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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. 22, 1945  
(It was Saturday)

Santa Claus will arrive in Medford on the 6:55 p.m. Southern Pacific train, Junior Chamber of Commerce announces.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The coming year will see the end of many federal agencies designated by the alphabet. The alphabet did yeoman service, and sure earned a rest.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 22, 1915  
(It was Sunday)

Medford Mayor George W. Porter in Portland today conferring on possibilities of airport improvements.

Sam Jennings elected president of Rogue Snowmen; Kenneth Denman chosen vice-president and Harold L. Larson secretary-treasurer.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 22, 1925  
(It was Tuesday)

The Crater "Hoot Owl" stage radio show over KXO, new station here.

Examinations reveal no cases of diphtheria among teachers or students at Roosevelt school.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 22, 1915  
(It was Wednesday)

Medford city council votes to increase City Attorney McCabe's salary from \$90 to \$75 a month, because of litigation to collect delinquent assessments.

From Local and Personal column: Olive Rebekah lodge No. 28 held its regular monthly social last night, at which a banquet was enjoyed. The program rendered was unusually excellent. Visiting members in considerable number were present.

**What's the Answer?**

Can You Get 4 of the 7?  
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

- 1. U.S. corporations as a whole are paying out this year in dividends about (a) 35, (b) 50, (c) 65 or (d) 80% of their profits after taxes?
- 2. Vice-President Nixon while in Congress had a voting record on domestic issues that was largely liberal, conservative or about 50-50?
- 3. The Vatican has or hasn't excommunicated Roman Catholic church members who voluntarily join the Communist party?
- 4. The average girl baby born in the U.S. today will live about 2 years less than the average boy baby, or about (a) 2, (b) 4, or (c) 6 years longer?
- 5. The Democratic convention of 1956 will name its presidential nominee by majority vote, or will he need two-thirds?
- 6. With the number of farmers decreasing, the average size of U. S. farms has also been decreasing, staying about the same, or increasing?
- 7. Nicosia is the capital of a world trouble spot: Morocco, Formosa, Cyprus, Algeria or Kashmir?

The Answers: 1. About 50% this year. 2. Largely conservative. 3. Has. 4. About 5 years longer. 5. Majority vote. 6. Increasing. 7. Cyprus.

**Who Wants a White Xmas?**

It was ok in the good old days of horse-drawn bob-sleds, high felt boots and red underwear, but in this motor driven age and sport shorts we prefer what we are going to have a wet one.—VERY wet.

To share that preference one has only to look at the forest instead of the trees,—in other words get a proper perspective.

As this is written the rain is still coming down in sheets; it is almost as dark as mid-night, the planes are grounded, mails delayed, cars mired and few are the feet that are not wet.

But look at the bright green grass out the window, the rich-green meadows and the winter-wheat stretching up the hillside, like a freshly laid green carpet.

Not so bad is it?

Even more important look at what they are having climatically elsewhere.

To the north, snow and ice; to the south floods and winds,—wind strong enough to overturn houses and unroof barns near San Francisco; to the east the mercury below zero, and a letter just received from Chicago mentions casually, that the radiators in the writer's bed room "froze during the night."

As for the west and the improperly named "Pacific," out there the day and night are not fit for man or beast, and in comparison the Rogue River Valley rates as a safe little harbor in the protective hills, as snug and secure a nest as any storm-tossed sailor could wish.

**IT MUST** be admitted that if a fall in the mercury of some 30 degrees should be dished out by the weather-man at the airport we would have that dream of the barber-shop quartet and sentimental song writers—"A White Christmas"—but we are grateful to the Chief Operator who regulates such things, for resisting their lyrical pleas. So-o-o...

Give us what we have, a Wet Christmas, and in the meantime don't forget that a wet winter in Southern Oregon always mean a bumper crop in the Spring and summer bumper prices too, particularly if the politicians campaigning for the "Ins" can be believed. —R.W.R.

**Name Calling, No Argument**

We wish with the New Year approaching the Morse-haters would turn over a new leaf, and instead of calling our Senior Senator names would answer a few of his arguments.

Every week Senator Morse made a broadcast to the people of this state, and whether one agrees with what he says or doesn't, no one can question that he has plenty to say of a direct and concrete nature.

He doesn't indulge in personalities or name-calling, but he does make definite charges of a serious nature against the Republican party and its leaders and as far as we have observed seldom fails to support his charges with a recital of the record and salient facts.

**IT** should be easy enough for those who call him turn-coat, traitor, double crosser, cheap demagogue, etc., etc., to drop the smear tactic, for an interval, at least LONG enough to present some facts and figures to sustain their charges instead of just calling the Senator more names and making no effort to meet the issues raised and refute the charges made.

**WE** believe some evidence to sustain the term "traitor" as applied to Senator Morse because he changed his registration from one party to another would be particularly welcome, to all fairminded and unprejudiced voters.

For there is so much evidence from the time of Abraham Lincoln to the present day, that no such accusation is justified, or is accepted by the American people.

If there were any other popular reaction not only our political history of the past, but the political record of today would make this a country packed to overflowing, with turn-coats, renegades and traitors.

Over in California, for example, thousands of Republicans have changed their registration to Democratic, and thousands of Democrats today vote Republican, not now and then but at every election, the chief reason being their political preferences have changed, and they feel they have a perfect right as free Americans to vote their sincere political beliefs and convictions, at any given time, regardless of the party-label.

**WELL** if they, as good citizens have that right, why hasn't Senator Morse? Does holding office change the moral obligation of our Senators? If the action constitutes such a heinous crime, why do the leaders of the Republican party welcome with loud cheers and open arms, the Democratic big-wigs like Governor Shivers of Texas and Governor Byrnes of South Carolina who followed Senator Morse's example, only with reverse English and left their parties? Ho-hum,—  
How silly can we get?

**WE** have no quarrel with those who don't like Senator Morse's record or his principles, they have that right, but we do have a quarrel with those who pay no attention to his record or his principles or what he says, but disregard both, and merely indulge in an orgy of hate and smear, in a frenzied effort to bring about his defeat.

After all, calling names isn't argument.—R.W.R.

**Printing Press Stolen From Jacksonville**  
A printing press weighing 700 pounds was stolen from the front lawn of the J. W. Peacock residence, South Third St., Jacksonville, some time last week end, according to Jacksonville Chief of Police Frank W. Carter. The press, valued at \$150, was temporarily placed on the lawn while construction work on Peacock's house was being completed.

**Meeting of Soviet Parliament Monday Sure to be Big Story**

By CHARLES M. McCANN  
United Press Correspondent

Monday's meeting of the Soviet Russian parliament in Moscow is pretty sure to be a big story.

Diplomats all over the world will be watching it closely.

The meeting could bring some important pronouncement of Kremlin foreign policy.

Presumably any such pronouncement would come from Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin or Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

The 1956 budget which is to be approved will show whether the Kremlin feels whether the world outlook calls for increased or reduced spending on armaments.

The meeting could clear up the positions of Molotov, one of the last of the "Old Bolsheviks," and Georgi M. Malenkov, one of the new top-level men.

Experts in various fields in Western governments will analyze everything that is said and done. They will try to read between the lines of the speeches on foreign affairs. They will try to find clues to the Russian agricultural situation.

**Big Four Report**  
Molotov is likely to report on the meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers which was held in Geneva, Switzerland, in October and November.

United Press Moscow dispatches say that, regarding that meeting, the Kremlin's newspaper mouthpieces refuse to concede that the "Geneva" spirit of cooperation is dead.

It is pretty certain that either Premier Bulganin or Communist Party leader Nikita S. Khrushchev will report on the tour they have just made of India, Burma and Afghanistan.

Moscow dispatches say also that the parliament meeting probably will show, by its tone, that the post-Stalin system of collective leadership is working well.

As regards Molotov, it has been reported in European capitals for some months that he is on his way out as foreign minister.

Molotov is 65. That is not aged for a foreign minister, and Molotov has been called the cleverest diplomat in circulation.

But he has been under great strain for many years in posts of high responsibility.

**Might Want Newcomer**  
Further, if the Kremlin happened to plan any big turn in its foreign policy, it might want to get a new man in its foreign ministry to handle it. If Molotov resigned, now or later, the announcement might come at a parliament meeting.

As regards Malenkov, it was a world sensation when he resigned as premier. His resignation was announced at a meeting

**Communications**

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**Holiday Advice**

To the Editor: All groups interested in highway safety look toward the coming Christmas-New Year holidays more with apprehension than with joyous anticipation. This is because they are more acutely aware than the general public of the threat of tragedy woven through the merrymaking.

Last year, nearly 700 of us died in motor vehicle accidents over the holiday period. These deaths can be blamed in large part on the unfitness of the drivers or of pedestrians involved.

In some cases, fatigue was a factor because of the extremely late hours of holiday parties; in many, overindulgence was to blame. The net result was the same in either case: tragedy.

The Greater New York Safety Council would like to call to the attention of your readers some advice for the holidays that can save lives:

- (1) Where there is any question of over-fatigue or over-indulgence, don't drive. Ride a bus, a cab, with a friend or get a fit substitute to drive your car. But don't under any circumstances get behind the wheel if there is any doubt about being able to handle all traffic situations.
- (2) No matter how fit you feel after a holiday party, have a cup of coffee or other stimulating non-alcoholic beverage before motoring home. Coffee is an "alertness" beverage and when taken as "One for the Road" will help you drive more safely.
- (3) Holiday hosts and hostesses have a responsibility to their guests. It is the duty of those who give parties to use whatever stratagems are necessary to prevent unfit guests from driving off to a possible accident.

of the parliament—the Supreme Soviet as it is called—last February.

There have been numerous reports that Malenkov might be purged. But Moscow dispatches emphasize that he remains one of the 11 top-level men who are running Russia.

Malenkov was demoted to the level of an ordinary deputy premier when he resigned. A Moscow radio broadcast referred to him on Dec. 5 as a first deputy premier. There was no doubt about the broadcast. But the Soviet press office blandly denied next day that the broadcast ever had been made. The parliament meeting could give an indication whether he really is on his way up again.

**Matter of Fact** By Joe and Stewart Alsop

**WHAT IKE SAYS ABOUT IT**  
Washington — President Eisenhower's own views on the subject are the element most conspicuously missing from all the endless, inevitable speculation about whether he will run again and when he will make up his mind about it.

Ac c o r d - i n g to the official line, of course, no one can know the President's views about another term because he has never discussed politics since the beginning of his illness. But this is obvious nonsense.

He had not only reviewed the political problems created by his illness with members of his own staff, as was inevitable. He has also discussed his own future, perhaps even more frankly with a number of his personal friends. But these talks have produced few echoes, because the President himself does not yet know the answer to the question everyone wants to have answered.

To one intimate wartime associate, for instance, Eisenhower recently compared the decision he must eventually make to his great wartime decision on the Normandy landing. The staff studies that led to the choice of Omaha and Utah beaches as the place and June 6, 1944, as the day, began much more than a year before the Normandy landing was finally ordered. Every kind of factor, known and unknown, had to be examined and weighed before the decision would be taken. Making the decision prematurely would have been fatal folly.

**IN THE** same manner, Eisenhower went on, he must now examine and weigh all sorts of factors, among which his own ability to stand the strain of the Presidency is both the most significant and as yet the least predictable.

Making his decision prematurely, even worrying about the decision until all the relevant facts are available, would again be fatal folly.

So he has, in effect, done his best to file his great problem away for the present at the back of his mind, with the ticket on it, "to be considered later."

From this comparison of Eisenhower's, only one positive fact emerges. His mind is definitely open about running again. Something almost like another positive fact also emerges from a second aspect of President's current political talk, as reported by those closest to him.

He is both proud and touchy — proud of his achievement in the White House and especially touchy about attacks on that achievement. His greatest bitterness is reportedly reserved for Democratic leaders who were once his friends and are now his critics, which explains his recent remark to a group of visiting Congressmen that a New York Governor Averell Harriman was a "Park Avenue Truman." That wrapped up two sharp dislikes in one phrase.

**AS** every political observer knows, the conviction that the victory of the other side will be a national disaster is only a very short step away from the conviction of one's own indispensability. The President does not regard a Democratic victory as the only possible disaster, either. He is almost equally fearful that the power of the Republican extremists will be revived.

His highest ambition, he has repeatedly said, has been to remake the Republican party as a moderate-conservative party. He has added, too, that this long process of remaking his Party in his own image is very long and time-consuming. He does not think the job is finished yet. He does not believe, in fact, that it can be finished without another four years of moderate-conservative Republican control of the White House.

All this appears to confirm the judgment of the majority of those who know the President well, that on balance he would like to run again if he really feels able to do so. Whether

he will feel able to run is much more of a question, however than the doctors' reports suggest. It will not be enough for him just to be a well man again. He will have to recover all his former vigor, for the Presidency demands no less.

**FOR** instance, the cause of the slight fatigue which recently interrupted his work schedule was the long meeting of the National Security Council at Camp David. The main question before the meeting was the scope and intensity of next year's American cold war effort, as it would be reflected in the budget.

The issue was grave and opinion was divided. The discussion continued through luncheon and was resumed in an almost unprecedented afternoon session of the NSC. When the President at length made the decision only he could make, he was deeply tired, not so much by the long debate as by the weight of his own responsibility. That is what he must be ready to carry and none can foretell, as yet, whether he will be able to do so.

Hence it is not surprising that the political regency the President has established is working to set up a Republican convention he can surely control, whether he decides to run or no. While deferring his decision, the President is thus insuring his own freedom of choice.

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**Eden May Reneg In Invitation To Russian Leaders**

London—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Anthony Eden is seriously considering reneging on his invitation to the Soviet Union's top two leaders to visit Britain next spring, informed sources said today.

Britain began cooling off on the invitation when Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev made a series of vitriolic anti-Western speeches during their Southeast Asia tour.

Throughout the month-long visit the Soviet leaders spoke long and often of "colonialism" and told the Burmese and Indians that Britain was the worst offender. Both Burma and India were once controlled by Britain but were granted independence.

The two roving Russians returned to Moscow yesterday from the tour and began repeating the harsh accusations the moment they stepped off the plane. The attacks were anti-American, too, but chiefly directed against "British colonialism."

Many British newspapers have demanded openly that the government cancel the Khrushchev-Bulganin visit, and an official government spokesman accused both the Soviet leaders of "hypocrisy" during their frequent anti-Western blasts.

Lord Reading, minister of state for foreign affairs, told the House of Lords yesterday the invitation to the Russians still stands, but informed sources said Eden was seeking some diplomatic way of calling it off.

**Cutter To Pass Up Dividend Payment**

Berkeley, Calif.—(U.P.)—Cutter Laboratories announced last night it will not pay a regular quarterly dividend because of "terrific losses" in the manufacture of Salk anti-polio vaccine.

Cutter vaccine was ordered removed from the market by the government after 169 polio cases were directly or indirectly traced to injections of the Cutter product.

A four-month investigation by the Public Health Service indicated that fault for the virulent reaction was with original safety tests set up by the federal government rather than on Cutter production.

Dr. Robert K. Cutter, president of the laboratories, said the firm lost its entire investment in research and production of the serum because of the polio outbreaks.

Cutter said sale of other products was not affected by the polio outbreaks.

More than 20,000 acres of U. S. land are currently under lease for the exploration of oil deposits.

**Today and Tomorrow**

By Walter Lippmann

**THE NATO GAP**

The NATO Council which met in Paris last week wound up its labors with a most uncommunicative communique. Yet we know that there is a very wide gap — a large theoretical deficit of military power — between what the top military planners in NATO say is necessary to the military defense of Europe and what NATO governments are providing. How are we to explain what we are witnessing, that this military deficit does not seem to be worrying anybody in high place very much? Mr. Dulles came home from Paris feeling very cheerful. The President had just said, as he turned on the lights for the Washington Christmas tree, that the "promise for the future" is "brighter than any we have known in recent years."

**FROM** the face of the record it is evident that there is an important difference in the way the military planners in NATO and the civilians at the heads of the governments judge the problem of European defense. The military are asking for a very great deal more than the civilians are willing to provide.

"As the military plans drawn up by Gen. Gruenther and his SHAPE staff have been 'costed,'" says "The London Economist," a journal which is in a position to know, "the size of the gap between what the NATO countries are now spending on defense and what they would have to spend if the new strategy were to be fully developed, has assumed frightening dimensions." The new strategy is the one based on the use of atomic and thermo-nuclear weapons. "It is probably no exaggeration to say that if the generals could have all the tactical atomic weapons, new air fields and warning systems, and the better equipped, more mobile and self-sufficient divisions which their new strategy requires, defense budgets would have to be almost doubled."

**FACED** with this enormous contrast between what the military planners regard as necessary to defense and survival and what the governments are in fact doing, we must ask ourselves some questions. Are the military planners right? Are the civilian politicians being complacent and irresponsible?

The fashionable assumption is that the planners are right and that the democratic governments have been drugged with Geneva spirits; if only the people were awakened, they would appropriate the money and take the measures which the military planners are asking for.

In my view this diagnosis is a half truth which ignores the main point of the matter. It is that, looked at from the point of view of Germany and France and the continental nations, the NATO strategy does not seem to them worth what it would cost; it would not, they feel, provide each and every one of them with genuine security; it offers them a defense against invasion but not against nuclear bombardment.

**THIS**, I submit, is the controlling reason why the Germans and the French are so lackadaisical about meeting the NATO military program. It is not merely that the peoples do not want to pay taxes and to make the military effort. It is that their leaders, including a high proportion of their military leaders, are not convinced that the NATO strategical program would, if war were to break out, provide a true defense against devastation. The conclusion that the civilians draw from this is that, so far as they are concerned, security must be sought by political means — essentially by

maintaining the stalemate among the only two powers armed with atomic weapons.

It is hard to shake off the impression that the NATO planners have yet to face up to the military revolution brought on by the break-up in 1949 of the American monopoly of nuclear weapons. The basic conception of NATO was derived from the threat that the Red armored divisions might roll unopposed into Western Europe. NATO was to hold them at bay while the United States Strategic Air Force struck at the Soviet Union. The strategic conception rested on the assumption, correct before 1949, that the Soviet Union could not strike back at Western Germany, France, or England.

Since 1949 the crucial problem of European defense has not been how to repel the Red Army but how to ward off the Red Air Force. To this problem NATO offers no solution which is convincing enough to the exposed and highly vulnerable countries of the continent.

At bottom it is this, and not the moral failings of the West Europeans, which accounts for the inertia on the civilian side of NATO.

**BUT** why are the Western governments so cheerful about it all? Because they believe that the only effective defense already exists—that the United States possesses a massive deterrent power and is fully committed to use it if the NATO countries are attacked.

It is a real question, but a separate one, whether the American Air Force is being adequately maintained or is falling behind the Soviet's, as the Alsop brothers have long contended and as Mr. Finletter said on Sunday. This is a question which should be thoroughly examined when Congress meets—in order to determine whether the existing balance of power is going to be maintained. But it does not alter the fact that it is on this balance of power that the security of the NATO alliance depends.

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**Eisenhowers Greet Fourth Grandchild**

Washington—(U.P.)—President and Mrs. Eisenhower got the Christmas gift they wanted most, their fourth grandchild.

Her name: Mary Jean Eisenhower.

Born yesterday at 4:58 p.m. (EST) at the Army's Walter Reed hospital.

Weight: 7 pounds and 2 ounces. She's a blonde.

Her mother, Mrs. Barbara Eisenhower, the President's daughter-in-law, is "doing very well," the White House said.

And the President? "Delighted and happy" like any grandparent, according to Press Secretary James C. Hagerty.

Mary Jean is the President's third granddaughter. The other two are Barbara Anne, 6, and Susan 3. He has one grandson, David, 7.

The President was in his office yesterday when his son John, an Army major, telephoned him the good news from the hospital.

**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, the Medford Ministerial association and the National Council of Church Women.

Following are the passages recommended for today: Isaiah 11:1-9.

May the Peaceful Glow of Christmas Continue to Shine for You Throughout the Coming Year



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