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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 12, 1945

Medford and Jackson county residents stunned when the nation's news services flashed word shortly before 3 p.m. that President Roosevelt had died at Warm Springs, Ga.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The Commercial club building on the Espee right-of-way will soon be no more than a thing of the past.

20 YEARS AGO
April 12, 1935

Extermination of squirrels is now in full swing in Jackson county, both the government and county participating in the activity.

Residents of Medford and Jackson county discuss a public works bill which would set aside \$900,000,000 for elimination of dangerous grade crossings in the United States.

30 YEARS AGO
April 12, 1925

Two University of Oregon education department experts study sites for a new Medford High school building.

A group of Vernonia residents interested in backing the Kellar-Vanpet Mining and Development company financially inspect mines at Gold Hill.

40 YEARS AGO
April 12, 1915

From News From Our Neighbors column: Herman Meyer, our mail carrier and contractor, has purchased a Ford so as to accommodate the travel on the line between Eagle Point and Lake Creek.

Bishop Sumner, of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, paid his initial visit to Trinity church at Ashland on Sunday.

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
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- 1. Unauthorized wiretapping of phones is less or more common than a few years ago, or about as common?
2. Chicago usually votes Democratic in both national and local elections, only in national, only in local, or in neither, or 3. A Caesarian operation is done in connection with kidney stones, eye cataracts, breast cancer, childbirth, or strangulated hernia?
4. Commander Robert E. Peary discovered the North Pole on April 6, 1889, 1899, 1909, 1919 or 1929?
5. Cranbrook was until recently a type of car put out by Chevrolet, Dodge, Ford, Packard, Plymouth or Studebaker?
6. Mauritius is an island southeast of Africa, west of Formosa, east of Florida, due south of India, or in the Arctic Circle?
7. Which of these are artifacts: tricks, Indian relics, blood vessels, synthetic gems, works of art?
The Answers: 1. More common. 2. Usually in both. 3. Childbirth. 4. 1909. 5. Plymouth. 6. Southeast of Africa. 7. Indian relics.

A Deserved Rebuke

President Schmitz of the University of Washington has been taught a much needed lesson—intolerance and bigotry in education don't pay.

Several months ago President Schmitz withdrew the name of Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, as a lecturer before a gathering of American scientists to be held at the university.

He would give no explanation except he did not think the appearance of this famous nuclear expert would "be in the best interest of the university."

When both students and faculty protested Dr. Schmitz referred his action to the Board of Regents and was sustained.

SO UP to that time the Seattle educator was sitting pretty. But this action which was clearly based upon the McCarthy view of guilt by suspicion and prejudice unsupported by the facts, did not go so well elsewhere.

In fact so many prominent scientists in the country rebelled that the proposed convention had to be abandoned — no scientists of any note would endorse such educational bigotry by their attendance. Protests even came from educators abroad.

LAST week the Washington faculty took a vote on the President's action and while they risked their jobs and good standing with the powers-that-be—not only the President but the Board of Regents — they voted 56 to 40 to condemn it.

The cancellation of another scientific meeting at the university did not help any. The faculty majority then passed the following resolution:

"We earnestly hope that our colleagues from other institutions will again feel free to join us from time to time for scholarly discussions on our campus."

This hope will be shared by all right-thinking people and particularly by all loyal friends of academic freedom, and supporters of the theory that the search for truth must never be halted or diverted by prejudices or passions in the field of education, no matter how popular such intolerances may be in certain political circles, at any given time.—R.W.R.

War Still Not Likely

President Eisenhower's latest move regarding Formosa renders an all-out war over the Matsu and Quemoy islands less likely than ever.

For, as reported from the White House, the most recent order is that in case there should be an attack on these islands, the Chinese Nationalists will be given the job of defense, while U. S. forces will stand aloof, until the chief executive determines whether or not Formosa is actually threatened.

If Formosa is not threatened then the United States will not participate.

And, of course, if the Nationalists should be able to repel an invasion Formosa would not be threatened.

SO there are two chances no large scale war will occur — not in the near future at least.

One: The Nationalist defense, in case of attack, might be sufficient.

Two: Even if not, the Chinese Reds might announce that they would abandon any attempt to take Formosa and agree to a cease-fire if the United States would allow them to hold these off-shore islands.

TO SOME the latter may seem very unlikely, but according to reliable sources Britain's new Premier, Anthony Eden, is trying to persuade Mao to do that very thing.

The Chinese lobby would be horrified. But President Eisenhower might consider the fact of avoiding an all-out war, without allies, would be sufficient compensation.

Finally Secretary of the Army Stevens returns from a two-weeks tour of the Far East including a stop in Formosa and sees no likelihood of any major offensive by the Chinese Reds in the near future.

SO, all in all, this department sees no reason to modify its prediction of several weeks ago that while there promises to be a great deal of tough talk by China, and war-talk by statesmen, both in this country and abroad, there will, in the foreseeable future, at least, probably be no World War III, for the simple basic reason that no chief participant in such a war really wants it.—R.W.R.

"Play Ball!"

The opening of the baseball season is a welcome change from war-alarms, the renewed fulminations of Joe McCarthy, and the various and sundry hassles preliminary to another presidential election.

From today until the football season opens the stirring call of "Play Ball" will resound throughout the land, and the competition particularly in the Big Leagues, promises to be unusually keen and exciting.

As usual the Mail Tribune will maintain a strict neutrality, doesn't care what team wins, so long as the New York teams DON'T.

The Giants and the Yankees have had too many national pennants as it is. The winning honors should not be confined to the island of Manhattan so exclusively, but should hereafter be passed around at least as far west as Cleveland, and perhaps even further to Milwaukee.—R.W.R.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

Hong Kong—The visit to Saigon from which this reporter has just returned, has inspired two pretty unhappy questions.



Joseph Alsop

First, have we not reached almost the same state in Asia that was reached in Europe when Britain so desperately guaranteed Poland? And second, does not this connect rather directly with the vital decision on Quemoy and the Matsu Islands?

Trying first to answer the first question, the crisis in Saigon still drags on, but the outcome will surely be bad. Whether there is more shooting or a lame compromise, the prevailing condition of non-government in Southern Indochina is bound to get worse, not better.

The French will ask, for example, a question we must answer. What does the American government propose to do with the 700,000 tragic refugees from the Communist North, for whom the United States has a direct moral responsibility? Are these poor people to be left where they are, to swim for it or die, after being exploited as a kind of ghastly public relations stunt by the authorities in Washington?

It is already high time to think about this problem, and about the many French problems, such as the 50,000 or so French citizens and passport holders in South Viet Nam. Thinking of them may lead to some very unpalatable results, such as an eventual French request for American ground troops. But these essentially local problems fade into insignificance, when compared to the wider consequences of the new Communist victory that now seems to loom ahead.

THESE wider consequences of the loss of Southern Indochina will first be felt, of course, in South Asia. And all the evidence suggests, unfortunately, that the position in South Asia has worsened a lot since the pompous Bangkok conference that was supposed to draw so many un-crossable lines.

In Laos, chaos reigns; and the Communist-led Pathet lao are creeping nearer and nearer to a place in what passes for the Laotian government.

In Cambodia, the doughty little king is out, leaving confusion behind. And the Cambodian Democratic party, the only party having links with the all important villages, now seems to be successfully infiltrated by crypto-Communists.

The party machinery has lately been taken over by a group of young Cambodians returned from studies in France. The French Communists have long maintained a special trapping system for such colonial students and there are good reasons to believe that the new Cambodian Democratic party leaders are among those who were trapped.

In Thailand, finally, there is now hard evidence that the Communists have full scale, classical "liberated areas" in the Betong salient and elsewhere along the Malayan border. These Communist areas in the far South will usefully support the number one Siamese Communist stooge, Pridi Phanomyong, whose personal base is also in Southern Siam. Meanwhile, in the northeast, across the border from Laos, the number two stooge, Teing Sirikohnd is also organizing on an extensive scale.

In short, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand more than ever look like set ups for the Communist Walls-of-Jericho trick. By this trick, a country is made to fall by mere internal subversion and external threat, with no coarse border crossings to make the Manila pact inconveniently applicable. The fall of Southern Indochina will be the first blast of the trumpets of the Communist Joshua.

Laos and Cambodia are the keys to Thailand. Thailand is the key to Malaya, Indonesia and Burma. Southeast Asia, in turn, is the key to India and Japan. And the loss of South Asia will surely produce grim repercussions further afield, in the Middle East, North Africa and even Europe.

SUCH is the unending prospect of disaster that is beginning to open out. No one can be certain that these disasters will happen, since the future is never certain. But they are just about as foreseeable, let us say, as Hitler's progress was foreseeable after Munich, from the Sudetenland to Prague to Danzig and to Poland. In other words, there are the best reasons to think that the progressive upset of the Asian balance of power has not reached exactly the stage that the same process reached in Eu-

rope post-Munich.

In these circumstances it is no use saying that fighting for Quemoy and the Matsus is militarily illogical. The British guarantee to Poland was both militarily illogical and morally dubious. Britain could not contribute to Poland's defense and did not honor the guarantee, even in victory.

It is no use saying, either, that these dreary rocks in the Formosa Strait are a poor pretext. We missed the best pretext to deal with the Asian problem in Korea and the next best at the time of Dien Bien Phu, just as the British missed five superior pretexts before taking a stand on Poland.

These arguments are not valid for the same reason that the arguments against the guarantee to Poland were not valid. Whatever its defects, the guarantee to Poland saved Britain on the naked edge of an abyss. It was Neville Chamberlain's last chance to take a stand. If he had waited even a little later, it would have been too late. All Europe would have been lost, and Britain would have had to beg for terms from Adolf Hitler.

IN THE present case, if all Asia is lost, we may not have to beg for terms. But if we do not beg, we shall surely have to fight a much worse war with infinitely heavier handicaps.

There are other good reasons, of course, for taking our stand on Quemoy and the Matsus. There is the strong possibility that Formosa itself can be lost on these little islands. There is the absolute certainty that the world Communist leadership will never again believe the American government until the shooting actually starts. Why should they, if we once more repeat the Dien Bien Phu pattern of big talk followed by a quick backdown.

But those who oppose taking a stand on Quemoy and the Matsus must above all suggest practical means of holding South Asia or indicate how the free world is to survive after the loss of all of Asia. Otherwise their pleas for just one more backdown are like saying a man should wait to use his fist until his legs have been cut off, so that he can be quite sure his enemy really is his enemy.

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Communications

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Tolerance and Education

To the Editor: I have been following with keen interest the issue raised of freedom for minority groups, brought on by Jehovah's Witnesses having use of a public school to show an educational film. Especially appreciate your fine editorial of April 4. In this regard, a recent issue of Look showed in an article on a census of tolerance and intolerance that the more education one has, the more tolerant they are.

Regarding Mr. Santo's prejudiced letter of April 6. He made the statement "They forbid you to read the Christian Bible (just their New World Trans)". This New World Trans. was only published in 1950. What did they read all the years before that? The reason Jehovah's Witnesses call on the people is to encourage personal Bible study in their homes. They encourage them to read any and all of the many excellent translations available.

As accurate Bible students, the witnesses realize that in copying the inspired original manuscripts by hand, the element of human frailty entered in and so none of the thousands of copies extant today in the original language are exactly alike. But the differences are slight and one with a humble heart can get the truth from any one of them.

The reason for the modern language New World translation, is that the progress of modern living language with its changes in meanings of words and in forms of expression, calls for a new, up-to-date presentation to make the scriptures fully alive and appealing to the understanding.

In the publications of the Watchtower Society there is a list of symbols of twelve Bible versions, among which are Protestant, Catholic and Jewish translations. A footnote says "Unless otherwise stated, the Bible used is the King James Version."

The above information is ample proof that Mr. Santo has been greatly misinformed. It is

Actress Has No Plan To Wed Schine

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Piper Laurie said today she has no plans right now to marry Pvt. G. David Schine, the center of the stormy McCarthy - Army hearings, or anyone else.

Miss Laurie issued a statement after it was learned an unsigned marriage application for Rosetta Jacobs, 21, her real name, and Gerald David Schine, 26, was on file at Anchorage, Alaska, where the former investigator for Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy now is stationed.

Schine, serving as a military policeman at Fort Richardson near Anchorage, was not available for comment on the application, which was dated April 5. The document requires signatures by both parties before it becomes official.

Miss Laurie, in a statement issued through her studio yesterday, said "David Schine and I have been friends for several years and we have dated intermittently during that time. But right now I have no plans to marry him or anyone else."

only reasonable that if he has falsified his first statement, the rest of his accusations would not be valid.

In closing I ask, "Would you ask prejudiced scribes and Pharisees what Jesus believed? Then why listen to prejudiced sources on what the witnesses believe. Let the witnesses themselves tell you.

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Permit To Kill Deer Denied for Farmers

Portland — (U.P.) — The State Game Commission yesterday denied a permit to Leslie and Everett Lee, Cherry Grove farmers, to kill more deer on their land. The Lees killed 32 deer that invaded their pasture last month, starting a controversy that spread over the state. They indicated they would abide by the decision.

Mrs. Everett Lee said her husband and her father-in-law felt that an either-sex deer season this fall would help solve the deer problem in the area.



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Helser Had Own Stock Averages

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Attorneys for the Securities and Exchange Commission charged yesterday that the J. Henry Helser Investment Company created its own stock averages which "gave better performance than Dow Jones."

The SEC has filed an injunction suit against the Portland, Ore. investment firm charging fraudulent practices. The case is being heard by Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman without a jury.

SEC attorney Frank Kennamer read into the record an excerpt from the official company publication in which Helser's chief statistician, Charles Zullinden, claimed the company's averages used as a yardstick to gauge stock had risen 9.97 points higher than the Dow Jones figures for a comparable period in 1954.

J. Henry Helser, president of the company, took the stand for the third day and testified that he did not know the Helser averages had been disclosed to anyone outside the company.

The trial has been in progress for six days and was expected to last at least another week.

Each year the U.S. army Corps of Engineers removes from New York harbor about 2.5 million cubic yards of sand and silt carried down the Hudson mostly by the natural currents.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 1 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.