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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. 7, 1945: Leonard Carpenter, Medford, elected second vice-president, and C. E. Cordy, Medford, elected assistant secretary-treasurer of Oregon State Horticultural society's 60th meeting at Corvallis.

20 YEARS AGO Dec. 7, 1935: Aubrey Sanders elected president of Medford Twenty-Third club; Herb Brown chosen vice-president.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 7, 1925: Miss Ada Brewster, 32 Mistletoe st., is host to Business and Professional Women; discuss Christmas plans.

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 7, 1915: Senator Chamberlain introduces a bill returning to the United States unsold lands of the Oregon and California land grant and the payment to the railroad company of \$2.50 an acre for the lands returned.

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

1. Department store sales in December are normally 50 percent higher than monthly average for rest of year, or twice, three times, or four times as high?

2. Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson was formerly president of General Dynamics, General Electric, General Foods, General Mills, General Motors or General Tire?

3. Full professors in large state universities average about \$6000, \$7500, \$9000, or \$10,500 a year?

4. A much discussed book by Rudolph Fleisch is on weaknesses in Russia, in the Republican party, in reading methods, in our defense program or in churches?

5. About half of all vegetables and fruits moving to wholesale markets go by truck, or less or more than half?

6. Reno, Nev., is northeast or northwest of San Diego, Calif. or almost due north?

Pearl Harbor Day

The juke box was playing something about "the waiter, the porter and the upstairs maid," and we were eating doughnuts and drinking hot chocolate on Sunday morning, December 7.

Probably everyone over the age of about 30 can remember what he or she was doing that morning. We remember the waitress turning down the juke box and turning up the radio, which was blaring the incredible news that bombs were dropping on Pearl Harbor.

We remember dashing to the newspaper office where we worked then, and listening through the day as bulletin followed bulletin. One commentator kept reassuring his listeners that it was probably all a mistake, and that when the "by-passed" emperor of Japan learned what was going on, there would be apologies, and Pearl Harbor would be called off.

REMEMBER? It comes with a sense of shock to realize that these memories, so vivid still, are about something that happened 14 years ago. And these years have seen the world turned upside down. It has never quite righted itself.

The names and phrases of those days form an indistinct montage of memory—"Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition"; Guadalcanal; MacArthur; Hickam field; Bataan; the Coral sea; "the day that shall live in infamy."

AND the years that followed, too, are full of memories, of casualty lists where one name jumps out at you and the world is suddenly bleak, because a friend is gone; of the obstacle course in basic training; of digging practice foxholes and discussing field tactics with the pink-cheeked lieutenant, who was to die in action a year later; of crowded and dirty bus depots, and long rides in hideously uncomfortable day coaches

We also recall the red coupons for meat, and the yellowish green coupons for gasoline; we recall standing in line to buy cigarettes and nylons, and wondering if the tires on the old jalopy would go another few hundred miles.

There were tearful good-bys and joyful reunions in those days. There were fast friendships for men whose names cannot now even be called to mind. Over everything there was a sense of urgency, of mission, of a unity of purpose that was only partly overlaid by the eternal boredom and futility of waiting—waiting for news, for orders, for furloughs, for chow, for shots.

AND now, today, we realize that on this December 7 it is 14 years since it all began—14 years of heroism and cowardice; of big men in little jobs and little men in big jobs; of death and rebirth; of hopes fulfilled and hopes dashed.

During these 14 years America has been thrust into a position of world leadership, a position it doesn't like but uneasily realizes it must fill. We talk proudly of being the world's richest and most powerful nation, yet we are half fearful of what this means in terms of leadership and responsibility.

PEARL Harbor Day, 1955, is an anniversary. As such it is a symbol of a world which is changed, but not necessarily for the better. It is a day on which we can remember what has happened. Not all of it was bad. There were lessons to be learned, or relearned.

We saw again that man can be noble in times of danger, and cowardly in times when the only danger is in the mind. We saw that unity and common purpose can work miracles. We also saw that unity and common purpose, imposed forcibly and without consent, can destroy men as surely as a bullet.

We saw that all men had courage and cowardice, intelligence and stupidity, high purpose and low, and that the proportions in which the virtues and vices were apportioned didn't differ much between men of different nations or races.

WE SAW these things, and recognized in them a reaffirmation of that oldest of lessons—that men are truly brothers, some good and some bad, but all partaking of a common humanity.

These things can be seen, but they are difficult to learn. Even in America, which was born under the declaration that it is "self evident" that "all men are created equal" and deserving of liberty, it has been a poorly-learned lesson.

Perhaps Pearl Harbor Day, which marks America's entry into the bloodiest war in history, is a time to reflect that there are some things worth dying for. If they are worth dying for, they are no less worth working and striving for through peaceful means.

IT IS to be hoped we have learned that liberty is a living thing which must be earned and defended anew by each generation, and that each man has a responsibility for his neighbor's liberty.

If we did not learn that, our comrades in arms died in a lost cause. If we did not learn it, the land of the free and the home of the brave is a mockery.

If we did learn it, and learn it well, then America, and what it stands for, remains the free world's best—perhaps its only—hope.—E.A.

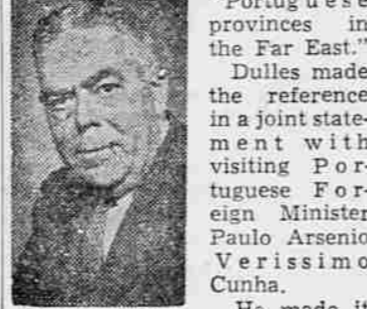
Portuguese Envoy Backs Dulles Remark

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Portuguese Foreign Minister Paulo Cunha today backed up a joint statement he made with U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles by insisting that "Goa is a Portuguese province and nothing else."

"Portugal has a 'moral obligation' to the Portuguese people in Goa to keep them under the sovereignty of Portugal," he maintained.

Dulles Seems To Have Started Something by 'Provinces' Remark

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent Secretary of State John Foster Dulles started something when he referred last Friday to "Portuguese provinces in the Far East."



He made it in joining with Cunha in a criticism of the speeches made in India by Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Russian Communist Party Chief Nikita S. Khrushchev.

The Soviet ambassadors of ill will had denounced Portugal's continued possession of Goa, Diu and Daman, three pinpoints of territory on the map of India.

Now dispatches from India report that the Dulles-Cunha statement has caused violent anger in India and has started a wave of anti-American feeling.

The anger is so intense, in fact, that it seems to be a little strained. Would it be unfair to suggest that the outburst against Dulles helps to cover up the embarrassment of Indians over the blatant attacks made by the Kremlin's roving boys in the Western Democracies?

Indians do resent bitterly the refusal of Portugal to give up the little territories it has possessed since 1510. There is no doubt about that.

India Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru already has coerced France into giving up its possessions in India.

He has announced his determination to get Goa, Diu and Daman.

But the fact is that these tiny territories, which total 1537 square miles and have a population of about 638,000 are Portuguese provinces, as Dulles called them. They are not classed as colonies.

Ought Dulles to have called them something else in a joint statement with the foreign minister of a fellow member with the United States of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization?

Ought he to have kept silent about the anti-Western statements of Bulganin and Khrushchev?

It is still uncertain how much Nehru intends to make of the incident.

But it is certain that the United States has shown its good will to India.

Its anti-colonial sentiment has been traditional throughout its history.

Had it not been for the United States, it may be that countries like India, Pakistan and Indonesia would not have attained their freedom after World War II.

It is certain also that the

Singapore Eyes Status Of Sovereign Member

New Delhi, India — (U.P.) — David Marshall, chief minister of Singapore, said Tuesday his city-state wants ultimately to attain the full status of a sovereign member of the British Commonwealth.

Marshall told the Times of India he was not asking for complete independence for Singapore at present and would be content if foreign affairs and defense remained in the hands of the British by some kind of treaty for the time being.

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Silent screen deadpan comedian Buster Keaton was reported "slightly improved" today but still in critical condition at Sawtelle Veterans hospital from an intestinal ailment.

United States has helped India substantially as part of its foreign aid program and that Russia offers nothing that is not paid for.

The incident over the "Portuguese provinces" is unfortunate. It will help Bulganin and Khrushchev. But it is to be hoped that it will simmer down to its proper size.

Dulles made the reference in a joint statement with visiting Portuguese Foreign Minister Paulo Arsenio Verissimo Cunha.

Reality notwithstanding, popular fallacies have a way of surviving — to help lay them, here is a sampling of Fact vs. Fancy:

Fancy: The human heart is situated on the left side of the chest.

Fact: The heart is in the middle of the chest. This belief is probably based on the fact that



the heart's beat can be felt more clearly on the left side.

Fancy: Chamois skin, quite naturally, comes from the chamois — an animal celebrated in Switzerland.

Fact: What is known in the market as chamois skin is really an oil-tanned sheep or lamb skin. And, at that, only the inside half of the skin.

Actually, the supply of chamois skins from Switzerland is very limited — perhaps 5,000 a year. Not enough to supply U.S. needs for a single day.

Fancy: Women have smaller brains than men.

Fact: Sorry, men. Taking size into recognition, women have slightly larger brains.

Fancy: If you cut an earthworm in two, both halves will become new worms.

Fact: Only the earthworm's "head" will grow a new tail and survive; the "tail" end, alas, will perish.

Fancy: The use of tobacco will stunt the growth of adolescents.

Fact: Although tobacco is supposed to have a number of deleterious effects on the human body, the stunting of growth is not among them.

Fancy: A plant gets most of its food from the soil.

Fact: A plant gets practically 100 per cent of its nourishment from the air which it combines chemically with water by photosynthesis to manufacture its food. However, the soil does provide the plant with a trace of mineral foods which are important.

Fancy: Rye bread is more healthful than white bread.

Fact: In the milling just as much of the minerals and vitamins are removed from the rye kernel as from the kernel of wheat which has been milled into white flour.

Had enough? (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, or 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 Sea-Craft 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? care of Medford Mail Tribune, Box 575, Sau-

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS How to win friends and INFLUENCE NATIONS in this cold war period: A Cairo newspaper says the United States might regain Egypt's friendship by granting a loan for construction of the proposed Aswan dam on the upper Nile.

Russia, the newspaper says, has already offered to aid in construction of the project—which would cost nearly \$600,000,000.

THAT is to say: "I'm offered FIVE! Who'll gimme TEN? Who'll gimme ten? Five! Who'll go ten?" I just can't help doubting if the auction block is the place to win DEPENDABLE friends and allies.

TODAY'S farm politics note: A Democrat and a Republican senator found one area of agreement on agriculture. They agree there is a farm problem and Congress should DO SOMETHING about it.

Agreement stopped right there. Democratic Senator Joseph O'Mahoney (by the way, he pronounces it Oh-MAH-Ho-Ne) of Wyoming says the government must realize that processors of agricultural products are getting more and more of the consumer's dollar.

On the other hand, GOP Senator Homer Capehart of Indiana says farm prices are dropping because of huge surpluses held by the government (surpluses that hang like a dark thundercloud over the markets of the future.)

ODDLY enough, they're both right.

If prices of what he has to buy had fallen in proportion to prices of what he has to sell, the farmer wouldn't be unhappy.

It is equally true that nothing but trouble for the farmer can ensue from the vast surpluses that are accumulating in government warehouses.

WHAT to do about it? I wouldn't know. But I doubt if political farming (which is farming the farmers for votes instead of farming the land for crops) will solve the problem.

BUT let's get closer home. The Yreka Siskiyou News tells about a temperamental well on the Stanley Wendt ranch at Montague. It began to fail in late September and on Oct. 8 it dropped too low to produce sufficient water to maintain the house system. About a week later, it petered out entirely.

Confronted by a situation, Wendt bought a 300-gallon tank, mounted it on a truck and began to haul water. He ran the water into the well, so that the power pump that supplies the house system could be utilized.

Then— Some three weeks ago, the well began to flow just as vigorously as it had before it began to fail. All this happened prior to the recent heavy precipitation in Far Northern California and Southern Oregon!

I've heard of priming the pump to get it going again, but I never before heard of PRIMING THE WELL when it ran dry and getting plenty of water as a result.

Amazing things can happen in the State of Jefferson.

Seneca Indians War For Restoration of Land

Buffalo, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The Seneca Indians are on the warpath.

The Senecas recently filed a \$35,000 suit in federal court against the Allegeny State Park commission.

The suit seeks to restore land to the Senecas which they contend were decided to them under the "Big Tree Treaty" of 1797.

They say the state park commission has been renting a section of their reservation lands for 40 years at \$40 a year to cottage owners.

Bricker Thinks Ike Still Undecided on Second Term Plans

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. John W. Bricker (R-O), said today he thinks President Eisenhower is still undecided on whether to seek a second term in the White House.

He told reporters that, although Mr. Eisenhower is not duty-bound to announce a decision as soon as it has been made, he considers the President too straightforward to hold back.

Newweek magazine said today a poll it made of Republican state and territorial chairmen showed an "overwhelming majority" believe Mr. Eisenhower will seek a second term.

Majority Want Nixon The poll also showed that a "substantial majority" of the GOP chairmen want Vice-President Richard W. Nixon as the Republican presidential candidate if Mr. Eisenhower does not run, the magazine said.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), predicted in New York last night that Congress, under Democratic leadership will achieve "liberal progress" in at least 10 major areas of legislation next year.

One such move forward, Humphrey said in a speech before the New York Young Democratic club, would be a farm program to restore 90 per cent price supports and get rid of troublesome surpluses. Such a move would overturn the administration's system of flexible price supports.

Byrnes Making Plans James E. Byrnes, fired as Secretary of State for former President Truman, indicated he might, considering going to the 1956 Democratic national convention to accept a challenge by former Democratic National Chairman Stephen Mitchell.

The 76-year-old Byrnes said last winter he definitely would not serve as a delegate to the convention. However, Mitchell later said that Byrnes and other Democrats who bolted the party in 1952 would be denied seats if they tried to attend as delegates.

It is with deep appreciation that we offer our thanks to them and Copco.

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More About Mine To the Editor: More reminiscence on the Lost Cabin Mine. In 1914 in Ft. Klamath, Ore., we by chance broached the subject of gold to one of the pioneers who happened to be in possession of an intricate piece of gold amalgam, (that at today's prices would be worth around \$5). This specimen had been perhaps lost on the old trail the Indians used when traveling back to the Reservation. After reading the account given later in the Portland Oregonian, we talked with a former Klamath county resident who confirmed the press story, and also said, no white man had ever re-located or found "the mine." An Indian and his son, both named Pedro, reputedly guarded this fabulous ledge until their death, years later. The details we have, give us assurance that someone, some day, will discover the so-called lost lode high in the Umpqua range.

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman, Medford, Ore.

4-H Club News

Phoenix 4-H Clubs The December meeting of the new Phoenix 4-H club will be Friday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Grange hall.

Those who couldn't attend the November meeting may still sign up for projects. Officers will be elected and a name will be chosen for the club. Leaders have volunteered for most of the projects, and the individual project clubs will be formed.

P.S. For lighter waxing on linoleum and wood, Betsy uses Bruce Floor Cleaner.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name of initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Tells Appreciation To the Editor: The other morning a mother was preparing two youngsters for the day. Unaccountably, as usual, fire broke out. Before the fire could be controlled by the household water supply, the power supply to the pump was burned out. All she could do was round up the children and pets and leave.

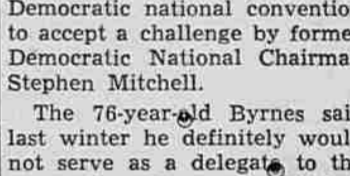
On the off chance some one might be passing, she ran to the road and provisionally found a California Oregon Power company crew working on the power line. Although they were total strangers, engaged in their own affairs, they swarmed into the house, lugging their portable fire extinguishers, and put out the fire (professionally attending to numerous details, as cutting the power lines to the house, checking the rest of the house, attic, etc.). They then waited for the speedy arrival of the fire equipment from Central Point, a good 10 miles away, and as soon as it arrived, with no fanfare, casually went about their business as if saving a house from burning to the ground were routine.

It is such men as these that make Copco a familiar, friendly symbol of cheerful community service, contradicting the conception of a large corporation as an impersonal organization with little or no concern for the individual.

It is with deep appreciation that we offer our thanks to them and Copco.

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"Bright girl, my Betsy!"



I just can't get over the marvelous way my Betsy outsmarts her housework. Take wood floors for instance. I hear other wives complain about all the scrubbing and waxing they have to do. But not my Betsy! She cleans and waxes them in one easy operation with Bruce Cleaning Wax. Why, she's through in half the time and fresh as a daisy! And our beautiful wood floors are always getting compliments. My Betsy and her Bruce Cleaning Wax sure make small work of a big job. I'm mighty proud of both of them.

P.S. For lighter waxing on linoleum and wood, Betsy uses Bruce Floor Cleaner.



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