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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. 16, 1946 (Wednesday)
A plea that city authorities
act to rid Medford of wines was
at the city council meeting last
night.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: The peace
talks at Paris have been com-
pleted. Though nobody, who
needed it was rendered speech-
less by a rap on the noggin with
a hard oak gavel, it was a great
fight while it lasted.

20 YEARS AGO
Oct. 16, 1936 (Friday)
Medford stores tomorrow re-
sume the winter closing sched-
ule for Saturday nights.

Ideas on tourist travel are ex-
pressed at the meeting sponsored
at the city hall by the Jack-
son County Chamber of Com-
merce.

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 15, 1926 (Saturday)
C. M. Granger, district forest-
er, Portland, is in Medford to-
day transacting business.

The first meeting of the cam-
paign to remove the county seat
from Jacksonville to Medford
was held at the Natorium last
night.

40 YEARS AGO
Oct. 16, 1916 (Monday)
Straw vote by Robert Dutton,
1022 West 10th st., Medford,
shows Wilson is overwhelmingly
ahead.

From Local and Personal col-
umn: Miss Bess Bryan will sing
"The Valley of the Rogue" at
the Page theater Wednesday
night.

50 YEARS AGO
Oct. 16, 1906 (Tuesday)
Attorney General Moody and
Secretary of the Treasury Shaw
are to resign from Roosevelt's
cabinet.

The yacht Mayflower with the
president on board arrived in
Barnstable, Mass., this morn-
ing and joined the fleet as soon
as target practice commenced.

What's the Answer?
Can You Get 4 of the 7?
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Report

- 1. Has any man unmarried
and divorced yet been elected
U. S. President, and if so, who?
2. More than half the oil pro-
duced in the Middle East normal-
ly goes through the Suez canal:
right or wrong?
3. Sen. McCarthy is or isn't
up for re-election this year in
Wisconsin?
4. Parity ratio of prices paid
to the farmers to prices they pay
is now much or slightly lower
than a year ago or much or
slightly higher?
5. Tulane university is in Cali-
fornia, Texas, Louisiana, Vir-
ginia, Wisconsin or a New Eng-
land state?
6. There are many more na-
tional or state banks, or is it
about 50-50?
7. Dr. Francis E. Townsend
became famous for his treatment
of heart disease, old-age pension
scheme, atomic energy research
or fight for prohibition?
The answer: 1. None yet elect-
ed. 2. Wrong. 3. Isn't. 4. Slightly
lower 2 points, as of Sept. 15.
5. Louisiana. 6. About 50-50 as to
numbers. 7. Old-age pension
scheme.

Wanted—Another T. Jefferson

There are not many laughs in this campaign. But now and then one comes along, and because of its rarity is doubly appreciated. We have in mind the declaration by one of our communicants (we have many) that—in effect—if Thomas Jefferson were here today he would be opposing Hells Canyon and supporting Mr. Douglas McKay for the senate!

We have heard and read many reasons for opposing public power on the Snake and favoring private power, but this certainly takes the blue ribbon for sheer, unadulterated inaccuracy and comedy.

ALEXANDER Hamilton, were he to be resurrected might be working with the big Bankers and the Private Power interests, but Thomas Jefferson—NEVER!

The argument is supported, however, by the claim that Mr. Jefferson opposed more centralization of power in the government, to the detriment of states' rights.

This has some historical basis, but it can only be applied to Hells Canyon if taken out of context. Jefferson opposed the alien-and-sedition laws, and believed a self-governing state had a perfect right to resist them. But he made it clear at the same time that he believed the federal government should be sustained in all its CONSTITUTIONAL vigor.

And having written part of the constitution, and most of the Declaration of Independence the founder of the Democratic party, must have known what he was talking about, when he mentioned "constitutional vigor."

The entire keynote of his political career and his political belief was, in fact, the promotion of the GENERAL WELFARE, the betterment NOT of Hamilton's "elite" but of the rank and file—the plain people as Lincoln later called them.

As Governor of Virginia back in 1800 he naturally was jealous of states rights but when President he used the federal power to an extent as he admitted had never been used before. Jefferson even doubted its constitutionality, strictly interpreted, but somewhat as Theodore Roosevelt did regarding the Panama canal, Jefferson held the promotion of the general welfare supreme, and made the Louisiana Purchase. This gave the American people approximately 1,000,000 square miles of fertile land for approximately \$20,000,000—that is, not for \$5 an acre, but \$20 a square mile! Some "deal"!

IT IS SO often forgotten that Thomas Jefferson was not only a REBEL, but the spokesman and leader of colonial rebels. He was as hated and reviled by the Tories of his time as Senator Wayne Morse is by the Old Guard and 100% Republican regulars today—and for much the same reasons.

Were he to return to earth, it is a justified assumption that he would have no more use for those who want to send Mr. Douglas McKay to the US Senate for six years, and as far as possible eliminate all further federal power projects, than back at the start of the 19th century he had any use for Aaron Burr or King George III.

THOMAS Jefferson was also a man of great originality, humanity and liberalism. As a sideline he was something of an engineer. It is as certain as anything purely conjectural could be, that were he alive today, he would appreciate the obvious truth that one of the great needs of Oregon and the entire northwest is not only more power but CHEAPER power. And he would take the word of the US Army engineers rather than the Eisenhower Public Power Commission as to whether a federal multiple project at Hells Canyon would be the best answer to this need, or the Idaho Power company, and its two or three small dams.

In fact, the more one considers this subject the keener the regret that there is not a Twentieth Century Thomas Jefferson among us today. Jefferson was not only a T.R. Progressive at heart, he had the same attitude toward the "malefactors of great wealth" that both T.R. and F.D.R. held. We said "MALEFACTORS."

He was, it is true, a slave-holder, was considered a rich man of that period with his Monticello mansion and ample acres; but he lived very simply, was in favor of allowing every slave owner to free all his slaves and had he lived longer he undoubtedly would have done so.

In fact, when governor, Jefferson proposed a measure to give this right to all slave owners, but as often he was a bit too far ahead of his time, the measure was defeated. Thus, the seed planted for an "Emancipation Proclamation" did not bear fruit until half a century later and the founder of another great national party occupied the White House and proposed it.

ALL OF WHICH we think is quite interesting when applied to the present political situation, and particularly the senatorial race in this state.

Somehow it is impossible to conceive of Mr. Jefferson joining in the cry of "creeping socialism," and opposing the extension of multiple public power projects on the Snake river (or anywhere else) when he would be so quick to realize that as has been demonstrated so often, private power cannot and—if it could—would not, because of the financial obstacles, be able to promote what was so close to his heart, the public welfare, by supplying the greatest need of the growing economy of Oregon and the great northwest—ie: more power and at a lower cost.

It is not difficult, in short, to picture Jefferson joining the ranks of the party he founded and making several speeches—Thomas Jefferson was no orator—on behalf of another natural-born "rebel against blind conformity"—the state's present incumbent, Senator Wayne Morse.—R.W.R.

Poland, Hungary, Taking Lead In Tito's Brand of Communism

By CHARLES M. McCANN
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Poland and Hungary, two of Soviet Russia's chief satellites, seem to have taken front-row seats on the "Titoist" band wagon.

In both countries, high officials who had been disgraced as over-friendly to the independent Communist line taken by President Tito of Yugoslavia have been restored to favor.

Other high officials who had been known as firm supporters of the Josef Stalin type of Red dictatorship have been dismissed.

Victims of purges in the Stalin era have been "rehabilitated."

Most of these have not been present to enjoy their vindication. They had been hanged as traitors. But in Hungary five of them, all army generals, at least have been reburied with military honors.

And Erno Geroe, one of Hungary's leading Stalinists, arrived in Belgrade Monday to "bury the past," as he put it, in talks with Tito.

Talks Like Titoist
"We are definitely in favor of independence in Communist party actions and strongly against (Soviet) interference in internal affairs," Geroe said on his arrival in Tito's capital.

Belgrade dispatches commented that Geroe talked more like a Titoist than a Stalinist.

Former Polish Vice Premier Wladislaw Gomulka, who was thrown out of the government and the Communist Party after Tito broke with Stalin in 1948, was readmitted to membership recently. He had served almost five years in prison as a Titoist.

It is expected that he will be restored to his place on the 13-man Communist Central Committee.

Soon afterward, it is indicated, Gomulka will again be made a vice premier. He would succeed Vice Premier Hilary Minc, who "resigned because of ill health" last Tuesday.

Big Shake-Up Expected
Minc was a bitter enemy of Gomulka. It is reported that Gomulka insisted on his resignation in what promises to be a radical shake-up in the Communist Party and the government.

Five vice ministers in the Polish government have been dismissed from their posts as the Suez canal dispute. (The talks are being held at United Nations headquarters in New York.)

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THE moral:
IT NEVER PAYS TO SHOOT UNTIL YOU HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL THE POSSIBILITIES OF TALKING.

FOOD for thought:
What if we had a hair-trigger administration in power when the Suez dispute arose?
In that event, we'd BE AT WAR NOW.

MORE food for thought:
The General Federation of Women's Clubs is urging its 15,600 member clubs to encourage more women to seek public office.

I THINK it's a splendid idea.
Do you ask WHY?
An appropriate flippant answer would be that the men have made a mess of it and women couldn't do any worse. But it goes deeper than that.

The big issues in American politics are coming to be bread and butter issues—such as how shall we get MORE FOR OUR DOLLAR instead of just getting more dollars. When it comes to money, women are realists. They have to be. Leaving out the fabulous characters in our modern life—such as entertainers who get as much as \$10,000 for a single appearance at a Las Vegas night club—women are apt to be the keepers of the family purse. If they are to get a reasonable measure of the THINGS THEY WANT they must manage the dollars they have to spend so that the family income will "go around."

We need more of that kind of management in government.
THERE are, of course, women and women—just as there are men and men.

An able young man of my acquaintance came in to see me yesterday. He was fit to be tied, and he needed somebody to unload on.

He had been talking politics with a couple of women friends and in the course of the session he remarked that although he had come near voting for Mr. Stevenson four years ago he couldn't see him now with a telescope because Adlai is beating the drum for issues he doesn't believe in.

"Why," one of his women friends said, "he's just doing that to get elected. He's BEING SMART." The other agreed.

They weren't just arguing, he says. THEY BELIEVED it.
That's why he was fit to be tied.

I STILL think the ladies were just arguing.
I'm reasonably sure that if their children had exhibited to them an example of the twisted moral and ethical thinking involved in the argument that the end in view justifies whatever means are taken to GAIN THE END both would have been shocked—and if the children had been below teen age some spankings would have ensued.

Mothers are like that. That is why, over the centuries, they have been the keepers of the world's morals and the maintainers of the world's most admirable ethical standards.
Anyway, I think we need more women candidates for public office.

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For the Grandchildren

To the Editor: Having lived my three score and 10 years observing the great strides in life-saving measures and increasing benefits given us by the various groups engaged in research and public health measures, I heartily endorse and support the fluoridation program. I raised my two sons the best way I knew, and knowing what pain and expense can involve, I would be happy to see my grandchildren spared these trials by the addition of such a chemical as a fluoride to the drinking water. How simple, how effective with so much peace of mind for the modern mother.

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MULTIPLE CONFUSION

Jackson, Mich. — (U.P.) — The kindergarten teacher at Allen school is confused by a multiple choice problem of her own this semester. She has three sets of twins and two sets of triplets in her class.

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