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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 28, 1947 (Monday). Sightseers from 16 states and four cars containing Canadian tourists visit Crater Lake.

20 YEARS AGO. April 28, 1937 (Wednesday). The Bagley Canning company in Ashland will be one of many Oregon canneries increasing wage levels for the 1937 season.

30 YEARS AGO. April 28, 1927 (Thursday). C. E. (Pop) Gates, state highway commission member and Medford business man, speaks at forum of Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce.

40 YEARS AGO. April 28, 1917 (Saturday). The record price of the season, so far as is known, for Newtown apples is \$2.53 a box, according to growers.

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

1. Charleston, S.C., 1816: First steamboat arrives; from Savannah, or New Orleans? 2. The narwhal is a crustacean, cetacean, or archnid?

Answers: 1. Savannah, 2. Cetacean, 3. Mound of Olives, 4. Daniel DeFoe, 5. All three, 6. Mexican chihuahua, 7. The elder William Pitt, the Great statesman, 8. Second Lieutenant, 9. Hazlitt.

Former Ashland Man On Television Show. Ashland — A former Ashland resident, Edgar Buchanan Jr., played the part of a train conductor in the "Climax" television show presentation, "Avalanche" Thursday night.

"Do We Fight?"

We have been asked to "explain" the Eisenhower doctrine in the Mid-East and "Modern Republicanism."

Like the negro asked to cash a 20 dollar bill, we appreciate the compliment, but it can't be done.

In fact as far as No. 1 is concerned, we do wish someone in authority WOULD explain it.

In this field, indeed, we feel a kinship for the King of Siam who was so pestered by "puzzlements."

AS THIS is written things are extremely tense in the Mid-East, even such a conservative paper as the Oregonian fearing it may result in war.

We don't share this anxiety for only one chief reason, namely:

It has been officially pointed out that while the "doctrine" does pledge the United States to resist Soviet aggression in that area of the world, such resistance will only be supplied upon the INVITATION of the victim.

AS WE see it that is what has often been called an "escape clause." For if Russia should decide to take over Jordan—or any other Mid-East country—we feel sure the victim would be under a new and communist government, before any invitation, engraved or otherwise, could be received.

It would, in other words, be what diplomats like to call a "fait accompli"—all over before anyone would have an opportunity to shout, much less write or cable any letters.

If this interpretation is correct—and we believe it is—then why fear war as far as any armed intervention by the U.S.A. is concerned?

If there is armed aggression, we feel sure all objectives will have been reached before Uncle Sam could possibly receive any invitation.—R.W.R.

The "Old Bunco Game"

How long will it take for the American people to realize they are being "TOOK?"

Not being the "seventh son of a seventh son" we can't say for sure.

But with the political climate now prevailing we would not predict an awakening in the very near future.

The tide still seems to be running the other way. "What is good for General Motors is good for the country" still seems to be a popular theme-song in the country at large.

The corn may not be as "high as an elephant's eye," but the old G.O.P. pachyderm is in clover, and there seems no immediate probability of kicking him out, and putting him on the radically restricted diet and confinement that he deserves.

HOWEVER, sooner or later, we are confident this WILL happen, and when it does the poor old weather-beaten and ponderous "jumbo" will, we anticipate, get a beating he will, true to his reputation in the area of memory, never forget.

Why is this our belief? Because we believe the American people as a whole, regardless of the party label, don't like to be "took," and when they realize they have been, they will go to the polls and make certain it won't happen soon again.

HOW are the people being "took?" Well in a great many ways, starting with the original tidelands oil "give away." There was no law against it, at least the law was changed to make the highway robbery legally WITHIN it.

AND then there came the "Hells Canyon" issue where the same public welfare versus inflated private profit principle was involved.

Thanks to Republican control of the Federal Power Commission, the Idaho Power company was given the "brass-ring" started to construct "three small dams" on the Snake river, and the old pachyderm executed a war-dance over this great victory of rugged individualism over "creeping socialism" for the lasting benefit of the long suffering American taxpayers, etc., etc.

REMEMBER the argument? Why make the taxpayers of the country pungle up millions for PUBLIC power when the Idaho Power company would do the same job and it would cost the taxpayers NOTHING.

That "listened well." But as was remarked in this department at the time, nothing was said about how much power would be produced, or what the charge would be to the consumer by a company which now holds the intermountain record for high rates. No that argument was swept away by the siren song of "no cost to the taxpayers and no increase of the public debt."

BUT, now what do we see? The Idaho Power company is a powerful and prosperous corporation, and should, like the equally prosperous oil companies, be paying large income taxes into the U.S. treasury as provided by law.



Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

Amman, Jordan, April 24 — The first engagement between the forces loyal to King Hussein and Jordan's pro-Egyptians and their Communist allies was neither bloody nor impressive, at least here in Amman.



Joseph Alsop This reporter is still very far from sure whether anything is presently intended beyond a severe test of nerves. If the young King holds to his originally announced decision to proclaim martial law if need be, the present atmosphere suggests that the opposition will fold up its tents and steal silently away.

Organization of the demonstrations was at least efficient. In the boys' school near that matchlessly bleak hotel, the Amman Club, for example, the 15, 16 and 17-year-olds began to assemble at 8:45 a.m., with their leader, one of the teachers, organizing them like an anxious sheep dog.

At a little after 9 o'clock, the first group of demonstrators assembled in the Salt Road and began clapping their hands and shouting rhyming slogans in the best "agitprop" manner. The schoolboys rapidly joined them; and from the Salt Road and other assembly points, the hard core of about 600 demonstrators converged on the square in front of the post office.

Two or three policemen even allowed themselves to be captured and borne, like trophies, on demonstrators' shoulders. After a half-hour of slogan shouting, the demonstrators marched on the market area around the Great Mosque. Here there were more slogan shouting; and here the demonstrating crowd was swelled by new, unorganized recruits to about 1,200 persons.

HALF-WAY there, in front of the Amman Club, there was a pause to hear a speech from a balcony by a toothlike, bespectacled man whose main theme was the shining loyalty of the "King-betrayer," Maj. Gen. Ali Abu Nuwar. The young people, who composed most of the crowd, seemed to eat it up.

FOR the Idaho Power company will now be allowed to write off as "depreciation for tax purposes," from 60 per cent to 65 per cent of construction costs, which will add up to approximately a \$300,000,000 gain to Idaho Power and equal loss to Uncle Sam in tax collections, which is of course, a loss to the American taxpayers, for what should be received but isn't, will have to be made up by them.

BUT no one is going to jail for that tax "evasion," for that is not only "within the law" but it is in perfect harmony with the basic G.O.P. doctrine that this country is essentially a "Big Business Country" and that what benefits General Motors—or any other big business in power, oil, or what have you—benefits the country, and the people as a whole.

ALONG the same line several of the most powerful and prosperous oil companies in the country, will pay no income taxes this year, or only a fraction of what they should pay, thanks to special favors granted by the present administration through the "depletion allowance" gadget. This "evasion" is based upon the false assumption that the average life of a producing well is approximately three years.

SO ONCE again "it is nice to work if you can get it." And the Grand Old Party HAS it. But as indicated above, we believe the "day of reckoning" is bound to come eventually, and it may well be not as far off, as the skipper of this department now fears.—R.W.R.

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.

Replies to Attack. To the Editor: I have just sent following wire to editor of Post Standard newspaper, Syracuse, New York, in reply to bitter attack made upon Sen. Richard Neuberger and myself in Syracuse speech:

"Understand that Ernest W. Swiger, President of National Association of Manufacturers, spoke in Syracuse recently and made his usual bitter and falsifying attack on Sen. Richard Neuberger and myself. The comments reported in press, on Oregon election, are an insult to intelligence of voters of Oregon. Swiger's reactionary anti-labor and anti-social record are well known in Oregon and his political and economic philosophy was once again repudiated by the voters of Oregon in the 1956 election. His irresponsible tirades against labor would seem to indicate that he doesn't like it because workers also vote. What Swiger does not seem to realize is that an overwhelming majority of America's businessmen and business women, particularly small business people, do not share his reactionary political and economic philosophy.

When this news reached the Steering Committee group, the orders for demonstrations were again sent out. It was by now after midnight, which perhaps in part explains the quite bloodless and relatively unimpressive character of today's performance. Organization of the demonstrations was at least efficient. In the boys' school near that matchlessly bleak hotel, the Amman Club, for example, the 15, 16 and 17-year-olds began to assemble at 8:45 a.m., with their leader, one of the teachers, organizing them like an anxious sheep dog.

Juveniles Versus Police. To the Editor: And thank you, Comrade Unger, for expressing the sentiments of many of us who are unable to state them so well. It certainly is about time some voice the interests of those who have raised children with due respect for the law and the rights of others.

Thank you for bringing this letter to the attention of your many readers. By placing it in the Letter Box column of your paper you will be making a generous contribution to a great national program.

A Hornets Nest. To the Editor: It seems I have, unwittingly, stirred up a hornets' nest. I assure both Mr. Gabler and Mr. Hurst that they have my sympathy if they have been abused or misused by the police and other authorities of Medford, or Jackson county. I hope they have misunderstood or have exaggerated things, or are just "trying me out." I had rather it should be the latter.

Let me tell you that I have not been overlooked by the law enforcement departments. I, too, violated the law, and I, too, paid the penalty exacted by the law. For that I hold no resentment. I was guilty, as charged, so why should I be angry at the law? The law officers were only carrying out the duties assigned them. I was used with civility throughout the whole matter. There was no cause for anger.

Every organization has one or more "black sheep," even to the churches. There are NO exceptions. Or, at least, I have never found one in all my 78 years. On the whole, I have found the Medford police of high moral character, civil, and firm in the performance of their duties. More, you cannot ask for any one.

If either or both of you have been keeping track of events as pertaining to juveniles you are aware of the fact that delinquency has been increasing with wild fire speed. If permitted to run its course we shall soon have a nation of juvenile outlaws. Some one MUST do something to check this course.

But although the Amman demonstrations ended quietly, much more massive demonstrations are reported to have occurred in the pro-Egyptian Left-wing strongholds of the west bank of the Jordan. Troops and tanks still ring Amman, holding the heights around the city; and they still ring the west-bank towns, too. And the force on the King's side confronts real force on the other side.

Among the pro-Egypt and Left-wing leaders and organizers there are many who are venal and corrupt. But among the young people, whom they are able to whip up into such storms of emotion, there is no venality. There is sincerity, if misguided conviction.

Furthermore, arms have been smuggled from Syria and arms have been sold—notably by Maj. Gen. Ali Hayari—to the supporters of the Left-wing parties. So the comparative tea party we had today may turn into something very different tomorrow. The test of nerves, if this is all it is, is by no means finished yet.

POTLUCK

Yesterday was the pear blossom festival, and a nice one it was, too, with the sun shining, the shoppers shopping, the kids kidding, the police policing, and so on.

The week following Easter we received a plaintive missive from the Camp White Veterans' domiciliary to the effect that, while the domiciliary feeds the members well, there was one thing missing from the Easter Sunday menus there. Easter eggs.

We offer you one guess as to the political inclinations of the woman who acquired, by roundabout means, a male cat the other day, and has named it John Foster Dulles because it travels widely, yowls loudly, and doesn't seem to accomplish much of anything. It has a mate, incidentally, named Castastrophe, and the lady reports the two always seem on the brink of war.

So until recently, we'd been enamored of the name of one of the country roads, which was known as Sticky Lane. The name was graphic, descriptive and unusual, and so seemed to fill all the requirements for a satisfactory nomenclature appellation. Perhaps it was just too apt, for the county court changed the name the other day at the behest of the residents of the area. It is now McLaughlin drive. Since it has nothing whatsoever to do with Dr. John McLaughlin, it probably will ... er ... stick.

This reminds us of a public school in Coos county which was named after the area in which it was located. Blossom Gulch School, that's what they called it. Some people tried to change it, but the people who lived there would have nothing to do with that. Blossom Gulch it was and Blossom Gulch it remains. So there.

We saw the comet again Friday night. It's now between 20 and 30 million miles away, and rushing off into outer space at a great rate. One astronomer was quoted in the Oregonian to the effect that it had lost about half its tail while circling the sun, but it didn't look that way to the naked eye. The dim streak of stardust is plainly visible except when obscured by haze, clouds or city lights.

Daylight saving time starting in about one-third of the states won't bother most people too much around here, except that some of their radio and television programs will be coming at a different time. But the advent of fast time causes a headache for a lot of people, including radio and TV schedule-makers, the men who have to work out bus, train and plane schedules, and such like.

At the newspaper the biggest effect it has is to cause us to set almost all of the radio and TV schedule logs over again, all week long.

The change in telephone numbers, which took place last night, is another thing which won't bother most people too much. They'll get used to the new prefixes away, probably. But consider the newspaper employees in charge of the classified ad department. They had to go through all the ads which have been running and change the old telephone numbers to the new ones. At a minimum, this involves checking each one in a new telephone book, and at worst, in those cases where a phone number only is listed, calling that number, getting the name, looking it up in the new book, and then changing the number.

Siskiyou County Budget Increases

Yreka — The 1957-58 Siskiyou county budget totals \$4,797,286, an increase of \$10,289 over the current budget. Although capital outlay expenditures decreased, there were provisions for many salary increases for county employees. Employees will receive \$129,041 more under the new budget than they did last year.

Capital outlay expenditures dropped \$154,452 under the total for 1956-57. Estimated capital outlay expenditures for 1957-58 will be \$323,474. Maintenance and operations appropriations were increased \$25,700 for an estimated total of \$2,848,356 for the coming fiscal year.

That teaching is strictly up to the parent and no one else. But he cannot do the job from a beer hall while his children cry in a locked auto. This has happened right here in Medford. Think it over. Again I sign the name my father wore in honor and I hope I am following in his footsteps. Adios. Andy L. Unger, 634 Pennsylvania ave., Medford, Ore.