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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: Feb. 21, 1947 (Friday) Jackson county chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, collects \$14,443.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Sledge Post column: Upstate editors are now flatfootedly, long-windedly, and fervently endorsing the current preview of spring.

20 YEARS AGO: Feb. 21, 1937 (Sunday) The Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross for flood relief collects \$3,721 during recent campaign.

Russell Acheson, junior high school athletic coach, and Robert Emmens, Medford, will attend a training course in Army flying at Randolph Field, Tex.

30 YEARS AGO: Feb. 21, 1927 (Monday) Kivans clubs to back chamber-of-commerce plan for valley improvements.

Two hundred copies of the Mail Tribune are ordered by A. S. Rosenbaum, for the Southern Pacific railroad, to be taken to Ashland and Gold Hill for passengers on the "marooned" trains in those cities.

40 YEARS AGO: Feb. 21, 1917 (Wednesday) Medford city council retains E. C. Wilson to audit city recorders books.

Prof. F. C. Reimer, of the Experiment station, lectures on soils of the Rogue valley at the library.

What's Your I.Q.? 1. \$300: The first penny newspaper published in Philadelphia was named "T-C-U."

2. Who is the husband of Cervantes' Theresa Panza? 3. B.B.E.: Name the conqueror son of Nun. 4. What race was named in commemoration of a famous ancient battle on the Plain of Greece?

5. Did Homer or Vergil write the epic poem "The Aeneid"? 6. Stockholm is the capital of Norway; true or false? 7. An alloy of copper and zinc is called—what?

8. Of which country was Kantaro Suzuki the last Premier? 9. Is it proper to use "consistently" as a synonym for constantly? 10. "Here's your hat, what's your hurry?"—B. C. Constello. Is this the title of a song or a play?

Answers: 1. The Cent. 2. Sanchez Panza. 3. Joshua. 4. Marathon. 5. Vergil. 6. False. Sweden. 7. Brass. 8. Japan. 9. No. 10. Title (and refrain: 1904).

Washington Graduate Takes Land Office Job: Portland — Irving W. Anderson, graduate of the University of Washington, has been named manager of the Oregon state land office of the bureau of land management, State Supervisor Virgil T. Heath has announced.

Consistent In Inconsistency

Charles E. Bohlen, U.S. Ambassador to Russia is due in Washington today or tomorrow. He will consult with President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles, and it is reported tender his resignation.

If so his term of office will be about par for the course. U.S. Ambassadors to Moscow have never particularly enjoyed the job under normal conditions but under existing conditions of tension, suspicion and dislike, it is a back breaking, frustrating task.

Our guess is "Charley B." returning to Washington, with perhaps a side trip to Palm Beach, will feel like a life-terminer, suddenly granted a parole.

THE timing of the standpoint of Soviet history is excellent. Just a year ago, Nikita S. Khrushchev, Communist Party boss in Soviet Russia, was talking about Joseph Stalin's "mania for greatness."

"He had completely lost consciousness of reality; he demonstrated his suspicion and haughtiness not only to individuals in the U.S.S.R. but in relation to whole parties and nations."

Khrushchev named names and gave dates in his attack on Stalin's "brutal force." It appeared that a rewriting of all Bolshevik history might be in the making. But less than a year later, at a New Year's Eve party in the Kremlin, Khrushchev was singing a much different tune, to-wit:

"Stalin was a great fighter against imperialism. He was a great Marxist. The imperialists call us Stalinists. Well, when it comes to fighting imperialists, we are all Stalinists."

THE rehabilitation of Stalin by Khrushchev, his principal defamer, has been continuing. In a toast to visiting Chinese Communists on Jan. 17 he called Stalin a "model Communist," true to Marxism-Leninism. "In the essential—and the essential is class interests—Khrushchev avowed, "God grant that every Communist should be able to fight like Stalin to defend them."

ON THE surface, Khrushchev's about-face on Stalin is as difficult to understand as is his prayerful language in the Chinese embassy in Moscow. But events since Stalin's death show a consistency beneath the inconsistency. When Georgi M. Malenkov became premier of Soviet Russia—on March 6, 1953, the day after Stalin died—he declared that the standard of living in the Soviet Union "can and must" be raised.

ON Feb. 8, 1955, Malenkov resigned, confessing his guilt and responsibility for "the unsatisfactory state of affairs which has arisen in agriculture." He specifically endorsed a new Communist plan for agricultural recovery "on the only correct foundation: the further development by every means of heavy industry."

EVEN before Malenkov's resignation, a shift in Russia's post-Stalin emphasis on increased production of consumer goods had been announced. On Jan. 24, 1955, Dmitri T. Shepilov, then editor of Pravada, had called the turn.

Now that Shepilov has been replaced as Soviet Foreign Minister by Andrei A. Gromyko, Shepilov, known in the party as an expert on ideology and propaganda, goes back to his old job as one of the eight secretaries of the party's central committee under Khrushchev.

SHEPILOV is generally considered a protege of Khrushchev; Gromyko of Vyacheslav M. Molotov. "Iron Backside," as Stalin called Molotov, was one of the former dictator's sternest lieutenants. Until Molotov's resignation as Foreign Minister last June 1, he was the leader of the old-line Communists.

But the Moscow radio now is backing the foreign policy outlined by Shepilov as recently as Feb. 12. So his reassignment may reflect a need for his propaganda talents within Russia rather than a change in the country's foreign policy.

SO WHAT? Well, merely that Sir Winston Churchill was right, when he said that Soviet Russia's diplomacy was a riddle, shrouded in mystery, wrapped up in an enigma, or words to that effect.

Probably Ambassador Bohlen after his service there knows more about it than Americans who have never lived in Russia, but our hunch is he would be the last to claim he clearly understands it. Neither do we.—R.W.R.

Unknown Comfort Due on New Roads

New York — (U.P.)—America's new magic carpet — a 41,000-mile steel and concrete highway system that will link every state of the nation — will permit motorists to travel with speed, safety and comfort unknown to day.

Steelways, official publication of American Iron and Steel Institute, said motorists will be able to drive from coast to coast without spotting a red light. They'll save a penny per mile in lower fuel and auto operating costs.

Legislative Letter

By ERIC ALLEN JR. Mail Tribune Managing Editor

Salem—Robert Duncan, Jackson county's freshman representative and the first Democrat to represent the county in the legislature in many years, has acquired the nickname of "The Scotchman" among many of his colleagues.

Duncan carries heavier responsibilities than most freshman members of the house. He is chairman of the judiciary committee, which has before it some 100 bills dealing with many legal technicalities, changes proposed for many statutes dealing with judicial administration, and a wide variety of other bills which logically fit into no other committee's category.

In addition, he is a member of the ways and means committee, perhaps the most important of the legislature, in which originate, or to which are referred, all bills which would call for spending public money. The ways and means committee is a joint committee, having on its members of both house and senate and its members, because of their authority over spending proposals, have much influence with other members.

It is in his committee work and his protests in the house against spending proposals he thinks unnecessary or unsound, that Duncan received his nickname, of which he is unashamed, and perhaps a bit proud. His committee jobs keep him busy, but in addition he has all the other duties of a legislator, such as attending sessions of the house, answering mail, and so on.

Here is a typical day's schedule for Duncan: 8 a.m.—Arrives at Capitol from home, checks desk. 8:15 a.m.—Attends meeting of subcommittee of ways and means committee. (Sometimes two subcommittees to which he belongs both have meetings scheduled, in which case he attends the more important, or sometimes attends both briefly, in turn.)

These meetings usually last until 10 a.m., when the house convenes, staying in session until about 11:30 a.m. Checks Mail. After the morning adjournment, Duncan checks over his mail, and dictates replies to his secretary (his wife, Marjane Duncan) until about 12:20 or 12:30 p.m. During this period he usually remains at his desk on the floor of the house, but sometimes goes to the committee room. Legislators have no offices of their own. On the floor of the house, there are a constant series of interruptions—visitors, lobbyists, other legislators—some of them social, but most of them for quick conferences on pending legislation.

At about 12:30, he will "grab a quick bite to eat" at the capitol or the nearby Elks club, and at 1 p.m. on two or three days each week will conduct a meeting of his judiciary committee, which will last until about 3, when the ways and means subcommittees meet again, until about 5 p.m. Night Meetings. For the next hour or more, he will again tackle his mail, and about 6:30 p.m. will arrive home. On three nights a week, he has evening meetings of ways and means subcommittees, lasting from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

At 10, he will check in to the judiciary committee room to organize the work the committee will take up the following day. Some times he will write letters to constituents or writers through-out the state asking for their views on legislation to come before the groups on which he serves.

Before going home, he will check the "third reading calendar," which is a list of measures scheduled for final house action the following morning, and read the bills on it. He usually gets to bed about 12:30 a.m. Handles Correspondence. On days when the committee schedule is less demanding, he can devote more time to studying bills and handling correspondence. On some occasions, usually week ends, he will make trips to inspect institutions whose budgets will be coming before his subcommittee.

With this schedule, he has found little time for any social life, and usually turns down the many invitations which are extended to most legislators. He has not introduced a great number of bills of his own, but there are several which he has, and others in which he has some particular interest. Among these are his measure to eliminate capital punishment in the state, which he thinks has a good chance of passing in one form or another; a bill to validate, for bonding purposes, the consolidation of the Medford, West Side and Oak Grove school districts, and another which would extend, under most circumstances, the protection of workmen's compensation to men who are nominally self-employed and are not covered under present legislation. This would affect many "gyppo" loggers in Jackson county.

Work Most Demanding. The ways and means work probably is the most demanding. The two subcommittees to which he belongs handle the budget requests of a wide variety of state institutions and departments, including civil defense, the indus-

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop



JOSEPH ALSOP Nicknamed 'The Scotchman'

THE COMPANY TOWNS. Kemerovo—The plump, fussy restaurant manager is greatly upset by the party of miners demanding a table. They are too cheerfully tight for his taste. But they grow angry and shout: "The reason you don't want us in your damned place is that we're members of the working class. You only want those others in business suits."

So, fearing a scene, he lets them in. It is lucky for the miners that he did not call instead on the militiaman always stationed in the vestibule. For this large, bleakly ornate room, with its depressed and intermittent orchestra, is literally Kemerovo's sole restaurant in the Russian usage of the word. Nowhere else in this great and growing mining center of a quarter of a million people, can you sit at a table and have both a meal and a glass of vodka.

In these circumstances, the restaurant atmosphere tends to be a bit rowdy. But at the big, pompously pseudo-classical "House of Culture," which the Kemerovo Coal Trust has just built in the miners' district, the atmosphere is prim enough to please the strictest nursery governess.

In the wide lobby, during the halfway interval of the new movie (about the loves of a boy and girl for their dear tractors and one another) the young people are dancing, mostly boys with boys and girls with girls. Boys who have actually captured members of the other sex are proudly buying their girls

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.

Fears Air Poison. To the Editor: Dear friends and fellow citizens, may I step into your circle, and voice my opinion about the freeway? Some of you are tired of freeway talks, but it needs to be discussed, it's very vital. Yes, I feel sorry, not for myself, but for everyone that will be affected by this unjust measure of men in power. Some few weeks ago when the Highway Commission sent their very able spokesman, Tom Edwards, to give a talk, he painted everything so fine and beautifully that some people got rocked to sleep and now think it's all right. But the people of Medford have a right to demand a vote. We look to the city elders for help the same as the American people look to the president to shield them from the enemy.

The for and against of this thing have all been discussed—but the most important factor of it all has, by many, been forgotten, but one writer told the whole truth: Mr. F. J. Clifford of 1211 West Main street in the Sunday paper a few weeks ago (Feb. 10), I will repeat part of the article: "A heavy toll will be required of us who live here, if and when it is built at the proposed location, for the lethal monoxide and hydrocarbon gases pouring from car and train-size trucks off the elevated structure and, being heavier than air, will creep across the city, exacting demands on health and life."

This is no idle speculation, for increasing numbers of cities are prohibiting all but vitally necessary gas burning vehicles from city-center streets during the windless days of late summer and fall.—Mr. Clifford. Oh, people of Medford, do you realize what this means? It is called progress, but so also is the atomic bomb called progress, and it creates fear and destruction. Now then this is the great problem and the question: how are we to avoid having to breathe this poisonous air?

God formed Adam out of the dust, but he had no life until God breathed into his nostrils the same breath we have today if it's pure and free from man made poisons. Pure, fresh air is the very breath of God. It is the life giving element that gives us life, health, happiness, deprive the lungs of it and you won't feel born. The first thing a new born baby needs is air or it will die. Air is life. It's God's law, obey it!

We trust in God, but we must do our part to prevent this evil. Suppose that we all would have poisoned air to breathe, the result would be this: Colds would increase at an alarming rate. Colds, so called, do not come from a draft, they come from bad air. Now, if we would have to breathe bad air, every known disease could gain a foothold on us. The doctor could not cure you permanently. The doctors, druggists and undertakers would

do more business than ever before, but they also would be affected in time, I am sorry to say. Now then, have we faith in God to guide us in wisdom? Our faith must be a living faith that hath works, for faith without works is dead and will accomplish nothing. Let every one of you write a short letter saying that you do not approve of the plan. Sign your name and address and address your letter to: The City Council of Medford. Also get all your friends and acquaintances interested to do the same.

Mrs. Lydia Ehrke, 200 Tripp St. Medford, Ore. Did You Ever Try? To the Editor: I saw an article in the morning Examiner as follows: Tighter Banking Bill urged.

Now that should not be any harder to do than shooting a duck in your bath tub, but did you ever try to get a banker to loosen up? Everett Acklin Ashland, Ore.

Reading Improvement Classes Under Way. Classes in reading improvement are being held for the first time in the Medford High school according to public school officials.

The class, taught three times a week from 4 until 4:45 p.m., is limited to 10 volunteer students and is taught by Henry DeVoss, speech teacher for the public schools.

The class is designed to increase to maximum efficiency, the reading rate and comprehension, and augments regular classroom work done by the students.

The class, formerly offered only in the junior high school and elementary school levels, lasts for 10 weeks.

club, the clinic, the dining hall and the vacation camp for its workers. It also builds and owns most of their housing—a strong link that one.

IN the big lecture hall, a rather small crowd is glumly watching a propaganda film on war. And in the House of Culture's vestibule, two irreverent miners are making a joke about the Comsomol's display of villains of the month—a set of photographs of drunks, idlers and other uncultured persons. The director of the House of Culture, a demobilized political officer from the army, explains proudly:

"Our main task is to organize the recreation of the people." At the miners' club (each mine and every factory has a club) the menu of activities is much the same as at the House of Culture. But the building is smaller, shabbier and looks more lived-in. Here there is an almost bar-like buffet, where bread and sausages and wine and weak beer are sold. And here an obvious candidate for the Comsomol's villain display is having a loud argument with one of the omnipresent militiamen.

These sketches on trifles seen in Kemerovo may help to suggest why places like this affect the Western traveler as though they were cities on the other side of the moon. For the traveler himself, the sensation is not exactly disagreeable. In truth, I have enjoyed almost every moment of this Siberian journey, mostly because the innumerable people I have met have generally been very pleasant and often very impressive human beings.

FURTHERMORE, although the Soviet Union is certainly no Lotusland, the average man's lot has certainly been greatly improved in recent years. The people still have the greasy look that comes from eating a great deal of starch and too little protein and fat. Although warm and serviceable, the clothes they wear are inexpressibly dreary. Their housing is shockingly overcrowded. But there is no doubt about it. The time of real misery and real fear has altogether receded into the past.

The strangeness that one feels really lies, I think, in the fact that these Soviet cities rather resemble carefully organized company towns of the earlier period of American industry. There is much literal truth in the comparison. The mine or factory not only provides the

BUT this is, by no means the whole story. As the foregoing short sketches may perhaps suggest, very great efforts are also made to keep the working masses on the path of virtue. Governance—management, governance—municipality and governance—state all join hands to diminish the temptations to be "uncultured" and to encourage right thinking, general good behavior and, above all, unremitting hard work.

Thus far the system has produced the desired result. With carrot and with stick, this country has not only trained up a remarkable new executive class. It has also trained a wholly new industrial working class with a constantly increasing level of technical skill.

Two things have struck me about these Russian industrial workers. One is their sturdy pride in "moya professy—my specialty." The other is their unvarying habit of pointing out that "We are members of the working class." Judging by my own experiences, at least, those miners in the restaurant were wholly characteristic in their interesting consciousness of the wide difference between "us of the working class" and "those others in business suits."

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Marie McDonald Treated For Old Head Injury. Hollywood — (U.P.)—Actress Marie (The Body) McDonald today was under observation at St. Joseph's Hospital for a head injury which her physician said she received several months ago in a traffic accident. She was reported in good condition.

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MRS. J. W. WILSON, of Houston, Tex., says: "I tried all aspirin but St. Joseph Aspirin for Children is the one for my children. They like it; I'm sure of dosage." ST. JOSEPH ASPIRIN FOR CHILDREN