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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. 29, 1945: Mrs. John Clark reports that 348 residents of Central Point got x-rays in Jackson county health association program.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 29, 1935: State highway commission to open bids on Siskiyou underpass at Southern Pacific crossing.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 29, 1925: W. J. Virgin, local radio dealer, says more valley residents bought radios than in any previous year; radio conditions greatly improved.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 29, 1915: Black Diamond, Central Park buffalo used as model for "buffalo nickel" and \$10 note, dies in New York.

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

1. The 900,000 Arab refugees from Israel are agreed on all sides to have left voluntarily, or to have been forced out, or is it in great dispute?

2. Present basis for farm price supports began under Coolidge, in the 1929-33 depression, in the early or late New Deal, or under Truman? 3. Both U.S. Senators from which state have last names beginning with the letter "D"?

Will History Repeat?

It is to be hoped the Democratic party doesn't follow the example of the Republican party following the first World War.

In the post-bellum period there were two outstanding candidates for the presidency, General Leonard Wood of New York and Governor Frank Lowden of Illinois.

They had plenty of money behind them, and a generous supply of delegates but neither, as the convention proceeded, could get the necessary majority of the latter.

THE struggle was a bitter and relentless one and while neither of the principals could win, each was strong enough to prevent the victory of the other.

The battle went on night and day until finally with the delegates running out of wind and money, the Big Boys of the convention headed by Boise Penrose, met in that well publicized "smoke-filled room" in the Blackstone hotel and compromised on Senator Warren Harding of Ohio, the idea being that he looked the part if he couldn't play it, and the Wilson administration was so unpopular, any Republican who looked the part could win anyway.

And they were right. But the GOP instead of getting one of the strongest candidates available in the party and giving the country one of its best administrations, selected the worst candidate, the least qualified, and one of the blackest pages in the party's history and of the country's was written, until the merciful hand of death intervened.

HISTORY is not exactly repeating itself today, as far as the Democratic party is concerned, but there is a certain similarity, and there may prove to be more. With Governor Williams of Michigan entering the lists against former Governor Stevenson, it looks as though "anything to beat Adlai" will be a popular slogan when the Democratic convention opens.

And it is within the range of possibility, particularly if Senator Kefauver should repeat his primary successes of 1952, that Messrs. Stevenson and Kefauver would follow the Wood-Lowden pattern and knock each other out while a compromise candidate, upon whom a majority of the weary delegates could unite would step in.

THUS two of the men best qualified for the presidency would be eliminated and the Democratic party would enter the campaign against whomever the Republican's candidate may be, with a second or third-rate offering.

That would spell the doom of Democratic aspirations, for unlike the situation in 1920, the President today in power enjoys great personal popularity, and whether General Eisenhower is a candidate or not, the Democrats are going to need the best presidential timber they can secure to make a better showing than they did in 1952, much less, as they hope, march on to victory.

No second or third-rater can do the job. It is the belief of this department that if the Democratic leaders gang up thus early in the game to split their party over Stevenson or eliminate him entirely, they will be eliminating the ONE candidate best qualified to give them what naturally they all want, a return to power in 1956.

What's Wrong With It?

Over the strenuous objections of the metropolitan press in Oregon the State Supreme Court recently ruled that the title for the proposed reapportionment measure authored by Giles French, in stating that it followed the "Federal Plan" was legally correct.

When the action was taken we failed to see where the big city objectors had a leg to stand on. Whether the measure is desirable or the reverse for the state of Oregon, it does follow the system of our federal government—the system of "checks and balances," and therefore the title is entirely a proper one.

OUR forefathers adopted a system whereby the representation in the House of Representatives should be based upon population in each state, while in the Senate one state, whether big or little, should as a separate political unit, have the same number of senators as every other, namely two.

THIS system we believe has worked pretty well. It is not perfect but it tended to prevent domination of the legislative branch of the government by the larger states and particularly the larger cities. It has given every state at least a fighting chance to prevent the passage of legislation, which the people of that state might consider destructive, unjust or unfair. Were both houses based fundamentally upon population, even in varying degrees, the states of the west outside of California wouldn't have a chinaman's chance, to do anything but follow the orders of the great population centers.

SO WHILE there may be objections to this French bill not yet divulged we certainly can see no reason why it should not be called a proposal that follows the federal plan, for that is exactly what it does. The only difference is the government provides two senators for each state while the French bill provides only one Senator for each county. But that doesn't change the essential character of the legislation which is merely to give the smaller counties of the state (in population) a better and fairer break.—R.W.R.

Visit of Arabia King To India May Prove Major Development

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The visit of King Saud of Saudi Arabia to India may prove to be an important development in the Middle Eastern situation.

Soviet Russia thrust itself into the picture when it arranged for its satellite Czechoslovakia to send arms to Egypt.

Russia, of course, took advantage of the tension between the Arab countries and Israel. "Neutralist" Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India seems to have that situation in mind in asking King Saud to visit him.

Involved also is Nehru's aim to form a solid bloc of African and Asian countries which will detach themselves from the Western sphere of influence.

Western Allies Embarrassed

Nehru's invitation to King Saud to visit India seems to be a new move in his campaign.

It is a move which comes at a time when the United States and its allies are trying to strengthen their position in the Middle East.

The Western Allies are somewhat embarrassed because of the dangerous Palestine situation.

Both Egypt and Saudi Arabia are important to them and the activity of Russia and India can only add to their difficulties.

It is no secret that Russia has offered arms to Saudi Arabia, as well as Egypt, and that Saudi Arabia is considering the offer.

King Saud's kingdom, a vast stretch of desert sand, practically floats on a sea of oil.

Oil Source Exploited

That oil, one of the most important sources of fuel in the world, is exploited by the American owned Arabian American Oil Company.

Until the field was opened,

Saudi Arabia's revenues were derived almost entirely from a head tax imposed on pilgrims to Mecca, shrine of the Moslem world.

Now, Saudi Arabia, which means King Saud, gets something like \$100,000,000 a year in oil royalties from "Aramco."

There is also the little-mentioned fact that the United States has one of its greatest air bases at Dhahran in Saudi Arabia. The base can command the entire Middle East. From it, giant bombers are well within range of the Soviet Union.

The agreement under which the United States holds the Dhahran base comes up for renewal next June.

With Russia tugging at Saudi Arabia from one side, and India from another, the United States may find it difficult to maintain its position.

Worden Slaying Said Scheme To Benefit Widow

Kingsville, Tex. — (U.P.) — A fight over the validity of a will signed by Don Worden of San Antonio has led to charges that the "svengali" slaying of Worden was part of a "plan, scheme and design" of Worden's widow.

The sensational accusation came in a petition signed by Worden's son, Air Force Sgt. Robert Worden. The sergeant opposed admitting a will signed by the elder Worden to probate.

Possessions Left To Widow

The will leaves all of Worden's possessions to his widow — Mrs. Violet Canales Worden.

Her petition asking probate of the will listed the value of Worden's personal property at \$3,500 but did not estimate the value of his real property.

Kingsville County Judge B. A. Brown appointed Mrs. Worden temporary executrix of the estate after yesterday's hearing. But the judge put off until next week a final ruling on Robert Worden's petition.

Told To Shoot Daughter

The 42-year-old Mrs. Worden admits she shot and killed her 45-year-old husband. But she told authorities she did it only because he handed her a diamond-encrusted pistol and told her to shoot her five-year-old daughter by a previous marriage.

She said her husband was a "svengali," who hypnotized her by dangling a watch box in front of her. She said he also drugged her and swindled her out of more than \$100,000.

A grand jury began an investigation into Worden's death last week, but then recessed until Dec. 12.

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.

About Dogs

To the Editor: A few evenings ago I was walking on the street, coming home from work, when suddenly a big brute of a dog crept up behind me and lunged at me with such force that I was knocked to the pavement and before I could get to my feet, he grabbed my hand and tore my glove. I fell on my right side and felt as though my hip was broken, but luckily I was spared that tragedy and perhaps being crippled the rest of my life.

I know people who had that happen to them in a lesser fall. Anyway, for several nights my hip and arm were so sore that I could not sleep.

Has it come this in the "City of Medford" that people take their life in their hands when they step out on the streets, either by being struck by a car driven by an irresponsible or drunken driver or attacked by a vicious dog. When that ordinance came up for a vote of the people, whether to keep dogs under leash, I voted against it, for I felt sorry for the dogs that would be neglected by their owners and suffer from thirst in hot weather. But, if it comes up for a vote again—and I hope it will soon—I shall vote to keep dogs penned up the year round and hope it passes by a large majority.

Mrs. A. P. (Name on file)



WISHING WON'T MAKE IT SO The future independence and leisure you are hoping for will be yours only if you prepare for it. It is never too early to make provision for a happy retirement. Don't let it become too late. How about today? CHARLES E. JONES, Local Agent Phone 2-9772 SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The Russian government officially announces that it has exploded a hydrogen bomb. The announcement was made by Nikita Khrushchev in the course of a speech in the Indian city of Bangalore.

The Moscow government describes the bomb as the most powerful of all such types of explosives, having the force of a million tons of TNT.

GRAIN of salt note:

A year ago last March the United States tried out a hydrogen device which, according to unofficial estimates, had a force of more than FIFTEEN million tons of TNT.

You never can tell about these Communists when they start bragging about having the biggest and the best.

SO MUCH for the statement about Russia's new bomb. Let's now take a look at the circumstances in which it was made.

Khrushchev is in India. He's trying to talk the Indians (meaning the rulers and the people of India) into thumbing their noses at the United States and coming over into the Communist camp.

The population of India is just under 400,000,000, which would be a lot of useful cannon fodder for Communist purposes.

Telling the Indians about the explosion, he said:

"Our engineers and our scientists wanted to see if their calculations WERE correct. They succeeded with the minimum of atomic energy in making the maximum explosion of 1,000,000 tons of TNT."

What he meant was this: "See what a big club we've got. You'd better come over on our side."

HE THEN added:

"We will NEVER BE THE FIRST to use such weapons. We will be very glad if bombs are never exploded on cities and villages. Let them lie (unused) and influence the nerves of those (meaning the Americans) who would start a new war."

"Because— "If they start a war— "They will receive a proper answer."

WOULDN'T it be wonderful if we could BELIEVE a Communist?

If so, we could breathe a long and happy sigh of relief, saying to ourselves with joy ineffable: "What a bright and splendid world is opening up for our children now that the hideous menace of nuclear warfare has been banished."

Because WE know that WE will never drop a nuclear bomb on somebody else except in (swift) RETALIATION.

UNFORTUNATELY— Nobody can believe a Communist. One of the tenets of Communism is that a good Communist says at any particular moment whatever may seem at the time to be useful to the advancement of Communism.

Having said it, he forgets it at any time when it may seem that forgetfulness may be useful to the advancement of the Communist cause.

GETTING back to Khrushchev, he vowed solemnly in a speech in Bombay, which was delivered just ahead of his speech in Bangalore, that NOTHING WILL EVER CHANGE THE SOVIETS FROM A CRUSADE TOWARD WORLD PEACE.

In this case, he was speaking with what our American Indians (who were called Indians because Columbus believed he had landed on the shores of India) call a double tongue.

What he meant was that the Communist idea of the way to bring world peace is for Communists to conquer the world.

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

THEY "REALLY THINK" Washington — There is a real surge of hope that President Eisenhower may after all run again.

It is obviously wishful. It does not appear to be based on any rational evidence. There is nothing to indicate that the President has so much as hinted at his intention to anyone in public life; and there are a good many positive reasons to think he has carefully avoided any discussion of the future except with members of his immediate family.

Nonetheless, this surge of hope that the President will run has now got to be taken very seriously, partly because it is so strong, and more particularly because it centers among the closest members of the President's official team and his closest friends outside the government.

Up to a fortnight ago, although the official line has always been that "We're going on the assumption that the President will want to finish the job," almost no one truly expected that he would do anything of the sort. But now the gloomy resignation of the first month after the President's heart attack has been replaced by a new outlook. The forecasts are always couched in some such language as "I really think he may run after all," or "I almost believe he'll do it again despite the heart attack." But although tentative, the forecasts are sanguine.

Of course the men who make these forecasts desperately want to think what they now think. Yet these men are reasonably hardheaded. The change in their attitude has got to be attributed to some cause more solid than mass hypnosis. It has to be attributed, in fact, to the atmosphere these men find when they make their pilgrimages of business or friendship to the convalescent President's bedside or office.

THEY emphasize, naturally, the remarkable rapidity and speed of the President's recovery. They place great emphasis, too, on the way he has actively reached out for his responsibilities, refusing from the very start to accept his invalid diet of information that was originally prepared for him, and insisting instead on being given all the facts, pleasant and unpleasant, about any government problem up for discussion.

But above all these very high authorities always emphasize two other points of a more special character.

First, the President has been deeply affected by the tremendous outpouring of affection and concern which his illness produced, not only in this country, but also throughout the world. In a rather macabre way, it has been like reading his own obituaries. The argument runs that he has found these semi-obituaries so extremely encouraging that he now thinks life more than ever worth living.

Second, the long, enforced inactivity of his convalescence is also said to have bored the President to tears. When a man is harassed and overdriven by the cares of a great office, retirement may seem most attractive

to him. But if he is primarily a man of action, like Dwight D. Eisenhower, a long spell of vegetable, convalescent dullness is likely to change his viewpoint. It can make him anxious only to get back to work as soon as possible and stay at work as long as possible.

Such are the arguments of the optimists who now believe the odds are better than even that the President will be a candidate to succeed himself. The more sensible of these men close to the President have now abandoned the thoroughly silly idea that the Presidency can somehow be transformed into a part-time job. This kind of self-delusion, at any rate, is no longer being practiced on a wide scale in high quarters.

But most of the men who make these arguments will admit, if pressed, that the President did not wish to run again even before he had his heart attack. He had been persuaded to do so, but against his personal preference and despite the strong contrary plans of his wife and son. Hence the arguments that he will now run amount to saying that a major heart attack has had the somewhat unexpected effect of making the President want to continue in his man-killing job, although he did not want to do so when he had not this physical warning.

PERHAPS, therefore, a better clue to the President's future course lies in what he said, prior to the heart attack, to this year's annual White House party for the 22 Republican Congressmen and ex-Congressmen, headed by Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts, who signed the famous 1952 Congressional telegram asking Eisenhower to be a candidate.

In response to a toast to his 1956 candidacy, the President told the 22 that for health and other reasons he was strongly inclined to retire. He added that he could not tell what he would do in the end, but he was sure of two things: He knew quite well that there were certain Republicans whom he did not wish to succeed him; and if he decided to retire, he would work hard for the nomination of a man who would carry on where he left off, and he would then work even harder for this man's election.

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