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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 Feb. 14, 1946: (It was Thursday) City Superintendent Frank Rogers says 541 parking meters being installed will be ready for use Feb. 19.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Valley tycoons, wintering in the sunny south, have started heading home.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 14, 1936: (It was Friday) From Side Glances by Tribune Reporters: Pictures of Harry Gill and George Harrington, bachelors, somewhat out of place amid a display of Vic Milnes and wife, Keith Denman and wife, and Ivan Harrington and wife, in a downtown showcase.

Medford water superintendent Robert Duff reports increase in commercial water users during 1955.

80 YEARS AGO Feb. 14, 1926: (It was Sunday) Sid I. Brown, secretary of Jackson County Fair association, announces Sept. 15 through 18 as dates for fair this year.

From Local and Personal columns: Diamond lake and the land abutting it would be ceded to the state of Oregon for fish cultural purposes by the federal government under the terms of a bill introduced in the senate last week by Senator Stanfield.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 14, 1916: (It was Monday) Jackson County Taxpayers League agrees that bridges over ditches and irrigation canals should be standardized with construction of other county bridges.

Congress drafting bill which would federalize National Guards to serve as a reserve defense force.

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

- 1. Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts is about the same age as General Eisenhower when nominated for President in 1952, or some years older, or some years younger?
2. The U.S. airmail rate to Argentina is higher or lower than to Italy, or the same?
3. The Administration soil bank plan for farmers is estimated to cost this year much more or less than \$1 billion, or about \$1 billion?
4. The Spirit of St. Louis, which Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic, is now in Paris, Washington, D. C., on his estate, or in St. Louis?
5. Canada has or hasn't given diplomatic recognition to the Communist government of China?
6. More motor vehicles were made in the U.S. in each of the last five years than generally estimated at the beginning of the year: right or wrong?
7. Who is the former top federal official wearing a black patch over one eye?
The answers: 1.—About same age as Ike in '52. 2.—Lower. 3.—About \$1 billion. 4.—Washington (Smithsonian Institute). 5.—Hasn't. 6.—Right. 7.—Budget Director Rowland R. Hughes (whose retirement was recently announced).

Is Truman a "Liar"?

Those who think questioning the veracity of a President—or a former President—of the United States is something new and shocking, were not around during the administration of President Roosevelt.—T.R., not F.D.R.

"Teddy" in his heyday was often called a liar but more often he called his accusers liars until toward the end of his administration he had formed what was then called the "Ananias club," with quite a large and distinguished membership.

In later years TR never withdrew his charges of mendacity against certain politicians but he did explain that a President could not—chiefly for state and security reasons.—ALWAYS tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. In fact he often took newspaper reporters into his confidence and said things "off the record" which he frankly admitted he would deny having said, if the trust he had placed in them were broken.

ATRUMAN "Ananias club" is now being formed only with reverse English. That is, Mr. Truman is not calling his enemies "liars" but his enemies headed by the histrionic and photogenic General Douglas MacArthur are calling him one. There promises to be quite a sizeable membership before the Truman Memoirs are completed!

A great many of the charges against our former President refer to factual matters such as the exact day a certain interview was held and where resignation demanded, just what was said at a certain time and wasn't—the President saying one thing, his accusers another.

Well the accusers to date, we must admit, have made a pretty strong case and leave little doubt that Mr. Truman has been negligent regarding the accuracy of his research department. Being by nature a quick tempered and impulsive Missourian, he at times, no doubt, allowed his prejudices to sway his conclusions, regardless of the exact facts.

BUT being honestly mistaken about facts, such as exact dates, technical terms such as insubordination, or the exact sequence of events of some years ago is one thing, deliberately and maliciously misrepresenting the facts and distorting the official record is quite another. There is no evidence as yet of the latter.

So before we second the motion to name former President Truman a member of General MacArthur's Ananias club, we shall wait: first for Mr. Truman's answer to the charges, second and even more important before a final verdict wait to hear, not from his enemies but from some of his friends, particularly Generals Bradley and George Marshall.

We are glad to learn General Marshall's private records and papers, thanks to a \$150,000 gift from John D. Rockefeller, will be handed over to the Marshall Foundation and work on them will be started immediately.

They should throw a revealing light upon the controversies between Mr. Truman and his critics, in particular the important periods when General Marshall was Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State under President Truman.—R.W.R.

Hard To Understand

They don't think much of Abraham Lincoln in Moscow. For Lincoln believed one couldn't fool ALL the people ALL the time. He also didn't believe in human slavery.

The Kremlin masters take no stock in either proposal—they believe they can fool all the people all the time and should. The basis of their political philosophy is to hide their real intentions, never reveal them. They also think the proper way to treat dissenters is not to try to convince them, but put them in slave labor camps, and get some good out of them via the chain-gang.

IT HAS often been said that any nation based upon any such principles—or lack of them—is doomed to failure. We agree.

But now and then we get a trifle weary of waiting for some signs of weakness the other side of the iron curtain.

Instead of growing weaker and losing friends, Soviet Russia to a man-up-a-tree, appears to be growing stronger and gaining them.

IT IS hard to understand. We can't believe there is any nation east or west that wishes to be ruled from Moscow, or that would refuse to resist Russian imperialism, while it would not refuse to fight to the death against English, French or Dutch imperialism.

Yet the available evidence as matters now stand point the other way. Communists hold the balance of power in France, they are gaining in the Near East, and now according to latest report, they are on the march in Japan.

HOW come? Is this merely the final fling of the tide in human affairs that was started in Russia over 30 years ago? Or have the Russian Communists something on the ball—something desirable—that is not discernible on this side of the Atlantic?

We will put our money on the former. Also we shall continue to hold to the faith that Lincoln was right, that you can fool some of the people all the time, and all the people some of the time, but you CAN'T fool all the people, be they white, black, or red, ALL the time.

Editorial Comment

PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWALS

The Ore-Bin, publication of the Oregon department of geology and mineral industries, takes note of the withdrawal of public lands along river. Some 23,000 acres along the banks of the river from above Galice to Agnes have been or are about to be withdrawn from mineral exploitation and other forms of entry except the lease and sale provision of the Recreation act of 1926. Formerly they were withheld from mineral entry because they were reserved for power sites, but that was ended with a 1955 law. Now the bureau of land management has moved to bottle them up against mining claims. The Ore-Bin, naturally concerned for Oregon's mineral development, is apprehensive over this action and comments thus:

"The necessity for continued mineral development on the public lands to maintain the long-range economy of a region and to insure national security is apparently being overlooked by those federal bureaus and organizations who feel that the 'wilds' should not be disturbed except on week ends and holidays."

Here to be sure we have a conflict of interest. Perhaps the long resistance of mining interests to amendment of the mining act of 1872 has cost them seriously in public regard: witness the furor over the Al Serena mining claims. The people should not, however, in their spite against mine people take out their resentment on mining. In this age we are dependent more than ever on the mineral wealth of the earth. As far as the Rogue river is concerned we want to preserve its scenic grandeur, but that need not foreclose all mineral development. Prospectors, though, have first to locate a good prospect along its banks.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Matter of Fact

By Joe and Stewart Alsop

TOPIC A Washington — There is, of course, only one topic of conversation in Washington these days: the great personal-political drama of the President's decision.

The following quotations from many persons with access to the President, or access to the facts on which he will base his decision, are as nearly accurate as memory will permit. They may serve to convey something of the flavor of the drama, and something as well of the background of the President's decision.

"Talk about it? Of course he talks about it. He talks about it all the time, just like anybody in his situation would. He's very frank about his health for instance, just the way he is at the press conferences, but he goes a little further maybe. He's been having a little bursitis in the elbow again, and of course he worries, just like any coronary would, whether it has anything to do with his heart. If he wakes up in the morning feeling a little lousy, he worries too. Don't get me wrong—Ike's not worrying about himself, but about the effects on the country. But if the doctor's don't say no, I think he'll run."

"Ike was really burned up about Truman's speech calling him a part-time President — all we need is one more speech like that, and Ike is sure to run."

"THREE to two? Why I'll give you five to one he'll run—but maybe that's not fair, because I know something I can't tell you."

"Well, he talks in private very much the way he does in public, except for one thing. He puts a lot of emphasis on what he calls the negative factors, just the way he does at the press conferences. But Ike's a modest man, and he could never bring himself to say that the Eisenhower program will probably go down the drain if he steps out, or that his prestige and world position are important to peace. But he can indicate these positive factors much more when he's talking to friends than in public press conferences."

"Yes, he's going to run—definitely. I got it from a friend of mine who knows a general who sat next to Mamie's sister or mother or something at a party."

"Ike said he was going to consult his friends and advisers, and that's just what he's doing. Now you name me one who will advise him not to run — Adams? Shanley? Persons? Gruenther? Clay? Robinson? Hall? Allen? Go ahead, name just one."

Cambodian Prince's Indication Of Neutralism Is Blow to West

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia has made up his mind to join the "Neutralist" bloc of nations in Southeast Asia. Norodom left his capital of Phnom Penh yesterday for Peiping to be the guest of Chinese Communist leaders Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai.

Before he left, he wrote a speech for delivery on his arrival in Canton, in southern China, saying: "We are neutral... we belong neither to one bloc nor the other."

Norodom is both premier and dictator of Cambodia, southernmost of the three states of Indochina. His people will follow him in whatever he wants to do. Formerly Pro-West

Until recently Norodom was firmly on the side of the Western Allies, and was firmly anti-Communist. But in recent months he has been inclining toward the "Neutralist" policy. This neutralism carries with it cordiality toward Red China and coldness toward the West.

Plump, friendly, highly-intelligent Norodom is quite a man. He is 33 years old.

He was elected King in 1941 by the Cambodian Crown Council in preference to his father, Norodom Suramarit.

One year ago, Norodom quit the throne, and turned it over to his father. He abdicated in protest against opposition by some Cambodian political groups to his pro-Western policy. He said then he would retire completely from public life.

Back in Control But after some reflection, Norodom decided to enter poli-

tics. He arranged for an election. His hastily-formed "Socialist People's Community" party won 89 of the 91 seats in Parliament.

On leaving for Peiping yesterday Norodom recalled that he met Red Chinese Premier Chou at the big Asia-Africa conference in Indonesia last April.

"Since then, I consider Chou a friend," he said. "I have the highest opinion of him as a statesman, who is able, intelligent and sincere."

Cambodian officials insist that Norodom's visit does not mean that he will give full recognition to the Communists. At present, he recognizes neither the Communist nor the Chinese Nationalist regime.

But Allied sources believe that at least he is sure to establish "Neutralist" cooperation with the Peiping government. They believe he may agree to permit Red Chinese political agents to go to Cambodia and establish contact with the country's 300,000 Chinese residents.

Certainly, his visit will not help the Allied position in Southeast Asia.

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 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.

Questions on Fluoride

To the Editor: I have had the experience of my hot water tank springing a leak. Medford water is almost free of metal corroding substances. If this happens with our present water, how much more frequently would it occur with fluoridated water? Fluorine is the substance used to etch glass.

I have a kitchen garden that gives me an abundance of delicious vegetables nine months of the year. What will be the effect on plant growth of an ever increasing deposit of fluorine in the soil?

Fluorine is a waste product of the aluminum and chemical industries. The fumes from these industries kill all vegetation in a wide circle around such plants. Will fluorine in the soil be less harsh to plants? Also it is claimed that our soil is deficient in calcium, so much needed both by plants and humans. Fluorine combines readily with calcium. Would not this new calcium-fluorine compound reduce the calcium available to plants?

I have listened vainly for statements of concern for the dental health of children living beyond the boundaries of the Medford water district. Is not their dental health important? Are there not other ways of administering fluorine to humans? Do we not have sufficient intelligence and ingenuity to devise to protect the dental health of all the children in the county?

Since the source of fluorine to be used is what it is, the question will intrude itself, did the scheme originate in the offices of the hard-headed managers of the aluminum and chemical industries? To them this waste material was a real headache. There was no way to dispose of it without injury to something. But with wholesale fluoridation, that headache is rapidly and profitably disappearing. But if other methods of introducing fluorine into children's diets are adopted, much less of the waste product would be needed.

A further advantage to the residents of the county would be the elimination of the necessity of expending huge sums for equipment and its upkeep. Also such a method would eliminate all chance of mass poisoning of the people of Medford through: (1) Sudden breakdown of the equipment; (2) sudden mental or physical failure of an employee (e.g. the recent Santa Fe wreck); (3) the deliberate act of an enemy in time of war. In the final analysis, is self-interest or altruism the motivating principle in this campaign?

Anna M. Streed, 36 North Peach St. Medford, Ore.

Minority Group?

To the Editor: Mr. Verne Shangle's letter in Monday's paper about fluoridation was a complete and fair coverage of the subject.

As only a certain age group of children need such a remedy and can be given the chemical in tablet form for a much smaller outlay of money, if the wonderful Medford water is doctored, the rest of the citizens become victims of a minority group.

I hope the community decides to leave the water alone.

Mrs. Paul Janney, 192 Janney Lane, Medford, Ore.

Still, It's Faith

To the Editor: Like my training as a machinist, that gave many a painful lesson to not take measurements for granted but to rely on the scale, rule, caliper and mike for accuracy, so have the ever-hurrying years taught me the folly of jumping at conclusions that all too often lead into the maze of reality-destroying delusions. Sadly to say they still sometimes trap me.

Like the friendly and well-intentioned comment of William Krauss re my recent "Stand up to Ivan" letter in the M-T, which takes me to task for giving German accent to Russian speech. Now the old-timer who was always "scheming mit der brains" was no other than Anton Kowalsky, who in an unguarded moment spoke to me of his Russian parentage, for he was ever secretive of things concerning himself. He was so much the Russian type in ways and thinking I felt quite sure he was of Russian stock, though my old Danish immigrant tillicum, U. E. Fries, in his so interestingly written book, "From Copenhagen to Okanagan," speaks of him as German-Polander, which explains his Germanic accent. And Russian like, when Anton became involved in a pioneer trespass lawsuit, he appealed to my Danish tillicum to defend him. Though just as new to America as Anton, the young Danish immigrant did defend him successfully. For, never too intimate with the young Dane or anyone else, Anton had faith in him, believed in his known honesty and fair dealing.

So it was with Napoleon and the death in the snow and cold retreat from destroyed Moscow. His men and people surely knew the attack was unfair and uncalled for. To my way of thinking, it was lack of faith that defeated the self-worshipping Napoleon at Waterloo. Without faith, defeat was certain.

Though our forbears left bloody footprints, yes and frozen bodies too, in the snows of Valley Forge, survivors pressed on to victory because of faith in the honesty and high purpose of their leader, General Washington. With faith in our leaders and ourselves, our free way of life (freedom in our inherent right to work) will exist long after that founded on suspicion and liquidation of opposing thinking has gone down the drain of history.

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U.S. Germany Sign Atoms-for-Peace Pact

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States and West Germany have signed an atoms-for-peace agreement opening the way for the Bonn government's participation in the proposed European atomic pool.

The agreement is similar to about 30 others the United States has negotiated under the atoms-for-peace program.

The agreement calls for the United States to help West Germany build a research reactor, provide some fissionable material to run it and train nuclear scientists.

Consul

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Balloon Gels Away; Soars Over Siberia

Oppama, Japan — (U.P.) — The U. S. Navy announced today that one of its weather balloons has been blown off course and is now floating over Siberia.

The Soviet Union, Communist China and the eastern Communist bloc have protested to the United States against "violations" of their territories by American balloons.

"Wild and unpredictable Aleutian winds Monday night turned a Navy weather balloon 180 degrees off course—with the result that this afternoon Navy meteorological experts were receiving weather data from 30,000 feet over Siberia."

the U. S. Navy announced. Lt. Cmdr. M. Lee Lewis, in charge of the Navy's weather balloon project here, said the information being received from the balloon's radio transmitter was "valuable" but "not what we wanted."

The United States last week told Moscow it would try to keep weather balloons from floating over Soviet territory.

SLOAN'S WIFE DIES Palm Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Alfred P. Sloan, wife of the chairman of the board of General Motors Corp., died at her winter home here Monday night.