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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: Nov. 15, 1946 (Friday). Newly organized Philharmonic society of Southern Oregon will hold its first concert Dec. 4.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudde Pot column: Seven weeks 'til Christmas. The Yule season is now coming faster and going quicker than in the old days.

20 YEARS AGO: Nov. 15, 1936 (Sunday). In observance of Book Week, Nov. 15-21, the children's department of the public library will display a group of new juvenile books.

A meeting scheduled for Medford home-makers interested in a home economics program in the courthouse auditorium Monday.

30 YEARS AGO: Nov. 15, 1926 (Monday). Dr. Thomas E. Greene, of national publicity bureau of the American Red Cross society, speaks at First Presbyterian church.

Judge William Colvig returns to Medford after two weeks in Los Angeles.

40 YEARS AGO: Nov. 15, 1916 (Wednesday). Effort being made to interest fruit growers of the valley in the Spokane Apple show.

Medford Printing company completes 15,000 circulars in five colors for Rogue River Fruit and Produce association.

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

1. The dollar today is worth about (a) 3, (b) 13 or (c) 30 cents less than three years ago, or two cents more, in consumer purchasing power?

2. Most Arab refugees from Israel have been supported largely by funds from Israel, Great Britain, Egypt, other Arab states or the U.N.?

3. 16-year-olds are now allowed to vote in no, one, two, five or more than 10 states?

4. Which has the larger circulation: The Sunday edition of the N.Y. Times or of the Chicago Tribune?

5. Most cancers in the mouth are or aren't first detected by dentists?

6. Which of these calls itself the "Beef State" on its license tags: Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois, Wisconsin?

7. Zim and Zis are Soviet makes of autos, right or wrong?

The Answers: 1. About three cents less. 2. The U.N. 3. Two (Georgia and Kentucky). 4. That of the Tribune. 5. Most are. 6. Nebraska. 7. Right.

DUGOUT FIND: Albany, N.Y.—(UPI)—A dugout canoe taken from the bottom of nearby Tsatsawasa Lake may have belonged to 18th century settlers, reports state archaeologist Arthur Gillette. Discovered by frogman Harold Fox while exploring the lake floor at a depth of 30 feet, the waterlogged craft was brought up by members of the Troy Skin Diving Club.

How "Independent?"

The Eugene Register-Guard calls itself, as does the Mail Tribune, an "Independent" paper.

But the Guard calls the Mail Tribune a "Democratic" paper, in an interesting editorial summary of the recent state election entitled "Oregon Press Views the Deluge."

As "Sump" Smith used to say years ago:

"We deny the allegation and defy the alligator."

WE DON'T deny that during the recent campaign the Mail Tribune was more pro-Democratic than usual.

Even so we supported a Republican for State Treasurer, a Republican for the state Legislature, a Republican for county assessor and endorsed a write-in for the Supreme Court of another strong Republican, Wm. M. McAllister.

That isn't 100 per cent partisanship at least.

Moreover during the past quarter century under its present management, the Mail Tribune has supported far more Republicans than Democrats.

We have no file of the Register-Guard so can't support our protest with evidence. But we would appreciate very much if our worthy and highly readable contemporary would present us with a list of its endorsements of Democrats and the Democratic party during a similar period and thus justify its claim of not being a regular Republican publication.

THE matter is not of great consequence one way or the other. We don't expect the Register-Guard to change its masthead claim of "independence" and we shall certainly not change ours.

But just to keep the record straight, we would like to have a list of the Democratic candidates and proposals the Guard has, say through the past decade or two, supported, and compare it with a similar list of Republicans from the files of the Mail Tribune.

We suspect the truth is the Eugene paper is not an independent newspaper but an independent REPUBLICAN one. That means practically that it considers itself free to support any candidate or candidates it chooses—and it is—but when it comes to election time it goes obediently nine times out of 10 down the line for the G.O.P.

This is usually rationalized by stoutly maintaining that on the ground of merit and abilities the Republicans are superior, although it is highly doubtful an impartial and objective appraisal would sustain this view.

IN OTHER words the Eugene paper is "independent" in the sense that it is taking orders from no party and making advance commitments to none, but to gain its support a Democratic candidate has an extremely hard if not a hopeless row to hoe. He has two strikes on him before he starts.

FOR many years it was a mystery to this department why so many papers in Oregon—and elsewhere—surrendered their freedom to say what they think and do as they wish politically, to a 100 per cent conformity to the dictates of ANY party. By so doing they no longer are NEWSpapers but merely PARTY organs.

IT IS still something of a mystery but not as baffling as it used to be. For there is a price to pay for non-conformity whether it be in the realm of journalism or business or social manners and customs.

That price politically is, speaking generally, the absence of a continuous, sustained and organized support.

The genuinely independent paper, like the genuinely independent office holder is perpetually between two fires. On the one hand there are the 100 per cent partisans who curse him for deviation—not always voting the ticket straight—and, of course, on the other the 100 per cent opposition who want him burned at the stake at sunrise.

It is so much more comfortable and comforting to a paper, to let the party leaders decide the line and then stick to that line in spite of hell and high water, and know that come what will, there is that loyal and enthusiastic organization to bank upon.

HOWEVER as is true in most things in this "vale of tears," the law of compensations is always on the job, and the genuinely independent newspaper enjoys many and most rewarding ones.—R.W.R.

Reclamation Project Bids To Be Opened

Denver—(UPI)—Bids on three Oregon reclamation projects are scheduled to be opened yet this year, the Bureau of Reclamation said today. Bids are scheduled to be opened Nov. 27 on the Howard Prairie Dam about 27 miles east of Ashland. Bid invitations on the project were issued October 5.

Contract Awarded For O&C Road Work

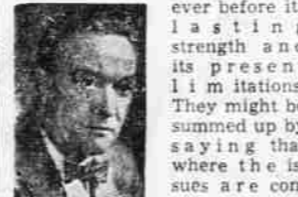
Washington—(UPI)—Contract for construction of nine miles of road into Oregon-California timberlands in the Coos Bay area to make possible the harvesting of an estimated 1,400,000 board feet of timber was let here yesterday. The Bureau of Land Management said the contract, for \$391,960, went to Martin Kincheloe of Myrtle Point. The contract calls for construction of the first section of the Brummer creek O & C access road system. Interior Secretary Fred Seaton said the road would make possible the harvesting of the large stand of old growth timber, including considerable salvage timber that would be lost if not harvested soon. Spokesmen said that total cost of the Middle creek road, first link in that access system, would be \$450,754.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE

The Atlantic Alliance has been passing through a serious test which has made clearer than



ever before its lasting strength and its present limitations. They might be summed up by saying that where the issues are concerned only with national interests, there is not necessarily a common policy.

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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

A Grand-Pappy Speaks

To the Editor: There is, or should be, real and happy meaning to the words "grand-parents" and "grand-children," for it is grand to have them come a-visitin'. Like my oldest grandson, when barely five, would get up, dress, slip on his little white raincoat and sou'wester hat and come trudging across at drizzly daybreak-time at Oak Grove, to crawl in bed with his Mamie (his invention for grand-ma) and me. Such happy memories bring tears to my old eyes. Now he is with the army communications engineers on the defense line in France. Sure worries us how the trouble "over-there" can erupt into all-out war, putting his outfit to stringing wires up to shooting front positions. We seldom hear from him. Strange it is how soon children grow up, often suddenly to develop ideas and personalities of their very own that turn them into a somebody else, a stranger in their own home. That's why my advice is always to make the most of them when they are little and are your very own.

We were so pleased when my next-eldest grandson dropped in for an evening visit. We still have hopes to have them stop by at mealtime. His father had a problem to work out and hardly had the figures set down when his six-footer son had a slide-rule answer for it. He's been working hard all summer, saving his money to continue his engineering studies at Corvallis. His brother stopped by on some errand. He is more of the out-of-doors type, specially this last summer when he was up before five, setting his own breakfast, grabbing a ride to the country to develop his young muscles "rassin" bales of hay, later picking pears, saving his money, we hope for engineering training that will help a little to match Russia's long range government-paid engineer training.

No grand- daughters of my own but my present marriage has brought several, including a sturdy straight-backed boy and doll-like sister for vacation visits, and others of all too short duration, but making the most of it as it's a long way over from the coast. A small contingent was up from just below the border for the week-end. One, she is barely five, went around the house singing, "you can't get rich at diggin' a ditch, you're in the army now." Makes her and both brothers seem like my very own, so much so one was given a couple clips on his rear-end to stop his noise making. Respect for others' rights is a No. 1 lesson to be taught youngsters.

F. J. Clifford, 211 West Main st., Medford, Ore.

Thanks and Service

To the Editor: In this great land of ours, where prosperity is greater than it's been in the history of man, surely we have much to be thankful for (to the Lord, who has surely given to us in abundance).

Many will give thanks to the Lord this Thanksgiving Day for our many blessings, and those who believe in him surely are the hands of the Lord here on earth, to help those who are in great need. You and I and millions of others will be setting our tables with the foods of our choice, for here there is no shortage.

Surely in Europe there are many millions praying to the Lord for food and clothing, for there they have no choice. They can't buy, borrow, beg, or even steal food for it isn't there to be had.

There are two kinds of hands: the hands of the Devil, which are selfish, and the hands of the Lord, who gives abundantly to those who are in great need as those in Europe are. Surely the hands of the Lord will be giving abundantly to CARE and other organizations such as CARE.

Let us fold our hands this Thanksgiving Day with a clear conscience as we give thanks to the Lord, not serving Him with our mouth and the Devil with our hands.

Name on file Medford, Ore.

Interest is very much more important than the American. The allies were so little able to agree on a common policy that for a time they could not even consult. Yet, when the Soviet Union threatened Britain and France, this country stood up for them instantly and without hesitation. The allies could differ up to the point where the survival of any of them was threatened.

IT IS a help in trying to understand the alliance to look first to its hard core. This is a defensive union of the North Atlantic nations—primarily, of Britain, France and the Low Countries in Europe, of Canada and the United States in North America. This inner core is, as regards defense against external attack, intimately connected with the whole Atlantic community of nations. This community includes all the Americas and all of Europe which, when it is free to do so, is turned westward towards the Atlantic Ocean.

The inner core, that is to say the military alliance within the Atlantic community, is bound together for the common defense by ties that are stronger than the terms of a treaty or the formula of a policy. It is bound together, one may say, by the nature of things as we have learned to know it over two centuries of historic experience. In great wars, the nations on the two sides of the North Atlantic ocean have always been, and may expect always to be, involved. For the Atlantic Ocean, contrary to what was once the popular belief, is not a sea which divides America from Europe but one which binds them together.

The members of the defensive union have important interests, which in varying degrees they regard as vital, that extend beyond the Atlantic community, into the Pacific, into Asia and into Africa. Here there are differences as to what is vital, as to what should be done, as to how it should be done. Our European allies have differed with us about the Far East where they hung on to our coattails when we wanted to move forward. We have differed with them about the Middle East, and we have been hanging on to their coattails.

The unending task of diplomacy on both sides of the Atlantic is to see to it that when the allies diverge, they do not separate, that they settle their differences before they imperil the defensive unity within the Atlantic community.

IN THE long run the cardinal task of the Atlantic alliance is to work out a new relationship between the Atlantic community and the nations which are emerging from colonial status. During the dispute over the Franco-British intervention in Egypt, an influential official was saying in Washington that we could not ride two horses much longer—what with our ties to Western Europe and our sympathies with the revolt against colonialism. Mistaken, I believe, profoundly mistaken. To ride those two horses is just what we have to do. It is our interest, it is our duty, and if one may use grandiose words, it is our mission to be at once ally of the West and its principal mediator, seeking the accommodations by which the liberation of the subject people can be accomplished without precipitating a world war.

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Klamath Compact Signature Slated

Klamath Falls, Ore.—(UPI)—The Klamath River basin compact, designed to promote development and proper use of water resources in Upper Klamath Basin, will be signed here Saturday by members of the Oregon and California commissions, it was announced today.

The compact must then be ratified by legislatures of the two states and be given general approval by Congress.

The compact establishes priority for domestic and irrigation uses of water over all other uses regardless of date of filing and is limited to enough water to irrigate an additional 100,000 acres of land in California and 200,000 additional acres in Oregon.

The nature of use in order of priority includes: Domestic, irrigation, recreational, including fish and wildlife, industrial, hydroelectric power and all other uses.

The compact's jurisdiction covers all of the land draining into the Klamath river above the point where it crosses the California-Oregon border just upstream from Copco lake in Siskiyou county.

BAPTIST NOMINEE: McMinnville—(UPI)—Mrs. W. C. Martin of Cottage Grove was nominated as the 1957 president of the Oregon Baptists at the group's 69th annual convention yesterday.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

At United Nations, Russia's deputy foreign minister (Vasily Kuznetsov) utters this threat:

"Appropriate lessons will be drawn from the Hungarian uprising so that in the future counter-revolutionary forces should not be able to stage such blood-thirsty orgies as occurred in Hungary."

His language was the roundabout language of diplomacy, but what he was saying is this: "If anybody else tries it, he'll get what the Hungarians got."

HE WAS seeking to accomplish two things:

1. To scare the U.N. general assembly out of putting the Hungarian crisis on its agenda for full and complete discussion in a worldwide forum.

2. To scare Poland out of taking any more anti-Moscow steps.

HE DIDN'T have much luck. Immediately after his threat, general assembly's steering committee, by a vote of 11 to 2, placed the Hungarian problem on its agenda.

The Polish parliament abolished the hated communist secret police system and the Polish defense minister.

Immediately after that, according to a West Berlin newspaper, Moscow rushed armored units and motorized infantry units from East Germany to the Polish border.

It looks like a showdown.

GENERAL Alfred Gruenther, outgoing NATO commander, gives what is generally considered to be a reply to Russia's implied warning to Britain and France last week—that if they got too brazen in the Middle East Russian atomic rockets might fall on London and Paris.

General Gruenther says in Paris that any attack on the West would be met with instant retaliation and DESTRUCTION OF THE ATTACKER.

Referring to the Russian implied threat to loose atomic rockets against London and Paris, he added:

"No nation is going to press that button if it means suicide—and it DOES mean just that."

That's straight talk. We'll see what we'll see.

More Room Needed By State Agencies

Salem—(UPI)—The 35 state agencies with offices in the capitol area will need more room than is available within three to five years, Gov. Elmo Smith was told yesterday.

The estimates were made by state departments in connection with a study of pressing state government space problems conducted last July by the governor. State Sen. John C. F. Merrifield, Portland, is chairman of the group.

The committee has made five specific recommendations:

- 1. That unfinished portions of the state finance building be completed as quickly as possible.
2. Construction of a new "labor and industry building."
3. Serious consideration be given to a new Supreme Court building.
4. Greater attention be given to improving management of state records and work procedures which might make available more space while reducing number of personnel required.
5. Possible employment of a state architect.

PRINEVILLE GETS TV

Washington—(UPI)—Ochoco Telecasters, Inc., today was authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to operate translator stations on two channels in Prineville, Ore. The translators will relay programs from Portland, Ore., stations on channels 70 and 76.

Matter of Fact by Joe and Stewart Alsop

The Kremlin's Shattering Triumph



Joseph Alsop

Washington—The Soviet Union has now scored a gigantic victory in the Middle East, more than enough to compensate for the Kremlin's severe setback in the satellite area of Eastern Europe.

So much is clear. Even among the administration policymakers, the almost hysterical emotions generated by the French are now beginning to subside. In this calmer atmosphere, the magnitude of the Kremlin's triumph is beginning to be reluctantly and ruefully admitted. The admissions are all the more rueful because the Kremlin's triumph was altogether needless.

The Anglo-France-Israeli intervention in Egypt may have been mistaken. It may have been immoral. It may have been ill-planned. But in fact, the operation was succeeding rather brilliantly when everything that had been gained was lost again by a premature ceasefire.

THE main success was owing to the Israelis, rather than to the British and French. The foundation stone of Egyptian prestige and influence throughout the Arab countries has always been the belief that Egypt's Colonel Nasser possessed serious military power. The belief was vastly strengthened, and Nasser's influence rose proportionately, when Nasser made his arms deal with the Kremlin last summer. But in a few short days last week, a small, relatively poorly equipped Israeli expeditionary force showed that Nasser's vaunted military power was the most transparently phoney sort of busted flush.

In the Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza Strip, 12,000 to 15,000 Israelis took on 25,000 to 30,000 Egyptians. The Egyptians enjoyed the double advantage of defending prepared positions and possessing rather better armaments. In the outcome, the Israelis won a total victory. The whole Egyptian force was atomized, leaving all their artillery and tanks and some 4,000 prisoners in Israeli hands. Meanwhile the Israelis suffered only a few score casualties.

THE object of the Israelis, and of course the British and French too, was to topple Colonel Nasser from his throne as unofficial Emperor of Pan-Arabia. This object had in fact been attained by the Israeli victory in Sinai, which was immeasurably more important than the later British and French landings at Suez. Even today, after all the fruits of the victory have been so eagerly thrown away, the American government is receiving convincing reports from Cairo of serious opposition to Nasser in government and army circles. The source of this disaffection is the defeat of the Egyptian army by the Israelis.

Unfortunately, American policy was never designed to make the best of the bad business of the Anglo-France-Israeli operation in Egypt. Instead our policy seems to be chiefly designed to punish the British, French and Israelis for their disobedience to big brother State Department. Hence we joined with the Soviets at the United Nations. We place the utmost pressure on London, Paris and Jerusalem to accept an immediate cease-fire. And we paid very little attention to the possibility that we were thus making a bad business a lot worse.

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