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Flight o' Time: Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO: Oct. 2, 1948 (Wednesday). Charges to be assessed airplane owners for use of the municipal airport were adopted by the city council last night upon recommendation by the airport committee.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Metropolitan laundries are now using invisible ink to mark shirts. If the shirt don't come back, it's just as hard to find as the mark.

20 YEARS AGO: Oct. 2, 1938 (Thursday). Final rush of Jackson county voters to register before books close tomorrow is under way.

The Talent pear and tomato show, after weeks of preparation, starts today with large crowd.

30 YEARS AGO: Oct. 2, 1928 (Friday). The first issue of the Medford Hi Times off the press and in circulation.

Fire lookout stations discontinued by Crater National Forest headquarters office early this month.

40 YEARS AGO: Oct. 2, 1918 (Monday). Albert F. Noth, ticket agent at the local depot, is named station agent to succeed A. S. Rosenbaum, who resigned.

From Local and Personal column: Henry Riley of the Rogue River Hardware company of Central Point is in Medford on business today.

50 YEARS AGO: Oct. 2, 1908 (Tuesday). Miss Cameron's division of the second grade gave a county fair at the school house Friday.

J. D. Heard, general manager of the Sterling Mining company, is in town today.

What's the Answer?

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- 1. If a TV station gives a political candidate free time, it must by law give his opponent equal free time to answer him; right or wrong?
2. The Korean War cost the U. S. more or less than World War I, or about the same?
3. The famous water passage that the ancient world called the Hellespont is now called what?
4. First U. S. President to die in that office was Washington, J. Q. Adams, Jackson, W. H. Harrison or Lincoln?
5. A "captive mine" in the coal industry is one owned by the union, a steel company, a bank, the government, or a newspaper?
6. Miss Lou Henry married which of our recent presidents?
7. John L. Lewis of the coal miners has or hasn't come out for Stevenson for president in 1956?
The Answers: 1. Right. 2. More. 3. The Dardanelles. 4. W. H. Harrison. 5. A steel company. 6. Hoover. 7. Hasn't.

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 40, Central Point, will hold a Pack meeting Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Point Junior High school library. All boys and parents interested are asked to attend.

Why?

If the sale of timber land in the US Forest Reserve at \$5 an acre that had a value of approximately \$500 in the open market, was such a virtuous and proper transaction why does the former Secretary of the Interior McKay spend so much time explaining and defending it?

Why did Secretary Seaton, successor to Secretary McKay while praising his predecessor as the "man to beat Morse," make it clear at the same time, that nothing like the Al Sarena case would ever happen again,—not while he heads the Interior Department at least?

And No. 3: why, when a presidential election loomed on the horizon did that 100 per cent Republican Congressman Ellsworth, suddenly awaken and spring into action with a bill that would prevent anyone doing EXACTLY what the Al Sarena owners did, but would not prevent a similar "give away" provided there were sufficient funds available,—that is enough to do the necessary assessment work in one year instead of five?

It is all quite mystifying!

CANDIDATES for office high or low usually avoid defending their actions in the past if there is nothing to defend,—nothing questionable about them.

But Mr. McKay and his supporters keep bringing up the subject, and explaining over and over again, how innocent he was of any wrong doing—this paper has never so accused him,—and now still on the defensive he goes even farther. Last week for example in a speech at the Irvington club in Portland before a group of the Oregon Federation of Republican Women he claimed the law compelled him to do what he had done, said that he didn't know anything about the "give away" until after the patents had been granted and the papers signed!

All this was done he said by "his solicitor" BUT he had never denied he as head of the department was "responsible" and he did not at that time.

WELL that makes it clear. Secretary McKay WAS responsible for the Al Sarena deal, but he is mistaken about there having been any legal compulsion, either on his part or that of his subordinate. He could as far as the law is concerned, have done exactly what his predecessor in the Interior Department did, refused to grant the patents. Also we admit there was no law against his doing what he admits he did do, standing by while his "solicitor" did take a course of action unprecedented in the entire history of the Department of the Interior when he refused to accept the recommendations of both the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management that as a result of examinations by their mineral experts, the values in the worked-out Buzzard mine, (rechristened the Al Sarena,) did NOT justify the granting of ownership of timber valued at \$500 an acre for a \$5 an acre mining fee.

THERE was no such compulsion either way. There was no law breaking on the part of the McDonald Brothers or Solicitor Davis or they all might today be in jail.

But there was a "GIVE AWAY"—a flagrant and an unprecedented violation of all traditions of timber conservation in our national forests, and the protection against securing of valuable timber lands under the guise of mineral rights.

FINALLY what sort of Secretary of the Interior must former Governor McKay have been when he did not check on what his subordinates were doing but sat idly by when they put over a "give away" like the Al Sarena deal, and when informed of this insubordination, he not only upheld the solicitor but retained him in his employ as long as he held office.

Is that the type of administrator, and anti-conservationist the people of Oregon want to represent them in the Upper House of congress for the next six years?

We can't believe it.—R.W.R.

Another Question—

The most amusing effort of the GOP press to alibi the Al Sarena "give away" is to place Senator Kefauver in their phoney political scenario, as the villain, who is now opposing the deal but back in 1952 while campaigning for the presidential nomination they claim he endorsed it.

As a matter of fact, Senator Kefauver never ENDORSED the Al Sarena deal, he was asked by the owners of the mine to look into their case, and his office assistant did so, but Mr. Kefauver was never engaged as their attorney, never oked the final plan, and took no active part in the deal at ANY time. The GOP press knows this, but they see a chance to raise a smoke-screen, by shifting the responsibility from the Secretary of the Interior to the Democratic candidate for vice president, so with shouts of glee and triumph they hop to it. Some of them call it a great "back fire." How silly can we get?

ANYONE who knows Senator Kefauver and his record, the man who fought the Dixon-Yates "give away" and refused, at a tremendous sacrifice politically, to sign the "Southern Manifesto," knows he would never have given his ok to any such transaction, if he had lost every vote in Mobile, Alabama, and the Roosevelt hotel in New Orleans!... We were surprised the Oregonian should dignify such a transparent hocus-pocus and illustrate the "bogus" maneuver with the picture of some Davy Crockett jamboree in the latter city's leading hotel.

BUT the real humor comes from another angle to wit: If the Al Sarena "give away" was as pure, proper,

and unavoidable, as the McKay zealots claim so frequently and stridently, WHY, should they now condemn, and seek to crucify, the "gentleman from Tennessee," whose only crime, according to THEIR OWN claims, was in endorsing it. It is to laugh!—R.W.R.

Al Sarena As A Symbol

The Al Sarena case is important in the senatorial race as revealing the political philosophy and record of the Republican candidate.

But it is also important nationally, not in itself, but as a perfect symbol of Republican doctrine.

We believe it is correct to say that with the possible exception of Secretary Seaton, Mr. McKay's successor, there has never been the slightest criticism of this Jackson county "give-away", by any Republican leader in Oregon, Washington or anywhere else.

Why? The reason we believe is clear. The GOP doesn't believe there WAS anything illegal—which there wasn't—improper or contrary to a true democratic public welfare policy—which there was in this deal. No matter whether Secretary of Defense Wilson said it or didn't, one of the corner stones of GOP belief as of today is that what is Good for General Motors IS good for the country. Therefore when the public welfare conflicts with private profit, as in the Al Sarena case, it is not only good business but good politics to sacrifice the former to the latter.

IT was the stand on this issue so clearly revealed at the two party conventions at Chicago four years ago, that transferred this paper's allegiance from the Republican to the Democratic ranks.

For it is this paper's strong conviction that if such a policy is retained and carried on through the years to its logical conclusion, it will mean the end of democratic government as we have known it, and in its place there will probably be a sort of Big Business oligarchy,—an entrenched plutocratic dynasty,—which will present a problem for our children and grand children most difficult to peacefully solve.—R.W.R.

Matter of Fact

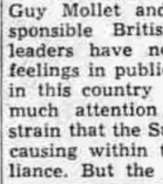
By Joe and Stewart Alsop

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Joseph Alsop

Washington—In the unending Suez crisis, the American policy makers are now reaping a bitter harvest of allied anger and ill will. This country's chief world-partners, Britain and France, are feeling emotions and making charges that are without precedent in the last ten years.



Stewart Alsop

Thus far, Sir Anthony Eden, Guy Mollet and the other responsible British and French leaders have not voiced their feelings in public. Hence no one in this country has as yet paid much attention to the severe strain that the Suez crisis is now causing within the Western Alliance. But the strain is there, none, the less.



John Foster Dulles

The simplest clue to the trouble is offered by the a stonishing history of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' scheme for a Suez canal "Users Association." Its history goes back to the ticklish moment when Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser flatly rejected the first Dulles plan for international management of the canal.

So far as can be judged, Secretary Dulles concluded that the best way to get through this ticklish moment was to keep everyone talking, and so to prevent dangerous decisions from being taken in Paris and themselves to take decisions after Nasser sent Australian Prime Minister Menzies home from Cairo with a flea in his ear.

At this juncture and with great urgency, the British and French ambassadors, Sir Roger Makins and Herve Alphand, were called to the State Department to hear about the Users' Association. As originally outlined by Secretary Dulles, the new project was very tough indeed. What amounted to an international boycott of Suez was to be organized. It was to be financed by the United States. Reinforcing the boycott with other measures of economic warfare was not excluded. The declared aim was to put all pressure short of war on President Nasser, and so to force him to submit in the end.

JUST previously, the American government had backed hastily away from Secretary Dulles' scheme for internationalizing the Suez Canal, as soon as the going got rough in Cairo. Insistent questions were therefore asked, aimed to find out whether the Dulles plan for a Users Association was another American policy proposal subject to change without notice. It is understood that both Makins and Alphand received strong assurances that Secretary Dulles' intentions were now unshakably firm.

As it happened, a French parliamentary delegation was also in Washington at the time, and was received by Secretary Dulles. For this large group, whose members have of course

Tito Appears in Driver's Seat In Talks With Russ Over Policy

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

President Tito of Yugoslavia seems to be in the driver's seat in his talks with Russian Communist leaders.



Charles M. McCann

Just what is going on in the talks, now at the end of their second week, is still something of a mystery. But two things appear to be certain.

One is that the talks have nothing to do with relations between the Communist-ruled countries and the Western democracies. They concern Communist Party policies.

The other is that Tito, the one-time rebel against Stalin's dictatorship, is being consulted as an independent Communist leader fully equal with the highest men in the Kremlin.

It is no secret that Tito hopes to make himself, some day, the leader of a Balkan bloc of Communist countries which would include Bulgaria and Albania. His independence, and his part in the present talks, are likely to increase his prestige in other Soviet satellite countries.

Apparently Tito himself was surprised—and not too pleased—when Nikita S. Khrushchev, the Russian Communist chief, decided to visit him.

Khrushchev arrived in Yugoslavia on Sept. 19, on what was called in Moscow a vacation. That obvious fiction was soon exposed.

Then it was suggested the Suez Canal dispute and Tito's relations with the United States and other Allied countries caused the visit.

But it was soon made plain that Khrushchev wanted to talk to Tito about developments in the Communist countries.

It was disclosed the Russian Communist party, of which Khrushchev is first secretary, had sent out a circular letter to Red leaders in the satellite countries criticizing Tito.

The complaint apparently was that Tito, because of his rebellion against Stalin, is no longer a truly orthodox Communist. The implication was that Communist leaders in the satellite countries must not follow his independent line.

Split Reported in Kremlin. Then came reports that there had been a split in the Kremlin over the attitude to be taken toward Tito—and toward the loosening up of Kremlin dictatorship in some of the satellites, notably Poland.

Khrushchev and Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin were supposed to lead one faction, which favors good relations with Tito on a basis of equality and the loosening up of the grip on the satellites.

Former Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov, the chief survivor of the Kremlin's old Bolsheviks, was said to head the other faction, which doesn't like Tito and thinks Khrushchev has gone too far in his satellite policy.

In any event, Tito flew to

Yalta, on the Russian Black Sea coast, with Khrushchev on Sept. 27 after eight days of conference in Yugoslavia. Now Bulganin has joined the conference and Ernoe Geroc, No. 1 Hungarian Communist, has been called in.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

If you are an ordinary citizen—and haven't taken the weeks of time required to delve into the facts of the case—suppose you are wondering what this Al Sarena business (that has been filling the papers and clogging the air waves for months with political charges and counter-charges) is all about. It would be quite reasonable if you came to the conclusion that where there is so much smoke there must be some fire.

So—Let's see if we can get a realistic look at it.

AL SERENA has been known as mining property for half a century. The first of the claims involved in the present controversy were filed in 1897, when some miner came along and thought there might be pay dirt there and took samples and had them assayed. The assays turned out all right, and the patents were issued as a matter of routine.

Keep this in mind: Timber was then worthless except for building shacks and shoring up mining tunnels. It was just the tail that went along with the mineral hide.

Whatever timber there was on the ground was useful in developing the mine.

How about this scandal a few years ago when hundreds of mining claims in Southern Oregon and elsewhere were filed on for the presumably fraudulent purpose of getting the timber on the claims?

IT WILL naturally occur to you that this Al Sarena business may be another project of that sort.

How do we know it isn't? WELL, the fact just don't seem to bear out that conclusion. These McDonalds appear to be honest mining people, who sincerely believe that Al Sarena can be developed into a paying mining property if they can find capital enough to develop it as it will have to be developed.

The development of it will be quite a project. The ore body will have to be blocked out, and it is estimated that this would cost some \$300,000 for core-drilling and such. That will have to be done before additional capital can be attracted.

It is not considered really practical to operate the property, whose ore is low grade, with less than a mill of 10,000 tons daily capacity. Such a plant, it is estimated, would cost from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

The McDonalds are seeking investors who will be willing to put some such amount into the project. They have already put all of their own money into it, but need more money in order to go on. Before Al Sarena became a national political football, they felt they had a good chance to interest outside investment.

WHAT is the value of the timber involved? It is estimated it maybe \$250,000. The stand is supposed to be somewhere from 8 million to 10 million feet. Make your own guess. But I'd say that a quarter of a million dollars worth of timber would serve a good purpose if it added to Southern Oregon's mining economy an operation involving from \$3 million to \$5 million new capital investment. The original theory of the mining law was that the timber was an adjunct of the mining operation.

To me, it seems a shame that good honest people such as the McDonalds appear to be should be fried out in the political pan for no better purpose than politically smearing good men like Douglas McKay and Harris Ellsworth.

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.

Vote for Oregon Power

To the Editor: Are we for Oregon or do we fall for a lot of foolish side talk? Both Portland papers of Sept. 19 stated on the top page that BPA intended to cut off interruptible power to large industries in October. That will mean men laid off from their jobs and less business. That is Oregon's handicap—lots of power in the summer time, a shortage of power in the winter time. The BPA tried to sell surplus summer power this summer and couldn't sell it. That means we need winter time power more than anything else.

Oregonians should look at their own needs first regardless of party and vote for those who, if elected, will give us our winter time power. We should not let them fool us with side talk, so we won't get what we need most.

So far the Hells Canyon high dam is the only dam that promises to give us extra winter time power by storing the extra spring and summer time water of the Snake River, which can be turned loose in the winter time to give us added winter power. The Idaho Power Company's low dams do not give us our badly needed storage for winter power, so at this election vote for Oregon by voting for the backers of Hells Canyon Dam. After all, our bread and butter and jobs for our people in Oregon should come first in our minds.

We should demand of all candidates that if elected they will repeal the license of the Idaho Power Company and vote for a high dam. We know we don't want Doug McKay because he is the one most responsible for our loss of Hells Canyon Dam and our winter power. As Senator Morse and the Democrats are the backers of the high Hells Canyon dam, we should all vote Democratic this election to tell the people in power in Washington that Oregon wants its winter power, and will not be fooled by silly side talk about other things which mean nothing to our prosperity.

And if they say our government lacks the financing, don't be fooled—remember the same government just gave India \$350,000,000 and wants \$4,000,000,000 for foreign aid, and have built a lot of free dams in Europe and Asia with our money. Our country comes first—it's our money, let foreign countries take care of themselves. Vote Democratic this year and demand of the Democrats more winter time power.

Louis Galatz, 1639 S.E. Tacoma st., Portland, Ore.

They Hatched!

To the Editor: Referring to Sept. 27 Communication: Catherine (misspelled with a K) just looked under the wrong "Banty." Saturday morning my 4-year-old little granddaughter, Tacy, nearly dragged me from the telephone, shouting: "Grandpa, come quick! and see the little chickens—Run fast!" We did. Catherine and the other children joined us.

Sure 'nuf—at least one tiny chick was out, and more eggs pipped, under "Alice." A moment later, as Tacy was climbing over the fence, she yelled,

"Oh, look, here's some more." We all went to see. Imagine the surprise "to all hands aboard."

"What to their wondering eyes should appear—not a nest full of reindeer," but 10 fluffy bantam chicks, under "Judy." And each appeared to me to be marked with an M in finest feathers and colors. Even their lively chirps seemed to have a "Morse, Morse" sound; and each Lynch child had to hold one of the little pets.

Convinced that "Henny-penny" couldn't produce by setting on that shriveled out, Catherine borrowed 2 or 3 eggs from "Alice," and put them under "Henny-penny." We're all awaiting results. All may turn out to be good eggs, and as all over Oregon, as hard shells crack, more Morse supporters come forth. It really takes results to convince some folks.

Anyhow, this just goes to prove once more that even a "Banty" will produce when given proper underlying.

Now Carolyn, Johnny and Tacy are pondering names for all the little chicks. Any suggestions???

John (Dad) Gribble, 139 Kenwood ave., Medford, Ore.

Geologic Wonders

To the Editor: There are many wonders in Southern Oregon, especially those of geologic nature in a changing world of natural history.

For instance, once the shortest river was Link river connecting the upper and lower Klamath lakes, only 1/4 mile long. Lost River in Klamath county runs in a circle for nearly 90 miles and empties underground only about 10 miles from its original source, in Tulelake. One of the greatest fault formations of basalt in Oregon west of the Snake river canyon, is the Abert rim on U.S. Highway 395 in Lake County, Oregon.

As for semi-precious gem rock, southern Oregon has the distinction of having the greatest variety of semi-gem stones found anywhere in the Northwest. The gem polishing and marketing business now in Oregon is rated one of the major industries of the past 15 years. Some of the lesser and rarer stones are in a general demand by collectors in many of the states.

One time in our mineral prospecting trips in the Cascade range we discovered a small round extinct volcano about 16 feet in diameter with a molten Hematite stained quartz lying in the pit, and we mortared a sample that showed a small trace of free gold, not enough to get excited about at least.

Our belief is that the general mineral resources of southern Oregon will last for many years yet, and that all the hidden minerals have not been found, almost a conclusive answer to prospecting and mining. Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman st., Apt. 1, Medford, Ore.

TO EXPORT SALK VACCINE

Washington—(U.P.)—A substantially increased amount of Salk polio vaccine will be available for export to foreign countries during the last three months of the year.

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