

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

ANOTHER AIR SHOW

(Note to readers: Having obtained a Soviet visa by writing personally to Nikita Khrushchev, Stewart Alsop has just left for a month's tour in Russia. Joseph Alsop will be writing from Washington until his brother begins to report from Moscow.)

Washington — The American intelligence experts are waiting with distinctly bated breaths for the reports on a special air show that the Soviets have promised to stage in Moscow over the weekend.

The advance billings justify a high measure of nervous anticipation. In the first place, the deeply alarming array of planes shown at the usual Moscow air show in May were all in mass production already.

Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson has made himself the laughing stock of the Air Force and the aircraft industry by suggesting that the already-exhibited jet bombers and supersonic fighters were mere Soviet prototypes.

The failure to include any prototypes in the May show leads to the natural conclusion that the special June showing — in itself an altogether novel event — is meant to present important new prototype aircraft in the most dramatic manner possible.

THE Russians themselves have pointed towards this probability in two different ways. A day or so ago, a kind of teasing preview was allowed in Moscow of a wholly new, twin-rotor, large size helicopter, suitable for troop transport. It is believed to have been a prototype.

The Russians stated roundly: "The air demonstration over Moscow will display aeronautical models more advanced than those seen before."

If this is true, and if the new models are in important categories, we are probably due for another shock that may even shake the seemingly unshakable complacency of Secretary Wilson. It would seem foolishly anticlimactic to stage a special air show to exhibit relatively unimportant advances.

THE betting concentrates on two different types. The Bison, which is the Soviet equivalent of our B-52 heavy, long-range jet bomber, has some marks of an interim design.

Again, the new Russian supersonic, all-weather fighters that were shown in a flight of 30 in May did not appear to be quite up to the quality of our own F-102. They are materially better than our F-94C, the best all-weather fighter we now have in service in the American air defense system.

ON THE showing to date, Soviet air design has drawn even with our own. Soviet development time. The American lead consists wholly in a number of aircraft already in being — the B-47 fleet to be specific.

THE question remains as to what the Soviet motive may be. Why do they exhibit the best they have as publicly as possible — almost rubbing our noses in it, in fact — when here in Washington we are in the grip of an unprecedented campaign of censorship?

So that is undoubtedly the McCarthy line regarding this particular issue, at this particular time. —R.W.R.

How About Dog Racing?

There is a movement on to establish a dog-racing track near Ashland.

The Ashland Tidings has taken a vigorous stand against it and the Tidings is right.

As our worthy contemporary states quote: "The dogs are not run for the sport of running. They are raced only for the individual gain which the promoters and operators of the track can get out of it."

That is entirely correct. If pari-mutual betting were eliminated there would be no dog-racing track and no suggestion of one.

THE whole business is a gambling racket and all everyone who knows anything about dog-racing knows it.

THE claim is made such a venture would increase the tourist traffic, bring outside dollars into the community, and add to the county's recreational assets.

The Tidings harpoons this familiar and fallacious "sales-talk" as follows:

"Every type of business in the southern part of Jackson county would suffer economic damage. Money spent on the pari-mutuals at a dog-track can't be used to pay bills for goods and services, it can't be used to purchase milk, meat or groceries; it can't be used for the purchase of household furnishings, home appliances, automobiles..."

THAT is correct. To those who still doubt it, we would suggest a trip to Pasadena, Calif. Ask any merchant there how his business fares when the horse racing season is on at Santa Anita and when it isn't.

THE sad fact is, as the Tidings states, that those who do indulge in it most, are usually those who can least afford it, and in far too many cases the results are tragic.

FINALLY there is no reasonable doubt organized betting on dogs, horses, or jumping frogs, is against the law in this state, and in violation of the state constitution.

Those who want to follow the example of Nevada and make gambling one of our major industries should first get the state laws changed. For as a whole the people of this commonwealth, believe in law enforcement, and also believe those who don't like any law as it is, should not violate it but secure its repeal.

So why not put the repeal proposal up to the special session of the Legislature, or if a special session is not called, to the next regular one? We will let our readers answer THAT one! —R.W.R.

The 4-Power Conference

For once Senator Knowland of California doesn't agree with Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin.

This comes under the heading of "news." For the Republican senate leader, not only voted against the censure of Mr. McCarthy and McCarthyism; but in general and for a considerable time, has given aid and comfort to the McCarthy faction, by opposing President Eisenhower on many important issues particularly regarding the administration's foreign policy.

NOW the senior Senator from our neighboring state takes issue with McCarthy as far as the latter's condemnation of US participation in the Four-power conference is concerned. He isn't very enthusiastic, emphatic or explicit but he does express his official judgment, that he does not believe either President Eisenhower or Secretary Dulles will fail to protect vital American rights at this conference or indulge in any "appeasement" as far as Russia is concerned.

Very generous of Senator Knowland! This mild rebuke will make no difference to the Wisconsin firebrand however, for he is going to try to make political capital for himself out of this "summit gathering," no matter what its results may be.

MCCARTHY is convinced nothing of importance can come out of this conference, and in all probability, he is correct.

No informed person expects Russia to abandon its effort to neutralize Germany, or to agree to any disarmament proposals that will really weaken its powers of offensive action.

The best that anyone can reasonably expect will be a net result of reduction in tensions, by a realization by the government heads on both sides that the opposition does not want another world war any more than they do, and where there is no definite "will to war" the chances of preventing it are greatly increased.

THAT would be a considerable accomplishment and justify the conference historically, but there would be nothing sufficiently tangible or startling to satisfy the McCarthy group, or prevent them, from maintaining Uncle Sam had been taken for another ride, and the meeting had been, internationally speaking, another Eisenhower flop, and a victory for the forces of evil in the Kremlin.

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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 19, 1945
Forty votes cast in election for members to Medford school board of directors.

20 YEARS AGO
June 19, 1935
Medford airport picked as one of six strategic points on Pacific coast for air-alert radio equipment.

30 YEARS AGO
June 19, 1925
National Guardsmen camped here leave on motor caravan to Crater Lake.

40 YEARS AGO
June 19, 1915
Medford city council delays awarding power franchise to Rogue River Public Service corporation.

BUDGET HEARING
Jacksonville — A public hearing on the Jacksonville budget for fiscal year 1955-56 will be held at the city hall here Tuesday night, prior to the regular council meeting.

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

1. Present stock of Ford Motor Co. (U.S.) is estimated worth less than \$50 a share, about \$50, \$250 or \$500, or over \$500?

2. Retail price of coffee is up or down considerably as compared with several months ago, or about the same?

3. Personal indemnity insurance rates are much higher or lower for owners of new cars than for owners of old ones, or about the same?

4. Niagara Falls is between Lake Erie and Huron; right or wrong?

5. When a session of Congress adjourns "sine die," it quits till next day, till next week, for a recess, or for all time?

6. Sense of balance in humans is located in the brain, pituitary gland, inner ear, heart, or foot muscles?

7. A cooper works on hen-houses, police uniforms, barrels, engraving plates, or cooperative enterprises?

The Answers: 1. Over \$500. 2. Down considerably. 3. About the same. 4. Wrong; between Lakes Erie and Ontario. 5. For all time. 6. Inner ear. 7. Barrels.

The forward speed of a tornado usually is only 25 to 40 miles an hour.

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.

Ellsworth Plan Opposed
To the Editor: Our present Fourth District Congressman, Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg, stated last week that the opponents of "partnership" dams are in the position of "hunger strikers" in that they (Morse, Neuberger and Green, in particular) "want government ownership of electric power or none at all."

What we Democrats don't like about "partnership" as promoted by the GOP is that the electric power so generated will not be low-cost power nor will it be available on a regional basis, the two features that made the Bonneville Power Administration so outstandingly successful.

Far from being "on strike," Democrats representing Oregon in Congress have been fighting hard for appropriations to build the already authorized dams at Cougar Creek on the south fork of the McKenzie River, at Green Peter on the Santiam River and at the John Day site on the Columbia River.

Such appropriations are not expenditures of tax money. They are investments, gilt-edged investments as proved by the eagerness of the private utilities to undertake these projects.

Mr. Ellsworth and his Republican colleagues are the ones taking an unreasonable position, to wit, high-cost-private-power or nothing!

Instead of issuing such wild, baseless charges, our Congressman might well emulate his colleague, Sam Coon of Baker, and consent to defend his "partnership" views in a series of debates in his District this Fall.

Certainly power policy is the most vital of all the domestic issues, for upon its success the economic future of Oregon largely depends.

Charles O. Porter, 2775 University st., Eugene, Oregon.

Animals in the Summer
To the Editor: Hot weather is a difficult period in the lives of pets and work animals. The Humane Society, Medford, Ore., offers the following advice and hopes you receive it in the spirit it is given.

Vacation time brings scores of complaints of animals suffering from hunger, thirst and exposure to the hot sun. Horses, in particular, should receive special attention. They should not be forced to carry too heavy loads; generous amounts of cool water should be supplied and frequent rest periods. Many dogs are left in parked cars with the windows closed. These animals, imprisoned, often in the broiling sun, suffer greatly in temperatures that run into the nineties and, often, exceed 100 degrees.

THE BIG through airlines with their four engine planes, are wonderful for the long hops, but it's the feeder lines, with their stops at every town that has an airport and their efficient operation in getting down and up again without wasted time, that will bring the benefits of fast air transport to the country at large.

THAT smart feeder airline operation. Frequent stops, giving service to many communities. Down again, up again, with a minimum of lost time.

WHEN one is killing time, it is hard to resist eavesdropping on one's neighbors. Two young men in the seat ahead, probably in their late 30's, are engaging in personal chit-chat. One says to the other:

"Where did you live before you came West?" "Minnesota," was the answer. "How did you come to change?" the first one asked.

"Well, you'll laugh," the other replied, "My wife and I have relatives all over the northern half of Minnesota. We have nine children. Every time one of our kids did something not wholly commendable, every relation in the outfit, in-laws and all, heard of it, and it kept our faces red all the time. So we decided to move to the West and be on our own."

"HOW do you like it?" his companion asked. "It's wonderful," the father of nine responded. "For the first time in our lives we can be ourselves and we can let our children be themselves. It's good for all of us."

THE conversation drifted on. "Nine children," the first young man remarked, "is a fine, large family. Did you plan it that way?"

"Well, I, not exactly," was the answer. "We'd planned to stop at five. But the sixth one came along, and after that it just didn't seem to matter. The more the merrier."

DELLAH, MODERN STYLE
Cheboygan, Mich. — (U.P.) — Cecil Adams' wife didn't like the beard he was growing for Cheboygan County's centennial celebration. One night while he was sleeping, she plugged in his electric shaver and cleaned one side of his face before Adams woke up. Adams took a look in a mirror, plugged in the shaver again and took off the rest of the beard.

Is That So?

Hamburg, With SAS—a subject with never-failing interest is how creatures came by their popular names — particularly birds. Take such names as goat-sucker, killdeer, flicker, shrike, sandpiper, oriole, lapwing, Moth-grebe or jaeger.

Some names are bestowed due to the bird's dramatic personality (sandpiper), colorful coat (oriole), or striking voice (phoebe); some because of characteristic motions (wagtail); some for persons (martin); and quite a number from foreign languages (loon, godwit).

Perhaps birds come by their names most frequently — and honestly — through their songs, like cuckoo, flicker, pipit, killdeer, pewee, phoebe, chickadee and of course, dickcissel who sits on a fence in the middle west and utters his tiresome



"dick-ciss-ciss-ciss" without end. As well, the bobolink came by his name from his bubbling song heard in the northeast in the spring. But southerners call him rice bird—because of his rice field deprecations along the coast during fall migrations.

Curiously, the shrike too gets his name from his voice. The word stems from an old Icelandic word, shrikpa—a shrieking sound the bird makes just as he pounces upon his prey. But another name for shrike is butcher bird which refers to his habit of impaling his prey on a thorn before devouring it.

Many names result from the bird's actions, such as the wagtail which pumps its tail up and down, or from side to side. And everyone knows, creepers creep; sandpipers pipe up and down the sands; woodpeckers peck wood; oven birds build nests that are open at the sides like old-fashioned ovens; hummingbirds make humming sounds with their wings; roadrunners of the west run on trails—their speed is equal that of a fast dog's; and the shearwater the crest of the waves.

A bird's appearance, too, often helps christen it: the cedar waxwing is so named because its wings are seemingly tipped with red sealing wax; the morning warbler, a cheerful singer, has a mournful-appearing blue-gray hood; the oriole takes its name from the Latin word aureolus, meaning golden; the kinglet from its golden or ruby crown; and the longspur from its extended hind spur.

Humans have been honored by having their names bestowed upon birds. Thus, the knot was named for ancient Danish King Canute, who ruled England, because of his supposed fancy for the knot as a tasty dish—and in former times this bird was netted and fattened before being slaughtered. The martin was named for Martin, the Bishop of Tours of the 14th century who is the patron saint of France.

St. Martin's day or martinmas is November 11—a pleasant time of year, usually. The Baltimore oriole for bearing the colors of the house of Lord Baltimore orange on black. Flit Over Ocean

The petrels got their name from their flight — as they flit over the ocean their legs dangle and their feet appear to patter on the water as though trying to walk, harkening back to St. Peter's ill-fated attempt. But another name for the petrel is Mother Carey's chickens and this is an odd anglicization of Madre Cara, mother of Jesus, to whom many European sailors pray because of a hazardous voyage.

And now to some of the names resulting from "lift" from other languages: Grebe comes from the Breton word "krib" meaning comb—the grebes are characterized by protrusions on the heads which might conceivably have suggested combs.

The prothonotary warbler, originally spelled without the h, comes from the Latin, the word meaning first notary; the prothonotary is a papal official who wears yellow robes and keeps a registry of pontifical acts. From Anglo-Saxon Words

Redstart comes from Anglo-Saxon words, "roth" and "steort," meaning red-tailed; lapwing, too, is Anglo-Saxon, from the words "heape" and "wince," the former meant to turn about in flight, the latter to waver—suggestive of the bird's irregular flight.

Merganser gets its name from Douglas, and comparing them with the majority court decision, might one ask — how can such opposite legal opinions be held among such high — caliber legally trained jurists? Could they fail sometimes to remember their obligations when they solemnly assumed those momentary tasks? Not all can be concealed even by purple cloaks.

John E. Gribble Medford, Oregon

By Eugene Burns Ranger-Naturalist

the Latin "mergus" and "anser," the first meaning to plunge, the second, goose. Godwit, really means "good wight" in the sense of good eating; and loon comes from an old Icelandic word, "lomr," meaning diver, or an awkward bird, jaeger is simply German for hunter.

As for the poor goatsucker, he was stuck with this misnomer centuries ago thanks to an ignorant superstition among the shepherds of yore that these birds came in the night and milked their goats.

But usually the more colorful the bird and widespread his habitat, the greater the variety of names he will have — one such being the flicker. It has over a hundred names including yellow hammer, high-holder, and golden-winged woodpecker.

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The globe, proposed by Roger Babson Webber, a gift of Roger W. Babson and family, is a great steel ball, 28 feet in diameter, supporting a map of the world on a scale of 24 miles to the inch in 20 different colors created in porcelain enamel (fused glass on thin steel plates). Every country in the world is represented with the capitals and cities having a population of a million or more indicated by stars or circles. This tremendous globe, weighing 25 tons, is mounted on a 122-inch-diameter six-ton hollow shaft, representing the axis of the earth, set at an angle of 23.5 degrees from the vertical. It is so devised as to rotate about its axis simulating the earth's rotation once each day of 24 hours. The shaft, in turn, is supported by a 10-ton triangular carriage revolving on a circular steel track 20 feet in diameter simulating the revolution of the earth about the sun once each year to show the passage of the seasons.

Among the features shown on the map are 25 of the major mountain peaks of the world, 25 major mountain ranges, 100 principal rivers, innumerable lakes, islands and groups of islands, the depths of the ocean in three different shades of blue, the heights of the mountain ranges in two different shades of brown, the poles (both actual and magnetic), and the Tropics of Capricorn and Cancer, the Equator, the International Date Line, with the Meridians of Latitude and longitude. As a tool to visualize the various economic and political tensions and troubled world, the Babson World Globe is unequalled, it was stated.

Contract Awarded for The Dalles Dam Crane

Portland — (U.P.)—Army Engineers in Portland Saturday announced award of a \$111,200 contract to American Ligurian Co. for the design, manufacture and delivery of a 30-ton spillway deck gantry crane for The Dalles dam.

The crane will be manufactured in Dortmund, Germany, and the contract must be completed by January, 1957. American Ligurian was low of 13 bidders.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 8:30 previous day.