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

10 YEARS AGO: Nov. 9, 1946 (Saturday). A school for southern Oregon American Legion post officers held in Medford armory today.

20 YEARS AGO: Nov. 9, 1936 (Monday). Entrants in American Legion Armistice Day roller skating races are requested to report at Main st. and Oakdale ave.

30 YEARS AGO: Nov. 9, 1926 (Tuesday). Meeting of the Fruitgrowers League will not be held Wednesday as first planned, according to Harry Rosenbly, delegate to the conference.

40 YEARS AGO: Nov. 9, 1916 (Thursday). Jackson County, with a registered Republican majority of 2,612, returns a majority of 1,349 to Woodrow Wilson.

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: United Nations, N.Y. Personnel at the United Nations cafeteria says it was coincidental. The noontime special during the lunch break Thursday in the General Assembly's discussion of the Hungarian situation was "Hungarian goulash."

ROOSTER RESCUED: Lisbon, Portugal. Downtown traffic was held up for one-half hour Thursday while firemen hoisted a ladder to rescue a rooster that had landed on a penthouse co-op and flown on a telephone wire.

How It's Counted

In a few election contests, which were exceedingly close in Jackson county, the official outcome may not be known for some days.

Why is this? Why can't we know with certainty on the first count? The answer leads to a discussion of how election returns are first gathered, tabulated, compiled and published.

THE "official" count must be slow, painstaking and accurate, because the vital processes of democracy hinge on it. The "unofficial" count, however, is made with all possible speed so that the voters can find out as soon as possible the outcome of the election races in which they voted.

Every effort is made to obtain accuracy, and ordinarily the first tally comes out remarkably close to the official canvass. But in the hustle and bustle of election night collection and tabulation, it is inevitable that some mistakes will be made—a "1" misread as a "7" or "56" coming out as "65" or any combination of other little errors.

In handling as many figures, the wonder is that the results are as accurate as they are, and not that a few errors are made.

It is for this reason that in close races, one must await the official count to be absolutely sure.

HOW is the "unofficial" count made? In the case of Jackson county, the Mail Tribune has the longest history of election tabulation. In the early days returns were collected and brought to the paper by foot or horseback. They were compiled and posted on big boards in front of the office, where crowds gathered during the night.

These days the returns are telephoned to the office, compiled, and broadcast as soon as available over the newspaper's radio affiliate, KYJC.

At the same time, the results, as they come in and change the totals upward, are telephoned to the United Press, which maintains a tabulation office in Portland. There the same process—on a statewide basis—is followed, and the state totals are flashed back to U.P. subscribers via teletypewriter.

IN NATIONAL elections, the Portland U.P. office sends the Oregon returns to the New York office, which provides the same service on a national scale that the Portland office does for the state and the Mail Tribune does for the county.

The count in the precincts is done by the hard-working (and underpaid) election counting boards, employed by the county. But the rest of the process—from the reporter or circulation man groping through the fog to find a precinct and get a missing total, to the tabulators in Medford, Portland and New York city, and the broadcasters and reporters who bring to the public the final results—is carried out by the papers or broadcast media.

Throughout the country there are thousands of men and women working through the night. Their every effort, from the time the polls close to the time the complete and unofficial totals are available, is to "wrap it up," as rapidly and accurately as possible.

AS FOR the "official" returns, these are completed by the elections division of the county clerk's office. In doing so, they go back to the laboriously-compiled "tally sheets" prepared from the ballots themselves by the precinct counting boards.

New totals are run, write-in votes are noted and counted, and in cases where there is reason to believe the tally sheets may be wrong, they can, if necessary, go to the ballot boxes themselves for a recheck. The result is a highly accurate count, which often differs somewhat from the fast, first-night figures.

This is why, in races where the totals are within a few votes of each other, we have to wait for the "official" count to be absolutely sure of the outcome. —E.A.

A Good Show

In the last pre-election rush and confusion, we missed saying something we have been meaning to say for almost two weeks—namely, that the Candidates Fair conducted before the election was a good show.

It was gay, it was interesting, it was informative, it was fun—and even sort of exciting, what with the opposing candidates in such close proximity.

IT SERVED as a reminder of something that is too easy to forget as the charges and counter-charges fly in the last pre-election days, and that is that the candidates are, after all, human beings, not just names and symbols, and personally are pretty decent and nice people.

BE THAT as it may, the fair was well done. It gave a couple of thousand people a chance to meet the candidates, to ask them questions, and to find out more about the issues. We hope the League goes through with its plan to make the fair at least a quadrennial, and preferably a biennial, event.—E.A.

Orange for Grapefruit In Story of Columbus

Hollywood — (U.P.) — It's an orange instead of a grapefruit in "The Story of Mankind." The film script originally called for Christopher Columbus to explain that the earth is round like a grapefruit. However, an orange was substituted when local citrus experts said grapefruit wasn't introduced in Spain until after Columbus' voyage.

Employment Sets Record In Pacific Coast States

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Wage and salary employment in the three Pacific coast states set an all-time record of 5,892,700 in September, the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The department's Bureau of Labor Statistics said the figures, excluding domestic and agricultural workers, was 43,800 above August and 278,000 above September, 1955.

Bloody Violence Marks News of Week; Upheavals Bring Rioting

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

Violence

Bloody violence in Egypt and Hungary roused anger and anxiety throughout the world this week. Great Britain and France invaded the Suez Canal Zone. Soviet Russia threw its Red army into a mercenary attack on the heroic Hungarian men, women and children who launched an open rebellion against the yoke of Communism.

Russia's denunciation of the Suez attack was so threatening that there was fear for a time

that a third world war might be near. So alarming was the situation that the Defense Department in Washington ordered its air, sea and land commands throughout the world to be in constant readiness.

There were anti-British riots in Moscow, in the Arab countries, in the Moslem countries of southwest Asia and in India. There were anti-Russian riots in capitals throughout free Europe. There was even an anti-Red riot in Switzerland, a country so neutral that it will not even belong to the United Nations. There were riots in Latin America. Western diplomats boycotted receptions which the Russians gave in world capitals to celebrate the 39th anniversary of their Bolshevik revolution.

The United Nations General Assembly met in New York in marathon emergency sessions on

both the Suez and Hungarian situations.

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Both of these men were veterans and this is proof of negligence and unconcern for those who fought for their country.

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Let's get behind Footlights and give them all the support we can for the splendid job they are doing. You are cheating yourself out of an evening of excellent entertainment if you don't see "The Devil Passes."

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Matter of Fact

By Joe and Stewart Alsop

THE CHICKENS COME HOME Washington—The chickens are coming home to roost. This is the first fact which faces the new administration.

After a year of our comfortable, unwary years, the horizon is positively black with homecoming chickens, some of which look remarkably like vultures. The years of the first Eisenhower administration have produced great achievements to be sure, as well as homecoming chickens. The greatest of these is that the rancid, neurotic bitterness which pervaded and poisoned American life four years ago has now almost wholly seeped away.

The Eisenhower administration—almost, it has sometimes seemed, without knowing what it was doing—has well performed the first essential function of conservative government, that of calming passions and consolidating the progress of the past. At least the country is one again, and that is a great advance.

But this great advance has been achieved partly by encouraging a national complacency which is not justified by the facts. And the last two weeks have produced a warning, as loud and ominous as the wailing of a siren. The meaning of the warning is that the administration has failed to perform effectively the second conservative function, of maintaining the national security and the national interests abroad.

ON THE defense and foreign policy front, the Eisenhower administration policy has been to avoid like the plague bold measures which would upset the

prospect for the new administration. Yet the alternative is to see the Western alliance finally come apart at the seams, and with it the British base system on which our own Strategic Air Force is inescapably dependent.

The fact is that a basic assumption of American policy—that our allies would always go along with us in the end, because they had to—has been knocked out by the British-French action.

Therefore a reappraisal, however agonizing, of our relations with our allies must be about the first order of business with the new administration. And the reappraisal will be all the more agonizing because of the stark fact that we are as dependent on our allies—especially the British—as they are on us.

Wherever one looks, there are agonizing reappraisals to be made. The brutal suppression of the brave Hungarians by the Soviets may be the signal for a reversion to a colder cold war, with all sorts of painful implications for the new administration's defense and foreign policy. In any event, the status quo is changing in the Soviet Empire, as everywhere else, and American policy is going to have to be drastically readjusted to meet the change.

BEFORE the Hungarian coup, some of the younger policymakers in the administration proposed just such a drastic readjustment, in the form of a conditional offer to withdraw all forces, American and Soviet, from the European continent. At the very least, they reasoned, this would be a major propaganda stroke. At the most, it could mean the end of the satellite empire, since the Red Army alone provides the cement which holds the empire together.

Perhaps the proposal was too risky, and so it did not go through. But the point is that it was almost instinctively rejected, because it implied the kind of basic change in the existing order of things which has been automatically resisted in the first Eisenhower administration. But the existing order of things everywhere is changing whether we like it or not. And if the administration does not adjust the change, and continues to try to lock it through the chickens on the horizon, it will turn out to be vultures in very true.

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IN CONCLUSION, we can all agree on this: In international affairs, which presently DOMINATE EVERYTHING and will dominate everything for some time to come, President Eisenhower's hand is immensely strengthened by the smashing vote of confidence that was given to him yesterday by the people of the United States.

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