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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 Nov. 11, 1945 (It was Sunday) Jackson County Health association announces visit of mobile x-ray unit.

From Arthur Perrys' Ye Smudge Pot column: Several citizens who remained in the shade all summer, plan to go to California for the sunshine soon.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 11, 1935 (It was Monday) Veterans, civic clubs and other organizations participate in Armistice day parade.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 11, 1925 (It was Wednesday) Medford Memorial mausoleum in IOOF cemetery dedicated.

From Local and Personal column: The fire department had one of the many odd floats in the parade today. Their float, made by the firemen, depicted a hook and ladder company of a rural community.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 11, 1915 (It was Thursday) Dr. J. M. Keene appointed to city council succeeding Col. H. H. Sargent, who resigned.

From Talent Talk: The Athletic club expects to clean out a room at the cannery next week. The room will be used as a clubroom.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. Adlai E. Stevenson is about the same age as President Eisenhower, or two years older, or six, or nine or 12 years younger? 2. A person may be a dependent for federal income tax purposes if not related to the taxpayer, right or wrong? 3. The draft will be extended this month to include the Navy and will continue for the Army alone? 4. Less than one-fourth the whole U.N. budget, or about one-third or one-half, or more than three-fourths is paid by the U.S.? 5. Before Communism took over Russia in 1917, most Russians were Orthodox (Greek) Catholics, Roman Catholics, Jews, Lutherans or Mennonites? 6. Adultery is grounds for divorce in every single one of the 48 states; right or wrong? 7. Haym Solomon, Jewish financier, helped out the U.S. in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War or Civil War.

HONEY TREAT

Grand Rapids, Mich.—(U.P.)—Children in one Grand Rapids neighborhood received an unexpected treat of honey when a large tree limb fell to the street. Thousands of bees swarmed from the limb when it fell and police called Mrs. Isiah B. Stevens, a bee keeper, to remove the limb. She passed out honey to children in the neighborhood.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Certain critics call Chuck Taylor of Stanford a blow-hard. But he has been right in his forecasts this year and to date has a batting average of around .800. He said USC could be beaten when the Indians were underdogs to the tune of two touchdowns. His team proceeded to prove it. Now he says he is afraid of the Oregon Webfoots on Saturday and not only fears them but overconfidence. Our hunch is he is right on both counts. Finally, after that beating from Michigan State early in the season, Chuck had no alibis but admitted the better team had won and would go to the Rose Bowl. When asked about Michigan, the team that had beaten Michigan State, Chuck said there was plenty of time for Michigan to be beaten before the season ended. If Michigan State does go to the Rose Bowl—and it has an excellent chance—Stanford's "Blow Hard" will qualify as that rare specimen, a prophet of honor in his own bailiwick.

A man by the name of Christopher—whose first name should be Columbus but isn't—won the mayoralty here two to one, not so much due to his own eminence as the flatness of the surrounding country. He also had all the money behind him, and wasted a large part of it in parading sound trucks around the county, and pasting his name and picture on any vacant space that could be found. Supervisor Chris may be high minded, honest and able but he doesn't look it. However he is a Republican and his opponent a Democrat—that means a lot down on Kearny Street, and enough to give him the support of all the newspapers.

Other Republican candidates for mayor didn't do so well, according to the latest newspaper reports. And the Republicans in Kentucky were beaten out for the governorship by Happy Chandler. Why the people of Kentucky should want any more of Happy Chandler after having had a taste of him both as governor and U.S. Senator, is more than this department can fathom. He is good at smiling, hand shaking and being a jolly good fellow, but as far as we have observed absolutely n.g. at anything else.

One thing in California that promises to get worse before it gets better is "smog." In spite of all reports to the contrary Los Angeles is not the only area cursed with it—today it is so thick here and down the peninsula one could cut it with a knife. To make matters worse the mercury is over 80, in fact all heat records for November have been broken two or three times. The smog today smells like crude oil mixed with fumes from a leather tannery. "Ore-ee-gon here we come!"

Why is it such a heinous crime for a Republican to leave his party and join the Democrats but such a splendid exhibition of patriotism for a Democrat to leave his party and join the GOP? Edgar Smith, a life long Democrat, ran for the Senate as a Democrat, but after his defeat joined the Republicans. So did Judge Latourette, but neither of them to date have been burned in effigy. We can't follow that line of reasoning! We doubt if any newspaper in the state outside of the Grants Pass Courier can.

Incidental intelligence: The George Roberts and the Martin Luthers according to our social scout will take in the Oregon-Washington football game this Saturday and the Big Game the week-end following. They will make their headquarters at Pebble Beach and Carmel.

Newspaper treatment of this Abbott murder trial is a disgrace to the newspaper profession. The state and the defense have not been blameless either. Ever since we came the case has been tried, not in court but in the press, and with the jury trial to be completed that is still the procedure. "There should be a law against it!"—R.W.R.

Is That So?

MAIL DAY. "With winter coming on can you tell me if fish can actually survive being frozen in water?" asks J.R.P., a reader of the Logan (Utah) Herald Journal.

Yes, fish often do. Fish that live in our far northern waters are sometimes frozen for months and with the return of spring and thawing "come alive" again. A common creek minnow may be frozen overnight in solid ice—and when the ice melts in the sunrise, thaw out with no seeming ill effects. "Do big snakes eat human beings," asks John S., Jr., 11, a reader of the Boise Statesman. "Also, what is the biggest thing they can swallow?" Johnny, this is one I am going to answer, yes and no. You see, I don't want to scare the living daylight out of people. So, I must say yes, that it is possible for some of the biggest snakes to swallow a small human being. And there are some accounts to this effect. But, no—big snakes don't go around looking for human beings, ordinarily they are afraid of humans. As for the size of their meals. I'd say they could swallow a good-sized fawn or say a wild pig weighing around 125 pounds. Actually, the natural food of

even the most enormous snakes is a relatively small animal. And a sizeable meal will last them a long time—they are relatively small eaters. "With a bird's feathers being so fragile, how can they fly through storms with them?" asks S.R.E., via the Bethlehem Globe Times. Fragile! Far from it! Feathers are tough. For size and weight, just about the strongest thing you'll find in nature. Furthermore, as you may know, S.R.E., each feather is extraordinarily complex in its make-up. On each of the feathery fibers attached to a feather's central shaft are two rows of smaller fibers called barbs. They act like zippers—locking the fibers. And on a single feather these delicate barbs may number more than a million! (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate) FREE: By special arrangement with the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana my panel of judges will award each week to the reader who sends me the best true-life nature adventure, the best nature observation, or the best question on nature and wildlife, a complete 30-volume set of this world-famous reference work in a handsome Sealcraft binding. Each week new submissions will be considered. Sorry, I simply can't answer your many friendly letters. Please address your letter to: IS THAT SO? c/o Medford Mail Tribune, Box 575, Sausalito, Calif.

Lead by Magsaysay's Party in Philippines Tops News for Week

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

THE GOOD

1. Pro-American, graft-hating President Ramon M. Magsaysay of the Philippines steam-rolled toward overwhelming victory in a national mid-term election. A direct test of Magsaysay's popularity was provided by a race for nine Senate seats. Party candidates were leading, in partial returns, for 8 of the nine seats.

2. Relations between the United States and Yugoslavia were improved further by a cordial one-day conference between Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and President Tito. The meeting made it increasingly clear that Tito, though he remains a Communist, means to maintain friendly relations with the Western Allies.

3. France completed arrangements to restore Moroccan Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef to his throne under an agreement which will give the protectorate a semi-independent status. There was good reason to believe that the agreement might end the long, bitter Morocco crisis.

THE BAD

1. Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov shattered all hope that any agreement on the reunification of Germany could be reached in the current Big Four foreign ministers conference in Geneva, angered by Molotov's stand, Secretary Dulles asked him: "I wonder whether agreements with the Soviet Union are worth much?"

2. President Eisenhower warned that the increased tension in Palestine made it all the more imperative that a settlement be found between Israel and the Arab countries. "All Americans have been following with deep concern the latest developments in the near east," he said.

3. The South African delegation walked angrily out of the United Nations Assembly meeting in New York when that body voted 37 to 12, with the United States and 12 other countries abstaining, to continue inquiring into the South African government's "apartheid" or race segregation policy.



CHARLES McCANN

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.

Not Evolution

To the Editor: From last week's issue of one of the leading magazines of the United States I read this article titled "Man Inherits The Earth." Because of the article's content and its quotation from a Baptist minister, I feel I must let the public know our feelings in the matter.

Mr. Leonard Barnette, author of the article, begins by saying that Philosophers and Theologians—"accept the fact of man's relationship to animals and his evolution from them." Then he seeks to clinch his statement by quoting from a Baptist minister these words: "Today the general idea of evolution is taken for granted as gravitation is."

The possible reason for this statement by Mr. Barnette and his quotation from a Baptist minister is to try to get the multitude of people who know little if anything about the Bible to believe the article he has written. By far, I'm sure, the great majority of the theologians do not believe that man evolved from animals. I know of no minister of any denomination who does teach such thing. It is probable that this quotation he gives of the Baptist minister, Harry Emerson Fosdick, is taken from a context that would throw an entirely different light on the meaning of the quotation. At any rate, the quotation is not the teachings of Baptists.

This article, "Man Inherits The Earth," is filled with many words that speak of suppositions and guess work—words as "possibly," "perhaps," "it seems," etc. The article is "not at all scientific" but only "theory."

The fact is that one cannot believe the Bible and at the same time believe this article Barnette has written. It is true that man has progressed greatly in his discoveries and inventions since the beginning of time. All these discoveries have made him more completely dominate over the animal kingdom and the rest of the earth. But it is completely contrary to the Bible teachings to say that man evolved from an animal into a human being. Neither is it according to the Bible that man has existed for "millions" of years.

Perhaps the anthropologists and Darwin who first submitted the theory of evolution, were sincere in their theories concerning the origin of man because of certain findings they made. Sunday evening at 8 o'clock I will preach in my church from the subject "The Beginning According To The Bible" in which I will endeavor to explain the reason of some of the findings of the anthropologists, but the wrongness of their theory on the evolution of man into a human being. Floyd H. Yeats, Pastor of Temple Baptist church, 794 Lozier lane, Medford, Ore.

A Mother's Thanks

To the Editor: Would you please print a thank-you message for me? For all the wonderful people who were strangers to me and my son, Pfc. Richard George John Head, who attended Holy Rosary and the services for him. They did not know us, but they came to pray for the soul of the boy who gave his life for our country.

And thanks to Father Tomisor, who gave a wonderful mass, his little altar boys, and many thanks to the whole unit of the National Guard, who cooperated so wonderfully, and rendered a beautiful military funeral.

And thanks to all the others who were so sweet and kind, and did everything they could to help me.

Thank you again, and God bless you. Mrs. Rae Ellen Baker and family Star Route Trail, Ore.

Equalization?

To the Editor—The hill folk who ranch in the Butte Falls country are voicing some rustic protests over the high finance program of tax equalization in Jackson county.

True, some property taxes are lower, but the ingenious assessors have socked the taxes on other properties high enough to raise the overall tax 25 to 100 per cent.

In one instance, that of Mr. Royce Cooley, the tax "equalization" took the form of a 554 per cent increase over last year, on the same buildings and acreage.

This illustrates higher finance at its best on the part of any county officials. But we up here in the hills are a quiet folk and think this ranks as pure injustice regardless of the "equalization" slogan for Jackson county.

Surely there must be two people with authority at the county level who would give just plain justice to this and similar cases. Naomi Fredenburg Box 135, Butte Falls, Ore.

The number of American tourists visiting Denmark in 1954 was 12.2 per cent above the 1953 figure, previously a record year.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

CAN WE MUDDLE THROUGH

We are facing serious decisions arising out of a very great expansion of the political power and influence of the Soviet Union. The problem has been dramatized by the sale of arms to Egypt and the acute tension which has caused between Egypt and Israel. But the expansion of the Soviet power is not limited to this one area around Suez. It is making itself felt in Spain despite Franco's celebrated anti-Communism, it is making itself felt in French North Africa, in the Balkans and in Cyprus, and across Southern Asia into the South Pacific.

There have long been Communist propaganda and infiltration in these parts of the world. What is new and recent is that the Soviet Union has now entered these lands openly and directly in the role of a great power. Until the past few months the Soviet Union has been a diplomatic outsider, acting indirectly and exerting a clandestine power. Now she has taken her place as a principal player in the big game of power politics.

This is something very new for which London and Washington have been quite unprepared. Until the past few months they have been living under the impression that Russia was excluded, as she has been for centuries, from the Mediterranean and the Middle East. Suddenly they find that in these critical and unsettled lands there are no longer three great powers, namely France, Great Britain and the United States, but four great powers. The appearance of the fourth great power, the Soviet Union, has altered radically the fundamental relationships throughout this region.

The Egyptian affair illustrates the nature and mechanism of the change. Formerly, the choice for Egypt and for the other weak countries was to join the coalition of the Atlantic powers or to be refused aid and to be ignored politically and to be scolded for their lack of public spirit. Now these countries can turn to the Soviet government and they can trade and manipulate their way between Moscow and Washington. If they play the game skillfully, they can use Moscow's favors and Moscow's promises to frighten London and Washington, and they can use Western favors and Western promises to get more favors and more promises out of Moscow.

This game can become very dangerous. But as long as Egypt, for example, or for that matter Spain and Yugoslavia, can keep the Soviet Union and the United States bidding against one another, it is a profitable game for them. The great question of high policy which we face is whether to accept the Soviet challenge and to try to outbid the Soviet Union, or whether to negotiate with the Soviet Union about its interests and our interests. There is here a dilemma for the West and either horn is extremely unattractive.

To accept the challenge and to compete for influence and power is to undertake something very big indeed. It will require massive expenditures on a scale that will upset the whole financial policy of this Administration. It will require also truly agonizing choices affecting the national interests of our allies in NATO. For the Soviet Union can do more than supply arms, it can do more than give aid in the underdeveloped countries. It can give these countries political support, which costs the Soviet Union nothing, in their struggle against France, Britain, Israel and the United States.

The alternative to accepting the challenge is to recognize the Soviet Union as a great power in that part of the world, and to negotiate something in the way of a political truce. The objection to negotiation is that it will at once raise the political prestige and bargaining power of the Soviet Union to unprecedented heights, and thus may make exorbitantly high the price of an agreement.

For either line of policy it will be necessary to reappraise and revise the doctrine, as we in practice apply it, of containment. We have held that all nations

must join our military alliances or be considered as fellow travelers on their way to becoming Communist satellites. This dangerous dogma has poisoned our relations with India, the greatest and the most influential of the free countries of Asia. It has earned us the reputation from Morocco to Indonesia of interfering in the internal affairs of the new countries in order to support factions which favor alliances with us.

This official infatuation with military alliances has deeply misled the Administration and the Congress. For it has allowed them to believe wishfully that it was unnecessary to do anything important about the underdeveloped countries if only these countries had signed a military pact. The combination of military pacts, which are extremely unpopular in all countries, and the withdrawal of economic aid, has left us wide open and vulnerable to the Soviet campaign. The Soviets give arms without demanding that people sign on the dotted line in military pacts. They are increasing their economic aid at the very moment when Mr. Hollister is trying to reduce ours.

The trouble with all this is that it calls for new decisions at the very highest level, at the level where only the President can act. It is possible for Mr. Dulles and Mr. Humphrey to make decisions of this magnitude, asking no more of the President than that he should give his consent? All one can say is that they had better put their heads together, and have a try. For in this new situation where the Soviet Union is an open competitor for influence and power in southern Asia and in Africa, our position will get worse if the best we can do is to rely on our famous capacity for muddling through.

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