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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 16, 1945

(It was Saturday)

Medford granted permit to build and operate an airstrip for civilian fliers.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Hay is the order of the day in the rural regions. It looks like the hay would be sacrificed next winter at around \$30 per ton.

20 YEARS AGO

June 16, 1935

(It was Sunday)

Crater Lake council of Boy Scouts will open June 23 at Lake o' Woods.

Oregon State four-day trapshoot at Medford Gun club ends.

30 YEARS AGO

June 16, 1925

(It was Tuesday)

Ashland residents vote to purchase \$18,000 in bonds for Normal school site.

The first automobile trip around Crater Lake loop from Klamath Falls to Medford made by Klamath Falls newspaper publisher.

40 YEARS AGO

June 16, 1915

(It was Wednesday)

Medford light committee gives Rogue River Public Service corporation's application to furnish the city light a favorable report.

From Local and Personal column: A Ford car and a lumber wagon of the Big Pines company collided at Sixth and Fir this afternoon. The collision occurred when the driver attempted to pass behind the wagon. The front axle was bent. Tuesday night two jitneys of the Also Taxi company collided on Main street.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

1. Will all states with Daylight Saving this year end it in September, or will some end it late in October?

2. President Eisenhower has renamed Admiral Radford chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; right or wrong?

3. Vodka is usually the color of whiskey, water, coffee or champagne?

4. As many as a million cases of gonorrhea are recorded in the U.S. every year; right or wrong?

5. The famous Dreyfus case in France half a century ago involved prejudice against Catholics, British, Russians, Jews, or Socialists?

6. A meter is longer or shorter than a yard, or the same length?

7. The real name of which movie star is Lucille LeSueur?

The Answers: 1. Some late in October. 2. Right. 3. Water. 4. Right. 5. Against Jews. 6. Slightly longer. 7. Joan Crawford.

BOUND OVER TO JURY

Portland—(U.P.)—Henry E. Beck, 47, Portland, was bound over to a Multnomah county grand jury today on a murder charge in connection with the fatal shooting of his former wife recently. Beck, who police said has admitted shooting his former wife in front of her home, tried to end his own life with the same weapon. He was released from Providence hospital two days ago.

Karl Marx versus Henry Ford

Our old friend David Lawrence, editor of "U.S. News and World Report," characteristically views the "annual wage" with alarm.

He fears the latest agreements between Ford and General Motors with their workers, marks an abject surrender of Big Business to Big Labor, and augurs ill for the future, including more inflation, more bankruptcies and less value for the precious U.S. dollar.

UNDOUBTEDLY many will agree with David.

But in the opinion of this department their fears are unjustified. In fact this paper believes the peaceful agreement between our two giant motor-manufacturers and the C.I.O., for a modified annual wage augurs well for the future, and is the strongest assurance in a long time, that Karl Marx was wrong, and those who blindly followed his thesis—including the boys in the Kremlin—are wrong today.

The Marx theory was, in brief, that the capitalistic system was doomed because as time went on the few would get richer and richer, the many poorer and poorer, until the latter refusing to become wage slaves, would throw off their chains, throw over the system and establish in its place what has since been called the "dictatorship of the proletariat." The Russians swallowed this creed bait, hook and sinker, and the revolution of 1918 followed.

But what has happened since?

The few haven't become richer and richer. The poor haven't become poorer and poorer, not in this capitalistic country at least. Wealth has increased tremendously, but through such concessions as the "Big Motor" group granted a few days ago—and the government has granted in recent years—the employers have shared this wealth with their employees, more and more, until the group that Marx called "wage slaves" has practically disappeared.

Capitalists no longer represent a privileged minority, prone to sit in their club-windows with their freshly shined shoes in a chair, and watch the world go by. They represent a majority, many of them driving to work in their new Fords or G.M. "deluxe" products. They do not call themselves capitalists, of course. Nevertheless they are, and really worry more about their next income tax installments than the chains they were provided with, by the great German economist and revolutionary agitator.

IN short Karl Marx was a great student of economics, sociology and their trends, but he had never met Henry Ford, and so failed to take Henry into consideration.

Henry Ford was no student, he was a plain—very plain—mechanic. He never studied economics, but he did study the gas-engine, the factory he eventually owned and operated, with a special interest in those who like himself, worked not so much with their heads as their hands.

He came to a conclusion not so scholarly or sensational as the conclusions of Herr Marx in Germany 100 years ago, but probably in its practical effects far more revolutionary. What was it?

Ford decided that paying his men a straight \$5 per day minimum—a big wage for that day—would not only benefit them, but benefit his own business and to the horror of Big Business of that day, that is what he did. Again to the horror of Big Business, it WORKED!

WE don't know just how many millions Henry Ford made for himself, but we do know he made plenty. We also know he had the highest rate of production as well as pay per worker in the country at that time and the highest morale in his shops. Also he raised the workers standard-of-living not only in Detroit but from one end of the country to the other. Finally, though few realized it at the time, he knocked the Karl Marx theory of the "inevitable workers' revolution" into the well known and extensively advertised "cocked hat," not only for that late Victorian period, but in all likelihood, for all time.

IN other words, that class warfare that Comrade Marx predicted, because the poor would inevitably get poorer and the rich richer, failed to materialize. The "want and misery" of the down trodden masses that could not be avoided as wicked capitalism carried its destructive principles to their logical conclusion, WAS avoided. This was due primarily to the wisdom and enlightened self-interest of the Henry Fords and secondarily to those other captains of industry, who at first reluctantly, but later with considerable enthusiasm, followed his example.

WE realize it will be a great shock to Editor Lawrence but the plain truth is, he and those who like him, see only disaster in a fairer distribution of wealth, and the raising of living standards not only for the few but for the many, represent the philosophy of the man they detest, and the political doctrines they abhor, namely: none other than Comrade Marx and those who agreed with him that capitalism and the industrial revolution had within themselves the seeds of their own destruction.

Had the forces of greed and reaction prevailed in the USA as Marx expected, this depressing prediction of disaster would in all probability have been realized.

But thanks to the Henry Fords of Big Business and those who followed in his footsteps and accepted his doctrines—including his grandchildren—they did not!—R.W.R.

HIGHWAY BIDS ASKED

Salem, Ore.—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Highway commission has called for bids on 34 highway projects in the state. It estimates they will cost some \$4,000,000. Bids will be opened in Portland June 30 and July 1.

INJURIES FATAL

Eugene—(U.P.)—Leona Bilyeu, 57, Walton, Ore., died in a local hospital last night from injuries suffered June 9 when her car was involved in a collision with a truck and trailer near Walton, west of here.

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stew Alsop

"SECURITY" VS. DEMOCRACY

Washington—Until very recently, the American people's rights to know the basic facts of their national situation was never questioned for an instant. The people's right to know was properly regarded as the mainstay of our democracy.

Now, however, no one seems to doubt the American government's right to bamboozle people by the concealing of the life-and-death facts. The Eisenhower administration is actively seeking to install a peacetime censorship in America. This censorship has as yet aroused very little opposition. And there was no word of protest, or even comment, when the thinking behind that censorship was unblushingly confessed a few weeks ago.

The confession was made by the former Secretary of the National Security Council, Robert Cutler, in a speech to the Associated Harvard Clubs. The Cutler views on the measure of truth that ought to be told the people have been specially commended to the White House staff by the President himself. This incredible speech, then, can be taken as accurately reflecting the official White House line.

In a morass of somewhat self-satisfied verbiage, Cutler makes two central points. First, he declares that the people should be told no fact included in any document classified confidential or above, and should be especially kept from knowing any facts about thermonuclear or other weapons; the status of our own defense effort; intelligence from the rest of the world, which of course includes the status of the enemy defense effort and enemy intentions, and the reasons for our national security policies and character of our current diplomacy.

In short, all facts of real significance—"All the vast paraphernalia that goes into executive decision-making"—are to be kept from the American people. This is because of Cutler's second point, "There is not to reason why," he in effect says of the American people. According to Cutler, national decisions should be made, not by the people, but by the President alone. At best, the nation is to have a sort of pale privilege of post-audit on the President's decisions.

"THE PEOPLE," Cutler generously says, "may always call him to an accounting, for his acts and omissions to act."

The italics are Cutler's, and if you read his speech, you will wonder why he did not also capitalize the words "him" and "his." He has need to believe that the President possesses divine attributes; for none but a president-deity could accommodate the Cutler system and the American system. Our system, although Cutler forgets it, happens to be a democracy; the people are the masters; and even such high officials as the Secretary of the Security Council and the President himself are the people's servants. And any democratic government will surely fail if its masters, the people, are successfully kept in the dark about the national situation.

The facts that Cutler would withhold from the people, on the ground that they are classified, are almost all the facts which define the national situation of this republic. Such problems as the relative status of our own defense effort and the Soviet defense effort now have as much bearing on our national situation as the existence of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; and maybe they have more bearing. And if the Cutler recipe is followed in a free society—and the Administration is going to any lengths to follow that system—three things automatically happen. First, the society is automatically crippled because the people do not know the challenges that confront them, and therefore do not rise to meet those challenges. Second, the society is crippled in another way too. The official leadership starts whining that the "people won't stand for" doing the necessary things, whose necessity they themselves have hidden from the people. Third, the temptation to cover up failures, instead of correcting them, becomes altogether irresistible to the leaders. For it is ridiculous to talk to the people "holding the President accountable for his acts and omissions to act" when the people are being thoroughly and continuously bamboozled, and bamboozlement is established high policy.

ALL THREE of these results of the Cutler system are already beginning to appear in America. They must inevitably add up, in the end, to a kind of

creeping national paralysis in the face of the deadly dangers of our times. And for what purpose, one asks, are we risking national paralysis by withholding the truth from our people?

For no purpose whatever, is the ironical answer. For even Cutler has not dared to suggest that we sacrifice the outward trappings of a free society, our budget is still public. The locations of our war plants, the patterns of our urban centers, all our new starts in industry, are not yet hidden matters. A great flood of technical publications will tell any subscriber who wishes to purchase them the current state of our military-industrial progress. And from these and other public sources, the Soviet intelligence is able to deduce with ease all those facts Cutler and others like him would hide from our people.

In fact, the Cutler system, which is also the Eisenhower administration system, is not merely anti-democratic. Worse still, it is plain silly, unless it real purpose is to prevent those political embarrassments which officials of all governments have always wished to avoid.

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Harrisburg Explosion Fatal To Illinois Man

Eugene—(U.P.)—Dennis Wayne Beck, 56, Alton, Ill., died in a local hospital last night from burns suffered in a gas explosion at a motel last Sunday.

The coroner's office said Beck and his family had been staying at a motel in Harrisburg about 20 miles north of here. Early last Sunday morning his wife awakened and lit a cigarette. The gas burners on the stove had been left on and the explosion followed.

Beck suffered burns over 75 per cent of his body. His wife and two children also were burned. She was reported in fair condition and the children in good condition.

The family recently came to Oregon from Illinois and Beck had been looking for work.

Roseburg Youngster Trampled by Horse

Roseburg—(U.P.)—Cheryl Ann Parks, 21-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Parks, Roseburg, was trampled to death by a horse yesterday at the dude ranch where her father is employed.

Coroner L. L. Powers said the child apparently was playing too close to the animal in one of the stables at the ranch.

Geneva Conference Of Big Four May Not Be Held 'At Summit'

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

It looks as if the Big Four meeting to be held in Geneva will not be a "conference at the summit."

Premier Niko-lai A. Bulganin, as the head of the Soviet government will lead the Russian delegation officially.

As of now, however, it is uncertain whether Charles McCann, Nikita Khrushchev, the first secretary of the Communist party, will even be there.

If Bulganin goes to Geneva without Khrushchev it will be a meeting of heads of government all right, but it will not be the "conference at the summit" which has so long been discussed.

If there is any real "summit" in the Kremlin right now—which is somewhat doubtful—it is Khrushchev.

Russia has accepted the Allied proposal for a four-day meeting—July 18 through July 21 inclusive.

It is not proposed that the heads of the four governments shall make any decisions on world problems. They are to hold an exchange of views and define issues on which the Big Four foreign ministers will negotiate afterward.

Lacks Authority But Bulganin is unlikely to be able even to engage in any authoritative "exchange of views" unless Khrushchev is at his elbow.

When Khrushchev and Bulganin went to Belgrade to see President Tito of Yugoslavia, Khrushchev went out of his way to show he was the head man on the Russian side.

There is no real comparison, of course, between the Belgrade and Geneva meetings.

The Soviet leaders went to Belgrade to see a man who was not only head of his government but leader of his own Communist Party.

It looked then, however, as if Khrushchev certainly would be the real No. 1 delegate at any Big Four conference—not officially but actually.

But Khrushchev won himself a lot of bad publicity in Belgrade by his lack of tact and his loose talk.

That made it seem questionable whether he would attend the Big Four meeting even as the power behind the scenes.

If Khrushchev does not go to

Geneva, presumably Bulganin will have to refer back to Moscow for instructions whenever he is confronted by any unexpected development. A lot of time could be lost in that way in a meeting of limited duration.

Western diplomats have no disposition to belittle Bulganin. He is a man of great ability, with a friendly manner. He is 60 years old. He is recognizable at once, in his pictures, by his goatee. He started out as a Communist organizer way back in 1917. He became an able government administrator. In World War II he became a political marshal in the armed forces. He succeeded Georgi M. Malenkov as premier last Feb. 8.

The trouble with the situation in the Kremlin now is that Khrushchev has succeeded Josef Stalin as Communist leader and Bulganin has succeeded him as premier. There is no longer any real summit.

Josephine County Budget is Approved

Grants Pass—The 1955-56 budget for Josephine county was adopted this week by members of the budget committee here. It was unchanged from the tentative budget proposed May 9. The spending plan totals \$1,451,362.50, an increase of \$182,849.75 from that for the current year. Increased revenues are expected to offset the increase. The amount to be raised by taxation remains about the same.

Yellowstone national park was called "Coulter's Hell" by early settlers in the West.

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