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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
Oct. 11, 1945
Jackson county salvage committee, headed by R. A. Duff, awarded citation for meritorious service in connection with salvage work here.

20 YEARS AGO
Oct. 11, 1935
R. H. Baldock, highway commission engineer, inspects Siskiyou highway projects.

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 11, 1925
Medford city council canvases annexation vote; expected to issue proclamation accepting areas to city.

40 YEARS AGO
Oct. 11, 1915
A \$600,000 beet factory will be built in Rogue valley by Oregon-Utah Sugar company if contracts for 5,000 acres can be obtained.

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

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Oct. 8.—"Incidental intelligence." The owner of the Apothecary drug store on the corner of Powell and Sutter is F. E. Male.

Our prize example of the reverse is the following conclusion of Holmes Alexander regarding the Coon-Neuberger debate, quote: "Incredible as it sounds there exists among us a vindictive conspiracy to destroy the American specialty called 'free enterprise.' I would not believe this—nor ask anyone else to believe it—if I hadn't seen the conspiracy working before my eyes."

That not only SOUNDS incredible but it is. Holmes Alexander should change his bifocals. There is no conspiracy in this country that he can see with his own eyes—or anyone else's—to either destroy the system of free enterprise, or impair it.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. If the country's worst news commentator will take a month off and examine the public power projects in this country like TVA, Bonneville, Grand Coulee, etc., he will find that in each and every case what he calls "free enterprise" has been tremendously stimulated.

Take the aluminum development in the northwest as only one of many examples. Isn't that private enterprise? How about the agricultural and industrial development in Tennessee—another perfect example. Even if all public power replaced private power, which couldn't be done if anyone wished to do it, (and no one does) those who claim that would be the end of all free enterprise in the U.S.A. don't know what they are talking about.

That doesn't mean there is any conspiracy to destroy private enterprise any more than it means—as the pontifical Mr. Alexander implies—that anyone who favors public power over private power in certain sections especially suited to the former—is a communist. As before stated, the amazing fact is not that anyone who suffers from such a phobia as Holmes Alexander should be in circulation, but that any newspaper should publish his comments. Judging by the experience of the Oregonian few do.

We are wondering if the "False Friends" are still second guessing the football experts? This is a great reason for G.T. to cash in as house detective, for we can't recall such a season of upsets ever before. For example: a week ago Stanford defeated last year's national champions, the University of Ohio, 6-0, and a week later were outclassed and completely clobbered by Michigan State.

Rain was predicted last night, but it is still clear and cool. In spite of the cold, Chinatown is celebrating its 4th of July, which has an ironic twist, for the republic that was established independently 44 years ago no longer exists except in memory.

Some people think Dr. White, the President's heart specialist, talks too much. That may be. He certainly is more talkative than most upper-bracket medical men. But as we see it, he does talk SENSE. We particularly liked what he said about having the President return to his official routine as soon as possible.

Martin Bormann Myth Dies With Release Of Hitler's Valet

By CHARLES McCANN
United Press Correspondent
The myth that Martin Bormann, deputy chief of the Nazi Party, was still alive has died at last.

Because his death could not be established, Bormann was sentenced to death in his absence by the Nuernberg war crimes tribunal which also condemned Goering and other high Nazis. It was not until Hitler's valet, Hans Linke, was freed by the Russians during the week-end that the death of Bormann was confirmed.

Linke told how he saw Bormann get into a tank, saw the tank hit by an anti-tank shell, saw it burn until those in it were incinerated. Thus the record of the Nazi leaders is complete at last. Bormann was one of the Nazi big four, along with Hitler, Goering and Himmler.

He was almost unknown outside Germany. He liked to work under cover and almost never spoke in public. He was an army private during World War I, took part in Nazi-like terrorist organizations after the war, and was an early member of the Nazi party. He was its press chief for a while. But he was named to the commanding staff of the Nazi storm troopers and helped to betray his chief Ernst Roehm in the "blood purge" of 1934.

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

Washington—Six months ago, hardly anybody thought that W. Averell Harriman was a serious contender for the Democratic Presidential nomination. Now, almost everybody thinks so. Six months from now, if things work out according to plan, Harriman may well be the man to beat.

The plan is that of Carmine DeSapio, shrewd chief of Tammany Hall and Harriman's principal political strategist. DeSapio is, of course, not showing his hand to anyone. But, as he is fond of saying, "You don't have to draw a diagram," and the essence of his strategy is already clear enough.

Like all really expert political strategy, the DeSapio plan has the merit of being simple, and above all relaxed. All recent American political history has established the rule that it is fatal to press, to seem too eager, to seek to transform the existing situation rather than to take advantage of it. DeSapio has learned the rule well.

He has carefully avoided any appearance of beating the bushes for support for Harriman. For one thing, Harriman would not have permitted him to do so. For another, it has not really been necessary. New York is, after all, a city of many attractions, and in the course of time a great many influential Democratic professional politicians show up there.

It is entirely natural that the Democratic leader in the city should roll out the carpet for such persons. It is also natural that he should introduce at least the more influential of them to the Democratic Governor, for a long private talk.

Over the past few months many visiting firemen have come to New York and been impressed. They have been impressed by the job Harriman is doing as governor, and by Harriman's oddly impressive personality. They have also been impressed by the job Harriman is doing as governor, and by Harriman's oddly impressive personality.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

On Tree Taxation

To the Editor: The following letter has been sent to the Oregon State Tax commission, with copies to Gov. Paul Patterson, State Sen. Phil Lowry and State Rep. E. H. Mann:

In reference to your letter of Oct. 3, 1955, notifying me to appear Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. and asking me to fill out form.

First: I think it highly impertinent and irrelevant for the Commission to pry into costs and income. These figures can not impart any useful information unless a full explanation of each year's unique conditions are included.

Second: You state the hearing is to determine whether the Tax Commission will reduce the valuation. I am not interested in a reduction, but in an elimination as stated in the petition signed Aug. 15 and submitted to the Tax Commission, which, I understand, has been arbitrarily thrown out without notice to petitioner.

Third: I cannot understand how the Tax Commission or anyone, can assess an orchard without viewing same. Your actions amount to making a wild guess and then compelling me to defend myself, whereas, if you follow the law, there probably would be no question at issue.

This is a very high-handed and arbitrary action on the part of the Commission and shows a contempt for a Democratic form of government. It implies the Tax Commission thinks it is above the law.

Also, it is my understanding, that to raise, lower and to arbitrate tax matters in Jackson County, Oregon, lies primarily with the Jackson County Assessor and the Jackson County Equalization Board.

By what statute does the State Tax Commission assume the right to enter the picture until the duly elected and appointed authorities of Jackson County have tried to adjust this matter? You class my orchard as Class A and expect me to defend myself when no one seems to know, including the Tax Commission, the definition of a Class A or B orchard. This is unfair as probably I have a Class A orchard, but how can I tell? Yours respectfully but somewhat perturbed,

William L. Smith, Blue Chip Ranch, Route 1, Box 542, Central Point, Ore.

Washington By Roscoe Drummond

Editor's note: Walter Lippmann, whose column is a regular feature of the Mail-Tribune's editorial page, is on a trip to Europe. During his absence, articles by Roscoe Drummond, a Washington correspondent, will appear on this page.

WHY ADLAI GAINS MOMENTUM
Chicago—It deserves to be put clearly into the record that Adlai Stevenson's decision to seek the Democratic Presidential renomination is in no way related to President Eisenhower's heart attack.

Whether or not Mr. Eisenhower would be his opponent again has never been a factor in Mr. Stevenson's thinking. That can be said without any qualification.

His own decision to let his friends work for his nomination and to campaign for it himself was made several months ago when the political leaders in both parties were generally convinced that the President would be a candidate.

There is plenty of evidence to support both of these statements. As long ago as early spring some of his most ardent admirers were trying to find a way to enable Mr. Stevenson to avoid having to run against Mr. Eisenhower. They argued he could accomplish this—and thus be available in 1960—by announcing that he would run against Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois next fall.

He refused. If he is going to run at all, he wasn't going to duck the hard one for the easier.

MANY times during the past months Mr. Stevenson has written to friends who were counseling him to save himself for more propitious political times, to say that the danger of losing again would never keep him from the 1956 race and that no politician should consider it open to him to pick merely the convenient spots to run. It has always been his view that a candidate could deserve the confidence of the voters if he were to maneuver out of running in order to wait for a better time.

"The important thing," he wrote to one friend, "is not the measure of your chances but the responsibilities and opportunities to do what you think right for your country."

To another he wrote: "Viewing the Presidency as I do, one does not do what he wants to do but what one is wanted for. Nor, I think, should one run merely when he thinks he can win but when one can do some good or say what he thinks should be said in his judgment."

If he had thought otherwise, Mr. Stevenson would have found it convenient and prudent to take the Democratic Senate nomination against Mr. Dirksen when it was pressed upon him.

As to the timing of his decision, Mr. Stevenson let his closest associates know at least five months ago that he would be ready to campaign for the nomination if he was convinced that there was sufficient demand for him among the Democratic

leader. Yet the above may suggest why the position of front runner is so often perilous in American politics. (Copyright, 1955, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

Paraguay Prepares To Intern Peron

Asuncion, Paraguay—(U.P.)—Paraguay was reported preparing today to intern ousted Argentine dictator Juan D. Peron immediately.

An official source said the government had not yet received Argentina's request to intern Peron but that this would be done as soon as the request reaches the Foreign Office.

Argentina asked Paraguay yesterday to intern Peron at a "considerable distance from the border" between the two countries. The request was made in an official note made public in Buenos Aires.

Internment is provided in international agreements signed by both Paraguay and Argentina when a refugee is liable to "disturb the public order of his country of origin."

Mickey Cohen Stops Briefly in Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—Mickey Cohen, who served nearly four years in McNeil Island federal prison for income tax evasion, visited Portland yesterday.

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THE prospect that Mr. Eisenhower will not run, it seems to me, also makes Mr. Stevenson's renomination more likely.

With the President sidelined, Mr. Stevenson could well become the most acceptable—or the least unsatisfactory—Presidential nominee of either party. Not that Southern politicians would love Adlai so much more, but that they would love Averell or Estes less. I certainly don't see the Democratic "Solid South" going for Chief Justice Earl Warren or Vice-President Nixon or former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

Mr. Eisenhower's withdrawal could hardly fail to weaken the position of the pro-Eisenhower Southern leaders like Gov. Allan Shivers who might not even run for Governor if the President were a candidate and who almost certainly will find it necessary to step down if he isn't.

Thus the outlook now is that the pro-Eisenhower Southern Democratic leaders and voters will go back home to the Democratic party in 1956. Under foreseeable circumstances, they will hardly risk their retention of the strategic Senate committee chairmanships by splitting with a relatively moderate Democratic nominee. The ingredients of such a split will almost certainly not be present.

Unless there is a favored Southern contender like Sen. Richard Russell, as now seems unlikely, I would not be surprised to find numerous Southern delegations voting for Mr. Stevenson at Chicago next August.

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