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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. 17, 1945 (It was Saturday)

State Superintendent of parks S. H. Boardman mapping Judge F. L. Tou Valle's property for state park along Rogue river.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: One of the Older Girls had a birthday Wed. As she will not tell her age, we will not tell her age, we will not tell her age.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 17, 1935 (It was Sunday)

Eugene Thorndike named to Oregon State Dad's club's executive committee at annual Corvallis meeting.

Bill Cottrell of Medford, playing lead role in University of Oregon play production, "The Queen's Husband."

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 17, 1925 (It was Tuesday)

Voters of Medford school district deciding on budget more than 6 per cent over last year's budget.

Court martial of Colonel William Mitchell on charges of criticizing the nation's air service continues in Washington.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 17, 1915 (It was Wednesday)

Dr. J. M. Keene appointed to fill vacancy created by resignation of councilman Colonel H. H. Sargent.

John Doe, Negro who terrorized county schools by lecturing on cannibalism, told to leave county or spend 60 days in jail by Justice Taylor.

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

- 1. The Armistice in World War I was signed for the U. S. by President Wilson, Secretary of State Lansing, Secretary of War Baker, Gen. Pershing, or our ambassador to France?
2. More money is spent every year by state and local governments on schools or by the federal Government for defense, or is it about 50-50?
3. Chief Justice Warren gets a higher or lower salary than Vice President Nixon, or the same?
4. In which two of these cities does the Hearst press have no paper: Albany (N.Y.), Denver, Detroit, Milwaukee, San Francisco, Seattle, Washington?
5. Less than 10 per cent, about one-fifth or one-third of all Americans are left-handed?
6. The U. S. recognized the Soviet government of Russia immediately this was set up, within a year, about five years later, or more than 15 years later?
7. Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of California says he has a good or slight chance of getting the 1956 Republican presidential nomination?
The Answers: 1. Pershing; 2. More for defense; 3. Higher by \$500; 4. Denver and Washington; 5. Less than 10 per cent; 6. More than 15 years later; 7. Slight.

Greed!

One of our favorite news commentators, Chet Huntley, thinks there is only one explanation for such an unspeakable atrocity as that committed by that Colorado youth, who planted a bomb in a United airliner resulting in the death of his mother and 43 other passengers. That is insanity.

For once we can't agree with Mr. Huntley. WE DON'T believe the Graham boy to be insane, except in the sense that any criminal with homicidal tendencies is not normal mentally—or he wouldn't be a homicidal criminal.

From what information there is available, young Graham has for many years been possessed and obsessed by selfish greed. There was one thing only that he wanted or cared about—money. That is why he forged checks and went night-clubbing while he allowed his mother to open a restaurant and earn enough to reimburse his victims.

Instead of being a help to his mother in her venture he fought with her almost always over the question of money. He never had enough.

Thwarted in one criminal direction, only intensified the young man's passionate determination, so the next step, that of killing his own mother to remove the immediate obstacle to his ambition, and get her insurance, was not, we think, as long a step, morally, as Broadcaster Huntley indicates.

BUT how about the other passengers on the plane, including the crew, all innocent bystanders so to speak—how could any SANE person young or old, bring himself to the point of mass murder on such a scale to satisfy his selfish lust for gold?

This is a question that could best be answered, no doubt, by experts in the field of criminal psychiatry. But our own idea is that this passion of greed is far stronger in this materialistic era, than most people realize. It became so overpowering in the case of this Colorado youth that he only considered what he would get out of such an atrocity and never considered the price others would have to pay.

MOREOVER, like the infamous juvenile delinquents Leopold and Loeb, this boy is reported to be in the near-genius, brilliant class, and undoubtedly this plane plot would, he figured, be the "perfect crime," that he would not only get the insurance money but his share of his mother's estate, and he himself would never be suspected but go Scot free with enough money in the bank to be a "Big Shot" man about town as it had always been his ambition to be.

In other words while in one so young to commit a crime so gigantic, so completely callous and inhuman, a case for insanity might well be built up, it is the belief of this department, that such a defense, when all the evidence is in, will fail.—R.W.R.

A White Thanksgiving?

This winter snow in November is "unusual" but not unprecedented. The writer (and other old-timers) will never forget the winter that descended on the valley 35 years ago.

Not only was there snow on a 4-foot level, but it stayed on the ground for weeks, while the mercury fell to zero and in some sections even below.

NOT as many heated and cooked with electricity as they do now. But those who did, including "Ye Editor" and family, were forced to close up shop and move, bag and baggage, to the Medford hotel. All wires including telephones were down, and there was no water, for practically all the pipes were frozen. That was a winter for "The Italy of America!" However it was a field-day for the plumbers and the children. Also the hotels—they were packed to the doors with refugees from the "wide-open spaces," some of whom with the proper bank balances stayed all winter, but the average stay we would say, was two or three weeks.

However their hearts were "young and gay" then, and it was fun staying at a warm hotel, there was a lot of bridge and the children had the time of their young lives making snow men and snow balling each other over in the park. Moreover the ranchers—and most of the refugees had orchards then—all believed that the "big snow" would mean not only big crops in the fall but big prices. (Our recollection is they were correct regarding the size of the crop, but the prices as sometimes happens did not quite keep up with them.)

"AH, THEM were the days!" We are somewhat short on snow plows and snow shovels even now, but most of the homes are better built, Copco doesn't break down so easily—not quite!—and the idea that Southern Oregon is a Palm Springs type of winter resort is not so prevalent. Meanwhile it is to be hoped history repeats itself, the snow sticks around at least until the skies clear and the sun comes out, for then we might have a white Thanksgiving if not a "White Christmas," and think of the pictures junior could take with Pop's new movie camera!

P.S. Don't forget the quail, pheasants and other birds, who can't remember back 30 to 40 years, and probably have decided the world has come to an end—this section of it at least—and if they want to survive they will have to change their winter feeding grounds to Southern California.—R.W.R.

There are actually three poles in Antarctica: the geographic South Pole; the magnetic South Pole; and the "pole of inaccessibility," at the center of Aurora Australis.

Tax Cut Likely Despite Failure Of Geneva Talks

Washington—(U.P.)—A tax cut still is likely next year despite the failure at Geneva.

This became evident Wednesday when Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson told newsmen that failure to settle cold war problems there will have "little or no effect" on America's defense program. He said the program is not affected by periodic "ups and downs" in international relations.

Spending To Continue Wilson made it clear that defense spending will continue at about the present level—some \$34,500,000,000 a year.

That means the administration still can hope for a balanced budget—based on greatly increasing revenues—and its attendant tax cut next year. Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey has stated flatly that tax relief must hinge on a balanced budget.

An administration tax expert agreed with Wilson that nothing has changed toward the budget and spending, particularly for defense or foreign aid, simply because Geneva was a flop.

He said the present defense program is geared for the "long pull."

Congressional sources said they believe prospects for balancing the budget this fiscal year are good. They said prosperity is the key because it's producing terrific corporate profits and individual incomes. These will boost tax revenues for fiscal 1956 much higher than the administration forecast in January and considerably higher than its August prediction.

Revenues May Close Gap Although Humphrey has forecast a deficit of \$1,400,000,000, many experts believe increased revenues may close that gap. Humphrey has said he hopes the revenues plus economies may do the trick. He may have to depend on increased revenues alone.

Wilson said Wednesday he still hopes to save about \$500,000,000 in defense spending in the current fiscal year to bring the total down to about \$34,000,000,000. But Wilson noted that when savings are accomplished in one area, costs go up in another.

Scholarships for Foreign Students Explained at Meet

The American Field Service program, which provides teenage scholarships in American high schools for foreign students, was discussed before the Medford Rotary club Tuesday by Weldon Kline, forest engineer, and Leonard Mayfield, school superintendent for District 49.

In explaining the AFS plan before the club at the Jackson hotel, Kline recalled how the organization was initiated by former members of ambulance units in World War II, with the objective of building for world peace through the youth of many nations.

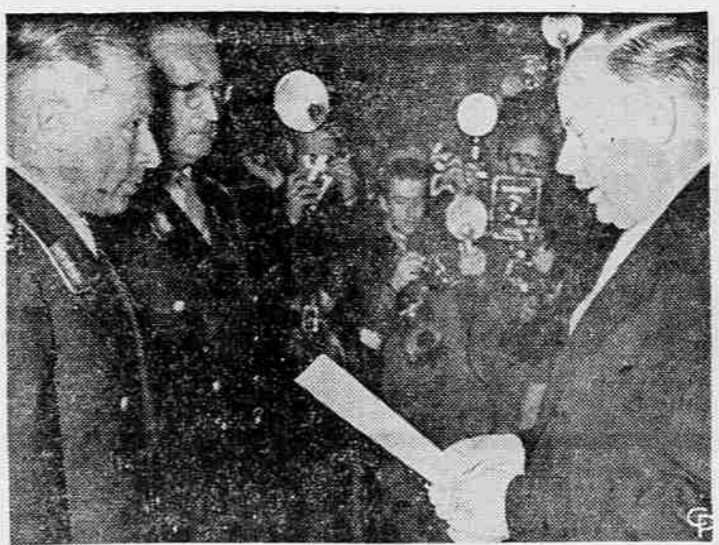
Most Speak English Youngsters who come to the U.S. through AFS scholarships are carefully screened by organization officials and U.S. embassies in participating nations. Their ages must be between 16 and 18 years, and each must have an understanding of English and be able to speak it.

Selection is made on a competitive basis, Kline emphasized, and students live in American homes, attend high school and participate in all teen-age activities. So successful has the program been since it was started in 1947 that last year 24,000 foreign students applied and more than 600 were placed in homes here.

Sponsor Plan Mayfield told Rotarians that the international scholarship program has been so successful within the last eight years that a number of Oregon communities had undertaken sponsorship, costing \$650 per student. The school authorities of this city were enthusiastically endorsing the program, Mayfield said, and the Medford Rotary club is considering joining 12 other Rotary clubs in Oregon in bringing foreign students to this community.

Observers of the American Field Service plan claim this program is most successful in stimulating understanding and friendship between this nation and many foreign countries. American high school students also may qualify for scholarships to foreign areas, making the program a true exchange of teenage youngsters.

LOSES FIGHT, FINED Detroit—(U.P.)—Frank Cline, 46, was fined \$5 because he lost a fight with a revolving door. Cline tried to exit through a revolving door Wednesday and collapsed from exhaustion after pushing for 10 minutes. Police carried him off and charged him with being drunk and disorderly.



ACCEPTING COMMISSIONS as lieutenant generals in New West German army from Defense Minister Theodor Blank (right) are Adolf Heusinger (left) and Hans Speidel, both major generals in Hitler's Wehrmacht. (International)

Italy About To Start Campaign To Regain Position as Power

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent Italy is about to start a vigorous attempt to regain its position as a top-ranking power.

President Giovanni Gronchi, Premier Antonio Segni and Foreign Minister Gaetano Martino have teamed to get the campaign going. It is indicated that they hope to make the present Big Four set-up the Big Five, with Italy added to the United States, Great Britain, France and Soviet Russia.

The campaign will be started by the Italian ambassadors in the big European capitals and Washington. Linked with the campaign is the hope that Italy may be admitted to United Nations membership under the "package" deal, now under consideration, to add 18 countries to the present 60 in the world organization.

As the first move in the attempt to restore Italy to the place it used to occupy in world affairs, the ambassadors to the United States, Britain, France, Russia, West Germany and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization were called to Rome this week. They have engaged in a series of consultations with Gronchi, Segni and Martino, planning tactics.

First Objective The first objective is to see that Italy is consulted in advance on all matters of major interest.

Douglas Timberland Tax Rates Boosted

Roseburg—(U.P.)—A meeting here between lumber company executives and examiners of the State Tax commission has resulted in a 90 per cent increase in Douglas county timberland tax rates.

The examiners compromised on a 32-year depletion rate as a tax basis and invoked rates of \$1.35 per \$100 valuation on timberland within a 15 to 30-mile radius of a market point. Timberland beyond the 30-mile limit would be taxed at a rate of \$1.15 per \$100 valuation.

The tax rate increase was the culmination of a five-year survey of timberlands in the nation's lumber capital. It was conducted by the county forest appraisal department, a division of the county assessor's office.

Kefauver Demands Subsidy Explanation

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Estes Kefauver has demanded from the administration a detailed explanation of what he called "huge subsidies" granted to the private electric utility industry under the rapid tax write-off program.

The Tennessee Democrat estimated that electric utilities will get tax benefits of about \$6,000,000,000 by the end of 1958 under the administration's program for fast tax write-offs for new power plants which strengthen the nation's defenses.

"A subsidy of such proportion... should be subject to extremely close scrutiny under war conditions," Kefauver said last night. "But under the condition which exist today it is practically incomprehensible..."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Adlai Stevenson announces that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President next year. He says:

"I shall do all I can to persuade my party to entrust that immense responsibility to me again because:

"1. I believe it important for the Democratic party to resume the executive direction of our national affairs.

"2. I am assured that my candidacy would be welcomed by representative people in and out of my party throughout the country.

"3. I believe any citizen should make whatever contribution he can to the search for a safer, saner world."

HE ADDS: "Seldom before has the United States faced a period of greater opportunity—and greater danger.

"Our great opportunity lies in the fact that our prosperity and wealth can now be used to give all our people the higher standards and wider opportunities which are mankind's universal dream. These are now within our reach, not simply for the favored few, but for every family in America.

"Our danger lies in the ambition of a new tyranny for mastery of the world and in communist exploitation of the hope and discontents of the two-thirds of mankind who now demand a share in the good things of life."

HE CONCLUDES: "In partnership with our friends and allies, with confidence born of strength and influence born of magnanimity we must work to uproot the deep causes of conflict and tension and to outlaw the very means to war in this atomic age.

"The task of the Democratic party is to make 'Prosperity and Peace' not a political slogan but an active search for a better America and a better world.

"I am ready to do what I can to that end either as a worker in the ranks or at the top of the ticket if my party sees fit to so honor me."

IT IS a statesmanlike statement, I and I am quite sure Mr. Stevenson means every word of it. I can think of nothing that would be better for our country, in this period of great opportunities and great dangers (of which he speaks so feelingly and, I'm certain, so sincerely) than a 1956 Presidential campaign with Dwight Eisenhower, strong and well, heading the Republican ticket and Adlai Stevenson heading the Democratic ticket.

In that event, we would have every reasonable assurance of sound leadership in the critical years to come, for the personal platform that Mr. Stevenson outlines in his announcement of his active candidacy would set the pattern of the campaign that it would be obviously wise for the Democratic party to wage.

WHAT of his chances to win the nomination? It is too early as yet to hazard even a guess. Fate hasn't yet dealt all the cards. It is possible the President Eisenhower may return to complete health. Many men have suffered heart attacks and have recovered sufficiently to lead a wholly normal life.

It is possible that President Eisenhower might do so. It is possible that in that case he might prefer to continue as the leader of his country in this period when his particular talents would be useful. That decision will be his to make when the extent of his recovery is determined by time.

If President Eisenhower should be a candidate for another term, it seems probable now that comparatively few people would want to change horses in the middle of the stream we are now forging.

If he is not a candidate (which is presently the best guess) Mr. Stevenson will be a strong contender for the Democratic nomination.

Tibetans still scratch gold from the earth with gazelle horns.

Bargain Priced Arms for Israel May Be Available

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States may be willing to meet Israel's request for defensive weapons at bargain prices, administration sources hinted today.

They said three months ago the United States would have rejected any Israeli request for arms at discount prices. But the multi-million-dollar Soviet bloc arms shipment to Egypt has placed a whole new complexion on the question, officials said.

Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban formally presented the United States with a list of anti-jet, anti-submarine and other defense weapons. He told reporters Israel wants them at "the most lenient price and credit" terms.

Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed Hussein promptly warned the State Department that sale of weapons to Israel might touch off an "arms race." He said Egypt "may be compelled" to buy more weapons from Communist nations or "wherever we can get them."

The United States immediately began studying the Israeli request despite Hussein's warning. The weapons list soon will be referred to the Defense Department for its consideration and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will be sure to study it soon after his arrival from Geneva today.

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson told a news conference Wednesday the United States has ample stocks of any weapons Israel might need.

Officials stressed that the Israeli request will be put to a number of "tough tests" before any final American decision. The United States wants to be doubly sure the requested arms will be used only for defensive purposes.

The United States also wants to know the size of the arms shipment to Egypt to determine whether the Communist weapons will tip the military balance in the Middle East heavily to the Arab world.

Another factor will be whether Israel accepts United Nations proposals to end sporadic but bloody fighting along the Israeli-Egyptian border.

New Blood Test To Detect Cancer

Washington—(U.P.)—Three Ohio doctors report they have developed a new blood test for detecting cancer which has proved 90 per cent accurate in more than 1700 cases.

The test is based on thickening of blood plasma. It can disclose evidence of early cancer as well as hidden types of the disease, the report said.

The studies were made by Drs. James A. Quinn, Stanley A. Katz and Arthur E. Rappaport of the Department of Pathology and Laboratories of the Youngstown Hospital Association, Youngstown, Ohio.

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