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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: April 2, 1946. (It was Tuesday) William C. Ryan, Medford, appointed supervisor of state institutions, Gov. Earl Snell announces.

20 YEARS AGO: April 2, 1936. (It was Thursday) Major gasoline companies in Medford raise price of gas 2 1/2 cents; premium now costs 23 1/2 cents per gallon.

30 YEARS AGO: April 2, 1926. (It was Friday) Pavilion at Jackson county fairgrounds opens 1926 season with famous "Nite Hawk" orchestra.

40 YEARS AGO: April 2, 1916. (It was Sunday) The May company plans annual spring opening; orchestra, other events scheduled.

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

1. The State Department does or doesn't want the UN to intervene in the Israel-Arab dispute that may lead to war?

2. The N.Y. Stock Exchange accounts for about 40, 55, 70, or 85 per cent of the value of all securities traded on all U. S. security exchanges?

3. Sen. Stuart Symington, (D-Mo.), was once Secretary of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, Foreign Air Administrator, or Ambassador to Russia?

4. Are there any Negro newspapers published in the U. S. that are dailies?

5. Bingo is officially legalized in other states than Nevada; right or wrong?

6. The President during the U. S. war against Spain was Polk, Grant, Cleveland, McKinley, T. Roosevelt or Taft?

7. Margaret Truman is or isn't a college graduate?

Answers: 1. Does. 2. About 85 per cent. 3. Secretary of Air Force. 4. Yes (two). 5. Right. 6. McKinley. 7. Is (George Washington University in Washington, D. C.)

SODA DRINK FATAL: Newcastle-On-Tyne, England (U.P.)—William Fowler, 44, died Sunday night after drinking a bottle of soda pop in one gulp. Doctors said he choked on the beverage which was for his silver wedding anniversary party.

Campaign for Sales Tax

Have you filled out your Oregon state income tax return yet? Those who have find themselves shocked at what 45 per cent surtax, passed by the 1955 legislature, means in terms of dollars and cents to the average taxpayer.

It was aggravated by the fact that, while the legislature did step up the withholding bite on pay checks, this did not become effective until January 1 of this year. So the tax return, which is due on or before April 16, will require a considerably bigger cash outlay than in past years.

PEOPLE generally are more than usually tax-conscious these days—what with the fairly general (and occasionally drastic) increase in property taxes last fall, and the jolting rate of the income tax.

It is therefore no surprise that agitation for a sales tax—heretofore turned down on several occasions by the voters of the state—is revived. A lot was heard about it during the legislative session last year, but the session ended without any real solution reached as to the problems of tax inequities. What the legislature did was to postpone its big problem for another two years.

They'll undoubtedly have to face up to it during the 1957 session.

IN THIS connection it is interesting to note that one aspiring legislator, Sidney Bazett of Grants Pass, former president of the Josephine County Chamber of Commerce, is basing his campaign on his support for a sales tax.

True, he has no opposition in the primary election. But the fact that he is flat-footedly for a tax which has been turned down repeatedly shows that he either thinks things have changed, or is sufficiently convinced that a sales tax is urgently necessary—or both.

TWO large groups traditionally have been against a sales tax in Oregon. These are farmers, and particularly the Grange, and organized labor.

In quarter-page ads in the Grants Pass papers, Bazett sets out to show the working man why the sales tax would be better for him than the present income tax.

He figures out the various tax rates for 11 different hypothetical individuals, ranging from a \$2,400-per-year millworker to an \$8,500-per-year logger. The millworker now pays an income tax of \$21.06. If the sales tax plan (which eliminates income taxes on incomes of couples earning less than \$5,000) had been in effect, he would have paid no income tax, and his total payments of sales tax for the year would have totaled an estimated \$15—or a saving of \$6.06. Under the same plan, Bazett figures, the logger's present income tax of \$185.22 would be reduced to \$13.74 and his sales tax payments would total \$60.90—a saving of \$110.58.

THE sales tax, Bazett points out, would not apply to food or medicine, nor would taxes be paid on rent, mortgage payments, savings or non-retail expenditures. Payroll withholding items are not subject to tax, of course, so he suggests that those wishing to figure out what they would pay in a sales tax should add all these items together, subtract that from their total income, and figure about 3 per cent on what is left over.

That, he says, would approximate the sales tax one would pay.

In answer to the question, "why will my taxes be lower?" Bazett answers:

Because every one will actually pay some sales tax; the tourist who spends millions in Oregon; the large number of residents (estimated as high as one-third of our people) who don't pay any income tax now, but who would start paying something, and of course the thousands of business firms who will pay sales tax on their retail purchase of supplies, etc. It would raise \$90 million.

Those are Bazett's estimates, anyway, and they are corroborated by other men who have made a study of the problem—although some think that \$90,000,000 is a bit high.

THE sales tax money would go into the state general fund, along with income tax revenues. It would thus be available for basic school support money, and eventually would result in lower local property taxes and the permanent abolition of state property taxes and the withholding tax.

As there will be much discussion of this proposal, as well as alternates, during the coming year. This program is similar to the one recently favored by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, and there is reason to believe that it is drawing support from throughout the state—even from former opponents of a sales tax who have taken a good look at their property and income tax bills this year.—E.A.

Educational Conference

A meeting of more than passing significance to those interested in the schools and education will be held in the Medford High school at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4.

This is the regional "follow-up" meeting of the White House Conference on Education, the nationwide program which in recent months has done much to focus attention on the urgent problems of education.

IN ADDITION to a report on the Washington conference itself by Mrs. Victor E. O'Neil, a member of the state board of education, who was there, other aspects of education, including teacher supply and demand, and state and local tax problems relating to education, will be discussed.

The public is welcome. We recommend attendance to anyone who is concerned about our schools, how they are run, and how much they cost now and will cost in the future.—E.A.

Tito Feels No Pain as First Among Stalin's Red Debunkers

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

There is just one big Communist leader who isn't feeling any pain these days. He is Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, for years the No. 1 Communist outside of the Kremlin.



Charles M. McCann, United Press Correspondent, is in Belgrade, Tito's headquarters, to report on the boldness to proclaim his discovery.

That, on the record as it has unfolded since the recent Russian Communist party Congress in Moscow, makes Tito look smarter than ever.

We read that the Communist party leaders in France, Italy and Great Britain, to name only three countries, are in danger of losing their jobs as the result of Stalin's official debunking.

Tito Sitting Easy: Tito, on the contrary, is sitting back easy in his office in the white palace in Belgrade, where as president he rules Yugoslavia's 17,000,000 people, or in his villa at Brioni on the Adriatic Sea.

It would be interesting to know just what Tito thinks about the big Stalin crisis. He must be getting a lot of laughs.

Tito, who will be 64 on May 25, was a village locksmith, dreaming of emigrating to the United States, when World War I broke out. He was drafted into the Austrian Army and taken prisoner by the Russians. In Russia, he was caught up in the Red revolution. He became a Communist.

Back home, he was put in prison. After his release he went to Moscow. He returned home in 1937. In World War II, Tito organized a guerrilla army of 150,000 men to fight the Germans and the Italian Fascists. After the war, he threw young King Peter off the throne, and became president.

Stalin began demanding that the Communist-ruled countries of Europe gear their entire economy to that of Russia, for Russia's benefit.

Other Communist leaders gave in spinelessly. Tito balked. He said that his own country's interests must come first.

On June 28, 1948, the Russian-dominated Communist Information Bureau, the Cominform, denounced Tito's leadership and said he must get back on the party beam.

Russians Apologize: Tito refused. He won the support of his own Communist party and of Yugoslavs in general. Kremlin Communism outlawed him.

"Wicked, cunning, artful sneak" . . . "blood-thirsty dwarf" . . . "coward Tito" . . . "Judas Tito" . . . "Vile and repulsive" . . . "spy and murderer" . . . "Fascist traitor" were some of the epithets applied to him.

Stalin died. Nikita S. Khrushchev and Nikolai A. Bulganin went on a pilgrimage to Belgrade last May to apologize and make up. They didn't get very far. Tito accepted the apology, and agreed to accept any aid the Russians wanted to give him financially.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Moscow, the official Communist party newspaper Pravda puts the cap sheaf on the anti-Stalin campaign by attacking the deceased dictator as a vainglorious man whose high-handed actions did great harm to the party.

WHAT are the present Kremlin big shots up to in their cuss-out-Stalin tactics?

In an effort to answer that question, let's ask another question: What is a poker player up to when he does whatever he does?

ANSWER to Question No. 2: THE POKER PLAYER WANTS THE POT. Answer to Question No. 1: THE COMMUNISTS WANT THE WORLD.

WHATEVER else may be in the wind, the over-all objective of the communists is to mislead us if they can so that they can hit us hard when we aren't looking.

PRINCE Rainier (pronounced Ran-YAY, not Rain-EAR, like the beer) is said to be disappointed and a little miffed because the British royal family isn't sending one of its members to attend his forthcoming wedding to the American movie star.

Why? I think you'd be disappointed too if you were putting on a big whoop-to-do to attract rich tourists and didn't get the big names you were hoping for.

THE microscopic Principality of Monaco (area about 370 acres, or a little over a half-section of land) needs tourists—especially well-upholstered tourists.

The gambling business in Monte Carlo isn't what it used

to be in the good old days when Europe was full of kings and princes who had plenty of other people's money to gamble with.

Besides, Monte Carlo has a lot of competition along the Riviera—not to mention Las Vegas in the U.S.A.

Prince Rainier has been in the United States enough to know that when the circus comes to town it makes business good for everybody and he hopes to make his wedding the biggest circus in his part of the world.

SPAKING of circuses (which also include juggling acts and shell games in which the hand is quicker than the eye) the Senate-House conference committee yesterday junked the Eisenhower administration's flexible price support plan and agreed to write into the political campaign year farm bill a provision to support major crops at 90 per cent of parity.

Not only that, but it voted to retain in the bill a "dual parity" plan which would allow producers of these crops to use either the old parity formula or the new one—WHICHEVER IS HIGHER.

WHY all the thimberligging? Well, it really isn't a farm bill, you know. It's a bill designed to PICK UP DISGRUNTLED VOTES in the big farm states, especially the wheat and cotton states.

Louis XIV, who bankrupted France with his reckless spending, is reported to have been asked by one of his more courageous ministers what would come of it all. He is said to have shrugged his shoulders and answered: "After me, THE DELUGE."

The political farmers feel the same way about it. They don't care much what happens to American agriculture AFTER THE ELECTION.

But he did not go back into the Moscow camp. Bronzed, stocky, with keen blue eyes, Tito seems to be tough as ever, though he is troubled by rheumatism. As was said, he also looks pretty smart. The only thing that needs to be pointed out is that he is still a Communist, even if he is a unique one.

Insiders in London say that Sir Winston Churchill is preparing a dramatic speech on the international situation. Details are secret. But informants expect an eloquent appeal to the West to capitalize on the debunking of Josef Stalin. Churchill feels that the Kremlin's embarrassment in explaining why Stalin was permitted to continue his villainies so long, offers the Allies a chance to alter their tactics radically. He feels the moment has come for them to abandon defensive diplomacy and launch a hard-hitting offensive. If the "Old Master" does make the speech, he probably will do it at a university appearance this month or during a later scheduled visit to West Germany.

More Embarrassment? Don't be surprised if reports leak from Russia of riots in the gigantic Vorkuta forced labor camp on the Arctic coast. Some 200 persons were killed there when prisoners rioted after the purging of secret police chief Lavrenti P. Beria in July, 1953. Many men sent to slavery by Stalin are being "sprung" now. Those who are not released may decide this would be a good time for another riot.

Bikini See-How: The Atomic Energy Commission and the Atomic Defense Department are expected to announce soon that a small number of public observers will be permitted to witness next month's H-bomb tests in the Pacific. It is understood that a group of newsmen will be selected to represent the entire press and radio. The idea would be to prevent a publicity fiasco like that of 1954. Then the government tried to conduct the tests in complete secrecy. The plan backfired sensationally—and damagingly—when fall-out from the March 1 test shot dusted 23 Japanese fishermen and nearly 300 Marshall Islanders and United States servicemen.

American military authorities in Formosa now feel that the approaching "invasion months" in Formosa now feel that the approaching "invasion months" in the Formosa Strait will pass fairly quietly. The Chinese Communists were talking tough not long ago about "liberating" the island stronghold of Nationalist Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. But it appears as if they have had a sober second thought. Nationalist defensive strength is growing fast. United States power in the strait is overwhelming. Intelligence re-

ports say there is no Communist build-up of offensive level along the coast; American officers expect none this spring, the best season for attack.

G. I. Housing: Builders, lenders and some veterans groups who count on Congress to extend the G. I. housing rights of World War II veterans may be in for a jolt. Washington reports that no such action seems likely. Chairman Olin E. Tague (D-Tex.), of the House Veterans committee, who will have a lot to say about it, is convinced no extension is warranted. That would mean that the G. I. loan privilege would expire in July, 1957, for World War II vets. Korean Vets would have another nine years.

Finns are happy over the Stalin debunking situation. They believe that Soviet Russia, in its current attempt to win friends and influence people is likely to give back the Karelian Isthmus, opposite Leningrad, which it seized as part of the 1944 Russo-Finnish armistice agreement. Well-informed political circles in Helsinki expect the Kremlin to take the initiative in negotiations, perhaps soon.

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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Stop Eating

To the Editor: A theory has been recently expounded in this column which displays an interesting disregard for quantity; i.e. sodium fluoride is used in etching glass and therefore we should not fluoridate our water supply.

Using this same reasoning, consider the following:

1. Table salt is sodium chloride and with water will rust iron, therefore, we should not use salt at all.

2. Tea contains tannic acid, which will turn skin into leather (used in the tanning industry); therefore we should not drink tea.

3. Cauliflower, brussel sprouts and cabbage have a high content of cyanogen compounds (hydrocyanic acid is used in prison death chambers) therefore, these vegetables should be avoided.

4. Brain, liver, cheese, chocolate, egg yolk, meats, poultry, fish, milk, nuts and wheat germ, whole grain cereals are all high in phosphorus content. Phosphorus is a non-metallic poison, used as a war gas. Therefore, we should not eat any of the aforementioned foods.

The logical conclusion to this quantity-disregarding theory is, of course, stop eating. (Further, it has long been stated that there has been insufficient study on fluoridation to warrant its use.) The following took place during the Delaney hearings:

Mr. Abernethy: "Well, for that matter, do we know that all of the foods we eat are without harm?"

Dr. Cameron: "We do not know, but I can say that extensive studies are underway to establish this point."

Now, fellow citizens, I suggest we give up this dangerous eating practice altogether, until further study indicates that all our foods are completely safe.

Certainly this reasoning is no less ridiculous than the fantastic claims of the minority opposing fluoridation. It is well known that dietary deficiencies lead to deficiency diseases; fluorine deficiency in water leads to tooth decay. The opposition is forced into making wild claims, insinuations and misstatements which makes it rather difficult to carry on any sort of enlightened dental health program.

Since I know there are questions about the safety of fluoridation, go to your doctor about the safety factor and ask your dentist about the benefits to be gained.

W. E. Brooks, 415 Oak St., Medford, Ore.

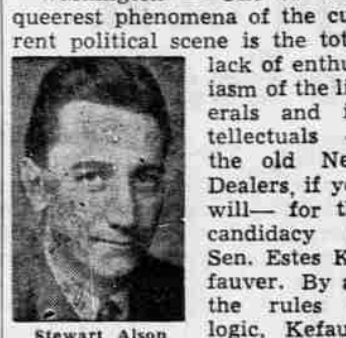
Good Neighbor

To the Editor: A recent editorial in the Mail Tribune, telling of the status of some of the countries which make up the British Commonwealth, described Canada as "a dominion."

The word "dominion," whatever its significance may have been in times past, has been officially dropped from the name of the country which lies to the north of us, and Canada today is as politically independent as Australia, or the Union of South Africa, or, for that matter, the

Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

ESTES AND THE EGGHEADS



Stewart Alsop, Editor of the Washington Post, is seen here in a recent photograph.

Washington — One of the queerest phenomena of the current political scene is the total lack of enthusiasm of the liberals and intellectuals — the old New Dealers, if you will — for the candidacy of Sen. Estes Kefauver. By all the rules of logic, Kefauver really ought to be the liberals' chosen knight in shining armor.

Consider, for example, an incident in August 1954, when Kefauver was up for re-election in Tennessee. In a tough primary campaign, he had been roundly denounced for "softness on Communism," his most likely Republican opponent, it then seemed, was Ray Jenkins, the committee counsel who had almost out-McCarthyed McCarthy at the famous hearings.

SEN. HUBERT Humphrey had introduced a catch-all anti-Communist bill, whose obvious political purpose was to outbid the Republicans on the Communist issue. On the day of the key vote, Kefauver's most influential Tennessee supporter telephoned to urge him to speak as well as vote for the bill, and thus get off the "soft on Communism" hook. Kefauver mumbled that the bill seemed to him to have "some elements of thought suppression."

Some hours later, the Tennessee backer telephoned again, to repeat his urgings. He reached Richard Wallace, Kefauver's legislative assistant, who told him he was too late — a key motion by Humphrey had just been passed, 81 to one, and Kefauver was the one. "My God," the supporter groaned, "that really finishes Estes."

IT DIDN'T, of course — Kefauver went on to win handsomely. But this episode alone should have been enough to make Kefauver a hero with the liberals. And the episode does not stand alone. There are in Kefauver's voting record a number of displays of genuine political courage.

In the House, for example, Kefauver was one of a handful who voted against making the Un-American Activities committee a permanent committee. In the Senate, he voted against the McCarran act, and to sustain President Truman's veto of the Act.

A Southerner he voted against cloture (for which his fellow Southerners will never forgive him) and publicly favored anti-lynching legislation. Indeed, on every major piece of domestic and foreign legislation his voting record is impeccable from the liberal point of view. Yet the liberals do not like him.

THERE is no doubt about that. Kefauver's win over Adlai Stevenson in Minnesota was wildly unpopular in liberal intellectual circles all over the country — this despite the fact that Stevenson is a very much more conservative man than Kefauver.

United States of America. It is true that Canadian politics makes very little news in the United States. There are four political parties of national importance in Canada, and one regional party in Quebec. But when the present Prime Minister was reelected a couple of years ago last summer most of the people down here hardly oothered to look up from their plowing—or their golf, or whatever else it was that they were busy at. Well, maybe that is a good sign after all. It probably means that we trust the people up there, and feel sure that they will not hatch up any hare-brained schemes which will in any way hurt our traditional friendship.

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It is hard to put your finger on just why the liberals are so cold to the man who ought, logically, to be their hero (just as it is hard to explain just why many Republicans dislike Vice-President Richard Nixon). No doubt the famous coonskin hat has had something to do with it. So, no doubt, does Kefauver's drawing voice and excessively folksy manner.

Kefauver lacks in the elegance and eloquence liberals like in their heroes. Many suspect, moreover, that Kefauver's liberalism is a matter of shrewd political calculation rather than inner conviction (although this would hardly account for such episodes as those described above). Others suspect that there is inadequate mental equipment (although Kefauver's handling of the Dixon-Yates investigation, was, in its way, brilliant).

WHATEVER the reason, the liberal distaste for Kefauver is a significant political phenomenon. The liberals of the New Deal stripe do not dominate the Democratic Party, as they once did. But they retain great power at conventions, as they demonstrated when the labor-liberal bloc forced old Alben Barkley to step down in 1952. As things stand, Kefauver can hardly hope to go to the convention with more than a third of the delegate votes, even if he knocks Adlai Stevenson right out of the ring in Florida and California.

With the Southern grandees and the Northern big city professionals unalterably opposed to him, Kefauver might still go over with the enthusiastic support from at least a sizeable portion of the liberal fraternity. But despite his proven appeal to the commonality (or perhaps because of it) Kefauver seems constitutionally incapable of attracting this kind of support.

This is a major reason why it is still remarkably difficult to see how he can get the nomination. (C) 1956, New York Herald Tribune Inc.

American Ambassador Returns To Taipeh: Taipeh, Formosa — (U.P.) — China Kail Rankin returned to U. S. ambassador to Nationalist Taipeh Sunday by plane from Tokyo.

Rankin went to Japan two weeks ago to attend a conference of U.S. diplomats in the Asia area.

PAINFUL VICTORY

Chicago — (U.P.) — Restaurant employee Robert Rader won a painful victory over a would-be holdup man. He grabbed for a pistol behind the counter and was so excited he shot himself in the hand. The bandit, equally excited, ran out.

Bible Miracles

GEO. N. TAYLOR

The wind shrieked; the clouds were dark and low and the little fishing craft rose and fell. Christ slept thru it all. At last a disciple awoke Him with—"Carest Thou not that we perish?" At that Christ arose and rebuked the storm. The wind died out. The sun came out and all nature smiled. And why Christ's miracles? One reason is that in those days, any man who said he spoke for God must do a miracle for you. Christ's blood cleanses to prove it. And today there is a miracle for you. Christ's blood cleanses away your sins. Accept Him as your Lord and Saviour. Then the miracle—an act of God. Accept Christ as your Lord and Saviour and God blots out your sins and gives you eternal life. This Message sponsored by a Scappoose Dairyman. —Adv.

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