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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: Aug. 21, 1946. Ron Rice of Purucker's Piano House of Medford has been selected to direct two concerts of the Ashland Civic band in Lithia park.

20 YEARS AGO: Aug. 21, 1936. A demonstration of Bosc pear grading will be given at 10:30 tomorrow morning at plant 4 of the Pinnacle Packing company.

30 YEARS AGO: Aug. 21, 1926. A great boon to the pear growers of the Rogue River valley has just been granted by the Southern Pacific company.

40 YEARS AGO: Aug. 21, 1916. The largest crowd of the year attended the concert of the Ashland Lithia park on Sunday afternoon.

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

1. This is the 16th, 26th or 36th national convention held by the present-day Republican party?

2. Turkey is or isn't an Arab state?

3. The chief commodity normally carried through the Suez Canal is oil; right or wrong?

4. First Republican presidential nominee was General Grant, Abraham Lincoln, W. H. Seward, John C. Fremont or W. H. Harrison?

5. British foreign minister is Harold Macmillan, Selwyn Lloyd, R. A. Butler, Lord Salisbury or Prime Minister Eden himself?

6. The Studebaker-Packard plants were recently leased to Borg-Warner, General Motors, Henry J. Kaiser, Curtis-Wright or Bendix Aviation?

The Nation's No. 1 Politician

As has been indicated in this department many times we have a very dim view of Richard Nixon. The very idea of his ever taking the place of President Eisenhower in the White House makes us acutely seaisick.

LOOK at the record. How many young men in public life today could get away with receiving a gift of \$18,000, from a group of well-heeled tycoons in California (or any other state) as did "Poor Richard"?

Even though one of the cleverest and most resourceful criminal lawyers in Los Angeles and one of the most capable public-relations experts in the USA composed the scenario Richard had to ACT it out single-handed, and we doubt if Sir Henry Irving at his peak could have pulled off a better job, in the field of partisan histrionics.

It not only brought down the house, it brought "Ike," the outstanding hero of World War II, almost to tears, as he later clasped the hand of his running-mate and patting him on the back enunciated the tremulous and affectionate congratulation: "My BOY, my BOY!"

MOST of the Democrats who heard that touching and eloquent "alibi" fled in disorder from that scene, apparently to hide their tears also. At least as far as recorded only Steve Mitchell the then national Democratic chairman stood his ground and made an attempt to answer it.

This was just another infield fly with two out for "Poor Richard" as he scooped it into his glove and let go with this snappy rejoinder:—

"It is fine for a man like Adlai Stevenson who inherited a fortune from his father to run for President. But I feel it is almost essential in this country of ours that a man of modest means can also run for President because you know—remember Abraham Lincoln—remember what he said—"God must have loved the common people he made so many of them!"

WHAT Abraham Lincoln, the common people, and the modest family inheritance of Adlai Stevenson had to do with the case is not clear. The truth is that Senator Nixon, not when campaigning but shortly after taking office, accepted a contribution from a wealthy pressure-group in his own state—many of them powerful oil men, which increased his annual salary from \$27,000 to approximately \$45,000.

What was the bearing of these remarks on the real question at hand, anyway? Just as much as bringing in that loveable and sad-eyed cocker spaniel "Checkers" with the tremelo stop full out; and the touching aside that Mrs. Nixon had always made her own clothes, and presumably, never like certain wives of the political opposition, sported that expensive badge of shame—a mink coat, etc., etc!

IN OTHER words not only was the acceptance of this \$18,000 retaining fee entirely proper, according to Nixon, all members of Congress of "modest means" would be quite justified in doing the same, and thus to quote the former California Senator save the poor down trodden "taxpayers of the country" from added and unnecessary expense!

We know there are plenty of millionaires in the present administration's cabinet, but we doubt if there are many in either the House or the Senate. So if there is nothing wrong in Richard Nixon accepting an annual "hand out" of cash to maintain his effectiveness as a member of the Upper House, there should be nothing wrong for his colleagues to do the same. That's a nice statesman-like program, isn't it?

But let any of them try it! Unless they too were born under a lucky star, and had the political finesse of a Machiavelli we fear they would soon be looking for a job, if not placed in a position where peregrinations for jobs or anything else would be strictly limited.

But has Vice President Nixon ever been censured for this by the members of his party? Not that we can recall. Or by members of the opposition for that matter.

In fact over the air Sunday Tom Dewey, twice the GOP nominee for President and with a national reputation as a keen lawyer and relentless prosecutor, solemnly proclaimed that Mr. Nixon was the most unjustly accused, maligned and persecuted young man in public life today.

He did not refer to this \$18,000 "gift" apparently but to the fact that former President Truman had refused to have anything to do with "Tricky Dick" because he had called him (Truman) a traitor. It made Tom see red.

"I don't object to valid criticism of any candidate," said Mr. Dewey, "but I do object to lying." So do we all. But did President Truman tell a lie? Here according to the always reliable Congressional Quarterly is what Senator Nixon said on October 27, 1952, quote:

"President Truman, Secretary of State Acheson and Adlai Stevenson are traitors to the high principles in which many of the nation's Democrats believe. Real Democrats are outraged by the Truman-Acheson gangs' toleration and defense of Communism in high places."

Forecasts by Truman, Stassen, Can Be Proved Only by Losses

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Correspondent San Francisco (U.P.)—Harry S. Truman of Missouri and Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota are in a spot in which they can thrive only on political adversity.



Lyle C. Wilson

ly committed against victory for the Republican presidential nominees and the return of Congress to Republican control. His prophecy was that Mr. Eisenhower would reap 6 to 8 per cent fewer votes with Richard M. Nixon on the ticket than without him, and Stassen said that could be the margin of victory or defeat in close states. This Republican National Convention will oblige Stassen to the extent of putting Nixon on the ticket. If President Eisenhower and his young friend are defeated in November, Stassen can file an I-told-you-so, especially if the election is close in pivotal states.

As for Stassen's campaign to nominate some other politician for vice president, it is dead and beginning to spoil. Stassen's faithfulness to the lost dump-Nixon cause is matched in modern political history only by Mr. Truman's insistence on going down with the Averell Harriman ship in Chicago instead of taking to the boats.

Communications

Why Not McCarthy? To the Editor: This is an open letter to the Cow Palace convention.

You're opposed, aren't you, to following Communist doctrines, and to supporting Communism and Human Slavery? But actually, in this campaign, because of your Party leaders' apparent fear that you will lose unless President Eisenhower be your candidate, haven't you adopted the "Cult of Personality" . . . Stalin's doctrine . . . as the basis of your work?

And as President Eisenhower and his State Department, constantly for and insisted on aid for the Yugoslav Communist Government, which aid enabled a Communist Dictator, Tito, and his gangsters to maintain themselves in power and to hold our 17,000,000 Yugoslav friends in slavery, won't you as a Party, be supporting Communism and Human Slavery, if you choose Mr. Eisenhower to be your candidate?

Ladies and Gentlemen, if you finance a thief but say you oppose thievery; if you support a slave-master but say you oppose slavery . . . who believes you? Of what use are the President's letters telling Bulgannin to "de-Stalinize" when Bulgannin and the world knows that on the President's insistence, we have supported Tito, Yugoslavia's little Stalin?

I may be wrong, but as a man with nearly 37 years contact with Communism, and with many of the Eastern European and Balkan peoples, I fear for the future of our great Republic if we adopt the "Cult of Personality," and let ourselves be led by one man or a small group of men, men apparently so greedy for power that, as it seems to me, they would risk the life of a sick man rather than risk their hopes to hold their positions.

Your Republican Party, like the Democratic Party, has a wealth of good material. You've men like Bricker, Bridges, Goldwater, Jenner, Knight, Knowland, Lee, Malone, McCarthy, Welker and many others, men known for their belief in the basic principles upon which our nation became great, and also trusted by others. Why not take them into your considerations?

With one of those men as your candidate, a man not connected with the financing of Communism and Slavery, wouldn't people have more faith in your platform?

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throw of the US government. Let the students of semantics quibble as they may, we believe Harry Truman was entirely justified in cutting off relations with any member of the Senate accusing him as President of tolerating and defending communism in his administration and being a traitor to the high principles of the Democratic party.

FINALLY while it was Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin who said "20 years of the Democratic party, were 20 years of treason," the record will not only show Mr. Nixon consistently followed the McCarthy "smear pattern" but publicly endorsed McCarthy for reelection, and never so much as hinted that the campaign methods which came to be known as "McCarthyism" were not his own.

Yet if General Eisenhower lives through his term, —we are entirely sincere in hoping he does,—there is nothing more certain at this stage of the game than that the Grand Old Party will select Richard Nixon to be his successor!

If this comes to pass then we will have the political Houdini of the Republican era in the White House —the more the ropes of convincing evidence are bound around him and tied into double knots, the easier he escapes, and the louder the plaudits of the crowd. The American people for the first time in history will have as their chief executive the only man in Washington, who as the boys in the press gallery express it, can follow behind you in a revolving door and come out in front.—R.W.R.

Battle of Moderates Seen in '56 Election; Eisenhower-Stevenson

Washington (CQ) — How does one moderate crush another moderate, when the stakes are political life or death? This is the problem facing the Democratic challenger, Adlai E. Stevenson, as he prepares for his return match with the Republican President, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Seldom if ever before has the American voter been called upon to choose between two men whose personalities are so different, yet whose views on public policy are so similar.

The four years since their last encounter have served, if anything, to accentuate their clash of temperaments and essential agreement on issues.

Views Are Similar Whether on farm policy or foreign policy, civil rights or states rights, each candidate extolls flexibility over rigidity, moderation over extremism, national over sectional interests.

Where they differ on such specific questions as a Hells Canyon dam or a TVA steampoint, it is evident that the Democrat is more willing than the Republican to exercise the pre-eminent power of the federal government. But in contrasting two men who so clearly have towed the middle of the road, the difference between them more or less eludes ready definition.

Temperamentally, however, it would be difficult to find any substantial point of similarity between the two contenders. Stevenson, whose wit, polish and prose repel some (including Harry Truman) while making idolaters of others, remains the difficult man for whom the power to reason and "talk sense" is man's greatest gift.

Personality Contrast Eisenhower the President developed the same crisp self-assurance that marked Eisenhower the General. Accustomed to making command-level decisions, he leaves to subordinates the task of policy formulation and execution. Simple and sober of speech, he projects a non-partisan sincerity that helps to explain why everybody "likes Ike," although some do not necessarily like what Ike likes.

Unlike the campaign of 1952, the coming contest is likely to lay bare each man's assessment of the other as a political leader. Stevenson in 1952 evidenced sincere admiration for the military hero turned candidate, and apart from a few digs at Eisenhower's "naivete" concentrated his fire on divisions within the Republican Party. By 1954, the Democratic candidate has changed his opinion of the President, but in line with party policy softened any direct criticism of Eisenhower during the Congressional campaign.

This year, however, both Stevenson and his party will make no bones of their view that the President doesn't measure up to the office.

Eisenhower will have difficulty ignoring this attack, although it is worth recalling that, when advised he should publicly rebuke Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), he replied heatedly "I will not get down in the gutter with that guy." Stevenson is not McCarthy, nor is there any evidence that the President sees any parallel. But it is in character for him to ignore, outwardly, political attacks directed against his own character or performance.

Must Fight Stevenson In 1952, however, Republicans had a ready-made target in the retiring President, Harry Truman, and treated Stevenson as Truman's hand-picked heir. This year, the wide publicity given Truman's vain effort to dump Stevenson in favor of Gov. Averell Harriman will force Republican strategists to carry the fight directly to Stevenson.

President Eisenhower is in the strong position of defending what he and his supporters believe to be an excellent record. But he

will be under pressure from certain quarters of the Republican party to lay a partisan cudgel to the Democrats and to their candidate.

In the final analysis, however, neither candidate is likely to forsake his reputation for moderation. Each, broadly speaking, will be appealing for the confidence and votes of the same people—that large majority which, by all accounts, is indifferent to strongly partisan appeals in this year of seeming peace and prosperity. (Copyright 1956, Congressional Quarterly)

LONG TIME LOST New Middleton, Tenn.—(U.P.)—A wedding ring lost on a farm near here was found—after 40 years. Mrs. J. G. Bridges lost it. Edward Bennett, now living on the farm, found the ring in perfect condition in the hog lot recently. It was returned to Mrs. Bridges, now living in Chattanooga.

McCANN ON VACATION Charles M. McCann is on vacation. His weekly news outlook and daily foreign news commentary columns will be resumed upon his return.

Mr. Insurance FRD BRENNAN Phone 2-4940 Bob Van Sickle, Insurance Adjuster, is a candidate for Councilman.

If you must have a loss, for heaven's sake do so before November. We're anxious to know if he can say "No" to a potential vote.

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