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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
Sept. 1, 1947 (Tuesday)
Both Medford banks were besieged today by scores of veterans eager to cash their terminal leave bonds.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot Column: "Two American students and a British artist have arrived at Helsinki, Finland, after detention in the Russian version."

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 1, 1937 (Wednesday)
Crater lake national park travel has passed the 170,000 mark for the 1937 season, approximately 15,000 visitors ahead of the 1936 schedule.

Officers and men of Company "A" and headquarters company 186th infantry, of the Oregon national guard were back at their regular occupations today after two weeks of intensive training and maneuvers.

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 1, 1927 (Thursday)
Bear creek to be straightened, widened and deepened by grubbing out trees and brush.

Protection of fish from foundering in irrigation canals is considered more complete on the Rogue river, state game commission officials say.

40 YEARS AGO
Sept. 1, 1917 (Saturday)
A total of 156 cars of Bartlett pears leave Medford as the season reaches mid-point.

Governor Withycombe has changed his mind so many times this season that it takes a mathematician to tell whether hunting season is closed or open.

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

1. Is there a customs union between Belgium, Netherlands, and Luxembourg?
2. What is the size of a "hand" as used in measuring the height of horses?

3. Bible: Were both Pithom and Ramses the classical bond cities of the Israelites in Egypt? If not, which one was?
4. The island of Sicily is part of which country?

5. Name the capital of the Virgin Islands of the U. S.
6. Name the British Prime Ministers who succeeded Winston Churchill.

7. The comic opera "The Mikado" deals with the life of what country?
8. How many keys are on a standard piano keyboard?

9. Is the phrase, "There! that job is over with!" in the sense of completed, slang, colloquial, or correct literary usage?
10. "Mad as a March"—hear, hare or hatter?

Answers: 1. Yes. 2. Four inches. 3. Yes, both were. 4. Italy. 5. Charlotte Amalie. 6. Clement Attlee and Sir Anthony Eden. 7. Japan. 8. Eighty-eight, 52 white and 35 black. 9. Slang. 10. "Hare."—J. Heywood.

INVITES NEWSMEN
Manila — (AP) — President Carlos P. Garcia today invited Western newsmen to cover the Philippines' November elections closely to see they are conducted fairly and freely. He denounced "certain" U.S. magazines and newspapers, which he did not identify, for stores accusing him of vote buying in the recent convention of the ruling Nationalist Party.

Congratulations!

The Shakespeare Festival in Ashland has ended its 1957 season in a blaze of glory, establishing a new attendance record and the Southern Oregon Golf Tournament in Medford ends tomorrow with a record-breaking performance in the same field—namely numbers.

They are, of course, very different in all other respects. The Ashland festival has become a national—even an international—institution of interest to students of the Elizabethan drama everywhere, while the golf tourney is principally a local and state performance, although there were entrants this year also from California, Utah and even as far away as Pennsylvania.

HOWEVER the two events have this in common: both started some years ago like the proverbial oaks from little acorns, and are now flourishing and flowering trees, with spreading roots deep in the surrounding soil, and the residents of the two cities justifiably proud of both achievements, and those hard working citizens in each community responsible for them.—R.W.R.

"Once in a Lifetime"

Speaking of golf, the undersigned thinks it proper to record the fact that after all these years of witnessing this great outdoor game north, south, east, west and in between, he saw a "hole-in-one" made in competitive tournament play for the FIRST TIME on Thursday afternoon, August 29th.

It was on the 17th hole and the player was Bob Norquist of Portland. Not only did the young man make a perfect hole-in-one—that is it was on the pin ALL the way—but this won him the match from Harry Millette—a tough break for H.M., but that is golf and he was given a birdie 2 as consolation!

All of which is nothing to excite "Sports Illustrated," get a double-page "lay-out" in Life, or a nation-wide broadcast over NBC, but it is something that young Norquist probably won't forget for it is the first hole-in-one he ever made, and as indicated the undersigned won't either.—R.W.R.

What Happened in Wisconsin?

We like the way both President Eisenhower and G.O.P. National Chairman Meade Alcorn took their stunning and surprising defeat in Wisconsin last Tuesday.

Said the President: "There is no hiding the fact we took a bad licking in Wisconsin."

And Chairman Alcorn echoed the verdict thus: "The plain fact is we got licked—and licked badly."

Thus the word "lick" receives a respectability and activity in the vocabulary of the "Grand Old Party," not accorded it for several years.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER did not elaborate but naturally the national chairman felt impelled to add a few words of hope and cheer if he could find them.

This was the net result: "The grim lesson of the Wisconsin outcome is our party must unite or face defeat in next year's congressional election and the 1960 presidential contest."

Very good but one is disposed to inquire "unite on WHAT?"

Two of the Republican senatorial candidates who proclaimed themselves advocates of "McCarthyism" in this Wisconsin contest did not get enough votes to cover Dave Beck's bald spot.

Yet in Wisconsin that seems to be still a live issue in certain influential segments of the Republican party.

Is there any prospect of "UNITY" on that? GOVERNOR WALTER J. KOHLER, the regular "G.O.P." candidate campaigned energetically and practically exclusively on the personal and political popularity of President Eisenhower and his "Modern Republicanism," with only a slightly veiled boost for the advantages and virtues of "Big Business" of which he is a prominent and prosperous member.

NOTHING wrong in that. But does Chairman Alcorn really BELIEVE that if this ultra-conservative and illiberal line is persisted in, the party of Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt can UNITE on it?

PERHAPS if the alternative appears to be defeat, a desperate attempt might be made, but we would doubt its success.

Or to express the same idea in another way—we doubt that lack of Republican unity is what caused the rout of the Elderly Pachyderm in Wisconsin last Tuesday. Our guess is the vote given Governor Kohler pretty accurately represented the maximum stand-pat G.O.P. strength in that commonwealth, as of today and now.

A more convincing explanation, as we see it, is that it is not "UNITY" the Grand Old Party needs so much for its political success and survival, as a new set of principles and ideals, both less completely out of line with the temper and the aspirations of not only the people as a whole of Wisconsin, but the people of the country—and as far as that goes the democratic peoples of the world.—R.W.R.



"WHY ARE YA GETTING SO EXCITED WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IM DOIN' YET?"

Matter of Fact

IS IT OPERATIONAL? Washington — Is the Soviet model of an intercontinental ballistic missile truly operational?

That is, is it a weapon capable of being used in war, rather than a mere prototype? And if it is operational, is it sufficient advanced for the Soviets to freeze on the model, as is their invariable custom when they are satisfied with a weapon, and proceed to mass-produce it?

Behind the bland mask of complacency which the Eisenhower administration has assumed for public purposes, there are the key questions which the Government's intelligence experts and policy-makers are anxiously asking. They are quite genuinely life-and-death questions. They cannot be answered with assurance. Yet they tell a lot about the real meaning of the latest Soviet ICBM test.

For the first thing to understand about the Soviet test is that it was not something new or unexpected. A multi-stage missile of intercontinental range is not born by immaculate conception. It is the culmination of a long process, involving a whole series of missile tests.

THE process started well over two years ago, when the Soviets began testing very large numbers of missiles of short and intermediate range, as first reported in this space. The process reached a decisive stage a few months ago, when the Soviets tested a first prototype model of their ICBM, as also first reported in this space.

The American Government has been aware of this process throughout, though the Administration has chosen to conceal it from the American people. The details of how the Government has known are of course properly secret. But certain obvious facts are public property—that radar is a line-of-sight instrument of theoretically unlimited range; and that ballistic missiles reach an altitude of hundreds of miles at the highest points in their trajectory, and are thus subject to radar detection at great range.

The Soviets' first prototype test of their ICBM was roughly comparable to the Air Force test of the American "Atlas" ICBM in April, with the difference that the Atlas test failed while the Soviet test succeeded. As this reporter pointed out in reporting the Soviet test: "There is a long, difficult road to travel between the first test firing of a prototype missile and the achievement of an operational weapons system."

HOW far have the Soviets now travelled along that road? Part of the answer, at least, is suggested by a comparison between the circumstances of the test of their ICBM and the circumstances of the test of the American "Atlas" ICBM in April, with the difference that the Atlas test failed while the Soviet test succeeded.

Under these circumstances, it is simply incomprehensible that the Eisenhower administration has chosen to tell the American people not to worry, and that everything is going to be all right.

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Sen. Neuberger Warns Against James Hoffa

Washington, D. C. — (Special) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger last week declared that the election of James Hoffa as president of the Teamsters union would be a setback for the labor movement.

In a speech in the senate, Senator Neuberger gave his reasons for this belief. Text of the speech follows: "Mr. President, I am one of those in public life who admires the men and women of the great trade union movement. The living standards of millions of families depend on the vitality and integrity of that movement. To its credit the labor movement has many achievements over the long and lonely years, often against bitter and unrelenting opposition. I doubt if our land today would have such enlightened programs as social security, unemployment compensation, and workmen's compensation."

trial-accident benefits were it not for the pioneering leadership of organized labor and its allies. "For all these reasons, Mr. President, I desire to address a brief appeal today from the senate floor to the members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. I urge them not to elect Mr. James R. Hoffa as their international president at the convention which will be held this fall. "I am not a member of the select senate committee which has been investigating this question. I only know what I have read in the press and in the detailed testimony taken by that committee. But I do know that millions of Americans will be bitterly disillusioned if one of the largest trade unions in the United States chooses as its national head a man who has had the type of associations and personal affiliations of Mr. Hoffa. Such disillusionment can only imperil the hard-won gains and benefits which have been secured by all of organized labor. Such disillusionment can only damage the teamsters union itself, with its hundreds of thousands of decent and sincere rank-and-file members who need protection in their jobs against exploitation and against a breakdown of wage and working standards. "Mr. President, in a great democracy like ours, I doubt if anyone can utterly flout public opinion. Commodore Vanderbilt said 'the public be damned,' but the public brought him and his fellow railroad magnates to book. The result, of course, was strict regulation of railroad financing rates, safety devices and labor conditions by the interstate commerce commission and by many other federal and state regulatory bodies. I trust the teamsters union will heed this warning and example. "I believe it was the great Emerson who said that public opinion cannot be seen but that, like air pressure, it is there all the time. The teamsters union will be ignoring public opinion if it selects Mr. James R. Hoffa to be president of one of the largest trade unions in the nation, and such a result is sure to be hurtful to labor in general and to the teamsters in particular. It can only jeopardize the idealism on which labor must rely for support. Because of the need for a labor movement which commands public respect and confidence, it is my hope that the teamsters turn to a successor to Dave Beck to some person who has never had underworld friendships or contacts. Among teamster leaders and members, I am certain that many such men can be found."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
How do you feel about congress' adjournment? Personally, I experience a sense of RELIEF when the congress adjourns and goes home. I don't just know why. Maybe it is due to a feeling that we have about ALL THE LAW WE CAN DIGEST ALREADY and that the addition of more laws will give us indigestion.

THAT brings up the special session of the Oregon legislature that has been called by the governor to find out what to do with an unexpected SURPLUS that developed because a tax guess was wrong. Is it a good idea? I wouldn't know—but I'm afraid it may turn out to be like Pandora's box. Pandora, you know, was given a box as a wedding gift. Some of her cagey friends warned her not to open it—it might be a SPITE gift. But she was curious. So she hid her husband. They opened it up. When the lid was lifted, out flew a swarm of noxious insects and stung them terribly.

CONSIDER these facts: When the special session is called to order, the legislature will be on its own. The governor will have no strings on it. It can do as it pleases. It will have a SURPLUS—maybe as much as 70 million dollars. It isn't impossible that everybody who wants money from the state, for this purpose or that, will descend on the legislature with the idea that NOW IS THE TIME TO GET IT. The time to get money, as everybody knows, is when money is on hand and available for appropriation. In that event, the taxpayers could get stung.

Another "Well, we should hope so!" headline, this one from the Oregon Statesman in Salem: Sun To Stay In Sky Today. It rhymes, too.

A man we know, father of a growing family, is looking around for a little larger house. He's done quite a bit of exploratory dicker, looking toward purchase or trade. The other day a man from another nearby city came to see him to discuss a deal, telling about his community, and making a great point of the excellence of the school system there, and what fine teachers and administrators it has. The point was not entirely lost on our man—whose father is superintendent of schools in the community in question. Other papers, too (we joyfully point out on occasion) have typographical difficulties. Like the Portland daily which recorded the bidding for construction of the new state correctional institution, and it came out "recreational" institution.

An SP freight (what else?) train grumbled slowly along the tracks outside our office the other day, letting out the low, groaning hoot which the diesels use to warn people—a far cry from the mysterious and faintly romantic whist of the steam-whistle of yesteryear. One of our younger staff members looked up, bemused, and said, "They're putting awfully sad whistles on trains, these days."

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

CO-EXISTENCE There seemed to be reason for thinking that the successful testing of the ballistic missile took place some time ago, and that the announcement by the Soviet government was held back for political and psychological reasons. If this indeed is the case, the timing of the announcement on Tuesday was shrewdly calculated.

For one thing, it comes just as the London disarmament talks are about to adjourn, and it will be read all over the world as meaning that no agreement having been reached in London to arrest the race of armaments, it is now a fact that the Russians are one jump ahead in the race.

Even if, as may well be, there is a big difference between being the first to announce the successful test and being the first to produce the missile in quantity, there is no doubt that the Russians have brought off a diplomatic coup. They have identified themselves first with the idea of abolishing nuclear weapons, and then with the idea that they are superior in nuclear weapons. There are a lot of people in the world who like to be

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MR DULLES is almost certainly facing the most serious problems of his career. They are very complicated in their details. But the crucial question is how this country, representing the Western World, can compete successfully with the Russian and the Chinese Communists—and compete with them for the attention and interest of the rising generation of the awakened and educated Asians. Our policies, as they have developed in recent years, have emphasized two things: One is defense against overt aggression by China or Russia; the other has been holding the loyalty of the local military men and upper bureaucrats against the penetration of the Communists.

Their real concern, as they win political independence, is how to raise their standard of life, how to modernize and so to industrialize, their backward economies. It is here that the Soviet Union has the advantage of us. For the swift rise of Russia from feudalism and weakness to great power is the example that tempts all underdeveloped countries. The American development, impressive though it is, is not an example that the Asians can follow. Everybody knows that what happened on this empty, rich, and secure continent cannot be duplicated in Asia.

IT may be rash to prophesy. But in my view the future of Asia, whether it is to be Communist or not, depends on what happens in India. In India it is still possible to prove that there is a good future for the people of Asia without the desperate methods of the totalitarian state. It is still possible to prove that the Western nations are genuinely concerned with the future of Asia.

No doubt, considering the present mood of Congress about foreign aid, it seems almost silly to say that the most important move that could now be made in foreign policy would be for the Western world, with the United States playing a principal part, to underwrite and to guarantee the success of the Indian development. But if we fail to do it, the day will come when we shall reproach ourselves bitterly for having, short-sightedly and in a small spirit, missed our last best chance to make and to keep friends in Asia.

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POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contribution)

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Some people can take liquor and some can leave it alone. An unidentified tourist in this area recently left it alone—but not intentionally. It seems that while he and his wife were camping on the Little Applegate several days ago, they inadvertently went off and left a nearly-full bottle of excellent grade hooch on the river bank, and the horrible realization of what they'd done didn't dawn on them until they got half way to their home in Vancouver, Wash.

The fact that the bottle might never be found by anyone who enjoyed rye whiskey, or worse still, might be broken by the rocks of some farm boy, worried the man. When he got home he wrote a letter addressed to the "police reporter" of the Mail Tribune. In it he gave detailed instructions on how to find the spot where the bottle lay, and suggested that if the "police reporter" wasn't interested, he should turn it over to someone else on the newspaper staff who was. The man, apparently a lover of good whiskey, couldn't bear the thought of it going to waste.

The letter, which was signed with a fictitious name, reads in part: "The bottle is in a brown paper sack, about three-quarters full at least. We each had one good drink, with a little one in the morning..." The instructions sounded like the description of a buried-treasure map, and the letter seemed so sincere that a search party (of one) was delegated from the Mail Tribune staff to investigate.

The directions were followed to the letter. There was the spot where the irrigation ditch crosses the road, the rocky knoll, the fence, the place to duck under the creek bank, and... the brown paper sack containing the bottle. Everything was just as he described, except maybe the bottle wasn't quite as full as he remembered.

The man and his wife, if they ever read this, can rest assured that the contents of the bottle will not go to waste. If nothing else, the smokers on the Tribune news staff, who outnumber the drinkers, can use the high grade stuff to fill their lighters.

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