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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 31, 1945
Highway 99 officially designated as inter-regional highway by state highway commission.

From Arthur Perry's is now feared the lack of legal fire-water will bring about the return of the moonshine still. The illegal product would be cheaper and look at the fun the customer would have going after it.

20 YEARS AGO
May 31, 1935
Small fruit yields indicated in Jackson county as result of "curley leaf" and an early frost.

Bill Bowerman, former Medford and University of Oregon athlete, holds lead in interest for coaching at Medford High school.

30 YEARS AGO
May 31, 1925
Eighty-two Medford High school seniors receive diplomas. Ashland city council takes no action regarding purchase of land for Southern Oregon Normal.

40 YEARS AGO
May 31, 1915
Steps taken toward formation of district irrigation and Water Users' league made at meeting of Rogue Valley residents.

Travelers from Portland to San Francisco at Ashland exhibit building will be given flowers during summer season.

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

1. A two-door station wagon costs new, on the average, about \$150, \$250, \$350, \$450, \$550, or \$650 more than the corresponding four-door sedan?

2. Passports for U.S. citizens are issued by the State Department, Commerce Department, White House, Supreme Court or F.B.I.?

3. U.S. airlines do or don't get a government subsidy in addition to payments for carrying mail?

4. Cellophane comes from petroleum, wood, soy beans, milk, cotton, or silk worms?

5. In the Electoral College that chooses a President, the District of Columbia has one, two, three, four, five or no votes?

6. Right-wing members of a legislature are radicals, conservatives?

7. John B. Hollister of Ohio is to be the new Army chief of staff, foreign aid administrator, president of U.S. Steel, polio vaccine checker, or head of Montgomery Ward?

The Answers: 1. About \$350 more, on the average. 2. State Department. 3. Do. 4. Wood. 5. No votes. 6. Conservatives. 7. Foreign aid administrator.

TOO MANY FINGERS
Oklahoma City, Okla. (U.P.)—Police had to use a little ingenuity Monday when they finger-printed Oran Telford, 54. He has six fingers on either hand. Authorities solved the problem by printing one finger on the back of the card. P.S. He also has 12 toes.

Secretary Stassen & World Peace

In an interesting interview over the air the other night Secretary-of-Peace Stassen, said among other things, that the Russians just as sincerely fear the Americans are determined to destroy them and their form of government, as the Americans fear the Russians—or the Russian government at least—are determined to destroy them and the democratic form of government, so disarmament has a hard row to hoe—or words to that effect.

This is entirely correct. And we would go further and maintain until this fear complex is eradicated, any real progress toward disarmament is highly improbable. The whole business might as well be forgotten in fact until there is a radical change in the attitudes of the two strongest countries in the world, and the only two capable of waging war alone on a world-wide scale.

BUT that, as we see it, does not mean World War III is inevitable.

In fact it is our belief that such a war is less likely today than it was a year ago, and in all probability will be even less likely, a year hence.

And the reason for our optimism is simply this to wit:

We believe the fear of WAR and the desire somehow, someway to maintain peace is growing steadily stronger, not only in this country but throughout the world, and what might be termed the "will-to-war" is growing steadily weaker.

So while we don't see much chance of any disarmament program getting to first base, with international tensions and fears as they are today, we do see a chance—and a good one—of war on any large scale being avoided because of the growing realization that war in this atomic age, has ceased to be a temptation to any nation, cognizant of the realities of such a war and to that nation's self-interest.

And when all is said and done it is self-interest that controls the policies of any nation, and the facts of self interest will become clearer and clearer to all nations including Russia as time goes on.

In other words the hope of world peace, in our judgment, does not rest in any disarmament program, or in any pious pronouncements or non-aggression pacts, but on the destruction of faith in war, on the part of the people and eventually their leaders, as a practical or profitable medium of settling international disputes.

There is the one best hope.

And the more Secretary Stassen can bring the horrors of a large scale war and its utilities in this day and age clearly before the people, not only of his own country but of the world, the greater the chances of success in his mission to advance the cause of world peace.—R.W.R.

We Second The Motion

Senator Joe McCarthy has written to the President suggesting an expeditionary force of Marines be sent to China to release Americans held by the Communists there.

We'd go for the idea under the following circumstances:

- 1. McCarthy, a Marine reservist, would be the only member of the force.
2. The Chinese wouldn't hold it against us and make such an expedition an excuse for a new war.
3. The Chinese would keep him when they caught him.—BEND BULLETIN.

June Graduates in Demand

A few months after Commencement, the new graduate stops observing that he's willing to consider a position and begins to admit that he's looking for a job, says the old cliché. Well, that may still hold good for the 1955 non-scientific graduate, but the young men and women today with good training and records in many or most of the scientific fields should be able to pick and choose.

Especially in demand, say reports from the business world, are physicists, chemists, electronics engineers, geologists, also men with training in sales and retailing. Women trained in the above field should find their sex less of a handicap than their sisters found it a decade ago. Also clamoring for women are teaching and social work jobs and, of course, nursing.

All the 1955 graduates should find the outlook for a good job with good pay more favorable than did the 1954 graduates. Unemployment today is about one-third less than a year ago, and factory payrolls are eight per cent higher. The chances for a job "at the entry level" are good also, says Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, for those of this year's 1,400,000 high-school graduates who are looking for work.

Most of the 1955 college graduates were born in the early Thirties, when a low birth rate went along with dire depression. Later, as economic activity and employment rose, so did the birth rate. This means that 1955 is providing relatively fewer college graduates and, other things being equal, relatively less competition for jobs than will be true five years from now.—E. R.

Government Camp Snow Jams Traffic

Government Camp (U.P.)—Hundreds of cars full of Memorial Day homeward-bound travelers jammed up five miles east of here yesterday when eight inches of snow fell. It was the first Memorial Day snow-storm in the area since 1948. Many of the cars were stuck for as long as five hours before

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

ISLANDS RARELY VANISH

It is just a bit bewildering to return to Washington after six months in Asia.



Joseph Alsop

It is pretty bad form even to mention Asia, let alone ask embarrassing questions about American policy in Asia.

Meanwhile, however, the outlines of the crisis in Asia have not changed a bit. The tempo may have altered slightly. We may have a few more months to reach decisions, or to prolong our indecision, as the case may be. But all the facts that made the crisis are still right there, ugly as ever, staring us in the eye as grimly as ever, and basically every bit as critical as ever.

The best case history is the situation in the Formosa Strait, which was the immediate cause of the recent war scare in America. It has to be remembered that the real cause of the scare was not Communist words, but Communist acts. Peiping's threats to attack in the Formosa Strait would have been meaningless and empty, if Peiping had not been making active, extensive and costly military preparations to launch an attack.

When Admiral Carney turned the country upside down by saying there would be danger of war from mid-April onwards, he meant that these Communist military preparations would be far enough advanced by mid-April

to permit an attack being launched at any time. And he was of course entirely right.

Since mid-April, moreover, the Communists have gone right on stretching their potential attacking force. More IL-28s, the twin jet bombers that are the great threat to the 7th Fleet's aircraft carriers, have been re-deployed into the Shanghai area. MIG-15s, which can be beaten by our F-86s, have been replaced by MIG-17s, which appear to be markedly superior to the best American fighter plane in the Pacific area. Reconditioning has started at the important Changting and Kienow airfields.

In the last two weeks, too, the enemy has made a series of small, careful, undramatic probing attacks on Quemoy and the Matsu Islands, exactly like the probing attacks on the Tachens that preceded the invasion of Yikiangshan. Meanwhile our own strength in the Formosa area has not been increased in the slightest. On balance, therefore, the basic military situation has grown distinctly worse, rather than better.

In these circumstances, what has changed the climate in Washington, must be the change in Communist talk. The drumfire of threats to Formosa has been muted in Peiping. At Bandung and thereafter, Chou En-lai has said that he would be glad to discuss the situation in the Formosa Strait with representatives of this country. As long as you manage to forget the enemy's continuing military preparations, Chou's change of tune seems hopeful if you do not study it too seriously.

At Bandung, however, the more astute observers were particularly struck by the way Chou made his offer there. It was a very peculiar offer. He said he was willing to talk. But he made it very clear indeed that one point he was emphatically not willing to talk about, was Peiping's claim that Formosa belongs to Communist China as a matter of right.

The Chinese Communist mood, in short, appears to resemble the mood ascribed to Adolf Hitler by Sir Winston Churchill, in his great speech after Munich. If one may paraphrase Churchill, "The Chinese Communists instead of snatching victuals from the table, will be content to have them served up course by course."

Apparently the Eisenhower administration is now ready and even eager to serve up the first, course, in the form of Quemoy and the Matsu islands. But Chiang Kai-shek has told Admiral Radford and Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson, in plain terms, that he will fight for the offshore islands no matter what the United States may do. If the Generalissimo means what he says, where does that leave the Formosa Strait crisis?

THEN again, if the Generalissimo does not mean what he says, and the islands are handled without a fight, the Communists will then be able to move their airpower into Fukien province. Once the Fukien airfields are strongly occupied, the enemy can demand the second course of the banquet, Formosa and the Pescadores. But is the Eisenhower administration radically altering its defense policy, in order to be ready to contest control of the air over the Formosa Strait with the extremely strong Communist air force?

These questions are enough to suggest the phroness of the current complacency in Washington. (Copyright, 1955, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

British Laborites Expected To Swing Sharply To Left

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst

Prime Minister Anthony Eden's victory in the British election undoubtedly means that Labor will have to swing to the left whether it wants to or not.



Charles McCann

Bevan is certain to say that Labor lost out because it failed to offer the voters a forceful socialistic policy contrasting sharply to the Conservative platform on every big issue.

Atlee may find that argument hard to answer. The victory of Eden's Conservatives was impressive. Not only did they more than triple the House of Commons majority they held in the last Parliament. They also won a majority of the popular vote for the first time in 20 years.

It is interesting to note, too, that Britain's tiny Communist party increased its popular vote by nearly 50 per cent as compared to the last election, in

1951. The Reds polled more than 32,000 votes as compared to 21,640 in 1951.

Numerically, these figures are insignificant. But Bevan will be able to say that the Communist vote was increased by the defection of votes which Labor formerly got.

Labor will have plenty of time to make up its mind as to its future course. The new parliament was elected for five years.

Atlee, the Labor party leader, is now 72. Bevan is 57.

There has been no indication in London dispatches that Bevan is yet a menace to Atlee as a rival for Labor Party leadership. Atlee is exceedingly popular in the Labor party. He is a quiet, retiring sort of man. Like Eden, he can be tough when necessary.

But the election held last week is certain to increase Bevan's prestige in the Labor party, and it can hardly help but tarnish Atlee's.

More Assertive
It seems likely that Bevan will be even more assertive in Labor party councils, and even more a rebel against the official party line when he disagrees with it.

Bevan's comparative youth, his great vigor and his oratorical gift will aid him in trying to force the party to veer further leftward.

Whether Bevan can win the leadership of the party at some future time is problematical. Waiting to step into Atlee's place are Herbert Morrison, deputy party leader, and Hugh Gaitskell, former chancellor of the exchequer. If Atlee retired they would be candidates to succeed him.

But from now on, Bevan may be expected to bid more and more openly for the party leadership. Whether he gets it or not, he will be able to sharpen a party swing toward the left.

Ashland Man Hurt In Highway Crash

Claude D. Silverwood, Ashland, suffered minor injuries early today after the car he was driving collided with a truck and trailer on Highway 99 south of Ashland, according to state police.

The investigating officer said that Silverwood's car, going north, hit the southbound truck on the driver wheels, lanced into the trailer, then went 168 feet further down the road and up on a bank. Both vehicles had to be towed away.

The truck driver, Leslie Edwin Timms, 859 East Ninth st., Medford, was unhurt, police said. The accident happened at about 2:15 a.m. today.

Another accident near Shady Cove occurred at about 10 p.m. Monday, officers reported, when a car driven by Eliza Earl Davis, 49, of 509 Fourth st., Phoenix, hit a shoulder, flipped across the highway and over the bank. Davis was uninjured, but the underpart of his car was considerably damaged by rocks, officers said.

KINDLY LAD

Houston, Tex. (U.P.)—Houston policeman G. V. Andy said today that a teen-aged boy he found kneeling beside a car with a loose hubcap in his hand gave this explanation: "I just found the hubcap laying there and was putting it back on the car for the man when you walked up."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Hazards of modern life note: In Kansas City a car stalled in water backed up to a clogged sewer (there had been a cloud-burst.) Three young men in the car took off their shoes and started to wade out. They stepped into water CHARGED BY 2300 VOLTS OF ELECTRICITY from a power line that had fallen in the storm. They died instantly.

SAVE this thought: There were hazards in the olden days.

These boys' great-great-great grandfathers might have started to wade a Missouri creek whose banks were lined with ambushed redskins. They would have died just as suddenly under the ensuing barrage of arrows.

MODERN safety note: Oregon's state health department has issued its annual warning about marine mussels and clams from coastal waters in the spring and summer. State Health Officer Erickson says it is unsafe to eat ANY portion of mussels or the digestive organs of clams at this time of year because they might contain a strong alkaloid poison similar to strychnine.

Clam diggers, he says, should remove all black portions before eating the bivalves. White meat and muscular tissue of clams, he adds, do not contain the poison.

THERE are OFFSETS, you see, to the hazards of modern life.

In the olden, golden days we would have eaten the clams without the precautions described by Dr. Erickson. If we had got sick, we would have said: "I must have eat sumpin' that disagreed with me."

SPORT note: FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, three runners, in ONE event, have crossed the finish line of a mile run in less than four minutes each. A London crowd of 25,000 saw Laszlo Tabori of Hungary win the race in three minutes and 59 seconds, followed by Brian Hewson of Britain and Chris Chataway eight-tenths of a second later.

FOR centuries, men have striven to run a mile in less than four minutes. Englishman Roger Bannister, OF OUR TIME, was the first to do it.

It isn't just MACHINES that are getting better. Human bodies are getting better, too.

WELL, why not? Modern diet is increasing in available quantity and is improving in QUALITY. Cars run better and last longer as the quality of gasoline improves.

It stands to reason that human bodies should run better and last longer on better fuel.

THAT suggests a potent thought: How about human minds?

They must improve also if we are to keep up with the growingly complex modern world. I'm speaking, of course, of AVERAGE human minds. We can't depend wholly on far-above-average minds, such as Einstein's.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 3:30 previous day.

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Coffee Delegates Eye Stabilization

New York (U.P.)—Delegates from 16 of the world's largest coffee producing countries met today to draft the constitution of a proposed International Coffee Bureau designed to stabilize world coffee market conditions.

Representatives of 15 Latin American nations and the Belgian Congo agreed earlier to create the bureau to stabilize coffee prices which have plummeted from \$1.50 a pound last summer to 79 cents last week.

The drafting committee, composed of Brazil, Colombia, Mexico and El Salvador, is expected to draft resolutions to the constitution today calling for each country to contribute a certain percentage of its annual exportable coffee production. The amount would be determined by world coffee market conditions after normal demands have been met.

The coffee pooled by contributors will be held in reserve for delivery to consumers as conditions demand. It will be held off the market when coffee production is normal to keep prices from falling. The reserves will be put on the market when coffee is scarce to keep prices from increasing.

The new organization will also strive to create new markets and increase the demand for coffee.

Draft Advisory Committee Formed

Portland (U.P.)—An Oregon selective service advisory committee for scientific, engineering and allied activities has been announced by Col. Francis W. Mason, deputy state director of selective service for Oregon.

It will advise local draft boards and state appeal board on essentially of Oregon registrants who request selective service deferment by reason of employment.

Haskell C. Carter of Carter Manufacturing, Portland, has been elected chairman and L. R. Husa, president of Albina Engine & Machine, Portland, vice chairman.

Other members of the committee are J. O. Julson, manager of the Weyerhaeuser's pulp mill at Springfield; the Rev. J. A. Moller, dean of science at Portland university; Dr. W. E. Caldwell, professor of chemistry at Oregon State College; Fay Brainerd, assistant to the vice-president of Hyster Co., and Walter Durban, secretary-manager of Lumberman's Industrial Relations committee, both of Portland.

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