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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
Oct. 9, 1947 (Thursday)

Insurance adjuster estimating damage done by blaze which swept one-story Porter Lumber company plant on South First St. From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "A rural resident reports he slipped out the other night, when his dog barked and caught a Caucasian in his woodpile."

20 YEARS AGO
Oct. 9, 1937 (Sunday)

The secretary of agriculture tentatively approves marketing agreement under subsidy plan for the 1937-38 season. Shepherd dog belonging to the A. R. Mansfield family, dies from burns after saving a 2½-year-old daughter from death in the recent house fire.

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 9, 1927 (Sunday)

Medford music house reports record sales of "Two Black Crows" record. Involuntary manslaughter charge filed against federal prohibition officer for slaying Trail rancher.

40 YEARS AGO
Oct. 9, 1917 (Tuesday)

Manager Nibley of the Utah Idaho Sugar company urges beet growers to double crops for the coming year because of the world shortage of sugar. Tobacco dealers charge six cents for five-cent cigars due to new war tax measure.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Name the largest of present-day land animals.
2. How many hams may be obtained from a single hog?
3. Bible: Which high priest succeeded Eleazar?
4. An aperitif is a laxative, drink, or a relish taken before a meal?
5. In which city in Italy is the most famous leaning tower?
6. In World War I, what was the AEF?
7. Who served as President of the Confederate States of America during the War Between the States?
8. In what field of sport is Lloyd Mangrum a well-known player?
9. "Older" or "oldest" may be used of either persons or things. Which related term should be used only of persons, usually of the same family?
10. What was Henry Mayhew's "Advice to persons about to marry"?

Answers: 1. The elephant. 2. Two. 3. Pinehas. 4. Drink. 5. Pisa. 6. American Expeditionary Force. 7. Jefferson Davis. 8. Golf. 9. Elder; eldest. 10. "Don't."

Pear Bureau Officials To Meet in Washington

Portland—The annual meeting of the Merchandising Clinic of merchandising representatives of the Oregon-Washington-California Pear bureau is scheduled Oct. 10 to 12 in Washington D.C. Richard A. Patterson, secretary-manager of the bureau, will be chairman of the three-day session. Patterson will go directly to Cologne, Germany, from Washington, D.C. where he will assist in preparing an exhibit at a food fair.

Healthy Reminder

There is a peculiar fascination in contemplating the earth satellite now circling the earth on a north-south orbit.

In common with many other Americans, we had looked forward with anticipation to this first jump into space—but in common with others had fully expected our much-vaunted "American know-how" to lead the way. It was a disappointment to learn that the Russians were first.

As a result the steady "beep, beep, beep" is a warning tone, certainly not a triumphant one.

THIS isn't a mere matter of wounded pride, either. We have heard and read so much in recent years about the horrors of nuclear warfare, of guided missiles, and the Soviets' aim of world-wide domination, that this proof of their superiority in one field of technology and possibly in others, while it poses no immediate threat, is certainly something to be taken seriously.

It bears out the repeated warnings of Joseph and Stewart Alsop, who for years have warned that America was falling behind in the missile race.

And it makes one wonder about the repeated pronouncements from our government to the effect that we have the most, the best, the fastest, the biggest of everything.

ON THE face of it, of course, the Russian satellite is a victory for science and for all mankind; the first big step leading to space. And it was done as part of a vast, cooperative, international endeavor to probe the still-unsolved secrets of the world and solar system.

If that were all there was to it, we could rejoice at a scientific victory and a major break-through for science. But the rockets which launch earth satellites, and the rockets which carry warheads are dissimilar only in purpose, not in design or operation.

HOWEVER, viewed in a different light, the fact that Russia did the job first may, in the long run, be the best thing which could have happened.

It could—and most certainly should—stimulate this nation to much greater endeavors in the scientific field, particularly in missile research.

It might teach us the value of humility and shake us loose from some of our complacent feeling of superiority and our unconscious assumption that, without half trying, we can equal or better the efforts of anyone else, anywhere.

Certainly we can do things better—but not without hard work, sacrifice and national unity and determination.

And that "beep, beep, beep" is a healthy reminder of this fact.—E.A.

Tremendous Accomplishment

Launching this satellite is a tremendous accomplishment.

The Russians got the same sort of head start on it that the Americans did—by capturing and putting to work German rocket experts, who were far ahead in rocketry during World War II. Initially, it is believed, the American research program was far ahead, but as the years passed, the Russians forged ahead. And they told us so, too, but we marked it down to Soviet propaganda.

IF ONE has ever observed July 4th sky rockets, one can get some sort of idea of the problems involved. First a propellant must be devised that is both powerful and relatively stable. A container must be designed which has the aero-dynamic features necessary both for speed and stability. Unbelievably complicated controls systems must be designed and perfected. And these three elements must be made to work together to minutely-exact tolerances.

A single-stage rocket is basically simple in design, but in execution each component must be tested, precise and exact.

A ROCKET capable of launching a satellite is a far, far more complicated mechanism. With today's propellants, a single-stage rocket simply can't do the job.

So multi-stage rockets have been designed. These are rockets on top of rockets. The lowest stage gets the device off the ground, then drops away when its fuel is exhausted. The second stage adds speed, then its drops away. The third and final stage gives the final impetus, and also the last fine degrees of direction and control.

The adjustments and mechanisms in all three stages must operate in a manner as complicated as an aircraft, with the precision of a watch, and with the ruggedness necessary to take pressures many times that of gravity.

TO PUT a satellite into an orbit, the rockets must not only overcome gravity, but also the effects of atmospheric turbulence, the spin of the earth, and a dozen-and-one other forces, any one of which could throw the whole thing out of kilter.

America is getting ready to launch its own satellite, and there is reason to believe, in the obscure announcements we are permitted to have, that in some ways it will be a more advanced vehicle than that of the Russians.

But this does not dim the fact that Russia was the first into space, and that it has taken skilled advantage of its talented technicians.

Its accomplishment is nothing to pass off lightly, even though, at this stage, it is no cause for panic or undue alarm.—E.A.



"WHATTYA MEAN WHEN HE GROWS UP? HE'S PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE RIGHT NOW. FAR AS I'M CONCERNED!"

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.

South Boycott Urged

To the Editor: I'd like to "second the motion" in regard to the letter from Mrs. Herb Sampert of 158 Renault Avenue, Medford, quoting the article in "Friends Journal" Quaker Weekly dated Sept. 21, '57, a sort of letter to colored people.

I should like to suggest that those of us who are in favor of integration boycott products of states opposing same. An economic weapon would work wonders. Personally I care not what color a person's skin may be so long as his character is acceptable. I know a considerable number of people both colored and white, and I can truthfully say I have never had trouble of any kind not even a mild argument, with a colored person. I cannot say the same for some white people I have met.

Some 100 years ago the Irish, who had found it necessary to leave their native land, arrived in America and experienced some of the same things the colored people have had to live with for the past 200 years. In newspaper ads of the day, I have seen such things as "No Irish need apply." It was not at all unusual. I must say I do not know, but suppose similar restrictions have been placed on nearly every race in existence at some time.

I repeat my suggestion that persons in favor of integration refuse to buy from states and/or firms or individuals favoring segregation. Then see who wins.

Floyd R. McCabe
Butte Falls, Ore.

National Prayer Advocated

To the Editor: Isn't it time for men of good will in every state in our country to join in seeking a positive, creative solution to the national crisis that confronts us all in the issue of integration and the sovereignty of states?

Let us unite with the people of Little Rock next Saturday, Oct. 12, in a day of prayer in homes, in churches, in places of business or wherever we may be, petitioning almighty God to grant wisdom and patience to our leaders, and to give His guidance in resolving factional bitterness and misunderstanding, that we may become, in deed as well as in word, "one nation under God indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

As we make our petitions, let us not forget the prayer of the Publican recorded in the scriptures: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner," for few among us are wholly guiltless of the spirit of intolerance and prejudice which has brought Little Rock such unhappy notoriety at home and abroad.

Grace N. Pearson
Route 2, Box 50
Jacksonville, Ore.

Thanks Hospital

To the Editor: May I take this method to thank the many kind people I came in contact with as a result of being a very recent patient in the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital. The Medford Ladies Hospital auxiliary, for kindness in taking care of patients' flowers and mail daily, and distributing free coffee and reading materials to all patients. The merchants who generously distribute writing materials in every ward, and a service I particularly enjoyed, the Medford Mail Tribune served every evening with our dinner tray, through the generosity of Courtney Chevrolet.

These fine organizations and kind people who donate their time and money to make hospital visits a great deal more cheerful. I offer my most sincere "Thank You."

Thelma Schreengost,
508 West Sixth,
Medford, Ore.

Best Bargain

To the Editor: As the housewives of Jackson county scan the advertisements of the Mail Tribune this evening in search of

bargains for their budgets, I should like to insert a word or two concerning the very best bargain I know.

I know where one ton of food, valued at \$300, can be purchased for only \$10 and delivered to persons who need it. A \$10 bill, sent to the American Friends Service Committee, at 1108 S.E. Grand ave., Portland, Ore., will pay the costs of sending one whole ton of surplus foods overseas to hungry people. You can be sure that every pound of that food will reach individuals whose lives depend upon it.

This is the best bargain I know, and I thought you'd like to know about it too.

Helen E. Webster,
940½ Whitman ave.,
Medford, Ore.

First Army-Civilian Clash in West Germany Ends in Army Loss

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent

The first clash between civil and military authority over the West German armed forces has resulted in a distinct defeat for the army.

A brigadier general who refused to approve the promotion of a staff officer in the defense ministry has been summarily dismissed.

To make it worse from the army viewpoint, the man who dismissed him, Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss, is a butcher's son.

On the surface the incident was a minor one. But it points up the fact that Germany, like Japan, is a historically militaristic country in which army men always have sought to run their show by themselves.

Rearmament Risky

It points up also the fact that in rearming West Germany and Japan the Western Allies are taking a calculated risk. At the present stage of world history, the threat of Communist aggression is much worse than the threat of the possible revival of German and Japanese militarism.

The incident of the general's dismissal was something new in German military history. In the old days, the Prussian generals of the German armed forces regarded themselves as above civil authority, and they really were.

Hitler succeeded in making himself the supreme authority during the days of Nazism. But the army never accepted him in fact and members of the general staff took the leading part in the attempt to assassinate him in July 20, 1944.

Strauss Is Boss

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and his colleagues made every effort, in the ending of rearmament, to insure firm civil control of the armed forces. There

is no commander-in-chief, nor are there individual commanders in chief for the army, navy and air force.

In a statement on the incident Strauss said that all employees of the armed forces including soldiers are subordinate to political authority. He said also that no inference should be

drawn from the incident on the relationship between "the military and civilian parts of the armed forces."

Nevertheless, that relationship is likely to arise again. It would be miraculous if, within a few years, the centuries-long militaristic tradition of Germany and Japan could be wiped out.

'Trust Busting' For Labor Movement Eyed By Sen. Knowland

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent

Washington—Out there in California unsmiling Sen. William F. Knowland is talking about maybe using trust-buster methods to prevent monopoly in organized labor.

That's news because Knowland may be heading for the White House.

There have been complaints that big organized labor can be a monopoly just like big business. Knowland is campaigning toward next year's GOP nomination for governor of California. He is opposed by Republican Gov. Goodwin J. Knight who was elected in 1954 with labor's endorsement.

Knowland is regarded as the spokesman of the Taft wing or Taft point of view in the Republican Party, the Taft being the late Sen. Robert A., of Ohio. In Taft Tradition

Knowland's approach to the problem posed by the great power, prestige, influence and wealth of organized labor is in the Taft tradition. It was Taft in the 80th Congress who spurned chairmanship of the choice Senate Finance Committee, preferring to preside over the Senate Labor Committee. Out of that decision came the Taft-Hartley Act.

Taft proved that it need not be political suicide to buck organized labor. The labor leaders ganged up on him with men and money when the senator sought re-election in 1950. He won every industrial county in the state.

Knowland probably knows all about that. He has proposed now that California enact a right-to-work bill which would outlaw compulsory union membership. The recent California convention of the AFL resolved to raise a political fund big enough to beat the bill.

Proposes "Rights" Bill

The senator followed up with "a bill of rights for labor." He said he might expand that to include application of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act to unions on the same basis as it applies to corporations.

The bill of labor rights would provide for election and recall of union officers; for strike calls by secret ballot; administration of union welfare funds

would be made subject to state insurance laws; strict accountability for union dues and initiation funds; protection of members against unfair and retaliatory action by union officers; prevention of self-perpetuation of union officers in their jobs.

Knowland has his eye on the White House. He may put his labor policies in the Republican presidential platform of 1960 or 1964.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

When the Russians announced the other day that they had BEATEN THE WORLD to the launching of an earth satellite into outer space in this International Geophysical Year we got the shock of our lives.

At first, we refused to believe it. We put it down to just more Russian bragging. But when the beeps from the thing began to be heard—and when they sounded exactly like the Russians said they would sound and came in at exactly the intervals the Russians said they would come in—we had to concede that the Russians had done it.

Since then, our faces have been very, very red.

WELL, we SHOULDN'T have been taken by surprise. It has long been known that the Russians have good scientific minds. Ivan Pavlov is an example. He took the theoretical "principle of association"—by which it was suspected that a baby starts with no mind at all and by the process of putting together scattered experiences and impressions eventually achieves an organized mind—and by experiments with dogs made it seem real enough to be accepted widely by the scientists of the world.

That fact alone should have tipped us off.

IF PAVLOV weren't enough, we should have learned something from the speed with which the Russians developed an atom bomb of their own. It is true that they stole the secret of it from us in the first place. It is true that they had captured German scientists to work with. But we can't laugh off the fact that they developed a hydrogen bomb almost as quickly as we did—and did it almost ENTIRELY on their own.

But we chose to regard them as ignorant barbarians who just COULDN'T be in our class.

THIS earth satellite business ought to teach us a lesson. The lesson is this: Russia is a REAL opponent. If we are to checkmate her designs, it will take the best we have to give. We'd better put that fact in our pipes and smoke it.

WHAT is Russia's design? Let's not kid ourselves. It is to CONQUER THE WORLD for communism.

LET'S not get scared. We can checkmate it because the communist way of life is so foul that in time it must fall of the weight of its own foulness.

But—Meanwhile—We'd better quit fooling with the idea that something can be had for nothing. We'd better quit boondoggling. We'd better quit toying with that notion that we can BUY friends who will do our fighting for us.

We'd better GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.

Minister of Ghana Denied Meal in U.S.

New York —The finance minister of Ghana said he will file today an official protest with the State Department to-day over the refusal of a restaurant in Dover, Del., to serve him.

K. A. Gbedeman, considered the second most powerful political figure in the newly independent Negro nation, said he was refused service in the Howard Johnson restaurant Monday night "because colored people were not allowed to dine there."

The finance minister said that Vice President Richard M. Nixon had dined in his home in Ghana, and so had Adlai E. Stevenson.

"I cannot understand why I received such treatment at a roadside restaurant in America when these two great men have dined at my home," Gbedeman said.

The whole dispute shows a lack of the philosophical calm readers like to think prevades editorial offices. Much of it is intemperance and little of it is dignified or becoming.

May we suggest that editorial staffs of the two newspapers buckle their typewriters on their left arms as a shield, arm themselves with fountain pens and meet in inky battle around the bronze deer between Third and Fourth streets and finish the conflict. First man with a dirty face or a tired left arm to be retired to a first aid station.

(Sherman County Observer, Giles French, editor).

America's Attitude Blamed by Pinkley

Portland—Virgil Pinkley, editor and publisher of the Los Angeles Mirror-News, Tuesday blamed America's lackadaisical attitude toward the basic elements of education for this country's lagging satellite and missile program.

Pinkley, also a news commentator for the Mutual radio network, said the Russians are moving ahead in the technological field because they educate their people with more intensity than in the United States.

He said the United States should foster a return to the elements of reading, spelling and basic mathematics if it is to improve its supply of trained personnel.

C. M. Litwiler

Mrs. Litwiler

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