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Flight of Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

Sept. 9, 1946
Medford High school counselors will meet with new students in the high school building Thursday and Friday of this week.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: F. (Hoot Mon!) Fairweather, the contractor, is bawling these days and tired of flipping his own flapjacks.

20 YEARS AGO

Sept. 9, 1926
Improved business conditions in Medford continue to be reflected in a steady increase in the number of telephone subscribers, figures of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company show.

Webster Clark, dental laboratory proprietor, announces today he would begin construction, in the near future, of a Spanish-type stucco residence on Reddy ave.

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 9, 1926
(It was Thursday)
The Lions club plans for a children's playground will be placed before the city council and the school board next week.

A movement is planned to establish an up-to-the-minute radio broadcasting station in Medford.

40 YEARS AGO

Sept. 9, 1916
(It was Saturday)
A music studio, introducing a radical change in methods of musical instruction, has been opened in Medford by Miss Edna Warner.

Medford's public market is doing a record business these days and no market anywhere looks more attractive.

What's the Answer?

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

- Next Jan. 20 President Eisenhower will be older than any other man beginning a presidential term; right or wrong?
 - The Aramaic tongue spoken by Jesus and His Disciples has or hasn't completely died out?
 - It's the male or female mosquito, or both, that bites human beings?
 - About (a) 500,000, (b) 2,500,000, (c) 5,000,000 or (d) 15,000,000 cars in the U.S. are now equipped with safety seat belts?
 - Who are the three living Republican candidates for President who were defeated?
 - Castel Gondolfo is the summer home of Premier Segni of Italy, Prime Minister Eden, Pope Pius XII, General Franco, the Duke of Windsor, Marshal Tito, or Nikita Khrushchev?
 - What did some men have in common: Schuyler Colfax, Henry Wilson, William A. Wheeler, Levi P. Morton, G. A. Hobart?
- The answers: 1. Wang; W. H. Harrison was older. 2. Hasn't in some remote parts of Asia Minor. 3. Female. 4. About 2,500,000. 5. Hoover, Landon, Dewey. 6. The Pope. 7. They were Republican Vice Presidents after the Civil War.

Another Railroad "Curve"

We have always maintained the huge deficits from railroad passenger service, headlined by the railroads to secure huge increases in railroad fares were bogus.

Now we are glad to have confirmation by an expert. He is not in the railroad business, or a large railroad stockholder, so he has no axe to grind.

He is Professor Stanley Berge of Northwestern University who has made a special study of railroads and railroad problems.

Here is his conclusion:

"The Interstate Commerce commission formula of appropriating costs of freight and passenger service has created a phantom deficit. If railroads would adopt different bookkeeping methods they would come up with a \$486,000,000 profit between 1947 and 1954 instead of a \$48 BILLION deficit."

IN OTHER words if the railroads computed as profits their freight AND passengers service revenues, instead of separating them, there would be no justification for boosting passenger fares 45 per cent as a group of eastern railroads demand, for at the present rates they are in the black in total operations and practically all of them declaring regular dividends.

WE BELIEVE there are few businesses indeed, that could not show similar deficits, by ignoring their over-all profit and making certain departments bear a fixed pro-rata of the total overhead.

We know most newspapers could.

The circulation department of this paper, for example, is not self-sustaining. By following a system of bookkeeping similar to the railroads the M.T. would be justified in raising subscription rates to \$25 or \$30 a year. But the advertising revenue more than compensates for this distribution loss, just as freight revenues on the railroads would more than compensate for the passenger losses. It is not a matter of gross revenue but—bookkeeping.

So circulation, by mail, carrier and motor, is steadily maintained at a net loss, yet subscriptions are sold at a reasonable price throughout the year, and at a bargain rate every September. The total revenue is sufficient to permit this.

BUT the railroads don't accept that sort of bookkeeping. The disturbing feature of this is that this practice was originated and has always been sustained by the Interstate Commerce commission. The I.C.C. was originally designed to protect the public from the railroads, not protect the railroads from popular demand.

Judging the future by the past, however, the Interstate Commerce Commission will allow another increase in passenger rates, perhaps not as large as the eastern railroads demand, but a substantial hike which the long-suffering train traveling public will have to pay.

Too bad there are no Teddy Roosevelts around today to fight such railroad practices, and see that the people of the country get a "square deal" in rail transportation.—R.W.R.

Has Nixon Changed?

In his speech before the Legion convention at Los Angeles Vice President Nixon was loudly applauded when he warned that while the Soviet government has changed its tactics it has not changed its character—so beware of the "bear that walks like a man."

He did not call attention to the fact that Richard Nixon similarly has changed his tactics, but not his character. He might well have.

For he did not, for example, in his answer to Adlai Stevenson's Legion talk, call the Democratic candidate a Communist or even charge him with being "soft on communism," as was his custom in the past.

He merely said that if Mr. Stevenson's suggestion of halting the "draft" were followed it would advertise to the world and particularly Russia and other potential enemies, that the American people had gone "soft," were willing to call it quits, and that such a show of weakness in this period of crisis would be fatal, and therefore should be avoided at all costs.

Loud cheers and thunderous applause followed this vicious left hook to the donkey's solar plexus, and "Dicky Boy" had scored a verbal ten-strike with his fellow Legionnaires once again!

IT WAS all typical Nixonese, another notch in the VPs "six gun." But while the "big stick" was invisible, the soft pedal was on, and the smear tactics of the pre-Eisenhower era, were not evident—not on the surface at least—the tactics, not the character, had changed.

FOR what the eloquent and adroit V.P. did NOT EMPHASIZE, was the qualifying phrase in the Stevenson remark—namely that the draft should be called off when the national security no longer called for it.

In other words Governor Stevenson's idea was something like this:

"We have a draft, we have had it for some years, but it should not be continued under the direction of 'General Inertia' a day longer than national defense demands it. A new era calls for new methods, and in this atomic age we should beware of continuing practices, whether in war or peace, which are no longer needed and are hopelessly out-of-date."

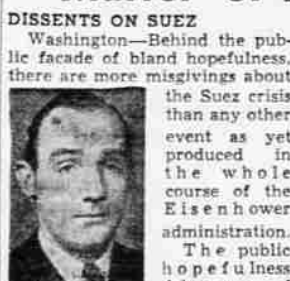
As usual Adlai Stevenson was merely "talking SENSE." Would Mr. Nixon or his Legion buddies, for example, favor continuing the draft when national security no longer demanded it?

Of course not!

But these few words about the draft taken out of context, did put the Republican candidate on the spot POLITICALLY in the Nixon school of thought,

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop



Joseph Alsop

DISSENTS ON SUEZ
Washington—Behind the public facade of bland hopefulness, there are more misgivings about the Suez crisis than any other event as yet produced in the whole course of the Eisenhower administration. The public hopefulness flows, of course, from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' undoubted success in doing what he set out to do when the Suez crisis started. Dulles deserves much of the credit for persuading the British and French to refrain from direct action against Egypt. He is the real author of the negotiations with Egyptian President Nasser, that are now going on in Cairo.

Within a few days, the outcome of the Cairo negotiations will be known. And the concealed misgivings, which are felt in every informed quarter in Washington, flow from considering what this outcome may be.

A conceivable outcome, of course, is that President Nasser will accept the American plan for placing control of the Suez Canal in the hands of an international board or commission. To promote this outcome, the French and British have been strengthening their forces in the Mediterranean.

But in Cairo, Soviet Ambassador Kisselev has been almost openly urging Nasser not to grant internationalization of the canal. In the face of his home public opinion, which Nasser himself has done so much to inflame, the Egyptian President will find it incredibly difficult to make this kind of retreat. In short, a clean-cut good outcome of the Cairo talks is generally considered to be very unlikely although not out of the question.

A second possible outcome. Internationalization of the canal, which the British and French regard as a minimum demand, may perhaps be conceded but there may be concessions on the other side, too, which will save Nasser's face by allowing him to claim a qualified success. Finally, the obvious third possibility is that Nasser will send Prime Minister Menzies and his colleagues home with a flea in their ears. His inclination to do just that was rather clearly revealed when he rudely refused to send even his Foreign Minister to greet the Australian Prime Minister at the airport.

IF Nasser does not give way somehow, the British and French will almost certainly be driven to use some sort of force against him in the end. But even the kind of compromise that will avert the use of force, will by no means lull the misgivings that are now felt in Washington.

This is because the real crux of the Suez issue is not the point that is being publicly debated. What matters most is not how the Suez Canal is managed. What matters most is whether President Nasser succeeds in defying and humiliating the greatest powers of the West. That kind of success is what Nasser really wants. And even a compromise solution of the canal problem will allow Nasser to claim that kind of success.

If Nasser is able to claim that kind of success the compromise which seems to end a bad business will actually prove only the beginning of a much worse business. The scene then will shift, from Egypt where Nasser will no longer be challengeable, to the Arab lands where Nasser will immediately challenge Western influence in all its forms.

The danger signals are already plain to see. In North Africa, for example, the moderate regimes that have been set up in newly liberated Tunisia and Morocco are even now trembling before the anticipated storm. For example, Habib Bourguiba, the ablest of the North African Arab leaders, has informally warned Paris that his government will soon lose out to the Tunisian extremists supported by Egypt. If Nasser is allowed anything like a victory over Suez.

IN Iraq, the anchor of the British Middle Eastern position, Nasser's stroke at Suez had such import that Nasser's bitter enemy, Iraqi Premier Nuri Pasha, was forced to give lip-service backing to Egypt—and Nuri did this, moreover, as he stepped off an airplane from a

goodwill visit to London. In Jordan, too, the government of King Hussein is feebly struggling against Nasser's growing power with the Jordanian mob.

In sum, a Nasser success at Suez now is virtually sure to mean successes for Nasser in Iraq and Jordan, Kuwait and Bahrain, Tunisia and Morocco later on. Furthermore, Nasser's first act, after a Suez success, will surely be to start an agitation for nationalization of all Western oil interests in the Middle East. We may think we are parrying a body blow at Suez but we may also expose the jugal vein of the Western Alliance to immediate and unavoidable attack.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The Suez situation doesn't look so good as this is written. As of now, all indications point to a deadlock in the talks. "Sources" close to the situation say Nasser has refused to accept the 18-nation plan—which sounds reasonable. He has been suspiciously polite so far.

In a big deal, the opponent who is polite and uncommunicative must always be watched. He is usually harder to handle than a blusterer.

LET'S GET THE SITUATION

straight in our minds. When Nasser grabbed the canal, the British and the French (who are most directly concerned in the Suez) called a meeting of nations in London. Eighteen of these nations joined in an effort to negotiate a settlement that would keep the Suez open to international commerce.

They appointed a five-nation committee headed by Premier Menzies of Australia to PRESENT to Nasser the view of the 18 nations. It wasn't empowered to present an OR ELSE ultimatum to him. His job was to NEGOTIATE.

The negotiations appear to have bogged down.

WHAT will the British and French do?

Probably not. The time for shooting was when Nasser seized the canal. Since they didn't shoot then, they are less likely to shoot now. A highly placed Egyptian says their next move may be to call off the British and the French pilots who are running the machinery of the canal—which amount to calling a strike of skilled employees.

In that event, canal traffic would become a mess. This mess MIGHT precipitate shooting.

WHAT will WE do?

It appears that the job cut out for us is to calm everybody down and try to negotiate a peaceful settlement. It's a big job. But everybody—with the probable exception of Russia—hopes we are able to get away with it.

THAT'S enough heavy stuff for one day. Let's turn to Grandma Moses.

She was 96 last week. She began painting in her late 70's—an age when most people think they've all burned out and all that's left is to wait for the coming of the old man with the scythe.

She is now one of the most famous painters in the world.

GRANDMA Moses is a "primitive." That is to say, she is so old-fashioned as to think a painting is something to be looked at and enjoyed because it LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING that a common ordinary human being would WANT to look at.

More power to her. I hope she goes on painting for another 20 years. When you look at her pictures, you FEEL BETTER. When you look at this "post-impressionist" stuff—which is based on the idea that an artist isn't compelled to present things as they actually exist or appear, but has the right to express his own feeling toward the world—about the only thing you can FEEL strongly is a desire to go out on the back porch and kick the cat.

In this modern world, TOO MANY people can think of nothing better than to go out on the back porch and kick the cat, and as a result the world is in a mess.

Grandma Moses is an antidote for that kind of frenzy and I hope she lives forever.

and being one of the smartest politicians in the business, "Richard" (put on the program especially to answer Stevenson) was not slow in taking advantage of it.

Will it make him and his party votes?

We doubt it.

It did give delegates to the Legion convention a fine chance to yell and shout—and who would begrudge them that—it gave "Dear Dick" a chance to give his familiar Cheshire cat smile of self-satisfaction and get another slap on the back from that great political impresario Leonard Hall—and that is ok also.

But before election day comes around the American people are going to get wise to the Nixon verbal "curves" and what he said or didn't say at either the San Francisco or the Los Angeles conventions will, we are sure, be forgotten.—R.W.R.

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 a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Jews and Arabs

To the Editor: The Republicans in their platform are bidding for the Jewish vote by offering to help the Jews in Palestine. There are nearly 5,000,000 Jews in the U. S., most of them in big cities, and some of them very wealthy.

Whenever we show favor for one set of religious people we antagonize other people. In the U. S. there is a majority of people who are not Jews. To help the Jews in Palestine means to antagonize their enemies, the Arabs. The allies have already done that. With their attitude about the Suez canal, I fear that millions of Arabs will turn communist.

Charles W. Sherman
Montgomery Ranch
Kerby, Ore.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

ALLIES AND MEDIATORS

The Suez affair has found the United States working its way towards the position of a mediator rather than that of a wholehearted partisan of Great Britain and France. To some British and French this will seem like a kind of desertion, in- stead of a deed of the alliance.

They will be wrong. The United States is playing the same kind of role in Suez which Britain has played in Formosa and in Indo-China, even in Korea—that of a friendly mediator who intervenes to prevent the war party from getting the upper hand.

There are small circles of Americans who think that it would have been better if Korea or Formosa or Indo-China had ended in a show-down with Red China, that it was an historic and catastrophic mistake not to inflict a crushing defeat on Red China before it had time to become a great industrial and military power. They blame the British government for restraining our movement towards war. But the overwhelming majority of Americans are grateful that war was averted, and insofar as they know the story of these affairs, they are grateful to Lord Attlee and to Sir Anthony Eden for the conciliatory part they played.

THE Atlantic alliance is a partnership against military aggression into the great basin of the Atlantic Ocean. The partnership has been tested in two world

One of the members of our staff is—the Lord help us!—an aspiring poet. He was so carried away by the Mail Tribune's Bargain Days promotion that he went into a trance-like state, and came out of it with the following, which, all things considered, is good advice:

Whether it's the weather or the sports you want to see, Or the patterns, or the patter of our high society; Or an article on medicine, or how to cook a meal, Or a little bit of wisdom that gives a "solid" feel; Or news that keeps on humming, from the east or north or south; The M-T has it for you, straight from the horse's mouth. It prints the bright and sunny side, with comics and cartoons; The classifieds will sell your goods, from pears to pewter spoons; And grocers, druggists, haberdashers, add their wares to boot.

Things That Make a Person Feel Old Department: World War II started 17 years ago last week.

Police officers, we reported last week, get strange requests, such as how to change a baby's diapers. They also get some pretty weird problems in the field of detection. One such came to light last week, and if you'll bear with us, we'll try to get it straight.

It involves four persons, who we'll call A, B, C and D, and two dogs, which we'll call 1 and 2. Got it? OK.

Mrs. A reported to police that a dog had taken some items from A's yard, and that she suspected 1. B, a neighbor who owns 1, said it couldn't possibly be so, because 1 is a good dog. C, another neighbor, who has no dog, reported he suspected 2, because 2 had been a nuisance on several occasions, and had taken some of C's milk bottles once.

Meanwhile, D found the stolen articles, in a vacant lot, including a blanket, a mattress cover and a feeding dish. All were in good condition.

Now if you were the investigating officer, would you believe A, B or C? Would you arrest 1 or 2? Or would you just give D your heart felt thanks, and write it off as "unsolved"?

A note we found on our desk states plaintively:

We don't mind waiting 10 minutes at a crossing for an SP freight train to pass, but we do get fed up when the brake-man sitting on top of the last car grins down at us like a Cheshire cat.

We can all remember those old heart-tugging stories about the ragged little girl at Christmas-time, staring through the big window at the dolls, and the generous rich man who saw her and bought the whole kit and kaboodle for her.

Nowadays, the ragged little girl has been replaced with the large untidy boy with a bedraggled cigaret, who strolls wistfully through the city's used car lots looking for hot rod material.

What would happen if, on the TV program "Do you trust your wife?" the emcee, instead of posing a quiz question, would say: "We are now going to make a pot of coffee. Do you trust your wife?"

(We're not entirely sure that this item is amusing, but one of our contributors seemed to think it was. OUR wife makes GOOD coffee.)

News department members are used to getting calls inquiring as to the proper address of congressmen, or what to call an Archbishop, or who won the World Series in 1919. They can usually (not always) dig up the right answers, too.

So it came as no particular surprise last week when a caller inquired the correct spelling of a word. The reporter who answered the call pulled down a dictionary, looked it up, and told him. He then asked the definition of another word, which the reporter attempted to define without looking it up—which proved unsatisfactory to the caller, so the reporter hauled down the dictionary again, looked it up, and read the definition. The caller still was unsatisfied, and asked the reporter to look it up in another dictionary.

The reporter's patience was about gone, but down came another dictionary, a big one this time, and the third definition (just about the same as the other two) was read to the caller, who heaved a sigh, muttered something about having to find another word, and hung up without a word of thanks.

We know a couple, both of whom work, who returned from a vacation the day after Labor day, and reported they were glad they were back because now they can finish their spring housecleaning.

Notices of Mining Locations on File

Thomas R. and Mildred M. Murphy, route 2, Jacksonville, have filed with the county clerk and recorder notices of quartz locations.

All locations are in the Steamboat unorganized mining district. Names of the locations and minerals they are listed as bearing are "Black Beauty" and "Dream Boat," gold and platinum; "White Swan," lime, silica and gold; "Pipe Dream," lime and gold; "After Thought," lime and other minerals and "Springdale," gold and platinum.

Candy, Gum Reported Stolen From Store

Several cartons of candy and gum were taken from the Snow White Freeze on the corner of Jacksonville highway and Lozier Lane between 9 p.m. on Thursday and 9:45 a.m. Friday according to sheriff's deputies.

The building is owned by Mrs. Eleanor E. Rowe, 509 North Oregon st., Jacksonville. Investigation revealed that an unsecured piece of plywood used to cover an opening in the front service counter window had been removed. The subjects apparently reached through the opening and removed the candy and gum. The sheriff's deputies had no suspects.

Contracts Awarded By Engineer Corps

Portland—(U.P.)—West Coast Steel Works of Portland was low bidder with \$113,405 for removal and salvage of one abandoned highway and four railroad bridges in The Dalles dam area, the Corps of Engineers reported Saturday.

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