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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
April 5, 1945
(Dit was Thursday)
Douglas S. Eden, Air Force bombardier, promoted to captain, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Eden, Medford.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The acoustics of the courthouse have been improved no end. The roar of a lawyer at the jury no longer sounds like the elements have been unleashed.

20 YEARS AGO
April 5, 1935
(Dit was Friday)
Owner E. C. Faber announces that newly remodeled IGA stores at Central Point and Butte Falls will be opened in near future.

John Peters named manager of Medford liquor store; John Orth chosen to succeed Peters as clerk.

30 YEARS AGO
April 5, 1925
(Dit was Sunday)
Medford city council approves use of \$250 to pay University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college experts to come here to make a study of proposed new high school sites.

40 YEARS AGO
April 5, 1915
(Dit was Monday)
C. R. Bowman named principal of Medford High school.

Otto Klum, Ashland High school coach, elected by Medford school board to serve in similar position here; will assume duties next fall.

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

- 1. The Supreme Court has banned racially segregated public schools after this year, next year, or some unspecified future date?
2. The agreements on German rearmament do or don't go into effect if the treaty of the Saar doesn't?
3. One, two or three out of every four cancer victims receiving medical care today is being cured?
4. Total farm income is running so far this year about the same as last year, much higher, slightly higher, much lower or slightly lower?
5. Congress is on record for the 1960 Olympic Games to be held in the U.S.: at Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York or Washington?
6. A golf ball is estimated to leave a golf club head at about 50, 75, 100, 125 or 150 miles an hour?
7. Dr. Harold C. Urey is a noted atomic scientist, college president, stock market analyst or bone doctor for baseball players?
The Answers: 1. After some unspecified future date. 2. Don't. 3. One out of four. 4. Slightly lower. 5. At Detroit. 6. An estimated 125 miles per hour. 7. Atomic scientist.

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Why Can't England Understand?

One of the best newspapers in England, the Manchester Guardian, can't understand the Eisenhower policy toward Red China and the mainland islands. Why risk a world war over these insignificant bits of real estate, it says, which are a part of China anyway and are important only to Chiang Kai-shek. And then only in case he should attempt the foolhardy effort to invade the mainland and gain control of a nation that has repudiated him.

THE Manchester Guardian also is puzzled by the present "adulation" of President Eisenhower and the sudden "political reincarnation" and popularity of ex-President Hoover who, it declares, some of the American newspaper commentators believe, is the power behind the Republican throne when it comes to halting progressive legislation and substituting legislation of an ultra-conservative character.

FINALLY the Guardian joins with other English newspapers, in amazement at the present unpopularity of former President Roosevelt in a country which elected him president four times and had he lived "might have elected him a fifth." Evidence of this is furnished by the British press in the release of the Yalta papers and the anti-F.D.R. reaction therefrom.

THE perplexity of the British press is understandable. Many Americans in some directions, share it.

But we are surprised that the "Guardian" which understands American psychology in so many directions, should not understand its apparent volatility and inconsistencies, when it comes to politics.

The answer—at least as we see it—is YOUTH. The USA as nations go is still in the adolescent stage. It isn't like England, adult. It has the failings of youth, and also the virtues. Among the former is instability inconsistency, among the latter, tremendous vitality, enthusiasm and bounce.

LET the Guardian examine the political record of the U.S.A. and it will note Uncle Sam went from Theodore Roosevelt, a liberal, to Wm. Howard Taft, an ultra conservative; from Taft to Woodrow Wilson; from Wilson to Harding and Hoover, two ultra conservatives, then to Franklin D. Roosevelt and Truman, liberals, and then back to General "Ike," conservative again.

This is more the course of a pendulum than a steady march of progress. It is going from one extreme to the other, from the right to the left and back again—but that is characteristic of youth. Youth dotes on such extremes.

So we can't share the Guardian's surprise in the sudden changes in the American political climate. It is, as we see it, entirely characteristic.

AS to the Chinese islands we are convinced there is a "war party" in this country, backed principally by the Chiang Kai-shek lobby, which does want—or at least is quite willing to risk war—rather than have Red China take over the Matsus and Quemoy, even though that action fails to really threaten Formosa.

BUT we are equally convinced President Eisenhower is not one of them. And we are even more certain the American people as a whole are opposed to war over these "bits of real estate"—or any war for that matter, in the Far East at the present time.

On the other hand a halt must be called somewhere in the Far East or the Reds eventually will take all Asia over including Japan.

Even Senator Morse agrees that "somewhere" for a firm stand is Formosa.

WHY not make it clear then to the people of this country and the world that the United States will not defend these off-shore islands but only Formosa?

The answer to that is why show your hand to the enemy before the chips are down? Such a declaration, as Senator George of Georgia has stated, would be equivalent to handing over these islands to the Reds, without a struggle. By the same token a declaration they WOULD be defended if attacked, regardless of the nature of that attack would be tantamount to a "declaration of war."

President Eisenhower as we view it wants to do neither. He wants to keep his own counsel and the enemy guessing.

Having recognized Red China it is easy to understand British opposition to the Eisenhower policy but it is not so easy to see why the intelligent and world-wise Manchester Guardian should not be able to UNDERSTAND it.—R.W.R.

Soldiers, Guardsmen Battle Forest Fire

Fairfield, N. C.—(U.P.)—Dozens of soldiers, Marines, Coast-guardsmen and National Guardsmen with heavy equipment turned out today to fight the "largest" and "most dangerous" forest fire in North Carolina history. The blaze raged across tractless coastal flatlands on a 10-mile front, spreading through tree tops "like a cyclone" in a sweep across 250,000 acres ravaged since last Tuesday. "It's the largest fire we ever had," Assistant State Forester Paul Tillman said in Raleigh. "It's the most dangerous condition we ever had and it's in the worst place from a fire-fighting standpoint." Forestry officials declared Monday the fire had become a "major emergency situation" when three towns came within its possible scope. Members of the military services turned out with pumps and other fire-fighting equipment. Autoist Gets Scratch In 100-MPH Accident
Portland—(U.P.)—A 29-year-old Portlander escaped with only a scratched ear Sunday when his high-powered car went out of control at an estimated speed of 100 miles per hour. Driver of the car was identified as Edward Steve Duhon of Portland. Police said he admitted driving at a high rate of speed. The accident occurred when the car struck a dirt bank on a turn. The vehicle flew 150 feet through the air and landed upside down on the pavement.

Alliance Changing Political Alignment On Middle East Scene

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst
The new alliance between Turkey and Iraq has started to change the political and military alignment of the entire area extending from Egypt to Pakistan.



Charles M. McCann, United Press Foreign Analyst

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 a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Tired of Bigotry
To the Editor: I think that the rottenest letter I every saw printed in the Medford Mail-Tribune was that at top of Communications, Tuesday, March 29, 1955, headed "Gym Use Protested." All credit to the Mail-Tribune for printing it. It's a fine paper.

But—I think that Jehovah's Witnesses have been treated disgracefully in the United States. Why? Just because they do not believe in war. Neither do Friends, nor do Friends (at least back East)—take an oath in court. They merely give their word. As to the matter of saluting the flag—since they believe that an honor reserved to God, I think that is their business.

I am sick and tired of these super-patriots who are always stirring up trouble in this country, including the McCarthy's, the nose folks who made the Girl Scouts change their handbook—imagination the asininity of that—and the school board of Los Angeles which barred UNESCO from Los Angeles schools. I take off my hat to the school board here who did not deny the school gymnasium to Jehovah's Witnesses or any other decent group.

May I say that my family have been in these United States since 1830? If they only came from Europe, Asia or Africa on the last boat, they would still have equal rights with the rest of us. My family has had men in every war that this country ever fought, since long before the American Revolution.

Our men gave their lives for what? For the recent curtailing of every liberty under the sun? We also have in the family the Distinguished Flying Cross, the United Nations Medal, several other medals, a citation from the French government.

I am not a member of Jehovah's Witnesses nor do I agree with all their teachings, but they have a right to their ideas.

May I say in passing that my own grandfather was unfrocked and kicked out of the Methodist Church, for what? For daring to preach against slavery in New York City. At that time you could not be a Christian unless you believed that the black man was made to be a slave to the white. I wonder if the thirteen people who signed that letter ever heard of Jesus, Buddha, Moses, Confucius? They all stood for peace? I hope our thirteen super-patriots will be on the firing line when the next war comes.—How many got shot down in the last ruckus? My son did, twice.

Edith Y. Ingle
338 Bessie St.
Medford, Ore.

Portland Pinball Law Left Standing

Washington—(U.P.)—The Supreme Court has left standing a Portland, Ore., law forbidding pinball machines. In a brief order, the high court rejected the appeal of Stanley G. Terry, who claimed the 1951 statute unconstitutionally deprived him of a \$100,000 investment.

The court held the appeal failed to present a substantial federal question. Terry said his machines, which awarded free games for high scores, were lawfully owned at the time the law was passed and that now he "can do nothing but destroy" them.

The Multnomah County circuit court first held the ordinance invalid on grounds it conflicted with a 1943 state law licensing pinball machines. The Oregon Supreme Court reversed the lower court last April, holding that the state law was merely a taxing measure that left the cities free to abolish the machines under their police powers.

TEETH NEEDED
Moline, Ill.—(U.P.)—A woman complained to police her boy friends forced his way into her apartment and took her false teeth. She said she hopes he can be found because "I'm hungry."

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Matter of Fact

THE MAJOR CASUALTY
Saigon, Indochina—A long, agreeable Chinese dinner; an hour's intricate discussion of the current political crisis in a bright-lit sidewalk cafe; a cool walk homewards in the tropic night; and then the sudden distant rattle of machine gun fire and the heavy, muffled



Joseph Alsop

crump of mortars. Then a long ride in a chance-caught motorcycle rickshaw to the first line of Nationalist tanks, where they say the Binh Xuyen attackers are retreating. A further advance down the Boulevard Gallieni over pavements scattered with mortar fragments to a crossroads clogged with troops, where there is a snick, snick and a young paratrooper is hoisted into an ambulance with a grim, dark hole in his forehead.

After that the battle continuing for a couple of hours, with sudden sprays of rifle fire, hurried leaps behind the concrete terraces where the coolie restaurants put up their tables by day, tanks clattering forward, a company moving up under the dimmed street lights, and a crescendo of fire at the finish.

It was an odd war, this quickly flaring, quickly ending night-fight between the forces of President Ngo Dinh Diem and the tough Binh Xuyen boss of Saigon, Gen. Bai Vien. But it was an important war, because among the rather few casualties, there was one really big one.

For practical purposes, the American policy of using President Diem to save Southern Indochina from the Communists is now as dead as the poor young paratrooper with a bullet through his brain.

It hardly matters whether the current frantic efforts to glue together a new combination result in President Diem remaining at his post. The Diem experiment has failed, and so much time has been wasted that it is very doubtful whether any other experiment can now succeed.

CLEAR notice of the failure of this experiment, even before the present crisis reached fever heat. The all important problem here in Southern Indochina is to halt and roll back the continuous Communist infiltration of the countryside. The supposed instrument for solving this problem is the "Civic Action" organization headed by one of President Diem's confidential staff, Tran Trung Dung.

Tran Trung Dung is an amiable young man. His office in the Norodom Palace, just next to President Diem's, is full of impressive tables of organization showing the chain of command of Civic Action, reaching down from himself, through the provinces and districts, to the vital village level where the Communist cadres are at work. But when I asked how many places in these impressive tables of organization had actually been filled, Tran Trung Dung gave a wry smile and replied with milk embarrassment:

"Well there is a special Civic Action group in the Camau Plain that we got together as an emergency measure when the Viet Minh left that area. But for the rest, I'm afraid there have been too many arguments about the budget and differences among ministers. I'm afraid, to be honest with you, that Civic Action is really just myself, so far."

This little episode, which left one wondering whether to laugh or cry, is a fair symbol of what has happened to the Diem government to date.

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SPELLING RULES GIVEN
Waseca, Minn.—(U.P.)—The Waseca county spelling contest distributed its rules for "determining" the winner.

Orthopedist Opens Office in Medford

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Bolton and their three children moved last week to their new home on Windsor ave., from Hot Springs, N.M.

Dr. Bolton, formerly a staff surgeon at the Crippled Children's hospital there, plans to open offices next week specializing in orthopedic work at the Medical-Dental building at 832 East Main st.

The couple's children are Tommy, 6, Mary Ann, 4, and Jeff, who is one year old.

The doctor was graduated from Northwestern university medical school in Chicago, and did his specialist training there in graduate school. He practiced in Sioux City, Ia., before going to Hot Springs.

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