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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. 5, 1947 (Friday)

County clean-up of coin devices is nearly complete, sheriff's office announces.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: No pedestrian has been killed by an auto in the metropolis this year so far. This speaks well for the drivers' courtesy and the leaping agility of the pedestrian.

20 YEARS AGO

Sept. 5, 1937 (Sunday)

Main Street Methodist church celebrates opening of auditorium.

Plans for the annual Armistice day celebration will be made at meeting of the Medford American Legion post.

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 5, 1927 (Monday)

Roseburg talent featured in Copco radio program.

A basket dinner and program are planned as part of the Southern Oregon Pioneer society celebration in Ashland Sept. 22.

40 YEARS AGO

Sept. 5, 1917 (Wednesday)

Women needed to aid Red Cross in mercy work here.

City council to consider firemen's request for increase in wages from \$70 to \$80 a month.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Which type of spaniel dog leads in popularity among the breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club?

2. What is the birthstone for March?

3. Bible: Is much known of the youth of Jesus?

4. After assassination was Mohandas K. Gandhi's body embalmed and sealed in a crypt?

5. Name the inventor of the telephone.

6. In which "low country" is the guilded monetary unit?

7. The young of elephants, whales, moose, and hippopotami are all called what?

8. Ergophobia is the fear of work, immodesty, or sharp curves?

9. "Holy, holy, holy!" Would it be correct to use "wholly," "wholly," or "holely," in an Old English sense, as interchangeable with "holly"?

10. The poem "Muckle mouth Meg" is one of Browning's; and Ballantine wrote "Muckle-mou'd Meg." Does "mou'd" mean mouth, mould, or stooped?

Answers: 1. Cocker Spaniel. 2. Bloodstone. 3. No. 4. No, it was cremated on a funeral pyre of sandalwood. 5. Alexander Graham Bell. 6. The Netherlands. 7. Calves. 8. Fear or dread of work. 9. No. Meaning of all three differ. 10. Mouth.

Grange Notes

Central Point Grange

The Central Point Grange will meet Friday, Sept. 6. The lecture hour will precede the business meeting and will start promptly at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Frank Perl, who was to show slides of France, Italy and Switzerland, will be unable to attend as previously planned because of illness in the family.

The lunch after the business meeting will be served by Mr. and Mrs. Winn Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hall and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wilson.

NO Cause FOR Panic

One of our subscribers asks why we have not commented on the "ultimate weapon." He apparently reads a great many newspapers for he maintains:

"All the other papers are very much excited about the announcement from Soviet Russia, some of them declaring it is as alarming to us as the Hiroshima bomb was to the Japanese, and the United States must catch up at any cost before the lights go out and the skies cave in."

WELL probably we would have commented on it, if the Southern Oregon Golf Tournament had not intervened!

But seriously a more compelling reason was the fact we could not share the violent and even hysterical reaction of many politicians and members of the press who interpreted this announcement from Moscow, as a victory by Russia only comparable to the victory of England at Waterloo.

We couldn't see it—and still can't.

IN THE first place we don't believe there IS any "ULTIMATE weapon." The wonders of scientific research, we feel sure, are not confined to weapons of wholesale destruction, but are also present in areas of national defense. We don't believe the limit in the latter field has been reached.

No doubt the inventor of the bow-and-arrow thought he had the "ultimate weapon," but the inventor of the flint-lock musket proved him mistaken, and when the latter claimed the honor, in came the repeating rifle and the machine-gun.

So the slaughter has gone on—and on. The creation of the atomic bomb we admit, ended an era in military tactics, and started a new one, and now the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile according to the Kremlin has passed a successful test, and no time was wasted in broadcasting the fact.

THAT haste is important, we believe. It at least suggests the entire "ICBM" buildup is a bluff.

We don't mean Soviet Russia has NOT completed a successful test with some type of "ultimate weapon." Judging the present by the recent past it has. But we do mean that if it had any intention of using it against the United States or any other country, it would have tried at least to have kept the accomplishment a complete secret—at least until its "zero hour" had arrived.

IN OTHER words—and the chief reason we can't share the prevailing alarm—is our conviction that Soviet Russia has no more desire or intention of starting World War III than has the United States.

Whatever the exact nature of its "ICBM" may be it does not intend to start another world war with it, it only intends to use it as a weapon of communist propaganda and further infiltration.

In short BLACKMAIL!

SO THE more alarmed and fearful, the free democratic world and particularly the U.S.A. become and react to this carefully-worded pronouncement and slightly veiled threat, the greater the success of that effort will be.

THEREFORE instead of talking about the crying need of haste "before the lights go out and the skies fall in", we think it better sense, and better strategy, not to fire (even orally) until we "see the whites of their eyes" and meanwhile "keep our powder" dry.

AFTER all there is no reason to doubt that what Soviet Russia has done in the realm of "guided-missiles" the United States can ultimately do as well or better. The fact that Russia may be a few steps ahead at the moment is no cause for turning in a 4-alarm fire and rushing for the exits, than was the case with Russia when the U.S.A. was leading.

That is to play the Russian game.

THE U.S.A. game, we believe is not to retreat before the bluff, but stand our ground and "call" it. That may involve "calculated risk." But in view of the fact that "atomic war" has practically priced itself out of the market, it is small indeed compared to the risk of yielding to fear of what Soviet Russia might do, when there is little reason to believe she has any intention, or desire, to do it.—R.W.R.

Is The Climate Changing?

It never fails.

Whenever there is an unusual stretch of weather in the valley some one asks if the climate isn't changing?

Some years ago we had our "douts."

But after longer observation and considerable research, we have decided the answer is "No."

OR TO express it in another way; the more the climate changes the more it is the same.

That is the weather changes but through the years the climate basically does not—or at least hasn't perceptibly for fifty years or more.

A weather-graph for such a period would show there have been dry years and wet ones, cold years and warm (it never gets hot here as it does in the East, Midwest or in Arizona and California) also there have been early Falls and late ones, early and late Springs ditto. But take the long view, compute the average and one will find that fundamentally there is "nothing new under the sun" as far as the climate of Southern Oregon is concerned.

It IS—we believe the best all-around 12-month a year climate in the country—and we don't except Palm Beach or Palm Springs.

So in answering our most recent interrogator, we can only say: "The climate isn't changing, and for the love of Pete, let's hope it doesn't."—R.W.R.



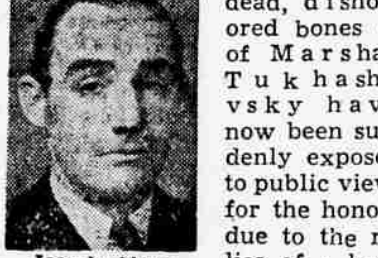
"You GOTTA ADMIT IT'S A PRETTY SAFE PLACE TO KEEP THE CAR KEYS!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

THE RATTLING SKELETON

Warsaw—How many skeletons are going to come rattling out of how many closets in Moscow? The dead, dishonored bones of Marshall T u k h a s h e v s k y have now been suddenly exposed to public view, for the honors due to the relics of a hero of the Soviet Union. But will it end there?



Joseph Alsop

These grizzly but absorbing questions are posed by one of the most curiously fascinating items of behind-the-scenes information about the Soviet Union that this reporter has run across in a very long time. It is solid information, too, coming from a highly-reputable Polish leader who talked at length with the responsible Soviet officials directly concerned.

One of the sequels of the Soviet's famous Twentieth Party Congress was an extraordinary order for a scientific and impartial review of all the political condemnations in the entire bloodstained period of Soviet history from the Revolution of 1917 to the end of the second World War in 1945.

THE truly staggering task was confided to the historian-sociologist on the faculty of Moscow University, Professor Kim. The Professor is himself a member of the second Soviet generation, being the son of a Korean Communist who made the pilgrimage to the capital of the world revolution and married a Russian woman in Moscow.

To Professor Kim were handed over all the super-secret files having to do with political trials in the possession of both the Communist Party and the Soviet secret police. Incredibly enough, it turned out that from the days of the terrible Cheka onwards, hardly a single scrap of paper in the entire ghastly record had ever been destroyed. Every note, every affidavit, every instruction, every confession and pseudo-confession and verdict had been filed away with truly Teutonic efficiency. And the files were completely intact!

In addition to the files, there were ghostly but still articulate survivors. Frightful though the purges were, not everyone was sent to the firing squad. In each group of victims of this Soviet society that eats its children, there were always minor personalities who were condemned, perhaps not mercifully, to the living death of the prison camps. A good many of these are still alive. Professor Kim and his large staff of young historical students have been tracking down the poor ghosts and interrogating them about the cases in which they were involved.

OBVIOUSLY, Professor Kim and his staff cannot have completed 1/10 or even 1/20 of their huge and gruesome task. Obviously, too, the publication of Professor Kim's results is likely to be selective, to say the least. For instance, will Bukharin and the other "rightist deviationists," who were purged for opposing agricultural collectivization, be admitted to the left of rehabilitated skeletons? It seems highly unlikely now. But who can foresee the future?

Meanwhile, the preparation for the rehabilitation of Marshal Tukhashevsky is presumably a first fruit of the professor's labors as well as a startling and vastly significant indication of the Red Army's enormously increased influence on Soviet politics. Marshal Tukhashevsky almost beyond doubt has always been secretly revered by Marshal Zhukov, who is his heir.

Even more than Leon Trotsky, Tukhashevsky deserves the credit for organizing the Red Army that Zhukov now leads. In one sense, Tukhashevsky was a victim of Adolf Hitler. Hitler's intelligence service prepared the documents exaggerat-

ing the long and close relationship between the Soviet and German General Staffs in a way that seemed to indicate a plot against Stalin and his state. These documents were then allowed to fall into the hands of President Benes of Czechoslovakia. Benes forwarded them with a covering personal note to Stalin himself. In the ensuing hecatomb, not only Tukhashevsky but also Dalen-Blucher, the great organizer of the defenses of Eastern Siberia, and virtually all the rest of the Red Army High Command went to their death. So much is known.

BUT there are also highly reliable indications that the atmosphere for the hecatomb of the High Command was prepared in another way. Being a wholly peasant army in those days, the Red Army was gravely demoralized by Stalin's wholesale massacre of the Russian peasantry. Tukhashevsky and the other Marshalls are believed to have warned Stalin very bluntly, therefore, that he must call a halt to the blood baths of collectivization.

Will it now be shown that the Marshalls were foredoomed, even before Hitler laid his trap, by challenging Stalin's omnipotence on the very same point that doomed Bukharin? This is only one of the crucial puzzles of the Soviet past that will perhaps be solved by Professor Kim's assignment, which is in any case an assignment without previous parallel in recorded history.

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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.

More About Parking

To the Editor: As chairman of the committee in opposition to the "off-street parking" deal last November, I wish it to be emphasized that we are not and never have been against off-street parking as the need for same goes. However, we have opposed and will continue to oppose a parking set-up owned and operated by the city with parking meters and policed by the city, subjecting all those who use the parking lots to penalties for over parking. There is enough public resentment to our present street parking meters. It is our intent to encourage a proper off-street parking lot at the start and to settle for no less. We are interested in a plan that will encourage potential downtown shoppers to use our main business district without fear of penalty for doing so and without having to pay a toll to our city for the privilege of spending their money in our city.

We would like and welcome a "plan" for off-street parking; a plan considered and discussed by all persons interested; not just a handful of merchants who act only with the intent to feather their own nests, and to that end place our city officials in a compromising position.

You say because of the defeat of off-street parking last election, "... it left the city without an organized ... plan." May I point out that one reason for the defeat was the lack of a "plan"? Even to this day no plan—if one exists—has ever been presented to the people.

We maintain that when a plan is shown that is designed for the benefit of all the city of Medford and not just for the benefit of a handful of centralized merchants who want something for nothing—or about nothing—most everyone will be for it, and there will be no opposition.

Ray O. DeMarrs, 708 West Second St., Medford, Ore.

Vienna—Jenoe Heltia, 86, Hungarian novelist and playwright, died Monday in Budapest, according to Budapest Radio.

Reds Make Gains in India and Indonesia; Leaders Troubled

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent Communist Party gains are playing East Asia's two big "neutralist" leaders.



Charles M. McCann

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India and President Sukarno of Indonesia are exceedingly friendly to the Soviet Russian and Chinese Communists.

But neither wants Communism to flourish in his own country. The Communists won control of the south India state of Kerala in elections held last February and March.

Now Indonesia's Communists have made startling gains in provincial elections held in Java, which contains about 80 million of that country's 80 million people.

In Kerala, the Communist government has imposed crippling taxes on plantation owners, encouraged riotous strikes

and freed thousands of prisoners including murderers.

Report Kerala Conversion

Advices from India report that Kerala is rapidly being converted into a Communist totalitarian state.

So far, Nehru has been able to do nothing about it.

Kerala's chief minister—provincial prime minister—is E. M. S. Nambudripad. A wealthy member of a high-caste family; Nambudripad was for years a member of Nehru's own Congress Party. He went over to the Communists after World War II.

Perhaps encouraged by their success in Kerala, the Communists now have become active in Bihar state in northeastern India.

They have opened a big campaign of disruption in plants of the gigantic iron, steel, automobile and locomotive combine which is controlled by the Tata family of industrialists.

The Indonesian Communists

won their successes in a series of provincial elections held throughout Java.

So far at least, the Communist gains have had no effect on the policy of friendly "co-existence" with the Russian and Chinese Reds which Nehru and Sukarno have pursued.

In Sukarno's case, the Communist gains may even strengthen his personal position because the Reds have enthusiastically supported his attempt to turn Indonesia into a "guided democracy." The many critics of the "guided democracy" program, say it may turn Indonesia into a dictatorship.

Sukarno will be able to say that the Reds, the strongest supporters of his "guided democracy" plan, gained strength in the elections while other parties lost. But it is hardly likely that he will like the emergence of the Communists as a major element in Indonesia politics.

Editorial Comment

DULLES ALWAYS WRONG

As for communist domination in Syria, even then allegedly threatening. Dulles five days earlier had said he did not think the situation too serious. He suggested that the dollar was a powerful weapon that could be used in Syria.

We do wish Mr. Dulles would get rid of that clouded crystal ball. He couldn't be wrong more often if he did it with tea leaves.

If Secretary of State Dulles had made the correct decision in the beginning he wouldn't now find himself in a most embarrassing position. When U. S. newspapermen asked weeks ago for visas to China Mr. Dulles refused. When it was pointed out to him that the state department did not have the right to control the reporting of news he refused to budge. Finally he was forced from that untenable position. He said 24 reporters could go to China.

Now, the Chinese government says it will admit them only if representatives of Chinese newspapers are permitted to come to the U. S. Members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors cannot be blamed if they derive some enjoyment from watching Mr. Dulles sweat.

Pendleton East Oregonian.

HOW MUCH LONGER?

A Blue Mountain Eagle editorial says: "Without doubt, Hells Canyon is a victory for private enterprise and a definite defeat for socialism."

How much longer must we be fed this nonsense that Hells Canyon was a fight between private enterprise and socialism? The only question involved at Hells Canyon was whether the resources of the Snake River would be fully or partially developed. The same question is posed at Pleasant Valley where Snake river water will or will not be, according to the height of the dam, put to its fullest use.

Pendleton East Oregonian.

RANSOM OF TILLAMOOK

That laws are made by ransom and threats and trades as well as by reasoned argument and thought is revealed by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger in his Aug. 26 newsletter. He cites the case of the Northwest Technical Institute, a government agency that is using the former blimp barns at Tillamook for a testing station. Texas wants the station to be at Amarillo Air Base. Senator Neuberger says the Amarillo site is more expensive. He's working to keep the station in Oregon.

The other day he got a telephone call from Idaho's Rep. Gracie Pfost, an ardent advocate of a high, government dam at Hells Canyon. Mrs. Pfost said that a Texas congressman who represents the Amarillo district and who voted for the high dam

in committee threatened to withdraw his support if the Oregon senator didn't quit blocking the attempt of the Texans to get the Tillamook station. The senator says he replied to Mrs. Pfost (and by indirection to the Texas congressman) as follows:

"I am tired of these perennial ransom exactions with Hells Canyon as the bait. I am not going to try to buy the high dam by offering Tillamook as a hostage. The little training school in our state has done a magnificent job. Even the Air Force generals admit that. Texas already contains just about every American military installation except West Point and the Brooklyn Navy Yard, but it still isn't satisfied. It demands, as a further pound of flesh, one of the few Defense Department contracts in Oregon. It yet may win this demand, but it will do so over my bitter protest. If we ever get Hells Canyon, it must be on the merits and not by sacrificing the school at Tillamook or anything else worthwhile."

Good for Senator Neuberger. That's the way a senator should look at the problem...

—Eugene Register Guard.

Neuberger Praised

Considering the fact that he owes his election in no small measure to the support of organized labor, it took considerable courage for Sen. Richard Neuberger to get up in the Senate and urge the Teamsters' union NOT to elect Jim Hoffa as president. He said that "millions of Americans will be bitterly disillusioned if one of its largest trade unions in the United States chooses as its national head a man who has had associations and personal affiliations of the type of those that Mr. Hoffa had."

This is advice from a friend of organized labor. The Teamsters will do well to heed it.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Ex-Railroad Agent Here Is Promoted

Portland — John C. Stromberg, former Union Pacific district freight and passenger agent in Medford, has been promoted to first assistant general freight agent for the railroad in Portland.

He succeeded George D. Schade who was recently appointed general freight agent for the Union Pacific in the Northwest.

Stromberg served two years in Medford leaving last Jan. 1 when he was appointed second assistant general freight agent in Portland.

The young daughter was very boisterous, and her father wanted it quiet, so he could read. He clipped a large war map from the paper, tore it up into bits like a jigsaw puzzle, and told his daughter to sit down and put the map together again. This, he thought, would keep her occupied for several hours.

The little girl was delighted and took the handful of torn paper. In just a little while she was back, the map all neatly arranged and perfectly put together. "See here, Daddy; here it is!" she shouted, as she ran up to him with the map on a magazine.

Her father was much surprised. "Well, how in the world did you do it so quickly?" he asked.

"Well, you see," she replied, "there is a big picture of a man on the other side, and so I just put him together and turned it over. You see, Daddy, if the man is right, the world comes out all right, too."

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