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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

Dec. 2, 1947 (Tuesday)
War with Russia is neither "imminent or inevitable," according to Bill M. Zacharias, retired rear admiral of the navy, who addressed the Rogue River Valley Knife and Fork club last night.
From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Four days have passed since Thanksgiving and the turkey has started to taste like hamburgers, epicureans report."

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 2, 1937 (Thursday)
The 52nd annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society was opened in the Elks temple auditorium this morning with 125 present.
Granges in Jackson county and in every part of the state will devote a large part of their lecture time to a study of Oregon's natural resources, according to word received here.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 3, 1927 (Friday)
Medford's population is 13,104, according to the annual public school census just completed, instead of 12,215 as shown by the new city directory published several weeks ago.
Following several days of moving, the majority of county offices are becoming fairly well settled in the new courthouse on North Central avenue.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 2, 1917 (Monday)
Thrift stamps and war saving certificates went on sale today at the postoffice in Medford in common with all other postoffices throughout the country.
From local and personal column: We take in Victorlas as part payment on the new Edison recreation of music — Palmer Plano Place, South Central ave.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Do earthquakes occur beneath the ocean's deepest floor?
2. Bible: Is it correct to term the literature of Genesis as primitive history?
3. Did Columbus make 3, 4, or 5 voyages to the New World?
4. Name the only place in which U.S. paper currency is made.
5. Who was the spiritual leader in India who had advocated passive resistance to gain independence?
6. Whom did F. D. Roosevelt succeed as Governor of N.Y.?
7. Pronounce Caribbean correctly.
8. Which is the longest bone in the human body?
9. What river separates Bessarabia from the Ukraine?
10. What is the title of the wife of a Maharajah?

Answers: 1. Yes; 2. Yes; 3. Four; 4. Washington, D.C. at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; 5. Mohandas K. Gandhi; 6. Alfred E. Smith; 7. Either Kari (as in) or Ka-rib'-e-an; 8. Femur; 9. Dniester; 10. Maharani.

Misunderstood Parents

So much has been said recently about "understanding" young people and their problems, one wonders if the other side of the coin isn't worth considering, too.

Aren't parents deserving of some of that "understanding" from their sons and daughters?

This question is dealt with in a thought-provoking article in the Public Employees News, in the form of a "Letter to a Teen-Age Son."

The author says:

"After taking a quick look at the way we members of the parental fraternity operate, I think we stack up pretty well despite advancing years. Through our efforts, your generation has been exposed to dancing lessons, music lessons, regular eye and dental check-ups, immunization shots, a respectable wardrobe, round-the-clock maid service and unlimited affection. There is no charge for these small services—nor do we want or expect eternal gratitude or unquestioning obedience. All we ask is the right to behave as human beings as well as parents."

THIS fed-up mother goes on to declare she thinks parents generally are exercising remarkable self-control when "confronted with the endless lists of things teenagers wish they wouldn't do." She points out that the feeling is not only mutual, but universal. There's always something that somebody wishes somebody else wouldn't do—"So why pick on parents?" She also complains about her son's use of the word "logical"—which often boils down to the statement, "But all my friends do it."

After touching on the automobile problem (higher insurance rates, among other things), she reports on her son's recent "set of instructions restricting my conversations with your friends to 'hello' and 'good-bye,'" and adds:

"Have you an idea of how discouraging it is to spend a lifetime developing conversational powers and then have to try to fit in with the play pen set? For all your wails of being misunderstood, your generation is far from tongue-tied. You are the witty ones, I'll admit, but when your comments become too personal and pointed, I intend to do my part in pinning back teenage ears."

AND then she comes to the center of her whole argument:

"I know that it takes a lot of doing to imagine parents as teen-agers—but we were. Nor are we so senile that we cannot recall the frustrations of being misunderstood, ordered around, unfairly punished and having our privacy invaded. Strangely enough, we still experience these same frustrations when you regard us as combination flunkies and keepers of the exchequer. We would like to have a fling at being individuals—free to make social engagements, enjoy TV, talk on the telephone and use the car at our own convenience—not yours. While you have the problem of fighting for your independence, we're busy struggling to improve our door-mat status, so who's to say whose battle is more important?"

So speaks the rebellious mother of a teen-age son. Maybe she's got a point. Don't parents need "understanding" almost as much as their children?—E.A.

"Green River" Problem

The Grants Pass Courier editorially calls for the enactment of a "Green River ordinance" in that community, to protect its residents from itinerant and fly-by-night door-to-door salesmen.

In some localities, the paper points out, this type of ordinance has worked. It has prevented the botheration of the magazine crews which so frequently swoop through Oregon towns, and others. But at the same time they have permitted the performance of services by established, and frequently welcome, door-to-door merchants as the Fuller brush, Watkins products or other dependable representatives.

STILL, a restrictive ordinance of this type is debatable. Should the city use its police and regulatory power to limit the legitimate business activities of anyone in this way? Some people think it should not. The Medford city council has never seen fit to enact such legislation.

Even more of a nuisance, in our book, than the door-to-door salesman, who tramps the streets, is the telephone salesman or woman, who calls at all hours with a so-called "quiz" question, or a sales pitch for insurance, or dancing lessons, or coupons of questionable value, or what have you.

And so far as we are informed, no one has yet discovered any type of regulation to control this nuisance fairly and effectively.

THE Grants Pass paper concluded by saying:

"Ways have been found, by other cities, to protect bona fide local business men and women, and still keep out the 'slickers' and 'gimmick artists' who otherwise take thousands of dollars from a community—much of it from persons who can ill-afford the loss."

If something of the sort can be designed, which will on one hand protect residents from unwanted door or telephone solicitation, and on the other hand recognize the rights of legitimate business operations to publicize and sell their products, it would be greeted warmly by many people we know.

But so far we've never heard of a completely satisfactory solution. The best defense still seems to be a firm "no" by the citizen so approached.—E.A.

Differences in Pay Means Teacher Theft

Washington — A conference on teachers salaries was told recently that differences in pay among the states results in "stealing of teachers."

Finis E. Engleman, executive secretary of the American Association of School Administrators, made the statement before educators from 35 states. "Patterns in the U.S. are shifting," Engleman said. "There isn't anything local any more. We are one unit as a nation and it doesn't make sense for one state to pay its teachers a third more than another state. Children do not deserve any more or less because they live in one state or another."

Engleman also said teachers contracts should be enlarged to include such matters as class size, adequacy of supplies and physical conditions in the school.



"CAN'T I KEEP 'EM 'TIL CHRISTMAS? THEY'D MAKE SWEET PRESENTS!"

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

THE SOVIET TAKE-OVER

Damascus, Syria—Until this summer, Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser called the tune for the

left-wing nationalists who have gained such a grip on the Arab world; and the Kremlin supported Nasser without much power to control him. Today, the Kremlin can pretty well call the tune, and even Nasser must dance with the rest.

That is the real meaning of the left-wing coup d'etat which recently convulsed this always lovely, immemorially ancient oasis city. The change in relationship between the Soviets and self-proclaimed Arab nationalists may seem to be only a matter of degree and shading. But it is in fact a change of fundamental historic importance, and it is worth recounting the obscure events that produced this great change.

The story begins last spring, when Nasser and his movement had reached a grave turning point. The governments of Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan had united at last to oppose his interferences in their affairs. His plot against King Hussein of Jordan had ignominiously failed. His attempted intervention in the Lebanese election had also proved a bust. In sum, the bandwagon seemed to be moving against Nasser; and in Arab politics the apparent direction of the bandwagon tends to be decisive.

IN THIS situation, noises began to be heard in Cairo about a blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba to prevent further Israeli use of the Negev port of Elath. A great play was made of the transfer to Egypt of three Soviet submarines useful for blockade purposes. Kiselev, the Soviet Ambassador in Cairo, meanwhile hurried off to Moscow for prolonged consultations.

It now seems clear that Nasser actually wanted to attempt a blockade of the Aqaba Gulf. This would have automatically forced King Saud and King Hussein, the Lebanese and the Iraqis to rally again to Nasser's standard. But in order to blockade the Gulf, Nasser needed an absolute military guarantee from the Soviet Union, to protect him from the Israeli army that has proven it can drive to Cairo, if need be, in a matter of days.

It further seems clear that the risk of giving Nasser such a guarantee seemed too great to the masters of the Kremlin. Thus Kiselev was sent back to Cairo with a negative answer. And this explains one of the major speeches at the famous and critical June plenum of the Central Committee in Moscow, which was a bitter attack by Dimitri Shepilov on the alleged timidity of Nikita Khrushchev's Middle Eastern policy.

HAVING disposed of another squad of his domestic enemies at the June plenum, Khrushchev still had to consider what he was going to do about the unfavorable change of political trend in the Arab lands. Hitherto, even in Syria, the Soviets had always mainly acted through Nasser and in support of Nasser. But soon Syria offered an ideal opportunity to reverse the general Arab trend, while reducing Soviet dependence on Nasser and increasing direct Soviet influence on the Arab nationalists, all in one brilliant operation.

The situation was ripe, because the failure of the plot against King Hussein in Jordan had in turn disturbed the uneasy balance in Syria. Both Syria's moderates and Syria's left-wingers were maneuvering towards a coup d'etat. In these circumstances on June 29, the Kremlin significantly sent a leading economic expert, Nikolai Vassilenko, to Damascus as Counselor of Embassy.

Shortly after Vassilenko's arrival, the astute Soviet Ambassador to Syria, Sergei Nemtchinov, was recalled to Moscow for prolonged talks. A little later

still, a large Syrian delegation headed by the agile, ambitious and opportunistic Defense Minister, Khaled Al Azm, also took the road to Moscow.

THE masters of the Kremlin offered Azm and his party a long term credit for economic development of Syria—reputedly just under \$200,000,000 carrying only 2½ per cent interest and with very easy repayment terms. Azm, who had no doubt been prepared in Damascus, swallowed the bait like a delighted trout.

No delight was felt, however, by the leading moderate member of the delegation to Moscow, the Chief of Staff of the Syrian Army, Gen. Nizam Eddine. He protested that Azm was abandoning Syria's policy of strict neutrality by accepting the Soviet credit. He left the Moscow talks before they were completed, and flew back to Damascus to try to rally the support of other Syrian moderates like President Shukry Kuwaty.

But most Syrian moderates have the approximate liveliness of dead fish on a marble slab. Gen. Nizam Eddine got less than nowhere. In fact, the immediate riposte to his protests was the "discovery of a plot" in the army by the younger group of left-wing officers headed by the famous Chief of Intelligence, Col. Abdel Hamid Serraj.

SERAJ now demanded a purge of the officer corps to remove almost all those who still held the views of Gen. Nizam Eddine. The Chief of Staff refused to sign the discharges but could get no support in his stand. Therefore Nizam Eddine himself was forced to resign. A new pro-Communist Chief of Staff, Gen. Afif Al Bizri, was at once appointed; and thus the left-wingers at last acquired almost unchallengeable power here in Syria.

This left-wing triumph in Syria automatically reversed the Arab political trend. But it also resulted from a Soviet initiative, not from an initiative of Gamal Abdel Nasser's. It was thus a radical innovation, establishing a wholly new system of relationships which was then accepted by Gamal Abdel Nasser, perhaps unhappily but none the less quite meekly, when he sent Gen. Hakin Amer to Moscow to beg for the kind of economic credit that Syria had been spontaneously offered. The Soviets seem to have underlined the great change in relationships by somewhat humiliatingly giving Amer exactly the same deal already given to the Syrians.

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Churchill Marks 83rd Birthday

London — Sir Winston Churchill celebrated his 83rd birthday Saturday surrounded by his children and grandchildren and honored by his nation.

Churchill held court at Chartwell, his country home near London. The guest of honor was Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery and together they watched an hour-long American tribute to the World War II prime minister screened by Britain's independent television network. Montgomery, himself, filmed an introduction to the show earlier this week and in it called Churchill "the greatest Englishman of all time."

WHY MANKIND MUST DIE

Geo. N. Taylor

Satan is the Father of Liars. He said that Adam and Eve would not die if they ate the forbidden fruit. Adam knew better. Yet Adam ate the fruit and sinned—and earned death. Wherefore as by one man—Adam—sin came into the world and by sin came death. So death has fallen upon all mankind in that all have sinned. But God so loved the world that He gave His only-born Son, that if you believe on Him, you will not perish but have eternal life.

NATO Meeting Without Ike Seen Like 'Hamlet Without Hamlet'

By LYLE C. WILSON

United Press Correspondent
Washington — There is a pat phrase for what will take place in Paris two weeks from



Lyle C. Wilson

today if the heads of state of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries meet in the absence of President Eisenhower.

"Hamlet without Hamlet" is the phrase. Producing Shakespeare's "Hamlet" without the prince of Denmark in the title role would, of course, be just about the utmost in frustrating futility.

The phrase "Hamlet without Hamlet" was coined to express a situation in which some great effort was made and failed because the basic necessity for its success was not present when the effort was made. That would be a fair description of what awaits the NATO summit meeting if the President is unable to attend.

NATO Secretary-General Paul-Henri Spaak put it in the fewest words as reported in a dispatch from Paris. The Atlantic pact council of ministers had just voted to accept Vice President Richard M. Nixon as a substitute for President Eisenhower at the NATO meeting which begins Dec. 16.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Another holiday has passed. And—

In its wake— There comes the next morning the aftermath of traffic deaths on our highways on a holiday, when Americans customarily take to the road to go places and see things and visit people.

WHAT of this year's Thanksgiving Day death toll?

It appears from the figures available as this is written that from 6 o'clock Wednesday evening until about 7 o'clock Friday morning some 185 lives were lost on the highways of the United States.

HOW does that compare with last year?

It's a little larger. The best figures obtainable at the moment indicate that in the time period last year about 150 lives were lost in traffic accidents.

How about a NORMAL day? It appears that the traffic toll on a holiday is about DOUBLE the toll on a normal day.

ALL that sounds grim.

It isn't, however, quite as grim as it sounds.

There were more deaths this year than last. But we must remember that this is a GROWING country. There are MORE AMERICANS this year than last. More Americans own cars this year. More American cars will be owned next year than this. So it is logical that traffic fatalities increase from year to year.

It is shocking that on a holiday twice as many people should be killed on the roads as on normal days, but it must not be forgotten that on holidays more cars are on the roads—probably twice as many.

ONE more question: Why have so persistently on these holiday traffic toll figures?

There is this reason: If more people can be brought to realize that POOR DRIVING is the principal cause of highway fatalities, it may be possible to REDUCE highway fatalities.

That is the story in a nutshell. If all Americans were as good drivers as they should be—or even HALF as good drivers as they should be—it would be possible to reduce enormously the toll of death and injury on our roads.

Economy Discussion Set For Russ Body

Moscow — Russian sources said the forthcoming session of the Supreme Soviet parliament will discuss the current economic plan following the reorganization of industry in the Soviet Union.

Other matters will include the 1958 state budget, basic principles of a projected new criminal code and ratification of decrees passed by the Presidium, they said.

The Supreme Soviet is scheduled to meet Dec. 19.

President's Prestige

"Everyone would be delighted," Spaak said, "if the doctors decide that the President can come."

"After all," and here Spaak put the clincher on it, "the whole concept originally was to have the President here to lend the weight of his prestige to a new NATO effort."

None knows that better than Eisenhower. He is under fire in the United States for complacency, lack of leadership, failure to direct the nation's affairs vigorously in the cold war with the Soviet Union.

Under such circumstances the President is facing the gravest kind of decision. Shall he or shall he not answer the NATO plea for his leadership and prestige? There is not much doubt here that he will answer the NATO call. If he is unable to do so, the President instantly is confronted with another decision, graver than the first and more personal.

Must Be Able to Work
By his own rules, Eisenhower has put it that a president must

be physically up to the "performance of important duties." The NATO summit meeting with chiefs of state present to compose a bold, new, Free World front against the Communist menace is important.

Few well informed persons in Washington would believe today that the President will not be there. By the same logic, it seems reasonable to believe that he would bench himself if he were unable to perform that important duty.

Someone pushed the panic button in the early hours of last week's uncertainty about Eisenhower's health. The White House and State Department said simultaneously it was to be "assumed" he would not attend the NATO meeting in Paris. That led inevitably to speculation that he would retire.

The United Press reported over the week end that the White House was doing its utmost now to squelch the retirement idea. Squelch it is just what a journey to Paris would do.

Nothing less would quite squelch an idea like that.

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.

Helpless Animals

To the Editor: The annual dropping of helpless animals has begun.

The day before Thanksgiving a homely female puppy of hound descent was left alone in Table Rock. She cried pitifully all afternoon and evening until my family could take it no longer and took her in for a Thanksgiving dinner shared with our numerous pets.

How can people who do these things thank their maker for blessings given and have a clear conscience?

We hope their turkey choked them when they thought of a hungry, cold puppy that no one wanted.

We took her to the dog pound which any one can do rather than not know what becomes of them or the suffering they go through.

Mrs. Ray Doran,
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Greeting Plans

To the Editor: It's really something to have a new comer (referring to Ann J. Lynch of 1525 Lenora Drive) put beef steak on Medford's black eye, that E.A., Medford Mail Tribune editor and his friend gave our dear city for its being "unfriendly." Nice girl, Ann, it's easy to understand why your neighbors welcomed you in such a friendly manner.

Theoretically we could dramatize the recipient (Medford) reciprocating by making the Lynch family's first Christmas here an unforgettable one. The entire populace of the Rogue River valley could send Christmas greeting cards, and perhaps Medford's fine business family would initiate Santa Claus just a wee bit. Burdened with extra mail for the Lynches, Uncle Sam would no doubt be glad to sling a bag of mail over Mayor Snider's shoulder, also the Kelly judges, and professional and business men too. Then, TV and radio stations, also Chamber of Commerce and of course the persistent editor of Medford's Mail Tribune, could get behind the publicity of Medford's big greeting party for the Lynches, coast to coast networks would follow suit, magazines' also. Medford's identity would never again be a black eye of unfriendliness, rather an attractive little city, with a big heart, and an extended hand of welcome to new comers.

Emma Lou Carpenter,
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Is Ike Indispensable?

To the Editor: In re your editorial: "Ike—the Indispensable Man."

If it is true as you say that President Eisenhower is an indispensable man, then that very fact condemns our educational system, as well as the government controls exercised in peace time.

In a country of 170,000,000 free Americans, one man is so important to our safety and well-being that we tremble whenever he catches a slight cold or is temporarily incapacitated. We have not produced another man capable of taking his place in an emergency.

So say you and many others. Every other man, no matter what his station in life, is replaceable, but if anything should happen to our president, the calamity would overwhelm us.

Yet some of the great newspapers are suggesting that President Eisenhower should resign his office in favor of the vice president, a younger, more vigorous man. Don't forget, too, that millions of Americans voted for Adlai Stevenson in the last presidential election.

There is no doubt that men in high places do not trust the intelligence of the American people. The Pentagon kept many facts about ballistic missiles, etc., from the people and then suddenly bombarded them with information already known to the Russians.

A lot of overhauling is needed in this country. Washington is a good place to start.

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PARENTS PATROL

Chittenango, N. Y. — Mayor Clarence Button proposes that other places follow Chittenango's method of smashing juvenile delinquency. Button has sworn in 17 parents of teenagers as special police officers to patrol the village at night. He says the parental force has dropped the adolescent crime rate to near zero.

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