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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 19, 1945

It was Thursday)
The city council has authorized a call for bids to remove four old dwellings on East Main st. for a new city park.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Rural residents are cutting next winter's wood. This is admirable long-headedness, and beats national milliners, who generally have the Older Girls buying next fall's the last week of April.

20 YEARS AGO
April 19, 1935

It was Friday)
B. E. Harder was re-elected president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

The finest work of art in Medford, the Palm memorial, was accepted by Mayor George Porter as a gift to the city in dedication ceremonies.

30 YEARS AGO
April 19, 1925

It was Sunday)
Residents of Ashland circulate petition asking the county to improve Dead Indian road to the Lake O' Woods.

Snow was falling at Crater lake today, adding to 17 feet reported at the rim and almost 12 feet at Anna Spring camp.

40 YEARS AGO
April 19, 1915

It was Monday)
From the Local and Personal column: Sunday was the ninth anniversary of the San Francisco fire and earthquake, one of the most devastating holocausts of modern times.

Figures from the county treasurer's office show that about 65 per cent of the total assessments have been collected this year.

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

1. The British colony of Hong Kong is on the Chinese mainland, just off the mainland or some distance from it?

2. Has food on the whole or more in price in the last 15 years?

3. Fulton is the name of the steamboat inventor, a proposed new TVA plant, a New York fish market or a Missouri town where Churchill made a speech?

4. Records prove that middle-aged workers are on the whole less efficient than young ones; right or wrong?

5. Leader of the British Labor party is "Nye" Bevan, "Ernie" Bevin, "Clem" Attlee, "Herb" Morrison, or Sir Stafford Cripps?

6. All gaps in the inter American Highway from the Rio Grande to the Panama Canal are south of Mexico; right or wrong?

7. Perry Como, singer, was recently signed to a long-term contract by the American, Columbia, Mutual or National Broadcasting system?

The Answers: 1. Just off the mainland. 2. Food as a whole. 3. All four. 4. Wrong. 5. Attlee. 6. Right. 7. National.

A recent survey showed 74 per cent of all U.S. families owned pianos.

"To Be or Not To Be?"

The only certain thing about the situation in Formosa and its environs is the uncertainty. There is plenty of information, but the information is so contradictory that no clear picture can be obtained.

ONLY a week ago, for example, President Eisenhower announced the threat of war in the Far East as pronounced by Admiral Carney, was a phoney. He felt he had as good sources of information available as anyone, and in his judgment any attack by the Chinese Reds, looked as of then more remote than ever.

BUT over the recent week end, the President called Secretary of State Dulles to Augusta because of the alarming increase of military strength in China, especially in the air and on the mainland opposite Formosa. The conclusion generally drawn by the public was that Admiral Carney might not have been so off the beam as previously supposed.

How will the picture look tomorrow? All one can do is guess. No one can KNOW.

AGAIN—Only a few weeks ago Chiang Kai-shek announced that not only was his return to the Chinese mainland inevitable (even if he had to go it alone), but the "zero hour" might come almost any time.

But now according to the latest report from Formosa all idea of a return to the mainland in the near future in an effort to reconquer China—alone or otherwise by force—has been abandoned.

The idea of the Nationalists now, it seems, is to await a counter-revolution in Red China, to stimulate same by political propaganda and infiltration in every way then join with the counter revolutionists, in a triumphal march on Peking, when and only when the psychological time comes.

Who is right? Who is wrong? At this distance it is impossible to tell. And yet to have any clear idea about what is likely to happen over there in the near future—or in the world—one must know the facts, at least some of them.

THE picture is not much clearer here at home. The two facts regarding Formosa which are clear—or as clear and certain as anything in this uncertain world can be—are:

No. 1: The American people don't want war over Formosa, Quemoy, the Matsus, or any other islands in the Pacific 8,000 or 10,000 miles away. They don't want another world war ANYWHERE in which they would have to participate—period!

No. 2: The same American people don't want Red China to get these islands, to extend their control further over Asia, and nothing they would like better than to see Chiang Kai-shek return to the mainland drive out Mao, and restore a respectable democratic and civilized regime to that vast overpopulated and suddenly awakened country.

WHICH sentiment is the stronger? The sentiment against war or against Red China. Ah, there is the rub—who knows?

Only the future and its developments can determine.

But just as eventually Formosa will have to be the property of Chiang OR Red China! So eventually in this struggle in the Far East between the communist and the free world, one side or the other must back down, or there will have to be war.

Which will it be? Retreat or catastrophe?

PROBABLY President Eisenhower will have more—or as much—to do with making the final decision, than any other individual.

We don't envy him his job. And not very long ago he declared to a listening world:

"There is no alternative to peace."

One need not question the President's sincerity and still grant that there is an alternative, there is also no doubt that circumstances which the President can't control may force him into waging war. For there is an alternative to peace—a war in self defense even if the alternative would be unsatisfactory.

Hamlet under somewhat similar circumstances observed that the world was out of joint, and cursed the fate that he should have the task of setting it aright, then concluding as follows:

"Thus conscience does make cowards of us all; And thus the native hue of resolution Is sicklied over with the pale cast of thought And enterprises of great pitch and moment With this regard their currents turn awry, And lose the name of action."

Fortunately however for himself and for the world, President Eisenhower is no Hamlet!

When the time comes the President will undoubtedly make the decision for he is fundamentally a man of action. One can only hope and pray that decision will result in peace, but as of today the odds, all realists must grant, are against it.

"We the people" can only wait and see, with all the patience and fortitude that can be mustered. —R.W.R.

Larger Pay Raise for Postal Workers Seen

Washington—(U.P.)—House proponents of a pay increase for postal workers larger than the proposed 7.6 per cent expressed confidence today that the House would go along with their views. Rep. John E. Moss (D-Calif.), leader of a group that wants to lift the boost to an average 8.2 per cent, said he was hopeful that the House would endorse his amendment to that effect.

"I feel that my amendment has an excellent chance to pass," he told a reporter.

But Moss' opponents on this issue said they are confident President Eisenhower would veto any wage increase above the 7.6 per cent approved by the House Post Office Committee.

They also said they have serious doubts the House and Senate could override such a veto.



RECOMMENDS CHARTER REVISION — Former President Harry S. Truman as he appeared before Senate foreign relations subcommittee on recommendations for revising UN charter. He called on U.S. to bring "current threats to world peace" before the UN General Assembly.

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.

High Praise for Lowry

To the Editor: Thomas Lawson McCall writing recently in The Oregonian, and Olive Starcher, society editor of the Mail Tribune, have written of the ability of Senator Philip B. Lowry of Medford, who at 36 years of age, is the most outstanding of the freshman legislators of this the 48th legislative assembly at Salem.

However, the glowing tribute to Senator Lowry comes from the veteran legislator from Multnomah county, Pat Lonergan, who has been a member of the Oregon Legislature since 1945.

Senator Lonergan said "I consider Senator Lowry the prize acquisition of the 1955 Senate membership. I have never known a freshman member of either the House or Senate who measured up to Senator Lowry in quick grasp of legislative procedure or one having a keener mind in detecting legal flaws in legislation under consideration. In my opinion, his future attainment of political or judicial honors is only limited by his personal desire or inclination."

Senator Lowry is a member of the committees on assessment and taxation, elections and privileges, judiciary, and roads and highways. He has been called upon by President Smith to preside during his absence.

I respectfully submit the foregoing for your approval and use in my favorite southern Oregon newspaper.

Linn W. Nesmith, Box 31, Camp White, Oregon.

Overpopulation the Problem

To the Editor: There is considerable argument about peace, disarmament and communism. It is all futile argument and useless, as long as they all ignore the greatest enemy of all which is overpopulation.

Nobody will dispute the fact that there was over 20,000,000 people on earth 3,000 years ago. If the population had doubled every 300 years, there would have been 10,240,000,000 on earth today.

We had a 16th part of the earth's population in 1950. If the rest of the earth has kept pace with us we will have at least 4 billion people at the end of this century.

If we cut down the increase to one per cent a year by 2500 we will have 128 billion people on earth. Can any of your empire builders show how the earth can support that number?

The man who wrote Genesis and Eden teaches that man is responsible for conditions on earth and woman is responsible for the safety of humanity. Birth control is mandatory on woman. Neither God nor man can save humanity, it depends on woman.

History is full of saviors of humanity, as a consequence humanity is in graver danger today than it ever has been.

The only way to save it is universal birth control. No woman should be allowed more than two children from now on unless you are determined to throw your grandchildren and great-grandchildren into an earthy hell that you are preparing for them now.

G. S. Ackerlund, Camp White A-14 Ore.

About 40,000,000 immigrants came to the U.S. between 1820 and 1952.

Neutralism Takes Beating at Opening Of Bandung Conclave

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst

Neutralism took something of a beating at the opening of the Asia-Africa conference at Bandung in Indonesia.

Things were going along nicely until the chief delegate of Southern Viet Nam took the opportunity to bring up the facts of life about Communism.

Nyugen Van Thoi asked the conference to support his government's demand for an extension of the period during which people who live in Communist Northern Viet Nam may migrate to the free territory of Southern Viet Nam.

Under the Indochinese cease-fire agreement signed in Geneva last July 21, about 12,000,000 people in the northern part of Viet Nam passed under Communist rule.

These people were given 300 days in which to flee to Southern Viet Nam.

May 16 Deadline

The deadline has now been set for May 16.

People in Southern Viet Nam are free, until then, to move to the Red North. But there has been no traffic jam on the northbound routes.

During the opening session at Bandung Monday Viet Nam delegate Thoi, not awaiting his turn to address the conference, made the text of his speech public.

He said that 1,000,000 people had fled their homes in the north to escape Communism, and that many more are awaiting transport southward — many more than can be moved by May 16.

"They refuse to live under a dictatorial regime which completely disregards human values and the basic rights of man," Thoi said of the refugees.

They do not want to stay, he said, under "a so-called national government which is servile to a foreign ideology and a foreign people who several times in the course of our history have demonstrated their imperialistic designs."

The ideology, of course, is Communism. The foreign people

Chrysler Testing Gas Turbine Auto

Detroit—(U.P.)—The first car ever to be powered by a gas turbine, the engine many believe will power the cars of the future, now is being tested on city streets under actual driving conditions for the first time. Chrysler corporation revealed today.

Chrysler said it has been testing a 1955 Plymouth, equipped with a gas turbine, on Detroit streets to find out what the car can do under actual driving conditions.

Chrysler, which became the first auto company to mount a gas turbine in a standard car 13 months ago, said many metallurgical and manufacturing problems still remain to be solved before such an engine could be put in actual production.

But announcement that development of the engine had progressed to the point where it could be driven on city streets in regular traffic was a significant development in gas turbines.

Chrysler said the car had escaped detection by most motorists. Only a few things distinguish it outwardly from standard production cars. In place of the usual hum of a motor, the gas turbine has a characteristic whistle and whirring sound. In place of a normal exhaust pipe, it has a special exhaust duct in the rear center of the car, built right into the rear bumper.

Underweight Bread Charged to Bakeries

Portland—(U.P.)—Managers of nine Portland bakeries have been charged with baking and keeping underweight bread for sale in a complaint filed in District Court here by the State Department of Agriculture.

Norman E. Vaughan, Department of Agriculture investigator said that in many cases standard large loaves were only a fraction below the weight required by law.

Investigators said that bakers had not been allowing tolerance for air in trying to hold the loaves to the minimum weight.

Named as defendants in the complaint are H. R. Billman, Ann Palmer bakeries; Paul Stein, Stein's bakery; M. G. Smith, Judith Carol Bakery; Glen Day, Fred Meyer Bakery; O. L. Thomas, Davidson Company; R. L. McMurray, Fairfax Bread Company; Casper Miro, Buy Rite Pastry shop; Walter Iik, Moreland bakery, and Rudy Kappell, Kappell's Old Holland bakery.

are the Chinese, now under Red rule.

Knows Communism

It is significant that of the 25 governments invited to Bandung by the five sponsor nations, Southern Viet Nam is the only one that knows at first hand what Communism is like. No invitations were issued to South Korea and Nationalist China, which also have been its victims.

It will be interesting to see how things develop at Bandung, and what replies Premier Chou En-Lai of Red China and Foreign Minister Pham Van Dong of Northern Viet Nam may make to Thoi.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India is the chief "neutralist" at the meeting. President Sukarno and Premier Ali Sastrodijoyo of Indonesia also are neutralists, and Prime Minister Gamel Abdel Nasser of Egypt is leaning that way, for the present at least.

These are all highly intelligent men. How long can they continue to believe that it is possible to be neutralists about Communism? The Communists themselves recognize no neutralism. To them, one who is not pro-Communist is an enemy.

Greenspun Hails Acquittal as Victory for Press

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — Newspaper publisher Herman M. (Hank) Greenspun today hailed his acquittal on charges of attempting to incite the murder of Sen Joseph McCarthy as a victory for freedom of the press.

The 41-year-old publisher of the Las Vegas Sun was found innocent of the charges Monday night by a federal court jury of six men and six women. The jury deliberated three hours in reaching the verdict. The trial lasted five days.

Law Violation Charged

The government charged Greenspun with violating federal postal laws by sending copies of the Jan. 8, 1954, issue of the Sun through the mails. The issue contained a column highly critical of McCarthy. The government charged it tended to incite the "murder or assassination of the Wisconsin Republican."

Greenspun said his acquittal was a triumph for free speech, freedom of the press and the American jury system.

Renewed Comfort

"All Americans can take renewed comfort in the American jury system," the publisher said.

In his column "Where I stand" in the Jan. 8, 1954, issue of the Sun, Greenspun wrote "Sen. Joe McCarthy has to come to a violent end. Huey Long's death will be serene and peaceful compared to the demise of the sadistic bum from Wisconsin."

"Live by the sword and you die by the sword," the column read. "Destroy people and they in turn destroy you."

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

On the political front: Republican Senator Thomas Kuchel of California predicts that President Eisenhower will consent to be renominated next year and will be reelected. He made the prediction while praising Chief Justice Warren for disclaiming flatly any interest in politics of the Presidency.

ON THE other side of the fence, Senator Richard Russell of Georgia tells a breakfast meeting of the Democratic national committee in Washington that the Democrats will SWEEP THE COUNTRY in 1956, winning the Presidency and control of both houses of congress.

IN LONDON, the chairman of the British Conservative party predicts that the general elections that have just been called in Britain for May 26 will increase Prime Minister Eden's majority in parliament.

He says Eden's decision to call the elections "cleared away the mists of uncertainty which hung over the nation."

WELL—As Mark Twain so succinctly remarked in Pudd'nhead Wilson's Calendar—

It is a difference of opinion that makes horse races.

THE BRITISH general elections were called by Prime Minister Eden the evening of April 15. They will be held on May 26. Our system differs in many ways from the British system. They think six weeks is long enough for a political campaign. We start the next political campaign the day after the last one ends.

GETTING BACK to Chief Justice Warren, he read the results of a poll which indicated that he was first choice for the Republican nomination in 1956 if President Eisenhower should decide not to run for a second term. He sat down promptly and wrote out a statement in which he said:

"I will not be a candidate for President of the United States and I will not change this decision UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES."

ABOUT THE only time when a such statement has been made more flatly was back in 1883 when General William Tecumseh Sherman, Civil War hero, put it this way:

"If nominated, I will not accept; if elected, I will not serve." Down through our political history, nearly everybody else has played it coy—including Calvin Coolidge, who said: "I do not CHOOSE to run."

SPEAKING OF straightforward men, Senator George of Georgia—a top rank Democrat and chairman of the senate foreign relations committee — did some straight talking the other day.

He stood up in the senate and announced his support of President Eisenhower's view that the cause of peace will not be advanced by public announcement of the U.S. position on defense of the Chinese Nationalist islands of Quemoy and Matsu, just off the coast of Red China. In a voice shaking with emo-

tion, he asserted that if Eisenhower is faced with a decision on defense of these islands the President "will DO WHAT GOOD MEN ALWAYS DO—he will go into his closet and, face to face with his God, will make his decision." That's what I call statesmanship.

THIS FORMOSA business is one of the biggest poker games ever played and the stakes are fantastically high.

In a big poker game, do you announce to all and sundry what cards you hold and how you are going to play them? I think not.

Leathernecks Hurt By Exploding 'Dud'

Camp Pendleton, Calif. — (U.P.) A "dud" artillery shell dropped by a Marine in a crowded chow line exploded yesterday and injured 33 leathernecks, one of them critically, base officials said today.

In critical condition with upper leg and lower abdomen wounds was Pvt. Dorman T. Swann, of Winnsboro, Tex. Twelve other marines were hospitalized for check ups and the remainder were released after treatment for minor injuries.

Base officials said the shell was of "an undetermined caliber and apparently had been picked up by a Marine on the Camp Pendleton artillery range as a "souvenir." The man who dropped the shell was unidentified, but officers confirmed it was not Pvt. Swann.

The explosion occurred just after members of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment of the First Marine Division, just back from Korea, fell out in front of the mess hall.

The blast shattered mess hall windows, but otherwise did not damage surrounding barracks.

BANK BILL KILLED — Salem — (U.P.) — A bill that would have forced banks in Oregon to close on Saturdays was killed by the House Rules Committee yesterday.

Consult MR. INSURANCE Fred Brennan TO ROTARY ANNS: Rotary's Golden Anniversary party will be held at the Elks' club beginning at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 27th. A fine dinner and dancing to a Name Band are only part of the top entertainment. Come and bring Father! Your guests are welcome. For Information Call MEDFORD INSURANCE AGENCY Phone 2-4940

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