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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. 28, 1945. (It was Sunday) Jackson county chapter Red Cross activities reviewed by Miss Adelaide Nelson, general field representative.

20 YEARS AGO: Oct. 28, 1935. (It was Monday) County court to inspect Coker butte coal mine for possibility of using it as WPA relief project.

30 YEARS AGO: Oct. 28, 1925. (It was Wednesday) District fire warden P. W. Lowd takes crew with pack train to Goolaway gap on Umpqua divide between Douglas and Jackson counties to fight 10-mile front forest fire.

40 YEARS AGO: Oct. 28, 1915. (It was Thursday) Governor Withycombe dedicates new facilities of Company seven; Attorney B. F. Mulkey replies for company.

What's the Answer?: Can You Get 4 of the 77? Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

- 1. Vice-President Nixon's salary is \$15,000, \$22,500, \$30,000, \$35,000 or \$50,000 a year? 2. Two white men were recently acquitted of killing a 14-year-old Negro boy from Chicago in Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana or Mississippi? 3. Maximum charge for an hour on a large New York City TV station is \$600, \$1600, \$3600 or over \$6000? 4. World crops have increased in the last five years less or more than world population, or to about the same degree? 5. "Flatbush" is a term for the Bronx, Manhattan, Staten Island, Brooklyn or Coney Island part of New York City? 6. About 7, 17, 70, 170 or 700 different languages are spoken in Africa today? 7. Ampersand is found on the seacoast, in strings of beads, around oil wells, in printing, or in uranium deposits? The Answers: 1. \$35,000. 2. Mississippi. 3. Over \$6000. 4. Crops have increased more. 5. Brooklyn. 6. About 700. 7. In printing (symbol for "and").

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Not tomorrow, not the next day, not even within the foreseeable few years, but coming, is a problem which many people are inclined to shrug off—either as "insoluble," or as too far away to worry about. That problem is a touchy one to discuss, because it comes close to each individual's personal life and attitudes, and closer still to widely-held religious beliefs, which must be respected. The problem is the threat of over-population.

THE problem in some favored parts of the world like the United States is, for the time being at any rate, principally academic. We are told reliably that the food supply, which now provides gigantic surpluses of edibles, can be expanded over and over, with new methods, and that it could be still further multiplied.

We are told that the old theory of Thomas R. Malthus, that the increasing populations of nations would ultimately outstrip the food supplies, is outmoded. We are told such "scare" books as "Our Plundered Planet" are based on false premises.

While we do not altogether agree, we can agree that, as far as the United States is concerned, the problem is relatively distant.

BUT how about Asia? A press association story the other day started out:

Tokyo—A Japanese professor Tuesday warned an international birth control conference his country may again resort to war unless something is done to stem its increase in population.

In Japan the problem is acute and immediate. It already has a record of abortions which is fantastic to western minds. The government is seriously considering the free distribution of birth control devices, and heavy taxes on families of three or more children have been recommended.

In India the problem is similar—a population which is too great for the economy to support.

A nation where the population is too big for the natural resources becomes a "have not" nation. A "have not" nation, as history shows only too plainly, is a nation which easily considers war as a solution.

MUCH of this "explosion" of populations has been the result of an historically high birth rate, combined with a high death rate which suddenly and dramatically has responded to modern methods of hygiene and medication.

The results have not gone unnoticed, but no solution has yet been presented which shows any promise of universal success.

ENTIRELY aside from the question of food supplies, which can be expanded up to a point theoretically capable of feeding vast hordes of human beings, there remains the problem of what are these people to do.

In the United States, the classic answer has been more production of goods, higher employment, more leisure. This has served us well, so far, and will continue to do so over a period of years.

But there is a point where it can no longer do so. As has been pointed out, if the present population trend continues for 1,800 years, there will be about one square foot of land left for each human being.

Long before this impossible situation could be reached, the problem would have grown to a point where government, business—all of the things we think of as civilization—would have broken down completely.

WE PROPOSE no solution. We simply point to the problem. And problem it is, which can be successfully ignored only for a little time more.

An increasing population, large families, and growing and prosperous cities have long been ideals and signs of excellence in the United States. But the wave of the future can be seen in the thousands and thousands of acres of side-by-side residences in the Los Angeles area. It can be seen everywhere in the nation in one form or another.

We are now enjoying unparalleled prosperity, with every indication that it will continue, in greater or lesser extent, for years to come, based largely on the continued increase in population, resulting in a huge consumer demand and a continuing high level of productivity.

This is fine, as far as it goes. But sooner or later, if the population trend stays on the increase, it will be necessary to do some drastic and basic revision in our thinking on the subject.—E.A.

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Babson and Foreign Conditions

By ROGER W. BABSON Babson Park, Mass.—(Special to Mail Tribune)—Reports of so much grief have come from Europe, readers may be interested in a true summary of conditions received from my personal associates who are just returning from abroad.



Business expansion is evident on every hand. This includes new houses, as well as new businesses. The people seem to have no fear of Russia. They are greatly interested in automation and atomic energy. The only cloud in the sky is credit inflation. The English people have been held down so long by restrictions that, with unlimited freedom, the pendulum is now beginning to swing the other way.

I have been especially interested in getting reports of the thriving state of agriculture with the use of mechanical equipment. So long as World War III does not occur, England will continue to forge ahead and will need very little help from us. She again leads the world in marine insurance and foreign shipping.

Germany Booming While the English people have the faith, their unionization prevents them from doing their utmost. The German people have both the faith and the freedom from unionization. This, added to their technical and inventive genius, is causing them to forge ahead of the rest of Europe. We should not forget, however, that the United States has been pouring billions into Germany. This can be cut down all at once. As readers know, West Germany has voted to arm and is very anxious for a reunited Germany. Since this means a bitter pill for Russia to swallow, it will not come about at once. It rather looks as if Germany might now be at the height of its present domestic prosperity. In event of World War III, Germany may join England and try to remain neutral; but she is not in any mood to do this today. Sorry for France Poor France lacks both the

faith and the desire to work. The country has been overrun so many times that its people are "tired out." This has resulted in the Communists' gaining considerable influence. I believe that we must continue our aid to France in order to keep the Communists from getting control. France, Switzerland, Belgium, and Holland are dependent upon exports to the United States. It could be suicidal for our country to increase tariffs on any of their products. In fact, I believe that American parents must ultimately choose between lowering all tariffs, even with the possibility of some unemployment or reduced wages, or, as an alternative, sending their boys to Europe to fight.

Italy is fortunate in having the largest amount of water power of any of the free nations. She also has an advantage in being close to Africa, which will have a great future when uranium and hydrogen are used for power. Africa and China Africa has a large population of hard workers, and when these are directed to mass production, they could give the rest of the world serious competition. The Black African has a character and physical strength which has great possibilities. This is why he is so feared in both Eastern and Central Africa. The British and French, however, are not restricting and a busing the Blacks, as does the Government of South Africa. This South African attitude is really a disgrace to the Caucasian race. One of my business associates has spent many years in China. His conclusions are as follows: China will free itself from Russia; China will come back as a powerful nation probably with some form of totalitarianism, but not of the Russian brand. It will take twenty or more years, however, for this to come about. He states that my readers should not expect such sudden economic changes in China as are taking place in Europe. He further believes that both China and Japan will become, more and more, a competitor of ours in mass production. We Americans had better worry more about our own economic future than about that of any of the nations discussed above.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Bread and butter news: The Dun and Bradstreet wholesale food price index dropped this week to its lowest level since the start of the Korean war. At \$6.05 it was down 9.8 per cent from a year ago and stood at the lowest point since June 27, 1950. The index represents the total cost AT WHOLESALE of one pound each of 31 basic foods.

WHAT does it mean? It means that the wholesale food markets are slowly following the primary food markets DOWNWARD.

WE'VE been spending a lot of time and thought ever since the war on how everybody can get MORE MONEY — more wages, more profits, etc. The time is nearing when we will need to spend some time and thought on HOW EVERYBODY CAN GET MORE THINGS FOR THE MONEY HE HAS TO SPEND.

WHY worry about that? Well, the market experts told us the other day that American cotton is getting so HIGH PRICED that the time may be near when the rest of the world will produce all the cotton it needs and won't buy any more high priced American cotton.

If we go on spending all our time and thought on how to get more money, the time may come when we will price American goods out of the world markets. That would be bad.

AT LINCOLN, Neb., Congressmen Wayne Aspinwall of Colorado told the annual convention of the National Reclamation association: "We should keep foremost in our minds that opposition to reclamation, rather than decreasing over the years, has increased. This increase in opposition has come in spite of valiant work by this organization and others interested in putting life giving waters to use." He added: "Much of the opposition to federal reclamation comes from the HUMID AREAS—that is, the areas that have more water than they can use and want to get rid of it."

LET'S take a sharp look at that situation. When surplus water is taken off wet soil, they call it FLOOD CONTROL and Uncle Sam pays the WHOLE bill. When water is put on arid soil they call it IRRIGATION and while Uncle Sam advances the money to build the irrigation works the users of irrigation water PAY IT BACK.

IF I SAY that if the areas that have too much water want Uncle Sam to go on paying the whole bill for flood control they'd better quit objecting to irrigation of arid lands, in which Uncle Sam merely advances the construction money and requires the beneficiaries to RE-PAY IT.

SPEAKING of water put to beneficial use on arid land, there is our new Oregon Grassman of the Year—Lloyd Gift, of Langell Valley. I wish every opponent of irrigation could see what Lloyd has done with irrigation water here in our own southern Oregon. Starting with worthless land covered by scabrock and sage brush—about as sad a sight as one could hope to see—he has converted it into beautiful pasture land where fat cattle stand knee-deep in lush grass. These once worthless acres are now about as lovely a sight as anyone can hope to see.

SOME two centuries ago, Jonathan Swift said in his Gulliver's Travels: "Whoever makes two blades of grass . . . to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before deserves better of mankind and does more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together."

Well, Lloyd Gift has made a BILLION blades of grass grow where NONE grew before. He has done it with the magic of irrigation water. I'm quite sure \$110 in the Klamath. It doesn't seem likely that this session, and the talks made at it, will change too much thinking in a hurry. But it offers lots of calories for thought-feeding. — Bend Bulletin.

Washington

By Roscoe Drummond

SUPPORT FOR THE "DARK HORSES" Washington — It may well be that the 1956 Republican Presidential nominee may be drawn from the ranks of the "dark horses."

Two current developments, which have not yet come into public view, add new support to this view. The developments are these:

1.—A well-managed, well-financed, prestige-laden "Paul Hoffman-for-President Committee" is now being organized and will be announced and set up immediately after Mr. Eisenhower publicly discloses his intention not to run for a second term.

2.—Some highly placed interest from the ranks of the old Citizens-for-Eisenhower is beginning to flow to Dr. Milton Eisenhower whom the President has often called "the brightest of the Eisenhower brothers." Here, too, the activity is not yet in the open because it is premature, but the advocacy of the case for Milton's nomination is strategically located.

THE SUPPORTERS of Hoffman and Milton Eisenhower are acting from the same premises: Their first political loyalty is to the President and if the President will run, nothing would suit them better. They would urge him to run—if that would help—and would back him all the way.

They would be sympathetic to the nomination of Chief Justice Earl Warren and recognize that if the Chief Justice would accept the nomination, the prospects of any dark-horse candidate would hardly be visible to the naked eye.

Their over-riding objective is to see that the Republican party selects a Presidential nominee whose experience is reasonably equal to the job and who is electable. Th Hoffman and Milton Eisenhower advocates are convinced that their man impressively meets all three of these qualifications.

A LETTER from a group of Mr. Hoffman's admirers has already gone to a substantial cross-section of prominent citizens, Republicans and independents, all of whom know the former Marshall Plan administrator personally. "Should the President decide not to run, how would you, as one of Paul's friends, feel about him as a candidate?" they were asked.

"You know his virtues, his capabilities, his experience and viewpoint on both foreign and domestic matters. You are also aware of what political handicaps he may have. We do not reckon his age of sixty-four as one of them, however, because few men at any age have greater stamina, which would be amply evidenced in any political campaign."

The letter goes on to ask if its recipients will "join a small Hoffman-for-President committee," contribute a little money and "spend some time" promoting the Hoffman nomination. The replies have been almost a unanimous "yes" on all three questions with some divergence.

he has done "more essential service to his country" than ALL the windy and wordy political farmers put together.

of opinion as to when and how best to further his candidacy. MOST OF THE professional politicians tend to look upon talk of nominating the President's youngest brother as impracticable, politically imprudent, unrealistic or unattainable. I have never been inclined to put it very high in any rating of probabilities. But I run into Milton Eisenhower talk more and more and some of it in quarters where things could be made to happen. One such person put it this way in conversation. "I don't pretend to know," he said, "what influences other voters. But I know what would influence me. I ask myself: who is President Eisenhower's closest, most trusted, most influential adviser and I know the answer is Milton Eisenhower. If Milton Eisenhower were President, who would be his closest, most trusted, most influential adviser? The answer is that it would be Dwight D. Eisenhower. I would like that very much. I think many other voters might, too."

It is accurate to say that despite his academic association as president of Kansas State College and now as president of Pennsylvania State University, Milton Eisenhower has had more varied and substantial experience in government than Woodrow Wilson when he was nominated and more political experience than his brother when General Eisenhower was nominated.

My hunch would be that while the Hoffman and Milton Eisenhower supporters will be competing with each other, there will be no hostility, no bitter rivalry because each group really wants the most pro-Eisenhower Republican nominee they can get.

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Red China Renews Demand on Macao

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Renewed warnings that Communist China "definitely" and "certainly" will take Macao from Portugal were sounded today by Radio Peiping. Macao has been a Portuguese colony for 400 years. It is the oldest European settlement in China.

Radio Peiping said that the threats were voiced at a rally in Canton of the Kwangtung and Canton committees of the Chinese Peoples Political Consultative Conference.

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