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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

February 26, 1947 (Wednesday)

Junior workshop of the Medford Civic theater will meet at the Medford hotel basement Thursday with two plays to be rehearsed.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Where did civilization start?" Editorially asks a San Francisco daily paper. It often looks like it never started, and if it did, will never make it.

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1937 (Thursday)

Southern Oregon Art association will hold a business meeting to be followed by a tea on Monday at the studio in the Palm building.

An article on Crater lake is in the March issue of the National Geographic magazine illustrated by oil paintings of Eugene Kingman.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1927 (Friday)

H. Van Hovenberg, president of the Fruit Grower's league of Jackson county, will give a report soon on the fruit spray conference at Salt Lake City.

John H. Piper, northwest regional Boy Scout executive, will award certificates to 12 local Boy Scouts at a meeting soon.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1917 (Sunday)

J. H. Cooley of Medford is chairman of new grand jury that was drawn today.

President Wilson asks for authority to place United States in state of "armed neutrality" to resist the German submarine menace.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. The north wing of which Capitol was finished in 1800?
2. In which year did the U.S. Congress meet for the first time in Washington, D.C.?
3. Bible: In all history who is said to hold the deepest interest in Christianity?
4. Ring 'N Valve, Headers, Gear-Grinders, and D.C. Dragons are "Hot Rod" clubs in which city?
5. Who is the author of the poem that immortalized "Enoch Arden"?
6. The process of removing oysters from shells is called—what?
7. With what sport do you associate the name Sammy Snead?
8. Is Catania on a Mediterranean island or on the mainland?
9. Why was the old country schoolhouse painted red?
10. "I am as fit as a"—what?
1. Capitol of the U.S. 2. 1800.
3. Jesus. 4. Washington, D. C.
5. Alfred Tenyson. 6. Shucking.
7. Golf. 8. Island, Sicily. 9. Because red paint was the cheapest.
10. "fiddle".

And Do It Now

According to information from Salem, the Jackson County delegation is getting more letters from their constituents favoring the SP's policy than opposing it. This is not surprising.

As has been remarked in this department, one of the strongest lobbies at the state capital is the railroad lobby headed by the "billion dollar" Southern Pacific. The "big boys" don't deal in "mink coats"—not much at least.

They do deal in a subtle type of blackmail. That is they contact their big shippers all the way from Eugene to the California line, and indicate very politely that certain bills are being introduced at Salem which would impair the present highly satisfactory FREIGHT service of the "Friendly S.P.," and suggesting they register opposition to such action. This WOULD be much appreciated—solely in the sacred cause of courteous and efficient service, of course.

Again, according to reports from Salem, the batting average in this area would make a monkey out of Mickey Mantle—in fact, largely due to the shrewd selection of customers, the average is said to be not far from 100%.

However that may be State Legislators are only human of course, particularly the new and inexperienced ones. So they sort out their mail and decide the bills in question can't be in the public interest or so many highly respectable citizens would not oppose them and they—or a majority of them, it is claimed—vote accordingly.

WELL, there is only one way to combat this sort of well-organized and high-powered pressure. That is for the rank-and-file who DON'T believe in the public-be-damned tactic to write to their representatives and say so. They might also say they believe the Southern Pacific, as well as all other public utilities, owes a definite and inescapable obligation in the realm of adequate and decent public service. And for good measure they could add they believe Oregon might well follow the example of neighboring California in this respect, giving clear and emphatic notice to the Southern Pacific that it is not going to determine what its duties to the people are, but the people are going to do that job through their proper and legal representatives.

THAT is all the railroad legislation in question amounts to. The measures are sponsored by State Senator Phil Lowry and Representative Al Littrell of Medford, the former having spent months of hard and unremunerative work before the session opened in preparing them.

They should be passed. And now if the people as a whole who have no special ax to grind, but want the SP and all OTHER public utilities that shirk their plain public responsibilities brought to time will let the Jackson County delegation at Salem know by card or letter just how they feel, we are confident this CAN be done.

But if they let "General Inertia" take command, and wait for "George" to do it, history will repeat itself, and this billion dollar "public-be-damned" corporation will have put over a fast one, AGAIN.

As is true in this democracy—and all others—it is up to the people. Messrs. Lowry and Littrell have done their part and done it well. This is an appeal to the people of Jackson county to now do theirs. —R.W.R.

Why A Lieut.-Governor?

The Mail Tribune has favored the creation of a Lieutenant-Governor in Oregon whenever the matter has been proposed.

But, as has been frequently noted, the Legislature has PROPOSED, but the people when they went to the polls have OPPOSED.

Then why try again? That is a fair question: "WHY?"

WELL, as far as the Mail Tribune is concerned, for one principal reason, namely:—because we believe such action would contribute to more efficient and satisfactory state government.

THE long deadlock at Salem this year, costly in cash as well as legislative progress and senate harmony, would never have occurred if we had, as so many states have, what might be called a state "vice president," to succeed the Governor in case of death or disability. One of his duties would be to preside over the state senate.

The tie-vote would then have been broken at once by the vote of the Lieutenant Governor, and business would have proceeded according to schedule.

MOREOVER it is fair to assume the Lieutenant-Governor, having been elected by the people of the entire state, with gubernatorial qualities in mind, would be better qualified to act as chief executive of the state, than the president of the state senate, only having the endorsement of the voters in his district. Moreover this would surely be more in accordance with the basic principle of democracy.

FINALLY, as the state has grown, the obligations, problems and duties of the Governor have grown, and the aid of a qualified assistant, to take some of the load from the shoulders of the state executive for some years has been clearly indicated.

So, as remarked, we are for the creation of the office of a Lieutenant-Governor, not because Governor Holmes has advocated it but because we feel, as we have always felt, that such action would contribute to better and more efficient administration of the affairs of this state.—R.W.R.

Troop Reduction, Economies, Bring NATO to Turning Point

By CHARLES McCANN United Press Correspondent The North Atlantic Treaty Organization has reached an important turning point.



Charles McCann may be decided at a series of Allied conferences which started in London today.

The talks will continue until May 2, when representatives of all 15 countries which belong to the Grand Alliance will meet in Bonn, the capital of Western Germany.

Gen. Lauris Norstad, new commander-in-chief of NATO forces, is alarmed over the outlook.

"Any significant reduction in troop strength could have most serious consequences for all of us," Norstad warned in a speech last week. But it seems pretty sure that the reduction is coming.

Harold Macmillan, Britain's new prime minister, started the ball rolling soon after he assumed office 'on Jan. 10. He named Duncan Sandys his defense minister, and gave him the authority to carry out a drastic economy program.

As part of the program, it was made known that Britain intends to cut the strength of its forces on the European continent, assigned to NATO, from 300,000 men to about 50,000.

It is now reported that Britain may pull back to its own territory part of its NATO tactical air force.

French Finance Minister Paul Ramadier announced last Thursday that France faces a financial crisis and must cut its defense budget.

France, West Germany and the United States all oppose the proposed British troop cut.

But France already has slashed its NATO troop contribution by sending its men to Algeria to fight the rebels.

West Germany's rearmament is proceeding slowly, and its draft term for the new army has been reduced from 18 months to 12.

There also are indications that West German Defense Minister Franz-Josef Strauss aims at reducing the total strength of the German defense forces from 500,000 men to 300,000.

The opening defense conference in London today is being attended by delegates of Britain, France, West Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Allied defense problems will be one topic for discussion in the conference which started in Washington today between President Eisenhower and French Premier Guy Mollet. Defense will play a big part also in the talks when the President and British Prime Minister Macmillan meet in Bermuda March 21.

There will be similar talks among Allied leaders in West European capitals as the occasion arises, leading up to the big NATO conference in May.

In defending reduction in defense spending, Allied leaders talk of increasing firepower, with the aid of atomic tactical weapons, instead of depending upon mere manpower.

The trouble is that Soviet Russia, which the NATO forces face in Western Europe, has both firepower and manpower which could rip through weakened Allied lines if war came.

State Department's Press Officer's Job Said Important Post

BY ROSCOE DRUMMOND Washington—The quality of the man whom Secretary Dulles will soon appoint to fill the now vacant post Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs is tremendously important.

The work of this office is far more than a convenient service to the press. It is vital to the effective functioning of the whole department because a Secretary of State today can accomplish little without public understanding and support.

There are two prime qualifications for this job from which Carl W. McCordle, formerly Washington bureau chief of "The Philadelphia Bulletin," has just resigned to enter private business after four years of public service.

A public affairs chief must have the full confidence and backing of the Secretary.

He must have sufficient stature and independence of character so that he doesn't feel he is risking his future when he has to cross an important Foreign Service officer in the department.

Carl McCordle has had these qualifications to a high degree. The department will be the weaker if his successor does not possess them.

If the new Assistant Secretary, as has been hinted, is to be Andrew H. Berding, now an assistant director of the United States Information Agency and former Washington and foreign correspondent for the Associated Press, then the outlook is good.

IT WOULD be ridiculous to say that Mr. McCordle has never

stubbed his toe or had it stubbed for him when he was loyally covering up for somebody else. But in all the matters which count most from the standpoint of communication to the public and the press, Mr. McCordle has wrought a considerable revolution within the department. There are still some officials who are shaking their heads after giving up their resistance. Here are some of the things he has accomplished:

Because of his close relations with Mr. Dulles, Mr. McCordle didn't have to work on the fringes of policy formulation, as has usually been the case in the past. He was always in the center of policy formation and this was invaluable to his effective functioning.

He opened up the whole State Department to the press and to the public as never before. Secretary Dulles has held 81 full-length, full-questioning press conferences. Other officials in the department have totaled about 275 press conferences yearly. This in addition to numerous background briefing sessions. The Secretary's press conferences now are for direct quotation and are televised.

THE full documents of international conferences are being promptly published. The record of the meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers in Geneva, for example, was published in eight days; it has usually taken eight months to eight years. Some department officials used to make themselves unavailable to those they deemed "unfriendly" correspondents. Mr. McCordle put an end to that. With notable success he fought the battle for full disclosure apart from security and pending negotiations. His argument wasn't that this should be done as a "favor to the press" but as the right of the public to know and in the interests of a foreign policy which can rarely be stronger than its public acceptance.

ANYBODY who knows Mr. McCordle's understanding of the role of a free press would know, without being told, that he opposed the State Department's untenable decision to use the rights of the press as an instrument of negotiation with Red China. The department would not be in the box it made for itself if Mr. McCordle's view had been allowed to prevail. President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles have taken the position that American newspapers should not be free to report the news from Communist China at first-hand as long as the Communists hold the remaining ten American behind the Bamboo Curtain. Now Red China has indicated that it would release these prisoners if American reporters were allowed to travel to China and the Department can't accept this offer without appearing to barter what isn't negotiable—the freedom of Americans who have committed no crimes. Mr. McCordle's influence has almost invariably been on the right side.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Oregon's Governor Holmes took occasion the other day to deliver some words of wisdom on the subject of fairs—state and county fairs in general and the Oregon state fair in particular. His comment was prompted by a bill, just introduced in the Oregon legislature, to put control of the Oregon state fair back under the state department of agriculture.

I have noted with regret and dismay," he said, "that many fairs and particularly state fairs have taken on a carnival nature. Yet emphasis should be on agricultural production, on crops and on livestock, on mineral and wood resources and on the products derived from all of them."

I am not against wholesome fun, and I approve of Ferris wheels and merry-go-rounds and whips and other amusement devices, but the fair belongs to the people and specifically it belongs to those on whom we depend for fodder and food and for the payrolls that derive from our great agricultural industry."

IN PRINCIPLE, I quite agree with Governor Holmes. If the state of Oregon—or any sovereign American state—is to use taxpayer money to promote fairs, the fairs it promotes should be exhibitions of the progress of the state's basic industries, such as agriculture, mining, manufacturing and such.

But—There's a practical side to the subject. If exhibitions of a state's agricultural and social progress are to be worth what they cost, they must DRAW CROWDS TO SEE THEM. Otherwise, they will fall into the general category of hiding your light under a bushel, kissing a pretty girl in the dark, and so on.

Do you reckon in this modern age massive crowds could be assembled at the state capital or the county seat or the district center just to look at the biggest pumpkin or the reddest apple of the latest model of a sawmill?

I wonder. THERE was a time in our history when the county fair was hot stuff. All the papas and mamas, all the boys and girls and all the swains and sweethearts looked forward to it from one year's end to another. It provided an excuse to knock off from the hard work that was then the rule and go to town and see the sights.

The state fair was then a fabulous event that if you were lucky you attended once in ten years and talked about to the folks at home who hadn't been so lucky for the next nine years. When you went to the state fair back in those days, you were apt to load a camp outfit into the wagon and CAMP OUT in the grounds provided at the state capital for such affairs.

But even in those days, as I recall it, you didn't spend all your time looking at the biggest pumpkins and the reddest apples and the ripest watermelons and the fattest hogs. You rode on the merry-go-round and you watched the medicine shows and you listened to the barkers and (with your best girl looking on) you whanged the jiggers that measured your strength by bouncing the little marker higher up on the pole than anybody else could bounce it.

AND—If memory serves me correctly—You went in the afternoons to the HOSS RACES!

CANDOR compels the admission that sometimes you made wagers on the outcome of the races. You justified this risking of your hard-earned cash by the reasoning that you were merely putting to the test your knowledge of the capabilities of good horseflesh in a contest involving speed and endurance.)

SO, GOVERNOR, I'm afraid you're indulging in wishful thinking when you flirt with the idea that the Oregon state fair

could be made a rousing success WITHOUT the carnivals and the hokytinks and the hoopla—and the hoss racing.

Human nature is still human nature—in Oregon and elsewhere.

Communications

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Nasser. The Big Bully

To the Editor: The hi-jinks being pulled off in the middle-east and United Nations bring to memory the same at the Old Brick School in Michigan. The pupils ranged from we little ones to adult size boys and girls, some 50 to 75 of us, depending on the time of year. Teachers had been "run out" one winter fast as the school-directors hired them, till they finally persuaded fiery, black-eyed Leslie Hoffman to take over. Certain hulking "big-boys" grinned gleefully when they sized up this rather small sized man. But what a rude awakening.

Seems like it was only the second or third day when Teacher Hoffman came down from the back row with John Springgett's coat collar twisted in his fist. He gurgled out, "teacher-teacher—" as he was dragged down over the very tops of the old split-board black-walnut desks we small fry crouched under in terror. Kicking John's feet from under him and slammed to the floor a couple times up front by the old cast-iron box stove, he was kicked in the seat-of-the-pants back up the aisle with the warning, "if I catch you chewing tobacco and spitting down that floor knot-hole again, you'll get a lot worse than this."

You see, the preceding teachers had whaled us small ones, hoping the bigger ones would take warning. We had a fine school that winter, no bullying of small fry and all doing right well with the three Rs and geography."

In the middle-east we see little Israel refusing to quit that Gaza strip and Aqaba Harbor till there is some guarantee that big bully Egypt will not restart her border depredations. "Tuff teachers" Britain, France and Israel proceeded a short while back to topple swell-headed Nasser and get someone there who would play fair.

But "school directors" U.S.A. and others sided in with big bully Russia and forced Britain-France-Israel to back down. Now top-dog Nasser is making a shameful shambles of the mid-east school-room doings. With Uncle Sugar Sam plunging up the first \$20,000,000 to clear the big ditch, Nasser lets them proceed till only his small cargo ships can get through, then he closes down the wreck (what he ordered) clearing. A pretty kettle of fish, what?

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Israel is The Goat

To the Editor: "Ike's Position Angers Israel." This was Thursday night's headline, Feb. 21, and it's enough to anger anyone.

Israel has been plagued by the Egyptians for years and now when she has herself in a good defensive position to protect, the President states if the U.N. does nothing about Israel's withdrawal, then it will have to admit failure. As I see it, it is a failure!

Everyone knows the torture and murder that Hungary had thrust upon her, with no help whatsoever, from the U. N. or otherwise. But then there is no big American oil interest in Central Europe. Israel has to be the goat again so it seems. Same old story, the big get bigger and the small smaller.

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Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

Sticks and Carrots Washington—On the surface, the current phase of the Middle Eastern crisis appears to be a contest of wills between two men Israel's David Ben-Gurion and President Eisenhower.



Stewart Alsop

Foreign policy is the art of influencing other nations to your own ends. Other nations can be influenced by judicious use of the carrot of reward and the stick of punishment. Before Secretary of State Dulles suddenly withdrew the Aswan Dam aid offer, thus precipitating the Suez Canal seizure, we had a carrot to offer Nasser but we have none now.

Before the British, French and Israelis invaded Egypt the West's powers had a stick—the threat of force. The West would still have a stick, if Britain and France had not bowed to intense American pressure, halted their advance, and withdrawn without any commitment of any sort from Nasser. But we do not have a stick now, to use against Nasser.

SO NOW, most astutely, Nasser is using the carrot-and-stick technique on the United States, instead of the other way round. In conversations with American Ambassador Raymond Hare and other Western emissaries, Nasser has been making sweetly reasonable sounds. He has, for example, more than hinted that he would be willing to settle the canal issue by turning over canal tolls to the World Bank, to be split on a 50-50 basis—a very reasonable proposal.

He has indicated that he would agree to the placing of a United Nations force in the Gaza Strip. And he has even hinted—although far more obliquely—that he would graciously permit Israeli ships free passage both through the canal and through the Strait of Tiran to Aqaba, once the Israelis had withdrawn.

All this amounts to a large, juicy, and tempting carrot. But Nasser also wields his stick. There is no longer any doubt that Nasser is delaying the reopening of the canal, on various rather transparent pretexts. The canal, he has indicated, will stay closed until the Israelis pull out of the Gaza Strip and Aqaba. And he is perfectly aware that he can now go very far in using the canal for purposes of political blackmail, without fear of the stick of force being used against him.

NASSER'S carrot and stick explain in part why President Eisenhower has taken a far stronger line with Israel than anyone had expected. The President states it has been his position is opposed by our Allies, by very friendly countries like Canada and Australia, and by the entire Congressional leadership. The President thus finds himself isolated as he has never been before.

Yet the carrot Nasser is offering must seem worth big risks. For Nasser is offering—or seems to be offering—at least a beginning toward a real Middle Eastern settlement, provided only that the Israelis withdraw, as the British and French withdrew, without conditions.

CONSTIPATED?

New laxative discovery un-locks bowel blocks without gag, bloat or grips

Constipation is caused by what doctors call a "dry" colon that, instead of retaining moisture as it should, does the opposite: robs the colon of so much moisture that its contents become dehydrated, so dry that they block the bowel; so dry that they fail to excite or stimulate the urge to purge that propels and expels waste from your body. To regain normal regularity, the dry, shrunken, constipating contents of your colon which now block your bowel must be re-moistened. Second, bulk must be brought to your colon to STRETCH-COM-STRIMULATE it to action; to a normal urge to purge. And, of all laxatives, only COLONOID, the amazing new laxative discovery possesses COLONOID'S great moisturizing capacity, plus COLONOID'S stretching bulk. So effective it relieves even chronic constipation overnight, COLONOID is yet so smooth, so gentle it has proved safe even for women in critical stages of pregnancy. Superior to old style bulk, salt or drug laxatives, COLONOID neither gags, bloats nor grips; won't interfere with absorption of vitamins and other valuable food nutrients; in clinical tests, did not cause rash or other reactions. It's a physiological fact: Exercise tones your body! And COLONOID exercises your colon to tone it against constipation, overnight! Get COLONOID, in easy-to-take tablet form at any drug counter, today! Only 98c for the 60 tablet package, brings positive relief at less than 2c per tablet.