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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 3, 1947 (Thursday). Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will hold a tourist host school at Rogue Valley Country club April 14.

20 YEARS AGO: April 3, 1937 (Saturday). A large increase in out-of-state automobile registrations during March over the previous month is reported by Lee Garlock, local AAA manager.

30 YEARS AGO: April 3, 1927 (Sunday). Radical changes are in store for railroad companies, according to Harper Leech, well-known writer of economic subjects.

40 YEARS AGO: April 3, 1917 (Tuesday). President Wilson urges Congress to declare a state of war between United States and Germany.

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

1. What is hyperthyroidism? 2. How many pairs of ribs do human beings have? 3. Bible: "And it came to pass at the end of 40 days, that Noah opened the..." what?

4. Investigation of depredations upon U. S. mails is under jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; true or false? 5. Are swordfish, tuna, or barracuda known as "tiger of the sea"?

6. Chess may be played on a checkerboard; true or false? 7. Mosquitoes are a common pest in Alaska; true or false? 8. A pintail is a western saddle horse; wild duck, or deer? 9. Does "all-around" mean the same as "all around"?

10. "The louder he talked of his honor, the faster we counted out..." what? Answers: 1. An overactive thyroid gland. 2. Twelve. 3. "window of the ark." 4. False, (it is under the jurisdiction of the Chief Inspector, Post Office Department, Washington, D.C.). 5. Tuna. 6. True. 7. True. 8. Wild duck. 9. No. 10. "spoons." — Emerson.

East German Refugees Put Up Real Squawk: Hamburg, Germany — (U.P.)—Eighteen East German refugees put up a real squawk Tuesday when they were handed over to East German police after a three-month illegal visit to the West.

The "squawk" was as real as 18 geese could make it. The birds floated 75 miles down the Elbe river on an ice flow last January in a 10-day voyage that took them from East German Mueggendorf village to West German Hamburg city.

Berrydale's Choice

If the Medford city council follows the path of logic, it will again give to residents of the Berrydale district a chance to decide with their votes whether or not the area should be annexed to the city.

This we believe for several reasons. These include: 1. The area proposed for annexation is smaller and more compact than the area in which annexation was rejected by a vote last fall.

2. Polls of the area indicate there is a much stronger pro-annexation sentiment now than there was five months ago, particularly since many residents have become convinced that annexation is the best — and for the immediate future, the only — solution to their sanitation problem.

3. Alternatives are either too far in the future, or too costly.

4. The sanitation menace is getting worse, not better. And it's pretty bad now.

LET us grant for a moment that the arguments voiced in 1 and 2 above are debatable and not, within themselves, sufficient reasons to call an annexation election.

This leaves the questions of what else can be done, and what the problem actually is.

As we see it, the alternatives are annexation, on the one hand, or a long period of impotent waiting for "somebody to do something" on the other—possibly capped by a costly, forced program based on the public health hazard.

Before we go further, it should be pointed out that the city has refused (and with good reason) to approve use of its Camp White disposal plant by the Berrydale area as long as it remains outside the city. For legal and financial reasons, it can no longer offer the facilities owned by the people of Medford to non-residents, who have no legal obligation for their maintenance.

ONE alternative is to wait for some hypothetical piece of legislation (not yet enacted) which might or might not make solution easier.

Another is to do nothing. In this case, the public health authorities may be forced to act. Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, recently wrote:

"Under existing laws the state board of health does not have authority to build sewer systems and to charge the cost to the property owners. However, either the state board of health through the state sanitary authority or the Jackson county health officer could under existing circumstances certify to the Jackson county court that an emergency exists in the area requiring that immediate action be taken to protect health. The county court could then proceed according to law to install the required facilities at the expense of the property owners. . . . In the case of the Berrydale district, the most economical and practical method for disposing of the sewage would undoubtedly be by discharge into the Medford sewerage system. If the city refused to contract . . . for such a service, then a separate treatment plant would have to be built. This would greatly increase the cost to the property owners in the district. Furthermore if the county has to build the facilities it will be considerably more difficult for the people to finance the cost because it is doubtful that due to constitutional limitations the county has authority to issue local improvement (Bancroft) bonds for this purpose. . . . In view of the above facts we recommend that if an annexation election is held it be approved by the voters."

THOSE are blunt words. But they spell out in unmistakable form the situation the residents find themselves faced with.

It boils down to this: Either the area can join the city and obtain sanitary facilities as part of the city and in the manner that city residents now do. Or it can wait, "hoping for the best," and find that other solutions are impossible or far more costly.

There seems to be no third choice.

The fact is that the situation has progressed to a point where the community as a whole has a vital interest in the problem.

THIS is pointed out graphically in another paragraph of Dr. Erickson's letter, where he says:

"The state board of health is greatly concerned about the health hazard and insanitary conditions created in the Berrydale district adjacent to the city of Medford due to the lack of adequate sewage disposal facilities. Because of the extremely unfavorable soil and drainage conditions which prevail in your area there is only one solution to such a problem and that is the installation of a community-wide sewer system."

The county health department's report on the area makes unsavory reading. Here are excerpts:

" . . . Regulations governing the disposal of domestic sewage and other household wastes state that 'No human excreta, kitchen wastes, laundry water, sink water, toilet wastes or other septic tank effluent shall be allowed to discharge or flow upon the surface of the ground or into any ditch, gutter, street, roadway or public place. . . ."

"It was found that all of the residences located along the east side of Merriman road, without a single exception, were in violation of the above. . . . Some residences had short sections of pipe leading away from the septic tank and then into open ditches. Other places had longer pipes . . . leading to the back of the property, but here again the effluent was found on the surface of the ground or in swampy areas. . . ."

" . . . Those residences along the east side of (Connell) street appeared to be all right, but those along the west side of the street were all having trouble and the liquid wastes were appearing on the surface of the ground. Some people may feel that because the installation contains enough pipe to carry the sewage over the brow of a hill and on of sight, there is no problem. As long as sewage is allowed to come to the surface of the ground there is a constant health menace from flies, mosquitoes and other means of transportation."

"Of those residences on the east side of Elliott street, it was found that three-fourths of them have systems that were not functioning properly. . . . (Those) along the west side . . . were having the same trouble."

"It was found that all the residences on Mace road, between Howard avenue and Elliott, have improperly functioning systems without exception."

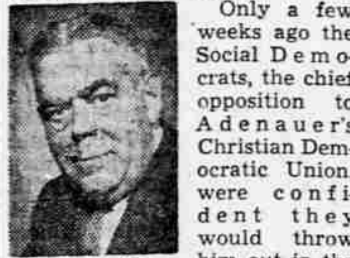
THIS is a situation which must not long continue. The city is again offering its facilities to the area, provided only that it join in shouldering its share of the full responsibilities of the city along with its other residents.

The decision is up to the Berrydale voters. But they should know that a decision against annexation will only postpone a solution, which will be more costly in the long run.—E.A.

Chancellor Adenauer Stronger Than Ever, Despite Predictions

By CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Correspondent

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany is making a big political comeback.



Charles McCann

Only a few weeks ago the Social Democrats, the chief opposition to Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union, were confident they would throw him out in the parliamentary election to be held Sept. 15.

Now political experts in Bonn, the West German capital, are predicting an Adenauer victory. The "old man" himself—he was 81 on Jan. 5—is mapping out a whistle-stop campaign in order to show West Germany's 35 million voters that, despite his age, he still is vigorous and able to lead his government for another four-year term.

He plans to cover the country in his special train, taking his big black Mercedes sedan on a flat car for detours, and make at least three or four speeches a day in addition to a series of big set speeches spaced through the campaign.

Adenauer Getting Stronger: It is interesting that Adenauer seems to be getting stronger while the leaders of the other three big governments in Western Europe—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Great Britain, Premier Guy Mollet of France and Premier Antonio Segni of Italy—all are in trouble over one issue or another.

Adenauer had succeeded in putting over an unpopular rearmament program including conscription. He was compelled to see it reduced but that since only Congress could reduce it, it was their responsibility, not his, to revise the budget. This general understanding of what he believed was, of course, heavily influenced by the famous press conference in which Secretary Humphrey had spoken so harshly of the President's budget.

Teamsters Guard Seriousness of Break With Beck: Washington — (U.P.)—The Teamsters Union high command today wrapped in secrecy the seriousness of its apparent break with Teamster President Dave Beck.

At the same time, the Internal Revenue Service was reported to have referred the results of its investigation of Beck to the Justice Department for possible prosecution. The department declined to comment.

Beck, in taking the Fifth Amendment 117 times before the Senate Rackets Committee rather than discuss his financial activities, said he had been warned he might be indicted on income tax charges.

Campaign Said Rejected: Members of the Teamster executive committee refused to discuss what went on at a many hours-long secret meeting at which the committee is reported to have overwhelmingly rejected Beck's proposed \$1 million "truth" campaign.

The only public clue was issued late Tuesday by Beck in the form of a three paragraph statement.

It said the committee unanimously approved a "public relations program" to fight "anti-labor legislation." Sources said the committee voted to spend \$150,000 to \$200,000.

The campaign possibly was the union's answer to statements by a number of senators saying they would favor legislation to correct alleged abuses turned up by the Senate rackets investigation.

No mention was made of the campaign announced by Beck last week to tell the nation's 1,400,000 Teamsters and the public the "truth" about Senate charges that he took \$322,000 in union cash for his own use.

Nor did it deny reports that the committee rejected the "truth" campaign with only Beck and his executive assistant, Vice President Einar Mohr, voting in favor.

Members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and interested local residents have been invited to a "coffee clatch" at the administration building at Elk Lumber company, Medford, Thursday morning.

Those planning to attend may go directly to Elk Lumber company by 8:45 a.m. or meet at the Medford hotel at 8 a.m. where transportation will be provided, according to greeter's committee members.

Lumber industry representatives will attend the meeting and give a brief explanation of the "industry." George Flanagan and Herb Sampert, of Elk Lumber company will act as hosts for the meeting. Inspection tours through the Elk plant also have been arranged.

Bill Abbott and Ken MacDonald, co-chairmen of the chamber greeter's committee, arranged the special meeting with lumber industry officials in Jackson county.

to reduce the draft term from 18 months to one year. But the first batch of 9,733 draftees entered service Monday without incident and the draft is being accepted.

At the moment, on his way home after a state visit to Iran, Adenauer is preparing to enter important trade negotiations with Russia.

The Soviet government has long been seeking better relations with West Germany — on its own terms.

Though he reluctantly established diplomatic relations with Russia, Adenauer has not proved responsive to Russian gestures.

No Russian Talks: He has said publicly that he does not care to confer either with Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin or with Soviet Deputy Premier and Trade Minister Anastas I. Mikoyan, who also wants to visit Bonn.

Adenauer's reason for his cold-

ness to the Russians is because the Soviet government will not agree to Germany's reunification. He is determined, too, to keep West Germany tied to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization unless there is a revolutionary change in the European situation.

It is reported in Bonn that Adenauer is preparing to send a new communication on reunification to Moscow within the next few weeks.

Because of the unification situation, Adenauer has refused to enter a formal trade agreement with Russia. Hence the negotiations which are to start late this month or early in May will be for an informal trade agreement instead of a formal trade treaty.

Russia is so eager for the agreement that it is likely Mikoyan will head the Soviet trade delegation despite the fact that Adenauer is on record as not particularly wanting to see him.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE PRESIDENT AND THE BUDGET

In talking about the budget at his press conference last Wednesday, the President extricated himself from the untenable position he had taken before.

Then he was saying, so Congress and the rest of us had supposed, that the budget was too high, that he would like to see it reduced but that since only Congress could reduce it, it was their responsibility, not his, to revise the budget. This general understanding of what he believed was, of course, heavily influenced by the famous press conference in which Secretary Humphrey had spoken so harshly of the President's budget.

After several weeks of confusion, the President has changed his position, and he has now made himself the defender and the advocate of his own budget. Whatever one may think of the budget, this is a sounder attitude, both legally and morally, than his earlier one.

UNDER existing law the President is obligated to present a budget which he believes in and is prepared to justify and defend. The law (Title I, Chapter 31 of the United States Code) says that "the President shall transmit . . . to Congress the budget which sets forth . . . estimated expenditures and proposed appropriations necessary in his judgment for the support of the government."

Until last week's press conference, what we had instead was a budget which the Secretary of the Treasury said was too high, which the President said could be reduced if the Congress would repeal or amend some of the great spending programs which Congress—and apparently Congress alone—had enacted.

In order to justify this alarming abdication of the executive authority, the President pictured himself as a humble servant of Congress whose orders he is carrying out. "We have worked many months on the development of the budget," he said on March 13, "and each item in there has been developed with the idea of performing to the very best of our ability the responsibilities laid on the executive department by Congress for carrying out its mandates." Congress, he asserted, has ordered a number of "great programs" which cost money, and there cannot be "any great cuts in the budget" until and unless Congress votes for "the cutting out or the elimination or slowing up, at least, of some of these great programs."

The orthodox believe that much money can be saved, especially out of what now goes to foreign aid, by a more isolationist foreign policy. The President, on the other hand, believes in collective security, which cannot be made to work without subsidies to foreign countries.

The orthodox believe also that the welfare measures can be reduced, and that a lot of money can thus be saved. The President and the new Republicans have become convinced that the party cannot win elections unless it is able to attract those large blocs of voters who had become an invincible coalition under Franklin Roosevelt.

THE President's budget is not a series of great programs commanded by Congress. The budget is the new Republicanism, in this time of unabated cold war, when translated into dollars. It is what it is because of decisions made deliberately by President Eisenhower himself, and the Congress has been well justified in insisting that he take the responsibility, be it to defend the budget or to say where it should be reduced.

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31 Donors Make Appointments: Appointments have been made by 31 persons for the Red Cross Bloodmobile which will visit Medford Tuesday, April 9, according to Red Cross officials.

Donors needed will be 350 with the quota for the visit 290 pints. Appointments, which are being accepted now, may be made by telephoning the blood bank office, 3-3813, officials said.

The Bloodmobile will be at the Elks temple in Medford between 1 and 6 p.m. and in Ashland, Wednesday, April 10.

Appointments have been made so far by Dan Krotz, Lester Wallace, Edna Harris, Sidney Harris, Beryl Karfan, Helen Barnes, Mrs. Don Bergman, Caroline Perrine, Betty Kistner, K. G. Denman, H. C. Mason, Fred R. Brennan, Walter Higgins, K. W. Cook, Donald E. Herried, Edmond E. Haas, R. M. Johnson, John H. Quitt, Lois Rone, Edna Miller, Grace Robison, Janet McKee, Irene Williams, Marie Vinson, Wilma Phillips, June Toews, Alysé Myers, Harold Head, William Prentice, J. A. McDougall, and Arnold Ogbrand.

Knowland Eyes 'Great Debate' on Assistance To Satellite Nations

By RAYMOND LAHR, United Press Correspondent

Washington — (U.P.)—Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland thinks it's about time for another "great debate" on foreign policy.

So far, the issue which is bothering him has not aroused any fervor for debate on either side of the political aisle by men of comparable stature. But it could come when Congress considers the administration's foreign aid program and perhaps when the Senate reviews the treaty to put the United States in an international atom-for-peace agency.

Knowland is troubled because he believes the administration is moving toward a "Communist Marshall Plan," a program of aid for the Russian satellites of Eastern Europe.

Against Polish Aid: Since early winter he has been sounding alarms on this subject. More recently and more specifically, he has protested against offers of aid to Poland in negotiations last month.

He also dissented from the administration on one provision of a bill passed by the Senate this week. The provision would permit the administration to barter surplus farm products to Iron Curtain countries for strategic materials.

Knowland said the Communist countries could buy agricultural products from the United States with dollars, if they wished, thereby reducing the dollars available to international Communism for subversive action against this nation.

Senate Votes Favorably: The Senate voted against Knowland on this issue, 54-23. GOP Senators split almost down the middle with 21 supporting his amendment and 19 opposing it.

The California senator, who often has foreign policy disputes with the administration, argues that any help to the satellites gives at least indirect help to Russia. He also has suggested that any such help would mean either enlarging the overall foreign aid program or subtracting from the aid given to U. S. allies and neutrals.

The other side of the argument is that any moves to provide aid for the Soviet satellites would be intended to encourage their independence from Russia—an argument Knowland will not buy.

THE U.S. supreme court—that is to say, the court of last resort—has refused to review the federal power commission licensing of three private power companies in Hell's Canyon on the Snake river between Idaho and Oregon.

A PRIVATE power company (the Idaho Power Co.), acting on the authority of a license issued by the federal power commission, is already proceeding with the construction of three dams that when completed will flood out the proposed federal power site.

Since the supreme court has refused to intervene, it is to be presumed that these dams will be completed in due time and the Hell's Canyon federal project, over which so many billions of impassioned words have been spilled, will pass into the limbo of forgetfulness.

MAYBE it shouldn't be that way. But—A lot of power will be made available in the near future—WHEN IT IS NEEDED.

AND Over the years to come a private business enterprise will pay into the treasury of Oregon a lot of tax money—which the state of Oregon can certainly use. So maybe all isn't lost.

OREGON'S Republican party—hoping, the newsmen tell us, to get away from the "Portland influence"—is getting a new headquarters city (Salem), a new state central committee chairman (James F. Short, succeeding Wendell Wyatt who resigned) and is to be put under the microscope and studied intensively for several months by a committee of the party's members to be appointed by the chairman.

This committee will investigate the merits of making the chairmanship a full-time paid position. As an alternative to making the chairman a full-time paid employee it will consider the idea of enlarging the salary office staff. It will also look into the value of organizing county chairmen by congressional districts—as it is believed by many that the Oregon GOP lacks "organizational strength at the district level."

I SUPPOSE that's the way to go about it. But I can't help wondering what would happen if a bunch of grassroots Republicans believing fiercely that what their party stands for is better for their state and their country than what the opposition party stands for, should get together and draw up a platform that would be so SOUND and so SINCERE that it would command the respect of all who read it—

And then select a list of candidates so able and so outstanding that their names and their personalities would guarantee the putting of the platform into effect—

And then go before the people on the sole issue of a platform that would stand the acid test and LEADERSHIP that would translate the promises of the platform into actual performance.

SHUCKS! I must be dreaming. The Founding Fathers did it that way, but that was a long, long time ago.

Panama Canal Sets Record for Ship Use: Panama — (U.P.)—The Panama Canal handled more ships last month than any month in its 42-year history.

The Panama Canal Co. released figures showing 981 vessels used the waterway in March, 123 more than the previous record of 858 set last December.

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