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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

July 21, 1947 (Monday) Threatened strike for locomotive engineers against the Southern Pacific railway company is set for 6 p.m. today.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smo'dge Pot column: The "Flying Saucers" are now off the public minds. Even a large one, flying low and wearing Russian whiskers, would cause no comment.

20 YEARS AGO

July 21, 1937 (Wednesday) Medford representatives at the International Boy Scout Jamboree held in Washington, D.C., this month returned home.

John A. Clark, superintendent of the sewage disposal plant, submits resignation to the council.

30 YEARS AGO

July 21, 1927 (Thursday) Medford citizens recommend tourist signs advertising new pure Medford water.

Honey bees are blamed as indirect cause for Talent grass fire.

40 YEARS AGO

July 21, 1917 (Saturday) Members of Oregon State Hotel association arrive from Roseburg convention to visit Crater Lake park.

New effort is made for irrigation district.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Was a post office established in London before the 16th century?

2. Name the capital of the Dominion of Canada.

3. Bible: What was Pilate's first name?

4. The year 1900 was, or was not, a Leap Year?

5. A hurdy-gurdy is a form of transportation, musical instrument, or child's game?

6. Must 14, 16, or 18 ciphers be added to the figure 1 to make a quintillion?

7. Salt water does, or does not, freeze?

8. Tripe is obtained from swine, cattle, or poultry?

9. Is the "g" pronounced like a "j" in both "dinghy" and "dingy"?

10. Did Harry Von Tilzer write the words to "I'd Leave My Happy Home For You"?

Answers: 1. No. (1656). 2. Ottawa. 3. Pontius. 4. Was not. 5. Musical instrument. 6. Eighteen. 7. Does. 8. Cattle. 9. No, only in "dingy". 10. No. The music. Words by Will A. Heelan.

Blown Fuse Puts Out City Traffic Lights

Two sets of traffic lights were out for about two hours Saturday morning when a transformer fuse blew in back of the California Oregon Power company home office.

Lights were out at the Main and Grape sts. intersection and at Sixth and Grape sts. between about 8:45 and 10:45 a.m.

Editorial Correspondence . . .

En route to San Francisco from Denver via the California "Zephyr," July 17—This is another nice train—air-cooled, comfortable and excellent service.

President Russell of the SP some years ago predicted the doom of passenger travel by rail, particularly the Pullman type. We wonder if the head of the SP isn't the victim of "wishful thinking."

His only serious interest being profits, no doubt he would like to see the least profitable part of the railroad business eliminated. After a Pullman round trip of over 6,000 miles nearing completion, we doubt if his golden dream will be realized—in the foreseeable future at least.

There are just too many Americans who not only like to travel but like to see the country en route—not only see a steering wheel or the tops of trees!

There are 20 passenger cars on this "streamliner," all but four Pullmans and of the most modern type. They are filled, as are the four "astra domes," and cameras are almost as thick as the short sleeved sports shirts and slacks.

In short the tourist season has started and it is hard for your correspondent to see the time when this "see the country" urge is going to be satisfied by all night coach travel, freight trains or supersonic super rocket planes.

We chatted with one of the passengers, a doctor from Chicago, who is also a movie camera fan. He was shooting from the astradome and in the Feather River canyon "shot" a deer.

He shared our view of the President of the "Friendly SP" and hoped his defeatist railroad policy would not prevail. He said he had taken many plane trips, a number necessitated by the emergency nature of his profession, but that when he took a vacation at home or abroad, he wanted to see the people where they lived and what they were doing, and not only the most comfortable but the best way to do so was by train. As for foreign countries, he added, the chief joy to him was the relaxing, leisurely boat trip getting there.

In the realm of prediction the undersigned has no crystal ball. We willingly concede that President Russell is far better qualified to predict the future of the railroad business in the country than he. But one thing for sure, if a vote were taken on this train the Chicago doctor's verdict would not only be supported, but with three cheers and a "tiger."

Judging by this swing-around-the-circle, now nearly completed, here is a tip for Bill Barker, to-wit:

West of Chicago men's styles are changing. The one and only dictate is COMFORT. If you feel more comfortable to take your shoe laces out of your shoes and use them as a necktie—ok, do so. If you prefer a sleeveless "T" shirt and shorts, don't hesitate to throw your coat and pants into the ash can. If you don't like socks don't forget the popularity once enjoyed by Hon. "Socks-less" Simpson. If you don't like to shave pay no attention to the Gillette "Calvacade of Sports" and grow whiskers. Also if you have been wearing a hat and (except in hot weather) a vest, shame on you—throw both of them away, for in this prevailing "comfort first" campaign, such horse-and-buggy appendages are just NOT done. Finally if you haven't a sports shirt—preferably depicting in vivid colors a bull fight or Elvis Presley in a tuxedo costume—get busy and buy a dozen.

In short, William, from a car window and aisle at least, this year the prevailing style for men will be no style at all. Be comfortable, is the watchword, even if it makes the observers uncomfortable, and you have to go barefoot to do it.

San Francisco, July 18—At last after 10 weeks search for a cool spot we have found it. Instead of the Golden Gate following the rest of the country and putting on "unusual weather," here climatically it is normal for July and delightful. For the first time since May Day a sweater and a top coat would be comfortable instead absurd and out of place. Granddaddy can even wear a vest without being conspicuous. "California here we are" and San Francisco is proving once more that as a summer resort it has the world beat.—R.W.R.

Inflation Controls

Economists in general agree that the hottest problem of the day may be inflation, but they disagree widely on what kind of inflation we have and what to do about it. The indications point to no great change in the government's policy of "monetary restraint"—tight money to most of us—as the main answer in time of peace.

President Eisenhower on June 26, on the eve of wage and price increases in steel, urged labor and management to follow "statesmanlike price and wage policies." A fortnight earlier, William McC. Martin Jr., chairman of the Federal Reserve board, told a Joint Congressional Economic subcommittee that "the only way we have of meeting this inflationary situation, whatever it is, is to restrain demand by monetary and fiscal means"—tight money. Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey on July 12, winding up four weeks of testimony before the Senate Finance committee, said that he felt "inflationary pressures already may be abating."

MARTIN'S statement indicated no immediate change from a message transmitted by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors on May 24 to the chief Congressional groups studying economic policy. After a year-long study of consumer installment credit—now at an all-time record of \$32 billion—the board concluded that under peacetime conditions "a special peacetime authority to regulate consumer installment credit is not now advisable."

The Eisenhower administration has so far followed a policy of avoiding even stand-by direct economic controls since the Defense Production act expired on April 30, 1953. In his first State of the Union message, President Eisenhower summed up the familiar case against controls: "They have proved largely unsatisfactory or unworkable. They have not prevented inflation; they have not kept down the cost of living."

CONGRESS at this session is hardly likely to furnish the President stand-by controls on its own initiative, as the 81st Congress did President Truman in 1950. Even after the outbreak of Korean hostilities, Truman had asked no wage and price controls. But Congress was deeply impressed by Bernard Baruch, who warned on July 26, 1950, that need for all-out mobilization was "sufficiently grave to warrant an overall ceiling across the entire economy."

Congress had been less generous to Truman in the "special sessions" of 1947 and 1948. Only a few—the least important—of the recommendations in his 10-point anti-inflation program were accepted in 1947. When an angry Congress was called back to Washington after the nominating conventions in 1948, the only legislation in this field was restoration of the wartime Regulation W authority.—E.R.R.



"I KNOW ONE THING SHE CAN'T BLAME ON ME: THAT LOUSY CAKE!"

Matter of Fact

By Joe and Stewart Alsop

THE END IS NOT YET

London—Now that more is known about the circumstances of Nikita S. Khrushchev's triumph in the Kremlin at least one fairly firm and highly important conclusion can be drawn from it.

The collapse of the famous system of "collective rule" is almost certainly a mere intermediate convulsion in the strange, convulsive process of Soviet evolution.

The reasons for this conclusion have little to do with personalities. It may well be true that Premier Bulganin will later be replaced; it may also be true that Marshal Zhukov will be the chosen replacement.

But such changes of personalities, if they occur will still be less significant than the changes of a quite different sort that have already been revealed by the recent events in Moscow. These are broad and basic changes in the inner relationships of Soviet society.

One of these great changes may be inferred from facts already rather widely discussed. In brief, it now seems clear that Molotov, Malenkov and their allies originally commanded an actual majority, and perhaps a very heavy majority including Bulganin himself, in the crucial vote against Khrushchev in the Soviet Presidium.

WITH a majority against him, Khrushchev had only one way to appeal from the hostile Presidium to the friendly Central committee. Marshal Zhukov, speaking for the armed forces, had to insist upon "Soviet legality." There are credible reports from Moscow that the call to the Central committee was indeed issued in this manner, under threat of force.

These reports are in turn confirmed by other evidence. For example, the call to the committee must have been both hurried and imperative, since the Soviet ambassador to France, Vinogradov, actually left Paris towards midnight and drove hell for leather all the way to Berlin, in order to catch a plane that would take him to the committee's opening meeting.

Because Marshal Zhukov almost certainly intervened to help Khrushchev, many people now predict that Zhukov will succeed Bulganin as Premier. If it occurs, this promotion to the Premiership of the one Soviet leader who is a true popular hero, with hands unquestionably clean of the blood of the Stalin years, will be an event of vast meaning.

But it will still be less meaningful than the simple fact of Marshal Zhukov's intervention. Here was the first display of political power by the Soviet military class. As wide a judge as former Ambassador to Moscow Charles Bohlen used to maintain that "the political influence of the Red Army in the Soviet Union was about equal to the political influence of the Salvation Army in the United States." And that used to be the case.

BUT that is no longer the case, as Bohlen himself was the first to recognize. Furthermore, the officer corps of the Soviet armed services is not only a social group with considerable inner coherence. It is also being transformed into an hereditary caste by the device of the special schools for officers' children, which strongly resemble the special cadet schools that trained the officer caste in Hohenzollern Germany.

In sum, this officer caste now in formation in the Soviet Union has for the first time staked a claim in politics. Thus the question of the political role of the Soviet armed services has been decisively posed. And this is the kind of question that, once posed, remorselessly demands an eventual answer.

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 initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Bar Businessmen?

To the Editor: Could it be a good policy in the future to prevent local businessmen from becoming councilmen?

Ours have clearly demonstrated their reluctance to permit new business to enter our city. It's very apparent their interest is a selfish one, in which they won't permit upsetting their apple cart.

The growth of any community is dependent upon invested capital, capital which in turn will employ and attract others to that community. How else are we to grow if the need is not first sown?

Competition should not really frighten our local businessman unless he is like the small child that is fearful of what he doesn't understand nor want. Surely this country has demonstrated the results of competition. It has enabled everyone of us to enjoy a finer way of life as well as a more profitable one. Out of competition our country has grown, and likewise our community will follow the same path, if allowed to.

As an answer to one of the reasons given for not approving Sears new store, "they" tell us of plans to expand our City Park in the future. Would it not be just as well to consider a West Side location for another City Park? It is needed. Aside from that, I agree we will need a larger park, particularly so, considering the policy of our council. We'll need more park benches for the increasing amount of unemployed in our City.

James A. Lowman, P.O. Box 924, Medford, Ore.

Pat on Back

To the Editor: I am one to condemn and criticize, but at the same time I believe I am one to commend, pat on the back and say "well done," depending upon actualities.

In a previous letter I dealt sort of rough with our city councilmen when I felt they were being led by the nose by "King Pins" etc., as to their handling of the \$50,000 item on the budget for "off street parking." I still feel that way. However, I must "back-water" a little because of the manner in which they acted and the interest they showed on subject matters presented at the last hearing Thursday night.

All city residents should show their appreciation of council action on the zoning of Phipps property to allow Sears store to come to Medford. Why not be as anxious to give a slap on the back for a job well done as we are to criticize? I feel the council members will appreciate it.

Ray O. DeMarrs, 88 West Second St., Medford, Ore.

More Fish Discussion

To the Editor: Since M. H. Williams of Shady Cove saw fit to publicly take me to task over remarks reportedly made by me, I would like to publicly give a rebuttal.

Mr. Williams, what you read was not a verbatim account of what was said. Before attempting the easy exercise of jumping to conclusions, you might have called or written me and found out my exact remarks.

My remarks pertaining to salmon referred to where and how they are caught. When I spoke of fishing for larger fish I was speaking of trout and I made the plea because of the tremendous pressure the young downstream migrating salmon and steelhead are now subjected to every spring. I feel that since trout over a foot long are cannibals the larger trout should be our game. They are naturally more wary and can easily withstand the fishing pressure. Those fine catches of seven and eight inch fish which are caught out of the Rogue every spring are the fish that should be un-molested.

Your wish to leave the large salmon alone because of their quality during June and July and because they are the source of future generations has some merit. Despite this they provide excellent sport and certainly are a resource we can use sparingly. Perhaps a shorter season or a one fish a day limit might be in order, anyway until their numbers show some increase.

The group I represent is not a sportsman's group; it is an organization of conservationists who may also be sportsmen, but they are conservationists first.

Hank De Voss, Talent, Ore.

TV Complaint

To the Editor: I am a constant viewer of TV over KBES-TV station and we have enjoyed many of their programs, but just recently most of the programs have been repeats. We don't mind some, but what enjoyment is there in a picture you have already seen before?

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contribution)



Our favorite society editor got back to the daily grind last week after a hectic journey which took her to Washington, Philadelphia, and provided some fascinating reading for her "Potpourri" column. She is shown above as she appeared, tired but game, a few minutes after returning to her desk.

The "welcome home" signs are the creation of artist-photographer-reporter Bob Vroman—who also couldn't resist snapping a picture of the returned "foreign correspondent."

We were rather shocked when Potpourri returned to find that she must have picked

not even let you know what it is. When they do, it seems it happens to be in the network, but never at the station. It's a good thing they have something to blame it on. Like today when "Truth or Consequences" came on, it went completely off and no explanation whatsoever as to what the trouble was.

Why not bring some of these programs back on TV, Badge 714, Championship Bowling, I Led Three Lives, China Smith, Gun Smoke and there are others too numerous to mention. These are good programs and are enjoyed by all. I heard that they had plenty of sponsors, so why not get them to put these programs on TV? We also would like some western shows. They expect us to buy their products, then why not give us something we like and enjoy?

We enjoy TV very much and it is our only recreation, so if possible, PLEASE do something about it. So here's hoping. W. J. Moore, Gold Hill, Ore.

Fall Out

To the Editor: I am writing you this letter to see if you can do something about this Fall Out. It just seems to hit everybody in the stomach. Everybody round the Valley seems to be complaining. Now you take the day I have to spray the Aphis. I always seem to pick a day they explode one of those bombs down in Nevada because the Fall Out seems to hit my stomach, well maybe not right then but a little later on but it either spray the Aphis or no roses.

Well, then you take Monday, right on the days everybody has to wash, seems funny how they pick wash day for another explosion and more Fall Out, but I try to hurry and get thru before the Fall Out comes along, so I get the tub ready, dump in the detergent, that Oh No, that detergent don't hurt no body, it's highly advertised but as I started to say, I dump in the detergent and believe it or not, Monday Fall Out again and I got a sick stomach before I can finish my washing. So Mr. Editor won't you please write down there and see if you can't do something about this Fall Out over our Valley.

Name on file, Medford, Ore.

CITY PARKING

We mentioned recently that Milwaukee, Wis., was enlarging its municipal off-street parking facilities and that two-thirds of the cities over 10,000 population own and operate one or more municipal lots.

Here are some more figures on the subject from the Public Administration Bulletin. Of the 1,130 cities of 10,000 or over reporting to the clearing house, 746 have municipal off-street parking and they own 2,872 lots, an average of four lots per city. During 1956, 66 of them established municipal off-street parking lots for the first time and 303 added facilities to those already in operation.

Several larger cities also started in the municipal parking business during 1956. Among them were Baltimore, Md.; Chicago, Jersey City, N. J.; Elizabeth, N. J.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Providence, R. I.; Reading, Pa.; and Utica, N. Y.

It would appear that Eugene, if it should go into municipal off-street parking, would not be a pioneer in this field. In fact, we would be joining a large majority of cities which have realized that in the auto age, parking facilities are just as important as streets and highways.—Eugene Register-Guard

The IQ quiz printed recently in the Mail Tribune asked for the plural of "you." Two answers have been provided us by one of our functionaries: 1. Down south it's you-all. 2. In Montana, it's sheep.