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

10 YEARS AGO: April 16, 1947 (Wednesday). Carlos W. Morris, local funeral home owner, is appointed city councilman to succeed Larry J. Schade.

20 YEARS AGO: April 16, 1937 (Friday). Southern Pacific railroad officials in Medford said that the proposed railroad strike would only affect a dozen trainmen at Ashland, southern Oregon division point.

30 YEARS AGO: April 16, 1927 (Saturday). About 150 boys participate in bicycle parade in Medford led by traffic officer G. J. Prescott.

40 YEARS AGO: April 16, 1917 (Monday). In anticipation of a bumper fruit crop of probably 2,000 cars in the valley this season, the Medford Ice and Storage company is at work on extensive improvements and alterations at its Medford plant.

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

1. Before 1812 was anthracite or bituminous coal chiefly in use?

2. When J. Ramsay MacDonald served as Prime Minister of Great Britain, what party did he represent?

3. Bible: Before the advent of Jesus had Greek dress and the Greek word of life penetrated into Jewish communities?

4. What research did the Nazi government carry on at Peenemuende?

5. Who wrote "Pippa Passes"?

6. The present calendar was first promulgated by Pope G-y?

7. Cygnet is the name for a kind of ring, a young swan, or the seal on a deed to lands?

8. Who was the composer of the song "After the Ball"?

9. "Help but" and "choose but" mean "avoid," true or false?

10. "You are welcome as the flowers in May."—Scott, in R—R—?

Answers: 1.—Bituminous coal. 2.The Labour party. 3. Yes. 4. V-rocket research. 5. Robert Browning. 6. Gregory. 7. A young swan. 8. Charles K. Harris. 9. True. 10. "Rob Roy."

Back to the Indians

The Albany Democrat-Herald, is taking a new line on the tax problem. At least it is new to us.

FOR example, the paper praises the Albany community for "coining" the familiar war term "Thou shall not pass" and applying it to a bill providing sewers for the business section of that growing, self-respecting and law-abiding town.

Using the communal, instead of the editorial "we", it commends such tax resistance as follows:

"We indicated we would rather have wet-basements and fouled-up sanitary sewers than pay the taxes."

It is rather difficult to understand commendation for such a preference but the "new" Democrat-Herald apparently sees nothing surprising about it.

IT EVEN goes further in its all-out war for more and more tax reduction. It seems Albany is to get a new hospital and an enlarged sewage disposal plant, aided by a government grant of \$18,000 for the latter, and four times that much from Hill-Burton funds for the former or a total of approximately \$90,000.

Instead of expressing appreciation for such assistance the Albany paper reminds the people of Albany that all this "help and planning" comes directly from the Albany taxpayers, each year when they SUBMIT to federal withholding taxes. It then concludes, quote:

"we protect our pocket-books like demons when the neighbor comes around but an arm can reach all the way from Washington to Albany, dig deep and repeatedly and we don't even squirm."

THIS presents such an extraordinary view of taxation, that one stands in considerable awe and incomprehension before it.

Yet apparently the editor of the Albany paper is deadly serious about it by declaring withholding taxes have the same effect on individual and state economy that narcotics have on the human body, and they are just as "devastatingly habit-forming."

Again we quote:

Here is where the narcotics comparison comes in. Because the deduction method of tax extraction is advertised as painless it invites increases in dosage just as narcotics do for the human body. An excess of taxation is just as bad for the individual and state economy as is an excess of narcotics for the human body.—Any increase in withholding taxes authorized by the 1957 legislative session will have as its goal the disguising of individual tax increases"—etc., etc.

NO ONE LIKES taxes, and everyone is opposed to EXCESSIVE taxation, but if the tax philosophy of the Democrat-Herald were followed, one wonders where would we be?

No. 1: we would presumably then rather have "wet basements and fouled-up sanitary sewers" than meet the tax bills necessary to remove them. If to secure modern hospitalization for the community and proper sewage disposal federal aid were offered, then again it would be better to go without than to accept such assistance, which would have to come out of our own pocket books eventually anyway.

As for that vicious drug habit, (disguised as a withholding tax), the only way we can imagine completely curing it would be to abolish all "social security," old-age assistance, unemployment insurance and the income tax as far as most of the workers are concerned, and ultimately, of course, as far as Oregon is concerned—at least the Albany portion—give the state back to the Indians.

AND we grant such a transaction would have its advantages. For our aboriginal predecessors lived in a TAXLESS Paradise. They never bothered with sewage disposal, wet basements, hospitalization, social security or any such "New Deal" egg-head nonsense. Their women chopped the wood, and they chopped off the hair-dos of their enemies and brought home the bacon and wild game, to be cooked or cured by the patient and muscular housewife.

Paying no taxes they did not have to degrade themselves by devising a painless one,—having a painless tax is apparently as despicable and decadent as having a painless leg amputation. Then when their hunting days were over they did not have to worry about an inheritance tax, but only had to worry about getting some sun-cured Virginia tobacco and eventually a proper bow-and-arrow equipment to provide them sustenance in the "Happy Hunting Ground."

A WEEK or two ago when the management of the Albany Democrat-Herald changed hands, we predicted its readers would suffer no shock editorially speaking, for the paper had always been ultra-conservative, unwaveringly G.O.P. and, like so many of its contemporaries more interested in the business office than any cerebral emanations that might be delivered from its "ivory tower."

IT IS too early in the game to apologize and admit our mistake, but up-to-date we would grant the probability that the regular readers of the Albany daily, will, if they have not already, soon detect a new slant in its editorial department, both in outlook, content, tone and emphasis—in brief, this will be not a turn to the left but more to the right, farther to the right in fact of William McKinley, Smoot-Hawley and Louis the XVI, than has ever been the case before in the paper's long and successful history.

—R.W.R.



"DADDY ALWAYS SAYS NO AT FIRST, BUT IF YOU KEEP ASKIN' AND WHINE A LITTLE BIT, SOMETIMES HE CHANGES HIS MIND."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

USING THE LIVING DEAD

Gaza—Under the mild but brilliant sunshine of the balmy southern Mediterranean spring-time, the big camp of Palestinian Arab refugees a few miles from Gaza town seems not too bad a place.



Joseph Alsop

The town—for this is what it really is—is well laid out and clean. The mud huts are solid and well roofed. The leader of the camp, Supervisor Misbah Mehki, Dr. Anwar Anthony and the rest, are all fine, hard working people who obviously do their best for the 20,000 and more souls committed to their care.

Outwardly, moreover, the camp almost conveys the impression of a town with a life of its own. The women gossip at their work at the little embroidery center. Through the windows of the big school come the sounds of chanting Arab recitation. At the food warehouse, a great crowd of men and women and children are gathered to draw their rations of flour and oil, beans and sugar, and they talk and laugh while they wait for their names to be called.

But here, if you pause among the crowd for even a moment, a near riot automatically ensues. It is always the same when any foreigner stops among a crowd in one of the refugee camps.

THESE people have no past except the memory of their homes long lost; no present purpose except to rot in the camps; no future except the hope of return and revenge. They exist from day to day on their poor rations, which have been so scantily set at a level not quite sufficient to prevent hunger. And so pouring out their grievances, it is well justified grievances, is to them irresistible.

This is the reality. The tidy outward appearance of the camp is an illusion. For in this tidy setting the refugees lead the lives of the living dead, they and their children and their children's children. And these living dead—220,000 of them in the Gaza strip alone—are permanent reminders that new Israel, like Israel of old, was born in blood by driving out the simple people of the land.

Anyone who is mealy-mouthed on this point is either a self-deceiver or a hypocrite. But it is almost equally wrong to be mealy-mouthed about another point. The leaders of the surrounding Arab states, and not least the leaders of Egypt, are using the tragic refugees as pawns in their political game.

They are such useful pawns that any improvement in their lot is actually resented and opposed. In the Baghdad Pact riots last year, for instance, Egyptian and Communist agents led the attack on the admirable ag-

ricultural cooperative established near Jericho by Musa Bey Alami. The reason was that Musa Bey Alami had contrived a decent livelihood for too many refugees.

There have been similar episodes in Gaza. In sum, everything is done, by propaganda and by rules, to make the refugees and what is worse, the refugees' children, go on living the lives of living dead, and so to keep them as a political lever.

AT THIS moment, Egypt's President Nasser is using the refugees as a lever in the Suez Canal negotiations. He is saying that he will not abandon his "right of belligerency" that he will not permit Israeli ships to pass through the Canal, unless Israel takes satisfactory steps to settle the refugee problem.

The failure of the Israelis to offer reasonable compensation to those they have driven out, is a standing reproach to Israel. But almost none would go back—you have only to ask them—to Israel as it exists today.

And what President Nasser means by satisfactory steps to settle the refugee problem is simply the re-partition of Israel and the liquidation of Israel as a viable state.

There are some reasons to believe that the U.N. authorities may not press the Israelis to make the kind of territorial concessions that Israel cannot make and stay in business as a nation. By the lunatic logic of our times, Hitler's crime against the Jews was expiated by a crime against the Palestinian Arabs. And now this second crime, so the theory runs, can be expiated by still another crime against all the hundreds of thousands of simple Jewish people who have pulled up their roots and with labor and sacrifice have put down new roots in Israel's soil.

IN ACTUAL fact, any such U.N. pressure on Israel, like President Nasser's defense of his "right of belligerency," will be mere ritual maneuvering. The Arab nations do not have the strength today to liquidate Israel. The great powers are not going to use force to liquidate Israel. And the Israelis will fight first. So the refugee problem is not going to be solved by the liquidation of Israel.

In a more practical, less passion ridden world, a plan might well be attempted that would at least compensate the first generation who are determined to go home to an Arab Palestine or die in the camps; and would also save the second and third generations from this life of the living dead. But this, no doubt, is too much to hope for nowadays.

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Eden Can Expect Complete Recovery

Boston—(U.P.)—Sir Anthony Eden has "reasonable prospects" of a complete recovery from the recurring illness which forced his retirement as British prime minister, his physician said yesterday.

Dr. Richard B. Cattell of the Lahey clinic, Eden's surgeon, said his general condition was satisfactory and that he withstood well surgery Saturday. Dr. Cattell said Eden suffered a mild fever Sunday, but that it was a normal post-operative condition.

Saturday was the fourth time in as many years that the 59-year-old diplomat had undergone major surgery to relieve a bile duct obstruction. Dr. Cattell said there were "reasonable prospects" of complete recovery after the operation.

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate passed and returned to the House today a bill to let the Treasury increase interest on U. S. savings bonds from the present 3 per cent to 3 1/2 per cent.

Realization of Atomic Weapons Role Step Toward Disarmament

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

Realization that Western Europe's defense must be based on nuclear weapons may start the big powers on the way to disarmament at last.

Three recent developments have brought acute awareness in the North Atlantic Treaty countries of Europe that, as things stand today, the wartime use of nuclear weapons is one of the inescapable facts of life.

First was Britain's revolutionary new armaments program, which involves the shifting of that country's defense to a nuclear basis.

Secondly was the statement by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer that the new West German Army must have tactical atomic weapons.

Thirdly was the outburst of threats by Soviet Russia, still continuing, that any NATO country which permits the establishment of nuclear weapons bases on its territory faces catastrophe in event of war.

Taken together, these developments seem to have increased the possibility that the five-nation disarmament subcommittee of the United Nations, now meeting in London, may take the first step before long toward a disarmament agreement.

London dispatches suggest that the first step may be an agreement for a cut in the size of con-

ventional armaments. A Smaller Army It would be only a short step. But it would be the first fruit of 11 years of negotiations between the Western powers and Soviet Russia. If that step were taken, negotiations on the eventual abolition of nuclear weapons would have better chance of success.

Britain's program, calling for a smaller army, the abolition of the draft and the complete shifting of defense to the atomic weapons age, came as a shock to

the governments of Western European NATO countries.

Britain's new arms program, and Adenauer's call for A-weapons, constituted nothing more than recognition of a situation which already existed—the recognition that as things stand now nuclear weapons are sure to be used if a great war breaks out.

The one encouraging development, and a big one, is the possibility that the London disarmament conference may now break its long deadlock.

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.

A New Orchid

To the Editor: "Swamp Water" is the name of one of U.S.A.'s most unusual newspapers. The current number is on this desk. It boasts it is "Everglades National Park's most complete newspaper." It has no colored comics. It has not even a typesetter. It is entirely via mimeograph. BUT IT CONTAINS NEWS!

The current number on this desk tells of the discovery in this, almost the youngest national park, of a new orchid. It is more than merely a new species—it is a novel genus. It is added to the Everglades flora beside the vanilla orchid. The Glades is the only spot in the U.S.A. where the vanilla orchid grows wild.

Vanilla recalls experiences in France. In Bresse, one sees signs "Antiques Made to Order." A French restaurant keeper dares not, however, under penalty of fine and imprisonment, list "Poulet Bresse" on his menu unless he can, on demand, show its metal ring. This is evidence the capon you are enjoying is "veritable Poulet Bresse." So, too, for decades, the test in France of one's ice cream being flavored with "vanilla veritable" was little black seeds in one's glass.

Such wonders as orchids and royal palms, flamingoes and roseate spoonbills, all truly tropical, are found nowhere else in continental U.S.A. This was the main urge for some of us to want the Everglades as a national park. Dad and Mother can sandwich a half dozen kiddies into the Tin Lizzie. On arrival there is so much good fishing even food costs are lowered for big-family vacationists.

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Wants a "Pen-Pal"

To the Editor: My name is Melinda Hanna. I live on Cover Drive. I am ten years old. I would like a pen pal. If you would please put my name and address in your newspaper some children could write to me. I know you Editors are busy, but please try.

Melinda Hanna, 1978 Cover Drive, Poland 14, Ohio P.S. Please try. I thank you.

Police Should Aid Parents

To the Editor: I read Mr. A. U.'s letter, but I didn't see anything to laugh about. The desperate efforts of a mother to save her drowning child may be futile, or even foolish, but certainly not funny.

It would seem our only concern when boys and girls go wrong is someone to blame. The parents are the favorite target. Yet some of them are trying to do the very best they can, and making sacrifices to the extent of becoming amusing.

There is not much help, or preparation either, for those faced with grave child problems. Often a young mother must face the situation alone because she has no husband, or he is too occupied with other matters.

When the police and parents learn to work in cooperation a tremendous blow against crime will have been struck. How many times parents long to go to the police with information and ask for help and counsel. But they don't dare. The strength of mother love is still one of the most vital forces in the world. It needs to be trained for the life-saving jobs so it will not perish in the struggle. The welfare of children should be the first concern of the police and parents should feel free to work with them in the difficult task of teaching the young to choose the good and refuse the evil.

Mrs. L. H. (Name on File) Tillier, Ore.

Editorial Comment

ADMIT RED CHINA

I would urge that the state department pull the Red China issue out of deep freeze and turn it over to its most resourceful and expert negotiators. Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson is son confirmed in his opposition to any concession to Red China that he will be of no help. Fresh minds with originality are required to spell out a constructive U.S. policy vis-a-vis Red China.

U. S. policy has succeeded in entrenching this country in isolation from the most populous country on earth, has hurt our allies by insisting on strangling their trade with Red China and has led to a dead end.

Here, it seems to me, is a good place for us to start in replacing tension and hatred with accommodation if not with trust,—a step toward freeing the world from the doom of nuclear warfare.—Charles Sprague in Oregon Statesman, Salem.

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