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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
Jan. 26, 1946
(it was Saturday)
City of Medford buys 220 trees to plant in new city park on East Main st.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: E. Newbury of Ashland came out last week for the state senate, and is the first candidate to bloom in Jackson county.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 26, 1936
(it was Sunday)
Thousands of people file past King George's bier in London; new King Edward VIII goes to country home for rest.

Medford Mayor George Potter urges residents to support and participate in President's Ball Jan. 30.

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 26, 1926
(it was Tuesday)
International broadcasting trials being conducted; local reception to London stations poor, good reception from stations in eastern United States.

From Local and Personal column: Cletus McCredie is returned from a several week's business sojourn in the Klamath country.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 26, 1916
(it was Wednesday)
Medford school board favors addition to high school to handle increased enrollment next year.

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During 1915 valley fruitgrowers shipped a total of 480 carloads by freight; 225 cars of pears and 218 of apples among them.

What's the Answer?

- 1. Tax relief for dividends in federal income tax for 1955 is limited to \$50 per recipient; right or wrong?
2. U. S. farmers as a whole cultivated in 1955 fewer or more acres than the annual average for the preceding 10 years, or about the same number?
3. The Last Supper, famous da Vinci painting, is in an Italian city: Rome, Assisi, Naples, Florence, Milan or Venice?
4. A higher mileage total is rolled up each year on U.S. roads by all passenger cars or all trucks, or is it about 50-50?
5. Which of the Ten Commandments forbids adultery?
6. Average size of greens on U.S. golf courses is about (a) 1600, (b) 6000, (c) 16,000 or (d) 60,000 sq. ft.?
7. Bedloe's Island is in Boston, New York, Charleston (S.C.), Mobile (Ala.), San Francisco or Honolulu harbor?
The answers: 1. Wrong. 2. Fewer. 3. Milan. 4. Much more by passenger cars. 5. Seventh (in most Bibles in general usage). 6. About 6,000 on the average. 7. New York (the Statue of Liberty is on it).
A modern kitchen with stove, refrigerator, cabinet sink and dishwasher represents the use of 800 pounds of steel.

Knowland Is No Quitter

We disagree with Senator Knowland on practically all political questions, but can't help but admire the man's courage. Unlike his colleague from California, Richard Nixon, there is nothing phoney or shifty about "Bill." The Oakland senator was named party leader in the Senate by the late Senator Robert Taft of Ohio and he remains a Taft man, and devoted 100 per cent to the Taft school of ultra-conservative thought.

IT IS no secret in Washington that Knowland believes President Eisenhower is too much of a "New Dealer," as well as too much of an "internationalist." Were some miracle to happen and Senator Knowland land in the White House there is little doubt he would use all his influence to secure a separation, if not a divorce, from the United Nations. He would also cut-off economic aid to foreign lands, and if he could restore Chiang Kai-shek to control in China—by force of arms if necessary. This is not to say he would succeed, but as things stand today he would certainly TRY.

IT IS significant that the California Senator chose Illinois as his first primary test. For he is one of the favorites of the paleolithic but potent Chicago Tribune, while President Eisenhower definitely isn't. In spite of general opinion to the contrary, most of the smart politicians in the "sucker state," believe even against the President, Knowland would have a fairly good chance of coming out victorious. If the President should not be a candidate then it would be, in the opinion of the same "wisemen" a "push over." So "Bill" has little to lose.

MEANWHILE let no one think that in spite of President Eisenhower's extraordinary personal popularity, the GOP leaders are a unit in being similarly enthusiastic. They are too smart to say anything out loud about it, but at plenty of "bull sessions" and week end gatherings, there are protests against the present dispensation, and hopes for a change to the right, and heaving overboard of the detested "welfare state," and all its trimmings.

THE "Old Guard" dies but it never surrenders. They were beaten at Chicago in 1952, and joined forces with the progressive Eisenhower element of the Republican party to win the election, but they have never surrendered and as long as they endure they never will. Senator Knowland represents their best hope of that dreamed-of and long-desired "come-back." It is a vain hope as we see it, but one must admit stranger things have happened politically in this topsy-turvy world, in recent years.—R.W.R.

Dulles Won't Help

Whether President Eisenhower chooses to run or doesn't (the White House reporters now think he won't) Secretary of State Dulles will be a definite political liability to the Republicans, whoever the candidate may be.

For whether he is the best Secretary of State since John Q. Adams or the worst, he is not popular as a person, and an extremely poor campaigner. We were in New York when "Senator" Dulles ran for the US Senate against Senator Lehman and although he toured the state as meticulously and vigorously as he now tours the world, he seemed to lose votes wherever he spoke and was beaten ignominiously.

THE main trouble appeared to be that aside from this austere personality and lack of popular appeal, he continually overplayed his hand.

It was pretty generally known that he was not particularly unfriendly to the Roosevelt Democrats in the state and had no personal grudge against his friendly opponent, yet he raved and ranted at every "whistle-stop" against both, his general theme song being that the "Welfare State" was ruining the country, and the socialistic experiments emanating from the White House, if continued, would destroy private initiative, fatally weaken American manhood and eventually hand over the state to the radical devotees of Karl Marx—or words to that effect.

It was a depressing and surprising performance. It was equally surprising when President Truman appointed him as his special representative to the UN and special adviser to Secretary of State Acheson.

THERE is no doubt of Mr. Dulles' legal ability and erudition. His physical stamina is nothing short of phenomenal.

But in humor, tact and general "know-how" politically he is a complete wash-out. His endorsement of the recent "brink" article in Life magazine was only one example among many of his chronic ineptitude in public and personal relations. Secretary Dulles' subsequent appeal to the Democrats to stop playing politics with foreign policy, when only a few days before he had started the ball rolling in that direction, was another.

It will be interesting to see if Secretary Dulles takes the stump for the GOP in this year's campaign. If the Republicans are smart they will persuade him to go on a summer tour of the world for three or four months. Mr. Dulles likes to travel!—R.W.R.

Sandy Electric Co-Op Purchase Offered

Portland (U.P.)—Portland General Electric company has offered conditionally to buy the Sandy Electric Co-op in response to a letter from the co-op's board. The Sandy REA system serves 898 customers in Sandy and near Mt. Hood. Board Chairman Thomas W. Delzell of PGE said the company was "interested" in acquiring the co-op and would make a

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

IKE HOLDS ALOOF
Washington — The publicly missing piece in the Republican puzzle is very simple, decidedly curious and quite important enough to make the whole design look rather different. In brief, all the busy political activity on the President's behalf is now being carried on without a shadow of positive authority from Dwight D. Eisenhower himself.



Joseph Alsop

State delegations to the Republican Convention are being briskly organized in the Eisenhower name. The Citizens for Eisenhower are being called to the colors again with slight changes in make-up of the old "Communist Group," the same body of men who directed the Eisenhower strategy in 1952, is now working hard to prepare for a second Eisenhower term.



Stewart Alsop

But the President himself, meanwhile, is still holding perfectly aloof. He has not intervened to halt any of this activity, as he could of course very easily do. But he has never approved any of it, either. Therefore he is still free of any shred of moral commitment to the friends and supporters who are working so hard for him. In TRYING to interpret the future, then, two big questions are dominant. Should one place more weight on the President's passive acceptance of such accomplished facts as the revival of the Citizens for Eisenhower? Or should one instead read the most meaning into the President's carefully non-committal aloofness? Two incidents which show how the system actually works help to make these questions more concrete.

The first incident concerns the New Hampshire primary. There was broad agreement among the leaders of the Commodore group — former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey; Attorney General Herbert Brownell; the old time Dewey man and former member of the White House staff, Thomas E. Stephens; Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr.; Gen. Lucius D. Clay; the Missouri leader, Barak T. Mattingly; Republican National Chairman Len Hall and Sen. James Duff of Pennsylvania.

ALL these men agreed that it was essential to start the drama of the state primaries by organizing a strong pro-Eisenhower delegation in New Hampshire. Under the peculiar rules which govern the Commodore group's relation with the White House, the President's chief of staff, Sherman Adams, is in the group but not of it. In other words, Gov. Adams is informed of what is planned, but he is not consulted about it. The reason is that a request for the formal assent of the President's chief of staff would be too close to a request for the President's assent.

In the case of the New Hampshire primary, therefore, Adams was duly informed of the Commodore group's plans about the delegation. Thereupon informal warnings began to fly from the White House staff to the Commodore group. Influential members of the White House staff argued that if the President's name were actually entered in the primary, the effect might be to force Eisenhower's hand. It was feared that if his hand was forced, the President would issue a statement taking himself out of the race for good and all.

THERE was serious hesitation because of these warnings, but these were ignored in the end, quite largely because of the boldness of Gen. Clay. The President's name was entered in New Hampshire. And the President did not take himself out, but instead wrote a letter so strongly stressing the problem of his health that it left him just as uncommitted as ever. The same pattern appears again in the incident of the revival of the Citizens for Eisenhower. Some weeks ago, former leaders of the Citizens for Eisenhower went to the President. They wanted to circulate a letter calling the 1952 citizens into action again; and they wanted the President to approve it. He replied that he could only approve the letter if the avowed object was to organize support for his policies and program; he would not approve a letter specifically seeking to organize support for his candidacy.

WITH this presidentially imposed restriction, the letter would have had no point. Hence the project was dropped by its first originators. Yet revival of the Citizens for Eisenhower was still judged to be necessary by the Commodore group. Therefore General Clay took the initiative on his own responsibility, asking former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Oveta Culp Hobby and the New York banker, Sidney J. Weinberg, to join with him.

Weinberg and Mrs. Hobby said they would sign if General Clay signed. So the letter calling for revival of the Citizens for Eisenhower went out over their three names, but without any authority from the President himself, and with the strongly stated condition that Clay, Weinberg and Mrs. Hobby only wished the President to run again if his health permitted. A manifold but perhaps imprudent effort to interpret these facts will be made in a further report in this space. (C) 1956 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

Sweeping Review of Japanese Foreign Policy Said in View

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent
Japan is about to make a sweeping review of its foreign policy. New lines are to be laid for relations with the United States, Communist China and Soviet Russia.



Charles M. McCann

There are hints in Tokyo that Premier Ichiro Hatoyama, as part of the review, would welcome invitations to visit Washington, Peiping and Moscow. The review is to be made during the session of the Japanese Parliament which opened yesterday and continues until May 17. There is every indication that Japan's present close relations with the United States will continue.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
In this space yesterday I spoke of going to the old Tremont hotel in Red Bluff for dinner and the pleasant relaxation that comes with the dinner hour. Why mention a trifle like that? Well, in this case, the situation is a trifle unusual. For nearly a hundred years, the Tremont has been the civic center of Red Bluff. In our youthful Western country, that doesn't happen too often. When it does happen, it is interesting.

As to the Tremont of a century ago, one can only guess. Red Bluff was then the bustling, bustling head of navigation on the Sacramento. The rifles and the bars of the original discovery country, which lay eastward and northward from Sacramento, were becoming crowded. The miners, who were pouring into California in an ever-swelling stream, were beginning to spread out in search of new diggings. They found them in the upper Sacramento and the Klamath river country. The easiest way to get there was by way of the river. Steamboats chugged up the Sacramento as far as they could get, and when they went aground they stopped. Red Bluff was that approximate spot. So they stopped there and transferred their cargo to land transport—pack animals at first and later freight wagons.

Editorial Comment

DO IT DIFFERENTLY
In Medford they've annexed to the city a sparsely settled tract of 1,100 acres. Among the reasons for annexation were plans to build a hospital, a retirement home and a big housing development in the area. Here we do it differently. We let our suburban fringe fill up with people who need city services. And then we still don't annex 'em. — Eugene Register-Guard.

MERCY FLIGHTS

In recent years, there have been frequent news stories from Southern Oregon about the services of Mercy Flights Inc. of Medford in connection with transportation of seriously ill patients to various hospitals. Mercy Flights is a unique non-profit organization which maintains two large ambulance planes at Medford for patient air transport. It is primarily a membership service, with the small fee of \$4 per year providing emergency air service for all members of the subscriber's family.

Heretofore, no real effort has been made to enroll members outside of the Medford area. Because of the value of the service to the public, the Grants Pass Active club has undertaken to stage a Mercy Flights membership campaign in this area. In the past, there have been numerous occasions for use of the air service by Grants Pass people needing emergency treatment at Eugene or Portland hospitals. Mercy Flights will provide such service but to flight to Portland from Grants Pass costs \$120 to non-subscribers, said to be the actual cost. The commercial rate for a chartered plane would be \$160.

George Milligan of Medford is one of the Mercy Flights originators and one of its pilots. He has given unlimited emergency service in the Rogue valley, including 8 1/2 hours in aiding Grants Pass pilot, Fred Hale, involved in a plane crash in the rough Lower Rogue area while himself engaged in air relief.—Grants Pass Courier.

Oregon Potato Growers Asked To Cut Plantings

Washington (U.P.)—A 11 per cent reduction in 1956 plantings was asked of Oregon potato growers by Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson today. The secretary recommended 36,300 acres be planted in Oregon. He asked a national cutback of eight per cent.

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Unity

To the Editor: At this time in the world's history, when, more than ever before, all genuine thinking individuals appear to realize the inestimable value of unity, there is a most gratifying and warming example of unified thought and purpose going on in this community, right under our noses, so to speak, of which many may be unaware. I refer to the marshalling of interests among both older and newer residents in bringing about a resurgence of artistic expression in Medford, once renowned here and elsewhere for its high standards of accomplishment along such lines.

Many years ago, there were the illustrious Andrews families, remnants of the Andrews Opera company, specifically George and Ed, whose experiences and efforts brought such artists and productions of international status to this small West coast town that it became widely known. Later, there was the now-dissolved Medford Musical society, with its Elizabeth Collins, Harvey Moore, Ruby Hogan, Margaret Fabrick, Nancy Mulholland, Esther Church Leake, to name only a few. (Since the writer was one of that later group, she knows how hard the members worked.) Now we have the Philharmonic Society, gathering beneath its protecting wings the older and newer elements in this community, uniting them in a common purpose. That purpose is to raise this community, again, to its former status in the musical entertainment field of endeavor.

Only A Chip?

To the Editor: There's a growing concern here over news releases that report the Soviet's lead in the guided missile that could neutralize our defense air bases within a 1,500 mile radius of Russia. But I'm not much bothered. History bears evidence of the Russian's ability to defend his homeland. But he seems to have little stomach to fight on foreign soil, like little Finland which he jumped a few years back and came awfully close to losing that unequal war of aggression. The Russian, by nature, is a schemer. Thackeray in his fine historical writings speaks of it well over two centuries ago. And there's the old, old saying, "put more than two Russians together and there'll be a plot afoot." There would likely be a plot afoot if there were but two Russians, but Ivan prefers company if fight he must. That must be the reason we practically never see a Russian prize-fighter where one must stand alone in the fight, seldom a wrestler even. The only Russian I ever knew intimately had a theme song he was ever sounding off in a high pitch voice, "scheme mit der brain—scheme mit der brain."

It is my very firm and considered belief that future history will tell how the Kremlin cuties have bluffed us all over the world map, putting it over by arming (when we were naively disarming), creating by their slave labor the greatest war machine in all history with its primary purpose as a threat. And they will hesitate to use it in any other way so long as we are willing to step up "to the brink of war," as Secretary of State Dulles so courageously put it. Like the time a couple years back when a bunch of China Red fighter craft jumped two of ours and two of them were promptly sent crashing aflame into the Formosa Strait sea. That's the kind of "talk" they understand and the only kind they'll pay heed to. Let them prance across the world with chip on shoulder. So long as we stand united, sufficiently armed and ready to advance to the "brink of war" with them, it's pretty sure to remain just a chip on the shoulder.

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"TRANSPORTATION"
Someone in your family may have the wish to be sent "back home" for burial, when that time comes. Or, someone away from Medford may have the wish to be brought back here. If you know that, some day, you will have the responsibility of carrying out that wish, now is the time to find out just what is going to be involved... in arrangements, details and costs. Or, easier yet, we'll do it for you. CHAPEL MORTUARY Across from the Courthouse Frank Morgan — Harold Snodgrass FUNERAL DIRECTORS