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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: March 26, 1946. Junior High school students picket Holly theater, demonstrating against admission price.

20 YEARS AGO: March 26, 1936. Continued smudging seen for Rogue valley with forecast of unsettled weather.

30 YEARS AGO: March 26, 1926. Seventh Day Adventists open five-day convention in Medford.

40 YEARS AGO: March 26, 1916. Suite of rooms in Sparta building remodeled by George Andrews and Mrs. E. E. Gore for a music studio.

From Local and Personal column: Fifteen carloads of soldiers from the Vancouver, Wash., barracks, passed through Medford today en route to the Mexican border.

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

1. President Eisenhower meets in the last week of March the head of the British, French, Indian, Mexican or Canadian governments?

2. Estes Kefauver did or didn't sign the manifesto recently put out by Southern members of Congress against the Supreme Court's anti-segregation ruling?

3. Average total net income per farm is highest in California, Illinois, Iowa, New York or Texas?

4. The 1956 Democratic national convention meets in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Dallas or St. Louis?

5. Unemployment compensation terminates for about half, more than half, or less than half of workers out of jobs before they get one again?

6. Jewish festival at this time of year is Purim, Rosh Hashanah, Pesach, Chanukah or Shevuot?

7. Which member of the Eisenhower cabinet is about to resign to run for the Senate?

1. Mexican and Canadian; 2. Didn't; 3. California (1954 figures); 4. Chicago; 5. For about half; 6. Pesach (Passover); 7. Interior Secretary McKay.

UNMARRIED MOTHERS: London — (U.P.) — The Women and Girls Help society today reported 62 new cases of unmarried mothers who became involved with Americans, Canadians, Poles and Latvians.

Krupp Works To Build Huge Plant in Brazil: Rio de Janeiro — (U.P.) — The Brazilian government and the Krupp works of Essen, Germany, have concluded plans for Krupp to build a huge plant at Campo Limpo, Brazil, for construction of locomotives, road machines, tractors and turbines, it was reported today.

Police Fail To Thwart Jobless Man's Death Leap: Wichita, Kan. — (U.P.) — Donald E. Ferguson, 28, who recently came to Wichita from Lincoln, Neb., to seek work, jumped to his death from the 16th floor of a downtown hotel yesterday.

Police, tipped of the jump shortly before it happened, arrived too late. One officer, Dale Orth, 27, suffered severe bruises to one hand when he tried to catch the falling man.

Bus Service

Bus service has developed into a major local issue in Oregon's capital of Salem. The city council is in the midst of a dispute over what to do about maintaining adequate mass transportation there.

In view of the recent difficulties of the Evergreen bus lines, we found the discussion in the northern city interesting. It arose over a proposal to abandon night-time service — something which has long since vanished in Medford.

A SPECIAL committee of the Salem Chamber of Commerce made a study of the problem, and found that "some form of subsidy evidently will be necessary to maintain satisfactory mass transportation," according to an account of its report.

As to night bus service, the committee said: The committee believes that night bus service is necessary to the health, safety and general welfare of the people of this community. We therefore recommend that the city council view mass transportation in the same light as they do police and fire protection and other essential services, and study ways and means of maintaining night bus service.

THE upshot of these and other recommendations coming before the council was a proposal that the Salem City Transit Lines be replaced by a city facility financed by a contribution from each householder in the city, paid with the monthly water bill.

The councilman who made the proposal was a bit dubious that the bus company was in as bad financial shape as it said it was. But he added that if the line really was going bankrupt, then the other plan ought to go into effect.

He said: By this method there would be established a public transportation system comparable to that which Salem used to enjoy when the old street cars were operating. Buses could furnish every part of the city on 15 to 20 minute schedules all day long and during the evenings, fares could be reduced to 10 cents, new equipment could be purchased, and there would be an incentive for people to ride.

What if a few buses might be running light at times? In unproductiveness that would be insignificant when compared to our half-million-dollar per year fire department whose 80 to 90 members rarely do a day's work in a month's time.

MEDFORD'S bus transportation is not yet on its last legs. But it isn't far from them—in common with bus systems throughout the nation, the result of changes in living habits of a majority of the people.

We understand unofficially there is some talk of forming a group to acquire the line from its present ownership, and to operate it on a non-profit basis, possibly through the cooperation of downtown merchants and professional people who would stand to benefit most from continued bus service.

It would not be an easy task, but it might be productive in the long run if the many problems could be worked out to everyone's satisfaction.

Meanwhile, we can reflect on the fact that while Medford's bus situation, while probably as acute as most, is far from unique.—E.A.

Roxy Ann

We wish good luck to Mrs. Bert Pree, who, in a letter to this page last Friday, mourned the fact that Prescott Park on Roxy Ann butte is one of our finest, and most neglected, scenic assets.

We wish her more luck than we had a year or two ago when, in similar vein, we complained of the fact that the magnificent vistas which open up to the viewer from the park are too inaccessible and too infested with poison oak.

IT IS A CITY park, owned and operated by Medford. But the city's budget cannot, apparently, be stretched to do much more for our parks than maintain the ones established and heavily patronized in the city limits proper.

Various clubs, from time to time, have taken on Prescott Park as a project, and much of what little development there is atop the butte is due to their good work. But the road is still bad, and the picnic facilities are gradually falling to pieces.

PERHAPS the sad fact is that there is too little use of the park to justify the expenditure of tax dollars to make it into the asset which it could well be.

Or perhaps we are too pessimistic. Perhaps there is someone with an idea as to how the job can be done, and the time and energy to do it.

Whichever is true, we strongly recommend that, one of these spring days, preferably after the pear blossoms come out, residents take a few minutes to drive up and around Roxy Ann. It's too easy to forget what a spectacularly beautiful valley we live in.—E.A.

Registration

There are only 20 working days left before April 17, the last day on which one can register to be a voter in the May 18 primary election. If you want to vote, you have to be registered. You can register at the elections division of the county clerk's office in the courthouse.

And if you don't vote in the election, you have no right to gripe about the outcome.—E.A.

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Historic Colonial Reforms in French Empire Getting Start

By CHARLES M. MCCANN, United Press Correspondent. France has embarked on a historic campaign of colonial reforms in an attempt to save its still-vast overseas possessions.



Morocco and Tunisia have been given independent status within the French Union, as the French Empire is now called. A far-reaching plan to give independent status to Algeria, which politically is a part of France itself, also has been approved.

Now the French National Assembly, the dominant house of

Parliament, has approved a reform program embracing the remainder of French Africa and the island of Madagascar, of the east coast.

It is expected that this program will be extended to French possessions all over the world in the months to come. Nationalist Smolderings

The campaign is one of enormous scope. It includes not only those territories in North Africa where nationalistic feeling has burst into revolt. It includes territories where nationalistic feeling is smoldering and others which the desire for freedom has not reached.

It is sometimes forgotten that France, with all its troubles, is still a great world power. Its possessions include islands of the Canadian coast, islands

in the West Indies, French Guiana in South America, islands in the Indian Ocean and the South Seas.

In Africa, outside of Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria, France's possessions include French West Africa, French Equatorial Africa and Somaliland. Large Territories

French West Africa has an area of 1,815,768 square miles and an population of 17,361,800. Equatorial Africa covers 968,000 square miles in area and has a population of 62,000.

Madagascar, which lies 240 miles of the southeast African coast, has an area of 227,000 square miles and a population of 4,369,500.

The program which the coalition government of Socialist Premier Guy Mollet is sponsoring emphasizes economic reform as much as political reform.

It is increasingly apparent that economic aid, and economic cooperation, are going to play a big if not dominant part in the field of foreign politics. Economic Aid

This is true not only of the so-called colonial territories but of big countries. When Italian President Giovanni Gronchi visited the United States recently, he emphasized the importance of the economic aid factor in holding together the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

One big question is whether, in North Africa especially, the reform program will work. In Algeria, for instance, the question may arise whether France can find anybody who has the authority to negotiate a firm independence agreement.

Free countries will watch the French program with interest and sympathy. The shocking loss of Indochina awoke France to the danger it faced in North

Yellowstone National Park was discovered by John Colter, a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition. It was known by early-day Wyoming settlers as Colter's Hell.

Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

THE KREMLIN LETTER. Washington — For the past week or so, every Western intelligence specialist has been working overtime analyzing the meaning of the Kremlin's denunciation of Joseph Stalin.



By now, they have had time to digest the facts, and to reach conclusions. Particular attention has been paid to the contents of the official letter on Stalin, even now being read to hushed gatherings of Communist Party members all over the Soviet Union.

In some ways, the letter is more important than party boss Nikita Khrushchev's previous attack on Stalin. It represents the basic indictment of Stalin which the Kremlin is presenting to the Communist elite, and will no doubt soon present to the Soviet people and the world.

As far as is known, the complete text of this historic document is not yet available in the West. But its four basic points have been cabled to Washington and London. They are as follows:

FIRST, Stalin's forced collectivization policy unnecessarily alienated the peasantry. Second, the "doctor's plot" was fabricated by Stalin as the prelude to another general blood purge of Soviet officials.

Third, Stalin undermined Soviet military strength before the war, when he caused 5000 Soviet officers to be executed. Fourth, Stalin bungled the conduct of the war. Specifically, when he failed to heed the advice of his General Staff at the time of the battle of the Kharkov Bulge, he was personally responsible for the destruction of 400,000 Soviet troops.

THE letter is obviously more significant for what it omits than for what it includes. Stalin is attacked for the way he forced collectivization, not collectivization itself. He is not criticized for instituting the system of forced labor, for brutally depressing the standard of living, or for establishing the secret police. Nor is he attacked for such acts of foreign policy as the seizure of the Baltic states, the forced communization of the satellites, or the Korean War.

The attack on Stalin represents, in short, no real shift from Stalinist doctrine and objectives. It implies only a change in methods. It also constitutes a sort of public promise to the bureaucracy, the Army elite, and the peasant, that they will not again be blindly purged, hounded to death, or starved. It certainly does not constitute a promise of the right to dissent, a fact undermined by the efficient repression of the riots in the Georgia Republic.

On this interpretation the best judges in Washington, London, and Moscow, are agreed. But this does not answer the question: Why was Stalin attacked frontally, and at this particular time?

THE SIMPLEST answer is that the Soviet rulers have behaved like the children of a tyrannical and brutish parent, afraid for a long time to acknowledge, after the terrible old man was dead, how they had hated and feared him. When the acknowledgement of hatred came, it had to be public and frontal, as a common protection against the charges of deviationism.

If this theory is correct, the attack on Stalin is evidence of the confidence and cohesion of the ruling group. But there is also a minority theory that the denunciation of Stalin may be an outward expression of an inner convulsion in the ruling clique. This view derives largely from careful analysis of the speeches of Khrushchev and trade boss Anastas Mikoyan.

Khrushchev called flatly for a united front policy abroad, and for working for power through legal means. Mikoyan denounced precisely this policy

as "reformism and revisionism"—two of the harshest and most dangerous words in the Soviet vocabulary. And Mikoyan went on to lay heavy emphasis on the injustice of the Stalinist purges in the Ukraine in the thirties—when Khrushchev was Stalin's principle Ukrainian hatchet man.

TO SOME of the experts, at least, Mikoyan's speech reads surprisingly like the kind of oblique knife-sticking which in the past has heralded the downfall of one or another of the Soviet oligarchs. But most of the specialists believe that Khrushchev is securely established as number one man.

In fact, the personal fate of such men as Khrushchev and Mikoyan does not greatly matter. What does matter is that the basic doctrines and objectives of the Kremlin remain, and will remain, the same until, to use Khrushchev's famous phrase, shrimps learn to whistle. The Kremlin's official letter of denunciation is, paradoxically, merely further evidence that this is so.

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Headlines of Future Forecast by U.P. Men

United Press correspondents around the world take a look ahead at the news that will make the headlines.

Case of the Awkward Corps: Allied diplomats are keeping a check on the Kremlin mausoleum in Moscow's Red square, these days. They expect that some dark night the gray-mustached body of Josef Stalin, which lies exposed to the public gaze beside that of Lenin, will be spirited away. The betting is that Bulgannin, Khrushchev and company, will wait a little while at least. The demolition of the late dictator to an ordinary tomb would be quite a shock to the Russian people at the moment. But reminders of the late St. Stalin (Communist style) are disappearing fast. The diplomats don't want to be caught napping. Quiet Operator

There's considerable hope around United Nations headquarters in New York that Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold may be the man who can head off war between the Arab nations and Israel over Palestine. He is a quiet operator, modest and publicity-shy. But he is smart. His mission to Red China in the New Year season of 1955 led to the release of 11 imprisoned American fliers. It is expected that Hammarskjold will leave for the Middle East next week, with a U.N. mandate to negotiate.

Satellite Strife: Civilian scientists and the Navy can't seem to get together on the program for the earth satellite which the United States is to launch. It's the Navy's job to get the artificial moon produced and launched. The civilians announced recently that the size of the satellite would be expanded from 20 to 30 inches in diameter. That would call for radical alteration of the three-stage rocket assembly that is to send the man-made moon into its orbit round the earth. The Navy says the civilians were wrong—the diameter is still 20 inches.

Red Atom: Incidentally, Soviet Russia and Communist China are quietly forming a nuclear research program similar to the "Euratom" atomic pool in Western Europe. A meeting was held recently in Bucharest, Romania, to discuss the formation of an "eastern nuclear research institute." It's expected that Russia, Red China, Outer Mongolia and Russia's European satellites will be members.

Headache For Togg: It's just possible that the debunking of Stalin will cost Communist chieftain Palmiro Togliatti his job as leader of the Italian Communist left wing Socialist coalition in Parliament. Togliatti isn't doing so well in his attempt to sell the Kremlin's new line. Rome says there's a

chance that left-wing Socialist leader Pietro Nenni may supplant Togliatti as coalition spokesman.

Japanese-Russian peace treaty negotiations have bogged down seriously. They started in London last June 1. Now they have been suspended indefinitely after months of dispute, due to Russia's tough demands. The Japanese government and people are angry. Agreement seems farther away than ever.

Kefauver Manager Charges Favoritism

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Estes Kefauver's campaign manager has accused Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler of showing favoritism to Adlai E. Stevenson in the fight for the Democratic presidential nomination.

E. Joseph Donohue, head of the Tennessee's campaign organization, said that although Butler had promised to remain neutral, "I'm afraid he's leaning over backwards for Governor Stevenson."

Donohue said he was convinced when Butler was selected as national chairman that he was the "personal selection" of Stevenson.

Donohue criticized Butler's Saturday speech at French Lick, Ind. He noted that Butler said Kefauver's victory in the Minnesota primary may in the end help Stevenson by making Stevenson's backers work harder.

Donohue said he did not believe Stevenson's chances for the nomination were killed in Minnesota but "they were crippled very seriously."

Donohue said Kefauver's Minnesota victory could be attributed to the fact that Kefauver "has set the Republican farm belt on fire." He said it should have convinced party leaders that Kefauver is the candidate who can win in 1956.

Match To Burn in Wind Said Made in Shanghai

Tokyo — (U.P.) — A Shanghai factory has produced a match that will continue burning for 10 seconds in a stiff breeze from an electric fan, Peiping Radio reported Sunday.

The Communist broadcast said the match is suitable "for people working in the fields and on the high seas."

Chicago — (U.P.) — The Yellow Cab Co. appealed to one of its riders today to claim a coffee can left in a taxi. The can is filled with dark brown wriggly things. The could be either worms or snakes, officials said, but no one wants to find out.

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.

Problems at Talent

To the Editor: We people of Talent feel we are being let down by our Mayor and Council in the discharging of John Baldwin, Talent's city marshal.

We feel that our Mayor has established social standards of his own, wanting satisfaction of his own desires and to devil with the families of Talent!

The increasing crime rate and the disregard of the rights of others in our town of Talent has been slowed down to nothing. Officer John Baldwin has done a good job.

In a growing town such as ours this necessitates the further inquiry into the theory of morality. This moral decline and deterioration of ethical relations is not just manifest in the major crimes of today, it often strikes close to home! It is also alarmingly apparent in the increasing disregard by the individual of the effects of his conduct upon others!

The average automobile driver, for example, sometimes exhibits this attitude on public highways and streets. He bears down upon pedestrians at great speed, even when they are within a properly designated crosswalk. He disregards the implied right of the pedestrian, compelling him to run and jump or else risk losing his life. Such drivers cut in and out of traffic to gain a second or two in time and jeopardize the lives of many others with a total disregard of the consequences.

It seems that our mayor has overlooked all of this and other displayed activities. He wants a man who will work on the streets, repairing them 75 per cent of the time, eat his dinner at night, ring the curfew at nine o'clock and then go to bed, kind of a see-no-evil, hear-no-evil, Talents has a full time employee for the purpose of doing maintenance and labor, why should our police officer be forced to assume the responsibility?

I'm sure that the people of Talent do not care to go back to jumping across streets! We had this condition in our city once and we don't care to go back to it! As civic-minded citizens, we feel that we want to better our environment instead of destroying what has been built up.

If man had not been able to rise above his environment or been able to overcome his limitations or free himself from the influences of his environment, we would all undoubtedly be living in the most primitive way, probably in grass huts or mud hovel along the banks of Bear Creek!

We feel that a new mayor would be a better solution to our problems! F. C. Learning, Former City Councilman, 208 Highway North, Talent, Oregon.

No Training Needed

To the Editor: Has it ever occurred to you that in our social system the politician is enabled to reach a position of responsibility without having any training?

He serves no apprenticeship. He masters no course of study. He need pass no examination as to his ability. He receives neither a diploma nor a license to practice.

The veterinary who doctors our dogs and cats is required to show more careful preparation for his calling than is the politician who seeks to assume the right to direct not only our industrial but much of our personal life.

This applies to a much greater percentage of Republicans than Democrats. F. E. Fellmeth, 1390 Beekman Extension, Medford, Ore.

Let's Do It

To the Editor: As the mother of young children, I am very much in favor of Medford's adopting a fluoridation system.

We all realize how important diet and proper care are to good dental health, but when we also can cite examples such as Astoria's 42 per cent decrease in tooth missing, decayed or filled in a three-year period after their water was fluoridated, with no general change in diet, it seems too bad to deprive our children of this advantage.

According to statistics, the average dental bill of persons drinking non-fluoridated water is more than five times the average dental bill of those drinking fluoridated water for the proper period. The cost of one filling would pay for the cost of fluoridation for one person for many years.

Aside from the cost, sparing a child the pain of bad teeth is important to me, as I am sure it is to other parents.

Since we in Medford know that the lack of fluoride in our water contributes to our high rate of dental decay, let's take the necessary steps to give our children this added protection.

Jo Hudson (Mrs. Gordon), 227 Erie St., Medford, Ore.

Doug's Philosophy

To the Editor: On Dec. 30, 1954, in the Oregon Statesman appeared an interview with Douglas McKay.

"McKay, back in his home state for the holidays, said that after nearly two years in office he generally can ignore political criticism, but that the still was trying to get his wife to adopt his philosophy: 'I tell her that when she goes to bed she should say her prayers, tell everybody to go to hell, and then go to sleep, as I do.'"

Does McKay expect us good people of Oregon, whom he wishes in hell, to vote for him come next election? Erminia Hall, 3616 SE Seventh Ave., Portland 2, Ore.

Oregon DAR Society Selects New Regent

Albany — (U.P.) — Mrs. Boyd Armstrong of Portland was named as new regent at the 42nd annual state conference of the Oregon State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution as the group wound up its three-day meeting here Saturday.

Mrs. Claud Stott, Coos Bay, was named as new vice regent and Mrs. Joseph Smullen, Hood River, as new second vice regent.

Main Street Busy

GEORGE N. TAYLOR

Folks now have better clothes, better homes, better roads and better cars than of old. But God's terms of eternal life never change. Face about; receive Christ into your heart. Make Christ your Lord and Saviour and God gives you eternal life.

On Resurrection Day Christ is to descend from heaven and as saved, is to raise you up and also His then living on the earth. On up to glory. He takes us and so shall we ever be with the Lord; clothed in eternal glory. Whosoever's name was not written in God's Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire.—Bible.

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