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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 Jan. 13, 1947 (Monday) Out of town visitors are arriving to attend dedication ceremonies for the Rogue Elk forest.

30 YEARS AGO Jan. 13, 1927 (Thursday) E. M. Wilson, CPA, completes audit of books of district school clerk, Miss Mildred F. Swearingen.

40 YEARS AGO Jan. 13, 1917 (Friday) By vote of 17 to 8 farmers of the Gold Hill and Fools Creek district sanction creation of the Gold Hill Irrigation district.

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

1. Were British postage stamps used in the American colonies? 2. Was Henry M. Stanley famous for Asiatic or Polar explorations?

\$200 Reported Taken From Tavern Cooler Approximately \$200 was reported taken sometime between Thursday night and Friday morning from a beer cooler at Hunter's tavern north of Medford on the Crater Lake highway.

Investigation of the theft is still under way, deputies said.

Back to Stalin!

There appears to be no reasonable doubt that Soviet Russia has abandoned its "sheeps clothing," its reign of "sweetness and light" and returned to Stalin and Stalinism.

In any modern or really civilized society, this would put Comrade Krushchev in a very tough spot. In fact an impossible one.

For listen to what the Russian leader had to say about Stalin and Stalinism only a few months ago, quote:

"Stalin discarded the Leninist method of convincing and educating. He abandoned the method of ideological struggle for that of administrative violence, mass repressions and terror. He acted on an increasingly larger scale and more stubbornly through punitive organs, at the same time violating all existing norms of morality and of Soviet Laws."

IT IS difficult to think of a more severe and devastating indictment. But Krushchev continued, again quote:

"Thus arbitrary behavior by one person encouraged and permitted arbitrariness in others. Mass arrests and deportations of many thousands of people, execution without trial and without normal investigation created conditions of insecurity, fear and desperation."

IT WOULD be difficult to think up a better description of what Soviet Russia is, and has been, doing in Hungary, when that country only asked (and what at one time Stalin promised to grant), its freedom and independence.

It should not be overlooked that this testimony is not from any enemy of Russia but one of its chief leaders and propagandists. He goes on:

"The commission (Kremlin) has become acquainted with a large quantity of information from N.K.V.D.—from the fabrication of cases against Communists, to false accusations, to glaring abuses which resulted in the death of innocent people. It became apparent that many party Government and economic activists who were branded as "enemies" were actually honest enemies, spies, wreckers, etc., but were always honest Communists."

And yet that is the sort of thing to which, according to all available evidence the Russian government, in which the witness has such an important place, is now deliberately returning.

ONE thing is certain, to-wit: There is no country in the world, except one under a communist-imperialistic dictatorship, where such an inconsistent, incredible and completely amoral condition could be allowed to continue, much less permanently exist.—R.W.R.

The "State of the Union"

According to many reports from Washington, President Eisenhower did not want to read his "State of the Union" message in person. He thought it more fitting to have one of the reading clerks do it.

Well the President's keen political instinct was, as so often is the case, far better than the professional dictum of his subordinates.

COMING so soon after the "bomb-shell" warning to Soviet Russia, the "state of the union" offering was bound to suffer by comparison and even if it had had anything new to say—which it had NOT—it would have been pretty much a "dud" as well as an anti-climax.

NOT that there was anything particularly to criticize, but it was all so routine, delivered in such a routine fashion, and was never, so to speak, brought into sharp focus.

We heard it over the air, and read most of it later, but it is still difficult to say precisely what it all added up to, and what were its significant and salient points.

THE final impression was that it was a succession of "Yes-but's." For example: "Yes" the nation is strong for peace, BUT the nation must be equally strong for war.

WE should continue our efforts toward world disarmament, BUT take no risk of losing our strong position in that important international field, in case of trouble—and trouble threatens.

WE HAVE the richest, greatest, most powerful country the world has ever seen, BUT the time has come for a broad inquiry in the performance and adequacy of our FINANCIAL system.

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.

Fat, Soft and Afraid To the Editor: Listening to the President of the United States, I was shocked and enraged by the statement that our secretary of state, John Foster Dulles, had, not long ago, publicly advised the Russians that they had nothing to fear from us.

This is an appalling statement. The Russian has gobbled up all the country that was handy, and the rest we gave him.

We find upon careful appraisal of the servants of the government, in high places, that they are often weighed in the balance and found wanting.

Section 11 in Chapter 459 Oregon laws, reads as follows: Any recipient may move from one county in the state to another or to another state and on such removal shall remain eligible to receive assistance in accordance with the rules of the State Public Welfare Commission.

Two years ago I went to the health board and told them I couldn't feed my two children and asked them what I should do about it and they just laughed at me and said they didn't know.

By the way folks, if you only have two children you might as well forget about getting welfare in Jackson county (although there are probably several families getting it).

The people that go in and tell the truth (and in some cases are easy to handle) and need help, they usually come out without anything.

Little Country To the Editor: Under Communications in Tuesday's Tribune, Edith Y. Ingle of 338 Bessie st., writes under the heading—"God Save America."

Project a Success To the Editor: The Medford Lady Lions wish to express their deep appreciation to all the individuals, clubs, lodges and other organizations who were so generous with their time and money for their help in making the annual Christmas project a success.

Practice What You Preach To the Editor: I have never written you before but this griping about the way the boys wear their hair is just too much.

My policy is, don't do anything you wouldn't want your children to do, or practice what you preach.

Yes, I have two teen-agers, a daughter, 19, and a son, 17. Mrs. L. H. Tibbitts Eagle Point, Ore.

servation of our natural resources, BUT only through a tri partite "partnership" of Federal, State and Local Authorities—whatever that means.

SO ONE might go on—and on. We don't say it was a poor speech, as such speeches go, nor deny that many of the points made were well taken, but it was so full of generalities, so constantly qualified, so sprinkled with phrases which listened well but were so in need of further clarification, that the net result, at least as far as this department was concerned, was one of disappointment and considerable confusion.—R.W.R.

Matter of Fact

Washington — Now that the President has given his report on the state of the nation, a report on the state of the President seems in order.



Stewart Alsop

It is good. Take the state of the Presidential health first. No President, and probably no man in history, has ever had his physical condition subjected to such careful and continuous scrutiny.

Aside from this daily testing and probing, and the occasional big ceremonial hospital examinations, the President is also very regularly subjected to searching check-ups at the White House.

THE President grumbled a bit at first over all this fussing over him. But there are certain compensations. Before his ileitis operation, he used to have stomach cramps—mostly mild but occasionally very painful—much more often than was generally known.

There are other compensations. His doctors have decided that regular exercise is not only good for the President, but essential to his well-being.

Varied Rainfall Noted In Illinois Valley Cave Junction—According to records kept at three different weather stations in the Illinois valley, annual rainfall varies more than 30 inches from the south end of the valley to the north, a distance of about 25 miles.

At the Redwood highway inspection station, rainfall totaled 88.88 inches in 1956. The weather station at the Illinois valley ranger station, Cave Junction, showed a total rainfall of 48.55 inches, while at M. A. Sprague's station at Deer Creek near Selma rainfall totaled 54.85 for 1956.

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His relaxations are mild—a Western movie (the only kind he likes), a whiskey and soda or sometimes two (also ordered by his doctors); and bridge, most often with Allen, Gen. Alfred Gruenther, and William Robinson, President of the Coca Cola Company.

Under this regimen, according to those who see him often, the President is in an excellent state of mind as well as health.

the Hungarian rebellion than anytime during both World wars, when their little country was entirely surrounded by warring nations. They took in 10,000 Hungarians that escaped from their homeland. They are housing them in their army barracks.

But those people do not look for possible protection from a dis-United Nations. Due to the Hungarian revolt, its whole army this coming year will be equipped with the most modern weapons and the girls and ladies to take army training to learn to shoot and shoot fast.

So if ever the big overgrown black cat with its white stripes down its back, that has a hide mind of a rhino should start on a rampage, overrunning one country after another, they'll be ready for it, to give it a great reception, but probably not to their liking.

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POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

One of our spies was in Eugene last week end, and happened into a cemetery, there espying a large marble monument on which was engraved the following:

"I was once what you are now. You will soon be what I am now."

While browsing through a 1947 file of the Mail Tribune, we ran across the feature "Strange As It Seems" (which is still carried by this newspaper.)

A certain anonymous fellow we heard about went to Pasadena for the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl game.

A certain state police officer, in the course of his duties recently, stopped a woman driver and handed her a citation for violation of the basic rule.

A couple from Trail, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barber, recently attended a television show while on vacation in Hollywood.

States regards as vital to her interests the preservation of the independence and integrity of the states of the Middle East and, if necessary, will use her armed force to that end.

Such a resolution need not, and in my view should not, become a "substitute" for the resolution asked by the President.

THERE is good reason for thinking that by breaking up the package and by taking the two parts separately, Congress would help to make the overall plan more likely to succeed.

Certain of the key countries are unlikely to do this. It might be better, therefore, to deal with the warning to the Soviet Union in one resolution, and with the authority to bargain with the Arab states in another resolution.

Siskiyou Grand Jury Gives Report Yreka — The 1956 grand jury for Siskiyou county last week submitted a list of recommendations for improvements on several county phases, including schools and jails.

The recommendations included a priority system of road improvement, hiring of a school building inspector, salary increases for the county school superintendent and county auditor and a job classification survey of county employees.

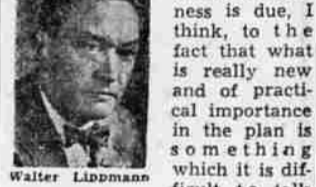
The report also noted overcrowding and lack of adequate playground facilities as common deficiencies in county schools. Facilities of several jails in the county, especially women's and juveniles' quarters, were deemed "deplorable."

North Dakota's state capitol building at Bismarck is of skyscraper construction and section of it rises to a height of 18 stories.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

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about in advance. This something new is the authority and the means to negotiate and to bargain with the unaligned Arab states.

I may be mistaken but I am supposing that Mr. Dulles is hoping not to have to show his hand before he plays it.

There are in the plan two related yet separable parts. One is the warning to the Soviet Union or to a Soviet satellite, if there were one, not to commit overt military aggression.

THIS may be a good public relations device for dealing with Congress, which is, of course, quite willing to take a firm stand to warn against aggression, but is reluctant to sign blank checks.

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