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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. 19, 1947 (Friday)

City cleaning up hundreds of dead fish floating in Bear creek. From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Good Buzz Saw To Trade For Wood" — Never the twin shall meet.

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 19, 1937 (Sunday)

An order for the best quality D'Anjou pears and Newtown apples was placed this week with the Charles A. Wing orchards for Alexandria and Egypt markets.

George Villas, eastern representative of the Dollar Steamship Lines, Inc., in Shanghai, describes city in letter to his mother here.

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 19, 1927 (Monday)

Choice Oregon white malaga grapes from Ashland area in 26-pound boxes go for \$1.75 to \$2 per box on today's Portland market.

New printer - telegraph goes into operation in the Daily News office.

40 YEARS AGO
Sept. 19, 1917 (Wednesday)

City council reduces pay of the city treasurer to \$100 a month.

The La Scala Grand Opera company has been secured to appear at the Page theater Thursday.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Name the winged, infantile figure which is often associated with Valentine's Day.
2. The Irish well know that shamrocks have three, four, or five leaflets?
3. Bible: After the murder of Antipater, did Herod's will nominate 1, 2, or 3 of his sons to succeed him?
4. The prohibition amendment (18th) was repealed in 1933, 1934, or 1935?
5. Is it the elephant, tortoise, or eagle that is reputed to have the longest life span?
6. Is pinkie a name for the little finger or the thumb on the human hand?
7. Name the patron saint of Ireland.
8. A motorist drives his automobile 40,000 miles, equally using four original tires and a spare tire; how many miles has each tire traveled?
9. Pronounce "breaches".
10. "Till thou has paid the uttermost farthing." Is this quotation from the Old Testament, Apocrypha, or the New Testament?

Answers: 1. Cupid. 2. Three. 3. Three. 4. 1933. 5. Tortoise. (200 to 300 years). 6. Little finger. 7. St. Patrick. 8. 32,000 miles. 9. Breech. 10. New Testament.

Singer Frances Langford Resting After Surgery

Santa Monica, Calif. — Singer Frances Langford was reported "resting comfortably" today at Santa Monica hospital following emergency surgery to remove her gall bladder.

The blonde entertainer, wife of wealthy manufacturer Ralph Evinrude, underwent the operation Wednesday. She was expected to remain hospitalized for a week.

Why Doesn't Morse Resign?

Our favorite REPUBLICAN paper, the Salem Statesman, in commenting upon a recent editorial in this column regarding Wayne Morse and the inability of the Republican "Old Guard" to understand him, raises the interesting query WHY, if our senior Senator is so independent he can't go down the line 100% for either major party, he doesn't resign as a member of either and come out in his true colors as an "Independent?"

WELL why not?

Needless to say, we can't speak for Senator Morse—we don't know ANYONE who can!

But our idea is, that if any citizen of Oregon wishes to serve his state in Washington, D.C.—and to serve it he must get elected—then he better choose the major party of his PREFERENCE at the outset.

To register as an "Independent," when there is no such party organized, would be to go it alone without any organized support, and that would simply be to sign one's own political "death warrant." Far more sensible, we would say, for any aspirant who has such an aversion to both major parties that he can not conscientiously identify himself with either, to abandon his aspirations—or if holding office—resign. The ultimate result in either case would be the same.

OF course, "resignation" would delight the Morse-haters. But should our senior senator be condemned for not going out of his way to please his enemies?

That would, we believe, be too much for even the "Old Guard" storm-troopers to expect.

What the "Old Guard" can't forgive is that Wayne Morse decided after the 1952 Republican convention that he preferred Adlai Stevenson and the Democrats to General Eisenhower and the Grand Old Party.

That was high treason in the upper circles of the Union League club, and yet, there were thousands of registered Republicans who did the same thing, and even more registered Democrats who did it in reverse.

That is common practice in a presidential year in this country, if it were not the party-in-power would never be voted out.

Then why consign Senator Morse to hell fire and damnation for doing merely what so many God-fearing and law-abiding citizens do? The answer is there is no logical or rational reason, but that is the way 100% partisanship in this "land of the free and the home of the brave," WORKS.

And in an entirely different way, Senator Morse, we believe, will work as an INDEPENDENT Democrat, just as he did as an INDEPENDENT Republican, always reserving the right to disregard the orders of the Top Brass and vote as his conscience dictates.

As previously remarked that is the course he always told the people of Oregon he WOULD follow if elected to the Senate, in opposing the Democratic leadership on the civil rights issue, he is merely carrying out his pledge.—R.W.R.

Rogers versus Morse

The following letter from Mrs. Maurine Neuberger, wife of Oregon's Junior Senator, is so "a propos" of our recent observations concerning independence in politics and blind vindictive partisanship, that, with her permission, we herewith reprint it in full as follows:

Honorable Joe Rogers
Independence, Oregon
Dear Joe:

Upon my return to Oregon after nine months in the capital, I find that you have changed your party registration from Democratic to Republican. Naturally, I was particularly interested because of our service together in the Legislature and because we often jointly sponsored bills to try to assist the dairy farmers.

I want to congratulate you upon having the courage and sense of independence to join the political party with which you feel the most congenial and comfortable. You should not have remained a Democrat if being a Democrat violated your convictions. I was a little surprised—I must confess—because you often confided to me that I, a Democrat, was almost the only member of the House who really gave active support in some of your dairy bills. However, you have done right to join the party of your choice. If that was the Republican Party, you did right to make the change.

I have inquired of my friends in the press and in politics to learn if you were denounced by Democrats as a "turn-coat" and "traitor" because you resigned from the Democratic Party. I was happy to learn that no such denunciations occurred. I also was pleased to be told that no Democrats suddenly insisted that you should resign from the Legislature, inasmuch as you had quit the party under whose banner you were originally elected.

If I am not mistaken, this responsible behavior by the Democrats of Oregon is quite a contrast to the way in which leading Republicans behaved when a prominent Republican resigned from their party some years ago!

Good luck to you, Joe, and may our personal friendship continue.

Kind regards.
Cordially,
Maurine B. Neuberger

THE above refers, of course, to the "switch" of State Representative Rogers from the Democratic to the Republican party while holding office as a Democrat; an action similar to that of Senator Wayne Morse, who holding office as a Republican joined the Democratic ranks.

Senator Morse was scathingly condemned for such action as a deserter, a turn-coat and a traitor, by Republican leaders in the state.

But as Mrs. Neuberger points out, there have been no similar outcries from the Oregon Democrats.

VARIOUS conclusions will be drawn from this by various observers depending largely on their political affiliations.

Standing on the side-lines it is the conclusion of this department that this is merely added evidence that the Democratic party is the more tolerant, understanding and liberal party, while the G.O.P. leadership in both areas falls far short.—R.W.R.



"Hiya, Mom! How're we fixed for root beer?"

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE LANGUAGE OF THE COLD WAR

The cold war in the Middle East is being carried on in a special sign language, in a kind of code, which hides what is going on until it has been translated and deciphered. The real struggle is for power and influence inside the Arab governments, and at the moment inside the governments of Syria and of Jordan.

The Arab ruling classes, of course, understand this quite well, as do the authorities in Moscow and Washington. In London and in Paris, that they cannot speak plainly. Arab opinion will not accept a frank statement that any Arab countries are the stakes of the competition for influence by the great powers, and that for the time being the Russians are ahead in this competition in Syria while we are ahead in Jordan.

In order to hide the reality and yet to be able to talk about what they are doing, all the governments concerned have resorted to the same device. They are transposing what is actually going on—an internal struggle for power—into the conventional international language of external aggression and the resistance to it. So, when Russia sends arms to Syria, she says that Turkey, incited and armed by the United States, is preparing to attack Syria. When we send arms to Jordan, we say that because Syria is being armed, the defense of Jordan must be strengthened.

In fact, there is no reason at all to think that Russia is sending arms to Syria in order to mount a military aggression against Jordan or anyone else. Nor is there any doubt that the last thing we want is that Turkey and Jordan should do anything so foolish as to attack Syria, and thus to set the whole Middle East aflame. Even if they were planning an indirect military aggression, the Russians can have no illusions about the military prowess of Syria, which is not far from zero. Nor can we have any illusions about the prowess of Jordan, plus or minus some guns and some tanks. Moscow and Washington know perfectly well that neither is getting ready for the overt aggression which they accuse each other of. What they are actually doing is to wage a cold war.

WHAT then is the sense and purpose of the arms shipments? They are consigned to the military men who control the armies which control the governments. The young King's government in Jordan rests squarely on the loyalty of the Bedouin levies, as against the suspicion and hostility of the Palestinian Arabs. What influence we have in Jordan has to be nourished by keeping the King's officers and troops convinced that they can look to us for money and for arms.

But in the code language now in use, we have to talk as if this were 1940 and as if we were preparing it for resistance to an invasion by a big aggressor. What we are actually doing is to subsidize the army to keep the King on his throne in a government that is not unfriendly to us.

Likewise, the Soviets armed Syria, a country which since it achieved its independence has rarely for long been anything but a military dictatorship. Syrian politics is made up of the rivalry and the intrigues of groups of army officers, not averse to cutting each other's throats in a struggle to control the dictatorship. The present Syrian crisis has come about because a conspiracy of officers, who are not in power, have, with some support and many promises from Russia, gotten control of the dictatorship. Russia's object is to keep them in

Tunisian Leader Puts U.S. on Spot With Arms Plea - Or Else

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent

President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia has put the United States on the spot with a demand for arms.

He threatens, if he does not get them, to seek them from Soviet Russia and to join Egypt and Syria in a policy of "neutrality."

The trouble is that Bourguiba frankly wants to use any weapons he gets to fight France, from which Tunisia gained its independence in 1956.

Relations between France and its former protectorate in North-West Africa have been getting progressively worse for several months.

Recently there have been serious clashes between French and Tunisian troops along the frontier between Tunisia and Algeria.

It is no secret that big supplies for the Algerian rebels are moving through Tunisia. Algerian rebels operate from the Tunisian side of the border. Rebel bands flee into Tunisia to escape French punitive forces.

France long ago stopped supplying Bourguiba with weapons. It also has succeeded in blocking proposed weapons supplies from Italy and Belgium.

Bourguiba has been a strong supporter of the United States and its allies in the fight against the expansion of international Communism.

If he did seek weapons from Russia—possibly in a relay through Egypt—and turned Tunisia toward "neutrality," it would be a most serious threat to the free world in a new area.

Both Tunisia, on the northeast of Algeria, and Morocco, on the west, want France to grant outright independence to Algeria.

Bourguiba has shown interest in the formation of a Northwest African group of countries which would include Tunisia, Morocco, an independent Al-

geria and possibly Libya, which fronts Tunisia on the east.

France was highly suspicious of the visit Vice President Richard M. Nixon paid to Tunisia early this year on his African tour. It was outraged when Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) demanded in a speech in the Senate on July 2 that the United States stop supporting France in its attempt to hold on to Algeria.

Any decision by the United States to supply Tunisia with arms undoubtedly would result in a crisis in French-American relations.

Bourguiba is well aware of that. But he seems to feel that he is in a strong position in demanding that the United States let him have weapons or face the prospect of opening up a new area of Communist penetration.

THE plainest housing is still so desperately short here that the key money for a poor flat can come to 10 times an ordinary worker's monthly wage. But so far as I could discover, no Pole resents the outlay on this remarkable recreation of Warsaw's ancient beauty, full of the elegance and rationality and high pride of the Polish renaissance.

Somewhere in this curious contrast between Joseph Stalin's and Wladyslaw Gomulka's contributions to the Warsaw scene, there perhaps lies the hidden clue to Warsaw in 1957. It is a city looking both ways, towards the West whence came the renaissance, and towards the East whence came Stalin's hideous skyscraper; and it is governed by a Communist Party looking both ways too.

It is not a comfortable city, by any means. Life has grown better since October, but only a little better. For the average worker's family, it is still a cruelly hard struggle to keep enough food on the table; and the final failure of an old pair of shoes is a major catastrophe. Even for the foreigners and the Poles who have some money to spend, there is no comfort, much less luxury. There is only a kind of frantic gaiety in the strange, shabby restaurants and clubs of the various intellectual organizations where those with a little cash in their pockets gather to enjoy themselves.

DESPITE the gaiety, it is not a happy city, either. Someone has written that the leaders of the revolutions that swept Eu-

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

WARSAW, 1957
Warsaw—The modern world can show no stranger city than this Warsaw, which is at once the capital and the epitome of the new Poland of Wladyslaw Gomulka.

Towering into the pale sky, as though still seeking to dominate the city, there is Joseph Stalin's gift, the Palace of Culture and Rest—every proportion wrong, every ornament false, every consideration of usefulness and beauty sacrificed to heavy, empty show. But what is meant to be shown, one wonders, by this macabre white skyscraper like a giant wedding cake made for a marriage feast in hell?

And then one realizes it was meant to show the nature of Stalinism, with its anti-human system of priorities, its total sacrifice of all human values to the state's crude power.

The war's grim ruins still three quarters surround the palace of Culture and Rest in its wide, bleak park. But further over towards the blue ribbon of the Vistula, there is the new Warsaw that Wladyslaw Gomulka began to build before his fall from power in 1948. It is old Warsaw, ideally reconstructed—the palaces of Poland's princes, the richly ornamented burgher houses of the square in the old town, all carefully rebuilt from bomb-blasted shards at vast expense.

THE censorship is not the only bad sign, either. Gomulka's "one weconomic policy" is far less bold than Lenin's was. Proposed new tax laws, new "anti-speculation" regulations are making some people wonder whether the secret police, having been thrown out of the political window, may not one day walk in again through the economic door. In short, the co-existence of Communism and freedom, which makes Warsaw so enormously strange, is not yet absolutely stabilized.

But unless the Kremlin finally finds the Polish example unbearably dangerous, it is this reporter's guess that this peculiar co-existence will somehow be made to succeed. One reason for this guess is simply Wladyslaw Gomulka. The other is the singular Polish propensity for heroism, which Gomulka both shares and understands.

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THE real rub is faced by those who retire on a fixed income, say a pension. Just how they are going to fare is something that hasn't been determined yet.

Actor Robert Mitchum Breaks Bone in Foot

Asheville, N.C. — Actor Robert Mitchum was "uncomfortable" but back at work today despite a broken foot bone and a sprained ligament in his ankle.

Mitchum, in Asheville to film a movie about mountain moonshiners, received the injuries Wednesday when he tripped on an electric cable on the set. He returned to work after treatment at a local hospital.

IS THAT good? Or is it bad?

IT ALL depends.

If all you can think of is HOW ARE WE TO FIND JOBS FOR THREE MILLION MORE PEOPLE EVERY YEAR it will look a bit terrifying.

But look at it this way: Three million more people will call for a lot more houses. That will create an outlet for more building materials. Three million more people will eat a lot more food. That will make a market for more farm products. Three million more people will require a lot more clothes. That will open up markets for more textiles. And so on.

That puts a different face on the situation.

MORE statistics: The commerce department says that PERSONAL INCOME in August climbed to an "annual rate" of 347½ BILLION dollars.

That is an "annual rate" of a billion dollars more than in July and 20 billion dollars more than the total personal income in 1956.

THAT looks pretty good. But IS it so good?

I WOULDN'T know. This big increase in personal

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There is one human desire that needs no explanation in relation to our cosmic urge. That is the eternal quest for fraternal love and friendship. We want friends who permit us to rise above our limitations, and "who know all about us but like us just the same." True friends are the realization of all of our best thoughts about all humanity.

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