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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 22, 1945 (It was Tuesday) Eagle Point Grange plans memorial for World War II servicemen at Eagle Point.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Snudge Pot column: Geologists report the Pacific Ocean is wearing away parts of the Oregon coast at the rate of a city block a year.

20 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1935 (It was Wednesday) Rogue Valley musicians form Southern Oregon band for purpose of giving concerts at public events.

County court continues year-old policy of oiling roads in front of rural residences if resident furnishes oil.

30 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1925 (It was Friday) Medford water commission employees Engineer F. C. Dillard to survey city's present and future water supply.

Inspection of Jackson county automobile camps for sanitary purposes being conducted to comply with recently passed state law.

40 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1915 (It was Saturday) Hot lava from Lassen peak near Redding, Calif., melts snow after eruption.

Hundreds of tourists visit Rogue valley returning from San Francisco exposition.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?) Copr. 1953, Editorial Research Report

- 1. The new sovereign republic of Germany is larger or smaller than East Germany under Red rule, or about the same size? 2. Most epilepsy can now be controlled by drugs and chemicals; right or wrong? 3. Tuition fees at state universities average, over the whole U.S., less than \$150 a year, about \$200, \$250 or \$300, or over \$300? 4. Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) was once or never was Republican nominee for Vice-President? 5. Notre Dame university is in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio or Wisconsin? 6. New York does or doesn't allow absolute divorce on more grounds than most other states do? 7. A cretin is a material for draperies, congenital idiot, top of a volcano, or native of Crete? The Answers: 1. Much larger. 2. Right. 3. About \$250. 4. Was (in 1944). 5. Indiana. 6. Doesn't (only for adultery). 7. Congenital idiot.

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Getting Wise to Secretary McKay

When the Portland Oregonian becomes skeptical of Secretary of the Interior McKay and his power policies, that is NEWS.

For our worthy metropolitan daily has always been strong for "Mac," but now is not only confused by the conflict of policies in his department, but is waxing critical when it declares "the public can not be blamed if it gets the impression that the interior department, under former Governor McKays direction, uses one set of policies for one project, and another set for others."

THE Mail Tribune has been critical of the McKay policies on public power and particularly Hells Canyon for some time, but this is the first time we have noted any serious dissatisfaction from the Oregonian, which is such a staunch and unswerving supporter of nearly everything with a Republican label.

The confusion and criticism however are warranted.

And as time goes on it will become clearer and clearer, we believe, that Secretary McKay's administration of the U. S. Interior Department, not only regarding power development but conservation, has been the most reactionary, and hostile to the principles of promoting the general welfare, since the days of Boise Penrose and Boss Hanna.

THE Oregonian, however, is not the only metropolitan newspaper strongly supporting President Eisenhower, which has at long last awakened to the fact that all may not be well in the Department of the Interior under the McKay administration.

"The Christian Science Monitor" in its issue of May 13th announces that photostatic copies of a hitherto unpublished letter from the files of the Interior Department, "indicate" that officials of the department solicited and then followed the recommendations of the big private utilities as to changes in its own power policies.

In another letter marked "confidential" a certain private utility made 13 recommendations to the department regarding what should be done regarding the public versus private power issue, and 10 of them, says the "Monitor," were "followed verbatim."

These changes, continues the "Monitor"—and one of the best and most objective NEWS papers in the country incidentally—were made "with the minimum of publicity and without consulting other interested parties in the federal power system, such as farm cooperatives and individual localities buying and distributing government produced power."

ONE of the most controversial of the changes was recommended by the Pacific Gas and Electric company of Portland, according to the "Monitor." This action reversed both a court ruling and the Interior Department's established policy of what is known as "wheeling"—which means in brief to allow a joint use of power lines, public and private, to avoid duplication—reduce expenses thus reducing costs to the consumer.

The Pacific Gas & Electric company did not like this arrangement so on its recommendations the practice was discontinued and as the "Monitor" concludes: quote, "This received no publicity at the time other than publication in the little-read Federal Register!"

If this move was proper and above board why all the secrecy?

The paper thereupon quotes C. Girard Davidson former assistant Secy. of the Interior as charging Secretary McKay as follows—quote:

"His policies relinquish valuable rights of the government, make the sale of government power more difficult and costly, tend to permit the monopolization of government power by limited groups, and it is definitely contrary to the public interest."

DURING the last congressional campaign the attacks on Secretary of the Interior McKay and his extreme pro-private power policies, were generally discounted by many voters as purely political with no true basis in fact.

When newspapers, however, like the Christian Science Monitor and the Oregonian both strongly Republican, agree that "something is wrong" one thing is certain, Secretary McKay may or may not be as bad as he is painted by the political opposition, but criticisms of him and his administration of the Interior Department can no longer be dismissed as merely "playing politics."

The charges are clear, definite and from Republican sources, the sooner they are met and answered satisfactorily the better for him, his department, and his party.

Tyranny of 'They'

We wish to quote on a pertinent subject a United States senator, a letter from a reader, and—ourselves. Says Senator Richard L. Neuberger, writing in the magazine Railway Progress:

I happen to be a nondrinker. I just don't like it. I'm not a prohibitionist but I am a teetotaler. If I mention this at a party when tendered a highball I'm invariably amazed by the number of others around me who seem to take courage and add, "I'd like tomato juice, too. I'm likewise a nondrinker." But if I had not mentioned the matter first I am sure they would have kept silent and toyed bravely with Bourbon and soda.

In a letter reprinted on this page a few days ago one of our readers in Chicago writes:

Six of us . . . were sitting near the outdoor dance floor of one of the hotels. When the native bar attendant approached our table all but one ordered beer or martinis. But when they learned, through my order, that the bar could, and with some reluctance would, serve limeade, all but one changed his order.

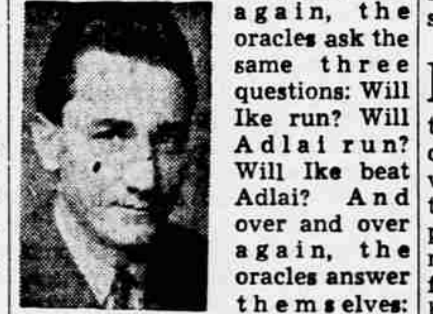
—And as long as five years ago we observed editorially:

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

REPORT TO A PARTNER (NOTE: Joseph Alsop has just returned from six months in the Far East. What follows is excerpted from an informal memorandum by his partner, Stewart Alsop, bringing him up to date on the Washington scene.)

Washington—Since you left, domestic politics has been sounding more and more like a cracked phonograph record. Over and over again, the oracles ask the same three questions: Will Ike run? Will he beat Adlai? And over and over again, the oracles answer themselves: Yes. Yes. Yes.



Stewart Alsop

This performance tends to a certain monotony. So does the performance on Capitol Hill. Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson is no doubt the most thoroughly professional Congressional leader of our times. But that's just the trouble. He slips legislation through so quickly and quietly that nobody notices, or even cares very much.

There has not been a single good loud roar since this session began. Sometimes one can't help feeling a certain nostalgia for the late Joseph R. McCarthy. McCarthy, incidentally, is so sunk without trace that its hard to believe that he was dominating the headlines when you left for abroad.

BUT the dizzying chopping and churning on the foreign front have more than made up for the dullness at home, that is if you prefer vertigo to tedium. If you had come straight back from Formosa about five or six weeks ago, you would have found the country in the grips of a tremendous war scare. It was only about that long ago that Admiral Carney was talking about "war by April 15"—and he was merely voicing the most widely held official view, and had the bad luck to be unfairly used by our profession.

Now the Far Eastern crisis, which you covered so ably, has suddenly disappeared from view, rather the way McCarthy has. Presumably it is still there, as presumably McCarthy is. But as in his case, it is considered tactless to mention its existence. When Chou En-lai rather condescendingly remarked that he was willing to talk to us, and the President and Secretary Dulles (after some pretty confusion) replied that we were willing to talk too, everybody sighed with relief and said, "Well, that's over."

It isn't really over at all, of course, as I suspect you may point out, in your tactless way. But all concerned seemed to have agreed that the best policy for dealing with the Asia crisis is simply to pretend that it isn't there any more. If there is any other policy, I have been unable to find out what it is.

NOW the talk is all of peace in our time. The almost instantaneous transition from war scare to peace talk has been a really amazing phenomenon. At first, after the Russians signed the Austrian treaty and agreed to the meeting at the summit, all concerned were very cautious. From the President and Mr. Dulles on down, there were many warnings against expecting miracles. But now small, irrepressible, hopeful noises have begun emerging from the warners themselves, as from children at Christmas time who pretend to be too grown up to believe in Santa Claus, but really do all the same.

Of course there may actually be a Santa Claus, or a reasonable facsimile thereof. You will find men whose opinions you respect speculating seriously that the Soviets may be genuinely anxious to make a European settlement which the Western powers could accept.

The Russians have certainly been acting in a surprising way. The surprises range from the big surprise of the Austrian treaty to the very small surprise of a Russian visa for myself, only a few weeks after we had been denounced as warmongers in "Pravda."

BUT the Russians also sprang another surprise, with the overflying of Moscow before and after May Day. This could well be the most significant single event that has occurred since you left. As usual these days, the Pentagon tried hard to muffle and play down the meaning of the event (remember Operation Candor?). But the essential facts have come out, and their meaning is plain. The Soviets have a fully mature and remarkably well equipped all-weather air defense system. And they have a

rapidly maturing strategic jet air force, with tankers for air refueling, so that Soviet jets can now unquestionably bomb targets in this country, and return to base.

The Moscow overflights knocked into a cocked hat all our defense plans—Secretary of Defense Wilson himself, you remember, was saying only a year ago that Soviet war preparations were wholly defensive. But again, it is considered somehow unporting to mention such things. . . .

I WAS in the Senate gallery the other day when Symington of Missouri made a short but cogent speech pointing out that we "may have lost control of the air," and calling for a report by the President on the meaning of the Moscow overflights. He might just as well have been baying at the moon, or extolling the virtues of North Dakota, like old Sen. Langer, who got the floor after him amid a babble of general indifference. It is much more popular, these days, to believe in Santa Claus. Cheaper too, of course. Anyway, welcome home.

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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.

Approves Church Plan

To the Editor: As pastor of the Temple Baptist church, 794 Lozier lane, which is cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention, I wish to give my word of approval to the Presbyterians for the work they are about to do in the establishing of a new church in Medford. I believe the establishing of more churches and Sunday schools puts more people to work for the Lord and thus will reach more people for Christ. Two individuals can do more than one individual. In the same way, two churches can do more than one church in a locality.

Reaching people for Christ is the thing people should be interested in, rather than building a name for themselves, and their own congregations. I am sure that the establishment of a new Presbyterian church in Medford will not draw from nor diminish in size nor prevent the growth of any other congregation in town, even though it be across the street or across town. But it would be the means of reaching many others for Christ that would not otherwise be reached. This is a proven fact. One has only to examine records of similar occurrences to know this truth.

I do not believe that the Presbyterians preach Christ in a "Contentious" (Competitive) nor "Pretentious" way. But even if I felt they did, I should say along with the Apostle Paul in Philippians 1:15-18: "Some preach Christ even of envy and strife . . . of contention . . . But the other of love . . . What then? Notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretense or in Truth, Christ is preached, I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice!" To in any way prevent the Presbyterians from establishing another church would not only keep people from being reached for Christ that might not otherwise be reached, but would be suppressing the "Freedom of Evangelism" which is the "Freedom of Speech." It would also be hindering the "freedom of worship" to people who worship the Presbyterian way.

Floyd H. Yeats 794 Lozier Lane

"Down the Centuries"

To the Editor: How well we remember before turn of the century in a small mid-western hamlet while yet a youngster, we took our first train ride, a distance of 25 miles on a Northern Pacific branch line road. (Like the friendly Southern Pacific here), they only ran one passenger round trip each day. Our greatest delight to see was an electric lighted "small city," a water-power grist mill and also a small coal mine in operation. After a full day sight-seeing and bustle and activity of being temporarily "in another world," we probably slept through our trip back to the old familiar community of the wide open spaces, for we still remember when we had to change rail tracks about 12 miles away from the main line on a turn table. It was then the age of the iron horse, today the air age seems to hold first place instead. In a scientific sense, a God from a cloud emerged down the centuries in a changing world.

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman, Medford.

"They all do" . . . Perhaps the greatest single obstacle in the way of getting the evils of liquor under control is custom—a vast inertia made up of tacit acceptance that "that's" the way it is. . . . Customs are both cause and effect. They are self-perpetuating only so long as the majority bend the knee to the tyranny of "they."

The junior senator from Oregon and our subscriber in Chicago apparently have discovered this truth for themselves.—Christian Science Monitor.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

If you read your newspaper and listen to your radio, you are aware of the fact that the world is full of trouble. The list of the world's troubles is too long to be gone into in detail here, but let's cite a FUNDAMENTAL trouble:

Everybody in the world wants peace, but we can't have peace because the free countries and the Communist countries CAN'T FIND A WAY TO GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER.

When you come right down to it, most of our troubles in this world arise out of the fact that people can't find a way to get along with each other.

THE immediate trouble of the moment is a strike against three big long-distance trucking firms in the Far West—Consolidated Freightways, Pacific Motor Trucking and Pacific Intermountain Express.

The dispatches tell us that if the shutdown spreads throughout the industry it will affect some 100,000 teamsters in 11 western states and will curtail trucking as far east as Chicago and Kansas City. They add that the effect of the tie-up is not expected to be felt in the larger cities for several days because of stockpiles of goods in the big centers, but that smaller communities will be hit almost immediately.

NEWSPAPERS will be among the first to be affected.

In the Far West, newsprint production and consumption are so nearly balanced that the newspapers have been taking the paper from the mills as rapidly as it comes off the paper machines. Under these circumstances, it has been impossible to build up an adequate backlog.

Over recent years, as a result of competitive conditions in the transportation industry, much of the newsprint hauling has been shifted from the railroads to the trucks. Now all newspapers that have been receiving their paper by truck are rushing to get shipment by rail. As a result, there aren't enough railroad cars to go around.

So the size of newspapers especially in the smaller communities, may have to be limited sharply.

THE newspaper, of course, is only one of many industries. Its situation is no worse than anybody else's. In these days, ALL business depends upon transportation. When transportation is interrupted, everybody suffers.

WHO is at fault?

What shall we do about it? Frankly, I don't know the answer to either question. I doubt if anybody does.

LET'S put it this way: We are all citizens of this great country. According to the immortal principle laid down in our Declaration of Independence, "all men are created equal. They are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, and among these rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

That statement, which is one of the fundamentals of the American way of life, doesn't apply just to employers. It doesn't apply just to employees. It applies to ALL of us.

SOMEHOW we're going to have to find a way to get along with each other.

Or— We are going to be in for a lot of trouble for a long time.

Armed Bandits Take \$90,000 From Bank

Jacksonville, Ala.—(U.P.)—Two armed bandits robbed the First National bank of \$90,000 Friday, forcing the vice-president to open the bank while two confederates held the officer's wife and two small children hostage at their home.

The FBI said the carefully planned robbery was staged after the gunman went to the home of Jesse N. Wood, assistant vice-president and cashier of the bank, and forced him to accompany two of them to the bank before it opened this morning.

Two other gunmen were left at Wood's home where they held Mrs. Wood and the couple's two small children at gunpoint as hostages, pending success of the holdup.

Bigger Air Force May Be Needed, Twining Says

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Gen. Nathan F. Twining has strongly hinted that new Soviet air power gains may force the United States to build a bigger Air Force to maintain its lead over Russia.

The air chief of staff also scolded the idea of a nuclear "stalemate" with Russia. And he asserted that there is not yet any "reliable way" to bring about disarmament.

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Paul L. Patterson has signed into law House bill 727 appropriating \$415,000 for completion of cell block "A" at the state penitentiary.

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

The guy that writes headlines on local stories in The Mail Tribune owes an apology to the Medford Police Department. Why? Well, a Page 1 headline in Friday's paper said:

Threat of Bombing Here Thought To Be Hoax by City Police This is to go on record with the full belief that the incident was NOT a "hoax by city police," but by somebody else. The police, as a matter of fact, were johnny-on-the-spot in inspecting the building after the call came in.

"Scuse us, fellers.

A small french poodle came to visit the newsroom Saturday, and cavorted around on the floor, in the captivating way of immature canines. The puppy, unlike some pups we've seen, left no puddles.

Staff member, after the dog had left, complained that she didn't really believe that it was a FRENCH poodle. Why? she was asked.

Her reply: "No Oui, oui."

Those of us in this screwy newspaper business are acutely aware of the possibility of misrepresentation in presenting the news. The silly error mentioned at the head of this column is just an example of what can happen, all too easily.

That is why we often take criticism seriously, and often, long after a critic has forgotten what he was griping about, keep thinking about some item which was criticized.

One such occurred last week when a telephone caller accused the M-T of misrepresentation in a Page 1 headline, the one that said "President Vetoes Pay Hike for Postal Workers."

It was overplayed, he said, and didn't give Ike due credit for having supported a lesser increase for postal employees. He was pretty burned up about it, actually, and indicated he thought the headline was written the way it was with political motivation. To make it still more aggravating, he refused to tell his name.

We thought at the time the headline was OK. But because of the call we took the trouble to find out how the same story had been handled in other papers. The "play" given the story varied from paper to paper, but as far as we could determine this was because of how the individual headline writer felt about the importance of the story—not because of political inclinations.

The Mail Tribune gave the story a head with inch-high letters, eight columns across the top of the page.

The Grants Pass Daily Courier (nominally Independent but mostly conservative Republican) produced a similar size of type, "President Vetoes Postal Pay Boost," in six columns.

The Portland Oregonian (conservative Independent-Republican) used type almost as large, seven columns wide, "President Vetoes Postal Pay Increase Bill."

The Oregon Journal (generally conservative Independent) used a one-column head at the top of the page, "Ike Vetoes Postal Pay Hike Bill." (In earlier editions, the Journal used a banner on the story.)

The Roseburg News-Review (conservative Independent-Republican) also used an eight-column banner, in inch-high type, "Eisenhower Vetoes Postal Pay Bill."

The Ashland Tidings (Republican) used a one-column head, top of page, "Ike Vetoes Postal Pay Hike Bill."

The Daily News-Register, McMinnville (Independent-Republican), used a two-column head near the top of the page.

The Coos Bay Times (Independent, with strong liberal leanings) used a three column head, moderate sized type, "Postman's Pay Increase is Vetoes by President for the Second Time."

We found no newspaper where it did not merit important, page one play.

The point to be made, if any, would seem to be that the story was felt to be a relatively important one, although some papers (not following any political pattern) felt it to be more important than others.

And such are the things we worry about!

Teamsters Lose in Bargaining Attempt

Ontario, Ore.—(U.P.)—AFL Teamsters' local 900 of Pendleton has been defeated in its attempt to secure bargaining rights, for employees of Oregon Frozen Foods Company here.

A National Labor Relations Board spokesman Saturday said the union's bid was defeated by a vote of 158-75, with 39 votes contested by the NLRB.

Ballots had been impounded by the NLRB following the election several weeks ago.

Still to be decided in the year-old dispute between union and management groups was a union protest against the election. The union charged the company with "flagrant violation" of election procedure.

If the NLRB overrides the protest, the union would be prohibited from attempts to organize employees at the plant for another year.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

TUESDAY'S SHOW

Watching the performance which was put on at the White House on Tuesday evening it was painfully evident that television plus professional stage management is not what it professes to be—a new and better way of informing people, of letting them see and hear directly and at first hand what their officials are really like and what their officials are really thinking. These stage-managed shows with props made out of the House furniture, with live officials reciting or reading the script, are not a new and advanced form of journalism and true reporting. They are fiction and theater meant to give the illusion that they are true reporting.

This is by way of saying that the picture painted by Secretary Dulles of the great movement of things in the world today was true only as far as it went, which was not very far. He painted a picture of the Soviet Union receding because of the unity and strength of the Western Nations. This dramatic and attractive picture leaves out one of the great and determining developments of our time—namely, the increasing tendency of the smaller, most vulnerable nations to pull away from the military orbits of both of the two great atomic powers.

WHAT Mr. Dulles talked about was at best only half the truth. The other half of the truth is that with their new policy the Soviets are riding a wave of the future with good prospects, if we do not look out of attracting wide popular support in Europe and in Asia.

There was not even a hint of these developments in the Tuesday show and that was, it seems to me, disturbing. For if in the coming encounter with Moscow

and Peiping our own public opinion is crystallized on the half truth which was Mr. Dulles' theme, the Administration will not have the kind of informed support in Congress and among the people which it will need to have.

WE shall be under-estimating the force of the new Soviet policy if we assume that it is merely a retreat made necessary by economic trouble at home and by failure of the old policy. The essentially new thing about the new policy is that it rests on a new appraisal of a worldwide tide of popular feeling, and that it is shrewdly designed to make the Soviet Union stand forth as the champion of what the peoples want.

We can, I think, understand better the inwardness of the new policy if we remind ourselves how in Asia the Soviet Union managed to identify its own interests with the popular demand for national independence and for the liquidation of foreign and native ruling oligarchies. If the new policy of neutrality and disengagement is given a free run, if it is merely denounced with stereotyped phrases, the Soviet Union will be in a position to monopolize and to exploit an enormous wave of popular feeling. This is the desire for escape from nuclear warfare, a longing comparable with the longing in the Asian peoples for freedom from the white man's rule.

IT is wishful and indeed highly conceited thinking for us to tell ourselves that we are leading from strength and that our adversaries are leading from weakness. For when every allowance has been made for the economic troubles in Russia and in China, the fact remains that in reaching out for the support of the masses of mankind who want to disengage themselves from nuclear warfare, the Soviets are by way of acquiring new and very popular strength.

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