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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 17, 1945
(That was Monday)
The body of the late President
Franklin Delano Roosevelt rests
on the family estate overlooking
the Hudson river; President
Harry S. Truman says he will
support and defend "Roosevelt
Ideals."

20 YEARS AGO
April 17, 1935
(That was Tuesday)
Olin Arnsperger, Herb Grey,
Roland Hubbard, W. F. Thierolf,
K. W. Kendrick, H. A. Theiloff
and Eugene Thorndike elected
to serve two years on the board
of directors of the Jackson County
Chamber of Commerce.

30 YEARS AGO
April 17, 1925
(That was Thursday)
Medford school board calls
for an election May 5 to vote
bonds for a new high school
site and building.

40 YEARS AGO
April 17, 1915
(That was Friday)
From the Local and Personal
columns: A new hotel will be
built at McCloud to replace the
one burned last month.

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report
1. The Supreme Court was
unanimous or divided May 17,
1954, in ruling against racial
segregation in public schools?

2. Cash incomes of over \$4000
a year are enjoyed by more or
less than half of all U.S. families
these days?
3. The Cadillac car is named
for a sports figure, educator,
scientist, explorer, inventor, or
business leader?

4. The Hippocratic oath binds
dentists, lawyers, gov't employ-
ees, Communists, doctors, or
teachers?
5. Of each dollar spent by
housewives for food produced
by the U.S. farmer today, he
gets about 33c, 43c, 53c, 63c,
or 73c?

6. The name of premier Selba
of Italy is pronounced Skelba,
She'ba or Selba?
7. Loupe is a species of wolf,
part of downtown Chicago, men-
tal deficient, knitting stitch, air-
plane stunt, or jeweler's magni-
fying glass?

The Answers: 1. Unanimous.
2. Slightly more than half. 3.
Explorer (founder of Detroit).
4. Doctors. 5. About 43c. 6.
Selba. 7. Jeweler's magnifying
glass.

Dulles Needs a Holiday

We would not criticize President Eisenhower for taking so many golf vacations, but we would criticize Secretary Dulles for not taking more.

In fact we can't recall that Mr. Dulles has ever had a vacation. If he has—in recent years, at least—it is a fairly safe wager he took his brief case and at least one secretary with him.

"All work and no play" makes even the most scholarly and skillful member of the cabinet a dull boy.

And there is a vast accumulation of evidence that the Secretary of State is in danger of having the first half of his name emphasized as much or more than it was when he ran for the U. S. Senate, if he doesn't watch out and take more time out also.

EVEN the stalwart and loyal Republican Oregonian is complaining. It terms the recent ouster of Edward J. Corsi as special assistant to the Secretary, for example, as astounding.

There is something radically wrong with the administration's personnel programs and the best way to get on with correction is to face it. Perhaps the storm that has arisen will shake the administration into a realization that major changes in personnel policies are in order.

But who was responsible for this "astounding" action?

None other than Secretary of State Dulles. He had to give the green light and the red one. Moreover Mr. Dulles declared the prominent New York Republican of Italian origin the best choice imaginable for taking over the administration of the immigration laws, and then 90 days later, kicked him out, declaring him insubordinate and inefficient.

BUT that wasn't all. Before this explanation "Mr. Secretary" said he did not question Mr. Corsi's loyalty or ability, but he had to let him go because the appointment had been for only 90 days and his term had run out. As was suggested at the press conference at that time, why couldn't a reappointment be made, a question which was ignored, but another appointment was suggested which the gentleman from New York declined. Mr. Corsi remarked then that nothing had ever been said to him about a 90-day term, had there been he would have not agreed to serve. He did not go so far as to question Mr. Dulles' veracity, but he did question his "good faith," and what he termed his "integrity."

A HEARING regarding this case is now in progress and probably the real facts will be brought out, particularly as to whether Mr. Corsi was removed because of incompetence, because his 90 day term had expired or as some observers believe, because of vague charges of the McCarthy variety that at some time in the dim and distant past, Mr. Corsi was a member of the Communist party.

But we are not so greatly concerned with this Corsi case, per se, as we are with the cumulative evidence of which it is only a part. And that evidence makes it clear our Secretary of State is showing the effects of strain and fatigue and is in need of rest and recreation.

THERE was the release of the Yalta papers for example, a short time back. When Mr. Dulles was asked just why he took this action at the time and place he did, instead of answering he flew into a rage, turned on the interrogator with clenched fist and stalked off to his plane, leaving his companion, the Canadian ambassador, alone and forced to run to catch up with him.

THAT is not like the self-controlled, scholarly and courteous head of the state department, either during the present administration or the preceding one.

In fact, a tape recording of the Secretary's recent remarks regarding domestic and foreign affairs, from Formosa to the recent speech by Adlai Stevenson, would reveal an extent of confusion and contradiction which can only be explained by the fact the conscientious head of our state department had tried to do too much of late, and should have a holiday.

We have a high opinion of Mr. Dulles' devotion to duty and country, his fund of knowledge, his vast and varied experience—but too much—is too much. And that is what Mr. Dulles had had the past year or two.

SO OUR suggestion to the Oregonian and the powers-that-be in Washington is that the Secretary be given a well deserved vacation, and let the second-in-command take over for a while.

If such action would necessitate the President cutting short his vacation in Atlanta or cutting a few holes of golf, we are quite sure the President would be not only willing but delighted to do it for the sake of the cause.—R.W.R.

The McCarran Act

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore; send these the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden-door."

That is the well-known inscription on the Statue of Liberty beneath the torch that has been held aloft in New York harbor all these years.

WHEN the Corsi inquiry ends there is little doubt the fact will be clear that the basic trouble in the controversy has been in the acceptance of the philosophy of that Lazarus sonnet, by one side, and its rejection by the other.

The McCarran immigration law was designed, and even more clearly, interpreted, to keep "the huddled masses" out of the country, and admit only the better grade of citizens, with a particular scrutiny of

Matter of Fact

Taipei, Formosa — Partly because of the extraordinary vicillations of the Eisenhower administration, trouble on Formosa must certainly be expected if Quemoy and the Matsus are finally surrendered to the Communists.



Joseph Alsop

American action on the issue of the offshore island through the eyes of those most directly affected and you realize at once that the danger of demoralization here on Formosa is bound to be considerable.

Item one on the record is President Eisenhower's famous "unleashing of Chiang Kai-shek," and his sharp attack on the Truman administration for pursuing precisely the policy that the Eisenhower administration has now embodied in the Formosa treaty. To give reality to the "unleashing," the American policy makers strongly pressed the Generalissimo to occupy the offshore islands in force.

Until this pressure was applied in 1953, even Quemoy was rather lightly held. Everyone on Formosa assumed that the island positions were expendable before they were occupied in force. It was by American request, then, that the Generalissimo in effect committed himself, before his army and his people, to defend the offshore islands with all his power.

Item two on the record is the quick switch that the Eisenhower administration made last fall, as soon as the Chinese Communist threat to the islands became serious. Overruling three of the four Joint Chiefs of Staff, President Eisenhower decided that the islands which the Generalissimo had committed himself to defend by American request, were now to be abandoned without a fight.

The result was the Administration policy paper widely known in the inner circles as "Fifty-Four Forty/No Fight." As decided by the President, this paper took the firm position that the United States would not assist in the defense of the offshore islands.

BUT in January, came item three, when "Fifty-Four/No Fight" was suddenly junked in favor of a new decision to abandon the Tachens but to defend Quemoy and the Matsus. This new policy was so firmly agreed on that on Jan. 19 Secretary of State John Foster Dulles formally promised Chinese Foreign Minister George Yeh that Quemoy and the Matsus would be publicly guaranteed by the President himself.

According to Dulles, the President was going to give this public guarantee as soon as the Congress had passed the Formosa resolution. On the strength of the minutes of the Dulles-Yeh conversation, American Ambassador Karl Rankin also publicly forecast a guarantee of Quemoy and the Matsus here in Taipei. Meanwhile other American military and political leaders were making fighting noises of the kind that were also heard in Washington in the early stages of the Dienbienphu crisis.

Finally, the fourth item in the record was the President's repudiation of his Secretary of State's promise; his refusal to give any public guarantee of Quemoy and the Matsus; and the resulting adoption of the policy—or is it the non-policy?—of "keeping them guessing." This phase has lasted to the present day, with such incidents as Admiral Carney's background talk about atomic war by April 15 to give it spice.

From this truly fantastic record of continuous tergiversation, one point stands out very clearly. The importance that Quemoy and the Matsus have now acquired in the eyes of Formosa and of Asia is marked "made in America." We might have got away with abandoning the islands after pressing the Generalissimo to occupy them. But we could not and cannot get away with abandoning the islands after the much publicized January decision to defend them. The first half of the Dien Bien

By Joseph Alsop

Phu pattern, of big, bold, brave talk, has again been traced out in Washington. If we also repeat the second half of that pattern, following the big, bold, brave talk with a quick slink when the chips are down, the effect will be shattering in Asia. And it will be most shattering of all here on Formosa.

WITH some reason in view of the record, an American refusal to aid in the defense of the islands will now be regarded here as a shocking betrayal. It can at least be expected to produce the kind of anti-American manifestations that occurred at the time of the Tachen evacuation. And they are likely to be much more serious than the "pro-austerity" riot at a Sino-American charity fashion show which was then organized by the more anti-foreign group in the government.

How much further the thing will go, is far more difficult to tell. On the one hand, there is the record of 1950, the last time when the Communists were seriously threatening to attack this island. In the period before the outbreak of the Korean war ended the threat to Formosa, there were the most widespread and alarming signs of disaffection here.

Among a considerable number of traitors in key places, the most significant was the deputy chief of general staff, Gen. Wu Shieh. Gen. Wu Shieh led a considerable group recruited within the general staff and in other key positions, and he was in direct radio communication with Peiping.

According to well authenticated report, Wu Shieh and his group might never have been caught, if they had not actually dared to hold an after hours meeting in the government palace itself. A clean up coolie blundered into the meeting with his mop and pail. One of the conspirators over excitedly shot him on the spot. The noise brought the guards, and so the plot was revealed, and Wu Shieh was executed early in June, 1950.

There is no doubt at all that the Peiping government is now trying to encourage new treacheries here on Formosa. The return to Communist China of the Generalissimo's old favorite, Gen. Wei Lihuang, was part of a well planned and well organized effort. Other such returns are to be expected. Part of the same effort, too, is the prominence accorded the turncoats already in Peiping. In the reorganization of the Peiping government, ex-associates of Chiang Kai-shek have been given over a score of places on the Communist National Military Council.

ON THE other side of the ledger, meanwhile, there is the stern and efficient police job that has been done on Formosa by the Generalissimo's son, Gen. Chiang Ching-kuo. However much key persons may be tempted to throw in the sponge if America abandons the islands, the fact remains that treachery on Formosa is no longer the easy business it once was.

Balance the strictness of Chiang Ching-kuo's police against the evidence on the other side, and you get a very real doubt. It is certain that if the United States does not assist in the defense of the offshore islands, the military and political demoralization here will be severe. But it is uncertain, because of the prevailing police measures, whether this demoralization will lead to more openly serious consequences. Most probably it will not, but the risk cannot be altogether ignored.

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Six Contractors Plan To Bid on CP Building

Central Point—Six contractors have submitted prequalification forms and have been invited to submit bids on construction of the proposed city fire hall-library annex, according to city officials.

The contractors include Besonette and Graff, Myron Corcoran, E. J. Fairweather, and Don Jacobs, all of Medford; Minshall Construction Company, Jacksonville, and H. G. Carl Construction company, Salem. The Salem firm is now working on construction of the county courthouse annex.

Not All Delinquents

To the Editor—Nowadays we hear so much talk about juvenile delinquents, and very little mention of the juveniles who are not delinquent, I feel it is time I told of an experience I recently had with two teenage boys who might well be classed in the latter category.

I had occasion last week to pick up a passenger at a bus depot in Medford and while there my purse fell out of the car. I did not discover the loss until I got home. I returned immediately to the bus depot but could not find the purse. Upon my return home a telephone call from the Medford police station informed me that a couple of boys had found and brought in my purse.

There was quite a considerable sum in checks and cash in the purse and everything was intact when I recovered the purse.

Although I gave the boys a small cash reward, I feel it isn't enough to express my appreciation and besides I wish to call attention to the fact we do have some teenagers who are not delinquents. So let us not condemn the whole group, but give praise when it is due, and we will probably find more to praise than to censure.

Thank you again, boys, if you should read this. Mrs. R. E. Hughes, Rt. 2, Box 220, Medford, Ore.

Communications

To the Editor: 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.

Many Gates to Heaven
To the Editor: It matters not what one's religious beliefs are, but one particle bit so long as it helps you to be a better man or woman, contributing to the harmony of your community and your country, for there are many, many gateways to the realms of heaven.

It is most presumptuous and displays a lack of wisdom for any one group to hold that theirs is the only one, the right one.

The great worry is when any one group becomes over-dominant and starts imposing its beliefs on others. Like the old blue laws of early days when it was a serious offense for a man to be seen kissing his wife on Sunday. And yet, it took a sizable barrel of whiskey to help ordain a minister of the gospel in those times. And the sod of England was stained red in her endeavor to impose her religious belief on others. One reason why many of our forefathers came here where independence for the individual is honored.

But the most reassuring thought to me and many others of my acquaintance is the sure knowledge that goodness of heart reigns in the majority of mankind. No matter how we may backslide into a welter of brute savagery, blood and tears, our overall progress is to a better, a more tolerant way of life.

When gospel crusaders come to our door, they are asked inside to where the flag of our country reposes in a corner of the living room, ready for display on suitable days. Honoring the flag is the first request, then they can tell their story if they make it short, and it is generally short for they do not seem interested that it is that flag which guarantees their right to do what they're doing.

It sure does give me a good feeling to know that these visitors, obviously intolerant, are not in position to impose their will on me. There is at least that much good derived from such meetings.

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Poisonous Sprays

To the Editor: The February 17, 1955 edition of the Oregon Farmer quotes Dr. David E. Price, assistant surgeon general, U. S. Public Health Service, as stating in an address that: "Organic phosphorus compounds recently introduced, sprayed on a plant, translocated to other parts of that plant, including the fruit. Was considered quite unstable. Recent experiments have shown this is untrue. Fruit sprayed heavily with these compounds remain toxic to experimental animals for many months."

The Pacific Grange Farmer of March 5, 1955, says of the super-hush G-gas, the nerve gas which is deadly in droplet form... be used on apples and pears this year. Dematon, which is general name... available under the label of Syston.

Dr. Coda Martin of New York in talks on DDT and related poison spoke of needed research on these dangerous chemicals which are indiscriminately and lavishly sprayed on food.

The Geneva conference passed laws prohibiting use of chemicals on our enemies during the war yet we use the same kind of chemicals on our foods with the sanction of our government. This seems to be insane to say the least. Remember these poisons are cumulative in soil, food, animals and men. Some are more sensitive to the chemicals than others.

Julia Grissom, Rt. 3, Box 75, Medford, Ore.

WINDFALL

Schools in Jackson county are sure now there is a Santa Claus. He is the Jackson county budget committee consisting of the county court and three appointed members. This committee decided to distribute \$685,859.07 of the \$815,000 coming from the county share of O&C reserved funds to the school districts of the county on the ratio of the school census. Use of the funds will be limited to payment of bonded indebtedness of the school districts. The process by which this allocation will be legalized will be through adoption of the county budget for the next fiscal year.

These funds are derived from the proceeds of sales of timber from the so-called controverted lands. This controversy extended over many years and related to lands that would have been in the O&C railroad grant but were locked in national forests. Recently the dispute was terminated by a new law and by a court decision. The funds which were held in escrow in the treasury during the interval came to a total of around five million dollars. The O&C counties are to receive 75 per cent of this sum.

Budget committees of other counties will have to decide what use to make of their share of this windfall. (Unfortunately Marion county's share is not large.) Some will devote it to road improvements, others may spend it on county buildings. Jackson county sets an example by giving schools the lion's share, and friends of the schools in other counties may press for similar recognition.

This windfall will come only once. Hereafter distribution to counties will be made on an annual basis, as has been true of receipts from the two million acres administered by the bureau of land management. — Oregon (Salem) Statesman.

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

Nine-year-old: Daddy, what's Norman Vincent Peale's address?
Daddy: I don't know, off-hand. Why?
N-Y-O: I want to write him to ask how to make other kids do things I want to instead of what they want to.

Assigned to view one of the new industrial installations here last week, a reporter returned to the office exhausted and in a complete state of befuddlement. The scribe related that on reaching the plant site he contacted his guide-to-be and they started out. The guide first rushed over to a big pile of dirt, peered briefly into the hole from which it had been scooped, cursed briefly but feelingly and galloped toward another dirt pile some distance away. The reporter, wondering what was in the hole to cause the agitation, also looked in but saw nothing except a small pool of water at the bottom. The process was repeated at three or four more dirt piles, the guide's excitement and the temperature of his vocabulary increasing at each stop.

Finally, the guide having run out of dirt piles, and expletives, the reporter caught up with him and asked what the trouble was. "Leaks!" said the guide. And thus ended the inspection and the interview.

Staff member got to wondering last week if Medford Elks are polygamous. Asked why, she explained that many of the notices which come to the paper from the Lady Elks start out: "All wives of Elk members..."

Camp White — "Blackie" is now one of the veterans—handicapped by having only one leg. He doesn't seem to mind his disability, hopping around with the others, and making the best of things. It is interesting to watch him catch his balance, lean over

and pick up what he wants from the ground. Blackie "belongs" now, and the other birds pay no attention to his struggles to keep up with them on his one leg. And he manages to get along fairly well. There is not a peep out of him. Blackie is a one legged blackbird, who hops around in the flock that alights on the lawn at the guard house and forages for food. He has no trouble at all in flying. And the way he manages to cover ground and stand on one leg is a marvel.

Many birds, especially water fowl, stand on one leg as a habit. But they don't have to move around so much. Hans Sorenson doesn't mind the birds coming into his garden, and he has several pets, chief among whom is Blackie who he regards as another handicapped veteran. And he didn't learn how to overcome his handicap from corrective therapy. Nature taught him how to make the adjustment in order to survive.

"Baby," the bantam chicken shown on the society picture page today with Nathan Werthebe, 3 1/2, was a frustrated mother for a time recently. She was found last week on a hidden nest, sitting on 17 eggs, in true mother-hen style. The eggs, however, were infertile, so her owners took them from her, but provided her with four new Hampshire red chicks. She makes a good mother to the chicks, it is reported, but the Werthebes are wondering what will happen when the chicks get to be larger than she is—in just a few weeks, too.

Mother to five-year-old son as they entered a local hospital to visit a friend: "We're going into the hospital where you were born." Son, all excited: "Do we get to see the machine?"

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As these words are written, the world is beginning to adjust itself to the probability that polio is about to join smallpox as a grisly terror that once was but no longer is.

Dr. Thomas Francis Jr., who headed up the job of evaluating the Salk vaccine, says he plans to return to his work on the influenza virus—on which, he says plenty of work remains to be done.

Nobel Prize Winner John Enders of Harvard Medical School picks measles as the next target for vaccine protection. He tells the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Boston that gamma globulin protects against measles for a few weeks, but something more lasting is needed.

There is a new lead on leukemia, the grim killer that destroys the blood cells and the organs that produce them. Almost every day there are new developments that lead us to hope that the conquest of cancer is not too far distant.

And so on.

WOULDN'T it be wonderful if someone could find a way to destroy the bug that causes the disease that leads ambitious despots to GO TO WAR when they can't get what they want any other way?

WHAT brings up another interesting little squib in the news: According to the latest estimates of the bureau of the census, the population of the United States on March 1 of this year was 164,387,000.

Our population is expected to exceed 200 MILLIONS by 1975.

HOW COME? Well, as we check the ravager of disease, fewer people die. As—thanks to the flowering of the mechanical revolution—the future seems more secure, more babies are born. Families increase in size.

With more people being born and fewer people dying at an untimely age, it is inevitable that population will increase.

IS THAT good? Or is it bad? At the moment, I wouldn't know. I found it necessary to drive across the fabulous area that we call the city of Los Angeles the other day. It took nearly four hours.

It took so long for a simple and fundamental reason. In spite of all the huge freeways that are being built in that area, there just ISN'T ROOM ENOUGH for all the automobiles to get around.

So one spends more time waiting than he spends moving.

WHY IS Los Angeles so congested? The answer to that one is quite simple. Everybody in the country has taken a notion to live in Southern California—OR ELSE. Los Angeles will go on growing until the time comes when there is no longer any more room to stand on.

That time isn't here—but it's getting closer. AS LOS Angeles gets more congested and standing room gets scarcer, people are moving northward. The Bay area is crawling with people. As the Bay area gets still more congested, people will go on moving northward.

The era of the wide open spaces is drawing to its close. WHAT of the future? Again I wouldn't know. But here's another interesting little item: The United States has just added another new citizen. He is Dr. Wehrner von Braun, the 41-year-old German scientist WHO IS THE WORLD'S FOREMOST AUTHORITY ON SPACE TRAVEL. He was naturalized in Hunstville, Ala. Maybe, as this globe we call The Earth gets more and more congested, he'll teach us how to move on to other planets.