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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

July 11, 1946... Jackson County Sheriff's Mounted Posse and the Ladies Mounted Troop will hold a breakfast ride to Ehrheart Inn tomorrow.

20 YEARS AGO

July 11, 1936... Medford planning commission holds public hearing on a proposed ordinance regarding zoning.

30 YEARS AGO

July 11, 1926... Highway Commissioner H. H. Van Duizer guest of honor at a luncheon Saturday at Medford hotel.

40 YEARS AGO

July 11, 1916... The road through Crater Lake national park to eastern Oregon opened to travel.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7? Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

1. The A & P operates slightly over (a) 400, (b) 1400, (c) 4000, or (d) 14,000 stores and supermarkets in the U.S. and Canada?

2. The 1956 California presidential primary was chiefly a Stevenson or Kefauver victory or pretty much a stand-off?

3. Hodgkins Disease affects the heart, intestines, inner ear, bone joints or lymph glands and spleen?

4. Star of the first talking movie was Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford, Rudolph Valentino, Al Jolson or Eddie Cantor?

5. The old Roman system of numerals used (a) 5, (b) 7, (c) 9, (d) 11 or (e) more than 11 letters?

6. Which of these boxes is supposed to weigh the least: bantamweight, lightweight, flyweight, featherweight?

7. Fannie M. Farmer achieved fame as the author of what book?

The Answers: 1. Slightly over 4000. 2. Chiefly Stevenson victory. 3. Lymph glands and spleen. 4. Jolson. 5. Seven. 6. Flyweight. 7. Boston Cooking School Cook Book.

New Delhi, India—(U.P.)—The government-owned Indian Airlines Corp. will buy six Russia Ilyushin-14 planes to replace its present fleet of American-made Dakotas, it was reported today.

WE DISAGREE with many of the Times' editorial and news policies and methods.

But we join all right-thinking people in our abhorrence of the type of mentality that could use dynamite in a town's business section as a means of retribution or vengeance toward one concern. And it looks as though what could be what it was. We hope the police authorities are successful in their hunt for the criminal or criminals responsible.—E.A.

Notes From a Trip

The liquor store situated just south of the Oregon-California border on U. S. Highway 101, along the coast, has two names. The traveler driving north sees the name as "Last Chance." The southbound tourist sees the name, "First Chance."

The "great American tourist" changes. Years ago, he was a hardy, pioneer-type of individual, with bedrolls, food boxes, camp beds and tents strapped to all sides of his open touring car.

Later, as sicked-up, streamlined automobiles without running-boards became the vogue, he became more sophisticated, stopping more often at a "cabin camp" than at a camp-ground.

Nowadays there is a trend back to the original breed, and as a result, both types of highway travelers are seen in ever-increasing numbers. Some of them flash by in their glossy cars, headed for the luxury "motels," which are the modern-day successors of the cabin camps. Others, however, are going back to the bed-roll and food box—or rather their modern versions, the sleeping bag and portable ice-chest.

On the heavily traveled tourist highways, one sees station wagons (the neo-tourist cars) piled high with bedding, mattresses, pillows, thermos jugs and, quite frequently, small children and dogs.

And in the public campgrounds, they fill up the camping space virtually every night of the summer months. There are also an increasing number of those modern nomads—the trailerites.

Highway pastimes also change with the years. Years ago, one made poker hands out of the numbers on approaching license plates. Today, highway speeds are frequently too great to see enough of the numbers to play this game.

A new one is watching for the new California license plates, which have three large letters as pre-fixes for the numerals. The combinations of letters sometimes are wonderful. DAZ is seen frequently in Del Norte county. But we also spotted AEC (Atomic Energy Commission?), DUK, and others equally suggestive.

We kept looking for IKE and VFW and DAV, but never saw them. We hope whoever is in charge of selecting the letters is careful, for some three-letter combinations, if not screened, could be embarrassing.

A night under the Redwoods can be an exhilarating experience. It can also be somewhat unnerving for one not used to camping out. The family secretary of health, education and welfare made careful inquiry as to the incidence of bears before the sleeping bags were rolled out, and was assured (1) that this wasn't bear country, and (2) that bears are more afraid of you than you are of them. (The second answer fell on unhearing ears.)

During the night, however, we heard garbage cans clanking in the darkness, and remembered watching bears in Crater Lake National park tumbling them over each night. In the stillness, we wondered if (1) and (2) were correct, after all.

The culprit, we found later, was a raccoon who made the rounds each night.

Miles and miles of Highway 299, winding over the Trinity mountains between Arcata and Redding, are under construction, and frequent waits for "pilot cars" to convoy travelers are necessary.

At one point, construction men were preparing to blast an outcropping of rock. As we sat and waited, a truck rolled by, jouncing over the construction debris, with six boxes of dynamite riding on the tailgate. The man riding with them casually caught one just as it tipped and started to fall to the ground.

A veteran highway construction man, at a mid-afternoon break, complained loudly that he'd been moved "up on the mountain" to drill blast holes, that he'd been given a map showing just where to drill, and that "out of 9,000 feet of construction, the blankety-blank fools picked out that one spot to drill, and it was right on top of a skunk!!"

Some 10 or 15 miles north of Weaverville, along a winding, dusty mountain road, with "civilization" far behind, one rounds a jouncing curve and finds a large, neatly painted sign: "Children at Play."

The tiny, unincorporated community of Trinity Center, though barely large enough to show on maps, boasts a sign, "Trinity Center Municipal Airport," in the middle of town. The airstrip, leveled on gold dredge tailings, serves Forest Service fire patrol planes, and the aircraft of logging companies.

The Trinity mountains, known as the "Alps" in their higher elevations, are beautiful and spectacular. But the family secretary of HEW claims that Mt. Ashland and Wagner Butte are just as gorgeous. And, to the homebound tourist, she's right, of course.—E. A.

Warped Thinking

We can't understand—and we're glad we can't—the thinking of an individual who would set off a bundle of dynamite near downtown buildings. His motivations must be strange and his thinking warped.

The reference is to last Wednesday's "bombing" at Rogue River, in which the post office, a variety store, and the office of the Rogue River Times were damaged, and several persons escaped injury or death only by luck.

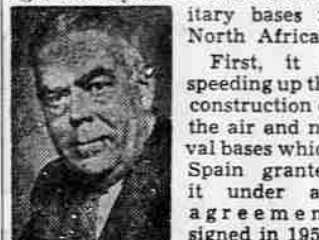
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Iberian Peninsula Air Bases Seen 'Insurance' Against Loss

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The United States is taking out some valuable insurance against the possible loss of its military bases in North Africa.



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First, it is speeding up the construction of the air and naval bases which Spain granted it under an agreement signed in 1953.

Secondly, it is preparing to take advantage of the offer Portugal has just made to give it the use of two big Portuguese bases.

A United States military mission opened talks in Madrid today with Spanish and Portuguese officers on developing and coordinating the bases for strategic bomber planes.

The Spanish and Portuguese bases will be valuable in themselves in the defense of Western Europe under the North Atlantic Treaty.

Offset Morocco Bases

But they also are calculated to offset to a great extent the possible loss of the five big bases in Morocco in which the United States has invested about \$410,000,000.

The Iberian Peninsula, which Spain and Portugal occupy, is only eight miles across the Strait of Gibraltar from North Africa. It is separated from France by the forbidding Pyrenees Mountains.

Portugal is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Spain is not, partly because of the opposition of some NATO members to Generalissimo Francisco Franco's regime.

Both countries are intensely anti-Communist. Neither maintains diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia.

The United States bases in Morocco were designed as outposts of the NATO defense system. Planes based there could hit the Soviet Union. From the aspect of ground defense, the bases would be safe even if an attacking Russian army succeeded in overrunning Western Europe.

But, also from the ground defense aspect, the Pyrenees would be a formidable barrier. When the danger of a third World War seemed great a few years ago, Spain and Portugal were talked of as a possible last bastion of defense against a Russian sweep across Europe.

Planes based there could hit Russia too. Morocco Atmosphere Turbulent

It is by no means certain that the United States will lose its bases in Morocco. But the situation throughout Northwest Africa is turbulent, and likely to remain so for a long time.

The United States acquired its bases in Morocco by direct agreement with France. The newly independent Moroccan government has announced that it does not recognize this agreement.

Sultan Mohammed V has offered to negotiate a new agreement with the United States. But it is certain that his price will be high. Further, the value of the bases has been reduced because of the unstable internal situation in Morocco.

Hence, the Madrid talks which started today assume additional importance.

Eisenhower and Nixon Ticket Seen; Campaign Of Century Forecast

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Correspondent

Washington—(U.P.)—It will be Eisenhower and Nixon again for the Republicans and the 20th century's roughest presidential campaign so far.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon is as sure now of re-nomination as is President Eisenhower, assuming they both live. That was the impression Mr. Eisenhower's congressional conferees carried away from Gettysburg Tuesday.

That is the judgment of Republicans in general on Capitol Hill. Nixon returns today from his swing through the Far East as Mr. Eisenhower's No. 1 ambassador.

"I never had any doubt," said Sen. Frank Carlson (R-Kan.) when asked about Nixon's re-nomination.

"No doubt," echoed others who were sampled for Republican opinion on Nixon's political future.

Unified Effort Said Only Way To Stop Stevenson Victory

Washington—(U.P.)—Opposing small business and big business interest groups are bracing for a Senate showdown on a bill to curb price concessions to favored customers.

The small business groups claim the bill should pass, saying it would deal a blow to monopoly by closing a loophole they say the Supreme Court opened in the Robinson-Patman Act, a measure designed to protect the little businessman.

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Administration spokesmen from the Departments of Commerce and Justice have come out against the bill. However, the Federal Trade Commission, most of whose members were appointed by President Eisenhower, is backing the measure.

The White House itself has taken no stand. Key to Controversy

Key to the controversy is the legal interpretation of the Robinson-Patman Act sections on price discriminations. The Act permits a manufacturer or jobber to give a customer a price concession "in good faith to meet an equally low price of a competitor."

In a 1951 case brought against Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, by the Federal Trade Commission, the Supreme Court ruled the "good faith" defense covers even cases where the price concessions give one customer a better deal than his competitor gets.

The bill passed by the House would permit the Court's "good faith" interpretation to justify price concessions unless the effect of the price discrimination is "substantially to lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly."

This limiting phrase, the bill's backers say, would restore the original purpose of the Robinson-Patman Act which was to permit the small businessman to compete against his larger competitors.

Importance Indicated

Neither side on the fight will say flatly what the bill means to the average customer, concerned mainly about the price he pays for goods. But the maneuvers and counter-maneuvers on the bill indicate the importance they attach to it.

The bill was introduced in the House in January, 1955, by Rep. Wright Patman (D-Texas). It was mired in the Judiciary Antitrust subcommittee until May 21 of this year, when Patman employed the rarely-used parliamentary device of a discharge petition to bring it to light.

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Cyprus Civilians Killed in Ambush

Nicosia, Cyprus—(U.P.)—Two civilians were killed in an ambush of their car on the Laraca-Limassol road today.

The latest victims in a campaign apparently designed by extremists to keep the populace of this key British-held Mediterranean island off the roads were an Armenian and a Greek Cypriot.

Their car was sprayed with automatic fire at close range. Today's ambush was the third such attack on civilian cars in 10 days.

Let's See, Now . . .

To the Editor: Reference is made to the article the other evening headlined "Wild Ducks To Peck at Surplus Grain . . ."

Let's see, now—. The government buys the farmers' surplus grain in order to keep the price up. Then the Fish and Wildlife Service spreads this grain along migratory routes, hoping the ducks will eat it instead of the farmers' crops. Then the farmer has more saleable yield from his crop. That means the government has to buy more to keep the price up. Then—

Let's see, now—. Richard Graham, 288 Gresham st., Ashland, Ore.

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.

Ava Gardner Denies Plans for Wedding

London—(U.P.)—Film Star Ava Gardner denied today that she is planning to marry Dominican playboy-diplomat Porfirio Rubirosa.

"There is absolutely no truth in the report that I am to marry Porfirio Rubirosa," she said.

"I met the gentleman once in Madrid and dined with him on another occasion in Paris with other people.

"These are the only two occasions on which I have ever seen him."

Miss Gardner said she had no plans to see Rubirosa again.

Hot, Dry Weather in State Brings Threat Of Fire in Forests

All the teaching, preaching, and appealing to "Keep Oregon Green" that has been going on during rainy weeks of winter and spring, from now on will be tested. The sudden change of temperatures this week, going up to over 100 degrees, also involved a change in humidity. From now on there will be fire weather in Oregon. If the forests do not burn—if Oregon's timber stays green—it will be because:

1. Every person who goes into the forest as camper, fisherman, hiker and mountain climber, pours water on every campfire until there isn't a tiny living ember left to hiss.

2. Every motorist who travels a forest-bordered highway considers it a misdemeanor to throw from the car a lighted match or burning cigarette.

3. Every woodsworker sees to it that no stray spark from his cigarette or power saw gets a chance to start a fire.

4. Every logger "shuts down" his operation when the humidity reading gets in the neighborhood of 30.

5. Every forest officer and public official charged with direct responsibility is on the job night and day.

6. The general public now fully understands and fully supports forest fire prevention as one way to maintain the principal payroll and the greatest single economic and recreation resource of the Pacific Northwest.

Regardless of weather, man-caused forest fires can be kept to a minimum if everyone takes care and cooperates. Remember, the first test is in preventing—the second is quickly reporting and extinguishing the forest fire. Let's all KEEP OREGON GREEN.—(Keep Oregon Green Association.)

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the committee that had held it and cleared the way for early floor debate.

Just three days after the discharge petition was filed, the subcommittee approved a similar measure sponsored by Chairman Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.).

On June 11 the House approved one amendment to Celler's bill, making it identical with the measure Patman introduced, and then passed it, 394-3.

The overwhelming margin brought cheer to the Anti-Monopoly Conference, an informal alliance of 10 organizations joined in support of Patman's bill. In this group are the Co-operative League of the U. S., the International Association of Machinists (AFL-CIO) and trade groups of the dealers, retail druggists, grocery and candy wholesalers and retailers, petroleum retailers, farmer co-ops, food, fruit and vegetable dealers.

The House vote also brought into action opponents of the bill, led by oil companies and their trade associations. The National Oil Jobbers Council, for instance, called on eight officials of state and regional jobber organizations to testify against the bill before the Senate Judiciary Antitrust Subcommittee.

Other opposition came from the Association of American Railroads and the Jones-Laughlin Steel Co.

The measure seems certain to win approval from the Senate Subcommittee. Four of the seven members are sponsors of an identical Senate bill. But Chairman James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) of the Judiciary committee has not taken a stand on the bill and Administration opposition may cost it some Republican votes, if it comes to the floor.

But the groups backing the bill think they have "the best chance in years" to win their battle.

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Directors Consider Hospital Committees

Ashland—Directors of the Southern Oregon Memorial hospital association this week considered committee work and approved the general committee plan suggested by President John Cotton.

Nine committees will be asked to work with the hospital board in planning a new hospital in Ashland. Among them will be committees on site, hospital plans, present hospital, public relations, Hill Burton funds, Special foundation fund grants, finance and legal relations.

Appointments to the committees will be made at the next board meeting. Cotton said although the regular meeting is the second Monday each month, several special meetings probably will be held.

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