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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 31, 1945
(It was Sunday)

Jackson county men enlisting in the Navy include Delbert Clark, Herbert Gifford, Wayne Dye, George Goolsby, John Wood, and Frank Hall.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Moscow hears Messrs. Hitler, Himmler, and Mussolini plan to seek refuge in Japan. This would serve them right, but is a bit more punishment than Japan has coming.

20 YEARS AGO
March 31, 1935
(It was Monday)

H. E. Armstrong and J. V. Watson finish in tie for Medford Elks club billiards championship and slates playoff match.

Medford firemen give farewell party for Fire Chief and Mrs. Roy Elliott, who are leaving on a six-weeks trip to the Midwest.

30 YEARS AGO
March 31, 1925
(It was Wednesday)

Floyd C. Young, frost warning expert, speaker at Medford Kiwanis club banquet.

Peter Oard, ranger at Crater Lake National park, reports snow depth is 18 feet at Crater Lake rim and 11 feet at Annie Spring.

40 YEARS AGO
March 31, 1915
(It was Wednesday)

Medford High school debate team, composed of F. C. Purkeypile, Hugo Lundberg and Earl Hubbard, defeated by Bandon high school in state meet being conducted at Eugene.

From them Local and Personal column: Earl Fisher of the Gates garage has instituted a new Ford service whereby an auto is rented out by the hour the same as a horse and buggy. The owner furnishes everything but a driver. By this means people with auto driving inclinations but with no machine can be accommodated.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report
1. The Soviet Government does or doesn't allow a U. S. Catholic priest to hold religious services in Moscow now?
2. Are there more women members of the U. S. Congress or of the British House of Commons, or the same number in each?
3. Most of the 48 states do or don't require tests for venereal disease before issuing marriage licenses?
4. St. Helena, where Napoleon died in exile, is in the North Atlantic, South Atlantic, Mediterranean or Indian ocean?
5. Revenues from submerged oil lands under the federal government are earmarked for education in states; right or wrong?
6. Most first-class letters are business or personal, or it is about half and half?
7. The U. S. bought the Virgin Islands from Napoleon of France early in the 19th century; right or wrong?
The Answers: 1. Doesn't. 2. Several more in Commons. 3. Most do. 4. South Atlantic. 5. Wrong. 6. Most are business. 7. Wrong, it was from Denmark in the 20th century.

Is Morse a "Grasshopper"?

When it comes to calling Senator Morse names we thought we had heard everything. But the old reliable Oregonian comes up with something new. It calls the senior Senator from Oregon a "grass-hopper."

That is, the former dean of the Oregon Law School is as hard to pin down on any issue, as it is to "catch a grasshopper in a thimble."

This is particularly true, says the Portland paper, regarding the power issue. It seems that in an address at The Dalles a few nights ago Senator Morse "patted himself on the back" for his opposition to the construction of the Priest Rapids dam in the state of Washington, when that was the only partnership power proposal cleared by the congress at the last session.

Ok, where is the inconsistency? Senator Morse, we believe, has always opposed the administration's partnership program of power development. The fact that in spite of his opposition the proposal was passed, hardly convicts him of inconsistency. Quite the reverse in fact. Nor does his opposition to the Cougar and Green Peter dams. They too are partnership proposals between the government and the private power companies.

They may be as desirable as the Oregonian maintains. Or they may not be. But to oppose them was the only thing Senator Morse could do, consistent with his opposition to any such arrangement, as a proper solution of the power problem in the north-west.

BUT our highly respected Portland contemporary can't see this. It claims in fact the senatorial "grasshopper" doesn't stand still long enough for even his "loyal supporters" to tell where he stands, and what are his motivations.

Well, as stated this is surely something NEW, as far as Senator Morse is concerned.

We have heard Senator Morse called all sorts of things, but never before heard even his worst enemy express any doubt as to WHERE he stands on the power issue or any other important national issue, ANYwhere or ANYtime.

In fact this quality of steadfastness and outspoken frankness, has been one of the chief counts against our senator and controversial representative in the Upper House.

He has been too frank, and expressed his convictions on all sorts of subjects too many times, to suit most of his critics. And incidentally some of his friends. They have complained not because of any doubt as to where he stood, but because of the lack of any doubt, and the fact that they disagreed with him as he kept on stating with courage and clarity just what his position was—and is.

THE Mail Tribune has observed the characters and careers of many representatives of this state, at home and outside, and with the possible exception of the late Governor Martin, there have been none to even come close to Wayne Morse in the matter of taking a definite stand on every issue of any importance and in free argument meeting all-comers who might agree or disagree with him.

THIS isn't, of course, to imply that he has always been right. Being human he has—and admits he has—made mistakes and been wrong. But he HAS always faced the music whether it has been in harmony with his convictions or against them, and explained to his constituents exactly why he had come to the conclusions he had reached.

We don't believe there is a voter in the state, regardless of party who, having had any dealings with Senator Morse in this direction, would deny the truth of this statement.

They might disagree violently with the mans political beliefs, but we can't believe there would be any who would claim there was any doubt about what those beliefs were and why, after they had talked with him.

IN fact this quality has been the main source of Senator Morse's strength, and also a source of weakness, from the standpoint of votes and political expediency. For the senior senator has been too eager to lead with his chin at times when keeping a discreet silence would have been far more desirable from a political standpoint.

However in this matter—as in so many others—we can't have our cake and eat it too. We can't have a person in public office who not only has strong convictions about what is best for his country, but insists upon expressing and explaining them far and wide and AT THE SAME TIME have a very discreet, affable and diplomatic representative who makes a strong point of shaking hands, smacking the babes, and saying nothing of a controversial nature if it can possibly be avoided.

We prefer the Morse type, as we have often stated. Some of our readers don't—as they have even more often stated.

Which is all to be expected. But we never did expect to hear the Oregonian or any other opponent of the senior Senator, accuse him of being the grasshopper type and an irresponsible and unpredictable grasshopper at that.

For that is so clearly what he ISN'T.—R.W.R.

Silicon Crystals At New Perfection

Schenectady, N. Y. — (U.P.) — General Electric Company research scientists have reached a new level of perfection in the production of pure silicon crystals, a material useful for transistors, those tiny electronic devices that can be made to do the work of vacuum tubes. Silicon, as contained in com-

Ellsworth Planning Trip To District Early During April

By CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Washington, D. C. — Unless there is a last minute change of schedule, I expect to spend a few days in Oregon the first week in April. There is a rather important reason under the heading of "official business" why I need to spend a few days in Oregon. I have just learned from the Chairman of the Flood Control Subcommittee of the House Committee on Public Works that he will set my bill H.R. 4662 for hearing here in Washington about May 1. That is the bill which, if passed by Congress, would make it possible for the construction of the Green Peter and Cougar Flood Control Dams to be started this year.

I hope to get together in Oregon with the Linn county and Lane county Flood Control Committees and make plans for testimony to be presented at the hearing. Interest In Bill Those who work in the lumbering, plywood and logging industries have a special interest in an appropriations bill recently passed by the House. The bill makes appropriations for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies and provides money for timber access roads

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In this space yesterday, I described the city of Phoenix, in Arizona, which in a surprisingly short space of time grew from a village in a hot cactus desert to a city of near-metropolitan rank.

I'd like to talk today of Albuquerque, in a New Mexico, which sits also in a wide, hot desert and is also a city of near-metropolitan rank—probably a little larger than Phoenix.

IN THE backgrounds — and the back country — of these cities, there are interesting similarities. There are also interesting contrasts.

Phoenix rose to its present rank in a relatively short space of time — as time goes here in the dreamy Spanish Southwest. It took Albuquerque,

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.

Why? To the Editor: There is Christianity, and then there is Christianity that passes for Christianity. How can we say that Christianity has failed when all we practice is a very poor substitute? Mrs. Margaret Tokar, 716 1/2 West Main st.

Why Talk With the Devil?

To the Editor: The people have been told for thousands of years that they must serve either the Lord or the Devil.

The rulers of Russia want nothing to do with religion, so they must be of the Devil. I understand Great Britain, France and the U. S. are going to try to arrange a meeting to sit down and talk to the Devil.

I wonder where is Hell they think they are going to get? Anonymous, Talent, Oregon.

A Question Is Asked

To the Editor: I have a question to ask of Mr. Krauss in regard to his letter of March 27. Mr. Krauss how do you propose that "law" will solve the deep rooted evils in the heart of man? Let me illustrate my question.

We read in the March 27 Tribune, that a Negro Navy man met with rebuffs from real estate agents and residents of areas in which his family attempted to move. Let us suppose the "law" could provide a home for this Negro in that hostile neighborhood. Could you honestly say that this "law" would create peace and understanding in the hearts and minds of the individuals involved in this precarious situation? "Law" may temporarily bind the evil, but will never destroy it. A person that has evil intentions will always find loopholes to the most rigid laws, history has proven that time and time again.

True Christianity has never yet failed. When I say Christianity, I'm not particularly referring to "churchgoers." There are thousands of churchgoers but alas, too few real Christians. My interpretation of a Christian is an individual who knows the reality of God, and daily lives in the conscious presence of God. The fruits of such a Christianity would be a genuine love and service to all mankind regardless of race, color, or creed. That kind of Christianity would solve the problem of the Navy man, and it would eventually remove the evils that are inherent in man.

"Law" will never remove hatred, prejudice, jealousy, and the love of self. Where the seed of Godly love has taken root, it eventually chokes out the weeds of evil. Let us wait with patience for the precious fruit of the earth!

Mrs. Helga Mitchell, Rt. 1, Box 7B, Jacksonville, Ore.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

BA CUT Saigon, Indo-China — From behind the slatted screen that shaded the courtyard pavilion, with the unearthly, silent suddenness of the barefooted he came among us like an apparition.

Silky black hair falling below his shoulders framed his still youthful, strangely intense face. In his loose white cotton pajamas he seemed improbably slender. He spoke no word, but glided with a cat's grace to a seat at the table; and fixed the party with a burning, deep-eyed gaze.

In this prosaic modern world, such an entrance ought to have been ludicrous. But it was the very opposite of ludicrous, and this fact in itself is a good index of the difficulty of the problem here in Indo-China.

FROM the man who made this entrance was no cheap phony. He was Gen. Ba Cut, veteran of a thousand guerrilla combats, and newly made field commander of the 20,000 or more armed men of the Hoa Hao sect, and the most inveterate and dangerous enemy of the shabby government that America has been desperately propping up here in South Viet Nam.

Three days earlier, Ba Cut and the other sect leaders had sent President Ngo Dinh Diem an ultimatum. It read, in effect, "knuckle under or get out." And it was backed up by the private armies of the sects, which now possess more real military power than the demoralized and disorganized Vietnamese national army.

A small group of newspapermen had therefore made their way southwards over roads clogged with aimlessly menacing military movements, to the Hoa Hao headquarters at Caivon.

THE religious chieftain of the Hoa Hao is the "Sainted Father" of the peasant mystic who invented this debased form of Buddhism. But the Hoa Hao are also a feudal-military organization, not only having their own armies but also ruling their own provinces. And Caivon is the stronghold of the senior Hoa Hao warlord, mustachioed, pot belied old Gen. Tran Van Soai.

Here the old man lives in a house of many pavilions, crowded to the doors with spittoons, Mother of Pearl inlaid furniture, life sized tinted photographs and other art objects. Shabby but grim looking Hoa Hao soldiers lounge, gossip, pick their noses and polish their guns in the courtyards, and poultry and livestock wander in the dusty gardens.

Such was the setting for the rendezvous with Ba Cut, whose wild, magnetic power has now forced Tran Van Soai to accept an elder statesman's role.

THE problem to be discussed was simple enough. The French had encouraged the sects, and had even helped to pay their private armies, as a useful form of competition for the Communist-led Viet Minh. But on March 1, French pay for the Hoa Hao, Cao Dai and other sect troops was stopped. Meanwhile their feudal power was also threatened by the reform program of American backed President Ngo Dinh Diem. And so the sects united to bring Ngo Dinh Diem to terms.

In these circumstances, with all South Indo-China in disorder, with Viet Minh infiltration steadily increasing, with Ho Chi Minh continually building up his military power in the North, Ba Cut and Tran Van Soai solemnly

Put forward a program that might have made sense in the 13th century.

All Southern Indo-China was to be divided up into a system of huge dukedoms, one for the Hoa Hao, one for the Cao Dai and so on. Within their dukedoms, the power of the sects was to be unchallenged. The national army was largely to consist of the sum of the sects armies. And above the dukedoms there was to be an impotent government and a powerless general staff in Saigon, with Ngo Dinh Diem at the head of the government if he liked to stay on, to keep the always useful American dollars still flowing in.

Ba Cut was fiercely indignant that this singular program did not command American support. The leaders of the sects were the true anti-Communists, he insisted. Had not they driven the Viet Minh from their provinces? Were not they alone close enough to the simple people in the villages to ward off the real danger—to stop the Communist infiltration at the base which the Ngo Diem government was hopelessly unable to halt?

BA CUT was not a stupid man. One searched in vain for the reason for the blindness that would meet armed communism with primitive feudalism, until he related his personal history at the vast dinner that was the climax of the meeting.

He is only 30, the son of a landless peasant, with no more than four years education. At 17, he vowed to fight to the death against French rule, and cut off one joint of his index finger to reinforce the vow.

At 21, when the Viet Minh rising also beginning, he formed the men of his village into a local Hoa Hao guerrilla group. Since then, through combat, his following has grown continuously. And now he has vowed again, never to cut his hair until he has upset the Geneva treaty, defeated the Viet Minh, and united all of Indo-China.

At the climax of the recital, he rose at his place and showed his wounds—the double wound of the bullet through the throat fired by one of his rivals of the sects; the fearsome double wound of a bullet through the lungs from the French; the wounds in head and leg from the Viet Minh. His strange eyes glowed fiercely, and one suddenly grasped the central fact about the man, that egoism, superstition and experience have combined to give him the conviction of immunity to death and certainty of victory.

IT WAS curious to find such an echo from the Asian past as a key figure in a crisis that may well determine the fate of more than one great nation. One thought at once of the "Heavenly Kings," the leader of the Taiping rebellion, in China, who also thought himself immune to death and called himself "the younger brother of Jesus Christ."

But with hardly more than 12 months left to glue something together that can resist the Communist advance in South Viet Nam, and with the job not even well begun, this significant interruption of the irrational was also a little discouraging. (Copyright, 1955, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

WALTONS SEEK SUPPORT

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland chapter of the Izaak Walton league today sent letters to state organizations and agencies seeking support of its "Red Hat Day" program. The hunting safety campaign has already been endorsed by the state Izaak Walton league, Oregon Wildlife Federation, the state game commission, the U. S. forest service and other groups, chapter president Don Stauter revealed.



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Mayor of Lebanon Back From Lebanon

Lebanon, Ore. — (U.P.) — The mayor of Lebanon, Ore., was back at his desk today after a rousing reception and parade staged Wednesday to welcome him back from a visit to the Republic of Lebanon.

Mayor Ralph Scroggins was one of seven mayors of U.S. cities similarly named who were invited to be guests of the tiny Republic.

Scroggins said he was awarded the Gold Medal of Merit, highest honor the country could bestow. The visit ended officially March 15 but the mayor and his wife visited Egypt, Rome, Paris and London as guests of the president of the Republic.

Mayor Scroggins, who arrived at Portland airport yesterday morning by plane from New York, was given a rousing reception by Lebanon residents, including a parade through city streets.

Portland roses, a myrtlewood gavel, state flag and examples of Oregon painting were among the gifts Scroggins presented to Lebanon officials. He brought back handmade laces and other locally-produced objects.

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