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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 26, 1947 (Saturday)
Price cuts by manufacturers and retailers which have spread over the nation during the past week are beginning to show up in Medford and other coast points.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Alfalfa will be ready to cut in a couple of weeks farmers report, and Gosh! how they dread it.

20 YEARS AGO
April 26, 1927 (Monday)
Medford schedules will be increased as Boeing airplanes are released for immediate service and traffic demands, according to W. A. Patterson, president of United Air Lines.

New motor repair shop and parking shed, replacing motor transport building recently destroyed by fire, is being built at the Jackson county fairgrounds by the Medford CCC district.

30 YEARS AGO
April 26, 1927 (Tuesday)
Southern Oregon Dental society plans health clinics for children for Jackson county. Drinking water from the Central Point water system must be boiled due to contamination caused by a sewage leak, according to County Health Officer L. D. Inskeep.

40 YEARS AGO
April 26, 1917 (Thursday)
Rural School Supervisor Peterson has been at work among Jackson county schools carrying out industrial club work among school pupils. Potato auction at Page theater earns \$59 for local Red Cross chapter.

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

- 1. Chicago, 1854: Over 900 died of cholera during July. Did this cholera epidemic spread into New York?
2. Applying a beefsteak to a bruised eye is the best way to reduce swelling; true or false?
3. Bible: After his resurrection did Christ appear before any woman other than Mary Magdalene?
4. Stones grow; true or false?
5. Name the book that is the best seller of all times.
6. A veteran must have overseas duty in order to qualify for benefits under the G.I. Bill of Rights; true or false?
7. To which government official did some American Indians refer by the term "Great White Father"?
8. The Couderport mine is famous for what?
9. Is the "h" silent or sounded in the word "prohibition"?
10. "For what were all these country patriots born? / To hunt and vote, and raise the price of corn." Were these lines written by a 20th century writer?

Answers: 1. Yes. 2. False. 3. Yes. 4. False. (actually they become smaller). 5. The Bible. 6. False. 7. The President of the U. S. 8. Its ice. 9. Either (silent is preferred). 10. No. Byron.

SIDETRACKED!
London—(U.P.)—Police arrested Ian Climie, 32, Wednesday for jay walking. Climie was found walking on the subway tracks between Paddington and Kings Cross stations to catch a train home to Scotland.

Crusaders for "Pain"

It is amusing, if not exactly enlightening, to read our "one-party" Republican press on the presently all-absorbing problem of taxation.

Most of the same newspapers, not so long ago were shouting from the house-tops for a state sales tax.

One of them, the enterprising Corvallis Gazette Times, still is.

It declares it not only opposes the Democratic tax program as now worded, but would oppose ANY tax program for the state not built upon and around the sales tax system.

Such candor is rare and highly commendable. And as before stated in this department, while theoretically such a tax is a bad one, as a practical matter experience MAY prove it to be from a tax solution viewpoint a "necessary evil," so to speak.

BUT what puzzles this department is that so many of the papers in the state that agree with the Gazette-Times (but don't admit it) and that were a few years ago so strong for the sales tax, are now up-in-arms against the "withholding provision" of the Democratic tax program, as an iniquitous attempt to evade the "pure food and drug act"—that is drug the electorate into thinking that such a method of taxation is "painless."

This, as the Albany Democrat Herald originally maintained, would be taxation-wise a capital-offense.

THE estimable Roseburg-Review now falls in line behind the banner-carrying editor of the Albany paper, and presumably would also prefer flooded basements and sewage contamination, to paying the tax bill for eliminating them.

Here is the "Reviews" opinion of "painless" taxation in general and the "withholding tax" in particular, quote:—

It is a vicious cycle. We should not be ignorant of the danger that accompanies the easy tax program. It is like taking dope to alleviate pain. The pain is eased temporarily but is never cured until the cause is eliminated. We'll never get economy in government while taxes are collected the "easy way."

Every effort will be made to convince the voter that he is getting a tax bargain. The surtax will be cancelled, exemptions will be raised and, even though the Dooley formula doubtless will be adopted in compromise form, the blow will be softened by increasing the withholding rate and the average taxpayer will be happy.

This doleful prognosis is headed "The End of Economy," which would, in the school of the anti-tax crusaders, undoubtedly be the "end of the world"—the world at least of rugged individualism, private initiative and regular and unflinching ten per cent interest.

WHAT is so difficult for this department to understand is this aversion to a form of taxation that would make the "average tax payer happy."

At tax-paying time we admit we have never seen a really HAPPY tax-PAYER, but if the Democrats have devised a system that will make them happy, particularly as they PAY their taxes, we say more power to them. Let the good work go on—and on. There is a consummation, as we see it, devoutly to be wished.

The Roseburg paper disagrees. It says this would be a calamity, in fact it is in favor, quote:

"... of making taxes such a hardship that the more difficult it becomes to collect taxes, the more economical the government will be."

THIS paper can't qualify as a member of the "EX-TERT tax-payers league," and we grant such a solution of the tax problem has the virtue of novelty but we shall be greatly surprised if the idea spreads over this state or any other.

For most of us, tax-payers and non-tax-payers—if any—alike wish to be happy and don't WISH to be pained. So it is hard to believe that many voters in this state, or any other, will go along with those journalistic sadists who wish to make the tax-paying season a more painful period rather than a lesser one.



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Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

"RIGHT MONEY PLUS A TAX CUT"
Washington — Any session of Congress is a drama in two acts, with the Easter recess as the intermission.

Act one of this session, despite the Beck hearings and the Eisenhower Doctrine debate, has been one long yawn. Act two may perhaps be livelier.

One reason it may be livelier is that the Democratic leaders have obviously worked out an over-all strategy, with an eye to the 1958 elections, for dealing with the dilemma which confronts them.

The dilemma, of course, derives from the fact that President Eisenhower, with his program of "modern Republicanism" has deftly made off with all the traditional Democratic issues.

The Democratic leadership's proposed escape from the dilemma has been summed up in the words, "tight money plus a tax cut."

A number of Democrats, like Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, have long believed that the Democrats were missing a big bet by not making "tight money" their central issue.

Senator Humphrey pled in vain with Adlai Stevenson last year to grab the issue and run with it. Now at long last, thanks in part to the astute management of Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, the Democrats may have an opportunity to exploit the issue, with Senator Humphrey's namesake, Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey, as the main target.

SOON after the Easter recess, Secretary Humphrey will be called as the first witness in a Senate Finance Committee investigation of the Administration's fiscal policies.

Chairman of the committee is Virginia's impeccably conservative Sen. Harry Byrd, whom Johnson persuaded to take on the investigation, is a close friend of Secretary Humphrey. Even so, fireworks are expected.

Most of the fireworks are likely to be provided by Oklahoma's Sen. Robert Kerr, number two Democrat on the committee. Secretary Humphrey is a cat most Democrats have feared to try to bell, largely because he is so able and forceful that any politician who tangles with him is likely to come off second best.

But Kerr is a combative man who has been a sharp critic of the Humphrey policy since early in the first Eisenhower administration, and he is perfectly willing to take Humphrey on.

Kerr really knows the complex subject of fiscal policy, moreover, as he demonstrated in a recent preliminary bout with Under Secretary of the Treasury Randolph Burgess. Kerr genuinely believes that the Administration's fiscal policies benefit the big bankers at the expense of small business and the rest of the country, and he will be no mean antagonist for Humphrey to face.

IN SOME ways, "tight money" is an ideal issue for the Democrats. The Democrats are more united on the issue than on most others, since the conservative Southerners, with their agrarian background, tend to be easy money men. Moreover, the issue has traditional populist overtones, with its suggestion of rich bankers grinding down the faces of the farmers and small business men.

Russia Carrying Out Military Build-up in Satellite Nations

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent
Soviet Russia seems to be carrying out a big military build-up in the Communist satellite



countries of Eastern Europe. The build-up is reported to include the construction of rocket and guided missile bases in Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland and possibly Hungary.

The superhighway—Autobahn—which extends across East Germany is being improved so that parts of it will serve as landing strips for jet fighter planes, according to one report.

Troop Build-up Reported
Russian troop reinforcements are said to be moving into some of the countries concerned. In others, according to dispatches from West Germany, garrison troops are being replaced by fresh units from Russia, which would be more trustworthy in event of trouble.

While this is going on, the Soviet government also is conducting a somewhat puzzling and contradictory diplomatic campaign.

This includes threats to Allied countries of frightful destruction in event of war, bids for better relations with the big Western powers and hints of important concessions in the current United Nations disarmament negotiations in London.

What the whole business adds up to, it is difficult to figure out. But for one thing, it looks as if the Soviet government is really worried over the threat it would face, if war came, from the bases the United States and its allies maintain in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries.

Fear German Uprising
Further, though Communist-ruled East Germany seems to be quiet and tough "Stalinist" leaders are in control there, the Russians seem to fear the possibility that an uprising might break out there at any time.

It must be remembered, too, that the satellite countries have become economic liabilities since the Polish and Hungarian revolts, and that they are likely to remain so.

Hence it may be that the reported build-up of military strength and striking power in the satellite countries is largely defensive.

It may be also that the recent optimism over the possibility that a start may be made toward disarmament is justified.

That would mean that the Soviet government is ready at last to agree to limited aerial inspection of military facilities.

In the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS

Watch Jordan. Something is boiling there that could blow the lid off.

WHAT'S cooking? Dispatches tell us Egypt and RUSSIA have opened up an all-out propaganda war in Jordan, calling on the Jordanian people to stand united in opposition to an "Anglo-American plot" against them.

The immediate purpose of the propaganda campaign is to get former premier Nablusi a PRO-RUSSIAN, back into the driver's seat in the little Jordanian kingdom. Young King Hussein, who is anti-Russian, tossed him out of office the other day.

WHY is Jordan so important? A look at your map will tell you. Poverty-stricken little Jordan, living on handouts from its Arab neighbors, touches on every important country in the Middle East. It has a long frontier with Israel, which the Arabs yearn to destroy.

Key District Bill Amendment OK'd
Salem—(U.P.)—The House Education Committee Wednesday night adopted an amendment to the so-called key district school bill to ease its effects on districts that stood to lose millions from the original version.

The amendment was written by Rep. John Mosser of Washington county and was adopted by a committee vote of 5 to 3.

The key district battle has ranked second only to taxes as a source of controversy at the 1957 Legislature. It arose from the state's effort to revise the formula under which it distributes state aid to school districts.

The original key district bill would have resulted in sharp financial losses to Portland schools and to several eastern Oregon districts. The first version would have resulted in a \$2,750,000 loss of revenue to Portland schools the first year of operation. Under Mosser's plan, Portland would lose about \$900,000 in state aid. Portland legislators on the committee opposed the Mosser amendment.

As amended, the bill would subtract a \$4,500,000 fund from total state school monies, which total about \$40 million. The balance would be split 50-50, half distributed on the basis of property evaluation and the other half distributed on the key district millage formula. Portland would still be used as the key district.

A "PLUG" NICKEL
Fulton, Miss.—(U.P.)—O. R. Cooper rode into town Wednesday and tied his horse to the nearest thing to a hitching post—a parking meter. He returned later to find a parking ticket tucked under the bridle between the horse's ears. Cooper forgot to put a nickel in the meter.

If shooting started in the Middle East, Jordan would be strategically important.

ONE more point: If shooting starts in Jordan, Israel is expected to STRIKE INSTANTLY. In every armed clash so far Israel's tough, disciplined, do-or-die army has licked the socks off its Arab opponents.

To the Arabs, that is a sobering thought. It may be a sobering thought to Russia.

BACK to the home front—and spending and taxes: In a speech to the Rochester New York Rotary club, President Eisenhower's welfare secretary, Marian Folsom, says the President's record peacetime budget is quite in line with a growing and prosperous nation.

He added that it's only natural that the budget should increase as a nation grows.

LET'S take a look at the other side of the picture. The government says this morning the U.S. cost of living index reached a new record high in March for the seventh consecutive month.

The report added that the PURCHASING POWER of the average factory laborer's pay check DIPPED in March for the second month in a row.

THAT is to say: For two months in a row, the cost of living has risen faster than factory wages. Factory wages, of course, can be RAISED—but that simply means speeding up the inflationary spiral.

What that means is that the kitten chasing its tail will have to run faster in the vain hope of catching up with it.

INSTEAD of spending more and more as we get bigger and allegedly more prosperous, wouldn't it be better if we started paying off our debt and reducing the tax load—which in itself tends to force prices higher and higher?

New weapons against heart disease

People can, perhaps, absorb stress or the high-fat diet most Americans eat. But subject a person to both stress and fat: heart disease may result.

In May Reader's Digest, learn how improved methods of detection and treatment, plus a sensible diet, are reducing coronary attacks.

Get May Reader's Digest at your newsstand today: 38 articles of lasting interest, including the best from leading magazines, newspapers and books, condensed to save your time.

Arthur Godfrey talks about Reader's Digest every Wednesday on CBS radio. Tune in.

The Therapy of "GRIEF"
More and more common in magazines and literature there are appearing articles based on the therapeutic value of grief; not only of grief itself but in giving outward expression to that grief.
For a long time now people have gone under the impression that it is a sign of weakness to allow any of our emotions to come to the surface where they can be seen by others. Now it is being recognized that burying one's feelings is harmful both physically and psychologically. These is a cleansing quality in tears.
That is why a funeral service, which allows the release of pent up feelings, provides an honest therapy for sincere bereavement.
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Now see God's watch-care for his people. He gives them eternal life and they shall never perish nor shall anyone ever snatch them out of his hand. And why? "That in the ages to come, God might show the exceeding riches of his grace, in his kindness to us thru Christ Jesus." See Ephesians 2:9.
Call the family together daily and may you and Dad, by Bible reading and prayer, see them grow and by God-power stand.