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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
Nov. 12, 1947 (Wednesday)
A Convairliner, new medium range, twin-engine 40 passenger plane, stops at Medford airport after a non-stop flight from San Diego.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Amid all the human distress prevalent in the world, comes word two New Jersey tom cats, under the terms of a will, are left \$1 per day each, as long as they live, for care and catnip."

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 12, 1927 (Friday)
Attention will be called in Medford churches Sunday to the national unemployment census to be conducted Nov. 16 to 20.

Winter takes possession of higher altitudes and blocks highways with a deep snow.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 12, 1927 (Saturday)
Winter weather arrives at Crater Lake National park; temperature is 6 degrees above zero; there are 25 inches of snow at the rim, and 12 at Annie Springs.

Rain Tuesday and Wednesday soaks ground to a depth to permit plowing any soil in the district.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 12, 1917 (Monday)
The Hoover field reported successful in Jackson county, according to large number of pledge cards turned in; 4,071 out of 4,253 solicited indicate willingness to aid in conservation of food.

At press time today no trace has been found of the man who kidnapped his two-year-old daughter last Saturday morning.

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

1. Equinoxes occur how many times in each calendar year?
2. The principal commodities exchange is operated in New York, Chicago, or New Orleans?
3. Bible: Which ruler was instrumental in spreading Greek (Hellenic) power and culture over the Biblical world?
4. Which three nations proposed the return of Trieste to Italy?
5. What was Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's maiden surname?
6. John Eliot, Puritan clergyman and missionary in colonial times, was known as "the Apostle to the —"?
7. New South Wales is a part of which British Commonwealth?
8. The city of Rimini is in Libya, Italy, Yugoslavia or Albania?
9. Is it proper to use a hyphen with adverbs, such as "well-run game"?
10. "Right makes right," "Right makes might." To which proverb did Lincoln refer in his Cooper Union address (1860)?

Answers: 1. Twice, spring and fall. 2. Chicago. 3. Alexander the Great. 4. U.S., Great Britain and France. 5. Roosevelt. 6. "Indians." 7. Australia. 8. Italy. 9. No. 10. "Right makes might."

Portland — Sen. Albert Gore, chairman of the roads subcommittee of the Senate Public Works committee, has scheduled public hearing in Portland Wednesday, Dec. 11, on timber access roads, forest highways and related matters.

Jumbo "Running Scared"

Did you ever see an elderly elephant run-scared? If not and you would like to, just cast your eyes over the other side of the Siskiyou.

If you can't see the "Grand Old Party" in California shuffling "in high" for cover, you should have your eyes examined.

It was bad enough to have to shove "Goody" Knight off the mainliner without a parachute, so the present pilot of the Oakland Tribune-LA Times machine could have a clear field to a primary gubernatorial touchdown. But when the returns a week ago of city and state elections came in, then there was a stampede to get out of the path of the jet-propelled donkey—and attack from the rear.

The spectacle was—and still is—very funny. And pretty much for the same reason the pompous and portly Mr. "Got-Rocks" chasing his plug-hat across the windy street, is funny.

Somewhat in neither case can the role of "Sputnik" be attempted without both a "loss of face" and a loss of dignity.

NOT that there isn't good reason.

Had the California "Old Guard" not been fearful of the outcome at the polls next year, they would have never called in White House pressure to make such a monkey out of his Excellency the G.O.P. Governor.

For after all, Governor Knight had a perfect right to run for the GOP nomination and reelection as he so frequently and solemnly stated.

It was true, as he also stated, that he had some demonstrated qualifications for the gubernatorial job, but none for the position of a Freshman Senator, —moreover he did not want the latter.

He even gave his "solemn word of honor" that under NO CIRCUMSTANCES would he be a candidate for the U.S. Senate, and it was because Mayor Christopher of San Francisco believed the Governor to be a man of his word that he (the Mayor) became one.

IT IS quite apparent Mayor Christopher did not know the Governor very well. "Goody" has never been noted for his stamina, his integrity or his courage. Like his former enemy and, now his bosom-friend, Vice President Nixon, he has always been just another "smoothy politician," only he has lacked Nixon's tact, will and brains.

We don't mean to say Gov. Knight can't win Party Leader Knowland's Senate seat. With not only the shrewd and calculating Nixon behind him, but the power, the publicity and the millions of the Knowland-Chandler machine also, it will take, something, not discernible on the horizon as yet, to stop him.

But it can be done. And judging by the way "Old Jumbo" is hot-footing it for the "old water-hole" the Democrats are not the only ones who think so.

BUT what an unappetizing mess it all is!

It only shows how the spirit of "anything to win" and the haunting fear of defeat can demoralize the leaders of a great party.

For if things come out as the G.O.P. "fixers" plan what will we see in our neighbor state, next year?

We shall see the Republican party supporting a man for the U.S. Senate who isn't, and who has repeatedly admitted he isn't, fitted in any way for the job, nor does he—or did he—want it.

And we shall see the same party supporting a man for Governor whom the supporters of that same senatorial candidate declared to be a hopeless reactionary, an enemy to organized labor, and a foe of social progress.

IN other words in its desperation to avoid defeat—and as a by-product to launch either Nixon or Knowland on the road to the presidential nomination in 1960—the Grand Old Party across the line, is playing both ends against the middle and making no bones about it.

"Placing party above principle" is rather a mild term for it. Closer to the target is having no principles whatever.

FOR surely if Senator Knowland is the man to represent the party at Sacramento, "Goody" Knight is NOT the man to represent California and the party in Washington—and vice versa.

For where political principles are concerned they are as far apart as the poles and one needs only to offer their public statements and their records to prove it.

If one is a proper Republican the other isn't—and again vice-versa.

"But what difference does that make?" is probably the rejoinder of the GOP High Command "if we can put it over and WIN?"

A fair question. And evidence indicates that to the old "boys in the smoke-filled room" it makes no difference.

BUT we are not so sure about old "Pop" pachyderm. He has a reputation to sustain—that is never to forget.

And if he remembers all the campaigns he has engaged in since the battle of Bull Run, he may be running so scared now in a desperate—and we fear futile—effort to forget.—R.W.R.

EX-RFC OFFICIAL DIES

Washington — Thomas A. Wadden, 65, for years an official of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., died of a heart attack on Sunday while attending church. Wadden, formerly a banker in Madison, S.D., joined the RFC when it was established in 1932 as a member of its review board and served as a member of the board until the RFC's abolition.

CANAL SURVEY SCHEDULED

Washington — A special technical staff has been appointed to advise the House Merchant Marine committee on the question of enlarging the Panama canal or building a second canal in Central America. Committee Chairman Herbert C. Bonner (D-N.C.) said he appointed the six-man staff because the present canal is "approaching obsolescence."



"I CAN'T SLEEP! YOU KNOW WHEN THOSE LITTLE PIGS SING WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG, BAD WOLF? WELL, I AM!"

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

JOB FOR STEVENSON

One result of Secretary of State Dulles' drive to restore bipartisanship in the wake of Sputniks may be to bring Adlai Stevenson into some sort of high foreign policy position. There has been serious discussion, for example, of inviting Stevenson to join President Eisenhower as an adviser at the mid-December NATO meeting in Paris.

Stevenson has not yet, as far as can be determined, had any formal Administration offer of an official post, other than the Civil Rights Commission membership which he rejected. But he has been subjected to "feeling out" process, the purpose of which is to determine whether he would take an important foreign-policy position if it were offered.

Other leading Democrats have been subjected to the same process. For the Eisenhower administration is, for the first time, genuinely eager to bring important Democrats into big jobs, like the job of roving ambassador once held by Secretary Dulles himself, or the disarmament negotiator's job soon to be vacated by Harold Stassen.

THE drive to restore bipartisanship is one measure of the anxiety which lay beneath the carefully reassuring words which the President spoke on Thursday night. For despite all the reassurances, the leading policy-makers are perfectly aware, in the wake of the Sputniks, that the United States may be in the worst trouble it has ever been in.

President Franklin Roosevelt's action in bringing Frank Knox and William Stinson into his administration before the second World War is significantly cited as a precedent for bringing leading Democrats like Stevenson into the Administration councils. And indeed, in many ways Eisenhower's need is greater than Roosevelt's was.

Consider the task which confronts the President and Secretary Dulles in Paris. The Europeans have interpreted the Sputniks—correctly—as meaning that this country's forward Strategic Air Command bases are already subject to attack by Soviet intermediate missiles. This was the main reason why British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan came rushing to Washington.

THE American intermediate missiles are by no means operational now, but they will be operational long before our I.C.B.M.s. The administration clearly hopes and expects to establish an intermediate missile system on bases abroad as an interim makeweight to the Soviet missiles.

As the President said in his Thursday night speech, "because of our many forward positions, for us an intermediate-range missile is for some purposes as good as an international one." As he also said, "this fact brings home to us the tremendous importance to this country of our allies... they provide the vital bases and areas that permit effective deployment of all our forces for defense."

What the President said was true, of course. But a couple of things he did not say are also true. First, stationing intermediate-missile bases in foreign countries automatically make those bases, and those countries, prime Soviet targets in case of war. This was all very well when our S.A.C. was immensely superior to the Soviet equivalent. But now the tables are turned. Our manned bomber bases are vulnerable to missile attack, and the Soviet missile system is immensely superior to the fledgling American system.

Moreover, if American missiles are to be based abroad, someone must have the authority to press the button, since a forward missile system is only useful as a deterrent if it can be used immediately. That someone must presumably be the Presi-

dent of the United States or his representative.

CONSIDER the miracle of diplomacy which must now somehow be wrought. We must persuade our NATO allies — and other allies to — accept the basing of intermediate missiles on their territory while reserving to the American President or the American NATO commander the right to control their use.

The miracle is certainly not going to be wrought without a substantial quid pro quo for the allies. At a minimum there must be a revision of the McMahon Act to permit a sort of lend-lease system for missiles with atomic warheads. This will, in turn require the approval of the Democratic-controlled Congress, where the odd illusions linger that our atomic "secrets" are still secret, and that our allies need us more than we need them.

In this situation, the President is going to need all the help he can get, from Adlai Stevenson or any other influential Democrat who will agree to help him. He will need that help abroad, where his administration's prestige has never been lower. And he will need it at home, to persuade an election-year Congress that in our new situation of unprecedented peril new policies must be adopted and comfortable old illusions discarded.

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Brownell Successor Said Not Likely To Rouse Anger

Washington — William P. Rogers, the new attorney general who takes office today, will champion civil rights as staunchly as his predecessor, Justice department sources said.

But diplomatic Rogers is not as likely to arouse Southern anger as was his predecessor, Herbert Brownell Jr.

Arkansas Gov. Orval E. Faubus said Monday the change in the top justice office will mean a return to "understanding, patience and tolerance" in the government's attitude toward segregation problems.

Justice department sources pointed out Rogers sat in on all the big policy-making meetings during the Little Rock integration crisis.

They said there was never any friction on this score between Rogers, then deputy attorney general, and his boss Brownell.

But the sources said pro-segregationists are going to find it more difficult to cast Rogers in the role of villain than they did Brownell.

More flexible, more ready to compromise, Rogers uses the technique of friendly persuasion with Congress. Popular on Capitol Hill, he has seldom rubbed the lawmakers the wrong way.

Wants to Get Feet Wet
Brownell, less outgoing and identified with GOP politics, often clashed with congressmen. This inevitably made his task a tougher one.

Since his appointment Rogers has declined to discuss some of the pressing civil rights problems. He said it would be "inappropriate" before he got his feet wet in the new job.

But in speeches on the question in the past Rogers has taken a firm stand. He also has praised the Eisenhower administration repeatedly for "progress" and achievements in the field of civil rights in the past four years.

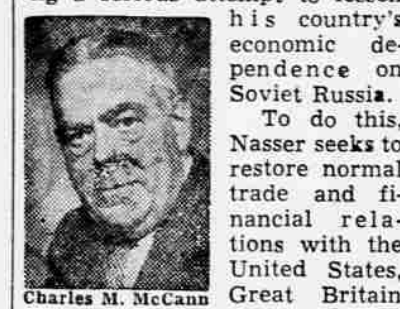
Highway 30 Open To One-Way Traffic

Portland — A slide blocked Highway 30 about 75 miles west of here early today but the route was opened to one-way traffic shortly before daybreak.

Debris up to four feet high covered the road.

Nasser Seen Attempting To Cut Economic Dependence on Russia

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent
President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt appears to be making a serious attempt to lessen his country's economic dependence on Soviet Russia.



To do this, Nasser seeks to restore normal trade and financial relations with the United States, Great Britain and France.

He has just asked Eugene Black, president of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to act as mediator in negotiations under which Egypt would pay compensation for the seizure of the Suez Canal. Black said Monday he had accepted.

Egyptian delegations also are negotiating with Great Britain, in Rome, and France, in Geneva, to restore normal economic and financial relations with those countries.

It has been reported off and on for several months that Nasser is somewhat anxious over Egypt's increasing dependence on Russia.

Red Trade Tripled
Egypt's trade with Russia and other countries of the Communist bloc now totals about 50 per cent of its total foreign trade. Three years ago the total was but 14 per cent.

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Girl Scouts Thankful
To the Editor: As the Thanksgiving season draws near all of us could pause and find numerous things to be thankful for. The Rogue Valley Girl Scout Council is very thankful for the generous support our newspaper gives to our organization as a public service throughout the year—with the printing of articles, announcements and pictures that are so necessary to explain the program given to girls seven through seventeen, who wish to belong.

May we take this opportunity to thank the citizens of our Valley, through this column, for their generous support through the United Medford Crusade and the other fund drives in other communities?

Being a beneficiary agency of a United Fund is a privilege and a responsibility. It is with a deep regard for the trust placed in them that the Girl Scout Council continues to succeed in bringing to our girls a program that benefits them, our community and our nation.

The extent of the program that can be carried out depends upon receiving the amount of the proposed budget each year. The hundreds of volunteers who serve in each community, must have materials to work with and be trained for their specific jobs. This is the agencies' lifeline.

We greatly appreciate the time and efforts of the men and women who serve on the United Fund planning boards, the solicitors in all the areas and we especially thank the contributors who show their faith by the size of their gifts to all the organizations as well as the Girl Scouts. We are all benefactors and we must work together as a team.

All of us want the best for our children in these days of rapid change where they are subject to all kinds of influences. The Girl Scout organization provides a program that gives them a challenge in sound American principles and skills through happy group participation.

May we continue to grow through your help and as a community interested in working together as a vital force, help make and keep good citizens for today and tomorrow.

Mrs. Scott V. Davis,
Chairman, Public Relations Committee for 1957, Rogue Valley Girl Scout Council, Inc.

Gracias Senora

To the Editor: We are former Medfordites and still take the Tribune — always enjoy it very much.

We are very much concerned about the United States' present status in the world and the danger of war—especially so because of Seattle being one of the probable major targets on the west coast.

The night before I read your editorial, my neighbors and I had a heated discussion on the present situation, particularly hitting on the point that most people seem to be very optimistic if they think about it at all.

I sent the Tribune down to them and you can see the favorable reply that was made.

Our hope is that many people read your comments and stop to think about them. Keep up the while work!

Mrs. Byron Carter,
8429 - 240 S. St.
Edmonds, Wash.

It is too early to tell whether the various negotiations will succeed. Everything depends on whether Nasser really wants to reach a fair settlement with the western countries. He has shown no such desire in the past.

The situation is somewhat puzzling because of Nasser's activities as an Arab leader.

Egyptian radios and newspapers have started a vicious campaign against King Hussein of Jordan, who last April threw out his country's leftist government and broke up a plot to overthrow him.

The Egyptian government denies responsibility for the attacks. But there is no doubt that unless the government approved them they would not be made.

Seized Canal in 1956
When Nasser seized the canal in July, 1956, he said he was

willing to pay stockholders compensation on the basis of Suez Canal stock quotations on the Paris Exchange at that time. The canal company rejected this offer. It said that the quotations had been forced down previously by uncertainty over Egypt's policies.

The separate negotiations Egypt is conducting with Britain and France concern compensation for British and French interests which Nasser seized at the time of the Suez Canal seizure, and the release of Egyptian funds which Britain and France seized in retaliation.

These negotiations have been going on sporadically since last May.

Overall, the big question is whether Nasser is worried enough over Egypt's dependence on Russia to be reasonable.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Business note:

The merger fever has gripped the railroad industry. Missouri Pacific Railroad has announced that it is studying the possibility of a merger with the Texas and Pacific Railway.

Last week the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads (two of the country's biggest rail systems) said they were looking into merger possibilities.

WHY the merger fever?
The answer is rather simple.

In business generally, costs have been rising faster than income. That promotes the search for ways to SLOW DOWN the cost rise. The hope back of these merger proposals is that ONE OVERHEAD will serve two businesses, thus tending to slow the rise of costs.

ARE these mergers good?
Or are they bad?

In general, we regard them with misgivings. They stir our fears of too much bigness—and we're afraid of too much bigness. Our federal government is getting so big that it scares us. We're beginning to wonder if it is getting out of control.

But—
We can't have our cake and eat it too. If profits disappear, ability to pay good wages will disappear. If profits disappear, the American free enterprise system will disappear.

THAT poses a serious question: If the free enterprise system should disappear, what would take its place?

Well, there are examples all over the world—of which Russia is the most outstanding. Personally, I don't want to live under the Russian system.

MORE about railroad business:

President George Alpert of the New Haven Railroad told the Massachusetts public utilities commission the other day that something will have to be done without delay to reduce the road's passenger service deficits of \$15,000,000 annually.

He told the Massachusetts commissioners that the New Haven last year used approximately 85 per cent of ITS EARNINGS FROM FREIGHT BUSINESS to meet the deficit arising out of its passenger service.

QUESTION:
Who pays the bill?

THE answer is simple:

The bill for the New Haven Railroad's losses on its passenger service is paid by those who pay the FREIGHT bills. The freight rates have to be kept high enough to meet not only the costs of the freight service but the losses on the passenger service also.

Freight rates — which have been rising rapidly in recent years—enter into the cost (and therefore into the price) of nearly everything we all buy.

Editorial Comment

DOUBTS S.P. FIGURES

Southern Pacific, which in any popularity vote would be at the bottom of the ladder, is apparently in no better favor in Arizona than it is in Southern Oregon.

The railroad is engaged in its usual project down in Arizona and New Mexico, a program of curtailing train service. One of its proposals calls for consolidation of two throughtrains, the Argonaut and the Imperial, for service in the two southwestern states. The railroad contends that it is losing \$1.4 million annually on the Argonaut and \$2 million annually on the Imperial on the runs between El Paso and Los Angeles. Consolidation into one train would save \$1.5 million a year, claims the SP.

The New Mexican corporation commissioner has denied the railroad's application and the Arizona commission has forbidden changes which would deny rail passenger and mail service to a number of communities on the main line.

In another case in Arizona, the state's corporation commissioner has cited the railroad for failure to maintain full passenger and mail service between Yuma and Douglas. The SP was running a diesel and one coach between those two Arizona cities and the commission did not feel this came under the category of adequate service.

We suspect that the corporation commissioner of Arizona and New Mexico doubt that the railroad is losing the sums it claims on its passenger service; certainly the railroad's figures were doubted by Oregonians.

—Ashland Tidings

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