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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

Sept. 11, 1945
(It was Tuesday)
Japan premier Tojo attempts
suicide.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: The Older
girls age in the midst of canning
peaches, a task they tackle with
as much gusto as spring house-
cleaning. They are assisted in
many instances by the bread
winner, who will eat most of
them next winter. He peels the
peaches in the kitchen sink in
which he is not allowed to clean
what he kills and catches in field
and stream.

20 YEARS AGO

Sept. 11, 1935
(It was Wednesday)
Relief work sought for 47,384
persons in state.

Open house next Friday at
new Lone Pine school.

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 11, 1925
(It was Friday)
Syndicate of local business
men, buy walls of fire gutted
Pagé theater for \$25,000.

School board buys Second at
playground for high school ath-
letic field.

40 YEARS AGO

(It was Saturday)
Voice culture studio opened at
Room One, College block.

Vermont Governor Charles W.
Gates visits Medford and inspects
Pacific highway.

What's the Answer?

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

1. Harry S. Truman can or
can't constitutionally run for
President again in 1956?

2. Average cash income of the
city man is more than twice that
of the average farm dweller;
right or wrong?

3. About 12,000, 24,000, 36,
000 or 48,000 taxicabs are in op-
eration in New York City?

4. A dividend in the form of
additional stock is or isn't gen-
erally subject to federal income
tax when distributed?

5. Crowley, Layden, Miller
and Stuhlreher collectively
were known as what?

6. Sutton Place is fashionable
street in New Orleans, San Fran-
cisco, Boston, New York, Balti-
more, or Atlanta?

7. Homi J. Bhabha is a nota-
ble Arab statesman, Indian
atomic physicist, Red Chinese
general, Italian composer, or
Moroccan nationalist?

The Answers: 1. Can (22nd
amendment doesn't apply to
him). 2. Right. 3. 12,000. 4. Yes
(only when the stock is sold).
5. Four Horsemen (Notre Dame
Backfield). 6. New York. 7. In-
dian physicist.

Pink Salmon Netters

At 65 Per Cent Mark

Seattle — (U.P.) — Commercial
net fishing for pink salmon on
Puget Sound is more than 65
per cent completed with land-
ings through Thursday of 3,
900,000 fish and a pack esti-
mated at 275,000 48-pound
cases.

The figures compare with a
catch of 6,000,000 pinks for the
parent year 1953 and a pack of
443,000 cases. The 1953-54 catch
average is 5,123,000 fish.

Is Lippmann a Pink?

In newspaper circles it is pretty well agreed that
Walter Lippmann is not only the dean of news com-
mentators, but one of the best informed, accurate
and intelligent in the business. His column is a "must"
in Washington diplomatic circles and, according to re-
port, he is the one newspaper columnist, Secretary of
State Dulles never fails to read, when foreign relations
are treated,—which is often.

The Mail-Tribune acquired his services a few
months ago but the Oregonian has printed his col-
umn—as is its custom in this field,—for years, but
only off and on.

IN THE Oregonian we now note a communication
from Aurora, Oregon, in which the writer tears Mr.
Lippmann limb from limb, as a faithful follower of the
Communist line. His offerings are labelled "refined
garbage" and the Oregonian is apparently guilty by
association, being placed by the writer in the category
of American newspapers which, according to Louis
Budenz, former communist and editor of the "Daily
Worker," are doing everything in their power to turn
this country over to the communists.

Budenz is quoted in the communication as follows:

"If the U.S.A. ever goes communist it will be the fault
of the American press which echoes and recycles the com-
munist party line, with an unflinching, blind and simple-
minded fidelity. . . . This portion of the press is dark
as midnight and hard for the rays of light to penetrate."

SUCH fantastic nonsense could be ignored, or put in
the comic section were it not for the sad fact that
this sort of blind "revolt against intelligence," insti-
gated originally by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin,
has been spread so widely over the United States and
gained such a foothold, that it still presents,—though
not as dangerously as a few years ago—a genuine
threat to our constructive and steady progress on the
road to world peace.

For what this cantankerous communicant wants,
—though he does not say so directly—is a preventive
war as far as Soviet Russia and the communist threat
is concerned. For that is the only rational alternative
to what he condemns.

What the gentleman from Aurora objects to as far
as the Lippmann column is concerned, is Lippmann's
agreement with President Eisenhower, when the Pres-
ident declared that in this age of atomic and H-
bombs, there is "no alternative to peace."

Lippmann agrees. And because there is none a
military stalemate has been reached,—balance of
power so to speak,—and what the whole world wants
which is a permanent end to war, must in this interval
be left to wise diplomacy and the healing benefits of
time, rather than another world war which would
settle nothing and destroy everything.

ONE may disagree with that diagnosis—we agree
—but certainly no one in possession of his senses
could call it communist propaganda or giving aid
and comfort to the enemy.

But this correspondent insists it is peddling the
"commie line."

If that is true then this country IS in dire danger,
for we are practically a nation of communist "ped-
dlers" from President Eisenhower, through Walter
Lippmann's ivory tower" down to the lower echelons
of the rank and file.

But of course it isn't true and every thinking per-
son knows it. It is simply facing the world situation
as it is, honestly and realistically, and charting what
after much thought and study, appears to Mr. Lipp-
mann to be the one best hope of preventing another
world war, and making genuine progress on the long
road to peace and world survival.

AS TIME goes on conditions may radically change
and a better solution may appear.

But one thing is for sure:

Those who smear newspaper columnists like Wal-
ter Lippmann and newspapers like the Oregonian as
"peddlers" of communist doctrine, will never provide
it.—R.W.R.

How About the S.P. Facts?

There is another thing for sure: To wit:
If and when a hearing is held before the Public
Utility Commissioner on abandoning of all rail pas-
senger service from Eugene to Ashland the "Friendly
SP" will certainly have Editor Sprague of the Salem
Statesman as its star witness—if it can get him.

For Editor Sprague not only knows about all there
is to know about the railroad problem in Southern
Oregon, but he knows—or predicts with complete
confidence—just what the PUC verdict will be. It
will, he feels certain, deny passenger service and
OK transformation of all rail service in this 300 mile
area to a single SP freight line.

MOREOVER that, "The Statesman" editor thinks
will be just dandy—not for Salem or Eugene or
any other well-populated and prosperous section of
the state, of course, but for Southern Oregon.

Why?
Because there is nothing to this protest against
abandonment of all rail passenger service but pride.
That's all, foolish pride. No one wants to ride on the
trains here in Southern Oregon.

All they want to do apparently, is to go down to
the station and see the trains of empty cars go through
and after that inspiring thrill has ended, (the local SP
passenger trains, we admit, were quite a sight!) they
will hop into their two-tone convertibles and go
wherever they wish to go, a proud and motorconscious
people.

WELL we have never denied the people of Southern
Oregon from Eugene southward have their share

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

POLICY AND THE PARTY

Adlai Stevenson has an
article in Look magazine which
is severely critical of the way



Walter Lippmann

foreign affairs have been
conducted by the Eisen-
hower administration. As Stev-
enson is the leading can-
didate for the Demo-
cratic Presidential nomi-
nation, we may ask ourselves
not whether there is ground for
criticism but whether the Demo-
cratic party can take issue legiti-
mately and effectively with the
Republican administration.

I would think that as of now
at least the Democrats cannot
do it. That is not because the
Eisenhower-Dulles record is
above criticism. Far from it. It
is because by their support and
by their silence the Democrats
have forfeited the chance, and
with it one might say the right,
to take issue with the President.

Things may look very differ-
ently a year hence. But as of
now the Democrats have no
quarrel with what the Adminis-
tration has managed to do. Their
quarrel, long after the event, is
with how by backing and fill-
ing, by zigging and zagging, by
talking tough and by talking
soft, the Administration got
where it is today. As the Demo-
crats do not criticize the results,
as they did not at the time op-
pose the method, they have as-
sented to the opposition party no
issue. They have no record of their
own to oppose to the Eisenhower
record. And as the saying goes
in politics, you can't beat a horse
with no horse.

As of now, we are, one might
say, in the last act of a melo-
drama. The heroine has passed
through a series of hair-raising
escapes. Will she then marry the
handsome young man who sat
on his hands when she was in
peril because he has much to say
about how hair-raising it all
was?

THERE is no doubt, I think,
that the President has made
a great, a unique, and a neces-
sary contribution to reducing
the probability of a third world
war. He has done this by main-
taining our military power and
our alliances and, also and no
less, by clarifying our funda-
mental policy in the Far East.
This is not, I realize, the official
line which holds, or at least used
to hold, that having incorpo-
rated West Germany and its
twelve promised divisions in
NATO, the Soviet Union was
being compelled to retire and to
retreat.

If we pay attention not to
what the Administration has
said but to what it has been do-
ing, we can say that it has pulled
back from positions of weak-
ness, where we were over-
extended, to positions which the
United States and its allies are
strong enough and willing
enough to hold.

THIS is how, after the alarms
of war, that the peace which
prevails in the Far East was
brought about. The President
planted himself in Formosa and
in South Korea, which can be
defended by the retaliatory
power of the United States. At
the same time he disengaged
himself from the ambitions of
Rhee and Chiang to push for-
ward into the Asian mainland.
It is a reasonable guess that

of local pride. They are even inclined at times to re-
gard this section of Oregon as the most equitable, cli-
matically, picturesque and attractive, in the state. But
it is news to this department that this pride has ever
included the train service provided through the years,
by the SP, and the only thing its abandonment will
injure will be that very human, but not entirely flaw-
less trait, of the genus-homo.

We live and learn!

And in the end there may be some profit in seeing
ourselves as a former Governor of the state sees us!
At least there will be no excuse for not being pre-
pared for the blow when it falls.

However such a sweeping condemnation, deliv-
ered before the hearing has been held and all the facts
are known does surprise this department and seems
strangely out of character for the usually fair minded
and judicial Statesman.

Does the Statesman know for example just how
many passengers were carried on the SP between
Eugene and Dunsmuir before the two sections were
discontinued? Does it know the loss of approximately
\$500,000 on the Ashland Eugene run alone as claimed
by the SP, is correct, or is a matter of twisted book-
keeping?

Does it know what the passenger travel would be
if the SP were forced—as other railroads have been—
not only to resume passenger service but improve it
in the direction of better time, more convenient sched-
ules, and more comfortable accommodations? Is the
SP legally liable to damages if it fails to live up to the
terms of its original franchise?

All these items, and many more, seem to us, per-
tinent before any final ruling is made.

If the Statesman has these facts we know the peo-
ple of Southern Oregon would greatly appreciate
their publication.—R.W.R.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear
the name and address of the writer
although under certain circum-
stances the use of a pen name or
initial for publication is permis-
sible. The Mail Tribune reserves
the right to edit all letters with an
eye to clarification and condensa-
tion. Letters submitted for publica-
tion must not exceed 400 words.

Says Taxes Too High

To the Editor: It is disturbing
to realize there are people work-
ing in an apparent frenzy on
new methods of putting a bigger
bite on the income. This gripe
is not about necessary taxation.
We certainly need to pay for
better schools, police and fire
protection, roads and highways,
etc. However, these local, state,
and federal representatives
sometimes go too far.

Too high taxes can hurt a
community, a state or even a
nation. Oregon, falling in a sales
tax, slapped an additional bite
on income taxes. In contrast
Florida keeps taxes down at-
tracting wealth on a permanent
basis.

The tax on whiskey is \$10.50
per gallon—more than the cost
of the whiskey itself. Internal
revenue service reports that in
eleven months ending in May,
11,418 stills were seized; some
as costly as \$75,000 to \$100,000
each. Obviously bootlegging is
beating the government out of
colossal sums in taxes which
we have to make up. Govern-
ment figures show they col-
lected more liquor tax money
when the tax was lower.

An increasing number of
American businessmen are find-
ing it more profitable taxwise
to operate from certain foreign
countries.

From the Eisenhower pre-
election promise platform to the
White House, in military lingo
should be called "operation big
switch." What happened to all
that beautiful conservatism?
Whoever wrote those speeches
had them full of the following
kind of blather: "The nation's
economy has been on a spend-
ing basis, that is why your taxes
are so high. I am going to
change all that and stop infla-
tion so a dollar will be worth
something." (holding up two
coins to show how the value of
the dollar had dropped). What
bigger! A Democratic plan to re-
duce taxes by \$20 was termed
irresponsible. Yet inflation is
still on the rampage.

Now if I were in certain big
business, such as Airlines, Rail-
roads, Utilities, Steamship lines,
etc., I could really get a hunk of
tax money in the form of sub-
sidies. (Farmers get only a very
small fraction of the total sub-
sidies.) I borrow federal funds
(tax money) to complete my
project then I file Accelerated
Amortization Certificates so I
can have returned to me the
taxes I pay.

Whenever a person works 2
hours and 36 minutes a day for
taxes it is time for good citizens
to start squawking. Thank good-
ness, it won't be long until we
can vote those responsible out of
office.

Pat Redmond
Rt. 1, Box 393
Medford, Oregon

Ok But Not Ok Enough

To the Editor: Your gentle
slap-on-the-wrist editorial "Stay
Away" in the September 7 issue
of the Tribune is certainly a step
in the right direction though a
feeble one.

Why in the name of all that
is good and holy is such utter
disregard for private and public
good tolerated? Day after day
we read of fires—homes, busi-
ness buildings, forest—and in
every instance the added com-
ment that firemen were serious-
ly hampered and losses multi-
plied by the crowds of idle
curiosity hounds who cluttered
the streets and roads. WHY?

Would a surgeon, working
desperately to save a life, per-
mit a gang of curious idlers to
clutter the operating room, mess
up his instruments, shut off the
oxygen or the blood transfusion?
The answer of course is a vehe-
ment "No!" Yet the situation
differs only in that a life in-
stead of property is at stake.

Asking a selfish, thoughtless
public to please stay away is so
much wasted breath. Adults are
merely children grown larger
and, generally speaking, respect
the rights of others when forced
to do so by rules with teeth in
them. Is there any reason why
those in authority could not ar-
rest and fine, on public nuisance
grounds, any person present at a
city fire who had no legitimate
reason for being there? A high
enough price would certainly
cut down the attendance. And
could not state or government
commandeer the vehicles and
services of all those who clog the
highways and hamper the con-
trol of forest fires? A few hours
of fire fighting would satisfy
the curiosity of most and make
them think twice before rushing
to the next fire.

When, I ask, is something
going to be done to stop this
criminally thoughtless practice?
Talk won't do it.

(Name on file)
Eagle Point

Wants Equal Treatment

To the Editor: The other night
we went to a movie at a locally
owned Drive-In. Naturally we ex-
pected to watch the movie from
wherever we might choose to
park the car. But, because we
were in a pickup we were told
to sit in the back row.
Now, this might be alright for

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

At the city council meeting
Tuesday night, Mayor Earl
Miller read a letter from the
Oregon Public Utilities com-
mission giving notice of a pub-
lic hearing regarding the
speed of trains within city
limits.

Earlier this fall, city officials
were authorized to notify the
commission that whatever
speed designated would be
acceptable.

Councilman Jack Fitzgerald,
on receiving notice of the
hearing, asked: "Do they mean
freight or passenger trains?"

A California couple visiting
here were given directions to
find a friends house in south-
eastern Medford, and the direc-
tions were based on the location
of KYJC.

They showed up somewhat
later than expected, a little be-
wildered, and told a tale of hav-
ing lost their way, making a long
and roundabout search before
finding the right house.

"We kept looking," they said,
"but we never DID see the Jun-
ior College."

Young old-timers, who have
vivid recollections of their
one-time draft status, might
be interested to know that the
license number of one of the
Medford Ambulance Service's
vehicles begins: 4F.

Martha Shull, Portland teach-
er, was elected vice-president of
the National Education associa-
tion at the recent national con-
vention, as has been duly re-
ported.

The speech which seconded
her nomination is published in
the current issue of Oregon Edu-
cation. It was made by A. D. Holt
of Tennessee, and because it is a
little gem, we reprint portions
of it here:

As you can see, she is as pretty

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Political note in the news:
"It seems certain the farm
question will be a big issue in
the 1956 Presidential election
campaign. . . . Democrats have re-
newed and heightened their at-
tacks on a variety of Republican
programs—including those about
farms. . . . Adlai Stevenson says
his attacks on domestic issues
will include charges of what the
GOP has NOT done for farming.
He says the current farm distress
is dangerous to the whole U.S.
economy and asserts the GOP
administration is as fertile of
moralistic slogans for farmers as
it is barren of political ideas for
a solution of the surplus prob-
lem."

"He accuses the GOP of taking
a free, if hazardous, ride on
(farm) prosperity built up by the
Democratic party."

IT LIKE to make it clear at this
point that I haven't much use
for political farmers in EITHER
party. The political farmer farms
the farmers for votes instead of

someone with 20-20 vision but I
don't happen to have it. So, we
got our money back and left.

In this free country of ours if
a person pays the same price as
the rest he should be allowed to
sit wherever he wants.

(Name on file)
Talent, Ore.

Needless Slaughter

To the Editor: We have com-
pleted another needless slaugh-
ter on the battleground of the
American highways. There is no
good reason or excuse for this
except that we choose to ignore
the rights of others and the safe-
guards erected for our protec-
tion.

As long as highway murder
and maiming are treated lightly
we can expect it to continue and
increase. And as long as we, as
citizens, have this attitude our
courts will act in a namby-pamby
way.

We must realize our responsi-
bility to ourselves and to our
community, and we must also
insist that our courts of justice
exercise every means at their
disposal to impose penalties when
guilt has been established.

The laws of our land were cre-
ated for the protection of our li-
erties and each law must apply
equally to all people. We cannot
countenance favoritism under
the law by any public servant
having to do with the enforce-
ment or the adjudging of pen-
alties for the infraction thereof. If
John Doe—a vagrant—is guilty
of certain acts then Joe Blow—the
influential person—is also
for the commission of like acts
and the penalties and publicity
must be the same.

We, as Americans, will obey
and respect the law when it is
administered fairly to all and we
will show respect to the officers
and judges who properly enforce
these laws, but we are equally
ready to show our contempt
when our public servants allow
favoritism to sway their deci-
sions.

Dan F. Krotz, II,
Chairman for Community
Service, Steelhead Post
6881, VFW,
Shady Cove, Ore.

As a speckled pup. When she
smiles, you feel warm inside,
just like somebody has said
something nice about your
grandchild.

She is as shrewd as a farmer's
wife, at a Sears-Roebuck sale.

She knows the NEA like a
moonshiner knows his corn.

She is as eloquent as a Baptist
preacher at a camp meeting, and
when she talks she sounds like
a spring branch running down a
mountain side.

She is as sweet as sorghum
molasses fresh off the mill, and
she is as pleasant as a hog at
slop-p'n time.

She will be invited every-
where, and wherever she goes,
we'll be glad she has been.

Editorial Comment

CHANGE IN STATE
FORESTER

Those interested in forestry in
Oregon regret the resignation of
George Spaur, state forester. He
has done a very good job through-
out his service was once interrupted
by a call to return to military
duty. Spaur is leaving to go to
East Pakistan as consultant in
forestry under our foreign aid
program. He will advise the
Minister of Forests there on
forest management and utiliza-
tion. Thus he will have an ex-
cellent opportunity to serve the
people of a friendly nation. The
experience should prove an ad-
vantage to him, so that when he
returns he can resume some im-
portant position in American
forestry.

As successor to Spaur the
state board of forestry has named
Dwight Phipps, a veteran in the
department, who served as act-
ing state forester during Spaur's
leave for military duty. He
carries the confidence of those
concerned with state forestry
and the appointment insures a
continuation of constructive
policies — Salem (Oregon)
Statesman.

Pilot, Passenger

Die in Oregon Crash

Coquille — (U.P.) — A student
pilot and his passenger were
killed last Friday when their
light plane hit a tree and crashed
while approaching a private air-
port at Remote, about 20 miles
southwest of here.

The victims were identified
as Norman Bechtold, about 23,
of Cottage Grove, the pilot, and
J. C. Genes of Myrtle Point.

farming the land for crops. We
aren't going to get much