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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 23, 1945 (It was Saturday) Jackson county court considers small tax levy to aid conserving old courthouse to Jacksonville museum.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Due to OPA monkeying with the food and meat supply, upstate eateries are closing and "famine" is feared. Even people equipped with "the boarding house reach" are suffering, one report says.

20 YEARS AGO

June 23, 1935 (It was Sunday) Crater Lake National park officials make residence at park for summer.

Wireless telephones installed in ranger station at Big Applegate to help control fire fighting.

30 YEARS AGO

June 23, 1925 (It was Tuesday) Jackson countians reminded that automobile license plates will not be issued unless title of car is established.

Page theater, damaged by fire two years ago, will be rebuilt and be known as New Page.

40 YEARS AGO

June 23, 1915 (It was Wednesday) More than five tons of cherries, mostly Royal Anns, shipped from Rogue River valley.

From Ashland and vicinity column: The Scandinavians of Jackson county are scheduled to picnic in the Ashland park on June 23. In view of this event, Emil Feil, the leading Swede in these parts, seconds the invitation. "Valkomen till rar Stad." The date set commemorates the Scandinavian "Midsummer Dogan," or midsummer day. Medford is expected here in big array.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. The idea of a national Father's day originated with a father, bachelor, mother, spinster or child?
2. Some large U. S. cities impose their own income tax on top of a state income tax; right or wrong?
3. About half, or many more or many less than half of Korean war veterans have used their right to GI unemployment compensation?
4. Official head of the Church of England is the Archbishop of Canterbury, Prime Minister, Queen, Prince of Wales, or Lord High Chancellor?
5. Two presidents were born west of the Mississippi; Eisenhower and who?
6. The Achilles tendon in humans is in the shoulder, near the heel, around the elbow, in the lower back, or near the knee?
7. A catamaran is a kind of boat; right or wrong?
The answers: 1. A mother (Mrs. John B. Dodd, Spokane, Wash.) 2. Right. 3. Many less than half. 4. The Queen. 5. Hoover. 6. Near the heel. 7. Right.

CLOCK CHANGE New York—The daylight saving plan now used in some cities is less than 40 years old.

The McCarthy Rise and Fall

If Senator McCarthy has not decided Lincoln will be his soon will.

It was President Lincoln of course—who incidentally was not only a great statesman but a smart politician—who maintained you "can't fool all the people ALL the time."

The junior Senator from Wisconsin thought he could if he adopted such a popular issue as anti-Communism, yelled often enough and loud enough and was sufficiently shrewd in his exaggeration and misrepresentations.

But Joe's chickens are coming home to roost. Seeing the writing on the wall even Senator Knowland Republican leader in the Senate has turned against him.

Meanwhile, McCarthy's favorite legal water-boy and mascot, Roy M. Cohan observing that his idol the Wisconsin senator is no longer—or very seldom—on the front page, explains it all on "a conspiracy of silence" on the part of the American press and particularly the editors and radicals known to Roy as "egg-heads."

We like the comment of the Salem Capital Journal on this feature in the McCarthy decline, quote:

"Conspiracy of silence? Many politicians and others like to think so when they can't hit the front pages the way they would like to. But you don't have to be popular, good, constructive or noble to gain newspaper publicity. You do have to be INTERESTING. Joe used to be but the people got tired of him and the news hawks quickly sensed it. The newspapers under many managements but alike in their eager search for interesting material record the results rather than determine them. Maybe Cohan can think of a way to put Humpty Dumpty together again. Its been done a few times."

Well if it has, we failed to make a note of it at the time.

Our prediction is that McCarthy and Humpty Dumpty will never come back and be put back on the wall again. The reason? Well at long last the people have not only become fed up with him, but have become wise to him and his side-show tactics. They are no longer interested, because they know he is a phoney and always has been. Once the people get on to that sort of a fraud they refuse to be taken for a ride the second time.

THIS is not to say the Wisconsin Senator is going to disappear or stop trying. Nor is it to say there is going to be any new or benevolent dispensation regarding the "Reds"—Russian Chinese or Indian. The fight between democracy and totalitarian imperialism, is bound to go on so long as the latter tries to impose its ideology upon this or other nations, either by force or infiltration. Security problems of real moment will remain.

But the McCarthy type of opposition to Communism based upon the "Big Lie" technique, stupid prejudice, misrepresentation and for personal political purposes only, we believe won't go on, not only because it is essentially wrong and false, but because in the long run it is ineffective, and aids the cause it is supposed to hinder.

This departure from the front page by the junior Senator from Wisconsin is only one of many evidences that finally the worm has turned, the play so profitable for McCarthy and McCarthyism for a time, has played out, and as the Salem Capital Journal states, the newspapers of the country, were not (we regret to state) responsible for this fall, but merely were among the first, to note and record it.—R.W.R.

It All Depends, —

Some weeks ago when Senator Neuberger suggested that the ham-acting and pretense on TV be discontinued, there was considerable ridicule expressed hereabouts, and our junior Senator's alleged inclination to waste time over trivial fiddling while Rome is on fire, was in many quarters, deeply deplored.

These critics, we fear, never read the speech as a whole. For the real thesis presented, was not concerned too much with "make-up" illuminated "ponies" and "falsies," as with the general need for better, more serious and genuine presentation of the issues over the air, and a reduction in artificial build-up and make-believe.

The New York Times, not disposed to deal in trivia, commented upon this portion of the speech with favor. Now what do we find?

Vice President Nixon —none other,—declaring that what he calls "set speeches" of presidential nominees haranguing a big rally, or smugly and snugly reading his "teleprompter" in the studio is "on the way out."

Mr. Nixon thinks such telecasts will have to be better produced than in the past, that there will probably have to be interviews and even audience-participation, with unrehearsed, off-the-cuff questioning if the candidates are to get the voters in any large numbers to "stop, look and listen."

We don't claim that the two speeches were identical in viewpoint—but they were in subject matter closely related. And we also believe that had Vice President Nixon delivered the Neuberger speech and Neuberger the Vice President's, in that sequence, there would have been very little criticism of either.

It ALWAYS depends so much upon whose ox is gored!—R.W.R.

Seattle Youths Held For Series of Thefts

Eugene —(U.P.)— Three Seattle Wash., youths were held here today after admitting more than a dozen break-ins over a 24 period, police said. The trio, held for Washington authorities, was working its way to Hollywood by looting taverns and service stations along Highway 99, officers said. State police said the youth's vehicle was "loaded" with loot from the burglaries. The lads were stopped for a "routine check." The trio admitted burglaries in Salem, Eugene, Junction City and Jennings Lodge,

Nehru's India Visit Strange Exhibition

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Staff Writer

The Soviet Russian government and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India have just staged a most interesting diplomatic exhibition.

Reports of Nehru's 15-day visit to the Soviet Union, which ends today, read like the minutes of a meeting of a mutual admiration society.

Nehru found nothing wrong with the workings of the Communist dictatorship or with Russia's foreign policy.

In fact, he said in one speech that Russia must be given the credit for a relaxation in world tension during the last few months.

The man who used to complain so bitterly of British oppression during the years before India got its independence saw no Russian slave labor camps.

He did not see the Kremlin as the center of a vast conspiracy which in Europe has deprived the people of nine nations—in addition to Russia itself—of their liberty.

Great Peace Maker The Russians, in turn, saw Nehru as a great peace maker.

Just what the political results of Nehru's visit will be remain to be seen.

Nehru is a "neutralist." Unfortunately, his neutralism tends toward the view that Communist Russia and Communist China are peace-loving, and that the United States and its allies are imperialists.

If Nehru's neutralism does not incline more to the left as the re-

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

SIR KINGSLEY WILSON

Washington: It is now confirmed that the able under Secretary of Defense, Robert Anderson, will shortly return to private life. At long last, moreover, the Secretary of the Army, Robert Stevens, is due to return to his family textile business.

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, has offered the under secretaryship to the Secretary of the Air Force, Harold Talbot; but Talbot has refused this promotion on the ground that the air force commands his first loyalty. So far as is known, therefore, no final decision has been made on the replacement for Anderson.

Ordinarily, such news of shifts at the second level of the administration would have no very shattering significance. In fact there is no great significance in the departure of Army Secretary Stevens. He is an amiable but remarkably dim figure, and it was a conspicuous irony of history that he should have been catapulted into a spotlight that only served to illuminate his dimness.

The retirement of Under Secretary Anderson, on the other hand, has a meaning of all proportion to his rank, for several different reasons. In the first place, it will deprive the defense department of by far the ablest and most courageous civilian officer now operating in the field of general defense policy.

IN THE second place, it will disappoint a rather passionately cherished hope in the armed services. That hope was, very simply, for the departure of Defense Secretary Wilson, and his replacement by his far more lucid and defense-minded subordinate. There was a time when this shift appeared to be on the cards; and there seems to be some reason to think that Under Secretary Anderson was really staying on in the expectation of this shift, and has now decided to go because it has become clear that his chief will stay.

In the third place, and most important of all, the departure of Anderson removes any lingering doubts that may still exist about the Eisenhower administration's order of policy-priorities. Anderson always challenged the policy-priorities established by the treasury and the budget bureau and approved by the White House. Secretary Wilson, on the other hand, in effect operates as a treasury representative within the defense department. He wholeheartedly believes that it is his duty to think first about tax cuts, second about balancing the budget, and about the defense of the United States as a very poor third. He and the Treasury Secretary, George Humphrey, form a working partnership in which Humphrey is the guiding spirit.

By a remarkable combination of great force of character and great personal charm, Secretary Humphrey long ago attained a unique position of influence and power in the Eisenhower administration. Humphrey's views on policy-priorities would be hard for any secretary of defense to challenge, even if the defense secretary were also a strong - characterized and at-

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THIS PRE-WAR ARMISTICE

Before the parleys in San Francisco began, the frame within which the four Foreign Ministers are now working had become visible. For one thing they are no longer the Big Four; there are now eight powers who will take part as principals in at least some of the coming talks. They are, in addition to the Big Four of World War II, West Germany, Red China, Japan and India.

Dr. Adenauer made that very plain indeed for West Germany during his recent visit to this country. It has been evident for Red China since last winter—ever since we began talking through intermediaries with Mao Tse-tung. Japan is now negotiating directly with the Soviet Union for a peace treaty. And India has become a mediating power which no one could afford or would dare to ignore.

It was an astonishing statement for a man of Nehru's unquestioned intelligence to make.

The October revolution in Russia was a coup by a handful of professional revolutionists. These Bolshevik revolutionists seized control of the government from Alexander Kerensky and his fellow leaders who had overthrown the czar nine months earlier.

Oh, well, perhaps Nehru was just thanking the Communists for a good time.

WITHIN recent weeks it has become clear, I think, that all these principals powers are in basic agreement on three general propositions. The first is that war, which now means thermo-nuclear war, is impossible, and that there is no alternative, if not to peace as the President has said, then at least to the avoidance of war. The second proposition is that while the great powers must not wage war, they cannot now make the concessions which would be needed if they were intending to settle the big issues. The third proposition is that, unable to fight and unable to settle, they must nevertheless find ways to relax the more severe and dangerous of the tensions.

At least in the West, this has not been the popular view, and Mr. Dulles, Dr. Adenauer, and Mr. Macmillan have all shown much concern over the fact that what the public expects differs so much from what they think can and should be done in the coming talks. The popular view is that in order to relax the tensions, it is necessary to settle the big issues—such as German reunification and Formosa. The official and, as it were, inside view is the reverse: that it may be possible, and that it is most desirable, to relax the tensions before the settlement of big issues can begin.

This is in fact the formula that is being used in the Formosa Strait—the place of highest tension between the two armed coalitions. There are very strong indications that variants of this formula will be used in the coming negotiations at Geneva and beyond.

THERE is, I submit, no doubt that the underlying cause of all the recent diplomatic activity is that the competition in armaments has come to a stalemate. War, and the threat of war, cannot under the existing conditions be used as an instrument of national policy. The unusability of war, be it for conquest, for liberation, for face-making or for face-saving, has made necessary a return to diplomacy. But the unusability of war has also affected the character of diplomacy which, almost always in the past, has had war as its ultimate reserve and sanction.

Under the present conditions the fact that the principal powers cannot fight means also that they feel no compulsion to make big concessions in order to settle the big issues. What they want to talk about, what they are impelled by their interests and by their public opinion to talk about, are not settlement of the big issues but ways of making it more certain that this stalemate, this cease fire before hostilities, this pre-war armistice, will endure.

ENOUGH has already been said by each of the principal powers to show that none is now ready for, that none now really

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Against Annexation

To the Editor: I will admit a part of the proposed annexation may need water and sewer service. But why force a shot gun marriage between the city of Medford and an innocent bystander?

Our permission was not asked and we were not given a chance to voice an opinion. Why should people with enough gumption to do something on their own be forced to pay the bills for part of Medford? We had nothing what-so-ever to say about the boundary lines. We were told the City of Medford did what they thought best. (But for whom?)

I lived in Medford for eight months after being discharged from the Navy. Then we bought 19 acres of raw unimproved ground. Since then we have cleared, leveled, fenced, installed an irrigation system, and built a small house. If we want city facilities wouldn't we have stayed in Medford? We wanted a place to have our own meat, milk, eggs, vegetables and some freedom. But after July 5, what then? We have no guarantee that it will be zoned as an agriculture zone or for how long.

As for taxes. Last year our taxes were over \$300. How can we be justly forced to pay another \$100 to Medford? We have 1,858 feet on proposed streets or roads. How much will our assessments be, \$7 for streets about \$3 each for water and sewer, or \$14,154? No wonder we do not want to be in the city of Medford.

Besides we could not run our private business and affairs as we wish to. Please voters, think before voting.

City water and sewer can be had without being forced into city limits. Water and sewer districts can be formed without joining Medford.

Is the bait worth the pain of the hook?

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seem so necessary for so many American politicians, with the shining exception of the President to prove every time they speak on television that they are not Communists, that they are not fellow travelers, that they are not dupes, and that they are second to none in their capacity to say what has been said so often that it does not need to be said again.

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