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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. 16, 1946 (Monday)
Frank Van Dyke elected chairman of Medford Safety Council

26 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1930 (Wednesday)
An expansion program representing an investment of \$22,000 is underway at the Medford Ice and Storage company on South First.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1926 (Thursday)
Southbound air mail plane piloted by Pat Patterson crashes into butte near the Mt. Ashland mine while flying in a heavy fog.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1916 (Saturday)
Medford Junior band will make its first appearance at the Medford senior band concert at Natatorium Tuesday.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1906 (Sunday)
London Times announces editorially that war between Russia and Japan is imminent.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Joffin Dory is a fish; true or false?
2. Is the Zambezi River in Asia, Africa, or Canada?

3. Does Mizpah or Mizpeh mean "watch-tower"?
4. Who is the author of the novel "Old Curiosity Shop"?

5. In parliamentary debate, what is the purpose of moving "the previous question"?
6. Where American prisoners of war placed in concentration camps by the Nazis?

7. Is the proton a particle of electricity?
8. Is the proton the most elementary individual particle of positive or negative electricity known?

9. Are there 8, 16, or 3 different meanings to the word "course"?
10. Tell me, thou sovereign thinker, how to take a German's "unseufzreize," the Danish "frowa," the Switzer's Stoop of Rhenish, the Decker, is "skinker" a conspurator of "stinker"?

Answers: 1. True. 2. Africa. 3. Yes. Either. 4. Charles Dickens. 5. To shut off debate. 6. No. Prisoner-of-war camps. 7. Yes. 8. Positive. 9. Sixteen. 10. No. One who waxes drink.

Political Prognosis

The state press (about 90 per cent Republican) is still trying to figure out what happened to them on November 6, and devise ways and means to prevent a similar catastrophe in 1958 and 1960.

According to one of their most vigorous diagnosticians, there are many things to do. In the first place the Republican candidates should not be "debate-shy" as they were this year. They should not only refuse to dodge challenges by their opponents but accept them and go to bat, on the issues.

WE ARE glad to second the motion. No. 2: they should abandon the "easy way" in the future as they have in the recent past, and instead of talking to selected groups almost exclusively G.O.P., should welcome members of the opposing party also and submit (as Wayne Morse always has) to an open "question hour" afterward. That is a good idea also.

THEN it is suggested, instead of letting the Democrats get away with their "demagogic jargon" about the party of Big Business, Wall Street, the Arlington Club, and all that sort of "junk," they should bring out the "TRUTH" and show the voters, that among the members of these groups, particularly the latter, are many who have done yeoman service to their communities, the state and the nation, particularly in "areas of distress" and the political activity of such types from the standpoint of the public welfare is needed and should be prized.

FROM purely a party standpoint it is a natural ambition, but we seriously doubt if it can be pursued successfully politically speaking.

For these terms are not demagogic. They are used only in a symbolic sense and are based on the truth. The Grand Old Party IS basically the party of Big Business.

The boys on "Wall Street" and in Oregon, the members of the exclusive—and attractive—Arlington club, ARE overwhelmingly Republican—which is no crime—and for generations has been.

There is—or should be—no intimation they are not gentlemen of the highest character and standing; no denial that "many of them do yeoman service to their fellowmen" particularly in "areas of distress."

But they DO also have, and are proud as a whole to have, the Big Business as opposed to the Little Business, point-of-view, while there are many voters in the country who just as sincerely believe the welfare of the latter than the former.

So this is a perfectly legitimate campaign issue particularly where economic values and public welfare are concerned. We don't think the "New Republicanism" can do much about it, any more than they can have their cake of "peace, prosperity and platitudes" and eat it too. There IS that division between the two major parties, and it is silly to try to deny what every impartial and objective observer knows to be a fact.

It is not a theory cooked up for political purposes only, it is a condition that EXISTS.

SO WHILE we have no particular objection to this effort we can't go along with it, and don't believe it will get very far as an issue.

We do believe, however, what is meant by the "Arlington club crowd" has too great an influence in state politics today, and that the Republicans would be wise to pass about the controls a bit, instead of concentrating them all in one section of the state metropolis.

HOWEVER, as stated before, we don't believe there is going to be a radical change in party registrations or controls, as far as the G.O.P. is concerned, until there is a change in some of their fundamental principles and the quality and records of their candidates.

We shall not indulge in any "odoriferous impressions" but unless the Grand Old Party does produce a better slate of candidates than they did this year—and by better we mean better from the standpoint of their records, abilities and beliefs—they will again have to suffer the bitter pangs of decisive state defeat.—R.W.R.

Was World War II a Blunder?

Speaking of the state press, we have been surprised to note in this post-election period not only increasing criticism of the Eisenhower foreign policy but in some cases a definite trend toward reactionary isolationism.

One of the leading "outside of Portland" papers, for example, deprecates the fact that more financial aid for Britain is being considered, and entering the Second World War was a terrible blunder and a near-fatal American mistake.

The time-honored claim is made, that had the U.S.A. kept out of the war, allowed Hitler to crush Soviet Russia and then with now-hated "Ivan" out of the way made mincemeat of "Der Fuhrer," we would be sitting on-top-of-the-world today with a balanced budget, practically no national debt, and a prosperity unequalled in the history of mankind.

THAT is a pretty picture—a pleasant dream—but how about the facts?

In the first place our contemporary seems to overlook Pearl Harbor and the Japanese attack. Would he have ignored that incident in infamy, and allowed Japan to take over China, Hawaii, the Philippines and the Pacific?

We can't believe that. Although the editor does not say so our assumption is, he would have had the U.S. enter the war but kept out of war against Hitler.

Matter of Fact

THE ASTONISHING HUNGARIANS
Washington—It now begins to seem that the brutal intention of the Red Army by no means ended the Hungarian story. Instead, it seems possible that an effective, nationwide guerrilla movement will be organized there. And if the astonishing Hungarians succeed in organizing such a movement the West will be faced with an appalling difficult decision.

For the Hungarian revolt had been no more than flash in the pan, quickly and easily suppressed, mere words would have



Joseph Alsop

been enough. But if the resistance continues, the United States and its allies are going to decide what, if anything, to do about it.

The Hungarians appear to be brilliantly turning Soviet techniques against the Soviets. For the Soviets, unlike the American military, take guerrilla action very seriously indeed as a technique of warfare. When he was War Minister under Stalin, Soviet Premier Bulganin boasted that the Soviet Union possessed "an entirely novel doctrine of warfare" which would permit the Kremlin to gain its ends "without resort to regular army warfare." The "novel doctrine" was, of course, based on guerrilla tactics.

IN FACT, the "novel doctrine" goes back to Lenin, who wrote that "guerrilla warfare is the inevitable form of struggle when the mass movement has reached the stage of rebellion." The doctrine has worked well for the Communists. Communist Guerrillas have harried Western positions from Malaya to Greece. And at least three Communist guerrilla leaders—Tito of Yugoslavia, Ho Chi Minh of Indochina, and Mao Tse Tung of China—have fought their way to full power.

In a remarkable treatise on guerrilla warfare, Mao Tse Tung has laid down the requirements for effective guerrilla action. One is the support of the mass of the people. "Guerrillas are fish," Mao wrote, "and the people are the water in which the fish swim. If the temperature of the water is right the fish will multiply and flourish."

The temperature of the water is wholly right in Hungary—the bitter Hungarians hate the Soviet conquerors to a man. But guerrillas need arms as well as hate. The Hungarian resistance now has considerable stocks of weapons, since about three quarters of the Hungarian army went over to the rebels. For the time being—but only for the time being—it is believed here, the Hungarians have enough weapons to mount effective guerrilla operations.

IF THEY do so, the Soviets can adopt either of two tactics. They can, if they will, make a Carthaginian peace, in effect, with Hungary as an ally.

tion is, he would have had the U.S. enter the war but kept out of war against Hitler. But Hitler declared war on the United States shortly after that Pearl Harbor attack and proceeded, principally via U boats, to wage it.

How could the United States, with any decency, self respect or dignity, have kept out of war under such circumstances?

HOWEVER, for the sake of argument, let it be assumed we had refused to go to war, at least in Europe.

Is there any reasonable doubt that without U.S. help not only in supplying ships, munitions, arms and food, but also forcing Germany to fight on two fronts, Soviet Russia would have soon been crushed?

Then what? With Russia out of the way we would have crushed Hitler?

We don't believe it and we don't believe there are many military experts on either side of the Atlantic who would support such a thesis.

With Russia demobilized to the East, Europe out of it to the West, and Britain gasping for breath, it is doubtful that the Normandy invasion would ever have been considered—much less launched.

It might, of course, if what happened had not happened. But what happened DID happen.

SO, AS we see it, instead of begrudging more aid to England and western Europe in its present crisis, we should approve it, not with an enthusiasm for the task is an expensive and painful one, but for essentially the same reason we entered World War II—because it was, in the long view, to our self-interest to do so.

The cost was great and continues to mount, but how about the cost of the only alternative, namely complete Japanese control to the west and Hitler control to the east, with poor old isolated Uncle Sam in between?

It is that "alternative" we believe, that our worthy contemporary seems to forget.—R.W.R.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walker Lippmann
MR. DULLES AND MORAL FORCE

As reported from Paris—no text has been published—Secretary Dulles said on Tuesday that NATO, while maintaining its military strength, should in its international dealings rely on moral force. This has been the line taken by the Administration in the Egyptian affair. It has meant the setting up of a working theory—in my view a false theory—that the alternative to the use of military force as an instrument of policy is propaganda—that is to say arousing

public opinion by putting words and declarations and speeches and resolutions condemning, deploring and denouncing. A policy which rests wholly, or even principally, on the alternatives of military force or moral force is like a stool which has only two legs. It will not stand up. The third and missing leg is to have negotiable proposals. The three modes of international action are diplomacy, force, and propaganda, and to act on the force or propaganda will lead either to utility or disaster. The real alternative to war is negotiation, and no statesman should ever be allowed to forget it.

THE hard core of diplomacy is the third leg, the working out of proposals which are negotiable because they come to grips with the issues of a conflict. It is here that the United States policy has been lacking, most especially in the Hungarian tragedy.

Quite rightly, so at least it seems to me, the President took the decision that he would not intervene in Hungary with military force. But the decision carried with it, I believe, the moral responsibility of a full dress attempt to bring about a negotiated settlement in which the Hungarian nation would achieve a position comparable with that of Poland or Yugoslavia.

It is not good enough, indeed it is embarrassing, to do no more than to hurl adjectives at Kadar and the Soviets—while we assure them that we won't fight and while we show them that we do not know how to negotiate. The Western world, with the United States in the lead, should be addressing the Soviet Union with proposals for a European system within which the nations of Eastern Europe can live in security and in national freedom.

THIS is urgent business, and Secretary Dulles is having great trouble for the future if he stands where he has been reported as standing in Paris on Tuesday. On the one hand he was saying that we would not intervene. On the other hand, he was saying that we hope for rebellion against and within the Soviet empire. This is to play with fire in a situation which is highly explosive.

The whole situation needs to be brought under control, brought into a manageable perspective, and this can be done only if somehow—perhaps in a mission by the Secretary General of the United Nations to Moscow—there are set going diplomatic negotiations dealing with a system of European security.

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Reorganization of Department Told

Salem — (U.P.) — Director Warne Nunn Friday announced reorganization of the State Motor Vehicle department to absorb more than a dozen small divisions into seven major divisions.

Nunn said no employees would lose their jobs but the reorganization would bring the work of the departments closer to the director.

The seven divisions and their managers will be: traffic safety, James Banks; fiscal division, J. R. Williams; administrative services, Leo Hegstrom; field operations, Charles Grove; motor vehicle registration, Robert Gile; driver licenses, John Kerlick; and financial responsibility, Harold McCoy.

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POTLUCK

By T. Stiles and Contributors

There was a minor traffic incident the other day which occurred on a street where one of our newshewers was walking. Always the inquiring reporter, she looked around, listening for something to report.

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Editorial Comment

MAN OF THE YEAR

This is the time of year when readers of Time magazine submit their nominations for that magazine's "Man of the Year" award. Usually the award goes to a politician or a general.

But this time we nominate—and we're sure all other good sinners will agree with us—an obscure foot doctor in New York City. His name is Maurice J. Lewi and he just celebrated his 89th birthday in the restricted manner his physicians have insisted upon. His cigar consumption has been reduced from 14 a day to three or four. And his highball consumption is limited now to one before dinner and one before bed. He's had to quit card playing, not upon doctors' orders, but because his failing eyesight prevents him, oftentimes, from distinguishing between the king and the jack—and that's very important.

His formula for a long and active life: "I do as I please and never waste energy resisting temptation."—Eugene Register-Guard.

Polish straw in the wind: Leaders of some 30,000 Polish steelworkers at Poznan have threatened to strike if the (Communist) government tries to pass a resolution condemning Russia for intervening in Hungary.

The resolution, which climaxed three days of anti-Soviet demonstrations in Poznan, demands that Russia withdraw its forces from Hungary immediately and that U.N. or Warsaw pact troops replace them.

KARL Marx, the founder of communism, must be turning over in his grave. He looked forward to strikes by the workers as the final blow that would finish off capitalism.

Instead, it looks like strikes by communist-oppressed workers may be the weapon that will finish off communism.

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Congressional Quiz

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Q—True or false: The 85th Congress, when it assembles Jan. 3, will have more familiar faces than any since 1912, when the House of Representatives reached its present strength of 435 members.

A—True. Only 46 new Representatives were elected in 1956. Nine new Senators were chosen, out of 32 up for reelection. Three of the new Senators will replace retiring incumbents.

Q—Only one sitting governor was successful in his 1956 bid for a seat in Congress. Can you name him?

A—Ohio Gov. Frank J. Lausche (D), who defeated incumbent Sen. George H. Bender (R). Two other governors failed to win Senate seats: Arthur B. Langlie (R-Wash.) and William C. Marland (D-W.Va.).

Q—The 84th Congress had a lower mortality rate than any Congress in the last 20 years. The average for the preceding 10 Congresses was 17 deaths per Congress. How many died during the 84th: (a) 8; (b) 3; (c) 14; (d) 17?

A—(a). The 84th Congress made history by suffering no deaths at all during its first session in 1955. Two Senators and six Representatives died after first-session adjournment, but the 84th still had the lowest mortality rate of any Congress in the last 20 years.

Q—True or false: No Member of the House who sought higher office in 1956 was successful.

A—True. Three lost in bids for Senate seats. They were Reps. Thomas Dodd (D-Conn.), Clifford Young (R-Nev.), and Glenn Davis (R-Wis.). Rep. Robert Mollohan (D-W. Va.) won the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in his state, but lost the election to his Republican opponent.

Q—At least two retiring Senators, both Democrats, will continue in public life after they give up their Senate seats. Can you name either on of them.

A—Walter F. George (D-Ga.)

will advise President Eisenhower on NATO matters. Earle C. Clements (D-Ky.) will become a Democratic party functionary, possibly leading the Senate Campaign Committee.