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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 Dec. 2, 1945: Mrs. Max Leischner is chairman in charge of Medford Garden club members making Christmas wreaths at Camp White.

20 YEARS AGO Dec. 2, 1935: Bids on Ashland sewage disposal plant opened; to be reviewed by city council, attorney Frank J. Van Dyke announced.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 2, 1925: Superintendent of Schools E. M. Hedrick announces that members of American Legion will police parking and traffic at Salem-Medford football game Saturday.

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 2, 1915: Hazel Dawn in five-part movie "Clairissa" plays at Medford's Star theater.

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

1. A major political party has named an incumbent vice-president for President several times since the Civil War, or not for over 100 years, or never?

2. All U. S. State Department officials boycott Soviet embassy social functions in Washington; right or wrong?

3. The average mileage put on U. S. passenger cars is about 6,500, 8,000, 9,500, 11,000 or 12,500 a year?

4. Tammany Hall did or didn't favor F. D. Roosevelt the first time he was named for President by a Democratic national convention?

5. The largest city where Spanish is generally spoken is Mexico City, Madrid, Barcelona, Buenos Aires, Manila, or Rio de Janeiro?

6. The average U. S. senator is about 45, 53, 60, 67 or 75 years old?

7. A man is said to die intestate when he leaves no widow, children, will, property or insurance?

The Answers: 1—Not for over 100 years (last time: 1835). 2—Wrong. 3—About 9,500 is average. 4—Didn't. 5—Buenos Aires. 6—About 60. 7—No will.

Vienna—(U.P.)—The government announced Thursday night that Austria and Spain had agreed to resume diplomatic relations.

Christmas

With the arrival of Santa Claus (actually, there were six of them in the parade the other night) we can consider that the Christmas season is here. The streets are decorated and the stores are featuring gay and tempting windows for the gift-purchasers.

Christmas, of course, means many things to many people. To Christians, it means the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ.

To many churches, it is the climax of the worship of the year. To everyone, Christian and non-Christian alike, it means a time of friendliness, of giving, of family gatherings. It is the greatest and most loved of holidays in America.

TO MERCHANTS, it is the season when they do their greatest business. Mother does the bulk of the shopping, the kids do their little part, and dad dashes in at the last minute, looking for something nice for mother, knowing full well she's taken care of everything else.

It is a time when some of us spend more than we can afford, because "it's Christmas."

To children it is a time of high and mounting excitement, of hidden, mysterious packages to be thumped and squeezed as occasion arises.

TO POLICE officers, it is too often a time of death and tragedy, for in the spirit of the season, the highways often are jammed, and alcohol flows more freely than at other times of the year.

To post office employees it is a period of overtime work, mountains of packages, mounds of letters and cards.

All month long the pressure and the tension and the excitement mount, day by day, until Christmas eve is here. Carols are sung, families gather, the last store closes, the last shopper dashes for home. And a great stillness settles over the streets and roads.

Only in the homes is the quiet broken by happiness and reverence and worship and gaiety.

THE Christmas season is also the time when a lot of people, including this writer, get upset when it is spelled Xmas.

Now this is a purely temperamental reaction, without any sound basis in fact or logic. We just happen to like the word Christmas better than the abbreviation Xmas.

The shorter version has a long and honorable history, stretching back to at least the year 1551, and perhaps earlier. Its derivation is the Greek letter Chi, the symbol for which is X, according to information we received in the mail lately. It added:

For centuries Latin and Greek were the foundation of a "classical" education. Even early in this century no Englishman (or American) was well-educated unless he had mastered those languages. In the 1500s the New Testament often was read and discussed in Greek among the scholars and the clergy. When writing, it was perfectly natural for those learned men to abbreviate "Christ" into the Greek initial of "Xpistos," "X," from which came Xian, Xianity, and, of course, Xmas. From "Xpistos," too, comes the "XP" which appears on altar linens, the YMCA emblem, and atop the chapel steeple. And there we are. You may prefer Christmas to "Xmas"; many people do. But remember that "Xmas" is not "eks'mas" but "CH"(rist)mas; also that "Xmas" comes down to us with a tradition of at least four centuries of reverent usage.

ALL of which is interesting, and we presume, factual and sound. But our own feeling is that there are some things which should not be abbreviated, even in Greek. We like Christmas.—E.A.

Return of France 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. France resumed its place in the United Nations assembly after a boycott which started on Sept. 30. The French delegation walked out because the assembly voted to debate the demand of nationalists in French Algeria for independence.

2. Soviet Russia raised the threat of a serious new situation in Berlin. The Russian command announced that East Berlin, which is the Communist sector of the city, is no longer occupied territory but is the capital of a "sovereign" East German government. His implication was that Russia intended to nullify the agreements under which Berlin is under joint occupation by the Big Four powers, belonging neither to Communist East Germany nor to free West Germany.

3. Nationalist China threatened to veto the admission of Outer Mongolia to the United Nations. Russia announced that unless that satellite area is admitted, it will kill the proposed "package" deal under which 18 countries would be given membership. It was disclosed that President Eisenhower had appealed personally to Nationalist Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to reverse his stand. But dispatches from Taipei, Chiang's capital on the island of Formosa, said he was unlikely to do so.

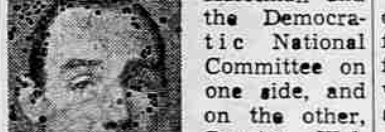
4. The first team is still composed of those who are not yet convinced of the need to take urgent measures to halt the deterioration of the world situation. There has been some exaggeration in the recent talk about the "Four H Club," which comprises Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey, Under Secretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr., Foreign Aid Administrator John Hollister and Budget Director Rowland Hughes. Neither these men nor their allies, such as Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, are so complacent or so obstinately attached to a business-as-usual policy as they are often charged with being.

5. The second team is an astonishingly large number of men on the higher staff levels of policy-making in both the State and Defense Departments, and even the White House itself. The second team of the Eisenhower administration adds up the world situation just about as it has been added up in this report. And the second

Matter of Fact

By Joe and Stewart Alsop

WHICH TEAM IS TALKING? Washington—The row about bi-partisanship in foreign policy has thus far involved Adlai Stevenson, Averell Harriman and the Democratic National Committee on one side, and on the other, Senator Walter George, Harold Stassen, John Foster Dulles and the President himself.



In short, this is already a very majestic row indeed. But it is quite certain to continue and to grow worse unless the Eisenhower administration decides to resolve the glaring contradiction between the rosy picture of affairs that is given to the public, and the real state of affairs in the world.

It is not criticism of the Administration; it is a simple statement of fact, to say that the present state of affairs in the world is both perilous and ominous. All you have to do is make what the diplomats call a "tour of the horizon" in order to see that this is so.

The same papers that carried the President's call for a return to bi-partisanship also carried on-the-spot reports that Afghanistan is on the way to becoming a Soviet satellite, and that Burma, which used to be one of the most hopeful countries in Asia, is now being deeply penetrated by Soviet economic influence.

The position in the Formosa Strait is uglier than ever. The position in Indochina is a little better than six months ago, but still dangerous in the extreme. The position in Malaya, where a Communist take-over in Singapore is now a serious possibility, has grown worse than anyone could have foreseen. Even in Thailand, once so strongly allied to this country, a strong trend towards neutralism has lately been reported on good authority.

In the Middle East, meanwhile, the Soviet arms sales to Egypt and the other Arab states are only the opening gambit in a campaign to expel Western influence from this whole strategically vital area. Secretary of State Dulles himself has privately characterized the Soviet drive into the Middle East as an event potentially "more serious" than the original aggression in Korea.

IN GERMANY, there is increasing danger that the grand nightmare of Western diplomacy will become reality in the fairly near future. As high an authority as George F. Kennan has already predicted that the Germans will finally abandon their alliance with the West, in order to buy re-unification of their country from the Soviets.

In Japan, a similar reversal of alliances will clearly become probable, if further Communist victories in Southeast Asia convince the Japanese that the bandwagon is traveling in the Communist direction.

Add to all this, finally, the state of affairs most recently symbolized by the new Soviet H-bomb test. Remember that in all critical categories of arms, the Soviets are now catching up to this country. Remember further that in certain important categories, such as jet fighters and long range guided missiles, the Soviets have actually drawn ahead. Consider the total impact of this change in the weapons balance when added to the threatened changes in the world strategic balance listed above. The addition is not encouraging.

Furthermore, besides stimulating Messrs. Stevenson and Harriman to view with alarm, this same melancholy addition had already another result that may prove even more significant. In effect, it has caused the Eisenhower team to split into two teams.

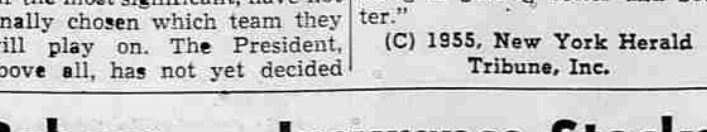
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But the viewpoint of the first team nonetheless differs very widely from that of the second team. At present the second team comprises an astonishingly large number of men on the higher staff levels of policy-making in both the State and Defense Departments, and even the White House itself. The second team of the Eisenhower administration adds up the world situation just about as it has been added up in this report. And the second

Babson... Insurance Stocks

By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass. (Special to Mail Tribune)—Next to certain good chain store stocks, I believe that insurance stocks present the best opportunity to investors for a combination of growth, security and income, provided the government does not foolishly interfere with the business.



Fire and Casualty Insurance Stocks selling substantially below their estimated equity value should meet these three requirements. I do recognize that these stocks have gone up much during the past several years (along with the general run of

Some Div. Since 1929

Table with columns: Company, Div. Since 1929, Price, 6-30-55 Ratio: Price Net Worth to Est. Equity, P/E Ratio, Div. Yield

good issues) because of their increased earnings, increased dividends and higher equity values. I also know of the unusual losses most of these companies have suffered as a result of hurricanes.

An examination of fire and casualty stocks, however, shows that, based upon the distribution of funds in their investment portfolios and that selected stocks in this group can now be bought at substantial discounts below their equity values, the risks are relatively small.

As every reader of this column should have fire, casualty, and life insurance stock in some company, he should perhaps first buy the stock of the companies of which he holds a policy. Investors, however, who have surplus funds may like my ideas. Here are some suggestions:

*I have invested my hard-earned savings in the Home Insurance Company, of which I was once a director. I have learned first-hand the high character of their officers and management.

The long, unbroken dividend record of these stocks through periods of good times, depressions, wars, great fires, and other national disasters appeals to me. This certainly attests to the soundness of the insurance business as well to the soundness of the individual companies.

The growth of equity values in insurance stocks over the years is evidence of the need for ever-increasing amounts of insurance sold. The increase in population could offset the unfavorable effect of inflation.

Fire insurance rates are established by state regulatory bodies on the basis of a continuing five-year average of the loss experience. Rates are set so that the insurance industry as a whole is able to make a fair return on the business handled.

Insurance companies usually have the diversification and supervisory advantages of Investment Trusts or Mutual funds; but in addition, have the insurance business profits. The funds of insurance companies consist of two major portions. First, there is the reserve which is set up against unearned premiums. This reserve is usually in highly liquid, high-grade assets which are quickly available on demand.

The second part of the insurance companies' portfolio consists of what may be described as the "stockholders' equity," which serves as a kind of additional guarantee fund to protect policyholders and stockholders. How this fund is managed, as regards type of investment, depends somewhat upon the kind of insurance written.

The longer the term of the contract and the greater the re-

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.

They Cry Out To the Editor: American Indians everywhere cry out to not disorganize them and take their lands—as the despairing cry of the Taos Pueblo Council: "We want to keep our lands and people intact. We want to keep the good way of life that we have known for thousands of years."

Let's not forget that the first authority was seized through military invasion of the Indians' homelands. The Seminoles were driven into the Everglade swamps; Georgia Indians herded like wild beasts from their Southland into the Oklahoma wilds, more than half being killed or dying enroute, Potawatomi dragged from their bounteous fish and game Michigan forests onto the Kansas plains, others treated with no less cruelty.

Indians were swindled out of all but a few of the poorest acres of their lands. The 1887 grant of 138,000,000 acres was reduced to 47,000,000 by 1933. The 1934 Reorganization Act raised their estate to 56,000,000 acres—now being chipped away.

America, the richest nation on earth, spending millions every year to save all the rest of the world, would condemn any other country for treating any people as American Indians are being treated. (Read Justice Douglas' "Product of Terror" on Russia). Commissioner of Indian Affairs' order of May 16, 1955 will force Area Directors to bring chaotic and county burdens, and another blot to political records with American Indians.

Instead of taking their lands and trying to force American Indians to live and think as you think they should, why not establish all Indian lands as Tribal lands forever, to hold and manage by their Tribal governments—as long as there is an America?

American Indians never destroyed America's forests, prairies, wildlife. Those who caused dustbowl, timber famine, deserts, are condemned, and still permitted to hold land and continue havoc. Timber and grazing landgrabbers crave the Indians' crumbs. For information on this subject write to Association on American Indian Affairs, 43 East 86th St., New York 28, N. Y.

Churches and other organizations are doing wonderful work helping American Indians qualify to meet and compete with people of other strains of blood. Let us go on with their excellent program. But let us not permit the crucial threat to this, another American heritage.

John E. Gribble 139 Kenwood ave. Medford, Oregon

NEW GROUP NEEDED In any activity, the sponsors soon find they have a group which soon becomes known as the "old faithful," those who will fall out at any hour of the day or night to put a project over.

At the same time, there is need for new recruits all the time, to add to the ranks of the "old faithful" when it becomes necessary.

All this is by way of leading up to the trip of the Red Cross bloodmobile to Central Oregon communities this week.

The "old faithful" will be on hand to donate their blood. Collectively, they will probably account for two-thirds of the donations received. But unless some new blood (no pun intended) comes along, the bloodmobile will fall short of its quota here.

The blood program is an important one, war or no war. It (and the resulting blood and gamma globulin collected) means much to many on numerous occasions.

The process is simple, quick and painless. Why not drop down to the collecting station and donate a pint? You'll never miss it.—Bend (Ore.) Bulletin.

(Editor's note: The bloodmobile will visit Medford next Thursday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Elks temple.)

Dead Line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 o.m. Monday day

SUGGESTED BIBLE READING VERSES

The Medford Council of Church Women each year between Thanksgiving and Christmas sponsors a program of daily Bible reading, recommending a different verse of the Bible for each day during that period, in cooperation with the American Bible Association.

Following is the passages recommended for today: Matthew 18:1-14 — Christ Teaches His Disciples.

Police Car Bids Open Yesterday

Bids on four new city police cars were opened at the city hall yesterday.

The cars must meet police specifications as to horse power and tire size. Three police cars, used during the past year, will be traded in on the new vehicles. A fourth car was demolished in an accident early Wednesday morning at Main and Front sts.

Bids received were from Courtesy Chevrolet, who offered to furnish four cars at a total cost of \$7,474.02, allow \$2,950 trade-in value on the old cars, resulting in a net cost to the city of \$4,524.02; Dick Knight company, \$6,887.26, total cost; \$2,916, trade in allowance; net cost to city, \$3,971.26; Crater Lake Motors, \$6,406 total cost; \$2,915, trade-in allowance; \$3,491, net cost; Darrel-Miller company, \$8,967.74, total cost; \$1,500, trade in allowance, and \$7,467.74, net cost to the city.

The bid will be awarded at the city council meeting Tuesday night.

Three of the cars will be black with white front doors. The fourth will be a color chosen by the police chief.

City police drive cars about 60,000 miles a year, according to city manager Robert Duff.

Britain's Comet Jet Starts Test Flight

London—(U.P.)—Britain's famous Comet jet airliner, plagued by two major crashes which killed 56 persons, took off today on a test flight half way around the world.

The structurally strengthened Comet III airliner will fly to Australia in the first long-range public test since a series of tragic crashes almost caused its manufacturers to scrap the Comet.

British Overseas Airways Corp. has ordered 20 Comet IV models, of which the Comet III test model is the forerunning flying laboratory.

Dead Line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday

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