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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 June 7, 1945 (It was Thursday) A public hearing on Jackson county's budget to start tomorrow morning.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The proposal to make the old courthouse at Jacksonville a pioneer relic museum recalls when it was dedicated, a Bible and a \$5 gold piece were buried in the cornerstone.

20 YEARS AGO June 7, 1935 More than 10 forest fires already reported in Jackson and Josephine counties as summer becomes drier.

Special election called in Willow Springs district to decide whether or not stock should run at large.

30 YEARS AGO June 7, 1925 (It was Sunday) More than 25 special trains carrying Shriners home from Los Angeles convention pass through Medford.

Almost 500 people die from intense heat wave throughout the country, while Medford's temperature is 75.

40 YEARS AGO June 7, 1915 (It was Monday) Medford divided into districts to conserve irrigation water to prevent shortage.

From Ashland and vicinity column: Last Thursday night twenty-seven carloads of sheep in double-deckers, reached here and were unloaded for rest and feed, afterwards being reloaded into fifty-four standard stock cars which had been cleaned out and disinfected preparatory to interstate shipment across the border.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?) Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report 1. The Chinese Reds say they will discuss Formosa with the U. S. and Nationalist China, or only the U.S., or only Nationalist China, or neither?

Don't Interfere

According to the Oregonian, Secretary of the Interior McKay now "touring Europe in a top-hat," is planning some speech-making in Oregon late this summer or fall "probably coincidental" with the scheduled debate on the John Day partnership power project between Representative Sam Coon and Senator Dick Neuberger.

We trust this report proves to be incorrect. Secretary McKay's views on public power are well known throughout the state and, of course, he has a perfect right to express them in Oregon or anywhere else.

But it would be very poor timing and worse taste to stage a series of talks in this state during the Coon-Neuberger debate and on the subject under consideration in that debate by such a radical partisan of one of the contestants and such a bitter opponent of the other.

What would the American people have thought, for example, if during the Lincoln-Douglas debate, Jeff Davis had decided to tour Illinois giving his well known views on slavery, or Senator Seward his contrary views on the same subject?

THIS debate on public power with special reference to the "partnership-plan" for "John Day," has been the result of a challenge by Oregon's junior Senator which has been accepted by Congressman Coon. The controversy is between them and them only. They should be allowed to fight it out without interference by partisans on either side.

BUT far better for all concerned to allow this verbal duel to take place as originally planned, and according to the rules, regulations and traditions of such affairs, with hands off and mouths shut, on both sides.

WE have some doubts about Congressman Coon ever appearing to answer the call for action, but we may be mistaken.

Hope we are, for the more discussion on this important subject the more light shed on the problem, the better the chances of a final decision that will contribute the maximum benefits to this state and the undeveloped areas of the entire northwest.—R.W.R.

It Isn't the Leadership

According to reports Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson is far more popular with the Eisenhower Republicans in congress than with the Democrats back home.

The Democratic rank and file claim their party, due to its passive non-aggressive leadership—or lack of any leadership—has muffed the ball time after time, and thus abandoned all chance of returning to power next year in the face of another Eisenhower popularity landslide.

WELL such a reaction is understandable. The Texas Senator is of the mild and conciliatory type, and the record during his regime will show in many cases, stronger support for the President and his policies from the Democrats, than the Republicans.

But it is doubtful if this can be justly blamed on Senator Johnson or his leadership.

The plain truth seems to be that the Eisenhower program, particularly as it relates to foreign policy, is favored generally by the Democratic party. It is also true the strongest opposition in the Upper House particularly, comes from the Republicans—especially those that follow the isolationist leadership of Senators like Knowland, Jenner, Malone and McCarthy.

It could be changed if the Democratic leadership wished to abandon its principles for partisan profit, but that has not appeared to be the majority party's aim—and that happens to be this department's definition of good statesmanship.

ALL may be changed when the 1956 campaign really opens.

But as of today we fail to see how one could expect, the Democratic leader, or the Democratic majority in the congress, to join in with the Knowlands, Jenners and McCarthys, and thus repudiate their own party principles and convictions.

The complaint, in fact, should come from the Republicans who claim that General Eisenhower didn't know which party he belonged to four years ago and doesn't know now.

Like "Burr rabbit" they are lying low and not saying much. Unless all signs fail, however, they will say a good deal when the time for the convention to nominate a new candidate, comes up.

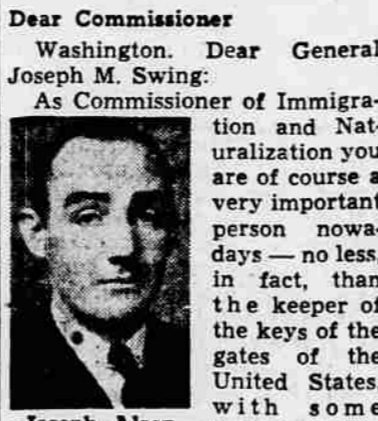
As things look today the GOP opposition to Ike won't get to first base. But that doesn't mean they won't TRY!—R.W.R.

New St. Mark's Priest Greeted

St. Mark's Episcopal church greeted its new assistant priest, the Rev. Robert Franz Burger, at a parish reception last Sunday. Mr. Burger, a native of Missouri, arrived recently to become assistant to the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Mark's.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop



Joseph Alsop

Dear Commissioner Washington. Dear General Joseph M. Swing: As Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization you are of course a very important person now-days—no less, in fact, than the keeper of the keys of the gates of the United States, with some help, naturally, from that fine, vigilant, active man, Mr. Scott McLeod, over at the State Department.

None the less, I dare to address you on behalf of a Chinese friend, Mr. Lung Shun-wen, because I think just possibly you did not really understand his case when you ordered him deported from this country. The reason you gave for not letting Mr. Lung stay in America was the position now held by his father, old Governor Lung Yen, as a vice chairman of the National Military Council of the Chinese Communist government.

Mr. Lung's father's position sounds bad, of course, but somehow it still seems wrong to me to put automatic labels on human beings and decide their fate by the punch card system. So let me tell you a little bit about Governor Lung and the Lung clan. I used to know them rather well when I was working for General Chennault in the Fourteenth Air Force. In those days, old Governor Lung was the last astonishing survivor of the true race of Chinese warlords.

The first thing you have to grasp about Governor Lung, if you really want to understand him, is that he was basically a primitive. I must admit that he had every modern gadget his vast fortune could buy in his big palace in Kunming; and he had bought modern weapons, too, for his private army of 70,000 men.

Yet his gadgets didn't make him any less primitive at heart. He always used to deny having tribal blood, because that is a disgrace in China. But I rather think there was truth in the Kunming gossip that Governor Lung was part Lolo. As late as the middle 1930's, the Lolo chieftains were really independent rulers in their mountain fortresses in Southwest China, and the lesser hill tribes were their slaves. The Lolos were particularly strong in Yunnan, and I suspect his Lolo connections helped Lung Yen to rise to the Yunnan warlordship.

Anyway, when I knew Governor Lung he was one of the last truly feudal rulers in the modern world. He let Mr. Y. T. Miao, a brilliant, Western educated banker, handle problems that needed Western education. But he ran the province, with his cousin, General Lu Han, as his deputy. He was really absolute, except that General Lu Han's mother, Madam Lu, who must have been about eighty, exercised something of the authority of a family elder. When she stamped her bound feet, even Governor Lung used to jump.

Naturally, as warlord of Yunnan, Governor Lung made a lot of money. In his best days, he must have owned a substantial percentage of the good farm land in the province. And in 1945, when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek finally sent his troops in to break Governor Lung's power, one of the things they found was a sort of private Fort Knox—a whole cave out in the Western Hills heaped to the ceiling with stacks of gold bricks.

Of course, that was really the end of Governor Lung's life, when his hold on Yunnan was broken. The Generalissimo put him under house arrest in Nanking. Then he escaped to Hong Kong on one of General Chennault's airplanes—he got on the plane disguised as an old woman. And then the Communists defeated the Generalissimo, and made Lung Yun a lot of promises, and so he went back to China to become one of their puppets.

The trouble was, all the time, that he was a primitive with his roots in Yunnan. He didn't understand the Chinese Communists any better than your friend Mr. Scott McLeod does, although of course his mistakes about them were of a quite a different kind. The Communists just gave a tempting tug on his roots in Yunnan, and back Lung Yun went, full of foolish hopes; and now he is under house arrest again in Peiping, with an empty title that is meant to encourage turncoats on Formosa. So you see, you really don't need to worry because my friend Lung Shun-wen is the old Governor's son.

You ought to remember, too, that the younger generation of Lung's behaved very differently from the old man. One of my friend's brothers, Lung Shun-tseng, was the anti-Communist guerrilla leader in Southwest China until the Peiping government caught and shot him. All the other brothers are refugees—the eldest escaped from the

mainland only the other day, and Generalissimo Chiang gave him a big welcome. GAL 2—MATTER OF FACT... As for my friend, Lung Shun-wen, very few young men, surely, could make the transition that he has made, from being a twenty-year old lieutenant colonel and the son of one of the richest men in the world, to getting their living in a strange land. Lung Shun-wen finished college here, although his allowance from his father stopped in 1949. He has managed very well ever since, and now he is doing nicely with a Chinese restaurant here in Washington. I would think that a fellow who can get out and scratch like that would be the best kind of citizenship material.

So I hope you will put away your punch cards for once, and reexamine his case as a human problem. Even when you achieve 200 per cent Americanism, like Mr. Scott McLeod, it is very unwise to forget that human problems really matter a lot. (Copyright, 1955, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

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As To Bible Prophecy

To the Editor: The physical return of the people of Israel to Palestine never to be plucked up out of it again is prophesied in the Bible. A spiritual application of such prophecies there may also be but that in no way prevents the physical fulfillment. Up to now these prophecies have not been fulfilled as previous regatherings have been followed by scatterings. But the present regathering will no doubt have a different result. In the new world or age ruled by Jesus Christ, under His Father, Jehovah, will be glory, honor and peace to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek, for there is no respect of persons with God. The new age is now upon us. See Amos 9:14,15, Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, Zechariah 14, Romans 2: 9, 10, 11 and Revelation 21.

A. R. Stewart, 67 Ocean St. Rochester, Mass.

Use Surplus for Peace

To the Editor: "Feed thy enemies" commands our Heavenly Father. Do we miss His grace by this omission, failing to qualify as His children? Is Peace therefore withheld from the earth? "Peace cometh from me said the Lord."

Hundreds of people are starving behind the iron curtains. Their leaders have made them our enemies. In reality they are our brothers. We have surpluses of food that are plaguing our economy and welfare. Should we not give it to those who hunger? Is our defense such that we can defeat only starved people? The blame is partially ours considering that the money that should feed them goes to build armaments to subdue us. Starving people are dangerous. They constitute a reason for war. They must fight to alleviate their distress. Feeding those people would do more good than reducing armaments.

Using up our surpluses would be a stimulus to our economy, prompt more production, bring more prosperity. The good of preventing another war cannot be measured. Why then do not we Citizens buy up the surpluses from our government and give them to the people behind the Iron Curtain? Each of us can spare something. Write your Senators and Congressman today asking for immediate legislation so this can be done in our Christ's name.

Frances Ray, Ralston, Wash.

A Grandmother Comments

To the Editor: Would like to comment on the graduating exercises last night. I saw my daughter graduate from Medford High school with the class of 1934 and last night my granddaughter with the class of 1955. Have seen other ones graduate but never have seen a more beautiful setting, with the colored lights, the blue caps and gowns, the colorful school band in front and the sky above with a few patches of clouds. It was a picture no artist could do justice to. Even a little yellow dog liked it. May the Father above bless them all in their different walks of life.

Mrs. A. W. Sullivan, 2201 East Main St. Medford, Ore.

EX-COACH DIVORCED

Santa Monica, Calif. —(U.P.)—Former professional football coach Earl L. (Curly) Lambeau, 55, was divorced yesterday by his wife, Grace, 54, who received half interest in their \$150,000 cattle ranch here and \$3000 in attorney fees. The couple married June 13, 1949, and separated two years later.

In the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS This weird world note: The neutral zone in Korea is providing an object lesson in the ways of Mother Nature. This territory, three miles wide and 150 miles long, stretches across Korea where two years ago soldiers fought bitterly and bloodily.

NOW THIS NEUTRAL STRIP HAS BECOME A FABULOUS WILD-LIFE REFUGE. ALL MANNER OF BIRDS AND ANIMALS HAVE SWARMED INTO IT—PROTECTED FROM MAN BY THE ARMISTICE AMONG MEN.

I'D LIKE to go off the deep end and point out in lulling words that when MEN CEASE TO FIGHT EACH OTHER peace reigns throughout nature and all is happy and serene.

But the story from Korea won't let me. Its last paragraph adds: "Foxes, wolves and mountain cats have moved in. There is even the famous Korean tiger—almost as dangerous as gunfire."

THESE dangerously fanged and clawed carnivores—the foxes and the wolves and the mountain cats and the Korean tigers—slay and eat the lesser animals such as the rabbits and the squirrels and the deer and even the birds.

When they are crossed in their purposes and angered—THEY FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES! That's why it's a weird world.

THIS CHANGING world note: In Britain, which is tied up with a railroad strike, one of Lord Beaverbrook's newspapers, the Evening Standard, offers this suggestion: Why not seriously consider doing away with the railroads and building superhighways on their roadbeds?

It would never do, of course, in our country, which is HUGE. Here the railroads are indispensable for long-distance hauling on land. But Great Britain is small. The total land area of England, Scotland and Wales is less than that of the state of Oregon. The greatest length of the island of Great Britain is 600 miles. Its greatest width is 320 miles. No part of it is more than 70 miles from the ocean—and Britain is a great seafaring country. Much of its domestic commerce is carried by coast-wise ships.

In Britain the railroads are owned by the government, and it is the government that builds the roads. The change from railroads to superhighways could be made quite simply.

IN A SPEECH at Custer, South Dakota, Air Secretary Harold Talbot says today the United States has the most powerful air force in the world—and WILL CONTINUE IN THE LEAD.

Reassuring, isn't it? But— I suspect that about a couple of days from now somebody is going to get up in Washington or elsewhere and allow as how the Russians are so far ahead of us in air strength that it's pitiful. I'm afraid our public servants talk too much. Every time ANYBODY says ANYTHING our fantastic modern communications system carries what he has to say to the eyes and the ears of everybody in the world. No wonder we're confused.

OREGON CADETS GRADUATE West Point, N. Y. —(U.P.)—Two Oregon cadets graduated today from the U.S. Military Academy here. They include Edmund Vulgars of Portland and Reginald R. Davis of Klamath Falls.

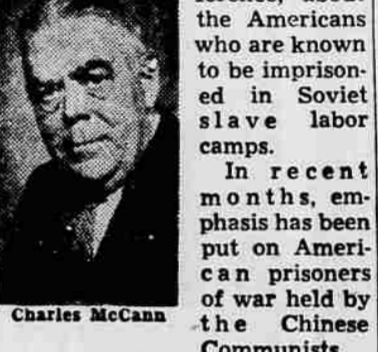


SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT—he made it! Fellow classmates hoist Roy B. Freeman, Jr., on their shoulders following graduation at U. S. Naval Academy, Freeman, "anchor man," graduated 741st in class of 741 midshipmen. (International)

Russia Certain To Be Questioned on American Prisoners

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst

It will not be surprising if the United States asks the Russians, at the approaching Big Four conference, about the Americans who are known to be imprisoned in Soviet slave labor camps.



Charles McCann

But long before the Korean war even started, it was known that the Soviet Union was holding many American prisoners. It is known right now that many still are being held. The Chinese Reds hold Americans in violation of the Korean Armistice. At least the Americans were combatants.

But the American slave laborers in the Soviet Union are not held in violation of any armistice. They are being held, in violation of fundamental human rights, by a presumably friendly nation and a war-time ally.

There always has been some suspicion that American fliers who made forced landings in Siberia during the war against Japan were kept prisoner by their Russian "allies."

Bomber planes which landed on Russian territory became models for Russian bombers. Russians Hold Civilians After the end of World War II there were intermittent reports that the Russians were holding many American civilians. In addition to reports of Americans held in slave labor camps, it was known that Russia was refusing permission for some American citizens to leave Russian territory.

The United States made representations to Russia in October and December, 1949, about 38 American citizens who were being detained. Russia denied that these 38 were Americans.

The State Department asserted a statement on March 3, 1950, that approximately 2000 Americans were being held in the Soviet Union. Most of these were in

Lithuania and Eastern Poland when the Russians seized those territories.

At that time Russia denied that Americans were being held as slave laborers.

Letters Received The State Department retorted that letters from American slave laborers had been received by relatives in this country. The letters bore return addresses as labor camps. Some of them described conditions in the camps.

The United States government continued to receive reports of the imprisonment of Americans, some of them soldiers seized on the West-East border line in Germany.

In 1953, Austrian and Dutch war prisoners freed by the Russians started giving details of the imprisonment of Americans. They were able to identify a few of the Americans. These, the Russians released later.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles announced on Nov. 3, 1953, that he had demanded the release of all Americans imprisoned in Russia.

Americans still trickle back through the Iron Curtain from Russian labor camps. The Big Four conference gives an opportunity for further inquiry about the rest.

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