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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
Dec. 2, 1946 (Monday)

"Service to your community," theme of address given in Medford by Robert B. Moore, first international vice president of Active International.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The juvenile element has started to lose interest in everything but Santa Claus, and ice cream cones.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 2, 1936 (Wednesday)

Preliminary work is underway for development of old Sturgis gold mining property west of Jacksonville by the B-H company.

City council adopts resolution declaring due and payable the unpaid balance plus interest of Bancroft assessments delinquent about three years.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 2, 1926 (Thursday)

Banquet with a few musical numbers and speeches is held for about 60 alumni and students of the Medford Business college at Medford hotel.

Southern Oregon fishing will be the best it has been for many years because of the recent heavy rains flooding the Rogue river and its tributaries.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 2, 1916 (Saturday)

Rogue River Fish Protective association members attend meeting of "live and let live" anglers' club, called by John S. Orth.

Medford lodge 1168, BPO Elks will hold their annual memorial exercises Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 2, 1906 (Sunday)

Mayor and city council meet to inspect new septic tank, constructed under contract by Reinhart and Atwell for Medford.

C. H. Pierce sells Barnum property at the corner of Fifth and D sts. to V. O. Emerick for $2,500.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7?

Copr. 1955 Editorial Research Report

1. Richard M. Nixon entered the Vice Presidency from the U. S. Senate, House of Representatives, California governorship, Marine Corps, or the F.B.I.?

2. About (a) 6, (b) 12, (c) 18, (d) 24, or (e) 30 per cent of all primary school children are classified as "slow learners"?

3. Most people on Cyprus are of Greek, Turkish, British, Jewish or Arab origin?

4. Most cancers of the mouth are or aren't first detected by dentists?

5. Another state has or hasn't joined Georgia in letting 18-year olds vote?

6. David Sarnoff is board chairman of Montgomery Ward, R.C.A., Dumont Television, Hart Schaffner & Marx, or Neiman-Marcus?

The answers: 1. Senate. 2. 18 per cent. 3. Greek. 4. Are. 5. Ohio (Kentucky). 6. R.C.A.

How the U.P. Does It

How is your imagination? In normal working order? O.K. then close your eyes and try to imagine this:

The Friendly Southern Pacific announces it will run a modern daylight "shuttle train," from Ashland and Medford to Portland and return every day in the week including Sunday.

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THERE will be no extra fare, in fact inexpensive coach tickets will be required only.

The train will leave Medford at 9 a.m. and reach Portland at 4 p.m. It will leave Portland at 5 p.m. and reach Medford at 11 p.m.

The train will be of the lightest, most modern construction, with comfortable overstuffed seats, both a lounge car and a diner.

There will be a hostess, uniformed stewardess a la airplane transportation, and again like deluxe air travel, appetizing meals will be served and—put on your life belts please!—the meals will not only be for free, but passengers will be allowed to eat all that they can hold, at any time.

The new train will be cozy warm in winter and air-cooled in summer, there will be special construction and such a low center of gravity the "Aerotrain" will take sharp curves safely and at a good speed, allowing it in spite of half a dozen stops to average nearly 50 miles an hour.

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You don't believe it? Well, neither do we.

But that is the sort of passenger service the "Union Pacific" is going to establish on December 18 between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, Nev. The distance is slightly more than it is from Ashland to Portland—332 miles to be exact. And the train has been sold out for some weeks in advance.

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WE GRANT Medford is no Las Vegas—thank the Lord!—and Portland is no Los Angeles, for which also let us be grateful.

But the principle is the same.

The Union Pacific instead of trying to "price out" its passenger service, and becoming solely a freight line, is not only determined to keep its passenger service running, but so improve and modernize it, that not only will the traveling public be better served, but the traditional passenger deficit, will be materially reduced, if not completely cancelled.

Many travelers have marvelled at the constant and increasing prosperity of the Union Pacific. Well oil land grants may have been a factor, but keeping up with the times and refusing to go to "sleep at the switch," has, we believe, been more a factor and more responsible for the enviable position the U.P. holds—and has held—in the rail transportation picture of western United States for so many years.

—R.W.R.

Tragic Misunderstanding

On one thing there seems general agreement, namely: the popularity of the USA has reached a new low in Europe.

In view of the Suez crisis, and the part Uncle Sam played in it, a feeling of pique and resentment in Britain is understandable, but to learn an even greater hostility exists in Hungary comes as a surprise and shock.

How come?

Did not President Eisenhower send a warm message of sympathy to the unfortunate victims of Russian brutality, and agree to an increase in the number of refugees this country would accept and succor?

He did.

But that appears to be one cause of the resentment and illfeeling.

For that is all he did do.

The poor, afflicted people of this tragic country, expected more. When they cried out for help they expected something more effective than a message of sympathy, good will and a temporary change in the U.S. immigration laws.

We don't refer so much to the ruling classes in that border state, but the plain people—the rank and file—and as usual in such cases they were the chief sufferers.

"They had no right to feel resentful."

Probably not.

But to understand why they did one needs only to review the USA diplomatic and military record—what the USA did in two world wars and what was said to the Russian satellites shortly after the cold war with Russia slipped into high gear.

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IT WAS Secretary of State Dulles, for example, who talked about uprisings and "liberations" of the captive peoples. Then President Eisenhower stated over and over—the "unshakable determination of this country to continue its championship of the cause of human freedom."

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AS STEVENSON remarked many years ago, it takes two to establish the truth, the one who SPEAKS and the one who LISTENS.

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IT IS fair to assume the people of Hungary only listened. So to them, at least, it was not a surprise when the blow from Moscow fell that the crowds in Budapest waved and cheered while others prayed when a car with the U.S. emblem on its windshield passed by. Later they asked when their liberators would arrive.

When they found they were not to arrive, how could anyone familiar with the U.S. record and the Hungarian temperament expect any other reaction than the one that occured?

Unwarranted? Yes, from a technical, factual standpoint, but from a human standpoint certainly quite understandable.

So what?

Well Teddy Roosevelt's slogan was "Speak softly but carry a big stick."

If he were alive today he might change the wording to something like this:

"If you haven't a big stick—or if you have one but don't intend to use it,—not only speak softly but choose words with great care."

—R.W.R.

Matter of Fact

By Joe and Stewart Alsop

BELATED SECOND THOUGHTS

Washington — A convulsive effort to glue the shatteed Western Alliance together again, and to repair some of the terrible damage done to the whole Western position by the Middle East crisis, is now going on in Washington.

Joseph Alsop

The mst important part of this effort is a yet unannounced but nevertheless firm administration decision to make up the desperate prospective West European oil shortage, caused by the closing of the Suez Canal. Official estimates place the likely cost to the U.S. treasury at over a billion dollars.

There was even some consideration given to calling a special session of Congress to get the money but has since been decided that available funds are enough to tide things over until the regular session. The idea of a special session was of course, to put it mildly, distasteful to the Administration, for obvious political reasons. And it was also feared that a special session would dramatize the issue, and thus infuriate the Arabs, perhaps leading to the cutting of the oil pipelines from Saudi Arabia.

Stewart Alsop

For such reasons, the decision to see Western Europe through the oil crisis has not been announced with the usual blare of trumpets. But quiet assurances that the problem will be handled in one way or another have been conveyed to the Europeans.

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The effort to glue things together again has taken other forms as well, like President Eisenhower's strong statement reaffirming support for the Western Alliance, and the decision to send Secretary Dulles off to the NATO meeting in Paris, less than five weeks after his cancer operation.

The official American reaction to the Middle Eastern crisis has gone through three phases. The first phase was simple fury; in this initial phase, there was much talk of "letting the British and French stew in their own juice." One very high administration policy-making official was widely quoted as saying it was now American policy to "write off Britain and France."

President Eisenhower was personally in large part responsible for phase two. He rebuked his furious subordinates, and emphasized the importance of the Western Alliance. At the same time, he initiated the policy of putting the main emphasis of American policy on working through the United Nations, and the Western Alliance was correspondingly downgraded. During this period, policy was being made entirely by the President, under Secretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr. and a handful of high administration appointees.

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THIS phase culminated last week, when the United States joined the Soviet Union in demanding at the U.N. that Britain and France evacuate Egypt "forthwith." At this point, British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd communicated to the British government his doubts that the Anglo-American alliance could any longer be considered valid.

Within the last few deys, however, the voices of the professional foreign policy specialists, at the second level of government, who have been dubious all along about the direction of American policy, have begun to be heard, and certain hard facts have begun to be faced. There is, for example, the hard fact that failure to make up the oil deficit would leave, not only Britain and France, but all Western Europe and ultimately the United States too, stewing in their own juices.

Expert studies have shown that the prospective oil shortage would create a desperate economic depression in Western Europe, with four million or more unemployed. This would mean pouring the vast American investment in European recovery down the drain. Moreover, it could have disastrous political consequences in Europe. It would more than restore all the ground the European Communist parties have lost as a result of the Hungarian revolt. It could even bring in a strongly anti-American government in Britain, thus denying to our Strategic Air Force the British bases on which SAC is crucially dependent.

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THIS third phase of sober second thought, in short, has served to remind the American government that the Western Alliance is as important to the United States as to Europe. Hence the convulsive last minute effort to repair the enormous damage which the alliance has suffered. But the question remains whether the damage can really now be repaired at all.

For without the strategic area and the resources of the Middle East the Western Alliance is not worth very much. And Egypt's Colonel Nasser, who looks like emerging from his military defeat with an enormous political victory, wants just what the Soviets want—to eliminate all Western power in the Middle East, including American power. In sum, the sober second thoughts may have come too late.

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Editorial Comment

BALLOON FOR MORSE

In his weekly newsletter, Sen. Dick Neuberger of Oregon scents enthusiasm in California for Sen. Wayne Morse as a Democratic candidate for vice president or perhaps even the presidency in 1960.

Senator Neuberger's comment follows:

"After our 350 speeches during the Oregon campaign in behalf of Senator Morse and the rest of the Democratic ticket, Maurine and I went south for an interlude in California. There we addressed several schools, the Westside Jewish Community center, the Democratic Women's forum of Los Angeles county and a number of other fine groups. Thunderous applause invariably greeted the comment that Wayne Morse must be considered as a possible presidential or vice presidential nominee in 1960.

"We both emphasized that there was ample precedent for service on a national ticket by a man who had changed parties. After all, Lincoln went to congress as a Whig but to the White House as a Republican. Willkie was a Democrat as late as 1938, yet the Republican nominee for president in 1940. Furthermore, Senator Morse's political courage and statesmanship qualify him for higher national office.

"Although Oregon has only six electoral votes, this need not be a major handicap. Wasn't Oregon's Charles L. McNary nominated for vice president at a time when Oregon possessed a mere five electoral votes?"

So there you have it, the first out-in-the-open balloon goes up for Wayne Morse for a top spot on the Democratic ticket in 1960.

We would be surprised if Senator Morse wound up in 1960 as the Democratic presidential nominee, for there are too many populous and powerful eastern states who will have candidates. However, the vice presidency is something else again and Senator Morse might very well turn up as the Democratic vice presidential candidate on the presumption that he would pull with him a strong block of western electoral votes. Stranger things have happened.

—Ashland Tidings.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

Salvador Dali, Spanish impressionist painter (shall we just say screwball and let it go at that?) has a new technique. For him, no more brushes. No more paints. No more smeary palettes. to get your thumb dirty while holding the thing. Pernaps not even a smock.

He just loads up an ancient arquebus—original version of the scatter-gun—with pieces of lithographic pencils and lets fly with it at a stone lithographic plate. When the fragments of pencil leads hit the plate, they make marks on it. The marks look strangely like what a hen would make if she dipped her feet in printer's ink and scratched vigorously on a piece of paper.

He says: "It creates a violent, most explosive and tremendous force on the stone, with lines of force or tension in every direction—fast, violent and clean."

He calls it a PICTURE.

He describes his new art technique as "bulletism."

HMMMMMM.

I wonder if maybe it isn't about time for Armageddon, after all.

AMERICAN correspondents in London and Paris report increasing criticism of American policies in the Middle East. In London the other day nearly a third of the membership of the Conservative party (presumably the die-hard Tories who resent the disentegration of the once vast British empire) signed a motion declaring that the U.S. attitude in the Middle East is "gravely endangering the Atlantic alliance.

AP's James King, who has lived in England for the past ten years, says the average Englishman feels he has been let down by the United States in the Suez crisis, and adds that a growing bitterness toward Americans is evident in Britain.

French Premier Mollet has gone so far, Paris dispatches relate, as to express his "bitterness and anxiety" at American policy in recent months.

WHY all this criticism?

It's quite simple.

When we do something foolish and get ourselves into serious trouble, we always look around for SOMEBODY ELSE TO BLAME.

Nobody ever likes to blame himself.

THE British and the French, members of the Atlantic alliance, decided to take the Suez canal situation into their own hands. So, saying nothing to anybody, keeping their decision a dark secret from their fellow members of the Atlantic alliance, including the United States, they WENT IN SHOOTING and got themselves in VERY serious trouble.

So now they're looking around for a whipping boy.

That's about the size of it.

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.

Pleads for Help

To the Editor: We are turning to you, the free American Press, for your support in Operation Freedom Chain.

We are asking your help on behalf of the brave Hungarian people whose heroic reach for Freedom has been ground under the treads of Soviet tanks.

The fighting is over now, the guns silent once more. But the misery remains: Refugees, in danger of being deported to Siberia, are pouring into Austria at the rate of 2000 a day. Within barely three weeks, their number already has reached 60,000. Government and private organizations are striving to meet these demands but there just aren't enough funds.

Although you are thousands of miles away, we feel sure that there are many among your readers who would like to help. And so we ask you to put your link in the Freedom Chain by printing this appeal in your newspaper.

Such support on your part, would, we feel, be another example of the tremendous good the free press can do for causes like this one.

Let us not forget that the Hungarians fought and died not only for themselves, but also for us and the whole free world. If the world could not help where help had so long been promised, it is to be hoped that it paused long enough to register that for the first time Communism's own generation rose against it; and that those who have the courage to choose the unknown hand of the West to the familiar fist of the East should not be forsaken.

We are suge that you will not let us down.

J. Coudenhove-Kalergi,
Operation Freedom Chain
Executive
Fleischmarkt, 3,
Vienna, Austria

Life Editor Scored

To the Editor: The brave, fearless and freedom loving Hungarians are fighting for their liberty on four fronts. They won a glorious victory on two fronts. They licked their vicious, cruel and merciless Communist Government and the diabolical secret police, who practiced the most insidious tortures on the true Hungarian rebels.

After their victory, these brave Christians were duped by appeals from some turncoat leaders to lay down their arms and negotiate for the withdrawal of the scum of the earth—the Russian Communists. They were doublecrossed, of course, by the Communists as well as the rest of the civilized world. At the conference table their leaders were seized and President Eisenhower's war buddy, Zhukov, made a sneak attack on the helpless patriots. The United Nations instead of kicking the Communists out, are saying meaningless words. The United States instead of breaking off diplomatic relations with all Communist nations, is talking of sending food and medicine. This third front will help the Russian Communists because they will use it in their name to calm the people down and give up.

The fourth front all the Communist Satellites and all freedom-loving people must fight, is the insidious world-wide invisible influential power which dictates what we must see and read. It seems to be Anti-Christian and Pro-Communist and perhaps even International Brotherhood. A good example of this may be seen in "Life Magazine." While one of the owners of this magazine sat on a platform in Madison Square Garden in front of 12,000 Hungarian supporters who were protesting the rape of Hungary by Russian Communists, this sanctimonious hypocrite's magazine was showing horror pictures of Hungarian Rebel brutality. These pictures seemed designed to discredit the brave people and maybe justify the Russian action. There were one or two minor pictures of Russian brutality, but there was no detailed account of the brave Russian soldiers in tanks mowing 20,000 unarmed men, women and children.

Americans must rise in rebellion against the brain washing controlled communications which we have obtained for 50 years, or we shall some day find ourselves fighting on many fronts.

Joseph M. Howard
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Corpus Christi, Tex.

Objects to Withdrawal

To the Editor: It is a well known fact among mining circles that the Rogue river from Ray gold dam in Jackson county to Gold Beach in Curry county has been noted for its gold production for as far back as 100 years. For more than 60 years, the communities of Gold Hill and Grants Pass thrived entirely on the local mining interests. All the gold and other rare minerals have not been "worked out" yet.

This is proven when every time the river banks have been submerged by high water or flood there is a fresh supply of placer gold and nuggets found by prospectors and miners up to the time of the closing of the Rogue to placer mining in 1937 or thereabouts. Withdrawing any mineralized land within one half mile of Rogue river would prevent any hunting for buried treasure. Around 60 years ago there was reputed treasure of considerable amount of gold dug up on the Sams Valley highway within a stones throw of the river. Around 1924 an $84 gold nugget was found near the old Gold Drift dam site below Savage Rapids dam on the river.

A Jackson county native son who now resides at Kerby in Josephine county first learned to pan gold at Woodville, now Rogue River. He may well be the world's champion gold panner today, as he took first prize among five contestants at Jacksonville on August 4, 1956. His time using a medium size gold pan was 36 seconds.

There is no assurance that another financial depression will not happen, in case one did materialize there would be miners on the river again.

Bert Kissinger,
520 Boardman st.,
Medford, Ore.

Materials Solicited

To the Editor: I hope that you will print this in behalf of two elderly ladies who would so much appreciate gifts of old clothing of either cotton or wool materials with which they can make crocheted and braided rugs for their Christmas giving. They could use old cretonne or chintz drapes or hangings, no matter how faded, and they would be happy to receive scraps of new materials with which to make doll clothes and quilt tops.

If anyone has odds and ends of sewing thread of any color they no longer need, that too would be appreciated, as well as odds and ends of any color crochet thread or yarn. Faded and worn house dresses, housecoats no longer wanted and even sleeping garments, any color except all white, would provide wonderful material for rug making.

If anyone having the above materials to give away will they phone 2-5067, Medford, a way will be found to pick them up. But if it coud be brought to 534 North Bartlett st. it would be highly appreciated.

If any article of clothing given seems too good for rug making I will personally see that it is given to a charitable organization. Thank you.

Mrs. Ruby Rusque
534 North Bartlett st.
Medford, Ore.

Inventors Need Help

To the Editor: I wonder how many people in this land of ours are truly interested in inventions? How about all those gadgets the housewife has that makes her life more leisurely? Or your husband and mine who finds his work easier because of someones painstaking efforts and hard work at perfecting an invention he has worked at for many months or even years?

The sad part of this story is that many wonderful inventions are still sitting in work shops, their inventors lacking the money to make our lives even more leisurely than now.

I'm thinking of just such a fellow as I'm writing this. He has a wonderful invention, something that would help a man in a certain type of work immensely, besides making whoever invested a little capital a tidy sum in return.

For those who are able, why not find these inventors and give them a hand? Your life and mine will be better for the effort.

Mrs. Delbert Casey,
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Central Point, Ore.

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

The fog, or smog, or whatever you want to call it, was a major topic of conversation all last week, and the week before, too.

It was the dirtiest fog many people had ever seen. One man whose car-top is white found it had changed to a dirty gray-brown color after standing out for a few hours.

Another man called to assure that what people were looking up at, at mid-day, was not a flying saucer, it was the sun. "I know—I remember the sun," he said.

Two news staff workers couldn't get their cars started on different cold mornings.

And we suspect that a lot of other people had the same trouble—battery trouble—as we watch the number of parked cars with the lights still on, the result of people driving with lights in the fog and forgetting to turn them off because it was "daylight."

Ashland escaped most of the fog during the past two weeks, and its residents are pretty smug about it. The Ashland Tidings had a Page 1 headline Friday which proclaimed "Banana Belt Weather Here." Hmph.

It went on to report that the sun was shining there while Medford choked in a thick blanket of smoke-and-fog, and that the temperature was 30 degrees warmer in the Lithia city than the county seat.

And a Tidings columnist suggested Mercy Flights, which couldn't get planes off during the week, should change its base of operations to Ashland.

(An office functionary suggests that if Medford had as much hot air as Ashland does, we wouldn't have fog, either, but we think that's an unkind remark.)

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Single girls, we are informed by a single girl we know, who get beyond a certain unspecified age, are a bit touchy when people ask them "How come you never got married?" One such single girl, we are informed, thinks she's found the perfect answer to such impertinence. Her reply from now on, she says, will be: "I met a man and fell in love with him, but he had two heads and my parents didn't approve of the match."

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A couple of the younger and more athletic members of the news staff at the M-T retain their figures and their training by dashing downstairs and to their parked cars before the meter officer gets there.

The city's announcement that such practices will be frowned on in the future—to the extent of $2.50—caused minor consternation in the office, among those who feed the meters while awaiting their next newsgathering assignment.

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It is said that professors are absent minded. What about judges? A distinguished member of our judiciary last week stumbled through the cold fog for several blocks to a garage where he had left his car earlier. He arrived only to remember the garage man had delivered the car to the courthouse parking lot several hours before—just as he had asked him to do.

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Curiosity may have killed a cat, but not the one that's been loitering around the corner of Sixth and Ivy sts. lately. In the manner of cats in cold weather, it likes to perch and nap on the warm hoods of automobiles.

One day last week a car parked near the corner and the occupants left on a shopping jaunt. The cat approached, jumped to the car's rear trunk, climbed to the roof, jumped to the hood, then climbed inside the car through the driver's window, which was open. It inspected the front seat, the back seat, items on the rear-window shelf, and the floors, then it came out the open window, across the hood, up to the roof, down to the trunk, and then to the pavement. It then stalked across the street, climbed to the hood of another car, and went to sleep.

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Our sports editor reports that his home telephone has a long extension cord, so his wife can carry it with her as she does her household duties.

Our man telephoned home the other day, and the call was answered by his preschool daughter. He asked to speak to "Mommy."

"Just a minute," small daughter replied, "and I'll take you to her."