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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 12, 1945
(it was Saturday)
Public hearing on Jackson county budget set for June 8.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The senior class of Old Medford High will get their sheepskins Thursday, May 31. They will have to wrestle with the problems of peace, and a Siskiyou Mountain sized national debt.

20 YEARS AGO
May 12, 1935
(it was Sunday)
Two Medford residents died in accidents, one in highway mishap and one by drowning.

Camp South Fork near Butte Falls awarded district flag for best junior CCC company in Medford district.

30 YEARS AGO
May 12, 1925
(it was Thursday)
A front-page headline reads: Tom Mix mixes in mix-up with Art Mix which mixes up the Mix mix-up. The mix: Tom Mix objecting to George Washington Kesterson's application in court to change name to Art Mix.

Orchard heating pots used to thaw snow on highway to Crater Lake.

40 YEARS AGO
May 12, 1915
(it was Wednesday)
The Liberty Bell, on country-wide tour, to be in Medford soon.

From the Ashland and Vicinity column: The springs resort at Colestine is being gotten in readiness for the summer campaign.

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

1. The Bricker Amendment on scope of treaties was defeated last year in the House, in the Senate, in both, or in neither?

2. The horses in the Kentucky Derby are of the same age or different ages?

3. Annual costs in private old-age pension plans are higher to employers for older than for younger workers; right or wrong?

4. About 5 per cent, 15 per cent, 35 per cent, or 45 per cent of all federal income tax returns are found to contain errors?

5. The International Longshoremen's Union is a member of the A.F.L., the C.I.O., or neither?

6. A new type of operation has or hasn't helped sufferers from hardening of the arteries?

7. Spangler Arlington Brough was the real name of Robert Montgomery, Robert Taylor, Humphrey Bogart, Jack Benny or Bing Crosby?

The Answers: 1. In the Senate. 2. All are three-year olds. 3. Right. 4. About 25 per cent. 5. Neither (was thrown out of A. F. L.). 6. Has. 7. Robert Taylor.

Court Records
POLICE COURT
Leland Roy Dressler, failure to yield right of way to oncoming traffic, \$10.
Johnnie Dean Gibson, excessive noise (pipes), \$10.
HEALTH LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Dow Egbert Williams, 61, of 3223 Goldfinch st., San Diego, Calif., and Grace Flora Nicholson, 47, route 1, box 15, Ashland.

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How About That "Vacation?"

The political writers on weekly magazines are rapidly going daffy.

They no sooner comment on the administration's foreign policy than the policy is changed too late to make any correction possible until another week has passed,—by which time of course another change may have occurred.

IN one of the popular weeklies, for example, the political expert lambasted the State Department recently for turning down Chou En lai's peaceful gesture at Bandung by tacking on what he termed impossible conditions, to acceptance of the proposed talks.

Before the "weekly" got in the mails, the "impossible conditions" were removed but it was too late, of course, to make a correction.

A FEW days later it was reported from London that the USA would not approve a 4-power conference on the top-bracket, but only on the ambassadorial level. This was stated several times and a deadlock with Great Britain who insisted upon a "summit" gathering seemed imminent.

But 24 hours later the USA did another somersault, and agreed to a high level meeting. So that picture changed overnight as it were.

NOT so very long ago it was declared by Secretary Dulles that he viewed the situation in the Formosa straits with "grave foreboding," an attack on the off-shore islands appeared imminent, and though not so declared directly, the implication was strong, that if and when such an attack occurred the hot war with China would be on.

Now, again from London, comes the report that Mr. Dulles is optimistic about the situation in the Formosa area, that while Red China is building up a strong air force on the mainland the United States will not get involved in any war, unless China should make a combined attack on Formosa, Quemoy, and Matsu. Just what that means is not entirely clear, but it certainly marks a radical departure from the statement made, after Dulles' return from the Far East, and strongly indicates the off-shore islands alone won't be defended.

AS we see it, Secretary Dulles should do one of two things: (1) either not talk so much or (2) confer at length with President Eisenhower regarding all important decisions before he does talk.

We suggested some time ago that our Secretary of State needs a vacation. Each day the evidence becomes stronger that a prolonged breathing spell and some recreation would not only be a good thing for him, but for the country.—R.W.R.

Looks Bad for Chiang

Monday last, Assistant Secretary of State George Allen declared in Los Angeles that the Eisenhower administration does not believe in using force to aid Chiang Kai-shek to return to the Chinese mainland.

If THIS policy is adhered to then certainly Chiang Kai-shek has our sympathy,—and will need it.

For if the USA will not aid him with force to make a "return from Elba" then no other country will. And without such aid, any successful return, according to all the recognized military experts, would be impossible.

AND so what?

Well the most likely solution as we see it would be a compromise, placing Formosa under some kind of UN trusteeship, neither handing it over to Chiang nor to Red China, but allowing the former to remain there, during good behavior so to speak, and at least live out his life there with his family and followers in reasonable peace and security.

But the big question is "Would Chiang agree to do it?" To date he has spurned any such suggestion.

A second question even bigger is:

With all hope of a return to China eliminated how long could the morale of Chiang's army be maintained.

More than that. How long could the army itself be maintained and kept in fighting trim. The only answer we can see is: "not for long."

For these hundreds of thousands of soldiers under Chiang are remaining loyal to him for only one reason, namely:

They still believe that eventually they will be able to return to their friends and families in China proper, and take up their lives, where they left off a decade or more ago, and under a non-communist regime. They don't want to stay permanently on Formosa and never have.

The amazing thing is that such hope has not faded away long ago. But apparently it hasn't. Unless this latest pronouncement by the State Department is changed, as so many have been, then that hope can't last much longer.

And when and if it does go we fear everything will go, as far as any "come back" for Chiang Kai-shek is concerned—except for the one noted above—some sort of a workable compromise that could satisfy both Chiang and Red China.

IT is a tough spot to be in for the former Generalissimo of all China.

But as things look now it appears inescapable. It is even doubtful that Senator Knowland of California, the best and most powerful supporter in this country Chiang has, can find any satisfactory way out of it—satisfactory, that is, to him and to Chiang.—R.W.R.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Back to the cold war: Formal invitations to a top-level Big Four meeting have been sent to Russia by President Eisenhower, Prime Minister Eden of England and Premier Faure of France. Each leader personally invited Premier Bulganin of Russia to join in direct talks with a view to solving some of the world's problems. It is believed in Moscow that the invitations will almost certainly be accepted.

AS TO ways and means: The Big Four foreign ministers will meet in Vienna this week end to sign the Austrian independence treaty. They could get together—in Vienna or elsewhere—and draw up what the diplomats call an "agenda," which is striped-pants language for a list of the subjects to be discussed. They could also set a date and a place for the meeting of the chiefs of state of the United States, Britain, France and Spain.

It suggested that the chiefs of state could then meet for three or four days at the time and the place chosen and pass the results of their talks on to the foreign ministers for further discussion by them.

THE PROGRAM, you see, calls for a lot of talking—which is all to the good. Talking is cheaper than shooting.

THE INVITATION sent to Russia set no specific time and place. "Informants" in Paris (meaning members of the upper international brass who decline to permit use of their names) suggest that the time of the meeting is likely to be mid-July and the place somewhere in Switzerland.

THE NEWS of the invitation to the meeting of the chiefs of state was made public in Washington while President Eisenhower was addressing a conference of Republican women. He recalled to them that he has said he is ready to do ANYTHING, to meet with ANYONE, anywhere, in the interests of peace.

He said that if such a meeting is held "we will not stand on minor points of protocol if there is the slightest chance to bring about a better world." He added that the only condition for such a meeting would be that the United States would have to maintain its self-respect in connection with the whole proceeding.

IT SOUNDS wonderful. Coming on the heels of Red Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai's recent statement that he is willing to negotiate directly with the United States in an effort to ease the tensions in the Far East, it sounds even more wonderful.

It all suggests the rosy thought that maybe the war clouds are going to blow away after all, so that the world may enter upon another Golden Age of peace and progress and good will among nations.

BUT WAIT a minute. AMERICAN SABREJETS TUESDAY SHOT DOWN TWO RUSSIAN - BUILT MIGS AND PROBABLY DESTROYED ANOTHER OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS OF THE YELLOW SEA, WHICH LIES BETWEEN RED CHINA AND THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

THE AIR Force announces in Tokyo that the U.S. planes were jumped by the Communist planes in an area about 50 miles southwest of the Yalu river boundary between North Korea and Red China.

The announcement says 12 to 16 Communist planes attacked the Sabres, which numbered eight. The identity of the Communist planes was not given. MIGS are used by the Russian, North Korean and Red Chinese air forces.

All of our Sabres, after returning the fire of the attackers and shooting down two or more of them, returned safely to their base.

WHAT DOES it all mean? It means that you can't trust

Matter of Fact

THE WEAK LINKS
Tokyo—The dull old saw, that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, is rapidly becoming a pungent criticism of American policy in Asia.

On the one hand, the so called "island chain strategy" has been the real justification of our Asian policy from the moment when President Eisenhower decided to allow the Chinese Communists a concealed victory in Korea.

For two years, our policy makers have gone on the rule that they could safely dodge any issue and abandon any position in Asia, so long as the line from the Aleutians through Japan and Okinawa, Formosa and the Philippines was firmly held. And with bland complacency, they have assumed there was no danger to this officially established American defense line in the Pacific.

On the other hand, however, the most vital links in the island chain have been more and more visibly weakened. In both its offensive and defensive aspects, the island chain strategy is in fact ceasing to be a valid strategy.

The process is slow, because it works indirectly. But it is none the less immensely important, because it imperils the whole American position in the Pacific. One of the two reasons for the vast efforts of the second World War was to safeguard and strengthen that Pacific position.

The fruits of the great victory of 1945 are now the stakes upon the table. The strategy of the island chain is most immediately endangered on its offensive side. In theory, as officially explained by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, enemy aggression on the Asian continent is to be met with a two pronged attack based on Formosa and South Korea.

In view of Communist China's complete inability to supply a serious war on two fronts, this is a good theory. But in practice, although the divisions of Chiang Kai-shek and Syngman Rhee are still costing the American taxpayers a lot of money, the Chinese Communist leaders are being progressively relieved of any worries about this two front war.

IN KOREA, the enemy is increasingly protected by American disarmament, by his own fantastic fortifications, and by his own air build up. The existing air balance on the Korean peninsula proper is now on the order of three to one in favor of the Communists, with the air backup outside Korea also balanced in their favor. Anyone who saw the Korean fighting knows that an attack on the deep tunneled Communist entrenchments can not be considered for an instant while the enemy has air superiority.

In Formosa, meanwhile, the new, two China policy may leave the appearance of strength. The Generalissimo's divisions may continue to be counted in the Joint Chiefs of Staff's paper games, even after an American back-down in the Formosa Strait. But after the demoralization such a back-down will inevitably cause, any attempt to use the Chinese Nationalist divisions offensively will be the

of a Communist. A Communist will make gestures of peace and good will with one hand and stab you in the back with the other.

BUT—Talk is cheaper than war. So we must never refuse to talk—hoping that the talking may be prolonged to the inevitable time when communism will fall under the weight of its own foulness.

Meanwhile, of course, keeping our guns loose in their holsters.

Morse Sees Possible Federal Priorities For Salk Vaccine

By SEN. WAYNE MORSE

Washington — Long overdue action to fix mandatory allocations and priorities for Salk polio vaccine may be forthcoming. Announcement of the success of the vaccine came on April 12, the tenth anniversary of Franklin Roosevelt's death. At that time Dr. Salk and the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis stated that there would not be enough vaccine this year to meet the nation's full needs. They also pointed out that children in the five to ten year age group are most susceptible to infantile paralysis and should be inoculated first.

The next day I announced that I would introduce a bill for a commission of doctors (including Dr. Salk, if possible) and representatives of state health offices and the vaccine manufacturers to draw up rules and regulations to set up allocations and priorities for distribution and use of the vaccine. On April 14 my bill was introduced.

The President and Secretary Hobby advocated a voluntary program of priorities and held two conferences to draw up a voluntary plan. Then it became necessary to withdraw the Cutter vaccine from use because of its questionable quality. In getting the vaccine back from distributors and physicians it became known that the vaccine was being given to relatives and friends of distributing firms and doctors, which was not illegal but was not in accordance with the voluntary and unenforceable distribution plan.

As a result, there was an increasing demand for Federal mandatory controls. The New York Herald Tribune, a Republican paper which strongly supports the Administration, launched a vigorous editorial campaign for U.S. control on a

Body of Eugene Man Found in River
Springfield —(U.P.)—The body of Clifford W. Knowlton, 37, of Eugene, was recovered from the Willamette river late yesterday. He had been missing since April 23 when his car plunged off the Fall Creek road about five miles upstream.

The car was found next morning in deep water with the window on the driver's side rolled down.

Three teenaged boys spotted his body on a sand bar just before 4 p.m. yesterday. Springfield police and firemen recovered the body and identification was confirmed by Lane county Coroner Fred Beull.

temporary basis. Its front-page editorial on May 2 advocated a bill essentially like the one I had already introduced. On May 3, 10 Republicans and 3 Democratic Senators introduced a bill almost identical to mine.

Committee hearings on similar House bills have begun and the Senate Labor Committee is awaiting a report from the President on the "voluntary" program. When it is received the Committee will consider further action.

As I pointed out in the Senate, precious time is being wasted. The vaccine is in short supply and will be for the next several months. It is necessary to insure that the children most susceptible to polio—those in the 5- to 10-year age group—get vaccinated first. Then, youngsters slightly older and younger should get it. By treating those who are in greatest danger the sources of infection to untreated children and adults would be reduced. I am continuing to press for more adequate Federal action to assist the states, physicians and parents.

Amendment for Fruit Processors Adopted
It is good to be able to report that I was successful in persuading the Senate to adopt an amendment to the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, which recently passed the Senate and now goes to conference. For many weeks I have been working with cherry and other fruit growers and processors to secure for them the right to a hearing before the U.S. Tariff Commission on tariff cases involving the importation of processed commodities. They have been denied hearings because of narrow interpretations of the law. The amendment would help other processors of raw material to obtain their "day in court" before the Commission. My amendment was the only one added to the bill on the floor of the Senate.

1958 Appointments to Military Academies
The Civil Service designation examination, upon which I base my appointments, will be given in 26 Oregon cities on Monday, July 11, 1955. I shall be happy to hear from boys who would like to take the exam in order to compete for an appointment to West Point, Annapolis, or the new Air Force Academy. My quota of appointments to the Naval Academy has been filled as of now, but anyone interested in such an appointment is at liberty to take the examination and name another academy as his second choice. I shall also be glad to provide information on the Merchant Marine or Coast Guard Academies, for which Congressional appointments are not needed.

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