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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 July 26, 1945... Maj. Bill Bowerman, head coach at Medford Senior High school, notifies superintendent of schools he may be home by end of year.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: It is now so hot all over the nation, ham could be fried on the sidewalks, if the little pigs Secy. Wallace ordered killed were available to the consumer.

20 YEARS AGO July 26, 1945... Operation of Medford corporation, replacing Owen Oregon Lumber company, to start Monday; employment to reach 200 men in two weeks.

Oregon Highway commission allots \$120,000 for work on Siskiyou section and \$125,000 on Ashland Neil creek section of Pacific highway regrading and construction work.

30 YEARS AGO July 26, 1925... Medford residents mourn death of William Jennings Bryan in Dayton, Tenn.

Ashland school board selects Easterling-Tavener site for new grade school.

40 YEARS AGO July 26, 1915... California-Oregon Power company proposes to city council new contract for lighting: five per cent of gross receipts for 17 years.

From Local and Personal column: The backbone of the heat was broken Sunday with a moderation in temperature, and at noon today the mercury rose to but 82 degrees in the shade, about fifteen degrees lower than during the last week. The air is somewhat hazy due to forest and brush fires.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7? Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report... 1. Steel price rises following steel wage increases are estimated to add about \$5, \$15, \$25, \$35 or \$45 to the cost of making a 1956 car?

"The Morning After"

In returning from Geneva the Soviet delegation stopped for a conference in Berlin.

Once more Premier Bulganin maintained the conference had relieved international tensions, but he proceeded to demonstrate the cause of one of the chief "tensions" between Soviet Russia and the United States, had not been relieved.

This is the unification of Germany. Both countries favor unification in theory but Russia insists that, if and when, such unification is achieved Germany must secede from Nato and become independent of the West.

To date the United States has refused to favorably consider such action, and Chancellor Adenauer is reported to be equally firm against it.

SO WE fear that any international celebration of "the dawn of a new era of sweetness and light" between the USA and the Soviet Union would be somewhat premature.

There is no doubt the threat of a world war has been removed farther from reality, as a result of this "good will meeting" in Switzerland but the ideological and political conflict between the two countries promises to continue for some time to come.

Premier Bulganin remarked before the Geneva conference assembled, quote:

"It would be naive to think we shall solve all complex international problems, but if all participants in the conference display good will, sincerely seek to reach agreements we undoubtedly will be able to find common ground, to chart feasible ways to an effective settlement on which the peace and well being of the peoples depend."

WELL there was plenty of "good will" shown at the meeting by the United States as far as the public reports were concerned; but just what went on behind the scenes is not so clear.

Apparently the Russians did not take any official notice of President Eisenhower's challenge to exchange military information, and enlarge trade relations.

This, if it proves to be Moscow's permanent attitude, hardly qualifies as a gesture of good will,—or manners,—but let us hope there will be some explanation for and softening of the "snub" later on.

Secretary Dulles pretty well expressed the probable reaction when on his return and in the rain he, remarked:

"Only history will show whether it was a great or momentous conference and whether the good spirit engendered there will be maintained."

He might have well added that the verdict of history will be influenced more by what is to be accomplished in the immediate future by both major powers than what was accomplished at Geneva.

A peaceful and mutually satisfactory solution of the German problem should, as far as a better situation in Europe is concerned, be placed first on the agenda.—R.W.R.

Not Quiet on Eastern Front

The return of the US "turn coats" from China emphasizes a fact often overlooked, to-wit:

There is no peace in Korea. There is only an armed truce. In other words factually, a state of war still exists between the United States and North Korea (or if one prefers the UN and Red China.) This item may be an important factor in the final determination of these turn-coat cases, as well as the continuation of peace in the Far East.

THERE are and have been for a long time, for example, many disquieting reports from the far-off Pacific area.

The terms of the truce in Korea, it is claimed, have been broken repeatedly by the North Koreans and the Red Chinese, the forces opposing the South Koreans being some experts claim, greatly strengthened since the armistice was signed. There are some who fear an all-out attack on South Korea may come at any time, and without advance warning.

FOR many weeks all has been quiet in the Formosa area. But now there are reports of the Red Chinese massing forces on the mainland near Matsu and once more Chiang Kai-shek fears an attack there.

SO HERE is another reason for not being too sanguine about the future as far as the conflict between democracy and totalitarianism is concerned.

As Bulganin declared in that pre-Geneva speech, quote:

"Some people think that capitalism is better than socialism. We are convinced the opposite is the case."

So long as that conviction endures, in its present intense form, no complete harmony or deep seated goodwill between the greatest capitalistic country and the greatest communistic country in the world, should be expected.

That doesn't mean there will have to be war. It doesn't mean there can't be a "modus vivendi"—that is peaceful coexistence without war.

It does mean, we believe, such a sharp conflict in ideologies and political beliefs, renders any period of genuine friendliness and cooperation difficult if not impossible to obtain.

In fact so long as Russia not only cherishes this firm conviction but insists that its political beliefs be extended throughout the world by propaganda and infiltration there can be slight sense of security in the free democratic countries, and unfortunately no material reductions in preparations for war.—R.W.R.

La Grande—(U.P.)—Robert Lee Denton, 15, Union, who was struck in the head by a lightning bolt Friday was rousing for brief periods today and doctors said he will recover.

Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

THE MEANING OF GENEVA Geneva—The great men have departed, and this comfortable city has returned to its normal well-fed calm.



Stewart Alsop

Looking back over the past week, it logically can be argued that the great men might just as well have stood in bed, saving themselves considerable effort and their respective taxpayers considerable expense. For, after all, no formal agreement whatsoever on any disputed issue of real importance has been achieved here. Yet something has been achieved here all the same, and this Geneva conference will live into history for it.

As far as Europe is concerned, both sides have recognized the realities of the current situation and tacitly agreed to do nothing violent to alter these realities. Both sides have recognized the status quo.

In official American circles, it is not fashionable or popular to spell out this fact. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles long and bitterly opposed the Churchillian notion of a "meeting at the summit" just because he knew that it would amount to a recognition of the status quo.

When asked why he opposed the Churchill proposal, Mr. Dulles in those days always pointed out that photographs of the American and Russian leaders smiling together were sure to be taken. Then these pictures would be distributed throughout the Soviet satellite countries.

The satellite people would interpret them to mean that all hope of liberation was lost and that resistance to Communist rule was henceforth hopeless.

Now there are plenty of pictures of the President, and Secretary Dulles himself, for that matter, in animated and friendly conversation with the Bulganin, Khrushchev and Co. If Secretary Dulles' initial reasoning was correct, this means that we have abandoned the satellites.

IN FACT, the satellites were abandoned long ago, when, despite campaign talk of "liberation," nothing was done at the time of the Czech and German uprisings in June, 1953. Since then, the satellite people have needed no photographs to tell them that we were not going to war to liberate them. And they are perfectly aware that they cannot be liberated by radio propaganda or campaign speeches.

The President's reference to the satellites in his opening speech was thus a purely formal exercise, and it was recognized as such by all concerned. His very presence here has been a signal to the Russians that we intend to do nothing violent to overturn their satellite empire.

But the recognition of the status quo has not been a wholly one-sided affair. Until very recently, the Russians were saying, or almost saying, that they would fight rather than permit German rearmament. These threats could not be entirely discounted.

This reporter recalls, for example, a conversation with the great British soldier, Earl Wavell, before Wavell died. Wavell was a most undemonstrative man, but suddenly he smashed his fist in his palm and said with almost passionate earnestness:

"If you Americans rearm the Germans, the Russians will fight. If I were the Russian Chief of Staff, I should advise my government to fight."

In short, the Russian threats had to be taken seriously, simply because the rearmament of a hostile Germany is a deadly serious thing for the Russians. Yet the Russians have now made it entirely clear, here in Geneva, that they will not fight to prevent the creation of a West German army.

Behind the polite exchanges here, in other words, both sides have been saying: "We think what you have done and are doing is intolerable, but we intend to tolerate it anyway rather than go to war about it."

IT MAY BE, of course, that the status quo in Europe will be suddenly and radically altered by political rather than military means. There are knowledgeable persons who believe, for example, that the Russians are getting ready to offer the West Germans reunification on their own terms, given a simple promise not to join NATO. But when one considers what sacrifices such an offer would involve for the Russians, it seems very likely that Prime Minister Bulganin meant what he said when he remarked that it would take "time" to solve the German problem—presumably a great deal of time.

If so, the freezing-in-position which has been tacitly acknowledged here in Geneva reduces the chance of war breaking out in Europe, in the immediate future, almost to the vanishing point. Surely this is a gain, even though, for the long run, it settles nothing.

And there may have been one

other gain too. President Eisenhower's dramatic offer of mutual aerial inspection seems likely to come to nothing. But both sides have at least recognized a mutual advantage in some sort of warning system against surprise nuclear attack.

Yet despite such gains, it is, alas, not yet time to relax happily in the glow of an assured peace. For there has been a death's head at the feast here in Geneva. For a long time, it has been obvious that far the greatest danger of war lies in Asia rather than in Europe. And nothing meaningful whatsoever has been done here to deal with this far greater danger.

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On The Side

By E. V. DURING (Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Any man who has a traffic ticket "fixed" is a disgrace to his community. He has participated in a form of bribery and is therefore a criminal. So is the man who "fixed" the ticket. All organizations interested in safe automobile driving should strongly combat this type of "fixing."

An investigation is in order. The man who had the ticket "fixed" should be charged with bribery and jailed. The "fixer" likewise. The latter should also be fired. Turn the rascals out! It is petty corruption that leads up to a major graft. It is ticket "fixing" that leads to wild driving and disrespect for the law in general.

Those Matches Folder matches appear much shorter than formerly. Has some efficiency man convinced match manufacturers profits can be increased by cutting a piece off each match? The average folder match is all right for lighting a cigaret. It is adequate for igniting a cigar if you puff vigorously. However, it certainly is too short for the proper lighting of a pipe.

Corny A favorite word of the synthetic sophisticates is "corny." I note a reference by one of these intellectual giants to the song titled "Count Your Blessings" as being "corny." Maybe it is "corny." But I like to sing it in the shower occasionally and enjoy its philosophy. Incidentally, I once had a terrific run of bad luck. Everything seemed to go wrong. At that time I carried around in my wallet a poem including the line, "I kept hummin' better times are comin' and you bet they came." Very "corny" line what? But I kept repeating it and I believe it helped pull me out of that slump.

Song Writer Among the song writers achieving recognition by publishing their own songs is Lawrence Wright of London. Not only were Wright's songs great commercial successes but so is his business. He publishes the songs of many other composers. The slogan of his firm is "You can't go wrong with a Wright song." Wright used a pseudonym for his own songs so as if the work of another writer. Using the pseudonym Horatio Michaels he wrote and published that smash hit titled "Among My Sovereigns."

Get It Right Nineteen hundred was not a leap year. Bob Fitzsimmons weighed 156½ when he fought and knocked out James J. Corbett at Carson City, Nev. Such are statements made by me. Innumerable subscribers claim I am wrong on both. I am right. I warn you, gentlemen, don't risk your stogies. I know where I speak.

Asides Did you hear about the kid who, when out motoring with his parents, said, "Papa, I wish you would let Mama drive. It's more exciting." ... Replacing of steam engines by diesels continues. When down on the farm I miss the sound of that engine whistle in the distance. Was one of my favorite sounds.

Changing Names The father of the Duchess of Windsor didn't care for the first name his parents gave him. I don't blame him. It was Teackle. He changed his signature to read T. Wallis Warfield. The Duchess didn't like her first name either. It is Bessie. She changed her signature to read Wallis Warfield.

Horse Players Practically every book of ads holds up George E. "Pittsburgh" Phil Smith as a shining example of what a smart horseplayer can accomplish. There is no doubt that "Pittsburgh Phil" died a millionaire. However, in addition to playing the horses he was part owner in several track book making establishments. There is a possibility that he accumulated most of his money as a bookmaker.

Milk Producers Picnic With Eugene Producers Medo-Land Creamery, Eugene, and the Southern Oregon Farm Tank's Inc., a group of milk producers of Jackson and Josephine counties, held their second annual picnic in the Grants Pass city park Sunday, July 24, according to Don Geren, Eagle

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Big question: What's really happened at the "summit" conference in Geneva?

I DON'T know, but I'll make a guess. The heads of state assembled there were sizing each other up and arriving at conclusions that will be very, very valuable in the future. These conclusions, based on PERSONAL contacts and PERSONAL observation, COULD prevent somebody in the future from making a wrong move that might lead to a war that nobody wants.

HERE'S an interesting little sidelight on the Geneva affair:

Mrs. Eisenhower was hostess at a yachting party on Lake Geneva. She took along the wives of the British and the French delegations and the wife of Switzerland's president.

She would have invited the wives of the Russian delegates—but the Russian delegates DIDN'T BRING THEIR WIVES ALONG!

That, it seems to me, is a significant comment on communism.

JOTTINGS from the notebook: Oregon has had many interesting characters. In any list of them, the name of Sam Boardman must be included. He came from Colorado and acquired land holdings up along the Columbia in Morrow county, where the town of Boardman bears his name. At Boardman, Highway 30 (the Old Oregon Trail) leaves the great river and bears off eastward and southward.

Life in Colorado had taught Sam about irrigation. He soon discovered that he NEEDED it. So he started scratching around to GET it. And agitating for it. The upshot of his scratching and his agitating was the Umatilla irrigation district—which has been a big factor in the development and the prosperity of that area of Oregon.

Intelligent scratchers and agitators are good for the communities they live in.

EVENTUALLY, Sam Boardman came into the service of the state of Oregon.

He put together the bulk of Oregon's present state park system. He loved the job as a mother loves her child. He'd see a piece of land, lovely in itself and in a lovely location, and the thought would come to him that it would make an ideal state park. So he'd start in hounding the owner of it—especially if the owner happened to be a well-to-do individual. About three times out of four, in these cases, he'd wind up by getting the land donated.

If he didn't get it donated outright, he'd badger the owner—sometimes using the tactic of crying on his shoulder—until he got an exceedingly attractive price out of the old skintint.

IT WAS thus that the Oregon state park system came into existence. The Oregon state parks were then—and still are—a part of the state highway system. Sam visualized as an adjunct of the state's highways, designed to make travel in Oregon pleasanter and more soul-satisfying.

THE Old Oregon Trail was deeply imbedded in Sam's affections, and the thought came early to him that its beauty would be tremendously enhanced if it were bordered by trees in its rugged arid sections.

Did he go to the highway commission for a bigger cut out of the gasoline tax pie, so that he could BUY trees and HIRE them planted? Did he go to the legislature for a juicy supplementary appropriation with which to accomplish his purpose?

Nope! That wasn't Sam's way. He ORGANIZED THE SCHOOL CHILDREN. Someway or other, he wangled the trees and then he fired the school children with the ideal of SERVING THEIR STATE by going out and planting them.

For nothing! Just for love of the commonwealth in which we live and have our being. Imagine that in these days—when, if we want something, our idea is to get an appropriation from government and then HIRE SOMEBODY to do it for us!

HE CHOSE his tree varieties wisely—allanths (the Tree of Heaven), locust, Russian olive, all of them well adapted to arid soil.

They didn't all live, of course. But a surprising number DID live (some of them because school children carried water to them in buckets until they got their root systems established.) These survivors add immensely to the beauty of the arid stretches of Highway 30.

Anyway, states with citizens like Sam Boardman are lucky.

Point, president.

The Eugene Coleman, manager of Medo-Land, and his wife and family. Also in the group were Clyde Johnson, plant superintendent, and Leo Reed, assistant superintendent, and their families.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

Committee Rule in Soviet Russia Seen Increasingly Probable

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst

It seems increasingly probable, after the Geneva conference, that Soviet Russia is now



forming a committee rule. It seems probable also that the three men who led the Soviet delegation to the Big Four meeting are (the three top men on the committee.)

They are Nikita S. Khrushchev, first secretary of the Communist Party, Nikolai A. Bulganin, prime minister, and Vyacheslav M. Molotov, foreign minister.

These three men evidently were able to make any necessary policy decisions without referring back to Moscow.

As regards the frequent reports of a "power struggle" in the Kremlin, if Khrushchev, Bulganin and Molotov did not get along well together in Geneva, they put on a convincing act.

Khrushchev Talkative The diplomatic experts who attended the Geneva conference differed widely in their comments on the Soviet delegates.

Some saw deep significance in the fact that Khrushchev was exceedingly talkative, as usual, at dinners and parties. They noted that he sometimes pushed himself in front of Bulganin.

Others reported that in the actual Big Four meetings Khrushchev kept silent. He let Bulganin and Molotov do the talking. One commentator saw

significance in the fact that most of the whispered conversations in the Soviet delegation, during meetings, were between Bulganin and Molotov.

At any rate, Molotov's stock seemed to go up somewhat in Geneva. There was no indication that he is about to be shoved into retirement.

The stock of Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov, defense minister, seemed to go down.

Apparently Zhukov was taken along largely to meet President Eisenhower and renew their wartime friendship.

Zhukov, by the way, was not promoted to membership of the powerful 11-man Presidium of the Communist Party when that body was reshuffled earlier this month.

Joking Comment Molotov himself was responsible for the "retirement" talk which has cropped up intermittently during the last few weeks.

During the Austrian treaty negotiations in Vienna in May, Molotov commented to a Western delegate:

"We are getting old, and it is time to give way to younger men."

It was not long before reports were published that Molotov's retirement actually was imminent.

Molotov was asked about the Vienna remark at a reception in Moscow on July 9.

"I was joking," he said. "I was talking about all of us getting older, and of the need for young blood."

The possibility that Molotov will retire before very long can not be ruled out. He is 65. He has been under great tension most of the time for many years as foreign minister and, for a time, as premier.

But Molotov is one of the star diplomats of the world. It hardly seems that this is his moment to dispense with his services.

Peron Urges Party Heads To Carry On

Buenos Aires—(U.P.)—Argentine President Juan D. Peron urged Peronist party leaders to carry on by themselves.

Peron ignored an appeal that he continue directing the party and the revolutionary movement he has headed for more than 10 years. But Peron indicated he intends to stick to his resignation as party leader.

The President announced in a nationwide broadcast 10 days ago that he was stepping down as party boss to become president of "all Argentine friends and foes alike." He said he was resigning to encourage the political truce he asked for earlier in the month.

The brilliance of our engagement... equalled only by the sparkle in her eyes. Diamonds... \$225, \$75 up, \$175, \$375, \$450. Larry Schade Fine Diamonds Since 1918 9 SOUTH CENTRAL FLUHRER BLDG. It Costs No More to DIVIDE YOUR PAYMENTS at