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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. 18, 1946 (Wednesday). Plans for the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Christmas dance to be held at the armory Saturday are completed.

20 YEARS AGO: Dec. 18, 1936 (Friday). Medford Corporation will complete operations for the year today.

30 YEARS AGO: Dec. 18, 1926 (Saturday). Berrian's Super-Service opens for service today at corner of East Main and Tripp streets.

40 YEARS AGO: Dec. 18, 1916 (Monday). Tuesday will be Charity Tag day, with the proceeds from the sale intended to defray expenses incurred in holding Medford's second annual municipal Christmas tree.

50 YEARS AGO: Dec. 18, 1906 (Tuesday). Custom offices are being run a big loss, Representative Payne states in Washington today.

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

1. Is it proper to use "gentleman" and "lady" as general terms for "man" and "woman"? 2. Is Mt. Whitney the name of the highest mountain peak in North America?

3. Are there any contemporary references to the Hebrews of Bible times in the writings of non-Hebrew nations? 4. Was Canderella's slipper made of either fine china or fine silk?

5. Did the Wyoming Valley Massacre occur in Pennsylvania, Colorado or Wyoming? 6. What U.S. Constitutional Amendment was repealed by the 21st amendment?

7. How old is a person who is two score and ten and ten? 8. Which Crusade did Geoffrey of Bouillon lead: the 1st, 3rd, or 5th?

9. "Semi" means half; what does "demi" mean? 10. Is the proverb "To fish in troubled waters" of Biblical or Shakespearean origin?

Answers: 1. No. 2. No. Mt. McKinley, Alaska. 3. Yes. 4. No. 5. Pennsylvania. 6. Prohibition. 7. Sixty years old. 8. First. 9. Half. 10. Biblical.

East Meets West

According to the press dispatches and the telephoto pictures Prime Minister Nehru of India also "likes Ike."

The two world dignitaries are shown warmly shaking hands and both smiling broadly, which indicates "Ike" also likes Nehru. That should cause no surprise, for Ike doesn't, as far as the record shows, dislike many people.

But we wonder if this mutual admiration society will continue not only through this brief conference in Washington, but throughout the remaining years of the present administration?

We hope it does. India needs the United States and the U.S.A. needs India.

But if the "entente cordiale" in a personal sense continues unbroken for any extended period of time, it will add up, as we see it, to a minor miracle.

For while Nehru is a keenly intelligent and cultural cosmopolite who understands the President of the United States and the psychology of the American people, we believe there is no such keenness of perception as far as President Eisenhower is concerned regarding Jawaharlal Nehru and his ancient and somewhat baffling civilization.

And where a personal understanding is not mutual, there is often great difficulty in maintaining a cordial and rewarding relationship for any length of time.

SO we look for no Damon and Pythias tableau as depicted for these two national figures through many years. But we do believe as far as the present meeting is concerned, they will find a warm and common ground in the condemnation of Soviet Russia's brutality in Hungary, and the use of force on the part of England and France against Nasser and the Suez canal.

When it comes to their political and economic philosophies, however, as well as their spiritual and temperamental natures, these two gentlemen are, we believe, as far apart as Rudyard Kipling's poles.

Premier Nehru is, first of all, a convinced and dedicated pacifist. President Eisenhower is not. Both are sincerely for the prevention of war and the promotion of peace as of now, but Nehru, because his whole nature revolts against violence, under any or all circumstances; while General Eisenhower only because he believes war on a large scale would be suicidal, as conditions now exist, and force should be used only as a last resort.

MR. NEHRU is also a sincere socialist, and was heartily in favor of the Russian revolution under Lenin. He is still in sympathy with the basic Marxist social purpose, but not with the violent methods adopted by the menolithic and imperialistic system of the Kremlin.

Needless to say Mr. Eisenhower has no patience with either. The very mention of the term "socialism" makes his hearty and healthy epidermis "creep," and if the two men ever have to carry on a debate in this realm, their present "beautiful friendship" alas, will abruptly cease.

NO. 3. Mr. Nehru is a born aristocrat, and has the social Brahmin's contempt for "mere wealth" and show, while his present "vis-a-vis" is a born democrat, a congenial extrovert, with a high regard for the material things in life, and those who have been able to acquire an abundance thereof.

FINALLY "Jawa" Nehru is a mystic, a non-resistant Agnostic, a man whose idea of proper exercise is not golf, but reclining contemplation and deep breathing, for the benefit of soul and body.

It is hard to picture the hero of World War II falling for any routine like that, or being able in any sense to understand it. Moreover General Eisenhower has no doubts about there being a spiritual "God," he knows there IS, just as he believes in attending church every Sunday.

That sort of ritual would not appeal to the Prime Minister of India, in fact he would, we believe, nurse a certain allergy toward it, and in the quiet of his study, read over the sayings and doctrines of his late "master" and predecessor, Mahatma Gandhi, in whose teachings he so devoutly believes.

ALL of which might be called purely personal—which it is. But personalities when they lead nations are extremely important in determining the trend of world affairs, and their ultimate outcome.

We don't deny as of today the familiar Kipling dictum that "East is East and West is West, and ne'er the twain shall meet" is outdated. They are meeting today in Gettysburg and will undoubtedly meet again.

But we doubt very much if today or in the foreseeable future, the East as represented by Nehru's India and the west as represented by General Eisenhower's United States, ever become brothers "under the skin." As stated we believe Nehru understands "we like Ike" and all its connotations far better than Ike can, or ever will, understand the representative of India and its ancient Hindu culture. But even so, they have as also stated above, a common ground in devotion to world peace, and the more conferences like the present one the better the chances in this turbulent world of maintaining and advancing it.—R.W.R.

Freezer Boat Aground; Breaking Up on Reef

St. Petersburg, Fla.—(U.P.)—An \$80,000 factory freezer ship was reported breaking up on a reef and sinking off the coast of Honduras Monday night.

Charles Rice, owner of the vessel, said he received a cable from the ship's captain, F. L. Routh, saying that the 78-footer,

East Germany Seen as Coming Danger Spot for World Peace

By CHARLES M. MCCANN United Press Correspondent

East Germany threatens to become the most dangerous area in Europe before long.

The feeling is growing in European capitals that the situation might develop into a threat of world peace.

Student unrest, like that which led to the revolts in Poland and Hungary, is mounting throughout East Germany.

Matter of Fact

By Joe and Stewart Alsop

Washington—No doubt the NATO meeting with which Secretary of State Dulles has just returned served a useful purpose.

The weakness in this British argument is obvious—if NATO is to consist of only a few tripwire battalions, the West will have few bargaining counters in any negotiation with the Soviets.

There may be more logic in another British argument—that the Soviets may be genuinely anxious to extricate themselves, at a price, from their unhappy position in Eastern Europe; and that the time has come to make a serious effort to ascertain the price of a withdrawal of the Red Army.

If the price is somewhere short of the total withdrawal of American forces from Europe, it might conceivably be worth paying, if Western Europe is to have no more than a tripwire defense anyway.

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East German Defense Minister Willie Stoph announced on Sunday that his government had taken new security measures as a safeguard against possible rebellion.

The West German government is about as worried as are the East German Reds over the danger of an uprising.

The revolts in Poland and Hungary were welcomed throughout the Western world. But the position of East Germany is different.

Poland and Hungary, though Communist-ruled, are nominally independent countries. East Germany, on the other hand, is a section of a divided country.

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 is permissible.

Thanks From Fairview: To the Editor: Would you please print the following letter? Jackson county people have so generously given as individuals to bring a great deal of happiness to Fairview children all through the year.

Dear Mrs. Minear: Thanks again to you and to all the kind people in your vicinity who provided the many Christmas gifts and articles recently received.

About Juvenile Court: To the Editor: This letter is in the interest of all mothers or fathers who want to raise their own children and not permit outsiders to tell them how and when parents have too long allowed juvenile officers to order them around about the punishment for their children's wrongdoings.

79 Inspections: The fire marshal reported 79 inspections during November. Of these 55 were business occupancies, seven in hotels and motels and three in hospitals.

Absentee Ballots: Providence, R. I.—(U.P.)—Republican Christopher Del Sesto apparently has won the Rhode Island governorship on the basis of a tally of absentee and shut-in mail votes.

City Officials Issue November Report: Revenue from Medford airport concessions totaled \$2,648.42, according to the November report of municipal officials.

First Negro Hired As Airlines Pilot: New York—(U.P.)—The first Negro to be hired as a pilot by a passenger airline reported to work Monday for New York Airways, Inc.

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In The Day's News

The proposed new State of Shasta, to be carved out of Northern California, is getting a big play in the nation's newspapers. Even the staid Wall Street Journal, whose various editions are read by solid business people all over the country, editorialized on it the other day.

It is fairly obvious that the writers of these pieces look upon the proposed new state as just another gag, and they want it understood that their tongues are in their checks as they write.

I WOULDN'T want to quarrel with this attitude, but I would like to make it plain that this State of Shasta business has its serious side.

If you want to know how serious it is, drive down through the Owens valley. There is an area that LOST ITS WATER. It lost its water because it didn't put up enough of a fight IN TIME.

These Northern California counties—the counties where the bulk of California's water originates—want to make sure that in the reshuffle of California's water that is coming up they don't lose their fair share of the water that ORIGINATES within their borders.

This proposed new State of Shasta dramatizes their conviction that they must protect their share of their own water at any cost.

THIS is the situation: Two proposals for the disposition of water rights in Northern California are under discussion. One plan would recommend a constitutional amendment to determine how much water from each watershed of origin would be needed ultimately in that area and how much could be exported.

An alternate recommendation calls for an amendment to the state water code, giving the new water rights board the authority to decide how much water should be reserved to the counties of origin.

THESE far northern counties are not dogs in the manger. They want only their fair share of the water that originates within their boundaries. They are perfectly willing to share their SURPLUS with the rest of their state.

But who knows NOW what the ultimate water needs of these counties will be? Consider this simple fact: These counties have large stands of timber suitable for pulping. Pulp and paper plants require AMPLE water. Without ample water supplies, there can be no pulp and paper plants.

Who knows now how much water will be needed ultimately for the processing of the fiber in these counties' pulpwood stands?

THIS State of Shasta business ISN'T just a gag. It dramatizes the fact that the people of these counties are ready to save their fair share of the water that originates within their borders in no other way than to see that they are just as proud of it as anybody else.

That's about the size of it.

Editorial Comment

NIXON'S TRIP

With respect to Vice President Nixon's trip to Austria as the President's representative to study the problem created by Hungarian refugees, this question arises: "Is this trip really necessary?"

It does seem true, however, that the Nixon mission to Austria partakes considerably of drama. The details of the situation and the needs of Austria will surely be assembled and reported on by Voorhees and his staff. What the visit of Nixon will do is to impress the world first with concern of the United States over the plight of the refugees and the difficulties a small country like Austria has in caring for them, and second, to suggest propaganda against the Soviet Union as the perpetrator of crimes against the Hungarians.

Vice President Nixon's trip will stir much publicity over the world. He appears to be a very capable observer and will be able of course to confer with statesmen at the highest levels. His report should prove of value but the fact that a Vice President is making the trip appears to be its principal justification.

—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

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