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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 22, 1945 (It was Wednesday) Japanese peace treaty to be signed on U.S.S. Missouri Sunday.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A Victory gardener reports a tomato vine that refused to grow in its fertilized, cultivated, and watered space, is coming up bullheadedly and bravely in the middle of his concrete frontyard sidewalk.

20 YEARS AGO August 22, 1935 (It was Thursday) Fire burns over 700 acres near Lake of the Woods.

Cats abandoned on county roads prove problem to humane society.

30 YEARS AGO August 22, 1925 (It was Friday) Crater Lake travel 20 per cent higher than last year.

First rain in three months falls in valley.

40 YEARS AGO August 22, 1915 (It was Saturday) Mercury rises to 102 degrees and smoke from forest fires casts pall over valley.

New dance pavilion at Gold Hill to open tonight.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. Once Congress has adjourned the President can or can't veto a bill passed in its last hours?
2. The musical play 'Oklahoma' once won a Pulitzer prize; right or wrong?
3. Cancer of the larynx (in the throat) is less or more common among women than among men, or is it about 50-50?
4. A marathon foot race is held April 19 in what U.S. city?
5. Belfast is capital of Northern Ireland, Southern Ireland, Scotland or Wales?
6. When the Maple Leafs play the Red Wings, it's at what game?
7. Kosciusko, who fought on our side in the Revolutionary war, was a Hungarian, Finn, Czech, Italian, Russian or Pole?
The answers: 1. Can. 2. Right. 3. Less common among women. 4. Boston. 5. Northern Ireland.

Iron Lungs Flown To Aid Wisconsin

Portland (U.P.)—Three iron lungs were flown from St. Vincent's hospital here to Green Bay, Wis., Friday to help fight a polio outbreak. The iron lungs were ordered sent to the Wisconsin city on an emergency basis by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. A C-47 was flown to Portland from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., to pick up the equipment.

EXPENSIVE SWIM New York (U.P.)—The day was hot and, besides, Edward Quinn, 25, isn't the sort of chap to pass up a dare. So, when friends dared him to dive from the Staten Island Ferry, Quinn did. He was fined \$25 for delaying the ferry an hour while crewmembers fished him out.

When The U.S.A. Won't Talk

A controversy of long standing over what government information the public is entitled to receive is coming up for another round of discussion in hearings of a House Government Operations subcommittee headed by Rep. John E. Moss, (D-Calif.).

V. M. Newton, Jr., chairman of the Freedom of Information Committee of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, in an interim report of April 20, notes that "after 15 months trial of the Eisenhower order (Executive Order 10-501), there appears confusion even among the Washington press as to whether it has aided the citizens to know what their government is doing."

Newton presents a symposium of opinion of Washington newsmen. Paul R. Leach, Knight Newspaper Washington Bureau chief, at one extreme, informed the committee: "I believe the present administration is much more open than the previous two were on giving information." But Joseph and Stewart Alsop wrote:

It is a very serious matter indeed, and not just for reporters but for every one, when the American government actively seeks to stop the flow of significant information to the American public.

EISENHOWER Order 10-501, issued Nov. 6, 1953, replaced former President Truman's Executive Order 10-290, issued on Sept. 24, 1951. Under the Truman order every government agency had power to classify documents for security reasons.

The Eisenhower directive deprived 28 non-military agencies of classifying power. It abolished the "restricted" category of classification. It limited classifying authority in 17 other non-military agencies to the agency chief.

Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, at the direction of the President and on recommendation of the National Security Council, on Nov. 5, 1954, established a new agency, the Office of Strategic Information, to "work with the business community" on voluntary safeguarding of classified strategic data.

To the extent that this effort succeeds it will impair the right of the American people to know and (will) interfere with a system of industrial and commercial information to which we are enormously indebted for our industrial and business progress.

WIGGINS was even more critical when R. Karl Honaman, director of the O.S.I., on April 25 was named Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary for Public Affairs. Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson on March 30 had issued two separate orders: (a.) imposing strict limitations on speeches and published material of military personnel and (b.) replacing military public information directors with civilians.

PRESIDENT Eisenhower on April 27 told reporters that a "blunder" had been made by the Republican Policy Committee in issuing a pamphlet giving data on new weapons. Press Secretary James C. Hagerly explained that the President "felt" that the press in general had disclosed technical military secrets but that the President always had opposed "censorship of legitimate news."

Boss of Coast Guard Pulling for Gaston To Win Commission

Washington (U.P.)—The boss of the Coast Guard is pulling for Pierre Gaston to win his fight for the Coast Guard commission he failed to get because of "guilt by kinship" problems. Vice Adm. Alfred C. Richmond, Coast Guard commandant, said he hopes Gaston's case is "resolved quickly and I hope it will be in his favor."

Gaston, 23-year-old San Francisco seafarer, graduated from the Coast Guard Academy last April. But his commission has been held up because of charges his mother once belonged to some subversive groups. The mother, Mrs. Jean Grisez, said she joined the organizations because she is a "bundles-for-Britain sort of person interested in good sounding causes."

HEAT GETS MANIKINS Detroit (U.P.)—Even the "cool" suits on manikins in a Detroit clothing store were ruffled by the 100-degree heat Sunday. The heat set off fire-fighting sprinklers in the store. After the mishap, the displays looked as though they were drenched with perspiration.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE VULNERABILITY OF NATO

There are already plenty of signs that the future of NATO cannot be taken for granted, and that if its strategic and political foundations are not strengthened it will fade and languish. To be sure, the preliminary reports of the members do not as yet contain proposals to reduce their military contributions.

So, to make American participation automatic, we agreed to station American troops in the line of any Soviet advance. The next stage came with the realization that the real danger of a Soviet advance lay in the fact that one of the Western governments, lacking an adequate army, might be overthrown by a Communist uprising, and that a Communist government might then invite the Red Army to come in to protect it.

Then came the Korean war, and in its darkest hours the panic notion was hatched in the Pentagon that Europe was like South Korea, and that it could not be defended except with an enormous ground army.

YET it is true now, as it was in the beginning, that, apart from internal order, the external security of Western Europe depends upon the over-all balance of power between East and West.

IT IS easy enough to say that as the tension with the Soviet Union has become relaxed, the effort within the NATO is becoming relaxed too.

Radio Moscow Praises Farmers London (U.P.)—Radio Moscow said today the American farm delegation that recently visited the Soviet Union showed "good will" and "friendly criticism."

Nebraska Prison Riot Investigated Lincoln, Neb.—(U.P.)—A state investigation began today into the strife-torn Nebraska Penitentiary.

Foreign Bike Tariff Increased 50 Per Cent Fraser, Colo.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower has increased the tariff on imported bicycles by 50 per cent to avoid "threatened serious injury" to the American bicycle industry.

TICKETS TORN UP Knoxville, Tenn.—Police tore up parking tickets plastered on two cars that stood for two days in a bus stop zone after learning the owners were visiting delegates to a police convention here.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Sad news: Sgt. James Gallagher has been sentenced by a court martial to confinement at hard labor for life. The sentencing came shortly after he was convicted of various offenses, including the unpremeditated murder of two fellow American prisoners of war while in a North Korean prison camp.

I SUPPOSE there have to be bad apples in every barrel. Let's think of the MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS of good apples in our armed services barrel.

IN ADDITION to the other damage they wrought in their big, Connie and Diane took a heavy toll of Southern and Eastern crops.

North Carolina's Governor Luther Hodges reports between 22 and 27,000,000 of lost farm products, mostly tobacco and corn.

They also exacted a heavy crop toll as they advanced northward through the rich farming districts of Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York and all of New England.

SOMETIMES wonder if intelligent, businesslike, nationwide crop insurance wouldn't be worth more in the long run than all these efforts to support the prices of certain farm crops.

Dr. Harry Kingman, representing an organization known as Livestock Conservation, Inc., tells the American Veterinarian association at its annual meeting now in session at Minneapolis that American livestock men lose \$2,000,000,000 per year through mishandling and disease and parasite attacks on their animals.

He adds that this amounts to about ONE-FIFTH of the annual income from meat, milk, hides and wool.

THE job of veterinary science is to CUT DOWN these losses. SPEAKING of science and its job, the American Society of Agronomy (soil scientists) is meeting this week at Davis, which is the agricultural part of the University of California campus.

These soil scientists report that they are working on a cotton problem. It isn't concerned with cotton FIBER. Instead, it has to do with cotton seed, from which we get cottonseed oil and cottonseed meal.

As of now, and over all the years of the past, pigment glands in cotton seeds DISCOLOR the oil, thus reducing its market quality.

The scientists report that they have under development several promising strains of cotton which have few or NO pigment glands in their seeds.

A University of Washington researchers report to their fellow researchers at the Davis meeting that they have found that nitrogen makes forests grow faster.

They applied nitrogen to a 30-year-old stand of Douglas fir and carefully observed the results. The trees, they say, grew much faster in height and diameter.

THE importance of that statement lies in the fact that under natural conditions larger and older trees tend to grow slower than smaller and younger trees.

As our VIRGIN forests decline, we are forced to rely on new growth for our needs in the way of lumber and wood fiber. By the use of fertilizer, we can SPEED UP timber growth.

SO MUCH for science. Let's now take a look at SUPERSTITION—which is non-science.

On the island of Formosa superstitious peasants are kneeling in worship before a newly-caught 400-pound TURTLE. They believe its size indicates that it has been influenced by something SUPERNATURAL.

Heroic Truck Driver Killed in Accident Oregon City (U.P.)—A 27-year-old logging truck driver died Saturday after ramming his runaway truck into the side of the Oregon City pedestrian elevator to avoid a group of children coming out of the elevator.

The victim was Robert Junior Short, Yamhill. His brakes apparently failed and his heavy vehicle, loaded with eight-foot logs, sped over the Oregon City-West Linn bridge while Short shouted, "Get out of the way" at motorists.

He deliberately ran the truck into the concrete facing of the elevator to avoid hitting the children. He was dead on arrival at Hutchinson hospital.

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

THE CONFIDENCE TRICK

Washington—With the help of the convenient cloak of official secrecy, a really dangerous confidence trick is being played on this country by the present leadership at the Pentagon.

It is a simple trick. High officials piously declare that the "American lead" in such fields as aircraft and missile development can never be challenged by the wretched and uncultured Russians.

But in fact the official claims are false; and what is more they are consciously false, unless the Pentagon leaders have persuaded themselves not to credit the hard and disagreeable facts presented to them by the American intelligence.

As an example of the kind of nature-faking that is currently going on, the real story of the satellite was just revealed in this space. The American decision to build a small earth satellite was presented to the country as one more proof of the "American lead."

In fact, it was a proof of the American lag. The decision was taken because the policy-makers had been warned that the Soviets were already building a larger and more militarily significant earth satellite than that now planned in this country; and because there were indications that the Kremlin shortly intended to announce this fact to the world.

The Soviet lead in the satellite race may perhaps be concealed from the country by the American policy-makers' forced choice of a satellite type which has the useful virtues of being relatively cheap and easy to build.

But publicity techniques will not work forever. Consider, for example, the following balance sheet of the state of the long-range guided missile program in this country and the Soviet Union.

FIRST, the Soviets set up a Manhattan district-style organization to press guided missile development immediately after the war; and this organization has been working full blast with top-priority call on men and materiel, ever since that moment. They started with more Russian and captured German scientists experienced in rocketry than we had. While General Electric was building one Chinese copy of a German V-2, the Soviets were producing 1,000 improved models in the captured V-2 factory in East Germany. In short, they took the lead at the start.

Second, hard intelligence was received at least a year ago that the Soviets had successfully designed and produced a new rocket motor, the M-102, with the enormous thrust of 264,000 pounds per second at sea level. The actual design and production of the M-102 had occurred considerably more than a year ago. This clearly indicated a Soviet lead in high-powered rocket engine design.

Third, it is now accepted as quite certain that the Soviets have also designed and produced a two-stage rocket, with the very great range of about 1,500 miles. Such a rocket represents the last step but one before the successful design and production of the ultimate weapon, the inter-continental ballistic missile or staged rocket that can strike from continent to continent. We do not seem to have reached this last but one step.

Fourth, despite all the evidences of Soviet progress in the most important of all development fields, the American long-range missile program is still organized on a strictly business-as-usual basis.

The job to be done is as vast and complex as the job that was done by the Manhattan district. At the end of the war, Los Alamos laboratory, the great synthetic brain that directed the Manhattan district, had 4,000 scientists at work behind its guarded fences. The directing brain of our long-range guided missile projects now consists of the headquarters of an Air Force brigadier general, staffed with 100 persons including clerks, plus the staff of a scientific-industrial corporation, the Ramo-Woolridge company, plus a chief scientist, Dr. John Von Neumann who has to double in brass as an Atomic Energy commissioner.

FURTHERMORE, a ferocious struggle is now going on within the Pentagon about whether an additional \$200,000,000 will or will not be provided, next year, to speed up the long-range missile program. The Air Force authorities who have the grave responsibilities of long-range missile development are pleading for the money on their knees. The chances are they will not get more than half of it, if as much as that.

Maybe it is tiresome to keep harping on the acute danger of this sort of situation. Maybe the able new Secretary of the Air Force, Donald Quarles, will be able to take the appropriate corrective steps. But until corrective steps have been taken, the claim of an "American lead" ought not to be made again.

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Presidential Aide Sees Victory for GOP

Washington (U.P.)—One of President Eisenhower's top aides thinks the Republicans can capture the White House again in 1956 even if Mr. Eisenhower doesn't run again.

Presidential Assistant Howard Pyle said it would be "helpful" if the President runs for another term. But he said victory is possible without him because the "Republican position has never been stronger."

Pyle, former Arizona Governor and the President's adviser on federal-state affairs, admitted there will be a "free-for-all" for the GOP nomination if the President turns in his badge at the end of his first term.

He suggested that Vice-President Richard M. Nixon "unquestionably" would be one of the leading contenders, although he declined to speculate on other possibilities.

What You Cost Him

GEO. N. TAYLOR The common people flocked to hear Christ and at that the high priests—ever jealous for power—brought Christ to trial. The charge against Him was His claim that He was the Son of God. Any man must die who made that claim. So Christ was brought to trial. Being sworn in, He not only declared that He was the Son of God but that they would see Him sitting at the right hand of God and coming back again to this earth. At that the Rulers declared that Christ must die and so they crucified Him—but on His own word that He was the Son of God. To all who receive Him into their hearts a God's Son who died for their sins, God gives eternal life. These will not see the Judgment Day of the Lost nor know the pains of eternal hell.—adv.

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