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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. 30, 1945. (It was Sunday)

Willamette river forces 1,000 from homes in Eugene area; Jackson county rivers receding after halting traffic near Savage Rapids dam temporarily.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The New Year starts Tuesday. Many autoists won't, the way they have been driving, the Safety Council forecasts.

20 YEARS AGO: Dec. 30, 1935. (It was Monday)

Snider Dairy announces purchase of Gold Seal Creamery, making the Snider enterprise largest creamery outside Portland metropolitan area.

Dwight E. Alderman, state commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, to speak at Ashland organizational meeting.

30 YEARS AGO: Dec. 30, 1925. (It was Wednesday)

Annual Medford district school census shows 138 more students than last year's 2,600.

Medford completes best year on record; fruit, lumber, other products brought about \$5,000,000 into area.

40 YEARS AGO: Dec. 30, 1915. (It was Thursday)

County court fixes 14 mill levy for 1915; schools get 2 mills; high school and library, 5; Pacific highway interest, 2; and general county expenses, including state, 10 mills.

Mr. Brown is the first saloon in state to close doors as result of impending prohibition; a final rush of "wets" purchased all his stock; remodeling starts to make soda fountain and cigar store.

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

1. If a person with a \$4,000 income wins \$32,000 on a quiz program, about one-third, one-half, or two-thirds of it goes for federal income tax?

2. Gen. Eisenhower once served as Army chief of staff; right or wrong?

3. With which of these sports is the name of "Bob" Zuppke associated: Football, baseball, basketball, horse racing, ice hockey?

4. More than half, about half or less than half of all Americans taking a winter vacation in Florida spend it at Miami Beach?

5. The country with the largest fleet of merchant ships is Great Britain, Norway, the U.S., Japan or Russia?

6. Cruelty, mental, physical or both, is grounds for divorce in every one of the 48 states; right or wrong?

7. The "Keeley cure" is for shoplifters, drug addicts, alcoholics, sex perverts, or bad drivers?

The Answer: 1. About half. 2. Right. 3. Football (Illinois U.). 4. Less than half. 5. U.S. 6. Wrong. 7. Alcoholic.

VETERAN LEGISLATOR DIES: Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. F. H. Dammasch, 76-year-old veteran state legislator, died late last night in a local hospital.

Flood Signs Removed

We drove down to Rogue River the other afternoon. The sun was shining brightly, the grass was green, and only the barren trees and the frost in shady spots were signals that winter is still here.

Our mission was to take a look at some of the havoc wrought by the floods of the pre-Christmas week, floods that caused damage which will total probably more than \$800,000 in Jackson county alone — let alone harder-hit sections of Oregon, and the devastated areas of California.

VISIBLE evidences of flood damages were confined to a relatively small area. This does not mean the residents of other lower-lying portions of the area got off lightly, for a flood can tear up the inside of a home or business without leaving noticeable scars on the exterior.

In one or two places people were shoveling — not sweeping — mud and silt out of windows; furniture was set out to dry; houses were being realigned. Over all there was an impression of purposeful busy-ness which spoke well of the courage and determination of the residents.

A PERIOD of emergency is, somehow, easier to bear than the long and tedious task of reconstruction and rebuilding, of mopping up and cleaning out.

When danger threatens, people respond with instinctive bravery and helpfulness. They show concern for lives and property of others, and will go to great lengths to be helpful.

When the danger is past, however, too often that spirit departs with the emergency.

FORTUNATELY man, an organizing type of social creature, has organized for such contingencies, too. In the Red Cross, the civil defense agency, veterans and other groups, we have volunteers who pledge themselves to be of assistance in just such cases — not only when danger threatens, but in the long pull, too.

Only infrequently have we in Jackson county been sufficiently unfortunate to require the active and all-out ministrations of the National Red Cross. Now is one of the times, and we can all be glad that they are ready to assist our neighbors who are, literally in some cases, pulling themselves out of the mud.

FLOODS are spectacular things, but there is little that is spectacular about the aftermath. A road is washed out here and there, as in the case of the Rock Point underpass, with pavement broken and tumbled about like a child's blocks; debris is piled up on the upstream sides of trees; washed-up grass and weeds show how high the water was on a roadside fence; buildings, tumbled and twisted, are spotted where they do not belong.

That's about all. The spectacular damage is done quickly, and signs of it are removed quickly. But the people affected remember it.—E.A.

Flood Sidelight

As the water reached its highest level last week, a bureau of reclamation engineer estimated that Bear creek was flowing through Medford at a rate of approximately 6,700 cubic feet per second. It is interesting to compare this figure to the 30 second feet which is the average flow of Big Butte Springs water used by the city of Medford for all domestic and municipal purposes.

This would probably have been much higher had not Emigrant reservoir filled up, holding back several thousand acre-feet of additional water.—E.A.

Whirly-Birds

Only infrequently is a helicopter spotted in the skies above Medford. But they do show up here occasionally, and they've been so much in the news recently that most of us are generally familiar with the cumbersome-looking things.

They're weird. They also must look like ungainly angels of mercy to flood-marooned people as they come whirling to the rescue.

A PILOT friend of ours was telling us the other day of some of the hazards of flying the whirly birds. At an altitude of between 250 and 750 feet, if the engine fails, an "auto rotation" can be set up in the rotors, bringing the machine down gently. But at extremely low altitudes, an engine failure means a crash, and the helicopter is not designed to stand up under the shock of a drop of more than a few feet.

He said he has great respect and no envy at all for the pilots who jockey the flying windmills.

A DRAMATIC picture in Wednesday's issue of this paper demonstrated perfectly what we have in mind. It showed a copter hovering over a water-surrounded house, lifting a mother and child to safety in a basket attached to a long rope. Later, father and son also were rescued.

These cranky, ugly, awkward-looking machines have proven their worth time and time again.—E.A.

Three Die in One-Car Accident in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — A spectacular one-car accident resulted in death to three persons early today when the car struck a power pole, shearing it off near the bottom.

The dead were identified as Richard Boyd Taylor, 27, a sailor on leave; Lester O. Ambers, 27, Seattle, and Laura Mattis, 39, Vancouver, Wash. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Taylor, are from Vancouver, Wash.

Writer Balances Good and Bad In Foreign News of Past Week

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

The Good

1. The German Communists apparently changed their minds about prosecuting Americans accused of committing offenses in East Berlin. An Air Force sergeant, alleged to have caused a traffic accident, was returned to West Berlin by the Russians in keeping with agreements for control of the city. The German Reds assert they now have "sovereign" status. But they and their Russian masters appear not to be ready for a showdown.

2. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru seemed disappointed at the way Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Russian Communist party leader Nikita S. Khrushchev abused his hospitality during their recent visit to India. Nehru is reported to have told both members of his cabinet and leaders of his Congress party that he had been embarrassed by the attacks the Soviet visitors made on Western countries, especially on Great Britain. Nehru was quoted as accusing the Russians of twisting history.

3. The Indochina Communists failed in an attempt to force the voters of the state of Laos to boycott an election for a National Assembly. The Reds threatened reprisals against those who voted. But more than 300,000 out of 360,000 registered voters went to the polls. Only in areas controlled by their troops were the Reds successful.

The Bad

1. Speeches made by the Kremlin's two top leaders at a meeting of the Russian Supreme Soviet (parliament) in Moscow were both hostile and threatening to the United States and its

Tax Reduction Seen Danger To Economy

Washington — (U.P.) — A bipartisan congressional subcommittee has warned that a tax cut next year would be dangerous in the face of a booming economy.

A Senate-House subcommittee said yesterday any budgetary surplus next year should go toward cutting the national debt unless the economic boom tapers off.

The subcommittee said after a month-long study that tax cuts during the boom might be inflationary.

Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks said this week he expects the boom to continue at least through the first half of 1956.

Klamath Rancher Cattleman of Year

Prineville, — (U.P.) — Lawrence J. Horton, a Klamath Falls rancher who parlayed a boat into a 1000-head spread of Herefords, last night was named Cattleman of the Year by the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

Horton began his ranching career in 1914 by trading a boat to an Indian for a Hereford-Shorthorn cross heifer. The Horton spread has since grown from one cow and a rented farm to 1000 head of registered Hereford cattle and 7500 acres of deeded land.

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 a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Credit to Crews

To the Editor: Would like to take this means to express my appreciation of the way the State Highway department takes care of the roads, especially during these stormy, wintry days and nights.

We of the Greyhound Lines really do appreciate the way they are always standing by in case of danger to the road in any way. We can look up to the Siskiyou mountains, see it snowing, but we know that those boys will be there with their sanding equipment to make it safer for everyone. Believe me, we really appreciate it.

Please give the road crews all the credit in the world, due them. Also the Oregon state police, who are also there when needed. Wish I could say the same on the other side of the line.

Donald E. Tackley Greyhound Lines Medford, Oregon

allies. Communist party chief Khrushchev accused President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles of "crude interference" in the affairs of East European Communist countries by broadcasting Christmas messages to them. The messages expressed hope that the countries might be freed from the Russian yoke. Khrushchev also boasted of the power of Russia's H-bomb. Premier Bulganin hinted that Russia might now have an inter-continental rocket—one which might be fired, for instance, from Russia to the United States. So far as is known, the United States has not perfected this weapon.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

ENTANGLEMENTS AND FOREIGN AID

We know now, so it appears, that there is to be no revision of policy to meet the new Soviet challenge in South Asia.



Walter Lippmann way of foreign aid. This dispute got off to a bad start. After the Cabinet and Security Council meetings at Camp David and the White House meetings with the Congressional leaders, it was said that the Administration did not plan to spend much more money next year than this.

The statement was a half truth in view of the fact that the Congressional leaders have had the firm impression that our policy is set towards a gradual but rather prompt termination of almost all foreign aid. They seem to have it in their minds that foreign aid would run out as the authorizations previously made were used up.

For that reason they were surprised and annoyed to find, a few days after their meetings, that while the Administration is not planning to spend much more money this year than it did last, it is planning to go on spending at about the same rate for an indefinite number of years to come.

IT IS fair, I think, to ask why the Congressional leaders allowed themselves to believe the half truth, and to assume that foreign aid was coming to an end. Do they not approve the commitments to help arm Germany, to help arm Japan, to subsidize the South Korean army, the Formosan army, the Vietnamese army, to underwrite with American money and arms the SEATO pact in South East Asia and the METO pact, otherwise known as the Baghdad pact, in the Middle East? How did the Congressional leaders suppose that these global military commitments could be met if the foreign military aid program is to run out and be terminated?

If they believe in the military pacts, then they must not act with pained surprise when they get the bill. Why, on the contrary, did no one at the White House briefing ask the briefers how the Administration planned to finance its military pacts? And when the Administration bill for the new authorizations is put to Congress, the real issue will be whether or not to continue to maintain the whole elaborate structure of the pacts, or whether to dismantle some part of it. For these pacts require much money, not spent once merely but continually.

THE coming debate on the new authorizations for the old military pacts should be kept distinct in our minds from the talk, which is still up in the air, about a new and massive economic program to meet the Soviet challenge.

Indeed, I would go further and say that while our existing policy about the military pacts is dominant in Washington, a big program of economic aid is unworkable. The men who believe in the military system that we have put together do not believe in the economic program and would not be interested in administering it. The military policy, as we now operate it,

is incompatible with the kind of constructive economic aid that so many of us inside and outside the Administration believe is necessary.

The basic trouble with our military program in South Asia and the Middle East is that it has led us into entangling alliances. Our theory has been that we would arm the countries which were ready to stand up and declare openly their opposition to Soviet and Chinese communism. The fact, as opposed to the theory, has been that these military alliances between small Asian countries and the distant United States have been regarded in Southern Asia as political intervention in the disputes of that area.

WE HAVE become entangled in the disputes within the region, and this has earned us the suspicion and dislike of the countries which border upon those countries which we have been arming. Thus, as the result of our arming Pakistan, we have incurred the distrust of both of Pakistan's neighbors — India and Afghanistan. All that Bulganin and Khrushchev had to do was to side with India and Afghanistan in their disputes with Pakistan.

To make matters worse, Pakistan, alarmed by the fact that her two neighbors are now backed by the Soviet Union, is complaining to us that we are not backing her fully in her dispute or giving her enough military aid. We have alienated India and Afghanistan by our meddling and we have not made secure the adherence of Pakistan.

This, in the full and literal sense of the term, is the kind of entangling alliance which it should be the first rule of statesmanship to avoid.

I DO NOT know anything more than has been printed if the newspapers about Mr. Rockefeller's resignation. But I venture to say that unless something radical is done about these entangling military alliances, no program of economic aid can effectively counter the Soviet incursion in Southern Asia. The damage done to the American position by the Pakistan entanglement alone is enormously greater than what can be done to repair the damage by more economic aid.

It is often said that Mr. Dulles's pacts in South Asia lack "teeth." As against Russia and China they do indeed lack teeth. But they have teeth enough to make their neighbors in the region fear that, not the Communist countries, but they themselves are going to be bitten. As long as these pacts are the core of our South Asian policy, there is no prospect of our being able to conceive, to unite behind, and to execute successfully an imaginative and constructive economic program.

FOR an indispensable condition of the success of an economic development program is that it should apply to a whole economic area, and should bring with it the cooperation of the separate nations of the area. This was one of the secrets of the success of the Marshall Plan, that it brought unity and not divisive alliances into Western Europe, that it brought not a sword but peace.

The same fundamental principle applies to South Asia where— for no reason except our own diplomatic errors, the Soviets have now taken possession of the banner of peace. Copyright 1955. New York Herald Tribune Inc.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS Moscow—Nikita Khrushchev, Communist party boss, criticizing President Eisenhower's Christmas message of hope to the peoples of satellite nations.

"To pray for a change of regimes in the peoples democracies is a crude interference in the internal affairs of these countries."

Washington—Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) on Khrushchev's statement: "This is giving a great deal of importance to a prayer for the captive peoples from the American people. I hope this signifies Mr. Khrushchev is on the way to getting religion."

Washington—Sen. John J. (Sparkman) D-Ala. denouncing President Eisenhower against Khrushchev's attack: "The President did nothing except state what the whole world knows to be our feeling."

Galveston, Tex. — (U.P.) — Dr. H. W. Paley on the condition of Mrs. Babe Didrikson Zaharias, already suffering from cancer, who now is suffering from pneumonia: "We don't expect it to get serious."

Greenwich, Conn. — (U.P.) — Karen Ann McGuire, 12-year-old girl who got a consolation horse after she bid \$24.03 for the racehorse Nashua: "I never dreamed I'd get a beautiful horse like this. I'm the happiest girl in the world."

Washington—Averell Harriman, now governor of New York, in an April, 1945, communique to President Roosevelt advising him that the Russians were becoming difficult: "Aside from the major questions which are causing concern in our relations with the Soviet Union, there has been an accumulation of minor incidents which started some six weeks ago."

Memphis, Tenn. — William H. Muskelley Jr., 18-year-old gunman who was caught a few minutes after he robbed a bakery of \$226 while his wife and baby waited in a getaway car: "I told Betty there was nothing else to do but pull a holdup. We got up. She drove. The baby was on the seat between us."

Montreal — L. M. Edwards, adviser to the four surviving Dionne quintuplets on a rift between the girls and their family: "They have authorized me to say they would like to be able to sit down with their family and straighten this whole thing out. They want it known that this whole thing is a fêstet in a teapot."

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