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

10 YEARS AGO: Jan. 3, 1947 (Friday) City Fire Chief Roy Elliott advises residents who use oil heating stoves...

20 YEARS AGO: Jan. 3, 1936 (Sunday) Deposits of Farmers and Fruit-growers bank of Medford show increase of 49 per cent during 1936 over 1935...

30 YEARS AGO: Jan. 3, 1927 (Monday) The state and county tax levy for Medford, in districts not maintaining high schools...

40 YEARS AGO: Jan. 3, 1916 (Wednesday) Business in the Medford post office during 1916 showed a gain in every department...

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

Answers: 1. No. (1774). 2. Winemaker. 3. 26 A.D. 4. Ancient Egypt. 5. Schoolroom. 6. Enrico. 7. Klondike Rush. 8. Yes. 9. Red hair. Queen Isabella. 10. Oatmeal.

Nixon "Build-Up" Starts

We fear our misguided (and misnamed) Democrat-Herald of Albany is jumping the gun a bit. Either that or it has not yet awakened to the fact that not only 1956, but the campaign of that year is over.

For here it is nearly four years before another presidential election, and we find the Democrat-Herald busily buttering-up Richard Nixon to take President Eisenhower's place in the White House...

IN THIS effort the Albany editor pulls out all the stops of the Nixon political propaganda barrel-organ, with everything included but an obligato in a falsetto tremolo by the little girls and Checkers.

IT seems—according to the "Herald"—that but for Mr. Nixon's 48-hour visit to nearby Austria, the "self-exiled Hungarians" would have concluded they had been forgotten by Uncle Sam.

IN FACT as the heading of this leading editorial demonstrates, quote: "Dick Nixon is doing all right."

NO REASONABLE doubt of that, but there may be some doubt that a majority of the voters of America four years hence will favor such a course and such a destination.

IN FAIRNESS to the Albany paper, however, it must be granted it has and expresses certain reservations as far as "Dear Dick" is concerned.

It admits, for example, that the ingratiating and plausible "V.P." has been accused of making "occasional bloopers." But it also is "suspected"—by the Albany paper at least—that these aforesaid errors, were only deliberate official "sorties to feel out public opinion on certain issues."

Unfortunately the Democrat-Herald does not name these bloopers or "trial balloons" though Nixon's recommendation to send U. S. troops to aid the French in Indo China might have been one of them.

However that may be the "Democrat" does not include among Nixon's faults the kind of smear campaigns Mr. Nixon conducted in California against Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas or against the Democratic party in 1952, nor surprisingly that deal with an affluent group of "Big Business" men from the Golden Gate state during his first term in the U.S. Senate.

For these are grouped under the "few specific charges" made against Mr. Nixon which again, quote: "have been pretty well dissipated."

For it is claimed that Mr. Nixon did not accuse Mrs. Douglas of being a communist or "soft on communism" or ok such accusations, via anonymous phone calls to voters in strategic areas of California.

Nixon only claimed Mrs. Douglas' voting record in the House was practically identical with that of the pro-Communist late Congressman Vito Marcantonio, and declared President Truman and his administration had been "traitors to the cause of our basic DEMOCRACY, in their tolerance of the Communists who are dedicated to the overthrow of our democratic government by force."

THAT is ALL! And as far as that cash subsidy from the banking and oil group of California is concerned Nixon's "ham-act" over the air, with "Checkers" as an assist, denuded this transaction of ALL taint, according to the Albany paper, and what the heck, it was only a campaign contribution anyway.

THE only trouble with that final statement is, it isn't TRUE. That \$18,000 cash contribution was not for Richard Nixon's campaign expenses, he had already been elected, and the best proof of that is the Vice President's broadcast "for the defense" where no such claim is made and it is—was—admitted that the money was used to reduce Nixon's office expenses and save money for the poor down-trodden taxpayers.

RATHER silly isn't it? But that is politics, and we have no doubt this fulsome tribute to the personable and plausible Vice President is an example of what will continue off and on through the ensuing years of the present administration.

FOR it is realized, of course, that "We Like Ike" can't be used four years hence. So if the GOP hopes to stay in power—and it surely DOES—the Vice President as of today is their best bet. But there is, because

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE MIDDLE EAST DECLARATION

The declaration which the President will submit to Congress is, plain enough, only a first installment in a reappraisal of our course in the Middle East. As disclosed to the leading correspondents in Washington, Mr. Dulles is proposing not to announce a new "doctrine" but to restate and reaffirm: and emphasize the Truman doctrine as applied to the Middle East.

Since 1947 it has been fundamental American policy to oppose with force, if necessary, any military aggression by the Soviet Union. Mr. Dulles himself has frequently reaffirmed this policy in very strong language, notably in his famous statement of March 20, 1954 when he declared that "there should be a capability for massive retaliation without delay" against the capability of the Soviet Union "to strike by land at any one of approximately 30 states of Europe, the Middle East and Asia."

How, then, has it come about that the policy needs once again to be reaffirmed? It has come about because of the tone of the political campaign and the position taken by the government in the Middle East and in the Hungarian crises which broke out in the closing weeks of the campaign.

A NET impression has been created, especially abroad, that the President is a pacifist, and that on many issues of the Middle East, which are of vital concern to Europe, he is a very considerable neutralist. The impression is no doubt false, and those who have the impression would find it hard to cite chapter and verse to that effect. But there is no doubt that in greater or lesser degree the impression exists in every foreign office in the world.

It has been fed by the Republican campaign oratory about Eisenhower as the guardian of peace. But what has given the impression its greatest impetus is the way the administration has during the autumn crises followed along behind the majority of the General Assembly of the United Nations. When that majority was willing to be strong, as against Britain and France and Israel, we have been strong. When that majority was acquiescent, as against the Soviet Union and Hungary, we have been acquiescent.

THE net result has been to spread the view that in the Middle East the President would do nothing to oppose the Soviet Union or to stabilize peace unless he got a vote authorizing him to do so from the United Nations. As the Soviet Union has a veto in the Security Council, and as the Afro-Asian bloc has a veto in the General Assembly, we seemed to be saying that our interest in the Middle East was not to be taken too seriously.

THE first object—I won't say the only object—of the new resolution is to correct and repair these impressions—to make it known that President Eisenhower has not repealed the Truman doctrine, and that this country has not signed over to a majority of the General Assembly its role in the Middle East.

ALTHOUGH I am not myself an admirer of broad generalized re-announcing declarations as an instrument of diplomacy, there is no doubt that the impression created this autumn is so mischievous and dangerous that a Presidential declaration may be necessary. Certainly, if a Congress asks for such a declaration, it cannot be refused without compounding the confusion.

First Columbia Smelt Catch Arrives Today

Portland—(U.P.)—The first Columbia river smelt catch of the season arrived here today, seven days earlier than last season. The fish were offered at 75 cents a pound, same price as last year. Some 20 pounds of smelt were gillnetted by Ray Suti near Clatskanie yesterday afternoon. Gillnet smelt fishing closed at Wednesday midnight and will open again Saturday noon.

of his record and various ways, wide spread distrust. Therefore this must be "dissipated" as the Albany "Democrat" has tried to do, and a new and exalted "image" must be built up, if a third four-year term for the "Grand Old Pachyderm" is to be assured.

Well as indicated above, that is all a part of the time honored political game; our only SERIOUS objection as of now is it is too early in the New Year to start. And when they do start it is hoped they will not falsify the record, but stick to the facts.—R.W.R.

Russian Leadership Working to Reshape Policies for Satellites

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The Soviet Russian government seems to be working out a thorough re-shaping of its policies after months of embarrasment and confusion.

Moscow dispatches indicate the new policy will cover the proper dividing line between "Stalinism" and "Titoism" relations with the Soviet satellite countries and the Soviet Union of the cold war.

Nikita S. Khrushchev, the Communist Party chieftain, gave one important clue to the new line in comments he made at a New Year reception in Moscow.

After praising the late Joseph Stalin as "a great Marxist" and "a great fighter against imperialism," Khrushchev admitted that he and other present Soviet leaders shared some of Stalin's mistakes because they were associated with him. In fighting imperialism, Khrushchev said, "we are all Stalinists."

There was nothing sensational in the praise of Stalin. Khrushchev said about the same thing in his sensational denunciation of Stalin at the 20th Communist Party Congress last February.

At that time, Khrushchev specified that in his early years of leadership, Stalin actively fought

to defend "Leninism"—that is, Marxism—against those who deviated from the party line. "In the past," Khrushchev said then, "Stalin doubtless performed great services to the party, to the working class and to the international workers movement."

But in his February speech, Khrushchev tried his hardest to absolve himself and his colleagues in the new collective leadership of complicity in Stalin's crimes. Khrushchev's new statement seems to be a concession to them.

Accept "Titoist" Government The problem of drawing the line between old-style Stalinist domination of the satellite countries and Titoism is being met in several ways.

First, the Soviet government seems to have accepted fully the "Titoist" government of Polish

Communist Leader Wladyslaw Gomulka.

This was a matter of necessity. The Poles won their revolt against both the "Stalinists" who still ruled their country and against dictation from Moscow. Khrushchev and his fellow-leaders apparently have decided to make the best of it.

In Hungary, now that the active rebellion has been crushed, the Russian leaders appear to be trying to insure that the trend toward a really Titoist government is stopped. As one part of that job, they have started to give economic aid to the Kadar government.

The policy toward other satellites seems to be to try as long as possible to keep Stalinist leaders in control, at the risk of provoking outbreaks in some of them.

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

By Joseph Alsop WAYFARER'S GOODBYE

Washington. Dear Stewart: The origins of this letter of farewell, in case you are interested, go back to an unbearably hot afternoon in early 1941, when I arrived in Chungking just before a rather nasty little Japanese raid.

Like a great many other people in those days, I had been self-confidently writing about China's problems from Washington. But it was only necessary to sniff the rusted Chungking streets, to begin to suspect that everything I had written was pure drivel. The suspicion was confirmed, with sad finality, within less than 48 hours.

I then and there resolved that if I ever returned to the newspaper business, I would try to go where the news was being written about it. It seems an impossibly long time ago since you and I adopted this resolve of mine as the first rule of our reporting partnership. In fact, a whole decade has passed since we came back from the war and founded this joint enterprise.

IN THAT decade our country has boldly met and inspiringly accepted the challenge of world leadership of the cause of freedom. And in that decade, too, freedom's cause has failed to prosper with a saddening frequency, despite America's great efforts. I do not think it is prospering at the moment; and I am very sure that the tempo of world events is now accelerating in a rather dizzying way.

You remember what the Red Queen sternly said in "Alice through the looking glass"—"It takes all the running you can do to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that." I have the same feeling now about keeping abreast of the vast developments and shattering crises that are now going on within the Soviet Empire, in the troubled Middle East, and in Western Europe itself.

THAT is why this is a letter of farewell, quite probably for a whole year. We have to run "twice as fast," I feel very sure, in order to remain faithful to that resolve I made in Chungking many months before Pearl Harbor, which you and I reaffirmed just after the war. So now, instead of leaving for a few months abroad as I have so often done before, I am leaving with a year's wayfaring as the prospect before me.

It is not pleasant to transfer my base. (For have not you noticed, too, that what one misses most after a few months of trav-

eling is simply one's own bed?) It is not pleasant, either, to abandon all the roots I have spent so many years putting down in Washington (although of course I hope they will still be there when I get back at last). But there is the need to go, and there is no escaping from it.

What makes that need, surely, is the simple fact that both the great world systems which now divide the globe between them are at present experiencing sharp and hardly foreseen internal strains. To the conflict with one another, are now added their own inner conflicts. And the Middle Eastern ferment and the weakening of Western Europe on the one hand, and the stirring ferment in the Soviet Empire on the other hand, will in turn react most sharply on the course of the world struggle between the free and the enslaved.

ALL this is what I hope to see at first hand, which always makes events look so very different from the way events look from our comfortable vantage point of our comfortable Moscow as will be my first port of call, and as I interrupt the packing of long, inevitably itchy woolen underwear to write this letter, I find that poem of Clarence Day's running through my mind: Farewell, my friends—farewell and hail.

I'm off to seek the Holy Grail, I cannot tell you why. Remember, please, when I am gone, 'Twas aspiration led me on. Tiddly, widdly, tootle-oo. All I want is to stay with you. But here I go, Good-bye.

Only I am not seeking any Holy Grail, but simply the news of the events that will shape all our futures. And I can tell you why. Seeking news is our business. So "here I go, Good-bye." (Copyright 1956, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Glimpse of the future: THE EXPLOSIVE growth of population and its drain on our available material resources is a problem which will soon have to be dealt with in the United States as well as in the crowded lands of the Middle and the Far East.

WHO says so? The prediction just quoted was made in New York the other day by speakers at the annual meeting of the august and authoritative American Association for the Advancement of Science. They were not challenged from the floor by any member.

FAIRFIELD OSBORN, president of the Conservation Foundation, told his distinguished hearers: "Assuming that present rates of increase continue, we shall have 60 million more people in our country within 20 years. Our rate of population increase is greater than that of India and higher than the average of the whole world."

REALLY growing, you see. A THOUGHT: Let's keep our agriculture—which is presently suffering from overproduction—on a free enterprise basis. With 220 million to 230 million people in the U.S. by 1975, there should be markets for everything we can grow.

It would be a pity if in these problem years the politicians are moving in on the farmers in the hope of harvesting a bumper crop of votes we should permit our agriculture to deteriorate into a sort of government-supported pensioners home.

HE IS talking about the metro-IT'S already swollen metropolitan cities and the suburban districts that are growing up all around them. It won't be that way in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California.

WE will grow. We will grow greater. We will retain our own present primary economy, with OUR OWN supporting primary industry. We won't be just the BEDROOM of some huge metropolitan city.

WE have great resources in the way of power, water and raw materials, and we're remote enough from the present big centers of population to have OUR OWN INDEPENDENT ECONOMY.

Newsprint Prices Head for New High New York — (U.P.) — Newsprint prices, already at a record high level, appeared headed today for a new peak.

A price increase of \$4 a ton was announced Wednesday by the Abitibi Paper and Paper Co. Ltd. in Toronto, Ont. Several other paper producers indicated they have been considering price increases. The increase, if it becomes general, would be at least the 14th since 1933.

In 1933, newsprint cost \$41 a ton. Abitibi's increase would bring its price to about \$134 a ton.

U.S. and Canadian newspaper publishers were concerned over the Abitibi announcement. A member of the Senate Commerce committee which has been investigating the newsprint industry called for joint action by the United States and Canada or legislative action if necessary. The Federal Trade commission said it was looking into the possibility of anti-trust action.

Abitibi said its increase was due to higher costs, particularly increased freight costs. The price boost, the firm said, came "only after long and careful consideration" and would only partially offset the higher costs.

During the past 20 years the number of pupils transported to and from school buildings at public expense has increased by 350 per cent.

WANT TO SAVE MONEY On Your January FOOD BILL? SEE THE Groceteria \$ DAYS AD ON — PAGE 7

Donations Instead of Flowers? According to the Florist Information Council, of Chicago, the following national, state, and regional organizations have gone on record as being OPPOSED to the idea of donations instead of funeral flowers: National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, American Cancer Society, American Medical Association, American Medical Association Auxiliary, American Red Cross, National Safety Council, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, National Education Association, Federated Women's Clubs (10,000,000 members), Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, National Garden Clubs, Kiwanis International, National Assistance League, National Association of Power Engineers, Living Memorials (Memorials by wire), Junior League (Wisconsin), Soroptomist Club (Missouri), Boy Scouts of America (Texas and New York), Masons (New York State), Rotary Club (Norfolk, Virginia), Shrine (St. Louis, Salt Lake, Providence), Community Chest (62 cities), Hospital Council of Greater New York, Children's Home Society of Virginia, Order of Eastern Star (Texas), Odd Fellows (Pennsylvania), Davies County Health Center (Owensboro, Ky.), Methodist Children's Home (Alabama), Duachita Parish Public Library (Louisiana), American Parish Association (14 cities) DAY OR NIGHT — PHONE 2-8030 Chapel Mortuary Across from the Courthouse Frank Morgan — Harold Snodgrass FUNERAL DIRECTORS