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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 May 2, 1947 (Friday)

Youths under 16 years of age cannot legally operate motor scooters, according to Traffic Officer Dick Baize.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The recent visit of the distinguished rain-maker, as yet has shown no results, which are needed.

20 YEARS AGO May 2, 1937 (Sunday)

Face value of building permits issued during April totals \$34,610, about a \$1,000 decrease compared to April of 1936.

Tomatoe planting in the valley will not start before May 10 because of frost danger, according to Ralph E. Koozer, manager of the Bagley Cannery, Ashland.

30 YEARS AGO May 2, 1927 (Monday)

Medford Chamber of Commerce membership committee, composed of A. E. Orr, J. C. Thompson and Carl Swigart, start annual membership drive.

Medford Realty Board and Wolf the Tire Man will present programs today over the Mail Tribune-Virgin radio station, KMED.

40 YEARS AGO May 2, 1917 (Wednesday)

Mayor Gates indicates he may oppose gambling in Medford card rooms.

The "Baby Week" eugenics test which was to have been conducted by the parents' educational bureau is postponed.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. In 1831 four-wheeled trucks were introduced on cars in the South Carolina Railroad. Were these the first car-trucks ever used?

2. Near what Italian city is the Lake of Nemi?

3. Bible: Were the mercenaries used by Herod Germans, Gauls and Thracians, or were they Roman troops?

4. The extinct dodo bird could or could not fly?

5. Craniometry is the study of cranes, the measurement of skulls, or the culture of cranberries?

6. What is the name for the process of curing leather?

7. Which is longer, the coastline of Florida or of California?

8. In which American war was Richard Harding Davis a star war-reporter?

9. Which of these two words expresses rest, and which motion: "in" and "into"?

10. "When it cracks, it bears; when it bends, it breaks."—Unknown. To what 3-letter word does the proverb refer?

Answers: 1. Yes. 2. Rome. 3. Germans, Gauls and Thracians. 4. Could not. 5. Measurement of skulls. 6. Tanning. 7. Florida. 8. Spanish-American War. 9. In rest; into, motion. 10. Ice.

ACCIDENT TOTAL

Boston—(U.P.)—The Institute for Safer Living, estimating that all U. S. accidents last year cost a total of \$10.8 billion, pointed out that this would build 1,000,000 new homes.

Oregon's Tax Phobia

Regardless of party, no resident of Oregon favors a tax program, so out of line with competing states, that it would either keep prospective residents from moving here, or impel present residents to move away.

As the tax system for the next biennium approaches completion however, there are loud outcries from various and sundry sources, that this outrage is being contemplated and unless there is some sort of grass roots tax revolt, it will be consummated.

WE TRUST we will be pardoned if we contemplate these "cries of wolf" with a certain scepticism and accept them with several grains of salt.

At any rate we would like more proof of any such egress or lack of ingress, than has been presented to date as far as taxes are concerned.

TAXES, everyone knows, are high. And as inflation continues, slowly but surely, they are bound to be higher.

But we seriously question if any established business in the state is considering moving either to California or Washington, because of the state tax situation. And we question with equal seriousness that any prospective settler, favorably impressed with Oregon as a place in which to live, abandoning the idea because of any tax barrier.

IN SHORT, we believe this "noise and fury" about the catastrophic results of the tax program proposed, is essentially a political smoke-screen, behind which those who wish to increase their net profits, by radical unfair tax slashes, hide.

It is our conviction that both from the standpoint of present residents and prospective ones, a far more important factor would be the quality of the public schools of the state and educational advantages as a whole for their children.

Yet almost without exception those who are yelling the loudest about the catastrophic effect of prospective taxes, are also most vehement in their opposition to higher taxes for education, which would place Oregon in a position to successfully compete with the school systems of neighboring states, instead of being, woefully outclassed.

IN OTHER words, if we were asked what two items would contribute most to the continued growth and prosperity of Oregon we would without hesitation name, LOWER rates for electric power and HIGHER standards for lower and higher education.

Yet the press of the state, with a few notable exceptions is either indifferent to both, or actively and persistently opposing them.

It is really difficult to understand. But no one who is willing to make a careful objective survey of Oregon's newspapers and their policies as a whole would, we believe, for a moment deny it.—R.W.R.

How About 100% Americans?

The objection of Solid South states like Mississippi and Alabama to school integration is depressing but understandable.

That the proponents of this "white-supremacy" doctrine should proclaim and laud it as a badge of "100% Americanism", ISN'T.

For that claim is not only untrue but the exact reverse of the truth.

THE foundation of American democracy is the constitution. And that document provides that it is the function of the U.S. Supreme Court and only this court to interpret it.

The constitution plainly states that in this country there shall be no discrimination, because of race, color or religion.

The Supreme Court has interpreted that declaration as meaning segregation in the schools of the country because of race or color is unconstitutional—a violation of the country's basic law.

These state leaders in the south who oppose this decision—often by force—may still claim state rights are superior to national rights, or that "white supremacy" is essential to white survival. But they can't RIGHTFULLY claim they are good Americans, 100%, 50 or what have you.

They may be good husbands, fathers, brothers or politicians but they are NOT good Americans, they are ANTI-Americans, and one has only to read the constitution and their records, regarding the Negro question, to prove it.—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.

The Cosmic Cycle

To the Editor: In the year 1910 after Haley's comet made its appearance, another comet was discovered by an African astronomer and called De Rake's comet. It was plainly visible in the northwestern skies for several weeks, finally losing its long fiery tail before the comet bowed out. Now we read of Arend-Roland, a sky rover with a split tail visible to earth dwellers. All kinds of omens were attached to any object with a forked tail in ancient times, especially alluded to as Satan or the old serpent. We have read where it takes the sun's universe around 26,000 years to make a complete cycle of its orbit measured in time and space. It is no wonder or speculation that new

comets and objects, called flying saucers or discs show up occasionally. So, our lives, like the starry messengers above, may travel thousands of years to complete the cosmic cycle in the realm of eternity.

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman st. Medford, Ore.

CARS TOO BIG

London—(U.P.)—Scotland Yard said today London bobbies are towing in battered small cars and ignoring shiny Rolls-Royces illegally parked on London's crowded streets. They explained the Yard does not have adequate equipment to tow the heavier cars. They are getting tickets where they sit.



In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

MYSTERY in the news:

An "unidentified object" has been seen over the English Channel. It was picked up by British radar. It was flying so fast that jet fighters (the British jets are no slouches in the way of speed) couldn't catch up with it. British officials have ordered a full investigation.

Well, at least it adds to the spice of living.

Everybody loves a mystery story.

THE United States has offered the tiny kingdom of Jordan ten million dollars in immediate aid—which, the dispatches this morning report, King Hussein's government is "expected to accept." It's probably a reasonable expectation.

Refusals of American handouts have been far and far between.

Let's be serious for a moment.

TWENTY-two-year-old Hussein, monarch of a postage stamp realm that was created out of raw and unproductive desert for the artificial purpose of giving the British Empire a toe-hold in the Middle East, has displayed courage and stamina in upsetting a communist scheme to take over Jordan as another Russian satellite. He was enabled to get away with it because the Jordanian army stayed loyal to him.

The Chicago News correspondent in Amman, Jordan's capital, reported the other day that Jordan's army HASN'T BEEN PAID FOR FOUR WEEKS—the reason being that Hussein's treasury is

Editorial Comment

DULLES UNDER FIRE

The Wall Street Journal nest-birds Mr. Dulles on his own petard when it quotes what he said when Red China lowered the bamboo curtain on western newsmen:

"The effect of this order is to bolt out completely objective reporting in the Communist-occupied territory of China." Now that Red China has invited at least a limited number of U.S. reporters and photographers the Dulles order has an effect similar to that decreed by him when China raised its bars in 1949.

Mr. Dulles will just have to take to the bushes on his order. It won't stand up either in logic or against the cumulative pressures of newsgathering and dispensing agencies. The newsmen are ready to go at their own risk. The Dulles leash should be cut.

On the other front the state department admits it is ready to review its sanctions on trade with Red China, but only for its allies, not for U. S. traders. This is a concession to Britain and Japan and West Germany who think they can do business with the Communists in China, and is made in realization of the fact that unless trade is liberalized the other countries may just toss overboard the whole boycott business.

The boycott hasn't hurt China much, and its extension seems pointless. If the U.S. moves to end it, and State agrees to give visas to reporters who wish to visit Red China, a break will have been made in the rigid anti-China policy which has con-

tributed to freezing the dispute in the Far East. That opening might lead to a settlement of other issues, and that is the proper goal of our Far Eastern policy.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

A RAW DEAL

When the Office of Defense Mobilization announced last week that Idaho Power Co. would be permitted to write off in five years most of the depreciation on two dams it is building in the Hells Canyon stretch of the Snake river the howls of protest could be heard from Washington for miles around. ODM is granting this permission under provisions of the 1951 tax law, designed to encourage private construction of defense-essential plants. However, ODM some time ago stopped granting tax benefits for generating projects on the ground they were no longer essential for defense preparedness.

Those people who are asking why an exception is being made in the case of Idaho Power Co. have a very good question. It has been evident for a long time that Idaho Power Co. has some powerful friends in Washington, but we had not suspected they would even consider a deal as raw as this one. We had thought the outcome of the Dixon Yates adventure had convinced them there were some favors government couldn't do for big business.—Pendleton East Oregonian

FOOD DEGREE

Chicago—(U.P.)—Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, is the first institution in the United States to offer a degree-granting course in food engineering.

Evidence of Soviet Softening On Disarmament Plans is Seen

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent Soviet Russia seems to be gradually softening its attitude toward a satisfactory disarmament inspection.

It has now offered a plan under which large areas of the United States, Western Europe and the Soviet Union would be open to aerial survey. Agreement on such a system

of inspection is a necessary first step toward any disarmament treaty, as a guarantee against cheating.

Russia's new offer, made at the United Nations Disarmament Conference in London, can hardly be called big-hearted.

For instance, inspection planes with photographic equipment would be permitted to fly over Alaska, the entire United States west of the Mississippi river, and most of Western Europe.

Areas Equal On Paper They would fly over most of Communist Eastern Europe, a very small part of western Russia and a large part of Siberia.

On paper, the Russian proposal calls for the opening up of an equal area of Soviet and American territory, including Alaska, and most of Allied Western Europe.

Actually, the whole of Alaska, a great part of the United States and nearly all of the highly industrialized countries of Allied Western Europe would be open to Russian inspection.

But almost all of western Russia, containing the greater part of Soviet war industries, would remain closed territory.

This proposal, in its present form, is obviously unsatisfactory.

Red Concession Seen

Its first importance, however, lies in the fact that little by little the Soviet government seems to be coming around to admitting the necessity of an efficient means of inspection.

That is a big concession for the Russian Communist leaders to make. Russia always has been one of the most secretive countries in the world. That was true even under the czars, incidentally.

In their reluctance to opening up their territory for inspection, Soviet leaders are not only trying to conceal their war potential.

Allied inspection planes, with their remarkably penetrating photographic equipment, would be able to spot weaknesses as well as strengths in Russia's industrial facilities.

Allied optimism has been growing since the U.N. Disarmament Subcommittee, on which the United States, Canada, Great Britain, France and Russia are represented, started its current meeting March 18.

Optimism Warnings

Authoritative informants at the London meeting are now warning against too much optimism. Such warnings are justified in view of Russia's record of evasion on the inspection issue.

But the Russian attitude does seem to be softening.

One reason, as has been pointed out, undoubtedly is the growing alarm of the Soviet government over the threat presented to it by Allied bases in Europe, North Africa and Asiatic Turkey—bases from which nuclear missiles as well as nuclear bomb-carrying planes could attack.

The Soviet alarm can hardly have been lessened by the firm way in which its threats to Allied countries of dire retaliation have been rejected.

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FIVE CHIEF AND COSTLY REASONS

In the face of indisputable logic, common sense, self interest, and pleas from estate planners, many people still die intestate. Why? The five chief reasons are shown below. If any or all have been keeping you from acting, may we suggest that you call your attorney for an appointment today.

1. Lack of Knowledge About Consequences—Not everybody realizes that if he doesn't have a will the state draws one for him according to the impersonal laws of intestacy. Under such a setup there's little chance that property will be distributed in accordance with the estate owner's wishes.

2. Avoiding Reality—People don't like to entertain thoughts of their own death, as they must do when they prepare a will. If you don't face this reality now for just the short time it takes to prepare a will, your family may have to face a grim reality for years after you die.

3. Procrastination—Nobody expects to die today or tomorrow. "There's plenty of time" to draw a will, buy insurance, complete estate plan. Famous last words.

4. False Modesty—"My estate is too small to bother with." This is not true since it is obviously even more important to conserve property, if you don't have too much of it. And you probably have more than you think.

5. Misconception about Attorneys and Fees—The fee for a will is generally modest. The fee for not drawing a will is generally very high in terms of loss of tax advantages, inequitable distribution, and aggravation for your heirs. Every family should have an attorney, just as it has a family physician, in whom members can feel free to confide.

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