of the push-button war. NAVAHO is a ram jet and true guided missile—unlike its big brother ATLAS, it is guided all the way to the target, by the stars. Also unlike its big brother it cannot leave the earth's surrounding envelope of air. It flies, or will fly, at 6,000 to 80,000 feet, and at slightly under three times the speed of sound.

This bird, too, has flown. At least, the air frame of NAVAHO has been air-tested. But there is a long way between testing an air frame and fitting the frame with ram jet engines capable of pushing both frame and warhead from one continent to another. Moreover, although there have been big breakthroughs in the guidance problem—the toughest in the missile art—the problem of bringing NAVAHO roaring down precisely on a target half a world away has by no means been solved.

Even so, an informed private guess is that NAVAHO could be made operational, given a major effort, within three years—this is not, it should be said, the official scheduling, which would, of course, interest Soviet intelligence. When NAVAHO is operational and in quantity production we will have taken a huge step forward in the missile art.

But NAVAHO will not be the final step. Even at three times the speed of sound, such a missile will give some warning of its approach. And a missile which travels within the atmosphere on an undeviating course can be tracked, and it can very probably be brought down, if not with existing weapons, with weapons of the future.

MOREOVER, since every pound of weight in the warhead sharply reduces the range of a ram jet, there is some doubt that NAVAHO will be able to carry a bulky hydrogen bomb for the distance required. For such reasons, NAVAHO is not the final, decisive weapon.

The decisive weapon is ATLAS, the intercontinental ballistic missile, simply because there is no known defense whatsoever against intercontinental ballistic missile. This is why the I.B.M., which will be described in another report on the long-range missiles, will finally determine the balance of power in the age of the push-button war, which is now almost upon us.

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Guaranteed Wage Attack Dismissed

Detroit (U.P.)—Walter Reuther, preparing to open his drive to win a guaranteed annual wage for his United Auto Workers CIO next week, shrugged off the latest attack on the plan Saturday as the "purely academic" remarks of a "paid propagandist."

Reuther said the attack on the union's wage plan by Frank Rising, general manager of the Automotive Parts Manufacturers Association, was "a reflection of an antiquated and irresponsible social philosophy which fortunately on the whole is a part of the dark past of labor-management relations."

Rising, in a speech at a conference on the guaranteed annual wage sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Management in New York City, said the union was attempting to destroy the belief that a man working for a living should expect and get more than a man who is not working for a living.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Is That So?

By Eugene Burns, Ranger-Naturalist

Every other family has at least a dog or a cat. To help you avoid needless heartache and perhaps save the life of your pet, a piece on recognizing the symptoms of a sick cat or dog and what to do, particularly in an emergency, seems in order.

To recognize a warning symptom is quite simple—there is nothing mysterious about it: know your pet when it is healthy and the chances are you will spot any danger signals.

A dog's best barometer is his tail. If it is full of vigorous wagging, he's usually up to par. If it droops dejectedly, he's not up to snuff. Should he remain huddled in a corner when he usually bounds at your approach suspect illness. Ill health is usually further confirmed by loss of weight and lack of appetite for a second day. Sometimes, too, his eyes will seem dull. But



should he keep his eyes closed with a prolonged, heavy discharge, suspect a bad scratch or a foreign body in the eye. If he rubs his ears against the ground or furniture or shakes his head continuously, chances are he has ear trouble.

Regardless of what you've been told, a cold nose is not an infallible sign of good health in a dog—but if his nose or the back of his ears remain hot for more than two hours, the chances are you have a sick dog. But most important, suspect your normally frisky pooch of being sick if he suddenly becomes listless.

Many of Same Signals With your cat many of the same warning signals hold. If its appetite remains poor longer than three days it's usually a sick cat—but don't forget that some cats are good foragers and supply themselves with food. But should its normally sweet breath become offensive and its rough tongue furry, you'll know something is amiss.

Another thing: if its fur becomes rough, dull and lifeless and sheds excessively, it's usually in poor health. Should your cat's eyes discharge excessively or be red-rimmed, the chances are it is not well. Closing the eyes, which water, may also mean a bad scratch. And, like the dog, if it tries to rub its ears on the carpet or furniture, you'll know something is wrong with its ears.

In both cat and dog, watch any diarrhea if it persists more than one day. Also suspect any lump larger than a pea if it continues to grow. Take Pet To Vet As with a sick child to the doctor, it is best to take the pet to a vet at once when you have recognized a danger signal—all too often the pet is brought too late when it is dying.

Sometimes emergencies call for immediate first aid: perhaps your pet has been burned, a bone broken, gotten a bad cut, suffered heat exhaustion, or been hit by a car.

With a broken bone, if the break is in the leg, apply a splint to keep the jagged bones from tearing the muscle or slashing a main blood vessel. Tie the splint both above and below the break and wrap it in a soft cloth before going to the vet.

Should your cat or dog come home wounded from a fight, don't rush to it with bandages. Whenever it can reach the wound with its tongue, it can do the job better than you. But should the wound be in a place it cannot reach, then trim away the matted hair, clean the area, and put on an antiseptic and bandage it—but not too tightly.

Aspirin Prescribed If the animal is burned, trim the hair around the burn and apply petroleum jelly. Give aspirin twice a day. For cats and toy dogs, the dose should not exceed a quarter tablet; medium sized dogs, a half tablet; a large dog, a whole one.

Dogs are subject to heat stroke. During hot weather, feed him lightly and give him plenty of water. When the heat actually bothers him, wash his face and mouth with cold water and let him lick cracked ice. Should he collapse and go unconscious—never give him a liquid—call the vet.

Finally, auto accidents. Lift the cat or dog as gently as possible—preferably on a warm supporting surface, and put a coat or blanket over it and go at once to an animal hospital.

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POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)

Harry Nordwick, The Mail Tribune's swan, small-dog, fire department and log pond expert, is leaving us for what he considers to be greener fields in Golden California, specifically, Madera, which is in the "great, green, greasy" San Joaquin valley, "all set about with fever trees."

The news staff will miss Harry. So, we assume, will the city officials of just about every valley town, whom he has badgered and bothered at one time or another in his quest for news.

Good luck, boy. And we hope you enjoy the cotton fields, the grape orchards and the mosquitos of the San Joaquin. The latter, we learned from personal experience, are in the same class as man-eating sharks.

(And don't forget the house cooler for those 114-degree days.)

Somebody told somebody else who told us about the couple who arrived here from the east, and who went out to pan gold one day. Somewhere along the creek they met up with an old prospector, who helped them get started, and who put a supply of dirt in the pan.

The woman panned and panned and panned, slowly washing the dirt away. At the bottom, she found someone's old tooth.

It had a gold filling.

We have a proposal to solve the tax problems of the state and federal governments. It's in

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS In his nationwide broadcast State Secretary Dulles—

Told the Chinese Reds that U.S. sea and air forces in the Formosa area are equipped with weapons WHICH CAN DESTROY MILITARY TARGETS WITHOUT ENDANGERING CIVILIAN CENTERS. (That, if true, would remove from us the odium of destroying whole civilian populations in order to get at military targets.)

Told US that the whole defense of free Asia against Communism will fail unless we are willing to USE OUR GREATER FORCE in response to a military challenge from Red China.

THOSE are flat statements. They sound like a show-down in the wind.

BEFORE the Dulles speech—The stock market broke sharply, with losses running from one to SIX points in some areas of the market. How far the recovery movement will go hasn't been disclosed as this is written.

ON the Chicago Board of Trade, grain prices ROSE in what the teletype describes as a "highly nervous market," with dealings active in all pits.

The market opened strong, propelled by RENEWED APPREHENSION ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION following Secretary Dulles' talk. Gains ranged to nearly four cents in wheat.

This rally uncovered a large number of selling orders and prices skidded back quickly—although remaining ABOVE the previous close in most cases.

WHY are these market movements significant? The answer is simple. Historically, prices of industrial securities tend to fall in the face of heightened possibilities of war. Grain prices tend to RISE in the face of such possibilities.

THE reason for that is simple. Contrary to the ancient notion that war was good for business (remember it used to be believed that wars were promoted by munitions manufacturers who wanted to sell guns and planes and ships and tanks) business men have learned by hard experience that war ISN'T good for business. So they are inclined to reduce their holdings of industrial stocks when war threatens.

On the other hand, war stimulates the consumption of foods, including grains. So, in the face of heightened prospects of war, grain prices tend to rise.

That's the long and the short of it.

IS a showdown coming in the Formosa area? I wouldn't know.

But— If we back down at Formosa, we might as well crawl in a hole and pull the hole in after us, for the Reds will then think they have us on the run and if they think they have us on the run war will be practically inevitable.

judges will award each week to the reader who sends me the best question on nature and wildlife a complete 30-volume set of this world-famous reference work in a handsome Sealcraft binding. Each week, new questions will be considered. Sorry, I simply can't answer your many friendly letters. Please address your questions to: IS THAT SO! c/o Medford Mail Tribune, Box 575, Sausalito, Calif.

the nature of a withholding tax. The federal government (under our plan) will withhold 100 per cent of everybody's income, and will keep what it needs, passing the rest along to the state governments, which will keep what they need, passing the rest along to the counties and cities and fire districts and school districts and sanitation districts and water districts and any other districts that need money, which will each keep what they need. The rest, if any, we can get refunded to us every April 15. Simple?

Leaders in the church census undertaken in Medford last Sunday commented on the "good record" compiled by Medford. Only 135 persons declined to give the needed church information.

Recalling a similar census taken in another city, one of them remembered that one man, when asked to state a preference as to church membership, explained: "I am a fifth amendment Christian." Stopped the census taker cold.

Two staff members have different reasons for remembering the A-bomb explosions last week.

One of them, all primed to watch the Friday explosion, set his alarm for 5:15 a.m. It went off, he got up, went to the door, looked out, saw it raining heavily, went back to the bedroom, reset the alarm, went back to bed and to sleep.

The other staffer was less fortunate. Her plan was to watch for the Tuesday explosion, which was widely seen in the valley.

She arose at 5 a.m., put on a bathrobe, and went out into the front yard. She waited patiently for 15 long, cold minutes, went into the house to warm up a bit, and went back outside, only to learn the display had gone off while she was warming up.

We understand, unofficially, she was so mad she never did go back to bed. Mrs. Jane Snodgrass, it is reliably reported, lost or mislaid a skiing boot recently while at Union creek. She looked everywhere. She wrote to the resort, asking them, if it was found, to hold it for her and she'd pick it up another week end.

Two weeks later, the Snodgrass family drove to Crater Lake for another skiing session, and stepped at the missing boot. The resort was closed, but the boot was there—firmly planted on top of a post in front of the store.

California Paper Calls M-T Reporter

Harry A. Nordwick, 204 Vancouver st., who has been a reporter for the Mail Tribune for the past three years, leaves this week to accept a job on the daily News-Tribune at Madera, Calif.

He will do combined duties as reporter and photographer. Nordwick, who was born in Medford, is son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Nordwick, 919 Reddy st. His wife is the former Janet Anderson of Salem. They are parents of a baby son, Brian.

While with the Mail Tribune, Nordwick has covered both city and county affairs, and has been a "regular" member of the audience at many of the city council meetings of valley communities. His last day of work was Saturday.

His replacement on the staff will arrive next month.

Loneragan Favors Primary Date Change

Salem (U.P.)—Sen. Pat Lonergan (R-Portland) said Saturday he will introduce a substitute bill for his measure to change the primary election date from May to August.

The substitute proposal is to hold the primary on the fourth Tuesday in June.

Leaders of both the Democratic and Republican parties opposed the measure. Lonergan already has introduced because it would abolish the presidential preference primary and the election of delegates to national party conventions.

With the June Primary, Lonergan said, the people still could elect delegates and express their presidential preferences.

State Awards Contract For Applegate Bridge

Salem (U.P.)—A Jackson county bridge contract has been awarded to Frank Watt Construction Co. and S and D Construction Co., Portland, on low bid of \$25,450.

The job calls for construction of a 110 foot bridge over the Little Applegate river and a 70-foot span over Star Gulch on the Upper Applegate county road. There were 12 higher bids.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

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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
March 13, 1945
It was Tuesday)
Jack Matlack, former Medford resident now with J. J. Parker Theaters in Portland, wins national Quigley War Showmanship award for third consecutive year.

20 YEARS AGO
March 13, 1935
It was Wednesday)
Rogue River Valley Irrigation district bondholders get Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans at Medford bank.

30 YEARS AGO
March 13, 1925
It was Friday)
Franklin high school basketball team defeats Medford high, 32 to 18, in first round game at state basketball tournament in Salem.

40 YEARS AGO
March 13, 1915
It was Saturday)
Charlie Chaplin to appear at Medford's Page theater in moving picture "The Champion."

George R. Hammersly, 74, a resident of Jackson county since 1888 and founder of The Gold Hill News, dies at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. P. Chisholm.

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
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- 1. Thomas Jefferson did or didn't help draft the federal Constitution in 1787?
2. About 30, 40, 50, 60 or 70 per cent of all coffee imported into the U.S. comes from Brazil?
3. The President of the United States does or doesn't have an official flag of his office?
4. Is more of the total road mileage in the U.S. under state or local control?
5. An American spending some weeks abroad may bring back duty-free up to \$100, \$200, \$300, \$400, or \$500 worth of articles?
6. Which of these has the largest assets: Carnegie Corporation, Duke Endowment, Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation?
7. On shipboard 11 o'clock, a.m. or p.m., is signaled by two, four, six or eight bells?
The Answers: 1. Didn't (he was abroad. 2. About 40 per cent. 3. Does. 4. Much more under local control. 5. Up to \$500 worth. 6. Ford Foundation. 7. Six bells.

WRONG MAN
Norwich, Conn. (U.P.)—Police Chief Joseph L. Gendron reported that during a raid on a gaming house a woman approached him to place a bet, took a closer look and fainted.