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Flight o' Time

10 YEARS AGO May 17, 1945 (It was Thursday)

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The rains were a boon to all crops.

20 YEARS AGO May 17, 1935 (It was Friday)

Ample irrigation water assured by Medford and Talent district manager for maturing of crops.

30 YEARS AGO May 17, 1925 (It was Sunday)

40 YEARS AGO May 17, 1915

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

1. Five, ten, 15, 20 or 25 thousand men a month will be drafted into the armed forces this summer?

AIRSTrip STARTED Prineville — (U.P.) — Construction has begun on a 400-foot airstrip on Big Summit prairie in the Ochoco mountains

How Much Is "Much"?

There appears to be general agreement among the experts that the Four-Power meeting now scheduled for July will not amount to much.

Well, as we see it, that depends upon what is meant by "much."

If "much" means an end to the cold-war, or a treaty of peace between Russia and the USA, or even any radical change in the attitude of Soviet Russia as far as its desire to have its political doctrines spread over the world is concerned, then the expectation of failure will probably be realized.

NOTHING of that kind is in the cards. But that is not our definition of the term in this context.

We believe the mere fact that Soviet Russia has agreed to talk things over with England and the United States, is extremely promising.

That this talk will be on the highest level—the so called "summit"—is important, for in the final analysis, the leaders of the four countries will have to make the decisions in matters of policy. This could not be done by their subordinates.

MOST important of all we believe such a meeting can hardly fail to give these national leaders and therefore the people of their countries a better and clearer understanding of their contemporaries—and opponents—and their policies, than they have had before.

And that better understanding, it is our belief, should go far toward removing fear, and fear is the one element that must be removed—or at least materially reduced—before there can be any real improvement in the world situation.

WE grant the USA and England have greater cause to fear Russia and Red China—that is the communist countries—than Russia and China have cause to fear the free democratic world.

But the great trouble is Russia and China don't know it!

They have a great and real fear of military and naval aggression from the free world, particularly the United States, and can produce remarks by military and political leaders in this country to support such apprehensions.

In short what was true in this country at the time of Roosevelt's first term is true today: the one thing we have to fear most is fear itself.

WELL it would be too much to expect to remove this mutual fear entirely in the few days that this 4-Power conference promises to function, but it is not too much to expect that as a result of this gathering and exchange of ideas face-to-face, that fear can be, and will be, reduced.

And if that should be the result, then it would not only be all to the good in itself but would knock the dire predictions of the experts into a cocked-hat for it would be a great accomplishment. It might be one that would prevent any Third World war in the near future, and might even result via the breathing spell allowed in the elimination of another world war—at least with atomic weapons—for at least another generation.

In other words while the tangible and immediate results of this conference promise to result in no great political revolution or dramatic world transformations, there is, in our judgment, an excellent chance that it will so reduce the fears and tensions and increase the understanding between the free world and the totalitarian world, that the danger of any outbreak of a general war, will be greatly reduced.

If that should be the result, that would be as we see it, to accomplish "much."—R.W.R.

Fear as Cause of War

A well-known South African guide once remarked that he did not fear lions because they were vicious but because they were cowards.

What he meant by that was that most animals attack human beings not because they are man eaters on the prowl or blood-thirsty, but because they are afraid. Like certain nations they only fight in self-defense, or when they fear if they don't attack their opponent will.

There is, we believe, a lot of truth to this. And there is also a fact to be remembered, that the genus homo is still, broadly speaking, a member of the animal kingdom.

IF Soviet Russia or Red China did not fear an attack by the United States, and the USA had no fear of an aggressive war from these two countries singly or together, there would be no war—no war on a world scale at least—in the foreseeable future.

In fact it is a fairly safe guess that Russia certainly, and China probably don't want war, and in spite of all the bluff and bluster don't intend to risk one unless they are attacked. They hope to achieve their goals by infiltration without war.

The trouble is this is only a "guess." And as long as it is a guess and not a known fact, the free world, and particularly this country, can't take a chance and so the armament race goes on—and on.

However there is one ray of light and hope in the picture.

The longer the preparations for war go on without war, the better the chances of there being none.—R.W.R.

Peace Offensive of Russia Seen Attempt To Form Neutral Belt

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst

Soviet Russia has embarked on a big program of aggressive diplomacy.



Charles M. McCann

The Austrian treaty, the Warsaw military alliance, the impending visit by a top-ranking Kremlin team to Yugoslavia, the new disarmament plan and the approaching Russian-Japanese negotiations are all the result of Russian initiative.

In addition, the Soviet government has just accepted the proposal of the Western Allies for a Big Four meeting "at the summit."

In all, it looks on the surface as if the Kremlin is right on top of the situation in the field of foreign affairs.

What is actually adds up to, of course, is that the Kremlin has been compelled to change its foreign policy drastically because of the ratification of the West German armament treaties.

Defeat Suffered It has suffered a big defeat. As the result it must assume the aggressive.

Russian decided to sign the Austrian treaty, after 10 years of obstruction, in an attempt to impede the actual rearming of the West German Republic.

The idea is to say to the Germans that they, too, can have a peace treaty and see their country reunited, if they will be neutral.

The Warsaw alliance of the



HYDROGEN THREAT — Czechoslovakian Defense Minister Alexej Cepicka (above) said that Soviet Eastern European satellites are ready to use hydrogen bombs against West if war comes.

Khrushchev Plans To Attend Big 4 Meeting

London — (U.P.) — Communist Party Boss Nikita Khrushchev, and not Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin, may represent Russia at the forthcoming meeting of Big Four heads of state, a London newspaper suggested today.

The liberal News Chronicle said "this is to be a meeting at the summit and everyone—certainly everyone in Moscow—knows that the man now standing alone at the summit in Russia is Nikita Khrushchev, boss of the Communist Party."

The article, signed by diplomatic correspondent William Forrest, noted that Khrushchev was named to lead the forthcoming visit of Soviet leaders to Yugoslavia, and Bulganin was listed only as another member of the delegation.

Snowfall Assisting Talent Water Picture

Talent — About 12 inches of snow fell at Hiatt reservoir in the Talent Irrigation district over the week end.

The district office said about three inches fell before snow started staying on the ground, and that nine inches remained on the ground. About three inches was reported on the ground yesterday afternoon, and rain was falling.

Stored water used has been cut back and both Emigrant reservoir and Hiatt reservoir are maintaining about an even level, the office said.

This leaves our 1,200 or so B-47s as our only genuine element of superiority over the Russians in the air. The B-47s can be operated efficiently only from foreign bases. It is no wonder that the Soviet peace proposal called for "dismantling of military bases on foreign territories."

BUT the most disturbing aspect of the situation is the technical brilliance displayed by the Soviet air engineers. Both the Type 39 and the Type 37 do the same jobs as our B-47s and B-52s with half the number of engines. This means that the Soviet engineers have developed jet engines with twice the thrust of any yet achieved in this country. Moreover, their B-52 type plane took just four years from drawing board to operational unit, whereas our B-52 took six and a half years.

Their new K-99 type tanker plane appears to have greater fuel capacity than the K-99. Those who have studied the photographs and performance records of the new fighter assert that it is a brilliant achievement, perhaps even superior to our newest supersonic fighters in the "hundred series." Finally, contrary to recent sunny Wilsonian emanations from the Pentagon there are very strong indications that the Soviets are ahead in the race for the intercontinental missile, which will certainly determine the air-atomic balance in the end.

Perhaps President Eisenhower's sixth sense is right, and things really are "on the way up." Perhaps peace is just around the corner. But surely, in view of the above, it would be unwise to act blindly on this assumption.

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Animals Inherit Million Dollar Estate Framingham, Mass. — (U.P.) — The bulk of a \$1,000,000 estate was the legacy today of the horses, dogs and birds owned by an elderly bachelor who died last week.

John R. Macomber, 79, left the money in trust to take care of the animals on his 220-acre country estate known as "Raceland." His will was probated Monday.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Misery-loves-company note: Britain is getting all sorts of weather. The other day London office workers shed their packets and strolled in the warm sunshine—which is SOMETHING in London. But in Scotland, only a little to the north (the "big" British Isle, you know, is very small) it snowed seven inches.

In the Channel islands, only a few miles, comparatively speaking, from London, there was a freeze that damaged the new potato crop.

THERE has been a lot of talk about overproduction of automobiles, but Ford Motor Company's marketing research manager says it isn't as bad as it sounds. The number of two-car families in the United States, he says, has tripled in the past ten years and is expected to double in the next ten.

That trend, he thinks, will provide a continuing large market for automobiles.

THERE is always something, of course, to worry about. As of now, there are some 50,000,000 passenger cars and about 10,000,000 trucks and buses in our most fortunate of all countries. If the number keeps on growing, as this two car trend suggests, where are we going to find space to park 'em all?

Not to mention roads to drive 'em on.

IS ANYONE in the State of Jefferson old enough to remember when the politicians were basing their campaigns on the slogan: "A CHICKEN IN EVERY POT?"

The opposition promptly went them one better and promised TWO chickens in every pot. Now we're talking of two cars in every garage.

The world moves.

TIMELY thought: More or less everywhere in the world, except in the United States, the trend is toward socialism in a greater or less degree.

Only in the United States is anyone worrying about WHERE TO PUT THE AUTOMOBILES THAT THE PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO BUY.

THAT brings up another thought: The politicians strive unceasingly to make us believe that THEY are responsible for all the prosperity that comes to the people.

They aren't. Cyrus McCormick, who invented the first successful mechanical reaper and thus started American agriculture on the road to MECHANIZATION, did more for the American farmer than all the politicians who have beaten the brush for votes in the century since McCormick was born.

THE POLITICIAN'S job is to PROVIDE A CLIMATE THAT

IS FAVORABLE TO PRODUCTION. If they will do that job honestly and well, the native intelligence of the people will take care of the rest.

It is production that counts. You can't divide what isn't produced.

GRANGE

Gold Hill Grange Gold Hill Grange is again indebted to Conger-Morris for the showing of another film at the meeting May 12. This picture showed Honduras in all its historic and modern splendor, with its beautiful scenery and many products, also the natives in tribal costumes in festivities and dances.

Master Herman Kamping conducted the meeting, which reports were given by the HEC chairman, Juvenile matron, agriculture, legislative and ways and means chairmen.

Present in the meeting was a member living now in Carmel, Calif., but visiting here a few days, the Grange's former chaplain, Iola Beman, was at the HEC meeting the preceding day. Sadie Frink Cypfers was a guest.

Delightful refreshments were served by Mrs. Nina Dusenberry and Mildred Wright. At the next meeting, on May 19, the Pages, Grays and Governors will serve.

At the Juvenile Grange meeting, plans were discussed to send the Master, Delmer Suttle and Overseer, Steven Gustafson, to State Grange at Klamath Falls, June 6-11. Refreshments were served by Toni Morrow and a display table was provided by Luida Walker with her group of Storybook dolls. These were also shown at the Subordinate meeting later. Next Juvenile meeting is May 26.

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

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