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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: May 10, 1945. Congress gives approval for Navy to use Camp White hospital.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The President is coming out for "economy in governmental affairs."

20 YEARS AGO: May 10, 1935. The Medford CCC district celebrates second anniversary with general holiday.

Orchardists north and south of Medford smudge when temperature drops to 30.

30 YEARS AGO: May 10, 1925. Metals Extraction and Refining corporation of Utah builds plant to extract gold and platinum from sands in Gold Hill area.

From the Local and Personal column: Fishing is growing better both in the river and the smaller streams.

40 YEARS AGO: May 10, 1915. Medford Ministerial association recommends city council enact ordinance censoring moving pictures.

Ashland undertakes improvements including work toward Lithia park.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. In the new Eisenhower program for foreign aid, most of it would go to Europe, or to Asia, or about equal parts to each?
2. Outside of the 10 states of the Solid South, there are more Republican or more Democratic state governors?
3. More money was spent for advertising in the first quarter of 1955 in the Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal, Life, Time, or Look?
4. Aneurin ("Nye") Bevan, leader of the British Labor party left wing, is English, Irish, Scot or Welsh?
5. The U.S. winter wheat production is normally larger or smaller than spring wheat production, or about the same?
6. The Dow Theory is on making a light-weight mineral from salt deposits, stock prices, origins of the Old Testament, or rain productions?
7. A U.S. Senator named Bible does or doesn't represent a state of the so-called "Bible Belt"?

The Answers: 1. Most to Asia. 2. More Republican (21 to 17). 3. In Life, according to Life. 4. Welsh. 5. Larger. 6. Stock prices. 7. Doesn't; Sen. Bible is from Nevada.

YOUNG 'BANDIT': Kingston, N.C. —(U.P.)— Police rushed to the scene when the Bank and Trust Co.'s new alarm system that spreads a city-wide alert went off Monday.

Competition Can't Be Socialism

Walter W. R. May new editor of the "Oregon Voter" (we are glad to note that "Mr. Voter" himself the gifted C. C. Chapman, will continue as a contributor with his trenchant and penetrating observations.)

He is an opponent of the same, of course, but maintains "all this talk about private development leading to excessively high prices" is a lot of calabash, the fact being that all power furnished by private utilities is possible today only upon engineering assurance that the power created will be provided at a cost comparable and competitive with all-federal power.

WELL if this is true, then we can expect to hear no more of the often-advanced charge that the supporters of federal power are trying to drive out private power and establish in this field a form of predatory socialism.

Competition is the life of trade, and this is the case in Tennessee. The much discussed (and cursed) "TVA," is in direct competition with the private power companies there but both are making money, only in one case the profits go to the stockholders and in the other back to the U.S. Treasury.

CERTAINLY no "socialism" there, merely competition in which the government is a competitor, and a factor in keeping power rates from soaring into the stratosphere.

From such a source as the Voter such news will be particularly refreshing and welcome to those who are more interested in low-cost power and plenty of it, than they are in the claims of either proponents or opponents of Hells Canyon—or any other federal dam project financed by Uncle Sam.

How About It?

A subscriber asks us to explain the administration's foreign policy especially regarding Quemoy and Matsu, and whether the policy is determined by Secretary of State Dulles or President Eisenhower.

Well that is quite a "bill of goods." In theory, of course, the Secretary of State does not originate policies but carries them out. Undoubtedly Secretary Dulles has in this case as in others, however, been a strong factor in determining many of the administration's decisions.

THE President's position—as we understand it—is, that if Red Chinese make any attack on Quemoy or Matsu, and the nature of that attack indicates to the President Formosa is the ultimate objective, then the United States will join in the defense and a hot war will be on.

IT is about as clear as mud as far as any determination of what will actually happen if and when an attack on these off-shore islands by the Chinese Reds should be made. For the decision will be entirely up to one man, and what his opinion of the conditions at that particular moment may be.

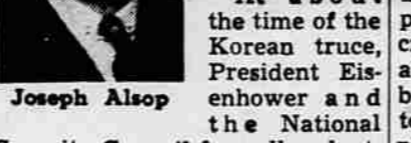
WHY doesn't the President, if this IS his program, announce it? Because that would give away his hand and be tantamount to an invitation for Mao to take the off-shore islands over, without a struggle.

And his hope as well as his gamble is, as we see it, his strong belief that in the near future at least, the Red Chinese don't want to launch an all-out attack on Formosa or the off-shore Chinese islands, anymore than he wants them to.

Matter of Fact

THE ISLAND CHAIN MYTH

Tokyo—Behind the dizzying twists and turns of American Far Eastern policy in the last two years, there has been a single solid fact that you could, so to speak, safely hang your hat on.



Joseph Alsop

Security Council formally adopted a new Pacific strategy—the strategy of "The Island Chain."

On the one hand, those like Adm. Arthur Radford who have advocated a bold American line in Asia have really been arguing that boldness was needful to defend the island chain on which our strategy is founded.

What then is this strategy of the island chain which lies behind the drama in the Formosa Strait this year, as it lay behind the drama of the Dien Bien Phu crisis last year, and the tragic Korean truce decision the year before that?

South Korea is ultimately to be defended as Formosa is now defended, by what the Pentagon likes to call "indigenous" forces sustained by an American guarantee and air and naval support in case of attack.

These are the basic ABCs of Eisenhower Administration policy making in the Pacific. But in the context of the continuing crisis in the Formosa Strait, the question now has to be asked whether these ABCs which seem so sensible on the surface, in fact add up to valid strategy when one looks beneath the surface.

IN terms of ground forces, we have hardly enough strength in the Pacific to put in your eye—four-and-a-half divisions and two combat teams in the Far East Command, with one Marine division still slated to go home.

FIRST there is the Far East air force, comprising 13 groups (of which three were to have been withdrawn from the Pacific until the Formosa crisis changed the signals).

Second, there are the planes of our Pacific fleet, comprising six carriers in all. This adds 450 more aircraft.

Third, there is the Chinese Nationalist air force theoretically comprising six groups. But of these, all but one squadron of F-86s and one group of F-84s are either not yet operational or too obsolete to be counted.

Germany Still Split 10 Years After War; Stability Enjoyed

By CHARLES McCANN

He succeeded in suppressing serious Communist uprising in Berlin in December, 1918, and January, 1919.

Ebert insisted that elections be held. As a result, a national assembly met at Weimar, in the wooded hills of central Germany, and set up what was called the Weimar republic, in February, 1919.

Ebert was elected president. Had he not died on Feb. 28, 1925—there might never have been a Nazi Germany.

Germany was beset by political and economic problems, and no leader emerged to take Ebert's place.

No leader, that is, until Hitler. Most Germans knew he was a fraud and a menace. But they were ripe for a dictatorship.

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This time every German, man, woman and child, had the opportunity to find out what war was like.

While the bomber planes of the United States and Britain rained destruction on German cities, the armies of the Western Allies and the Russians swept over Germany to meet at the Elbe river.

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It took the Germans less than three months after the end of World War I to establish the Weimar republic in place of the Kaiser's empire.

This time it has taken 10 years since the end of World War II to establish the Bonn republic as a sovereign nation in succession to Adolf Hitler's Third Reich.

Germany is still divided, with its eastern part under Polish Communist and Soviet Russian occupation.

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Portland Carpenters Will Limit Projects

Portland — (U.P.) — Starting June 1, Portland area carpenters will "man only these projects on which collective bargaining contracts are in effect"

Harris told the Central Labor Council an impasse has been reached in negotiations with three contractors' associations.

The Portland council represents some 6000 carpenters in Multnomah, Clackamas, Yamhill, Columbia and Washington counties.



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You Know Her?

Geo. N. Taylor She kept her house spic and span and was ever ready to help among the neighbors. Her man had a good name and her young folks were her delight.

John 3:16 saved her. It reads that God so loved her that he gave Christ, his only-born Son to die for her and that if she believed on Him as Lord and Saviour, she would not perish, but have eternal life.

TWO — She also came to see that after Christ had died for her, He arose from the grave. And by that same power, Christ would also raise her up to glory.

THREE — Then by Bible and Prayer, day by day, she grew up. This Message paid by a Beaverton family.

Safeway's the best place in town to buy Strawberries. There's a specialness (an extra yum!) about Safeway strawberries. We handle only field-ripened berries selected by our own buyers. Cleaned, cooled and deftly packed, our strawberries are guaranteed fresh, firm-fleshed and sweet when you get them. Can't serve 'em too often during strawberry season! Per basket only 39c. ... and strawberries are just one of the inviting fresh fruits and vegetables featured this week in the Produce Parade at Safeway. All your money back on any item that doesn't please you.