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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
August 7, 1945
(It was Monday)
Senator Hiram Warren Johnson of California dies.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The fair sex continue to run around with exposed midriffs and offering proof they are not spineless.

20 YEARS AGO
August 7, 1935
(It was Tuesday)
U.S. Food and Drug administration tells local grocers it is not necessary to wash pears sent to California canneries.

Crater Lake visitors during July total 32,014.

30 YEARS AGO
August 17, 1925
(It was Thursday)
During first six days of August building permits issued in city total \$25,000.

From the Local and Personal column: E. C. Ferguson, Associated Press operator of the Mail Tribune, and the Big Eruption of the Craters club, is enjoying two weeks' vacation which he is spending at his home.

40 YEARS AGO
August 17, 1915
(It was Friday)
The Australian students band to play at the Natorium tonight and Saturday night.

Court rules that "bumping noses" is no indication of marital infidelity in local divorce case.

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

1. List prices on 1956 cars, by most reports from Detroit, will be higher or lower than on 1955 ones, or the same?
2. "In God We Trust" is or isn't to be added to all newly engraved U.S. paper money?

3. What state officially terms its legislature its "general court"?
4. The Eighth Commandment (in Protestantism) is on adultery, murder, stealing, lying, or observing the Sabbath?

5. Winston Churchill was British prime minister when World War II began or ended, both or neither?
6. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" is a phrase from the Constitution, Magna Carta, the Psalms, Shakespeare, the Declaration of Independence, or Betty'sburg Address?

7. The female star in the movie, "Rebecca," was Greta Garbo, Greer Garson, Joan Fontaine, Lynn Fontanne, Vivien Leigh or Ingrid Bergman?
8. The answers: 1. Higher. 2. Is. 3. Massachusetts. 4. Stealing. 5. Neither. 6. Declaration of Independence. 7. Joan Fontaine.

Tillamook Logger Injured in Woods
Tillamook — (U.P.)—Preston Denton, a Tillamook logger, was seriously injured in the woods about 12 miles south of here Friday when a log rolled down a slope and pinned him against a tree he had just felled.

He was taken to Tillamook county general hospital with a fractured pelvis and internal injuries.

Ike as a Diplomat

In contrast to the reaction of the U S Press President Eisenhower refused to get excited about the refusal of Premier Bulganin to accept the U S proposal to exchange blue prints and military information.

In fact our chief executive took the refusal very much in his stride, even showing a certain satisfaction and expressing confidence that this refusal did not close the door to further negotiations particularly in the field of conciliation and disarmament.

THIS was quite a contrast to what was generally predicted in certain newspaper areas, and what the procedure has been in the past.

We believe there are several reasons for this absence of resentment in official White House circles.

IN the first place undoubtedly President Eisenhower feared there would be no official notice taken of his proposal at all. Such a "snub" would have placed the White House in a rather awkward position.

The President was therefore probably pleased and relieved when the official answer finally came.

While this answer was a refusal to accept the offer, it was phrased in such conciliatory terms, such a high regard for the President's good intentions was again expressed, there was such a complete absence of sarcasm and rancour, so common to Kremlin replies in the past, that all in all, the White House no doubt felt pleased and encouraged rather than the reverse.

THE fact of the matter probably is Mr. Eisenhower never really expected that the Kremlin would accept his conciliatory and dramatic proposal—at least not immediately. Probably no one realized better than he that the offer was a one-sided affair, for the simple fact that Russia undoubtedly knows about all it cares to know about military installations in the U.S.A., while because of the iron curtain and the secretive character of a totalitarian regime, very little accurate information regarding similar installations in Russia, is known in the Pentagon.

IN other words the Eisenhower offer while given in good faith, was essentially a trial balloon, no concrete results were expected soon, while some sort of rebuff was feared so the net result was a pleasant surprise and entirely satisfactory.

However it is reported that Senator McCarthy is already preparing to put on his brass knuckles and sharpen his cutlass, for all-out attack on the administration for being out-generalled by the Kremlin and given another ride, by the wily and unscrupulous Muscovites.

No one will be surprised if such an effort is made. But unless the junior Senator from Wisconsin has more success in this foray than he has had recently in his others, the press associations won't even take the trouble to report it. In fact "Jumping Joe" is fast becoming the "Forgotten Man" as far as American politics is concerned and unless he pulls something startling and does it soon, his eclipse promises to be complete and total.

IN sharp contrast, President Eisenhower who as a professional military man was supposed to be a bull in the china shop as far as international relations are concerned, has by his fine restraint and sound sense, developed into one of this country's first ranking diplomats, one of the best to occupy the White House in recent years.—R.W.R.

Wrong, but not Surprising

This department can't go along with the newspaper boys on the sensational news value of the granting of the 50-year construction license by the Federal Power Commission to the Idaho Power company at Hells Canyon.

Naturally this result displeases and disappoints those who believe in public power and a high dam on the Snake, but why should they or anyone else be SURPRISED?

When Secretary of the Interior McKay let the gates down to private power on the Snake, reversed the established policy of the Reclamation Service, and declared the reign of federal power development over, the die was cast.

THERE was, we believe, no "deal" as far as the Federal Power Commission was concerned. There was no need of one.

The administration appointees on that board were sold anyway. They had no doubt not only that Federal Power projects are "out" for the duration, but are un-American anyway, and the nearer private power comes to being an absolute monopoly—it controls over 80% of all electric light and power now—the better for free enterprise and the country. So no other decision should have been expected.

WE agree with Senator Morse this decision does not end the matter. Nor does it halt the effort of the public power advocates in congress and out to get the maximum benefit from Hells canyon at the minimum cost, instead of the minimum benefits at the maximum cost. But it does in the view of this decision, the adjournment of congress and the tremendous resources of the private power lobby in Washington, render the going, from here on in, pretty tough.

IN favoring the three dams of the Idaho Power company the FPC not only disregarded the recommendation of its own official examiner, who admitted one high power federal dam would give the people the best and cheapest service, and only one private

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD
Washington — Until the release of all the American flyers imprisoned in China had been positively assured, great care had to be taken to avoid needlessly protrating their ordeal.



Joseph Alsop

But now it can be told how the liberation of all the 15 American airmen then held in Chinese jails was tentatively arranged many months ago.

The man who did the job was the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjold. He made the deal with the Chinese Prime Minister, Chou En-lai, in the course of his trip to Peiping in January.

Everyone must recall the mingled atmosphere of mystery and optimism that surrounded Hammarskjold's return from Red China. Everyone must recall, too, at the time of Hammarskjold's return, the Peiping government publicly invited families of the imprisoned flyers to visit their sons. The as-yet untold truth is that the two phenomena were intimately linked.

There was optimism about Hammarskjold's accomplishment for the very simple reason that the Chinese Communists had agreed to release the flyers forthwith if their families were first permitted to visit them. This was the face-saver that Peiping wanted. The family visits would have permitted the Chinese Communist leaders to announce that they had decided to let the flyers go in response to their parents' moving pleas for mercy.

Hammarskjold brought back a positive, cut and dried commitment that this course would be followed.

But at that time, the Eisenhower administration was still paying very great deference to the viewpoint that now seems to be represented only by the shrill and solitary voice of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy. The policy-makers felt that helping to save the face of the Peiping government might look like appeasement. They further felt that the Peiping government would make propaganda hay of the visits of the flyers' families.

HENCE the family visits were strongly discouraged by the State Department, although, as far as can be learned, no member of any of the flyers' families was told what great consequences to them hung upon the Chinese Communist invitation. And as none of the flyers' families in the end defied the State Department's warnings, the deal that Hammarskjold had made automatically fell through and the flyers were not released until just now.

The episode is interesting as an indication of how far the Eisenhower administration feels justified in using the cloak of official secrecy in order to make choices that individual Americans might well prefer to make for themselves. But it is even more interesting as an indication of the immense evolution of American Far Eastern policy in recent months.

The price the Communists demanded of Hammarskjold, after all, was only that the flyers' families should visit their sons—or rather that one or two of the families should pay this visit, for

the understanding was that this would be sufficient to release the entire group of flyers. That price was refused by the Eisenhower administration as being too high, and the 15 American airmen paid for the refusal with an additional six months in Chinese jails.

Now, however, the price the Communists have demanded and have got is a public face-to-face meeting of American and Chinese representatives at the ambassadorial level. In the New Delhi negotiations that prepared the present meeting in Geneva between U. Alexis Johnson and Wang Pan-nan, the Peiping government undertook that the flyers would be automatically released if the meeting could be agreed upon.

The meeting is of course an infinitely greater face-saver for Peiping than the family visits originally stipulated for. At the time when Hammarskjold visited Peiping, indeed, the mere suggestion of such a face-to-face, public meeting would have been rejected with vituperative indignation.

One of the clues to the great intervening change of heart is, of course, the change of public sentiment that occurred when the country looked the idea of fighting a war for Formosa squarely in the eye, and concluded that this was a most distasteful prospect. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in effect denied the existence of the other day that we would "never negotiate with a pistol to our heads."

BUT IN fact we enter the Geneva negotiation with the Chinese precisely because a pistol was put to the head of the Eisenhower administration. The pistol took the form of a message from the Peiping government transmitted by the Indian intermediary, V. K. Krishna Menon, that the off-shore islands in the Formosa strait would be attacked all-out and immediately, if the present negotiations were not inaugurated. This Chinese threat called the bluff and broke the log jam.

The nature of the threat that Krishna Menon passed on, and the nature of the change of heart among the American policy-makers, quite obviously point to an extremely simple conclusion. What is now happening in Geneva can only be a beginning.

The State Department announcement that the Geneva meeting was primarily to discuss the release of the flyers and the other Americans held in China was purposely and consciously misleading. The question of the release of these American prisoners had already been discussed at New Delhi and agreement had been reached on it. The meeting was the price of the release, not the place where it was to be negotiated.

Where then does this beginning at Geneva seem to lead? First of all, it will obviously tend to lead to a still higher level Sino-American rally, most probably between Secretary of State Dulles and Chou En-lai, secondly, after some little face-saving for the State Department, the beginning at Geneva is almost certain to lead to the eventual abandonment to the Chinese Communists of Quemoy and the Matsu Islands. Thus far have we come already.

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power dam at this time would be advisable; but it went against the experienced judgment of the US Reclamation Service, and the judgment of many of the most influential and best-informed newspapers on such matters in the country including the Denver Post and the New York Times.

HERE is what the N.Y. Times had to say only a week ago, quote:
Hell's Canyon, in the remote fastness of Snake River on the Oregon-Idaho border, is one of the finest unexploited power sites in the country. For at least eight years the dispute has raged over the question of how the great hydro-electric potential there should be developed, whether by public or private enterprise. The solution cannot be put off much longer.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
What are they up to now?

Soviet Premier Bulganin has rejected as "unrealistic" President Eisenhower's offer to exchange military information with the Russians.

He added that Ike's plan didn't amount to much because Russia and America are so big that anybody could hide anything he wanted to.

MEANWHILE—
In Washington—
The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission announces tersely:
"The Russians have resumed the testing of nuclear weapons."

How's this for a program:
In time of trouble, hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

I'M INTIGUED with this dispatch from Canberra, the capital of Australia:
A patrol into the interior of Papua has found a tribe of wig-wearing warriors who had NEVER BEFORE SEEN A WHITE MAN.

A report issued by the New Guinea administration says the tribesmen, known as the Duna, wear wigs and long beards which give them a Biblical appearance.

But, the report adds:
They are FIERCE — fighting among themselves with spears and bows and arrows.

THAT throws a fair-sized monkey wrench into the wheels of the theory that the bulk of the hell-raising that has plagued the world since time began has been started by white men.

Here's a tribe of natives that never saw a white man, and yet they go around fighting each other as bitterly and bloodily with spears and bows and arrows as the white men do with guns and bombs.

IT ALSO puts a kink in Jean Jacques Rousseau's highly sentimentalized picture of the primitive man, the "natural" man, the "noble savage," who according to Rousseau was simple, pure and uninhibited—quite superior in every way to so-called "civilized" man.

Rousseau's theory — which contributed heavily to the French revolution — was that private property and the institution of the political state are the primary causes of inequality and oppression. Therefore, he argued, they should be done away with and man should be permitted to return to his "natural" and unspoiled state.

According to the Canberra dispatch, these natural and unspoiled primitives in the South Sea jungles have been doing each other just as much dirt as the white men who have been spoiled by too much sophistication.

ONE THING I'd like to know about these wig-wearing Duna boys in the New Guinea wilds.

Do they wear wigs merely to keep the rain off?
Or do they wear 'em out of pride, to conceal baldness?
And—
If they wear them for the latter reason—
Do they entertain the primitive and unspoiled delusion that NOBODY CAN TELL THEY'RE WEARING A WIG?

Editorial Comment

NO TEST RUN
The Oregonian has taken the Southern Pacific's publicity handouts on discontinuing passenger trains on the Siskiyou route hook, line and sinker.

An editorial in the August 2 issue of the Portland paper parrots statements which the SP has been handing out.

Oh, The Oregonian is a bit sympathetic to the feelings of us "down-staters," but it's a rather condescending attitude in which The Oregonian points out that we have good highways and lots of air and bus schedules.

What the Portland paper fails to note is that SP is operating with equipment long outmoded, even though it is clean and quite comfortable. With the present heavy-type cars, probably no material increase in schedule is possible.

What we complain about, and we think on legitimate ground, is that the SP, to our best knowledge, has never even attempted to test run over the Siskiyou line with modern, lightweight equipment. We've had the suspicion that the railroad is afraid such a test would show that new equipment could provide an improved schedule and that would obliterate the railroad for capital purchases which it does not want to make.—Ashland Tidings.

Hearing on Merger Of Paper Firms Ends

Portland—(U.P.)—A week-long Federal Trade Commission hearing on the merger of Crown Zellerbach Corporation and St. Helms Pulp & Paper Company was completed Friday.

Examiner Earl J. Kolb said a similar hearing will be held in Seattle next week, to be followed by one in Los Angeles.

Crown Zellerbach was charged with violating the Clayton Act by the merger, which was accomplished through purchases of St. Helms.

POTLUCK
(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

A few weeks ago we passed along to our readers a word—flocinaucinihilipilification — with the information (new to us) that it is the longest word in the English language.

Now comes the current issue of the "Ore-Bin," which is the publication of the state department of geology and mineral industries, and while the words may not be longer than floci-etc., they're impressive.

Here are a couple of paragraphs:
"To the west, metasediments and metavolcanics of the Triassic Applegate formation are intruded by granodiorite of the Ashland stock. Marine sandstones of the Cretaceous Chico formation unconformably overlie the Triassic rocks and the granodiorite. Lying unconformably on the Chico formation is the Eocene Umpqua formation which in this area is a series of nonmarine sediments and volcanic rocks.

"To the northeast, Tertiary lavas and porphyroclastics of the Western Cascades overlie the Umpqua rocks. The Umpqua formation are intruded by basalt and diorite sills and dikes."

All perfectly in order, of course, if you are a geologist. As laymen, however, we're a trifle suspicious of that Ashland stock granodiorite intruding into the Triassic Applegate. Sounds subversive to us.

Not-infrequent visitors at campsites, begging for food, are wild things, including bears, magpies and squirrels. First we'd heard of foxes, though.

The Phil Brainerds report that at Diamond lake last week a fox appeared at the back door, and waited to be fed. Apparently spoiled by tidbits from other summer visitors at the lake, the fox turned up his nose at a proffered crust of bread.

When it was coated with honey butter, however, he condescended to eat it.

Earl C. Gaddis recently received a pamphlet in the mail, without a return address, and turned it over to Potluck's tender mercies. It is entitled "Men are what women marry."

Here are excerpts:
If you flatter a man, you frighten him to death. If you don't, you bore him to death. . . . If you agree with him in everything, you soon cease to interest him; if you argue with him, you soon cease to charm him. If you believe everything he tells you, he thinks you are a fool. If you don't, he thinks you are a cynic. . . . If you join him in his parties and approve of his behavior, he swears you are driving him to the devil. If you

the original argument. Last year a Republican Administration, House and Senate DID AUTHORIZE the Talent Project; this year a House and Senate, both controlled by the Democrats, failed to provide the money to go ahead with full speed. The Republican Administration HAS NOT disapproved any amount voted, nor has it tied it up as the Senator insinuated.

D. H. Barber, Star Route, Trail, Ore.

What S.P. Could Do
To the Editor: The contention that the Southern Pacific Railroad cannot speed up its Ashland-Portland passenger train, The Rogue River, has not merit whatsoever.

The train now takes 13 hours 35 minutes from Portland to Ashland. That time could be cut three hours 40 minutes so the trip would take only nine hours 55 minutes.

Here is how the proposed northbound schedule might look:

Leave Ashland 7:00 a.m.
Leave Medford 7:30 a.m.
Arrive Portland 4:40 p.m.

Leave Portland 5:00 p.m.
Arrive Seattle 9:15 p.m.
Here is how the southbound schedule might look:

Leave Seattle 8:20 a.m.
Arrive Portland 12:20 p.m.
Leave Portland 12:45 p.m.
Arrive Medford 10:00 p.m.
Arrive Ashland 10:40 p.m.

Under the schedule the Southern Pacific now uses, it takes the rail passenger 19 hours and 43 minutes to travel from Seattle to Medford. Under the proposed schedule, the trip would take only 13 hours 40 minutes, over six hours faster!

The equipment used on the train could be the same as at present except there would be no need for a sleeping car.

Subscriber
(Name on file)

Let's just stick to facts and

don't approve and urge him to give up his bad habits, he thinks you are priggish.

If you are the clinging vine type, he doubts if you have a brain; and if you are the modern, independent type, he doubts if you have a heart. If you are silly he longs for a playmate. If you are popular, he is jealous. If not, he hesitates about marrying a wallflower.

This contrasts with the conclusion of a magazine editor who claims that American women are making American men over, with sad results.

Do you suppose the truth might lie somewhere in between?

Norblad Declares First Session of Congress Mediocre

Stayton—(U.P.)—The first session of the 84th Congress just concluded was "a mediocre one, with some good legislation, some bad and some important legislation unpassed, according to Rep. Walter Norblad, (R-Ore.).

"Failure Regrettable"
Norblad, who has just completed a cross-country drive in what he called the hottest weather he had ever experienced, said the failure of Congress to enact a national road program was "regrettable."

"Everybody in Congress wanted a road program," he said, "but nobody would agree on how to finance it."

The Oregon Republican said, however, that he felt certain a suitable road program would be passed in the second session of Congress, which opens Jan. 1, 1956.

Invited to Russia
Norblad said that before he left Washington, D. C. a Russian embassy official invited him to visit Russia. He was told that he could go "anyplace in the Soviet Union" that he chose.

"Such an invitation," Norblad said, "has never been offered before to any member of congress and shows the change in attitude in Russia."

He said he was "willing to go along with" the Federal Power Commission decision granting Idaho Power Company a permit for construction of three low dams on the Snake River in place of a high federal dam at Hells Canyon.

"It was purely an engineering problem," he said.

Salem, Ore.—(U.P.)—James F. Short, director of the State Department of Agriculture, said that after public hearings he had determined there is a need for a chewing and creeping red fescue commission.

Communications

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