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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 15, 1947 (Tuesday)

A group for teenage young people organized by the Degree of Honor Protection association of Medford.

20 YEARS AGO April 15, 1937 (Thursday)

Medford attorney George M. Roberts named by Oregon State Bar association as Jackson county representative on the independent judiciary committee to inform public on Roosevelt supreme court packing plan.

30 YEARS AGO April 15, 1927 (Friday)

Representatives of Medford, Talent, Eagle Point, Gold Hill and Grants Pass irrigation districts meet at Medford hotel.

40 YEARS AGO April 15, 1917 (Sunday)

Prof. A. L. Peck, head of the landscape gardening department of the Oregon Agricultural college, to visit Medford.

Oregon leads all states this side of the Rocky Mountains in the number of recruits obtained for the Navy, according to Quartermaster Norstrum of the Medford Navy recruiting office.

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

1. Was the importation of Negro slaves into the U.S. made unlawful before 1800?

2. Which island is called "Queen of the Antilles"?

3. "And Sarah bega"—whom?

4. Are there more than 60 counties in Pennsylvania?

5. What is the official bird of Pennsylvania?

6. Who was left in command of U. S. forces in the European theater when General Eisenhower returned to the U. S. after World War II?

7. The Chindwin river is in Alaska; true or false?

8. Republican Senator Bridges represents which State in the U. S. Senate?

9. "Done" being the past participle of "to do" must have an auxiliary. Is it proper to say "He done the work"?

10. "They are manifest asses, but... are a horse of another color."

Answers: 1. No. 180; 2. Cuba; 3. Isaac. 4. Yes. 5. 7. Rufed grouse; 6. General George S. Patton, Jr.; 7. False. 8. In Burma; 8. New Hampshire; 9. No. "He did the work"; 10. Color.

Statement of Rights

A week ago, Miss Noreen Kelly, Medford's municipal judge, started issuing a statement to defendants in her court, setting forth in detail their rights and privileges.

This is an important step toward raising the stature and dignity of municipal court to the level it should command. This city has long been fortunate in the caliber of those who served as municipal judge.

Too frequently, to a defendant, the arresting officer and the municipal judge "are" the city. How they conduct themselves and how they treat the accused creates a lasting impression.

IN SOME jurisdictions, the lower courts are too much like "kangaroo" courts, with no effort made to preserve the dignity and the rights of the individual accused.

In the statement of rights handed to defendants in the Medford court, they are reminded they have a right to counsel, that they have a right to enter a plea of innocent, a right to bail, the right to decide whether or not to testify in their own defense.

IT IS WELL for us to be reminded, from time to time that these rights, which we take so casually for granted today, are the product of the centuries-old struggle for liberty, for freedom, for the dignity of the individual.

The thing which is sometimes difficult to remember is, that while these rights frequently are exercised by people who are held in low regard, they apply equally to all—to you and to me—if we ever find ourselves in such a position.

That is what "equality before the law" means. —E.A.

Dangerous State

Here is a question for the philosophers: Why do married people, on the average, live longer than those who are unmarried?

They do, according to the statisticians of one of the big life insurance companies. Death rate among men in the 20 to 44 year group is about half that of their bachelor brothers.

Unmarried men have a tuberculosis death-rate four times as high as married men, and there is a similar disparity in influenza, pneumonia, accidental and suicide deaths.

WE presume the answer to be a relatively simple one, such as the theory that wives take greater pains to see that their husbands are better fed, clothed and rested than single men take for themselves.

This is undoubtedly true, on the average. But we suspect that another factor enters in, in this tension-worried age. And that is that marriage—a successful one, that is—is a stabilizing factor of no small importance.

So, unmarried men can add to their worries about smoking and drinking too much, and not getting enough sleep, and eating improperly, the fact that they are also in a dangerous state—unmarried.—E.A.

Quakes and Buildings

The punch-line of a TV comic, "You can't hardly get that kind no more," doesn't apply to everything. Buildings, for one thing. They ARE being built somewhat better these days than they used to be.

This thought occurred to us as the result of the San Francisco earthquake last month. While the quake wasn't as strong as the famous one of 1906, it was strong enough to shake things up considerably, and if the Bay City had not been rebuilt to much higher and much stricter standards than before, the results might have been terrible.

IN 1906, the major portion of the city's destruction was wrought by fire, rather than by the quake itself. But the temblor's damage was vast and awesome.

In contrast, the buildings of 1957 resisted it, mostly. They swayed and vibrated with shock, but remained whole. Even the Golden Gate bridge, which was attacked as being vulnerable to earthquakes in the days when it was first proposed, though it swung and tossed, came through with little damage.

Earthquakes—bless the mark!—are rare in southern Oregon, but they do occur. And we are on the fringe of the famous Pacific earthquake belt. Which is another good argument for the establishment and enforcement of proper building codes.—E.A.



RIGHT ABOUT HERE OKAY?

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

ITALIAN NOTES

Rome—Returning to Rome, where I have not been for over three years, I have been struck by how much less dramatic and momentous is the atmosphere of public life.

The overall reason for this change is, I suppose, that Italy, like the rest of Europe, has outlived the post-war period, and with it the memories, the fears, and the preoccupations of the generation which participated in the war.

Editorial Comment PARK PROGRAM GROWS Douglas County's unique park program continues to grow. Supervisor Charles S. Collins reported at the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce forum lunch-

There is a parliamentary crisis which will have to be resolved after the deputies return in May from their Easter holidays. The present government is a coalition, of which the predominant and central part is made up of the Christian Democrats.

IF THE existing coalition falls apart, the chances are that no government can be formed which has a majority in the Parliament. In that event, presumably, the Christian Democrats, being the largest of the minorities, would form a government, and would then carry on precariously, leaning now to the right and now to the left.

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One is, most obviously, the impressive success of the Italian reconstruction and revival. Italy has been greatly assisted by American foreign aid. But what the Italians are doing themselves is the reason why the foreign aid, which after all has been only marginal, has been so successfully used.

The booming economic revival undoubtedly goes far to explain the lowered tension of Italian political life. Other developments have contributed to it.

The death, and then the exposure of Stalin's abnormality, followed by what happened in Poland and in Hungary, have had a profound effect on the Communist Party. They have not destroyed it as a revolutionary party of the left. But they have gone far to destroy it as an instrument of Soviet foreign policy.

This is manifested in the rift, which is not however a divorce, between the Communists under Togliatti and the fellow traveling Socialists under Nenni. The rift is not so wide but that the left Socialists and the Communists are still cooperating in local Italian affairs.

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Signs Point to Big Economic Upheaval Throughout Russia

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent Soviet Russia is undergoing an economic upheaval.

It appears to be one of the biggest in the 40 years since the revolution of 1917.

The extent of the upheaval has been disclosed in a series of announcements in the last few weeks.

What it all that the Soviet government, while it continues its program of subversion all over the world and now is threatening allied countries with destruction by nuclear weapons, is in trouble at home.

It was announced in January that Russian production for 1956, under the current five-year plan of industrial development, had fallen behind its goals in some important fields, including steel.

As a result, it was necessary to cut back the goals for 1957.

On March 30, Communist party leader Nikita S. Khrushchev announced a revolutionary plan for decentralization of control of industries.

Last week Khrushchev announced the government would postpone for up to 40 years the redemption of bonds to which all Russian workers are compelled to subscribe.

It is significant that most of these developments have been announced by Khrushchev, the Communist leader, and not by the Soviet government, though they all concern the government rather than the Communist party.

This has caused a revival of the speculation current several months ago that Khrushchev may assume the prime ministry in place of Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin.

If he did, Bulganin probably would be given the figurehead post of president now held by Kliment E. Voroshilov, who at 76 is ready to retire.

Khrushchev seems to be taking all the major responsibility for changes which will affect tens of millions of Russians.

The cutback in the rate of industrial expansion was an admission that goals had been set too high.

Ruble Rate Unrealistic The recent announcement that foreigners in Russia could get 10 rubles for \$1 instead of the official four to the \$1, was a tacit admission that the offi-

cial rate is unrealistic. The plan for decentralization of industrial control was an admission that the Soviet bureaucratic system is inefficient and must be altered radically.

Under this plan, many of the so-called industrial ministries in the cabinet are to be abolished.

Central control will still be exercised from Moscow. But executive control is to be centered

in the areas where goods are actually produced. This means that countless thousands of government employees will be moved from Moscow to other cities.

The decision to suspend redemption of government bonds amounted practically to a capital levy. The Russian people hold \$65 billion of them. Few of them will ever get their money back.

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

"SHOUT, NOT SHOOT"

Gaza—Out through the suburbs of Gaza town, heavy by night with the conflicting scent of blossoming lemon trees and the odor of open Arab plumbing, the jeep bounces over the rough road to the border of the Gaza Strip.

The border is not far; indeed, the lights of an Israeli kibbutz, brilliant as diamonds against the night's black velvet, seem near enough to come from one of Gaza's suburbs.

Five minutes of bouncing and the jeep is being parked among the headquarters tents of the Danor Battalion—the outfit which the Danes and Norwegians have jointly contributed to the United Nations force in Egypt.

In the officers' mess, the Arab cook somewhat eccentrically offers rice-pudding instead of smorgasbord. But the schnapps is excellent, and the genial, hard-headed Scandinavian talk of the startlingly blond men around the table makes the meal an agreeable interlude.

"What are we here for?" they ask themselves wryly.

One of the younger officers replies succinctly: "To be Nasser's border guard." And Maj. Sigurd Wiik, the deputy battalion commander, mildly rebukes this cynicism.

WHEN dinner is over, the jeep bounces onward, now over mere tracks through wheat fields and lemon groves that drown all senses with odor. The jeep comes to the forward headquarters of Company Hoppi—so called in the old Danish manner after the tall, young company commander, Maj. Jon Hoppi.

The major is giving a little party for some Norwegian officers who are being rotated home. But the time for the patrol is at hand.

The patrol begins from an outpost commanded by a sleepy lieutenant. The five young

Danes, smartly turned out and fully armed, are led by Sgt. Ole Andersen. Later, the sergeant means to be a chemical engineer. But now the double accident of the Suez crisis and his military service has brusquely transported Sgt. Andersen from Copenhagen's smiling streets to these fields near Gaza town.

AS NIGHT patrols go, this one was not arduous—45 minutes to the next outpost and then back again, when another patrol swings out to cover the same strip of border. But Sgt. Andersen conducts his patrol with military efficiency, maintaining silence, marching briskly but quietly, halting at intervals to listen to the night noises.

In the soft, star-studded darkness, it is good going at first through meadow lush with grass. Looking closely in the starlight, one can just see the richly sprinkled meadow flowers. Then a halt is signaled, and the patrol squats to listen, not to blundering border-crossers, but to the night chorus of frogs.

After the meadows come wheatfields slimy with mud, for the Gaza Strip has had much rain this year. The wheatfields make one thank heaven that the Arab peasants do not plow deep furrows.

Sgt. Andersen reveals his chemical engineer ambitions. Sgt. Snape says he, too, will go to college when he gets out of the Army, "which will be soon, bless God." And there is a little of the usual soldiers' talk about their mission.

Yes, they say, once they actually saw border-crossers—Arab peasants who had been stealing irrigation pipes from the Israelis. The peasants ran away, leaving behind their pipe-laden donkey as a prize of war.

And this leads Sgt. Andersen to what is probably the decisive comment on the situation of the U.N. force in Egypt, with its efficient leadership, its still high morale, and its array of ten national contingents and staff-supporting personnel from no less than 26 different countries.

Says Sgt. Andersen regretfully: "We could have got those fellows as well as their donkey. But our orders are 'Shout, not shoot.' They seem funny orders for an army. But they say this is a peace army, and I suppose peace armies are different." (Copyright 1959, New York Herald Tribune Inc.)

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Kilroy and Chad To the Editor: Kilroy was here too. However in Great Britain he was known as "Chad" and as well as being a source of amusement was a great morale booster during the shortages, rationings and restrictions of W.W. II. Ruth Davis, 1320 Ridgeway, Medford, Ore.

U.P. Correspondents Eye Future Headlines

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

Rackets A lot of Republicans in Washington hope the Senate Rackets Committee will move on to unions and union leaders identified with the Democrats.

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for a century. But this time Britain and France are showing serious interest in it. It would be a jointly-financed project. As planned, it would be for railroad and not automobile traffic.

The United Nations Emergency Forces on the border between Egypt and Israel may start to come apart soon. Finland is likely to decide this week whether to keep its troops in the UNEF—it is thinking of pulling them out because the U.N. is not helping to pay the cost of maintaining them. If Finland withdraws its troops, other countries like Sweden, Norway and possibly Canada may do so.

The United States will not support any charges that Russia has added dangerously to the world's burden of radioactivity by its recent tests of nuclear weapons. The official view in Washington is that atomic tests, Russia's included, could go on indefinitely on the present scale without noticeably harming human beings.

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