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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1947 (Tuesday). Drill and ritualistic teams of Medford Eagles lodge and the auxiliary win first place in district six contest at Klamath Falls.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: All Fooled Day will pass without anybody being fooled any more than normally.

20 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1937 (Thursday). Soil bonus checks approximating \$10,000 have been received by the county agent's office for distribution to Jackson county farmers, for 90 per cent of their compliance with the soil conservation act.

Livestock raisers of the Rogue River valley receive mention in a recent edition of the Western Livestock Journal, published in Los Angeles.

30 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1927 (Friday). Ray-Maling company interested in Rogue River valley as site for a large canning plant, according to E. L. Gray.

Lions club meets at Medford hotel to observe its second anniversary.

40 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1917 (Sunday). President Wilson will deliver his "war" address before a joint session of Congress today.

Making of hospital supplies by the Medford chapter of the National Red Cross will start at 10 a.m. Tuesday at its headquarters in the Sparta building.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. J. H. Payne, author of "Home Sweet Home," was banished to Tunisia, where 30 years after his death his body was exhumed and shipped — where?

2. Ticks are members of the insect family; true or false?

3. Bible: The "Fertile Crescent" extended from Thebes (near the Red Sea) to the Persian Gulf. Near which body of water was Ur?

4. The mimeograph was invented by Henry Ford, John Hays Drummond, or Thomas A. Edison?

5. The government receives its largest single source of revenue from income tax collections; from what source does it derive its second largest source of income?

6. How many stars are worn by a "General of the Army"?

7. Red flannel and white flannel undergarments of the same grade and weight are equally warm; true or false?

8. What country produces the largest amount of coffee?

9. Testament: testimony; which of the words means "to bear witness"?

10. "The banishment was overlong. But it will soon be past; the man who wrote home's sweetest song, is coming home at last." — Will Carleton. To whom does he refer?

Answers: 1. Washington, D. C. (Oak Hill Cemetery). 2. False; they are 8-legged arachnids. 3. Persian Gulf. 4. Thomas A. Edison. 5. The tax on alcohol. 6. Five. 7. True. 8. Brazil. 9. Testimony. 10. John Howard Payne, author of "Home Sweet Home."

Comet Closer

Phil Brogan, associate editor of the Bend Bulletin, who is Oregon's leading journalistic authority on things scientific (including notably geology, meteorology and astronomy), reports that the comet Arend-Roland has not yet reached a point where it is visible to the naked eye.

The comet, discovered by Belgian observers (and named after them) last November, is also called 1956h, signifying that it is the eighth comet discovered last year. It is the only one, however, which will be generally visible before leaving the central portion of the solar system.

BROGAN last week laid to rest reports that the comet was now plainly visible and "as large as a full moon."

It is now of a magnitude of about 4.0, he reported, which would make it barely visible if it swung overhead during the hours of night instead of at dusk.

However, after it has completed its swing around the sun (which it will pass at a distance of about 29,700,000 miles, or about one-third the distance from the sun to the earth) it will speed again toward "outer space." At that time it is expected to become plainly visible to the curious inhabitants of earth, and will have a magnitude of about -1, or as bright as the brightest stars (not planets) in the sky. Presumably it will not be sufficiently large so that one can distinguish its parts—the head and long tail—although telescopes or binoculars might well be sufficient for this purpose.

THE closest approach to the sun is due April 8. By mid-month it will return to this part of the sky, and Brogan says:

"In late April and early May, the comet will get into the northwest sky, supercharged following its visit to the sun, and ready for its plunge into the realm of Neptune and Pluto. The comet is expected to provide quite a show in the northwestern sky in early May. But it will not be mistaken for a full moon."

Astronomers may be able to plot its orbit sufficiently to tell when and if it will return to the sun again someday—perhaps, like Haley's comet, in seven or so decades, or perhaps not for hundreds of years as it spins away from the sun, through the void of empty space, chasing its tail.—E.A.

Traffic Count

For some time we have been aware of how crowded many of our principal streets have become. But it was not until last week that we had it brought home to us.

A count of automobiles using East Main st., near Geneva, was compiled during February by the state highway department, and we received a copy. We asked a colleague his guess as to how many cars used the street each day. "About 1,500," he hazarded.

THE actual average count for February was 9,637 per day, and on the peak day of the month it was 10,342.

It's a good thing the voters approved the arterial street program last fall, and that the city is proceeding to put it in effect as rapidly as possible. It's getting tougher all the time to drive from one side of town to the other.—E.A.

Nothing Happened

Some time ago we noted with interest that there was a plan afoot in Eugene to close several blocks of Willamette street (the town's main artery of commerce) during a several-day "Spring Opening."

The idea was to ban parking, to open the streets to pedestrian use, and to permit merchandise displays on the sidewalks and streets. Shoppers could wander around as their whim dictated, leisurely taking stock of the offerings.

We said it would be interesting to see what happened. And what did happen? Nothing.

PERHAPS it was too much to expect that the solid, sober and staid merchants of "main street" would go along with a "hair-brained" plan such as that—however attractive it might be, and however much light it might throw on the potential habits of shoppers and their relationship to the development of "downtown" into modern shopping centers, which could compete on an equal footing to those which are developing in fringe areas where there's room to park.

The idea originated with the Eugene planning commission, and during the period it was under consideration queries about it had come in from many areas. But the "noble experiment" is not to be—for a while, anyway.

MEANWHILE, we'll have to do what we can to solve the increasing "mess downtown" in other, more tested ways. And by "we," we mean not only Medford, but also Eugene, Albany, Pendleton, Corvallis, and all the other towns which do not have enough parking space to accommodate those wishing to do their shopping in established stores and shops.

Medford is lucky, in a way, for the situation here, while serious and getting worse, is not as bad as it is in some other places, and if attempts to provide solutions continue (as, apparently, they are, through city action), we'll be able to benefit by the experience of other areas.

Still, we'd like to see that street opening plan tried, just once, sometime, somewhere.—E.A.

Dulles Haunted by 1950 Book OK'ing Chinese UN Membership

By DONALD GONZALES United Press Correspondent

Washington — (U.P.) — John Foster Dulles wrote a book seven years ago. It has been haunting him ever since on one point—the questions of Red China's admission to the United Nations.

Many times since 1950 Dulles must have thought of the Biblical words in the 31st Chapter of Job, Verse 35 — "My desire is... that mine adversary had written a book."

Newsmen and diplomats over the last four years have reminded Dulles that before he became secretary of state he wrote on Page 190 of his book "War or Peace?":

"I have now come to believe that the United Nations will best serve the cause of peace if its assembly is representative of what the world actually is, and not merely representative of the parts which we like."

"Therefore, we ought to be willing that all the nations should be members without at-

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's take a look today at Mr. Dave Beck.

A few weeks ago, he was perhaps the most powerful man in America. Today he is discredited. Not only is he discredited in the eyes of the general public, he is discredited by his associates in the labor movement.

READ this: The top leaders of the AFL-CIO (meeting in Washington) suspended Dave Beck as a Federation officer and ordered an investigation of the million-and-a-half Teamsters Union.

The executive council directed AFL-CIO President Meany to file charges against Beck as a vice-president of the Federation for what it called "his action in bringing the labor movement into disrepute and his failure to explain in the many charges brought against him regarding the mishandling of Union funds."

AND read this: The Oregon Labor Press, official publication of the AFL-CIO in the state of Oregon, calls for more reasonable ceilings on the salaries of union officers. The Labor Press editorial adds: "We don't expect union leaders to take vows of poverty, but we do think a salary of 50 thousand dollars (plus, it might have added, unlimited expense accounts) is too high for a man who represents workers whose yearly earnings may average less than five thousand dollars."

THOSE are expressions from the middle and upper echelons of the labor movement. Read this, which reflects the opinion of the rank and file: "Last night, at Yakima, Wash., Dave Beck was burned in effigy outside a meeting hall. Inside the hall, members of a Teamster local argued hotly with officers appointed by Beck. It was reported that the local passed a resolution that none of its money would go to any defense of the Union chief."

WHY this fall from the heights to the depths? This, I'm sure, is the answer: It was the result of too much power held in too few hands too long.

MR. BECK first tasted the heavy cup of too much power in Seattle, where he got his start. His power spread over the Pacific Coast, and then over the West. Then he moved on East. The time eventually came when he must have realized there was not a business in the United States he couldn't shut down (and perhaps wreck) if he chose.

THAT is a lot of power. Possession of it corrupted Mr. Beck — as it has corrupted so many men since the world began.

In time, he came to think of himself as a SUPERHUMAN. It seemed to him that he was doing SO MUCH for those over whom he ruled that ANYTHING HE MIGHT WANT wouldn't be too much for them to provide for him.

If he needed thousands of dollars — or hundreds of thousands — of the money they had paid into their treasury in the form of dues, it seemed to him it was quite all right for him to TAKE it and USE it, in whatever manner he chose.

FOR — He probably reasoned — Hadn't HE made possible all this accumulation of money?

THAT'S what power does to men's minds. Too much power, held in too few hands too long, is the most dangerous thing in the world.

Bladder 'Weakness'

If you're "Bladder Weakness" (Getting Up Nights, too frequent, burning or itching urination) or (Strenuous, Cloudy Urine) due to common Bladder and Kidney Irritations, try CYSLEX for quick, gratifying, comforting help. A billion CYSLEX tablets used in past 25 years prove safety and success. Ask druggist for CYSLEX under money-back guarantee. See how much better you feel tomorrow.

tempting to appraise closely those which are 'good' and those which are 'bad.' Must Prove Ability

"If the Communist government of China in fact proves its ability to govern China without serious domestic resistance, then it, too, should be admitted to the United Nations. However, a regime that claims to have become the government of a country through civil war should not be recognized until it has been tested over a reasonable period of time."

Dulles hadn't been secretary of state for long when he had to come to grips with the actual issue of Red China's possible place in the United Nations. He took a strong stand against admission of the Peiping regime particularly after Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.), declared in 1954 that he would fight for American withdrawal from the UN if Red China got in.

After Knowland's blast, Dulles was asked at a news conference (July 8, 1954) whether he felt his views on the issue "have been modified since your book in 1950?"

Dulles took the position, in his answer, that a lot had happened "which in the winter of 1949 and 1950 were not predictable." He referred primarily to Communist China's aggressive actions against Korea and Indochina.

The State Department has disclosed that Dulles now has written a 2,000-word "foreword" for new editions of his 1950 book, about one-fourth of which is devoted to an explanation of the Red China question.

In 1957, Dulles junks the idea that Red China should be in the United Nations to make it a truly "universal" organization whether member nations are "good" or "bad." He recalls now that he did say the regime should be tested over a reasonable period of time.

"This testing has indicated the ability, so far, of the Communist regime to maintain itself in power, although by ruthless, police-state methods," Dulles now writes. "However, it is equally demonstrated that the regime does not possess the qualities which entitle it to speak for China in the United Nations..."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

Paris—Reliable reports from Warsaw suggest that American policy makers will be most unwise to take the new anti-Stalinist Polish government too much for granted as a permanent feature of the Central Europe scene.

From the very beginning of the Polish uprising against Soviet colonial rule, the task of the Polish "National Communist" leader, Wladyslaw Gomulka, has been very like the task of Eliza crossing the ice.

For example, it can now be revealed that when Nikita Khrushchev and his party made their famous surprise visit to Warsaw last November, their minds were nine-tenths made up to "crush the Poles like flies" — as Marshal Zhukov subsequently said in a tone of evident regret. The price that had to be paid to avert a Hungarian tragedy was Gomulka's promise of continuing Polish adherence to the Warsaw Pact which meant continued stationing of Red Army troops in Poland.

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THE Polish Stalinists correctly thought that such a result would eventually lead to the forcible re-establishment of full Soviet colonial rule in Poland. But Poland's wise and far-sighted Cardinal Wyszynski understood the danger. He quietly threw the immense power of the Polish Catholic Church into the balance on Gomulka's side. And thus the Polish Nationalist leader won a triumph at the polls.

All the same, Gomulka's present problem looks very grim indeed. To the right of him, he has the restive Polish anti-Communists, which means the vast majority of the Polish people, who admire Gomulka but hate his party. To the left of him, he has the Stalinist faction in the Polish Communist Party, whose designs are strongly supported by the masters of the Kremlin.

Finally, squarely in front of him, Gomulka has the desperate economic situation to which Poland has been reduced by long years of Soviet colonial rule. Here lies his great chance and his great peril. According to one highly authoritative estimate, Gomulka has no more than a year to give his people a sense of greatly increased well-being.

IF HE fails, he will go down to defeat in a conflict between the Stalinists and the anti-Communists. But this will mean, in fact, that Soviet colonial rule will be re-established in Poland. For the Kremlin will surely seize the opportunity of a Polish time of trouble to help its War-

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John Day Water Supply Outlook Good

Canyon City — (U.P.) — Unusually heavy snows on the John Day watershed during March has insured normal water supplies for the area, it was reported at the 22nd annual water forecast meeting here Saturday.

W. T. Frost, Oregon snow survey supervisor said the snow in March brought the snow pack up to average. There was only 66 per cent of normal of moisture on March 1.

However, over three and half times as much snow as usual fell during March bringing the water content of the pack up to average, Frost said. Frost predicted that the full snow pack coupled with excellent snow moisture should give nearly normal runoff conditions in the area.

The wool of the Angora rabbit is valued for its length, softness, luster and fineness.

GOD ANSWERED PETER

Geo. N. Taylor

The cripple, 40 years of age, had never walked. Daily he carried him to the temple gate to beg. One day, the Apostle Peter passed that way and commanded the man to rise and walk. At that the man's feet and ankle bones took on strength and he went into the temple, leaping and walking and praising God. Acts 3rd tells it.

John 16:23 makes us bold. Ask in Christ's name and God answers.

U.P. Correspondents Predict Future News

United Press correspondents around the world look ahead at the news that will make the headlines.

Clamor Watch for increasingly persistent demands by the British Labor party for parliamentary election. With the resignation of "Kingmaker" Lord Salisbury from the cabinet, in a dispute over Cyprus policy, the Laborites believe they have Prime Minister Harold Macmillan on the run. Nominally, Macmillan's conservative government is in office until 1960. But under the British political system, he might be forced to call an election on some big issue. The Laborites, already profiting by Macmillan's difficulties in the Suez situation, say that if an election were held now they would win a big majority in the House of Commons.

Postmortem on Bermuda Macmillan will face trouble, by the way, when Commons holds a full-dress debate next Monday on his Bermuda conference with President Eisenhower. Neither the Laborites nor a lot of his own Conservatives are buying the official version that the meeting was a big success. The most embarrassing question Macmillan will be asked: Just what is Anglo-American Middle East policy, if any.

Tests The United States may stage some atomic tests this summer which foreign countries won't be able to detect. The Russians, it is believed, may have done that already. The Atomic Energy commission is thinking of testing small nuclear weapons in tunnels dug in rock under the Nevada proving grounds. Radioactivity from such tests would not escape into the atmosphere to be detected by foreign monitoring systems.

Teamwork Word from Washington is that Secretary John Foster Dulles isn't practically a one-man State department any more. New Under Secretary Christian Herter is taking over more and more of Dulles' political responsibilities — and may even do some traveling in his place later this year. Deputy Under Secretary C. Douglas Dillon, another new appointee, is experting the Suez problems now coming to a head and is working overtime on foreign economic aid problems.

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Derailed Tanker Cars Block U.P. Main Line

Portland — (U.P.) — Three full gasoline tanker cars of an eastbound Union Pacific freight train were derailed east of the John Day river yesterday blocking the main line for more than seven hours. Only the Union Pacific's eastbound No. 12, a mail and express train, was held up, however.

The train had just pulled off a siding and was traveling 17 miles per hour when a coupling broke derailling the three tankers. The Dalles fire department was on the scene with foam fire fighting equipment but no fire broke out even though one of the tankers was leaking slightly.

'Young Woman of Year' Selected at Eugene

Eugene — (U.P.) — Mrs. Emery Pruett received the Eugene "Young Woman of the Year" award here Saturday from the Eugene Jayceettes. Mrs. Pruett was presented the award by last year's winner, Mrs. Burt Easton, at the annual community service award luncheon and style show. Mrs. Pruett was selected from among nine candidates and received the award on the basis of her many civic activities.

Texas has 168,732,150 acres of surface soil and 141,337,744 are in farms and ranches.

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Insiders at Bonn expect an invitation to President Eisenhower to visit West Germany. West German Heuss is expected to deliver the invitation personally when he goes to Washington for his delayed visit. Heuss is recuperating from an attack of bronchial pneumonia which caused the postponement.

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 for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

A Letter of Thanks

To the Editor: Last Thursday and Friday nights at Medford High school auditorium nearly 2,000 citizens of Medford and vicinity paid the highest possible tribute to a man who has devoted 18 years of dedicated service to the Medford public school system.

Drama and English instructor "Bob" Stedman must surely know that he is missed, and that everyone in the community is eager to welcome him back from his too-long stay in the hospital.

The "Salute to Bob Stedman" show, "A Day on Delancey Street," grew from a few planning committee meetings of five or six people to enormous proportions.

An enthusiastic near-capacity audience made the opening on Thursday a "big" night, but the attendance on Friday was too much for even the big auditorium to absorb.

I should like to pay special tribute to Ray Lewis of McLaughlin Junior High school for his painstaking work in turning out the excellent musical arrangements in the show, and who with Melody Pierce did a fine consistent job of accompanying; to Lynn Sjolund and his 60-voice high school choir for their rousing chorus numbers; to Irv Merrick and his splendid band for their before-curtain and intermission music; to Warren Wolf and his art students for their outstanding creation of the tenements set; to Bernard Roberts and the school carpenters for the set construction; to Colleen Hope's Dance studio for the show's choreography; to Caesar Muzzioli's Accordion studio for his contributions; to Jerry McDougall and his crew for directing the lighting and taking charge of make up; to Russ Jamison who knit the show together as "Tony, the Organ Grinder," and to the entire Medford public school system of teachers and students who gave unstintingly of their time and efforts to make the show a success.

Special thanks is due the Medford Mail Tribune staff for the generous ads and space given us for publicity; to radio stations KJYC, KBOY, and KMED, and to Isaac McCauley of KMED who tape recorded the show in its entirety so that Mr. Stedman might have the recording to keep as a permanent memento, and to KBES-TV for making two previews of the show possible. Our thanks, too, to John Lusk for furnishing the two pianos for the show, and to Swem's, Barker's, the Music Mart, and Puruckers for selling tickets.

It isn't possible to include here the names of the dozens of warm-hearted people whose willing hands contributed to the show's success, but let it be said that through their efforts Medford has proven again that it is a town with a heart as big as the Rogue River valley!

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