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Flight of Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Nov. 13, 1945
It Was Wednesday
Medford post of American Legion planning new home.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The Armistice day parade started on time. Only a trio of vets headed by Hobias Deuel, the woodman, and a decorated truck were tardy, but participated by themselves.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 13, 1935
Infantile paralysis claims second victim in Jackson county in four days.

Olen Arnsperger, general manager of Talent and Medford irrigation districts, in Washington, D.C., concerning proposed projects in county.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 13, 1925
(It Was Friday)
Interest develops as eight-foot vein of gold-carrying granite is discovered near Gold Hill.

Rains proving beneficial to ranch lands in valley.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 13, 1915
(It Was Saturday)
Oregon Highway commission refuses assistance in surveys for road between Medford and Crater Lake park.

From Local and Personal column: Al Williams, of Toledo, Ohio, who has been in various sections of Rogue river valley for a month or more, will return in a few days to his home to Jackson county to remain.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7?
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report
1. The American Legion at its 1955 convention in Miami came out for or against U.S. quitting U.N., or took no stand on it?
2. More home mortgages are written these days by savings and loan associations or by banks?
3. The Hatch acts are on transporting females for immoral ends, corrupt political practices, shipping liquor into dry territory or conspiring to overthrow the Government?
4. Tulane University is in California, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Ohio or Texas?
5. Less than one-fourth, about one-third or one-half, or more than two-thirds of all U.S. farm families now have TV sets?
6. Tetuan is the capital of which Africa colony of a European nation?
7. Dr. Francis E. Townsend gained fame by his anti-polio vaccine, treatment of heart disease, old-age pension scheme, or atomic energy research?
The Answers: 1. Against quitting. 2. By savings and loan. 3. Corrupt political practices. 4. Louisiana (New Orleans). 5. About one-third. 6. Spanish Morocco. 7. Old age pension scheme.

THROWN FROM CAR
Grand Prairie, Tex. — (U.P.) — A. J. Seaton of Fort Worth, thrown unscathed from his automobile by a collision Friday night, watched as the car kept going and turned down a railroad track. It might still be rolling along, he said, if it had not been for a Texas and Pacific freight train.

The Arab Refugees

What's behind Soviet bloc arms sales to Egypt, reported offers of arms to Israel, Russia's sudden friendliness toward Turkey, its about-face on Tito.

In large outline, the answer seems to be centuries old; Czarist or Soviet, Russian policy is expansionist. And for centuries the principal object of Russian global expansion has been a toe-hold on the Mediterranean. Once that toe-hold were gained, Russian policy presumably would call for making the eastern Mediterranean, like the Baltic, a Russian lake.

IMPERIAL Russia for over 200 years was in frequent conflict with the old Ottoman Empire as successive Czars tried to push across the Black Sea toward the Mediterranean. The Crimean War — in which Great Britain, France, and Turkey defeated Czar Nicholas I's aspirations for protection over the "holy places" of Palestine and over the several million Greek Christian subjects of the Sultan — was really a struggle for control of the Dardanelles. It ended with the Treaty of Paris of Mar. 30, 1856, in which Russia agreed to the neutralization of the Black Sea.

After Turkey's defeat in war with Russia in 1877-78, the Treaty of Berlin assigned to Russia the Turkish districts of Kars and Ardahan. Russia also got Batum, still an important Russian oil port today.

BRITAIN and France in World War I, when Turkey was allied with Germany, secretly promised to Czarist Russia Constantinople, both shores of the Bosphorus, the European coast of the Sea of Marmora, and the Dardanelles. The Russian revolution and the subsequent renunciation of Czarist claims relieved the Allies of the obligation to live up to these pledges. Subsequently Russia by treaty returned Kars and Ardahan to Turkey and the Turks agreed to allow the Russians to keep Batum.

But in 1945, in World War I was drawing to an end, Russia was demanding from Turkey Kars and Ardahan, plus other Black Sea territory, plus the Turkish port of Trebizond, plus bases at the Dardanelles. Turkey rejected the demands and threatened to take them before the United Nations, but Soviet pressure on the Turks died out only in 1948.

ELSEWHERE around the Mediterranean, Soviet Russia over the years has made these major moves toward a Mediterranean foothold:

1. Arms aid and advice to the Spanish Republican government in the Spanish Civil War of the mid-1930's.

2. Post-World War II demand for trusteeship of the Italian colonies of Libya and Eritrea. This problem was not resolved until November, 1949, when a UN General Assembly resolution provided for the eventual independence of Libya and otherwise made arrangements for administration of the colonies.

3. Postwar political agitation in Italy and pressure on Greece by means of guerrillas supported by Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. The pressure on Greece, and the external pressure the Soviets brought to bear on Turkey gave rise to the Truman Doctrine of 1947.

4. War of Nerves against Tito's Yugoslavia, begun in June 1948. It was this policy the Soviets reversed when they began to woo Tito in 1954.

Soviet Russia's expansionism is by no means limited to the Mediterranean area, as witness its policies in regard to the Baltic states, the Central European satellites, and the Far East. But the positive policies listed above, plus Soviet opposition to Turkish and Greek membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and to the "northern tier" pact of Turkey, Pakistan, and Iraq, qualify the Mediterranean as quite as much a major Russian target as it was in the days of the Czars.—E.R.R.

Russia And The Mediterranean

Of all the tough nuts to crack in the Israel-Arab conflict, none is tougher than the plight of the Arab refugees. They number about 900,000, most of them quartered in makeshift relief camps in the Gaza strip or near the frontiers in Jordan and other Arab states. Minimum subsistence is provided by a UN agency.

THESE former residents of Palestine left it in 1947-48. Israel holds that they left voluntarily, persuaded to decamp by Arab propaganda, and that the Arabs who stayed behind are glad that they did. The refugees insist that they had to get out to escape terroristic activities of Israel extremists.

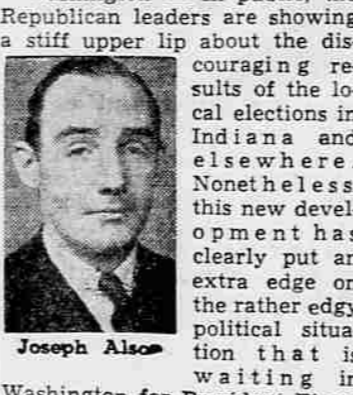
The refugees have gone largely uncompensated for the homes, farms, farm animals, bank accounts and other property which they left behind and which were impounded. Israel, hard pressed economically, says that as much compensation has been given or offered as the state can afford. Also, that more could be vouchsafed if the United States would make a loan for that purpose, in the interests of peace.

THE refugees want Israel to recognize their right to be repatriated, even though few of them, probably, would use that right. Israel maintains that with its total population of 1,700,000, including some 175,000 Arabs, the incursion of 900,000 more, most of them bitterly anti-Israel, would mean internal combustion that would break up the state of Israel.

However, Israel has permitted some 50,000 of the refugees to come back. It argues that the Arab states, with their large area, could absorb the others, but the Arab states say they can't accommodate more than the few they have assimilated. Anybody with a simple, practicable solution that U. S. public opinion would accept would be doing a favor to a Mr. J. F. Dulles by writing him in care of the State Department, Washington, D.C.—E.R.R.

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

WAITING FOR IKE



Joseph Alsop

Washington — In public, the Republican leaders are showing a stiff upper lip about the discouraging results of the local elections in Indiana and elsewhere. Nonetheless, this new development has clearly put an extra edge on the rather edgy political situation that is waiting in Washington for President Eisenhower.

Everyone in a key position has been and still is extremely chary about getting committed in any manner. But it is now possible to give a crude outline of the opinions on the Republican future that the President will hear from those who are closest to him on his symbolic return to Washington which lifts the Denver ban on all political discussion.

The men around Eisenhower, like all other Republicans, naturally hope that the President's remarkable recovery from his heart attack will make it possible for him to run again. Unfortunately, however, the odds will still be rather heavy against Eisenhower agreeing to run, even if he gets the kind of medical certificate that would normally clear the road.

The truth is that the President himself did not want to run, and his wife and family were passionately opposed to his running, even before he had his tragic heart attack. The President's own reluctance, and the pleas of Mrs. Eisenhower and Maj. Eisenhower were being gradually overborne when he went to Denver. All the Republican leaders in the country were shouting the call to duty in Eisenhower's ear.

At that time, he regularly answered that there are plenty of younger Republican leaders who are capable of finishing his job for him. But the constant appeal to his sense of duty was clearly overcoming his doubts. As reported in this space some weeks before his heart attack, the stage had been reached where an Eisenhower candidacy to succeed himself was all but inevitable, "unless he had the kind of (physical) upset which would give greater force to the pleas of his wife and son."

THE importance of the heart attack is not so much that it has partly incapacitated the President, although this is desperately important. The real importance of the heart attack, as one Republican politician has gloomily remarked, is that "you can't tell a man who's had a bad heart attack that it's his duty to run for the Presidency." In other words, Eisenhower is now wholly protected from pressure to run. He can therefore do as

he pleases. Unless he had changed his mind in his hospital bed, what will please him most is to retire to Gettysburg.

If he has in fact changed his mind and now desires to run, the talk about Eisenhower getting a new running mate will almost certainly prove to be empty nonsense. The President likes Vice-President Nixon far too well to inflict this sort of public humiliation on him. And making such a fuss about the Vice-Presidency would be an implied admission that the state of the President's health was still rather doubtful. On the other hand, while there is no substance to the move to replace Nixon as a Vice-Presidential candidate, there is no discernible enthusiasm in the White House circle for Nixon as a Presidential candidate. Most of the President's closest advisers appear to believe that Nixon cannot get the independent vote. Hence they think that Nixon will be unable to lead the Republicans to victory if Eisenhower retires.

IF THE President in fact, retires, therefore, it is probable that most of those around him will first try to persuade him to try to persuade Chief Justice Warren to become the Republican candidate.

Almost all Republicans agree that Warren would be their strongest candidate after Eisenhower, and the White House circle is particularly strong on this point. They feel, in truth, that Warren would be almost unbeatable, and the Democrats, holding their breath, secretly agree with this view. But the big question about Warren, of course, is whether he will consent to run. It is perfectly plain that Warren will not leave the Supreme Court, except at the direct request of the President who put him on the Court. It will be unlikely Eisenhower to make such a request, but in view of the opinions of his advisers, the odds seem to be about even that Eisenhower will try to persuade Warren to run if he decides not to run himself.

AT THE present moment, the Chief Justice is freely telling all and sundry that nothing will change his mind about staying on the Court. He means every word of it, beyond question. But no one on earth, including the Chief Justice himself, is in a position to forecast the Chief Justice's response to the kind of appeal that the President can make if he chooses. The odds are against Warren's yielding, but he may yield.

Say the odds are even on the President making the appeal. Say the odds are two to one against Warren yielding. That makes one chance in four of the Justice becoming the Republican candidate if Eisenhower does not run. Then, if both Eisenhower and Warren are finally eliminated, it will be Vice-President Nixon against the field. And then most of the old Eisenhower-for-President crowd, who do not fancy Nixon, will be searching the dark horse stable with a rather feverish intensity.

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They Wash the Smoke

To the Editor: With the State Sanitary Commission citing two Coos Bay lumber firms for air pollution, there'll be some sawmillers wondering what to do about it short of going broke. But it can be done and not go broke, for one sawmill owner did just that. It's the Gamble Lumber Co. at Brewster, Wash., on the Columbia River some 60 miles south of the Canadian line. For some 45 years ran it there for Dan Gamble when at last it was "sawed out," both in timber and years. They were sitting around the cook-house supper table figuring how to get enough stock to fill a box-shook order when Dan said, "There's that pile of rough lumber out back we can . . ." and he swayed into the arms of an employee, one of the old-time loyal, pride-of-accomplishment kind . . . proud that he could do this last bit of service for Dan.

So, his daughter Martha (Mrs. John Gebbers) took over, Martha—whose name is more used by the lumbering fraternity of north central Washington than Gamble Lbr. Co. What to do? No more timber available "on the hill." So she proposed moving the mill back to the gulch on the town's north edge where Dan first had it, and this writer helped rock up the twin Scotch boilers for power. But the townspeople objected to the smoke and cinders from it, though the pay-roll would be most acceptable. Martha told them, "We'll just wash the smoke." And she did just that, force-drafting the burned gases from the dutch-oven boilers to an upright steel washer that discharged all solids into the mill-pond.

It's a most unusual sight to see the mill in operation, clean white steam pluming from engine and shot-gun feed exhaust pipes, no smoke-stack or high cone burner with their high potential fire hazard polluting the air. Then come winter, the charcoal cinders are drag-lined from the pond and distributed by dump-truck over the extensive apple orchards thereabouts. Proof enough that the plan pays off financially and also in community goodwill.

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Pound of Flesh?

To the Editor: Armistice Day: Business as usual, and we all hope the business men of Medford have salvaged their pound of flesh by keeping open this day. Now on Sunday they will go to church to show the people they put God before the dollar. It would be too bad if someone gave them the idea of canvassing the churches for a concession just outside the door to set up their wares just in case someone had the idea of driving to Ashland to get a clean pair of sox on Sunday.

And still they had the nerve to hang out the flag in front of their stores.

Thank God we have the banks, city and county, who are willing to close, and let's not forget the barbers.

Jess Flowers, Route 1, Medford, Ore.

Soviet Union would not agree to German unification even outside of NATO. My own belief is that the Soviet Union will not agree to that now—in view of the inner political weakness of the Western powers.

But what Moscow would do now is not the first question. The first question is whether the German people will think we are making proposals that are not only sincere but are rational and practicable terms for their own reunification. To make German membership in NATO negotiable would be to take a position that Moscow cannot reject without great loss of face in Germany.

As long, on the other hand, as we stand fixed in a position that is not negotiable, there will be in Germany a growing loss of confidence in our good sense, and even in our sincerity.

OUR position is very difficult indeed. For if we concede German membership in NATO in order to promote German unification, we shall be faced with a deep dislocation of the NATO military structure. Western Germany is the keystone of the structure, and if it were taken away, the strategic conception of NATO would have to be radically revised. The Western governments would consider that an exorbitantly high price to pay for the unification of Germany.

On the other hand, if we stand pat on our present terms, and as Mr. MacMillan has said so hopefully, just continue to "lean" on the Soviets, we must be prepared to see increasing intercourse and direct negotiation between the West and the East Germans. Insofar as we cannot or will not negotiate across the table with the two

POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)

The Rev. Thomas McCamant, a dedicated and able birdwatcher, reported last week the fact that a flock of about eight large birds is roosting in tall elm trees on Orange St. near Fourth. Residents of the area had called him to tell him about them, and he went to look at the birds. They roost in the daytime, and apparently fly out to eat during the evenings.

Mr. McCamant identified them as black-crowned night herons, which he said are not particularly rare birds, although they are not listed as being indigenous to Jackson county. He said, however, that it is interesting to find them roosting in the middle of a city.

Staff member on an afternoon drive in the Applegate area spotted a grey squirrel climbing in a tree right over a "No Trespassing" sign.

We have our woes with proof-reading — yes we do.

It serves only to lighten our burden when we realize that other papers do too. Specifically the San Francisco Examiner, which last week ran a story about the most recent Hollywood imbroglio involving two females and a male, and a long, long story giving "background" of those involved. It pointed out that in a recent divorce case, a husband admitted that he spanked his wife and tossed her into "their swimming pool and said she went after him with a sighted cigar."

(Note to typesetter: Please set that last sentence wrong — I mean right—no, wrong. Anyway, set it as it is, and if it comes out wrong, that's right.)

Movie marquee sign spotted last week said "Peat Kelly's Blues."

In the past few weeks, the newsroom has been the grateful recipient of a number of "exchanges" of the kind it likes best—the publications of a number of the schools of Medford and Jackson county.

Following are some quotations from some of them: "Scavenger Hunt! Scavenger Hunt! Looking for people who would like to work on the newspaper. They can be reporters, editors, or help with circulation. We need you!" (From the Hed-

Women's Division Of UMC Successful

The Home Crusade, women's division of the United Medford Crusade, is successfully winding up its part of the annual fund-raising campaign, according to Mrs. E. A. Littrell and Mrs. Scott Davis, co-chairman. Most of the residential calls have been completed, they said, but there are a few homes which were missed for one reason or another, and residents who have not been contacted but who still wish to contribute may call at the UMC office in the Leverette building or telephone 3-4287, they said, and someone will call to pick up the donation.

The co-chairman paid tribute to the 300 volunteer women who worked on the home phase of the UMC drive, including neighborhood representatives, a section and block leaders. Despite some conflicts and confusions the job was described as a success.

They also declared that the women workers are convinced of the benefits of the united fund type of drive, and expressed their gratitude to those who gave.

Griffith Mill Votes In Favor of Union

Portland — (U.P.) — Employees at Griffith Rubber Mill in Portland have voted in favor of union representation by the CIO Rubber Workers Union. The election was conducted by the National Labor Relations board. The vote was 48-12 in favor of the rubber workers union and against the AFL automotive, garage and service employees union.

Germany, the Germans themselves will negotiate under the table. If anyone doubts this, he might study the proposals made to this Geneva conference by the German Social Democratic Party. He will find there a call for direct dealings between the two Germanies which differs in principle and in legal form but not very much in its practical purpose from what Mr. Molotov is proposing.

rick Junior High school's "???" which is conducting a contest for a name).

"The library is a very busy place, and it looks as it will be even busier because more books are coming in . . . There are other things you can do besides read books. You can look at framed pictures of butterflies and other insects . . ." "On Sept. 24, Jackson school had its first Student Body meeting. Mr. Newton explained the meaning of the word constitution, and also explained about the U. S. Constitution . . ." "On Columbus day we had a film on the life of Columbus. Columbus was discussed by the children in their home rooms . . ." "We have a very nice lunch room. The cooks always have a good variety of food . . . I am sure that if we try to keep the lunch room clean, it will make it easier for the cooks . . ." "The Jackson school has made 100 per cent in the Junior Red Cross. The children have brought pennies and nickels. Every child got a Junior Red Cross pin. We have posters and put them in the rooms." (From the Jackson school "Hickory Chips".)

"George Hartwein had an accident and had to have 15 stitches taken on his cheek. He is much better now. He doesn't have the bandage on his cheek any more. He says it is just a scratch." "Mike Black's dog died Sunday. We all feel badly about it. We hope he can get another one soon." "In our Science class we have been studying spiders and insects. We had a cocoon, hoping to see it emerge into a Monarch butterfly, but we were disappointed." "We have studied insects. We learned six ways that insects are different. We drew pictures of insects. We saw a movie of spiders. Spiders are not insects." "Mrs. Kaye's home making class had a candy sale and made \$10.50. The money is to be used for buying homemaking supplies. At the present they are hemming and embroidering dish towels." "In Social Studies we have been studying about ancient civilizations. We have studied about Egypt, Babylonia, Phoenicia and the Holy Land." "We have seen two films this year. One was on cheating, and the other was on Pompeii. They were both very good films." "We have been studying early happenings in America, especially about Oregon. We learned all the counties of Oregon and where they are located." (From the Howard Times, of Howard Grade school.)

"From the Journalism room window, we can see some of the many new improvements which are being added to the attractiveness of the school grounds. The first and most important change that we notice are the new walks which connect the boys' and girls' dressing rooms. These walks will prevent the tracking of mud into the hallway of the gym and the dressing rooms. The next thing we notice is the work which the grader has been doing. The ground in back of the gym has been leveled, along with some of the ground around the bleachers. The landscape site in front of the gym has been leveled for the possible planting of grass . . ." "Wanted! One good sports writer or so that we may have stories on the basketball games." (From the "Prospector" of Prospect High school.)

"The first meeting of Lincoln school student body was held Oct. 28. The president called Lynn Creel to say the flag salute. A boy from Jr. high talked about Halloween signs, how we should not bother sick people. There was a movie on Trustworthiness." "Last week two Indians came and danced at Lincoln school. It was very exciting. There were many dances. The two Indians were Red Eagle, the man, Moon Woman the lady." "In the last football game of the season, Washington beat Lincoln 7 to 0. Our boys played hard, but didn't get the breaks. Lincoln finished the season winning one, losing two, and tying one." "We sent a birthday greeting to our President, Mr. Eisenhower, and signed all of our names. We hope our President is soon well again. He sent us a card thanking us for our note, and now it is up on the bulletin board for all to see." "One morning we helped Mr. Tom, our janitor, put up the school flag. Up, up, it went to the top of the pole. We all got to give the long rope a pull. It is great big. The flag is high, high. There were two poles. One for our country. One for our Oregon. It is all blue." "Mrs. Hohensee's room was a hub-bub a few weeks ago. Some of the 6th graders who wanted to be given a chance to draw pictures for the Lincoln Legend. Well, Maureen Schultz was the lucky one this time. No telling who will be the lucky one next time." (From the Lincoln Legend of Lincoln school.)